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The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**
ENGINEERING, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto and Members of Council

From: Julie Lowry, Environmental Sustainability Specialist

SUBJECT: TRANS MOUNTAIN EXPANSION PROJECT MINISTERIAL PANEL

Date: August 24, 2016 File No: 11-5280-01-0001/2016

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the City of North Vancouver's participation in the Trans Mountain Expansion Project Ministerial Panel held on August 19, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The City, as directed by Council in October 2014, participated as an intervenor in the NEB review of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. The City's participation in the process culminated in a final argument opposing the project that was presented to the National Energy Board on January 25, 2016.

Ministerial Panel Submission

In early 2016 the Government of Canada established the Trans Mountain Pipeline Ministerial Panel with the objective to engage with indigenous groups and communities to identify additional views that could be relevant to the Government's final decision. The panel has hosted a number of sessions throughout Alberta and BC, including a local government roundtable at North Vancouver District Hall on August 19, 2016.

The City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver submitted a joint presentation to the panel, delivered by legal counsel from Lidstone and Company. City and North Shore Emergency Management staff attended the session, as did staff and elected officials from the District of West Vancouver.

Other participants in the roundtable included speakers from the District of North Vancouver, the City of Port Moody, Bowen Island Municipality, Gambier Island, and the Islands Trust. Terry Beech, Member of Parliament for Burnaby North – Seymour also attended and presented to the Panel. A well-attended public town hall meeting followed the local government roundtable.

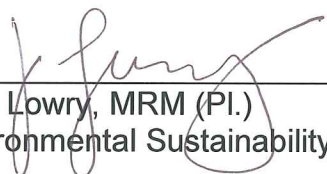
The City's joint submission with the District of West Vancouver focused on areas of concern the National Energy Board did not cover in its review of the project. These concerns related to the NEB review process itself, climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, marine spill risk and emergency management.

Next Steps

A written document of the City's concerns is currently being prepared in conjunction with the District of West Vancouver by Lidstone and Company and will be submitted to the Panel by September 30, 2016. Staff will provide this document to Council via an Information Report.

The Ministerial Panel concluded its sessions in Victoria on August 23, 2016, but continues to gather public input via email and online questionnaires. The panel is scheduled to provide a summary of its findings to the Minister of Natural Resources no later than November 1, 2016. A Federal Cabinet decision on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project is expected by December 2016.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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