

MOTION

2. Impacts and Risks of Increased Oil Tanker Traffic

At the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on December 4, 2013, Council received a presentation on the above-noted matter and agreed to consider the following motion Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 18, 2013.

THAT Council direct staff to apply for intervenor status for the City of Vancouver in the National Energy Board (NEB) hearings on the anticipated Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion proposal to advance the following points:

1. The expansion of the pipeline through the Metro Vancouver region and associated increases in tanker traffic pose an unacceptable risk to the City of Vancouver, residents and businesses including, but not limited to, risks to Vancouver and the region's vibrant economy, local environment and parks, infrastructure, financial and legal liability, public health, and our international brand as one of the world's most liveable cities.
2. The City of Vancouver does not agree with the NEB's position that harms caused by the eventual combustion of the fossil fuels carried by the pipeline not be considered as part of the review of impacts on the public interest. Further that the City of Vancouver views an increase in the extraction of fossil fuels intended for combustion, and the increase in greenhouse gases associated with this extraction and combustion, as posing a direct risk to the city as a result of sea-level rise and extreme weather impacts associated with anthropogenic climate change.
3. The City of Vancouver has grave concerns on the following points:
 - that no appropriate emergency response plan is in place from appropriate provincial and federal government agencies; in fact capacity has been reduced in recent years;
 - that the City of Vancouver, its residents and businesses are not indemnified against all financial loss associated with a spill from current or proposed shipments;
 - that full recovery funding is not guaranteed for all affected parties; and
 - that Kinder Morgan and other responsible agencies have not invested in appropriate mitigation efforts to avoid a spill of current shipments.

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