



Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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Department: Administration

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The Honourable John Horgan and Cabinet
Premier of BC
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Dear Premier Horgan and Cabinet:

In 2015, the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District passed a resolution showing its support for the Trans Mountain pipeline twinning project. We are writing to you to express our concerns regarding your government's position on the project and request that you consider the many reasons that this project should proceed and get back on track.

We ask, "Is a pipeline not a safer vehicle for the delivery of this natural resource? Is it better to have hundreds of thousands of tanker cars travelling along rails through communities and next to our important waterways? What about the impact of trucking this resource along our highways with our motoring population?" The answer to these questions is definitely that the pipeline is far safer than rail and road. The Trans Mountain Pipeline has been operational for more than 60 years with an exceptional history of corporate citizenship, safety and emergency response.

This pipeline project was the subject of rigorous federal and provincial reviews and is meeting federal and provincial conditions. Many of these conditions ensure that the highest possible level of environmental protection is achieved. The delays come at a cost to our reputations on a world stage as a place for investment and job creation. Changing the rules after approval is unfair to the stakeholders who respected the process and is a fundamental departure from our historical approval system. The stakes are high. Many small business owners, construction workers, people who support their families in manufacturing and First Nations are now caught in the crossfire as a result of the uncertainty surrounding the project's future. To achieve many of the priorities of government, from creating good paying jobs, to easing affordability concerns, to spending more on housing, education, affordable housing and healthcare, the province and our local governments need this investment and the revenue that will flow from this \$7.4 billion investment in our economy.

We face losing hundreds of jobs and small businesses and billions in new tax revenues for schools, hospitals, affordable housing, municipalities and roads. At risk is our reputation as a place for safe and secure investment. By choosing rail and road as the means of transporting oil through our region, the safety of our citizens and the environment will be severely compromised.

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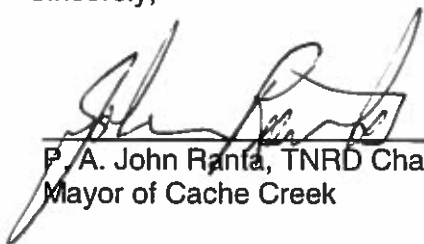
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Trans Mountain Pipeline
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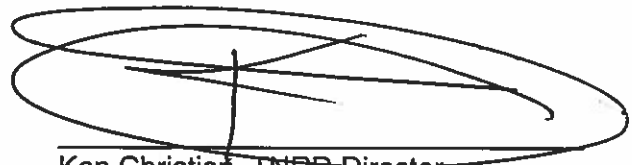
Our support remains strong for the completion of this project that will bring economic opportunities not only to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District through local investment, property taxes, landowner compensation and regional employment but also to this province and our country. If the project is not carried out, we run the risk of jeopardizing economic prosperity, the environment and the safety of our communities and residents.

We urge you to support this approved project before we do further damage to the province's reputation. It is time to move this project forward.

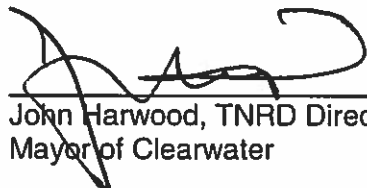
Sincerely,



P. A. John Ranta, TNRD Chair
Mayor of Cache Creek



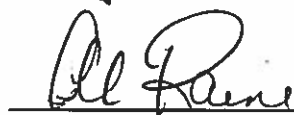
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