



August 18, 2015

Michael Shepard
Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
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Dear Mr. Shepard:

RE: Environmental Assessment

We are writing in response to your letter to us dated August 17, 2015.

In your letter you have acknowledged that the Squamish Nation continues to disagree with the EAOs determination that the Squamish Nation has been meaningfully consulted on this Project and that our aboriginal interests have been adequately accommodated. We maintain that position through this letter.

We wish to clarify two points prior to you making your referral to the Ministers.

First, we did not withhold information from the EAO during its EA process, but rather did not have the information available yet to share with the EAO within its process timelines.

Second, we have made clear that we require the proponent to enter into a legally binding agreement to address our concerns with the proposed project. Our view is that the Crown cannot claim that it has adequately accommodated our aboriginal rights and title interests through the proponent's acceptance of our project conditions if there is not a legal agreement in place.

Chen kwen mantumi
(I thank you),

Chief Bill Williams
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Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources, & Revenue



Squamish Nation

cc: Aaron Bruce, Ratcliff & Company