

Community engagement



Always striving to be a good neighbour in the communities we serve

We're working closely with the local community to listen to feedback and address any questions and concerns. Recently, a number of project changes were made to incorporate feedback from Indigenous groups and local communities, and mitigate potential project impacts. This includes moving the Squamish compressor station location to the Woodfibre LNG site. We're also proposing to expand our workforce lodge site to mitigate impacts to local housing, traffic congestion and community resources.

As the project moves forward, engaging with residents, local businesses, municipal leaders and the public about the work we're doing will continue to be one of our top priorities. Our goal is to complete construction safely, and as quickly as possible, and restore the areas where we work to the same condition or better.

Keeping the public informed every step of the way is important to us. The latest project updates are available on our project webpage at **talkingenergy.ca/egp**.

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Environmental assessments

The feedback we receive from the community, Indigenous groups and key stakeholders continues to guide our project.

In 2016, the BC Environmental Assessment Office approved the project and issued an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC). *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* (Squamish Nation) also approved the project-a first of its kind Indigenous approval process in Canada. Both approvals include conditions to ensure the project will avoid or minimize impact to Indigenous groups, the Squamish community, local vegetation, fish and wildlife.

Environmental assessment process timeline

Fall 2013	Dec 18 2014	Jan-Oct 2015	June 24 2016	Aug 9 2016	Aug 2021
Pre-application EAO public comment period and FortisBC open houses	FortisBC applies for Environmental Assessment Certificate	EAO public comment periods and FortisBC open houses	<i>Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw</i> approves project with Environmental Assessment Agreement	Provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate granted	Environmental Assessment Certificate 5-year extension

Feedback in action:

- We’ve established a new location for the Squamish Compressor Station at the Woodfibre LNG site.
- We’re rerouting an eight-kilometre section of the new gas pipeline in the Stawamus Valley to minimize environmental impacts and to reflect input from *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw*.
- In response to feedback from *səlílwətaʔ* (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation, we expanded our review corridor in the Indian River Valley to accommodate additional options and minimize potential project impacts.

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Working with Indigenous communities



Thelma and Arthur Stogans (Second from left and far right) - sister and brother - Elders at *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) with Breannen Dick (L), Community & Indigenous Relations Manager, External Relations, FortisBC and Roger Dall'Antonia, President and CEO, FortisBC.

Our projects and the communities where they're located benefit when we listen to, and acknowledge, the perspectives of local Indigenous communities.

- *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* (Squamish Nation) provided a first of its kind approval on an Environmental Assessment Agreement for the EGP project in 2016.
- *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* and FortisBC reached an economic agreement in 2019 that will create opportunities for local Indigenous contractors and employees.
- We're working closely with *səlílwətaʔt* (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation, including engagement throughout the design phase where we established work avoidance zones in the Indian River Valley to protect culturally and environmentally sensitive areas.
- We continue to engage with *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw*, *səlílwətaʔt*, *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) and *kʷikʷəłəm* (Kwikwetlem) First Nation on many aspects of the project, including local benefits and incorporating traditional knowledge into our planning.