

Multi-Sector Road User Groups - Information

for the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
and the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC)

Potential Issues:

- Perception that liquefied natural gas (LNG) proponents:
 - Have not engaged with road user groups or committees;
 - May believe they have the ability to control use on any road for which they hold a Road Use Permit (RUP);
 - May not be aware of existing protocols in place on some roads (i.e., road clearing for residents); and
 - May not be aware that not all FSR's are in a useable state (i.e., some roads may be considered "wilderness" roads).

Road User Group Jurisdiction & Administration:

- The provincial government has no mechanisms to require participation on road user groups or road safety committees.
- These groups and committees function as a best practice and the provincial government has no authority to enforce their functions or their membership. FLNRO participation and support varies by group and committee.
- Road user groups include construction, maintenance, and safety subgroups that vary by district and Timber Supply Area (TSA).
- Some form of committee or group exists or existed in each area along the proposed LNG pipeline route. (In the Terrace area, a formal group no longer exists but contacts indicate that one can be easily re-established. Despite lack of a group, LNG proponents are working very cooperatively with MFLNRO and the forest sector.)
- In the Prince George, Quesnel, Mackenzie, and Fort St James districts, third party consultants are employed as secretaries to complete various administrative functions. Members of the group pay for these services based on formulas of wood volume hauled.
- In other areas including Mackenzie and Terrace, LNG proponents and the mining sector have agreed in principle to share road maintenance costs based on tonnage hauled.

Situation:

- Road user groups across the proposed LNG pipeline route have reported communication and engagement with proponents.
- All groups and committees across the route have reported proactive and cooperative engagement from proponents including willingness to share costs or make accommodations for other sectors. One ministry contact cautioned that due to competitive nature of LNG industry, proponents may be unwilling to share business information.
- Existing groups and committees have engaged LNG proponents, instead of proponents seeking out the groups.
- Existing groups and committees have various structures and support from FLNRO.
- It appears that only the Mackenzie group offers training on rules of the road and safe driving behaviour.
- LNG proponents are characterized by contacts as proactive, fully engaged, and safety conscious.

- Challenges include the competitive nature of the LNG industry, the potential for sensitive information and limited information sharing, and high staff turnover amongst proponent personnel.

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