

Mid Fraser / Thompson Report

Focus on success.



(L-R): Where the Coquihalla and Fraser rivers meet: Chief Ernie Crey (Cheam); Philip Jennings (Associate Deputy Minister, NRCan); Brian Chambers (IAMC Member for the National Energy Board); and Chief Marcel Shackelly (Nooaitch).

My name is Marcel Shackelly, Interim Member for Mid Fraser / Thompson on IAMC's Indigenous Caucus, and I want to tell you what I'm up to.

I was selected to sit on the Indigenous Caucus at a Regional Meeting that was held in Merritt in June 2017. Chiefs from the Nicola valley and along the Fraser were in attendance.

There are 11 Indigenous members, as well as six senior

representatives from federal departments and the National Energy Board, on the IAMC.

Indigenous members' participation is "without prejudice," meaning that we have members who come from communities that oppose TMX, others who support it.

We avoid the polarization between the pro-pipeline and opposition camps, instead focusing our resources on the highest level of safety for both the existing pipeline and TMX.

In our first year we've built a foundation. I bring my experience to this table as I want to make sure that this shot at IAMC is achievable.

What I really love about what where I live is that we have the four seasons, and more, like: huckleberry season; dipnet season; and bitterroot season. This is how I grew up. I want my son to experience it too.

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Nations in Mid Fraser/Thompson

The IAMC Terms of Reference lists a total of 117 Indigenous communities that are potentially impacted by TMX.

The communities in Mid-Fraser/Thompson are: Lower Nicola; Kanaka Bar; Nooaitch; Coldwater; Shackan; Ashcroft; Boston Bar; Boothroyd; Cook's Ferry; Lytton; Nicomen; Oregon Jack; Siska; Skuppah; and Spuzzum.



Prime Minister Trudeau at the IAMC monthly meeting on June 5th. The Indigenous Caucus presented five key messages to the Prime Minister We also issued a News Release which you can find on page 2 of this report.



NEWS RELEASE

Indigenous Caucus presses Prime Minister Trudeau over purchase of Trans Mountain system.

June 5, 2018

For immediate release

The Indigenous Caucus raised five key concerns, with respect to the government's intended purchase of the Trans Mountain system.

The Indigenous Caucus' key messages to the Prime Minister:

1. The government's decision to buy the Trans Mountain system will have huge impacts on Indigenous nations in the pipeline corridor and shipping lanes. Some Indigenous Caucus members come from nations that support the pipeline, others who are opposed. But all have a shared interest in minimizing the impacts of the TMX expansion and existing pipeline.
2. The IAMC must be transformed from advising government to truly co-managing with government, in a manner consistent with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We urged the Prime Minister to work with us on regulatory changes and protocols in order to make co-management a reality.
3. If the government is going to build the TMX, then it must build it better than Kinder Morgan would have – safer, more respectful of Indigenous rights and title and treaty rights, and fairer in its distribution of economic benefits to affected Indigenous nations.
4. The IAMC must be improved to remove bureaucratic roadblocks and to support the work of the Indigenous Caucus.
5. Although IAMC is not a consultation body, we took the opportunity to urge the Prime Minister that Indigenous nations must be consulted and accommodated regarding the government's decision to buy the Trans Mountain system.

We appreciated the opportunity to have an open and forthright discussion with the Prime Minister. If the Prime Minister wants to bring about real change in the nation-to-nation relationship, we want him to work with us.

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