

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Mike Farnworth,
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE: Forestry Enforcement Update for the Cabinet Working Group on
Forestry – March 1, 2022

SUMMARY:

- Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction:
 - The RCMP report that the protest presence in the Fairy Creek Watershed remains as one camp on the Granite Mainline, comprised of approximately 6 unhoused persons who do not appear to be actively engaged in protest.
 - Police report that TJCP operations remain underway along the Braiden Mainline, with active logging in the western regions of Tree Farm License (TFL) 46. s.15; s.16
s.15; s.16
 - Appeals made by the Rainforest Flying Squad (RFS) to the Supreme Court of BC (SCBC) to have all criminal charges related to the Fairy Creek contemnors vacated due to alleged abuse of process were heard by Judge Thompson between February 9 and 11, 2022. Since then, Judge Thompson has recused himself from the case and asked the Chief Justice to reassign the case to a different judge. Further details are unknown at this time. However, a court decision with respect to this issue is yet to be made.

- Coastal Gas Link (CGL):
 - During the morning of February 17, 2022, CGL Security reported an attack on the Martin Spur Road secure worksite around the drill pad. Approximately 20 people entered the secure area via cutting locks to gain entry. These people proceeded to attack CGL Security and damage equipment.
 - On February 19, 2022, the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs issued a joint statement regarding the situation that occurred on February 17, 2022, indicating they do not have enough information to comment directly on the matter, but they do not support violence.
 - The RCMP advise that a detailed criminal investigation is underway. s.15
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CGL has advised that related damages from the attack are believed to exceed \$10 million CAD.
 - The RCMP continue to work with CGL to ensure an adequate level of ongoing site security that takes all factors into consideration including their ability to sustain an ongoing presence in the face of several pressures across the province.
 - Police advise that the Access Control Point has now been removed from KM 27 and CGL Security established a checkpoint at the entry to the Martin Spur Road. The RCMP have also dedicated resources to the CGL area 24/7 moving forward to continue monitoring the situation and help maintain the

- safety and security of individuals within the Injunction Zone.
- As of February 28, 2022, the RCMP advise that CGL work has resumed at the Martin Spur Drill pad worksite, with additional fencing and security measures being put in place around this area. CGL is still in the process of clean up from damages caused by the attack, fuel, lubricants, debris, and equipment. Investigators from the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) will be visiting the area on March 1, 2022, to discuss next steps with CGL.
 - An exact date of when industry will fully resume work in the area is yet to be confirmed. The original plan was for CGL to complete work around the drill pad in the Fall of 2022 and to complete the work associated with tunneling under the river and getting the pipeline ready for use by Spring of 2023. However, given the recent damage caused at the CGL worksite, this timeline may be delayed.
- Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP):
 - s.13

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The restart date of this work is yet to be determined.

- The Ministry continues to work with the RCMP to ensure efficient and effective information flow and that the strain on provincial policing resources is mitigated as much as possible.

BACKGROUND:

Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement:

- The RCMP advised that RFS has made appeals to Judge Thompson of the SCBC in Nanaimo between February 9 and 11, 2022, to have all criminal charges related to the Fairy Creek contemnors vacated due to alleged abuse of process.
- On February 28, 2022, the RCMP advised that Justice Thompson of the SCBC Nanaimo has removed himself from decision making on the application noted above. The matter is now with the Chief Justice of BC to re-assign to another judge.
- The BC Prosecution Process (BCPS) also represented cases referred by police with respect to Fairy Creek to Judge Thompson. On February 4, 2022, the RCMP advised that the BCPS reported s.15; s.22
s.15; s.22

LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL):

- The RCMP advise that a group accused of infringing the SCBC order between November 18 and 19, 2021, attended pre-trial conferences in Prince George on February 14, 2022.

- The RCMP advise that court dates for these accused have been adjourned, while the BCPS further reviews the cases in detail. The RCMP have advised that all court packages have been completed and the matter of prosecution is now with the BCPS and CGL Legal Counsel.

Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP):

- TMP continues to construct a Worker Accommodation Camp off Myrtle Lake Road in Blue River, which has been the cause of increased direct-action activities between September and October 2021. However, the RCMP have advised that for the past few weeks, little protest activity has occurred in the TMP injunction zone.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. The RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- FLNRORD, MOTI, EMLCI, ENV, MIRR, GCPE, AG, and MCFD – Impacted

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PURPOSE: For **INFORMATION** for Doug Scott, Deputy Solicitor General

ISSUE: Direct Action Update for the March 8, 2022, Natural Resource and Public Safety Meeting

SUMMARY:

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 - The RCMP advise that the Rainforest Flying Squad (RFS) efforts appear to have shifted to Western Forest Products logging operations in the Port Hardy area. Police report no direct-action, but rather the presence of RFS supporters on nearby roads in the Port Hardy area.
 - Police report that TJCP operations remain underway along the Braiden Mainline, with active logging in the western regions of Tree Farm License (TFL) 46, s.15; s.16
s.15; s.16
 - Police report no recent direct-action within the TJCP Injunction Zone.
- Coastal Gas Link (CGL):
 - Police advise that the Access Control Point established by the RCMP around the time of the attack has since been removed from KM 27 of the Morris River West Forest Service Road (FSR). CGL now has a staffed security checkpoint in place at a gate entering the Martin Spur FSR as the road exits the Morice River West FSR.
 - Police advise that CGL has resumed work at the Martin Spur drill platform, mainly focusing on additional fencing and implementing enhanced security measures. CGL is conducting cleanup from damages caused by the incident, including containments and removal of spilled fuel, lubricants, debris, and damaged equipment.
 - The RCMP continue to maintain a 24/7 presence onsite to ensure no disruption to the cleanup efforts and continued industry work.
- Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP):
 - The RCMP advise that TMP has experienced some mechanical complications with tunneling operations under the Fraser River. As a result, the drill processing has stopped and TMP is currently in the process of reassessing how to complete the remaining portion of the drill.
 - The Canada Energy Regulator has oversight of this project and is responding to inquiries on the matter. The restart date of this work is yet to be determined.
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