



### Aboriginal Consultation

The purpose of Trans Mountain's Aboriginal Engagement Program is to provide an open, transparent and inclusive process for Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups regarding the proposed pipeline expansion project.

The Program engages land-based Aboriginal communities along the pipeline route in BC and Alberta. It also engages Aboriginal communities in the vicinity of the BC south coast marine corridor for oil tankers served by Westridge Marine Terminal in Burrard Inlet.

Starting in April 2012, Trans Mountain engaged with more than 100 Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups to provide comprehensive information and seek feedback on the Project, and identify anticipated impacts on the assertion of Aboriginal rights and title governing traditional and cultural use of the land and marine environment.

The Program uses a comprehensive process, unique to Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups, led by experienced engagement advisors in Alberta and BC. The process is flexible, allowing each community and group to engage in meaningful dialogue in the manner they choose, and in a way that meets their objectives and values. Engagement methods include Project letters, meetings, phone conversations, email dialogue and public open houses. Additionally, information is shared through Project newsletters and website.

At the time of filing this application to the National Energy Board, Trans Mountain had more than 8,000 points of engagement with Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups relating to the Project.

Additionally, Trans Mountain has executed 46 agreements including Letters or Memorandums of Understanding, capacity funding, and integrated cultural assessments with an aggregate total dollar commitment to date exceeding \$6 million. A total of 37 communities have participated in Traditional Land Use studies, nine communities in Traditional Marine Use studies and 28 communities in Traditional Ecological Knowledge studies.

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Volume 3B of the Application to the NEB provides information on the Aboriginal Engagement Program and the engagement activities conducted to date with each Aboriginal community and Aboriginal group. Detailed information on results stemming from Traditional Land Use studies, Traditional Marine Use studies, Traditional Ecological Knowledge and socio-economic research are detailed in Volumes 5A, 5B and 8A.

In socio-economic interviews and other engagement activities, Aboriginal communities identified employment, job skills training and other economic benefits as key positive opportunities in relation to the project. Trans Mountain, collectively with Aboriginal communities and others, is seeking to provide procurement, employment and workforce development opportunities, and consider Mutual Benefit Agreements.



Through the Project's Aboriginal Procurement Policy, Trans Mountain is actively working to connect with Aboriginal businesses offering services or products relevant to Project construction or operation.

Equipment and materials could be staged on reserve/community land during construction. Aboriginal people seeking employment and training could be afforded opportunities for training and employment in association with construction of the pipeline and existing Aboriginal businesses could be contracted to provide services.

In some instances the Aboriginal workforce has a limited capacity to take skilled jobs and is seeking training opportunities to enhance transferrable skills. Trans Mountain is developing a Training and Employment Program that will support Aboriginal training opportunities related to skills needed for employment. A \$1.5 million funding program has been established to contribute to education and training initiatives that focus on pipeline construction and related skills that are transferable and allow for employment in many work environments.

Through the Program, it is anticipated that members of the Aboriginal labour force in the socio-economic regional study area will increase their skill level in areas that are transferrable to other activities in the regional economy. For example, enhanced skills in environmental monitoring and emergency response, as well as general construction readiness skills, are transferrable over a wide range of future projects and economic activity.

Where new investment in oil spill preparedness and response capacity is required, Trans Mountain will seek to maximize the benefit to Aboriginal communities along the pipeline and marine corridor.

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Trans Mountain understands that consultation is a process and not an event, and will be continuing its efforts to build positive long-term relationships with the Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups that might have an interest in the Project or have Aboriginal interests potentially affected by the Project.

Trans Mountain continues its liaison with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the Government of Canada's Major Projects Management Office, the BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and the Alberta Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to provide updates regarding Trans Mountain's engagement activities with Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal groups.



*This brief is intended as a general review of content from the December 16, 2013, Trans Mountain Expansion Project submission to the National Energy Board, and not a substitute for the actual content of the submission. Please refer to the submission for a full description of the Project.*