

## REGIONAL MEETINGS SUMMARY

### Towards Meaningful Indigenous Monitoring of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project

June 26, 2017

#### Introduction

Over the month of June, the Working Group co-developing the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) held seven Regional Meetings, attended by representatives from Indigenous communities, the federal government and the National Energy Board.

The purpose of these meetings was to:

- gather input and seek support for the draft Terms of Reference of the IAMC; and
- select Interim Members to the Indigenous Caucus of the IAMC.

Key points as per the Agenda of the Regional Meetings:

#### Draft Terms of Reference

There was substantial support for the TOR as the recommended draft to be presented to the federal government, and as a document that will continue to adapt and evolve.

**Participation:** The IAMC is a collaborative and meaningful opportunity to integrate Indigenous perspectives and interests into the monitoring and regulation of both the **old** and **new** Trans Mountain pipelines, as well as, the marine terminal and the marine shipping (the “TM Activities” - sec. 2-4).

**Without Prejudice:** The IAMC is an additional forum for engagement between Indigenous communities and the NEB. Participation in the IAMC is “Without Prejudice,” and does not indicate that a community supports or opposes Kinder Morgan’s pipeline expansion project.

Participation does not replace or diminish the government’s duty to consult or accommodate individual Indigenous communities, or diminish Kinder Morgan’s obligations to comply with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

**Shared Longer-Term Vision:** Section 14 of the TOR establishes a mutual intent to deepen the relationship, over time, including through greater involvement in decisions related to the oversight of the “TM activities.”



*(L-R): Tyrone McNeil (Sqéwqel Development Corp.); Patricia John (Chawathil); Margaret McQuiston (National Energy Board); and Naina Sloan (Natural Resources Canada) at the Regional Meeting in Tzeachten on June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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#### Initial Members of the Indigenous Caucus (as of Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>)

Throughout the Indigenous communities, there is a diversity of views about the proposed Trans Mountain expansion. It's the role of the Interim Members to bring to the IAMC the perspective of Indigenous communities impacted by the "TM activities."

To date, the following people have been selected as Interim Members:

Burrard Inlet / Lower Fraser: Carleen Thomas	Vancouver Island - South: Chief Russell Chipps
Fraser Valley: Chief Ernie Crey	Southeastern Vancouver Island: Caitlin Kenney
Okanagan: Chief Harvey MacLeod	Western Approach: Kristine Pearson
Alberta First Nations: Ray Cardinal; Norine Saddleback; and Michelle Wilsdon	

Nominations were open until each nominee had an opportunity to speak at the Regional Meeting. Some Interim Members were voted onto the IAMC, others acclaimed. Where there was a vote, the ballots were tallied by independent consultants (and will be kept on file).

Following selection of the Interim Members:

- There is a 5-day period for communities to contact the Working Group with any concerns they might have.
- Within the next 3 months, communities, if they wish, can contact the IAMC about a process to confirm their Interim Member.
- Over the next year and a half, Interim Members will also help develop the process for selecting IAMC Members going forward.

**Sub-Committees:** Opportunities for Indigenous involvement with the IAMC include participation on subcommittees, where much of the work will be done. These will be established once the IAMC is up and running.

**Alternates** for Interim Members can also be chosen.

#### Next Steps

- Over the next three months, the Interim Members will develop engagement protocols with communities and leadership. Interim Members are committed to listening to the communities and keeping them informed. Resources will be provided to assist them in their work.
- On Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Working Group will meet with Philip Jennings, Associate Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada.

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