

November 18, 2015

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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Dear Minister McKenna;

Re: Woodfibre LNG Project in Howe Sound, British Columbia

We are writing to respectfully request that you delay the federal decision on the Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Woodfibre LNG project in Howe Sound, British Columbia until your department has had an opportunity to complete a thorough review of the Assessment.

On October 26, 2015 the Province of British Columbia issued Environmental Assessment Certificate # E15-02 for the Woodfibre LNG project. We understand that your department's approval process is progressing independently and we appreciate the new government's commitment to environmental decisions based on science-based evidence. Given the recent change in government we anticipate that additional time may be required for a thorough review of the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project.

Our island community sits at the entrance to Howe Sound and along the proposed shipping route for LNG tankers. The citizens of Bowen Island have taken a very keen interest in the proposed Woodfibre LNG Project. Please find enclosed our municipal Council resolution sent to the BC Environment Assessment Office in March of this year outlining Bowen Island Municipality's concerns about the project, and given these, our suggestion that LNG tankers be banned from the waters of Howe Sound.

We welcome your new administration. We are heartened by the new policies announced and appreciate that timelines may have to be extended to apply these new policies to this proposed project.



Murray Skeels
Mayor
Bowen Island Municipality

cc: *Pamela Goldsmith Jones, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver Sea to Sky Sunshine Coast*
Jordan Sturdy, MLA, West Vancouver Sea to Sky Sunshine Coast



March 4, 2015

Mr. Michael Shepard
Environment Assessment Office
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Provincial Government
Victoria, BC, V8W 9V1

via email: Michael.Shepard@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Shepard:

At its regular Council meeting held February 23, 2015, Bowen Island Municipal Council adopted the following resolution:

"It was Moved and Seconded

BIM Council advise the environmental assessment office of our concerns regarding LNG tanker safety, extreme wakes, foreshore erosion, conflicting waterway uses including possible ferry service disruptions, and the LNG terminal in Howe Sound and tanker traffic, and related negative impacts on the marine environment, in response to the request for public feedback on the Woodfibre LNG project due by March 24, 2015; and

BIM Council write to the provincial government with a suggestion to ban the passage of LNG tankers in the waters of Howe Sound; and

That Bowen Island Municipality be included in any existing and future committees, working groups and consultative bodies regarding the tanker traffic and location and operation of the LNG plant.

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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Casey Grundy
Interim Deputy Corporate Officer
Bowen Island Municipality