

BC INTERIOR REGION INDIGENOUS CAUCUS REPORT

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My name is George Lampreau and I am the Indigenous Caucus member representing the Interior of British Columbia on the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion project (IAMC-TMX).

I grew up on the reserve in Chu Chua (Simpchw) and I have built my career in the forestry and fish hatchery industries as both employee and business owner. For the last six years, I have used my knowledge of our lands and resources in my role as a Council member for Simpcw - of which one accomplishment is having set up community hunting camps in Mount Robson Provincial Park and Jasper National Park.

I was nominated in November 2018 by Chief Shelly Loring, Simpcw First Nation to represent the Interior Region on the IAMC-TMX. For more information on the selection process, please refer to our [Indigenous Caucus Selection Report](#).

This committee brings together Indigenous and government representatives to provide advice to federal regulators and to monitor the TMX project, the existing pipeline and the associated marine shipping. The Committee is made up of a 13 member Indigenous Caucus and 6 senior representatives from various federal departments and the National Energy Board.

Since August of 2017, our Committee has made substantive strides towards increasing Indigenous participation in monitoring of the Trans Mountain

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pipeline expansion (TMX). Among other things, in our first 19 months, we:

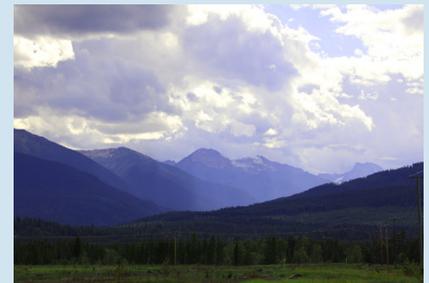
Completed the Indigenous Monitoring Pilot Program - Canada's first-ever Indigenous Monitoring Program with the NEB. Released an expression of interest to include others along the route in a new Monitoring Program.

Created a tri-lateral Monitoring Discussion Forum - to bring together Trans Mountain Corporation, the Committee and the NEB to address Indigenous interests that are not considered through the inspection process.

Initiated a work camps study - to begin gathering resources that

BC Interior Region communities include:

Adams Lake Indian Band (Sexqeltqín)
Bonaparte Indian Band (St'uxwtews)
Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')
High Bar First Nation (Llenlney'ten)
Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
Lhtako Dene Nation
Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band (Skwlax)
Neskonliith Indian Band
Shuswap Indian Band (Kenpésq't)



Simpcw First Nation
Skeetchestn Indian Band (Skítsesten)
Splatsin First Nation (Splatsin)
Stswecem'c / Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek / Dog Creek Indian Band)
TK'emlúps te Secwépemc
Toosey Indian Band (T'esqox)
Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation (Pavilion Indian Band)
Whispering Pines / Clinton Indian Band (Stil'qw / Pelltiq't)
Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc)
Xats u Il First Nation (Soda Creek Indian Band)

communities can use to address the potential negative impacts of work camps on Indigenous communities, specifically women and girls.

Commissioned a labour demand study - to increase awareness of economic development opportunities amongst Indigenous

communities.

Sought the views of Indigenous communities along the pipeline route – by hosting the Indigenous Caucus’ first Line-Wide Gathering, launching a Regional Engagement Coordinator Pilot project, supporting community-led engagement projects and meeting in communities.

During my time with the committee, I have also had the opportunity to participate on two subcommittees: the Indigenous Monitoring subcommittee and the Socio-economic subcommittee.

The IAMC-TMX **Indigenous Monitoring Program** is developing long-term partnerships between Indigenous groups and federal regulators. The federal regulators role is to ensure industry proponents comply with laws, regulations and permit conditions.

This collaborative work has enabled IAMC-TMX Indigenous monitors to participate as full participants in compliance verification activities, including:

NEB: Environmental inspections, safety inspections, emergency management exercises, information exchange meetings

DFO: Fisheries Act authorization site visits, watercourse crossing inspections

Parks Canada: Surveillances.

The IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program marks the first time in Canada that Indigenous communities have directly participated in inspections with federal regulators.

The **Socioeconomic Subcommittee** is focused in two areas:

1. Mitigating the negative impacts of the five work camps associated with the expansion project in communities, and specifically reducing the potential

for harm to Indigenous women and girls;

2. Monitoring the economic participation of Indigenous peoples (procurement, employment, training, etc.) in the project and supporting the capacity of Indigenous communities to participate in these economic opportunities.

You can learn more by reading our [Annual Report](#) on our website.

The IAMC-TMX’s Indigenous Caucus will be hosting its second annual Line Wide Gathering from November 13-14, 2019 in Kelowna, BC.

One purpose of the Gathering is to update the Indigenous communities along the pipeline route on both the work the Committee has completed over the past year and our plans and priorities as we move forward. The other purpose is to hear from the communities about their interests and concerns to inform our work.

During last year’s Line Wide Gathering held in T’sou-ke traditional territory, we received valuable observations, insights and recommendations in the following priority areas:

1. Indigenous Monitoring/ Emergency Management and Response;
2. Impacts of Work Camps;
3. Community Engagement and Communications; and
4. Advice to Government and Regulators.

The full [2018 Line Wide Report](#) is available on our website.

Invitations and more detail on this year’s event will be sent to you shortly. I hope you will be able to join us as I look forward to meeting you in person, if I have not already, and hearing your insights.

