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November 26, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

I am writing to you following your request to redeploy RCMP resources to the extent reasonably necessary to maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities. Specifically, enforcement by the RCMP relating to the enforcement of a court injunction related to the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the *Provincial Police Service Agreement* (PPSA) and following my verbal approval provided Monday November 15, 2021 I am authorizing the temporary internal redeployment of resources from within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area.

This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (MPSA); however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. As a reminder, should municipal resources be required please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance formal communications and any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

If the situation escalates and there is a need for further resources from federal or another Provincial or Territorial Police Service, I would appreciate an appraisal of the situation. Please continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and further developments. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister, Wayne Rideout, Glen Lewis, Associate Director of Police Services.

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Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "F".

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
and Deputy Premier

pc: Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services
Glen Lewis, Associate Director, Police Services

From: [McDonald, Dwayne](#)
To: [Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX](#)
Subject: Fw: CGL Update November 02 and 03
Date: November 3, 2021 7:32:27 PM

Good evening, here is the latest on CGL.

Dwayne

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Commandant de la Division E de la GRC
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From: Brewer, John
Sent: November 3, 2021 7:27 PM
To: McDonald, Dwayne; Stubbs, Eric
Subject: CGL Update November 02 and 03

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [Brewer, John](#)
To: [Theisen, Jeanette](#); [Lopetinsky, Sheldon](#); [Dunlop, Alanna](#); [Elliott, Jim](#); [Uzelac, Jonn](#); [Lundie, Mark](#); [Floyd, Ken](#); [Ketola, Jeff](#); [Blackadar, Andrew](#); [Ng, Will](#); [Haugli, Brad](#); [Mann, Manny](#); [Brown, Warren](#); [Levy, Maureen](#); [Kirkpatrick, Bruce](#)
Cc: [Stubbs, Eric](#); [McDonald, Dwayne](#)
Subject: FW: Verbal Authority - Article 9.1 PPSA - CGL Resource Request
Date: November 15, 2021 11:43:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Good Day,

Please see provinces approval for 9.1.

Jeff, Mark Jim. We need to leverage this and get resources moving. As discussed the camps start running out of life support and sustainment items by Wednesday. According to CGL the mood at the camps with the workers and rationing is already not good.

Regards,

John

From: Lymburner, Ward C PSSG:EX <Ward.Lymburner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 15, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Brewer, John <john.brewer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>; Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Verbal Authority - Article 9.1 PPSA - CGL Resource Request
Importance: High

Good morning John;

I tried calling, but no answer.

Wayne has confirmed you have verbal authority from the Minister under Article 9.1 PPSA for accessing BC RCMP resources to address your needs.

Letter will follow.

Ward

Ward Lymburner, Executive Director
Indigenous, Core Policing & Contract Management
Policing and Security Branch
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Phone: 778-572-3761

Cell:



From: E. Commanding Officer
To: Kirkpatrick, Bruce; Brown, Warren; Levy, Maureen; Haugli, Brad
Cc: Theisen, Jeanette; Stubbs, Eric; Xiao, Max; Brewer, John; wayne.rideout@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Correspondence from A/Commr. Eric Stubb, Acting Commanding Officer | BC Supreme Court Injunction Enforcement - Coastal GasLink
Date: November 18, 2021 2:29:00 PM
Attachments: 20211118 LTR CO to Mayors-CAOs 2021-0384 (signed ES).pdf

Good afternoon District Commanders,

Please may we ask that you disseminate the attached letter to your respective Mayors & CAOs.

Thanks in advance,

CO's Office

BC RCMP

/tjl

[CO: T2021-0384]

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Commanding Officer Commandant divisionnaire

November 18, 2021

Province of British Columbia
Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers

Dear Respected Colleagues / Community Partners,

Subject: BC Supreme Court Injunction Enforcement – Coast GasLink

As you are aware, on December 31st, 2019, BC Supreme Court Judge Madam Justice Church issued an Interlocutory Injunction and Enforcement Order (*Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. V. Warner Naziel et al*) requiring that all members of the public refrain from blocking the Morice River Forest Service Road (FSR) and, generally speaking, otherwise engaging in activities inhibiting Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. from completing work on the expansion of a natural gas pipeline. Since that time, the BC RCMP have been frequently called upon to enforce this injunction. In some instances, this has required largescale police operations and the re-deployment of RCMP resources situated throughout the Province of BC.

On November 14th, 2021, a number of blockades were erected along the Morice River FSR which have jeopardized the safety of more than 500 Coastal GasLink (CGL) employees. These blockades have had the effect of denying food, fresh water, and other life sustaining supplies and critical services to approximately 530 CGL employees and as such, represent a significant threat to their ongoing safety.

As required by the BC Supreme Court, and considering the safety and well-being of the public, an appropriate and measured policing response will be urgently required to re-establish access and freedom of movement on the Morice River FSR and to re-establish the supply chain which provides essential goods and services to CGL work camps affected by the blockades. The BC RCMP is in the process of developing an operational strategy and operational plan to achieve this.

While a current emergency has not been declared pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act*, the ever-evolving and intensifying situation meets the definition of an emergency as outlined in the Police Service Agreements, as it is, "*an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that requires a deployment of additional police resources*". Local jurisdictional police do not have sufficient resources to deal with the situation at hand within their geographical boundaries.

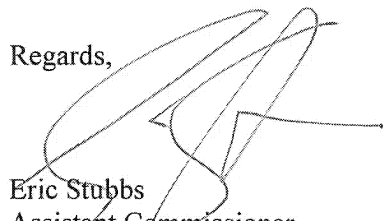
As an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature requiring additional resources, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA), Minister Farnworth authorized the internal redeployment of resources within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area. Redeployment is

inclusive of BC Municipal resources, pursuant to article 9.1 under the Municipal Police Service Agreement (MPSA). The purpose of this letter is to formalize our communications on this matter and any impact it may have on the municipal policing unit.

Pursuant to Article 8.1(a) under the Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA), part of your Municipal Police Service may be redeployed to provide additional police resources as is reasonably necessary to maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, property or communities. The actual timing and number of resources will be left to the discretion of the designated commander. In accordance with Article 8.1(b), the Province is responsible for paying the costs of any redeployment including salary, transportation and maintenance, at the applicable cost-sharing ratio set out in sub-article 11.1 MPUA.

Any deployment from your detachment will be in consultation with the District and Detachment Commander. While it is important to address emergencies such as this, it is also essential that your community continues to receive adequate policing. The District and Detachment Commander will ensure this balance is maintained and will continue to update and consult with you on any resourcing requests relating to this operation.

Regards,



Eric Stubbs
Assistant Commissioner
Acting Commanding Officer, BC RCMP

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cc: Mr. Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister & Director of Police Services
Chief Superintendent John Brewer, Deputy Criminal Operations Officer – Core Policing
Mr. Max Xiao, Corporate Management Officer, RCMP Pacific Region

From: [McDonald, Dwayne](#)
To: [Wayne Rideout](#)
Subject: FW: CGL Protestor Blockade -Marten FSR
Date: December 19, 2021 8:12:58 AM

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, "E" Division

----- Original message -----

From: EDIV_CROPS_EVENT_REPORTING
<EDIV_CROPS_EVENT_REPORTING@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2021-12-19 4:36 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: Ediv_Crops_Event_Reporting_DG <Ediv_Crops_Event_Reporting_DG@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: CGL Protestor Blockade -Marten FSR

From: Floyd, Ken
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 4:36:23 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: ND_Event_Reporting; EDIV_CROPS_EVENT_REPORTING; CIRG-Bronze_INTEL; CIRG-File_Coordinator
Cc: Brewer, John; Elliott, Jim; Lundie, Mark; Luem, Elke; Edwards, Candice; Uzelac, Jonn; Mccowan, Bruce; Vinet, CARL; Dyson, Lee; Burks, Curtis; Charney, Jason; Baldinger, Sascha; Laurie, Benjamin; Collins, Jay; Collins, Jennifer; Garcia, Joe; Gillespie, Terry
Subject: CGL Protestor Blockade -Marten FSR

North District, Houston/ Granisle Detachment
Houston (Provincial)
Blockade – Marten FSR 63.5KM
2021-2717

Issue:

- CGL Security reported that a group of protestors have gained control of the Marten FSR located at 63.5 KM of the Morice River Road

Background:

- 2021-12-19 at 02:10 hrs CGL Security called to report that multiple protestors had arrived at 63.5 km in approximately 5 to 6 vehicles
- Approximately 12 people in total approached the CGL security team
- Protesters were aggressive – yelling and screaming and firing bear bangers and flares at the security vehicles
- Protesters also had sticks and clubs and were causing damage to security vehicles
- no CGL security personnel were injured and all were able to leave the area
- A flat deck with building materials for a structures/blockade arrived on site
- A Surveillance/cell tower has been disabled by the protestors, preventing communication from the area by industry

- At 02:27 hrs Sgt. Mark Smail advised
- At 02:32 hrs Sgt. Bruce McGowan advised

Current Status:

- Protestors have taken over the Marten FSR and it is believed they will start forming a blockade
- Security team has backed out and all security is safe
- Comms capacity in the area has been disabled by the protestors
- Watch Commander and team are gathering information and authoring a report for BSG and for the incoming C-IRG team due to arrive today
- DLT and Watch Command Team will make an attempt to attend the area and at least try to determine a spokesperson and narrative from the group

Strategic Considerations:

- This occurrence may enhance participation at a planned protest today in Gitsxan Territory /New Hazelton
- limit any proactive capacity to engage with the group and develop dialogue
- CGL has shut down work in the area for the holidays, minimizing any direct contact with industry and the possibility of theft/usage of their equipment to cause damage to roads etc...
- Recent social media posts and confirmed sightings of persons associated with previous CGL protests, "Block Canada" movements and FCW necessitates a coordinated plan moving forward
- The forthcoming holiday season may limit any capacity to engage Government in discussions around the ongoing issues

Strategic Communications:

- Strat Comms will be engaged to ensure consistent messaging from GSB, E Div and Ottawa

Member/ Employee Wellness/ Occupational Safety:

- No members were involved in today's actions. Houston detachment will be monitored to ensure support should calls for service increase.

Conduct Risk Assessment:

- CGL workers are all safe

District Management Team Comments:

- Discussions with BSG and CrOps will be organized once information is gathered from the field

A re-assessment will be undertaken in consultation with BSG

Source/ Prepared by:

Cst. James FENNEMA
Acting OPS NCO – Houston RCMP

Reviewed/Approved/Submitted
Insp. Ken Floyd
North District Operations Officer
Bronze Commander - CGL

From: [McDonald, Dwayne](#)
To: [Wayne Rideout](#)
Subject: FW: CGL Update BN December 19, 2021 #1
Date: December 19, 2021 9:21:08 AM

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer, "E" Division

----- Original message -----

From: "Brewer, John" <john.brewer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Date: 2021-12-19 9:06 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Lucki, Brenda" <brenda.lucki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Brennan, Brian" <brian.brennan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Daley, Dennis" <dennis.daley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Whelan, Alison" <Alison.WheLAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Rupa, Sorab" <Sorab.Rupa@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "McDonald, Dwayne" <Dwayne.McDONALD@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Stubbs, Eric" <Eric.Stubbs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, "Brewer, John" <john.brewer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: CGL Update BN December 19, 2021 #1

In the early morning of December 29, a group of protestors moved onto the Marten FSR with vehicles. They threatened on-site security verbally and physically. As there is no planned work, equipment or workers in that area due to the holidays, security left the area. The Morice FSR remains fully open to all traffic.

QRT and DLT members attended the site at first light. They were met by 6 persons in camouflage stating they would only speak with Hereditary Chief Frank Aleck (Woos). No weapons were seen during this interaction.

I have been in contact with CGL VP of Operations and he confirms that work stopped yesterday and all equipment was removed. This area has been undergoing preparation work for drilling under the river to start in February.

QRT, PoJ and DLT are engaged in investigating the possible criminal and injunction breeches. RCMP will continue to investigate, monitor and patrol the Morice FSR.

CIRG will begin planning to remove any protestors at the site as soon as practicable,

Weather in the area of the Marten FSR is poor. The temperature is dropping below -25 Celsius presently.

Further updates upon new information becoming available throughout the day.

Submitted by:

John Brewer

CIRG Gold Commander

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RCMP E Division
Coastal Gas Link
Fiscal Year 2021-22
Expenditures for November 1, 2021 - December 23, 2021

Standard Objects	2021-22 YTD
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Direct Costs	943,234
Indirect and Support Costs	0
Total Costs @ 100%	943,234

Notes:

Expenditures represent those processed and entered in TEAM as of the extraction date

Prepared by: E Division Finance - Provincial Districts

Updated on: February 15, 2022

