



REASONS FOR DECISION

FILE NUMBER: 2412715

APPLICANT: CITY WEST MANAGEMENT CORP.
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BACKGROUND:

This application is part of a comprehensive project to establish fibre optic connectivity along the BC Coast, extending from Prince Rupert to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island. The completed project aims to serve 139 rural and remote communities, including 48 Indigenous communities, benefiting an estimated 175,000 British Columbians in 90,000 households. With an estimated cost of \$45.4 million, funding is secured through provincial and federal government programs. The project involves laying 3,400 km of subsea fiber-optic cable from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, connecting to existing infrastructure. File 2412715 is from Van Anda to Pope Landing.

October 4, 2024

DECISION: PROCESSED - TENURE ISSUED

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Considerations:

- **Land Use Report (LUR)**
I have reviewed the final Land Use Report (LUR) and agree with the analysis and resulting recommendations.
- **Land Act Policy and Procedures**
I was guided by the Utilities Land Act Operational Policy in this decision.
- **Land Status Review**
All overlapping conflicts with other tenures were cleared.
- **Referral Responses**
Referrals to other agencies raised site specific issues with the following landing site locations: Myrtle Point, Barney Bay, and Brew Bay. As a result those sites were removed from the application. Sensitive habitat sites within Agamemnon Channel are being avoided and potential impacts mitigated through re-routing of the optic fibre line to address potential environmental impacts identified through referral.
- **Public Engagement.**



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Public comments were all reviewed and considered which resulted in some minor route shifts to their original application, but none resulted in any material changes to the decision.

- **First Nation Consultation**

First Nation consultation is documented in the consultation record and was fully considered in this decision.

Summary Statement:

All concerns and conflicts related to this application were addressed and/or suitably mitigated, therefore this application is a beneficial use of Crown land.

DECISION MAKER:

Name: Tami Fur

Title: Resource Manager – Authorizations

Delegated authority under *Land Act* s. 11

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