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Cc: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#); [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media Request - Natural Gas Insight - CGL EAC
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Subject: Media Request - Natural Gas Insight - CGL EAC

Kelly,

Approved by EAO, shared with EMPR, MIRR, HQ

Reporter

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Deadline Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:00 PM

Request

writing a story on the Coastal GasLink pipeline for a publication called Natural Gas Insight, published by Interfax Global Energy. I wondered if you could confirm to me that the BC Environmental Assessment Office is reviewing TC Energy's final report on the project, as well as how long this review might take and whether the company can theoretically proceed with construction work in the interim?

Recommendation

- The Coastal Gaslink Project (CGL) was issued an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) in 2014, which contains a number of conditions the proponent must meet in order to be in compliance with the certificate. To date, all pre-construction conditions have been met with the exception of Condition 1 related to the Morice River Technical Boundary.
- Condition 1 of the project's EAC requires CGL to provide a report to the EAO's satisfaction on potential effects to the Morice River Technical Boundary prior to construction (more details, [here](#)).
- The EAO is undertaking a review of the report and whether it meets the requirements of condition 1 of the CGL project's EAC over the next several weeks. That review process

includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.

- CGL may not proceed with construction in the Morice River Technical Boundary area until Condition 1 is met.

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Cc: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media request - VICE media - CGL EAC
Date: January 30, 2020 1:51:48 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2020, at 10:27 AM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Kelly,

Approved by EAO, et al.

Reporter

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Request

Given that the 90 day review period for CGL's Final Report for Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-03 has ended (I the end date was Jan 20), has the report been accepted by the EAO. If not, why not?

Has the certificate for construction been granted? Why or why not?

Is it true that this certificate is required before CGL can conduct any work within the Morice River Technical Boundary Area?

If the report has not yet been accepted, when is the earliest that CGL could legally begin construction in the Morice River Technical Boundary Area?

A review of the CGL final report (attached) shows the company listed no additional updates to its 2014 report for VC's including archeological sites, historical sites, paleontological sites, architectural sites, human health, ecological health, cultural sites, land use resources for traditional purposes, community quality of life, economy and labour force.

The members of Dark House and the Unist'ot'en healing lodge say this is a glaring gap in the report, as the healing lodge has expanded significantly since then to become a functioning healthcare and addictions treatment facility, as well

as providing cultural and traditional services. They have provided documentation they say shows CGL did not make meaningful effort to consult and accommodate the healing lodge about these concerns.

Will the EAO accept the report and grant the certificate as is?

It is my understanding that CGL has said the healing lodge area is considered “out of scope” for their report. Given that it sits along the pipeline route, how could it be considered “out of scope”?

Recommendation

Proposed Response:

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- Condition 1 of the project’s EAC requires CGL to provide a report to the EAO’s satisfaction on potential effects to the Morice River Technical Boundary prior to construction (more details, [here](#)).
- The EAO is undertaking a review of the report and whether it meets the requirements of condition 1 of the CGL project’s EAC over the next several weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet’suwet’en.
- As the EAO is currently reviewing the report, it would be inappropriate to comment on the completeness of the information contained in the report. If the EAO determines the report is incomplete, it will order additional information from CGL.
- For the natural gas industry, permitting responsibilities primarily reside with the BC Oil and Gas Commission. Permits are not issued by the EAO.

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To: [Karn, David GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media request - The Narwhal - CGL permits
Date: January 29, 2020 10:20:28 AM

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On Jan 28, 2020, at 10:17 AM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Reporter

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Deadline Monday, January 27, 2020 5:00 PM

Request

- 1) Is it indeed the case that the EOA is withholding Coast GasLink's final permit for construction in the area where Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs evicted contractors for the company, due to the pipeline's potential impacts on the healing centre?
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- 3) Please provide details about that particular permit — what specific work does it allow the company to do, etc.

Recommendation

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weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.

- This process is part of our work to ensure industry – in this case CGL – is meeting the requirements of their environmental approval. EAO requirements will be need to be met for CGL to proceed with construction.
- CGL received their EAC in 2014 following a thorough environmental assessment process. That process involved an extensive consultation process with stakeholders and numerous Indigenous groups, including the Wet'suwet'en and Dark House.
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From: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Karn, David GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media Report for Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Date: January 28, 2020 7:47:57 PM

Approved on CGL

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On Jan 28, 2020, at 5:32 PM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Will do.

David Karn

On Jan 28, 2020, at 5:16 PM, Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hold on Narwhal, approved cknw

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On Jan 28, 2020, at 4:47 PM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Media Report for Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Awaiting MO Approval

CKNW talk (Niki Reitmayer) - I'd like to additionally request an interview with George Heyman in regards to the concept of an independent review body to investigate BCCOS. I'd be happy to accommodate a time that works for the Minister in regards to book this interview. Via the phone would work totally fine.

Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from January 28, 2020.
REQUEST:

I am hoping to interview someone from BCCOS in regards to a story out of Anmore. A local couple claims their calls for help in response to a sickly bear cub were not satisfactorily received. As we'll be reporting on this story in the coming days, I am hoping to speak to you about what protocol in these situations normally is.

Here is a link to the article for further reference:

<https://www.tricitynews.com/opinion/letters/letter-we-helped-a-bear-cub-that-conservation-officers-wouldn-t-1.24060912>

RESPONSE: Declined interview and provided statement
Conservation Officers provided advice when the call came in the night of January 8, after determining there was no immediate urgency to attend. Early human intervention could potentially lead to habituation or the separation of a family unit of bears. Personal safety and the safety of the bear is always considered.

- When Conservation Officers arrived the morning of Jan. 9, to assess the bear's condition and to determine if it should be taken to a rehabilitation centre, the bear had been removed from the property before Conservation Officers arrived on scene. The COS understands the public's desire to help wildlife, especially animals they believe may be orphaned. Conservation Officers share this desire – this is why every wildlife conflict call it receives is analyzed and prioritized on a case-by-case basis.
- After thoroughly looking into the circumstances surrounding this incident, the COS determined that no enforcement action will be taken against people who were clearly acting with good intentions.
- Members of the public are encouraged not to interact with wildlife that might appear to be orphaned as early human intervention could lead to the separation of the family unit of bears.
- The Conservation Officer Service acknowledges that clear communications and a thoughtful approach to the people who care about wildlife is critical in achieving positive results.

Recommendation (decline interview and provide statement below)

- The COS recognizes maintaining public trust and confidence in the communities it serves is

important.

- While the COS has policies in place to deal with officer conduct complaints, it recognizes that third-party oversight could help enhance public confidence.
- The COS is in the early stages of developing appropriate external oversight mechanisms.
- The COS has already implemented changes to the COS website to make it easier to access information regarding the current complaints process, including the outcomes of complaints. <https://tinyurl.com/uw3zg83>
- To further ensure objectivity and increase transparency, the COS is also currently working with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to discuss innovative ways to receive comments related to policy review.
- While it is too early to speculate on any final decisions, further details will be released as they become available.

The Narwhal (Sarah Cox) – regarding the CGL pipeline.

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the CGL project's EAC over the next several weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.

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Today's request

Bloomberg (James Munson) - currently writing a story on the proposed federal ban on single-use plastics and I'm including in it information about Victoria's attempts to ban plastics bags, which have unraveled due to a lawsuit from the plastics industry.

Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps told me that she has had productive meetings with provincial environment officials on actions the province will take to allow the city to ban plastic bags and to improve recycling.

Can you confirm that the department has met with Victoria and tell me what commitments the province has made regarding allowing a ban on plastic bags and other policies to reduce plastic waste in response to those meetings?

GCPE provided statement

"I applaud the City of Victoria and other local governments' efforts to reduce plastic waste. British Columbians throughout the province have been clear. They want action on single-use plastic pollution such as plastic bags. I will be announcing government actions in the coming weeks that will respond to what we heard from our recent public engagement on plastics.

These actions will align with the efforts of local and regional governments. In the meantime, I am reviewing applications from local governments, and would be pleased to also review an application from the City of Victoria or other local governments, regarding bylaws to reduce plastic waste and

prevent plastic waste from contaminating our environment and oceans.”

Previous requests completed

The Canadian Press (Camille Bains) - looking for an update on the wolf. Were they able to confirm the wolf is Takaya? And is it being relocated to the West Coast?
GCPE directed reporter to COS social media.

From: [Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX](#)
To: [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
Date: January 28, 2020 5:08:33 PM

The Narwhal (Sarah Cox) – regarding the CGL pipeline.

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- 3) Please provide details about that particular permit — what specific work does it allow the company to do, etc.

Recommendation

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- CGL received their EAC in 2014 following a thorough environmental assessment process. That process involved an extensive consultation process with stakeholders and numerous Indigenous groups, including the Wet'suwet'en and Dark House.

Regards, Mark

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Cc: [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#); [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#); [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media request - CBC Online - Witset and Hagwilget
Date: January 24, 2020 3:34:25 PM

Approved

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On Jan 24, 2020, at 3:30 PM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Kelly,

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Reporter

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Deadline Monday, January 20, 2020 4:00 PM

Request

I am trying to get a better understanding of the benefit agreements signed between First Nations and Coastal Gaslink (and the agreements signed between the province and First Nations).

Where is the best place for me to see which First Nations/Indigenous groups were identified by the province through this process are requiring consultation on the project?

I have found a list on the 2014 EAO certificate but not sure if that is the most authoritative list re: who was identified as requiring consultation/stood to be impacted by this project.

One of the reasons I'm trying to confirm this is - there seems to be a slight discrepancy (not in a negative sense) between the list ID'd on the EAO document and who CGL has signed agreements with so I want to get my facts straight here around the procedural stuff.

ADDITIONAL:

I've been plugging away at this a bit through the afternoon going through EAO

documents.

From what I can see...

The province, through the EAO, identified 27 First Nations, two Tribal Councils and two branches of the Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership (Dark House and the OW) needed to be consulted on this proposed project.

Those First Nations/groups were divided into schedule B and C.
I am wondering what the difference is between the schedule b and c groups

My tally has:

10 First Nations (bands) and two tribal associations in Schedule C

15 First Nations (bands) and the two hereditary groups (OW and Dark House) in Schedule B

On the CGL side of things I have a list of the 20 First Nations (bands) they've signed agreements with.

What stood out to me is that Witset is listed as one of the bands with an agreement - but it does not appear on the schedule b or c lists from the province. In that same vein, CGL also identified early on Hagwilget Village as another group it saw as likely needing to be consulted with. But it does not show up on the province's list either.

I saw some mention in documents about a separate OGC list re: Aboriginal groups.

But I have not been able to find that list - so not sure if other groups not on the EAO schedule b and c lists exist there

And in that same vein - not sure why there might be (if there is) a difference in groups ID'd by the OGC and EAO.

Recommendation

- Witset and Hagwilget are both communities of the Wet'suwet'en nation. During the 2014 consultation process with the Province, the Wet'suwet'en nation indicated that their interests are represented by the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW), which provides secretariat and technical support to a number of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary chiefs. This is why Witset and Hagwilget do not appear separately in the relevant EAO documents.
- The provincial government is aware Coastal GasLink engaged with Wet'suwet'en communities throughout the environmental assessment process, including Witset and Hagwilget. The company can best speak to the relationships they have built with these communities.
- The difference between nations and communities listed in schedule b and schedule c is the depth of consultation. In accordance with current jurisprudence, such as the Haida case (2004 SCC 73), schedule b groups were engaged at a deeper level than schedule c groups due to a higher level of

potential impact on their rights and, where applicable, title from the project.

- Lastly, here is a link where you can find additional information: [the EAQ Assessment Report](#).

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Cc: [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#); [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media requests - Tyee - Interior News - Unist'ot'en press release
Date: January 22, 2020 4:28:22 PM

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On Jan 22, 2020, at 4:19 PM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Kelly, **additional questions** for Tyee approved by EAO.

From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
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Subject: Media requests - Tyee - Interior News - Unist'ot'en press release

Kelly,

Two below approved by EAO, MIRR, EMPR and HQ

Reporter

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Deadline N/A

Request

wondering if I could get some info from you about the latest news release from the Unist'ot'en camp regarding Coastal GasLink's environmental assessment certificate. Can you help me understand the current status of CGL's EA certificate? Are they still waiting on the five-year extension? Any indication of when a decision might be made?

Recommendation

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The EAO is one part of a coordinated

regulatory process for reviewing major projects in B.C. and is responsible for providing Ministers with information to support making a decision on whether to issue the environmental assessment certificate (EAC) for reviewable major projects. The CGL Project's EAC, located here, was issued in 2014. The EAC contains conditions that require specific actions such as field studies to be undertaken, in some cases prior to construction. You can find the table of conditions here.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->On October 15, 2019, CGL was issued a one-time 5 year extension to the deadline in their EAC to substantially start the CGL Project. The project must now be substantially started by October 23, 2024 or the EAC will expire. All project activities and updates can be found on the project page on the Electronic Project Information Centre (EPIC):
<https://www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/588511c4aaecd9001b825604/project-details;currentPage=1;pageSize=10;sortBy=-dateAdded;ms=1579648957106>

(jan21)

I've now read CGL's Nov. 19 report and have a better understanding of the situation. Am I correct that the company's EA certificate is conditional on this report, which was delayed due to the access issue with Unist'ot'en? And this report has omitted the Unist'ot'en Healing Centre, the only lodgings within the section being assessed?

Also, are you able to let me know when the EAO might make a decision on this report and the status of CGL's certificate?

Just so I'm clear on timelines, I was told the review period ended yesterday. Is the review continuing or have we entered into another phase of the process? Am I to understand that a decision on the report may still be several weeks away?

Also, in the Schedule B Table for Conditions issued what the original certificate, there's quite a long list of conditions. Am I to understand that this is the only outstanding condition?

- The environmental assessment certificate (EAC) for the CGL project was issued in 2014. The EAC contains conditions that require specific actions such as field studies to be undertaken, in some cases prior to construction. Condition 1 of the EAC was developed in response to CGL's inability to access the Morice River Technical Boundary Area during the EAC process when fieldwork in support of their EAC application was being completed.
- There are 33 conditions attached to the EAC and each condition has specific requirements that need to be fulfilled throughout the life of the CGL project. Condition 1 is specific to actions required to allow construction in the Morice River Technical Boundary Area. You can also find the assessment report that explains Condition 1 here (pages 488-89).

- The report in question was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), by CGL, as a requirement under Condition 1 of their EAC, located [here](#).
- The EAO is undertaking a review of the report and whether it meets the requirements of condition 1 of the CGL project's EAC over the next several weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.
- The review of the Condition 1 report includes an assessment to determine if all required information is present. The EAO will request additional information from CGL where it determines there is insufficient information.

Reporter

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Deadline N/A

Request

I've been forwarded a press release which is calling on the EAO to "continue to withhold permits for construction" in the case of Coastal GasLink. I'm curious about what the "continue" in that quote and am curious about the timeline for when those permits were scheduled to be approved. Also I'm curious about the accuracy of the statement and if the EAO can confirm CGL's report to the EAO has not been approved yet (as per the "withhold" statement in the press release).

Recommended

- The report in question was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), by Coastal GasLink (CGL), as a requirement under their environmental assessment certificate (EAC), located [here](#).
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Subject: RE: Media request - National Observer - Coastal Gaslink approval
Date: January 21, 2020 5:22:38 PM

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Subject: Media request - National Observer - Coastal Gaslink approval

Kelly,

Approved by MIRR. EMPR, GCPE HQ.

Reporter

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Deadline Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:00 PM

Request:

The Unist'ot'en have sent us a press release which says that Coastal Gaslink failed to mention the Unist'ot'en Healing Centre, valued at \$2 million, to the EAO in its reports detailing what the impacts of the pipeline would be.

In light of this, the Unis'to'ten say they are requesting that the EAO withhold final construction permits for the project. They also say that "pipeline pre-construction activity in the past year seriously compromised delivery of the healing center's programming," and they expect more impacts were construction to go ahead.

My questions are as follows:

- What's the EAO's reaction to the statements by Unist'ot'en?
- Is it correct that final construction permits haven't been issued? If so, what requirements does Coastal Gaslink still need to meet?
- What's your usual process when issuing permits?
- What would prevent the EAO from issuing a permit?
- Was the EAO aware of the Healing Centre and its location? If so, when did the EAO become aware of it?
- Why did the EAO not ask Coastal Gaslink to account for the Healing Centre? How can a report on

the impacts be complete and greenlit without accounting for the impacts on a \$2-million healing center?

- The press release says that “Any other wilderness lodge, tourism outfitter, or institution with economic or social interests within the pipeline footprint is required by the EAO to be considered in the contents of the report.” Why, according to the EAO, does the Healing Centre not fall into those categories? Why is the Healing Centre treated differently?
- Would the EAO have held off on greelighting Coastal Gaslink if the Healing Centre had been settler-owned and/or operated?
- Will you now ask Coastal Gaslink to go back and report on the impacts on the Healing Centre? Will you take any action in response to this?

Recommended

- The report in question was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), by Coastal GasLink (CGL), as a requirement under their environmental assessment certificate (EAC), located [here](#).
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Cc: [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#); [Bailey, Scott EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Request for Call Back by the MO via the DMO
Date: January 14, 2020 4:18:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Kevin. We don't require bullets at this point.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2020, at 4:12 PM, Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX
<Kevin.Jardine@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Gala. We've been receiving requests to speak with callers to the MO re CGL. Having responded to several previous callers, it's clear that none of the issues being raised pertain to the EAO or our regulatory function. My staff aren't in a position to respond to these concerns, as they relate to government policy and not the project EAC or related compliance functions.

Attached are the most recently callers. I would suggest that we either refer these to EMPR, MIRR or other agency with responsibility for the related policy or have your team in the MO respond with our corporate messaging. Either way, as a regulatory agency with compliance and enforcement obligations, it isn't appropriate for us to be communicating government policy decisions with members of the public.

Would it be helpful if we provided some bullets MO staff could use in fielding these calls? Alternatively, the best approach might be to ask for email addresses from each caller at the outset and reply with templated responses rather than call back every individual. We'd be happy to assist Paul Corns in pulling something like this together, if you decide to go this route.

Let me know either way,
K.

From: McLaughlin, Christine EAO:EX <Christine.McLaughlin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2020 3:46 PM

To: Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX <Kevin.Jardine@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Request for Call Back by the MO via the DMO

Hello Kevin,

The first attachment was a request for a call back to discuss Trans Mountain Pipeline. We received the request early December and Chrystal follow up.

The subsequent attachments relate to Coastal Gaslink and the Wet'suw't'en Nation. We received seven requests. I have not forwarded the request for s.22 (CLIFF#)354992 to Emily Farnsworth.

Thank you,

Christine

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Environmental Assessment Office
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<image001.png>

The EAO respectfully acknowledges that it carries out its work on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations throughout British Columbia.

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From: [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#); [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#); [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#)
Cc: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: CGL IN and Statement
Date: January 7, 2020 9:51:46 AM
Attachments: [IN Injunction decision Dec 31.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Kelly,

Attached is the latest IN from EMPR on the CGL injunction notice. Also, below is the statement they sent to media yesterday, attributable to EMPR:

“On December 31, the Supreme Court of BC made a determination and its ruling confirmed the company is lawfully permitted to conduct their work.

Construction activities have been taking place across northern B.C. for the last year, and it’s the provincial government’s role to ensure this work is in line with regulatory and legislative obligations. Any enforcement considerations related to the court’s ruling is an operational matter for the police to consider, independent of government.

We understand Coastal GasLink has reached out to the Unist’ot’en and Wet’suwet’en’s hereditary leaders in an effort to find a mutually agreeable path forward and we are hopeful all parties involved can find a peaceful resolution soon.

Separately, government remains engaged with the Office of the Wet’suwet’en, in government-to-government discussions that seek to meaningfully advance reconciliation. This work is broader than any specific project.”

Regarding the UN Committee on Anti-Racism, EMPR owns that one, too. They said BC Hydro got a request on it yesterday. They have an older IN on the UN committee when it issued a similar report previously, and they’re digging it up for us.

Cheers,

Courtney

Courtney Stewart

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From: [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#); [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#)
Cc: [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW - follow-up media question - CGL/Wet'suwet'en
Date: January 14, 2020 8:53:57 AM

Copying you on this request from Nelson Bennett to MIRR on CGL and FN engagement with regard to CGL. The response comes from Kevin, Scott and Nathan at EAO.

p

From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX
Sent: January 14, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; Giles, Alison GCPE:EX <Alison.Giles@gov.bc.ca>; Beaupre, Darren EMPR:EX <Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca>; Venn, Tania GCPE:EX <Tania.Venn@gov.bc.ca>; Cowan, Cale GCPE:EX <Cale.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW - follow-up media question - CGL/Wet'suwet'en

Hi Sarah;
Here's the response.

p

The EAO engaged all potentially effected Indigenous nations through their identified representatives and, as set out in the Section 11 Order, required their ongoing engagement and consultation through the EA process.

Consistent with UNDRIP, and as reflected in the EA Act (2018), it is for Indigenous nations to determine who and how they are represented in these engagements. This engagement, and the conclusions resulting from it, are discussed in Part C of the EAO's Assessment Report."

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; Giles, Alison GCPE:EX <Alison.Giles@gov.bc.ca>; Beaupre, Darren EMPR:EX <Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca>; Venn, Tania GCPE:EX <Tania.Venn@gov.bc.ca>; Cowan, Cale GCPE:EX <Cale.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW - follow-up media question - CGL/Wet'suwet'en

Thanks Paul. I'm interested to see what they say.^{s.13}

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But lets see what they come back with first.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2020, at 7:30 AM, Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I have followed up with the EAO to see if the answer can be more definitive. I think there are a couple of questions here- one dealing with opportunity to identify and engage and the other regarding "legal standing" under the process.

p

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 13, 2020, at 11:31 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Paul, can you please have a look at this response and let me know if it is accurate as far as the EA aspects? (The original request is attached, and the response below, just for context, which you probably need to read to make sense of the follow-up).

I'm also interested in others' thoughts on the response to this follow-up below, before I finalize, for the rest of you included on this email. Please and thank you. 😊

Follow-up Question: It is the provincial government that identifies who the project proponent must speak to, as per section 11 of the BC Environmental Assessment Act. This is explained in the recent BC Supreme Court ruling when an injunction was granted against Wet'suwet'en protestors. So, the province does, in fact, appear to decide who speaks for the nation. At least, that's what the court ruling suggests.

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From: Nelson Bennett <nbennett@biv.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: update on your request

Sarah: Thanks for this, but I am stumbling over something here:

"It is up to each Nation themselves to decide who speaks for their Nation, and how those decisions are made internally."

Yet it is the provincial government that identifies who the project proponent must speak to, as per section 11 of the BC Environmental Assessment Act.

This is explained in the recent BC Supreme Court ruling when an injunction was granted against Wet'suwet'en protestors.

The judge said, for example: **"The Unist'ot'en was not identified in the Section 11 Order as an aboriginal group with whom the plaintiff was required to consult with respect to the Pipeline Project"**

So, the province does, in fact, appear to decide who speaks for the nation. At least, that's what the court ruling suggests.

Nelson Bennett
Business in Vancouver

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 13, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Nelson Bennett <nbennett@biv.com>
Subject: Re: update on your request

Hi Nelson,

The B.C. government is committed to working in partnership with First Nations to meaningfully advance reconciliation in BC. With regard to the Coastal GasLink project, B.C. conducted extensive consultations with Indigenous Nations and has also signed agreements with the vast majority of Indigenous communities along the route. Coastal GasLink has shown they understand the importance of consultation and meaningful partnerships with Indigenous Nations.

Wet'suwet'en governance structure is an internal matter for the Nation to speak to. It is not for government to speak for the Nation. It is up to each Nation themselves to decide who speaks for their Nation, and how those decisions are made internally.

The government has been engaged in the current discussions with Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs on reconciliation since early 2019. Governance matters are one of the elements of our reconciliation discussions, and it is an active conversation the Nation is having internally that would be most appropriately addressed by Wet'suwet'en. It's important to note that these talks are not related to any specific project but are focused on building our relationship and meaningfully advancing reconciliation.

Hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

S.

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 10:50 AM, Nelson Bennett
<nbennett@biv.com<<mailto:nbennett@biv.com>>> wrote:

Yes.

Nelson Bennett
Business in Vancouver
604-608-5157

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
<Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>>>
Sent: January 13, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Nelson Bennett <nbennett@biv.com<<mailto:nbennett@biv.com>>>
Subject: update on your request

Hi Nelson,

Just a quick note to let you know I was mistaken, and Minister Fraser is not back until tomorrow. Would you be okay with a statement from the ministry instead?

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Karn, David GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Milne, Gala AG:EX](#); [Corns, Paul GCPE:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media requests - Tyee - Interior News - Unist'ot'en press release
Date: January 22, 2020 4:19:17 PM

Kelly, **additional questions** for Tyee approved by EAO.

From: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Sent: January 22, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Milne, Gala ENV:EX <Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca>; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX <Kevin.Jardine@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Media requests - Tyee - Interior News - Unist'ot'en press release

Kelly,

Two below approved by EAO, MIRR, EMPR and HQ

Reporter

Amanda Follett Hosgood, The Tyee
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Deadline N/A

Request

wondering if I could get some info from you about the latest news release from the Unist'ot'en camp regarding Coastal GasLink's environmental assessment certificate. Can you help me understand the current status of CGL's EA certificate? Are they still waiting on the five-year extension? Any indication of when a decision might be made?

Recommendation

- The EAO is one part of a coordinated regulatory process for reviewing major projects in B.C. and is responsible for providing Ministers with information to support making a decision on whether to issue the [environmental assessment](#) certificate (EAC) for reviewable major projects. The CGL Project's EAC, located [here](#), was issued in 2014. The EAC contains conditions that require specific actions such as field studies to be undertaken, in some cases prior to construction. You can find the table of conditions [here](#).
- On October 15, 2019, CGL was issued a one-time 5 year extension to the deadline in their EAC to substantially start the CGL Project. The project must now be substantially started by October 23, 2024 or the EAC will expire. All project activities and updates can

be found on the project page on the [Electronic Project Information Centre \(EPIC\):
https://www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/588511c4aaecd9001b825604/project-
details;currentPage=1;pageSize=10;sortBy=-dateAdded;ms=1579648957106](https://www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/588511c4aaecd9001b825604/project-details;currentPage=1;pageSize=10;sortBy=-dateAdded;ms=1579648957106)

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I've now read CGL's Nov. 19 report and have a better understanding of the situation. Am I correct that the company's EA certificate is conditional on this report, which was delayed due to the access issue with Unist'ot'en? And this report has omitted the Unist'ot'en Healing Centre, the only lodgings within the section being assessed?

Also, are you able to let me know when the EAO might make a decision on this report and the status of CGL's certificate?

Just so I'm clear on timelines, I was told the review period ended yesterday. Is the review continuing or have we entered into another phase of the process? Am I to understand that a decision on the report may still be several weeks away?

Also, in the Schedule B Table for Conditions issued what the original certificate, there's quite a long list of conditions. Am I to understand that this is the only outstanding condition?

- The environmental assessment certificate (EAC) for the CGL project was issued in 2014. The EAC contains conditions that require specific actions such as field studies to be undertaken, in some cases prior to construction. Condition 1 of the EAC was developed in response to CGL's inability to access the Morice River Technical Boundary Area during the EAC process when fieldwork in support of their EAC application was being completed.
- There are [33 conditions](#) attached to the EAC and each condition has specific requirements that need to be fulfilled throughout the life of the CGL project. Condition 1 is specific to actions required to allow construction in the Morice River Technical Boundary Area. You can also find the assessment report that explains [Condition 1 here \(pages 488-89\)](#).
- The report in question was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), by CGL, as a requirement under Condition 1 of their EAC, located [here](#).
- The EAO is undertaking a review of the report and whether it meets the requirements of condition 1 of the CGL project's EAC over the next several weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.
- The review of the Condition 1 report includes an assessment to determine if all required information is present. The EAO will request additional information from CGL where it determines there is insufficient information.

Reporter

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Deadline N/A

Request

I've been forwarded a press release which is calling on the EAO to "continue to withhold permits for construction" in the case of Coastal GasLink. I'm curious about what the "continue" in that quote and am curious about the timeline for when those permits were scheduled to be approved. Also I'm curious about the accuracy of the statement and if the EAO can confirm CGL's report to the EAO has not been approved yet (as per the "withhold" statement in the press release).

Recommended

- The report in question was submitted to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), by Coastal GasLink (CGL), as a requirement under their environmental assessment certificate (EAC), located [here](#).
- The EAO is undertaking a review of the report and whether it meets the requirements of condition 1 of the CGL project's EAC over the next several weeks. That review process includes feedback from other parties, including the Wet'suwet'en.
- This process is part of our work to ensure industry – in this case CGL – is meeting the requirements of their environmental approval. EAO requirements will be need to be met for CGL to proceed with construction.
- CGL received their EAC in 2014 following a thorough environmental assessment process. That process involved an extensive consultation process with stakeholders and numerous Indigenous groups, including the Wet'suwet'en and Dark House.
- For the natural gas industry, permitting responsibilities primarily reside with the BC Oil and Gas Commission. Permits are not issued by the EAO.

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From: [Hamish Black](#)
To: [Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX](#)
Cc: [Sarah Ambroziak](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy
Date: January 29, 2020 10:46:50 AM

Good morning Alyssa,

We just sat down with Minister Heyman and it was great to get to introduce him to OYEP and share the work that we're doing in the province.

I was wondering if you would be able to ask Kelly to pass on the photo that she took of the Minister speaking with our youth ambassador Catherine. We'd love to share that and have to give to Catherine, these are such fantastic experiences and it's something they are rightfully very proud of.

Thanks again for coordinating this meeting.

All the best,
Hamish

On Jan 28, 2020, at 9:03 AM, Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX
<Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks, Hamish! Minister Heyman will be joined by his senior ministerial assistant Kelly Sather.

Alyssa

From: Hamish Black <HBlack@outland.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX <Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sarah Ambroziak <SAmbroziak@outland.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Good morning Alyssa,

I just wanted to make sure you had my contact information incase anything comes up tomorrow. You'll be able to reach me on my cell at **403-400-5024**.

Will you be with Minister Heyman during the event or is there someone in particular we should connect with prior to our 10:15 am meeting? We'll be upstairs in the main lobby with our banners and team and so we should be easy to find.

Thanks,

Hamish

On Jan 27, 2020, at 12:59 PM, Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX
<Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you!
Alyssa

From: Hamish Black <HBlack@outland.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX <Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sarah Ambroziak <SAmbroziak@outland.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Hello Alyssa,

That won't be a problem at all. 10:15am will work for our group.

Thanks,
Hamish

Sent from my LG Mobile

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From: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX
Date: Mon., Jan. 27, 2020 12:50 p.m.
To: Hamish Black;
Cc: Sarah Ambroziak;
Subject: RE: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Hi again Hamish,

I'm wondering if it might be possible to move this meeting up a bit? I'm wondering if we could begin at 10:15am?

Thank you!
Alyssa

From: Hamish Black <HBlack@outland.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX <Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sarah Ambroziak <SAmbroziak@outland.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Good morning Alyssa,

Sorry I didn't get back to you yesterday. I'm in Ottawa right now and we had a packed day on the hill in meeting and then our CCAB research launch event.

We've secured a space for the meeting during the BC Natural Resources Forum. We are going to be upstairs in the lounge space where the event organizers have set up meeting area for OYEP. We'll have our banners and signage which should make it very simple to locate our meeting area.

We'll have three of the OYEP management team in attendance as well as 3-4 youth ambassadors from the program as well.

If the Minister has any other questions please reach out anytime and we'll get those answers right away.

All the best,
Hamish

On Jan 22, 2020, at 5:10 PM, Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX
<Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Hamish,

Just wondering if you've managed to secure a room for this meeting?

Thank you!
Alyssa

From: Hamish Black <HBlack@outland.ca>

Sent: January 13, 2020 1:15 PM

To: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX <Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Sarah Ambroziak <SAmbroziak@outland.ca>

Subject: Re: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020 with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Hello Alyssa,

Thank you for returning my e-mail and it is great to hear that the Minister is open to meeting with OYEP.

I also appreciate you clarifying the dates, Wednesday the 29th at 10:30 am is great. We have space in the upstairs lobby and I will reply as soon as I can with the specifics of the space that we'll be meeting. We just have not been given a room number or specific details yet.

Thanks again and we are very excited for the BCNRF and getting this opportunity to meet with the Minister.

If you need anything else from me prior to the forum just let me know.

Best regards,

Hamish Black

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Hrenyk, Alyssa
ENV:EX <Alyssa.Hrenyk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Hamish,

On behalf of Minister George Heyman, thank you so much for reaching out and sending this invite! I would be happy to set something up.

For clarity, are you hoping to meet on Tuesday January 28 or Wednesday January 29? We can definitely make the 29th work! Does 10:30 am work on your end (on the Wednesday)? If so, it would be great to meet in the room you folks have booked. Please let me know the room

number and I'll add it to his schedule.

Thanks again!

Alyssa Hrenyk

Administrative Coordinator to
The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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From: Hamish Black <HBlack@outland.ca>

Sent: January 10, 2020 11:50 AM

To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
<ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Sarah Ambroziak
<SAmbroziak@outland.ca>

Subject: Meeting request during BCNRF 2020
with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister
of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Dear Minister,

Happy New Year, wishing you all the best in 2020. My name is Hamish Black and I am the Western Program Manager for the [Outland Youth Employment Program](#) (OYEP). OYEP is a six-week education, training and work experience program for Indigenous youth. I have also included my colleague, Sarah Ambroziak, the OYEP National Manager.

Our program began in 2000 in Northern Ontario and since grown into a national network of programs for Indigenous youth. In 2018, at the request of BC First Nations and industry, OYEP began an BC chapter. 2020 will mark the third year of delivery for the Prince George region's program as well as the provinces inaugural second program site in the Kamloops regions. Collectively, these two programs will employ 50 Indigenous youth for 6 weeks and grant over 60 high school careers and workplace 12 equivalent credits.

Again this year, OYEP is fortunate to be participating during the upcoming Premier's BC

Natural Resources Forum. We will be speaking during the Tuesday night Celebrating the North dinner and also raising funds during the events silent auction. We also will be recognizing our 2019 program partners right before the Premier's lunch on Wednesday.

We are very proud of our extensive list of industry sponsors and Indigenous community supporters who have made bringing this program to BC possible. Our funding sponsors includes LNG Canada, BC Timber Sales, Carrier Lumber, TC Energy, Coastal Gas Link, West Fraser, Canfor, Dunkley Lumber, Paper Excellence, Enbridge, Finning CAT, CNC, UNBC, Superior Propane and many other supporting industries. We also have an MOU through the Federal Government - SFI and Project Green Jobs.

I'm hoping that on **Wednesday, January 28th** while you are in attendance at the **BCNRF**, you might be able to find 5 minutes to meet our team as well as some of the youth representatives that will be in attendance. The youth joining at the forum are fantastic ambassadors for their communities as well as the successes and career opportunities that OYEP is providing Indigenous youth across the country.

To see more about OYEP please view this video done by LNG Canada during the [2019 OYEP BC Closing Ceremony](#). I have also attached our 2019 OYEP National Report and the 2019 OYEP BC report.

If you would like to arrange a time to meet, that would be fantastic. We also will have a space upstairs during the event which will be available for chance encounters during the forum.

Thanks so much and I hope we are able to connect doing the BC Natural Resources Forum.

Best regards,

Hamish Black

Outland Youth Employment Program Coordinator -

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