

News Release

City of North Vancouver Remains Opposed to Trans Mountain Expansion Project

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Further to the Government of Canada's recent approval of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, the City of North Vancouver remains opposed to the project. Mayor Mussatto and Members of City Council continue to express their concerns regarding the considerable risks associated with marine-based shipping in Burrard Inlet.

City Council believes the Trans Mountain project significantly increases the risk of an oil spill in Burrard Inlet and English Bay. The City and its legal counsel maintain that the risk assessment in the project application understates the likelihood of marine spills and that the project's emergency management plan is inadequate in addressing local response and coordination in the event of a marine based spill which would have significant adverse impacts on the City of North Vancouver and the region.

The City's position is that the project application failed to accurately predict spill trajectories and did not consider the role of local communities assuming the economic, ecological and social burden of an oil spill.

The Trans Mountain Expansion Project proposes to transfer increased volumes of heavy crude oil from Edmonton to Burnaby. It includes the construction of 987 km of new pipeline and the reactivation of 192 km of existing pipeline with the combined capacity to move 890,000 barrels of oil per day. The project scope is a 7-fold increase in the current tanker loading in Burrard Inlet from 5 to 35 tankers a month.

The health and safety of its citizens, the natural environment and community assets remain a priority for North Vancouver City Council. For more information, visit www.cnv.org/TransMountain

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