



December 17, 2018

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Province of British Columbia
Room 232 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Farnworth,

On October 2, 2018, LNG Canada announced plans for Coastal GasLink (CGL) to construct a natural gas liquefaction facility at Kitimat and associated 620 km pipeline from Dawson Creek to supply the facility. During construction up to 2,500 people will be working in 11 construction camps along the pipeline route. While this project is supported by the elected First Nation governments along the pipeline route, there is opposition from some hereditary leaders which will likely necessitate a police response.

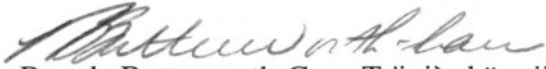
The focus for opposition is the Unis'tot'en Camp located near the Morice River Bridge approximately 60 km west of Houston, BC. The Unis'tot'en camp is fully supported by the Office of the Wet'suwit'en (OW), the hereditary political organisation of the Wet'suet'en Nation. The Unis'tot'en Camp is expected to be the most active protest site and be a focal point for any court ordered injunction. The Camp presently maintains a blockade and controls access. The influx of construction workers combined with anti-LNG protests will impact the North District's (ND) ability to maintain core operations in those detachments along the pipeline route and throughout the District.

As per Article 9 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), this constitutes a special event in British Columbia. Pursuant to Sub-Article 9.7, I request your agreement with the internal redeployment of resources as per the operational plan as summarised in a 'Concept of Operations' document provided to Police Services Branch to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons and property in the affected communities.

Further to Sub-Article 9.7 and as per sub-article 11.1 of the PSA the cost sharing ratio of 70% / 30% will be in effect. All costs associated to this special event will be accurately tracked and provided to the Province of British Columbia. An estimate of the policing costs (including salary, transportation, meals and accommodations), has been provided to Police Services Branch. Should there be a requirement to increase the provincial policing establishment from non-contract business lines or from resources outside the Division, Sub-Article 9.2 would be invoked and all costs associated to the incremental resources would be at 100%.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Nina Sahasrabuddhe, Executive Director of Operations Strategy Branch.

Sincerely,



Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Tr'injà shär njit dintlä
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Butterworth-Carr:

Thank you for your letter dated December 17, 2018, regarding the potential police response to the LNG Canada announcement and planned work around the Coastal GasLink projects. The Province appreciates the advance notice and the possibility that additional internal RCMP resources may need to be redeployed to maintain law and order and ensure the safety of persons and property in the area surrounding the construction of the natural gas liquefaction facility and along the associated pipeline route.

I appreciate the planning that goes into preparing for anticipated public safety concerns as a result of the injunction issued by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. I agree with the internal redeployment of Provincial Police Service resources for the purposes of maintaining law and order resultant from the Coastal GasLink project. If the situation escalates and there is a need for further resources from municipal, federal or another Provincial/Territorial Police Service, I would appreciate an appraisal of the situation and will assess in consultation with you whether additional temporary assistance is necessary to maintain public safety and order. As a reminder, if the redeployment of Municipal Police Service resources is required, Article 8.6 of the Municipal Police Unit Agreement must be considered, including advance formal communication to the affected municipalities.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the safety of British Columbians. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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