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North East BC Resource Municipalities Coalition Response to Trans Mountain Announcement

North East BC - All Canadians stand to lose if Kinder Morgan cancels the Trans Mountain Expansion project, not just Alberta. This \$7.4 billion project has received both Government of Canada and British Columbia approval and is now at risk of being cancelled due to unconstitutional obstruction. We must act immediately to prevent the loss of thousands of construction and energy jobs, and billions in tax revenue.

85% of British Columbians believe natural resources are good for BC's future (2017 Ipsos Reid). Those British Columbians recognize that the economic prosperity of BC is directly linked to the health of our resource industries.

International investors including those in the resource sector rely on the security provided by the rule of law; we must ensure that the world can take the Governments of Canada and British Columbia at its word when it issues project approvals.

The Government of BC has taken strong steps towards an evidence-based decision-making model with the approval of Site C, a LNG tax regime, and commitment for an energy roadmap. We encourage the Government to continue their advocacy for the rule of law in resource development projects and actively support Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion.

"The Northeast BC region supplies condensate liquids that are used to dilute bitumen, which is then transported through pipelines such as Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline. We have a stake in this fight too," – Mayor Rob Fraser (District of Taylor)

"This week the Feds announced a \$300,000 study to determine why the Canadian Oil and Gas Sector is stalling. Save that money; this is why." – Mayor Bill Streeper (Northern Rockies Regional Municipality)

"Access to tidewater for Canadian products, ALL Canadian products, is a constitutional right. As Canadians and as British Columbians we must stand firm on this issue." – Mayor Don McPherson (District of Tumbler Ridge)

"For well over 200 years our natural resource sector has supported Canadian families and communities. Over those many years, technologies and regulations have allowed us to be leaders in extraction. It is time to ensure our continued prosperity by speaking out. Stand firm and say YES." - Mayor Lori Ackerman (Fort St. John)



"The Engine of BC's Economic Future"

Stop playing politics with Canadian citizens' livelihoods. Stand together, say YES, be heard. Don't let the forces of NO be the only voice. Your future depends on it!

The Northeast Resource Municipalities Coalition (the "Coalition") was formed to protect and enhance the existing quality of life and level of services for citizens in the Peace Region and Northern Rockies while facilitating resource development in North Eastern British Columbia. The current members are the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (the "NRRM"), the District of Tumbler Ridge, the City of Fort St. John and the District of Taylor.

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