

Motion on Notice

2. Proposed Expansion of Trans Mountain Pipeline

Mover: Commissioner Sharma

Seconder: Commissioner

WHEREAS:

1. Kinder Morgan has recently announced plans to pursue the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline to nearly triple its capacity to transport crude oil through Burrard Inlet;
2. If the proposed expansion occurred, it would result in larger tankers transporting crude oil at a high frequency through Burrard Inlet;
3. The Vancouver Park Board is mandated to provide, preserve and advocate for parks for the benefit of all citizens of Vancouver;
4. The Vancouver Park Board manages 24 kilometers of waterfront along Burrard Inlet, English Bay and False Creek including many beaches and parks such as Stanley Park;
5. The Vancouver Park Board has invested and continues to invest in projects to restore the natural environment around our waterways including the creation of a salt water marsh at New Brighton Park and the restoration of Jericho Wharf;
6. Our waterfront spaces are an integral component of Vancouver's recreational lifestyle;
7. The increase in oil tanker traffic through Burrard Inlet places our waterfront at greater risk of contamination from an oil spill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board is strongly opposed to any expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.