

MOTION ON NOTICE

The following contains amendments to Councillor Carr's original motion, which were accepted by Council.

7. Plebiscite on Kinder Morgan's Plans to Increase Tanker Traffic Through Vancouver Waters

At the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by

WHEREAS

1. Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project, with its plans to increase the number of tankers to an estimated 10 per week carrying Alberta tar sands dilbit (diluted bitumen) to foreign markets through Vancouver water posing increased risks of oil spills and leakages that threaten the health of Vancouver's citizens, environment, shorelines, beaches and tourism economy;
2. The export of increased quantities of tar sands oil exacerbates global warming by increasing the mining and burning of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, threatening Vancouver's greenest city goals of climate leadership and threatening the city through rising sea levels, acidification of the ocean, increased and more severe storm events and increased summer droughts;
3. City Council passed a motion on February 28 2012 that ensure that the public has ample and appropriate opportunity to inform Council's formal input to the Kinder Morgan National Energy Board (NEB) application;
4. The NEB hearings scheduled to start in January 2015 on the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project is streamlining and fast-tracking the approval process through limiting public participation compared to previous NEB hearings by denying thousands of people who applied to participate the chance to be heard, limiting commentators to just a one-page written statement with no possibility of presenting oral statements as were allowed in previous hearing processes and not allowing intervenors to question witnesses;
5. The City of Vancouver is an intervenor in the Kinder Morgan NEB hearings and it is advantageous and incumbent to report citizens views on the project, which can most thoroughly be obtained through a plebiscite prior to the hearings;

6. The City of Kitimat held a plebiscite in April 2014 on the proposed Enbridge pipeline project which brought about robust public education and debate and resulted in a 58.4 per cent vote against the proposed Enbridge pipeline project with a 62 per cent voter turnout.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council add a plebiscite question to the November 15, 2014 election ballot on Kinder Morgan's plans to increase oil tanker traffic through Vancouver's harbour and the ocean waters adjacent to Vancouver's shores.

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