



Squamish Nation Reacts to National Energy Board Report

February 22nd, 2019, North Vancouver — The Squamish Nation is carefully reviewing the National Energy Board Report on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. The Squamish Nation remains opposed to this project and will continue to press the Trudeau government to address a failure to affirm the Squamish Nation's jurisdiction and impact on our rights and interests.

The report highlights what the Squamish Nation has long argued — that the proposed project will have:

- Significant "adverse environmental effects" on orcas and Indigenous culture
- Significant climate pollution
- Significant damage in the event of a worst-case oil spill

"The federal government is using the NEB process to fulfill its constitutional obligations, but many steps remain on this risky and problematic project in light of this report." said Squamish Nation Spokesperson Khelsilem.

"The Squamish Nation has not supported delegation to third-party interests for reviewing and considering impacts to the Squamish rights, territory, and people. The Federal government remains the important player to this process and the Squamish Nation will continue to press to have our rights and jurisdiction upheld" he added.

The Squamish Nation has met with Federal negotiators to understand how they see the next steps in the process but remains opposed. Today's NEB Report is a small step on a long road for the proposed project.

"Our Nation expects our territory and inlet to have the highest protections for our culture, local jobs, and residents. The Trudeau government has been ignoring the scientific evidence the marine impacts on orcas and refusing to do a climate review of this project. We are in a climate emergency and we need to recognize the scale and scope of the emergency and respond accordingly." - Khelsilem, Squamish Nation Spokesperson

The Squamish Nation spokespersons are not available for further comment.

