



**Council Member Motion  
For the Special Council Meeting of October 2, 2018**

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**Date:** October 1, 2018

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt, Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Mayor Lisa Helps

**Subject:** Reconsideration of Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project

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**Background:**

On September 20, 2018, the Government of Canada referred the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project application back to the National Energy Board (NEB) for reconsideration, responding to the recent Federal Court of Appeal decision in *Tsleil-Waututh et al v. Canada* (2018) (see Attachment 1). The NEB has 155 days to complete this reconsideration, resulting in an expedited process, with an initial deadline of October 3 for apply to participate in the public hear and provide comment on topics D to E outlined in the letter.

The City of Victoria has participated actively and consistently in the process relating to the NEB's review of the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project, including participating in the public hearings in Burnaby in January 2016 and submitting the attached Letter of Comment, where the City adopted the position of opposition to the project, on the grounds that: "The Project is not in the public interest because the risk to communities located along the tanker shipping route far outweigh any potential benefits." (See Attachment 2).

It is therefore recommended that Council reaffirm its opposition to the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and direct staff to respond to the NEB by the October 3 deadline.

**Recommendations:**

That Council:

- (1) Reaffirms the City of Victoria's position of opposition to the Trans-Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project, on the grounds that the Project is not in the public interest because the risk to communities located along the tanker shipping route far outweigh any potential benefits.
- (2) Directs staff to respond to the National Energy Board by the October 3 deadline, confirming the City of Victoria's interest in participating in the public hearing for the Reconsideration and providing comment on the topics identified in the letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Loveday".

Councillor Loveday

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Mayor Helps

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from National Energy Board, September 26, 2018
2. City of Victoria Written Argument to National Energy Board, January 7, 2016