



To: Squamish Nation Membership

From: Chief Gibby Jacob, Executive Operating Officer  
Squamish Nation Intergovernmental Relations, Natural Resources and  
Revenue Department

Re: Update regarding Kinder Morgan's Proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline  
Expansion Project

Date: February 19, 2014

### **Background**

This is an update to our membership regarding Kinder Morgan's Proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project. In 2012, the Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council passed a Band Council Resolution which took a very strong stand against this proposal, and mandated my department to oversee this important file. In May 14, 2012, Chiefs and Council sent a letter to membership regarding their serious concerns about this issue and inviting Squamish Nation members to provide input and feedback.

On September 1, 2012, the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh signed a Declaration to Protect the Salish Sea. The historic Declaration marked our decision to work collaboratively to prevent Kinder Morgan's proposal to expand the Trans Mountain pipeline, which terminates at the Burrard Inlet, and stop increased oil tanker traffic in the Salish Sea.

### **Update - Intervention Application**

On February 12, 2014, the Squamish Nation submitted its application to participate in the National Energy Board (NEB) hearing for the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (Project). The NEB hearing is to determine whether the Project should be allowed to proceed.



## The Project

The Project is a proposal by Kinder Morgan to expand the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system between Edmonton, AB and Burnaby, BC. If approved, the Project would increase the capacity of the pipeline system **from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels per day**. It would include expansion of the Burnaby Tank Farm and the Westridge Marine Terminal; increase the number of tankers traveling through Burrard Inlet **from 5 to up to 34 tankers per month**; and increase the potential for accidents or spills in Burrard Inlet.



### **Why Participate in the Hearing?**

The Project would increase the concentration of oil storage and shipping in Squamish traditional territory and would result in increased risks and potential impacts to the land, water and resources. Any accident or spill in Burrard Inlet would have a devastating impact on Squamish traditional territory, reserves, and business interests.

In participating in the NEB hearing, we would be able to provide the NEB with information and make submissions on the potential negative impacts of the Project on our community, our reserves, and our Aboriginal rights and title interests. We would also be able to ask questions or request additional information about the Project from Kinder Morgan or others who have filed evidence. In doing so, we hope to provide support for a strong position against the Project.

### **What is Next?**

The NEB reviews all of the applications to participate and determines who is allowed to participate in the hearing (decision anticipated March 2014). Once the NEB has determined whether Squamish can participate in the hearing for the Project, we will provide you with a further update.

The IRNR&R Department is focused on building our Nation and protecting our land and resources, and we take this duty very seriously.

We invite you to send your comments to email:[consultation@squamish.net](mailto:consultation@squamish.net) or by contacting our office at: 1-888-998-0433 or 604-998-0284 (local calls only).

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Sincerely,

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