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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 3. Request that BC Independently Assess and Decide on Kinder Morgan Pipeline Proposal

MOVER: Councillor Adriane Carr

SECONDER:

#### WHEREAS

1. In May 2012, Mayor and Council passed a motion expressing the City of Vancouver's "strenuous opposition to any increase in oil tanker traffic, or measures that lead to increased oil tanker traffic, as it poses an unacceptable and unmitigated risk to Vancouver's economy and environment";
2. Kinder Morgan's proposal to expand its pipeline and export up to five times more Alberta tar sands bitumen in up to 360 tankers per year through the Port of Vancouver will be subject to environmental assessment and it is critical that such assessment be independent, unbiased and thorough;
3. The federal Conservative government has just radically changed and streamlined its environmental assessment processes and has failed to stay neutral and independent on the National Energy Board's environmental assessment of the Northern Gateway (Enbridge) pipeline project, with both the Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources commenting on the "hijacking" of the National Energy Board's hearings on the Enbridge pipeline by environmentalists and that it is in Canada's interest to sell its energy exports to Asia;
4. The Province of BC in June of 2010 signed an *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement* with the National Energy Board to achieve environmental assessment process efficiencies through the Province foregoing its own environmental assessment on listed projects and accepting the National Energy Board's assessment as being equivalent;
5. In abrogating the right to its own environmental assessment under the terms of the *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement*, the Province also abrogates its sovereign right to make a decision on whether or not to approve a project;
6. Kinder Morgan's proposed expansion of its pipeline and crude oil exports has not yet been listed as part of the *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver write to the Government of BC and request that the Province retain its sovereign right to make an independent decision and conduct a provincial environmental assessment regarding the Kinder Morgan pipeline and oil export expansion project by not listing this project in the *Environmental Assessment Equivalency Agreement* with the National Energy Board;

FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver send a copy of this letter to the National Energy Board, Kinder Morgan Canada, all Vancouver MLAs and MPs, Port Metro Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and member municipalities of Metro Vancouver.

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