Buzz, Boom, and Bust: The gendered impacts of the speculative phase of resource development in British Columbia



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Why this study?

- Support policy development and planning decisions
- Inform social impact assessment methodologies
- Enhance resiliency, mitigate conflict, and support evidence-based solutions



Hospital Beach, July 2018 (photo M. Sax)

Why Kitimat?

- Deep history and experience of resource development
- Will be the site of Canada's first LNG export facility



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What's the buzz phase?

- The years of speculation, exploration, consultation, planning, and anticipation
- For major projects that may or may not happen



Douglas Channel, July 2018 (photo M. Sax)

LNG export facilities and supporting pipelines in BC, 2010-2019

Proposed

- Cedar LNG
- Kwispaa LNG

Permits issued

- Kitimat LNG
- Pacific Trails Pipeline
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission
- Woodfibre LNG
- Eagle Mountain -Woodfibre Gas Pipeline

Cancelled

- Aurora LNG Digby Island
- Aurora LNG Grassy Point
- Grassy Point LNG
- Pacific Northwest LNG
- Prince Rupert LNG
- WCC LNG

Under Construction

- LNG Canada
- Coastal GasLink Pipeline

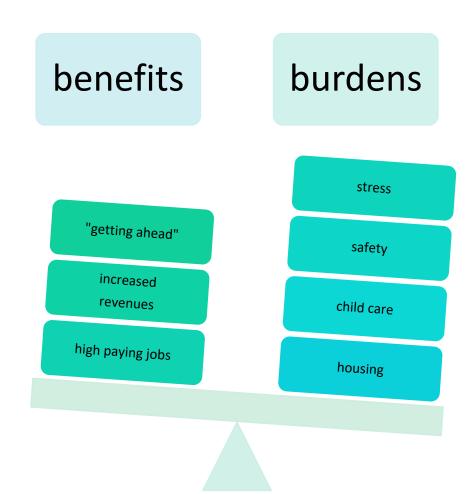
What's gender got to do with it?

- Women, men, and diverse individuals are impacted differently by resource development
- Who can easily access benefits?
- Who carries burdens?



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Some possible social impacts of resource development...



Study activities for 2020

- Interviews with decisionmakers, service providers, and business owners
- Life history interviews with residents
- Focus groups (facilitated discussions)
- Online survey



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