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City of Burnaby Submits More than 300 pages of Questions on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline and Tank Farm Proposal to the National Energy Board for Response from Kinder Morgan

In response to Kinder Morgan's 15,000-page proposal to triple the amount of oil shipped to and stored in Burnaby (coming from Alberta's oilsands for export via Burrard Inlet), the City of Burnaby today submitted more than 300 pages of information requests to the National Energy Board for response by Kinder Morgan.

"Each one of these questions about Kinder Morgan's poorly planned proposal requires a considered, comprehensive response," says Mayor Derek Corrigan. "These are critical questions that focus on the hundreds of ways in which Kinder Morgan's proposed pipeline and tank farm would threaten our city's safety, security and livability.

"Kinder Morgan seems to think that because they're promising to toss a few tax dollars our way, that they can expect the City and its citizens and businesses to take on the myriad of tremendous risks associated with the construction and operation of this pipeline and tank farm. We know that most of the risks are insurmountable and cannot be overcome with Kinder Morgan's money.

"This proposal will pass on many risks and costs to the City and its residents, without properly considering any of the alternatives – just because this company already has a foot in the door. Nothing can change the fact that the City of Burnaby is the wrong place to put a pipeline, the Westridge Neighbourhood and Burrard Inlet are the wrong place to put a supertanker terminal built to accommodate a sevenfold increase in tanker traffic, and a hill in Forest Grove, adjacent to neighbourhoods, waterways, conservation areas and Simon Fraser University, is the wrong place for a massive tank farm. The more we learn from our police, firefighters, planners and engineers about the risks of Kinder Morgan's proposal, the more we are convinced of this fact. And the more we hear from citizens about their concerns, the more determined we become to stop this proposal. Texas-based Kinder Morgan doesn't seem to care about having social licence to operate or about the detrimental effects their proposal would have on our community; what's surprising and even more frightening is that our provincial and federal governments appear to have the same disinterest in citizens' views.

"The federal government has created a review process that minimizes opportunities for proper reviews of environmental impacts. The number of questions still unanswered shows the need for a proper public hearing.

“This is unacceptable and our information requests to Kinder Morgan make it clear that the City of Burnaby will not stand idly by while Kinder Morgan and our provincial and federal governments focus on enabling huge profits for a foreign corporation at the tremendous expense of our citizens. Without a proper environmental and public review process, no-one should expect that the citizens of Burnaby will accept this pipeline or allow it to be built or to operate. Our concerns have to be addressed.”

Kinder Morgan is required to respond to the City of Burnaby's information requests by June 13, 2014.

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