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# WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

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## You asked and we answered....

On October 24th 2024, a Small Focus Group Session was held at Totem Hall with Squamish Nation members. The intent and purpose of this Small Focus Group Session was to provide information on Emergency Preparedness and Response as it relates to the Woodfibre LNG & FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Projects. We presented information on Squamish Nation's Emergency Planning and Response program, the emergency response plans we have in place, emergency response personnel in Squamish and how we're involved in emergency planning and drills on both projects. Members had additional questions that we have answered below.

### Q: How old are the Woodfibre LNG carriers and how long will they last?

A: The Woodfibre LNG Carriers will vary in age. In general, LNG Carriers are designed and built with a design life of 40 years to meet safety requirements and withstand weather conditions but normally retire from service after 25 years. LNG carriers at the start of Woodfibre LNG operations will be 7 years.

### Q: What will be done to eliminate dust caused from construction at the FortisBC Rail Site?

A: FortisBC has recently paved the road behind Yekwaupsum to help reduce dust concerns in the area. They will also work with the contractor in the new year to proactively discuss opportunities for improving dust control for the 2025 spring/summer season. Squamish Nation Indigenous Monitors will also track this work on site.

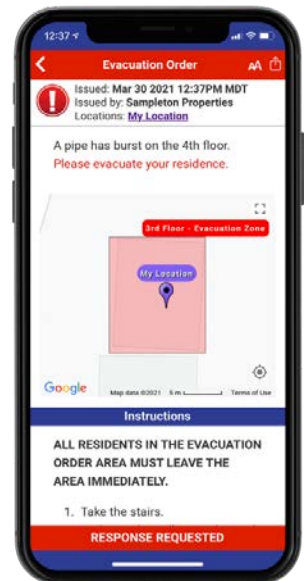
### Q: What is the Emergency Response Protocol for members [living in Yekwaupsum]? Is it possible to use text notifications in case of an Emergency Evacuation (much like an amber alert)?

A: FortisBC have emergency plans in place that Squamish Nation's Emergency Planning & Response Department have reviewed to ensure alignment with the Nation's emergency response.

Squamish Nation also has its own Emergency Planning & Response Department with emergency plans in place as well as emergency response staff in Squamish. The Voyent Alert app will be used in case of emergency, you can sign up here:

<https://www.squamish.net/stay-connected/voyent-alert/>

If you have any questions for Squamish Nation Emergency Planning and Response Department, please contact 604-982-9959 or [emergencyresponse@squamish.net](mailto:emergencyresponse@squamish.net).



Example Evacuation Order  
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**Q: Who holds the key for Spit Road Gate? Can Yekwaupsum members gain access to this to potentially use this as an alternate escape route?**

**A:** FortisBC (tunnel contractors) have a key for the Spit Road gate and gate will be opened if additional emergency exits are required. Squamish Nation also follows all District of Squamish emergency response protocols and both will coordinate with FortisBC in the event that an emergency occurs. FortisBC will work with police, firefighters, Squamish Nation, District of Squamish and others as needed in the event of an emergency.



**Q: We're concerned about how well emergency response processes will be when online maps don't show correct house numbers?**

**A:** Since being notified of this, Squamish Nation have updated maps to reflect correct house numbers for Yekwaupsum residents, if you notice any further issues please contact 604-982-9959 or [emergencyresponse@squamish.net](mailto:emergencyresponse@squamish.net).

**Q: Where is the steel coming from for the EGP pipeline?**

**A:** The steel is manufactured in Germany.

**Q: How will the EGP pipeline be monitored? and where is the monitoring station?**

**A:** FortisBC will have a fiber-optic leak detection system along the pipeline. This will be monitored from their Surrey Operations Centre to detect any concerns and is capable of shutting down sections of the pipeline as needed (even during a power outage).

**Q: At BC Rail, why are the tarps not fully covering the contaminated soil and who is monitoring the contaminated soil?**

**A:** Contaminated material storage did occur earlier in project construction and FortisBC were required to follow the project's Construction Environmental Management Plan outlining best management practices and applicable regulations. All contaminated soil has been removed from the BC Rail site to approved facilities in Vancouver. The only stockpiles remaining are clean material and FortisBC has been notified to ensure appropriate coverage.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Have you been impacted as a result of the current construction activities that are taking place?

Please report to:

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**FortisBC EGP:**

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**EGP Community Conduct Line**

(specific to conduct in Squamish):

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