

Secwepemc Trans Mountain Oversight Plenary (STOP) C/O George Manuel Institute
Unit B – 5836 Trans Canada Hwy
Chase, BC, V0E 1M0

Dear Friends and Allies,

## Re: Kinder Morgan Pipeline – No Secwepemc Consent Request for donations

The grassroots Secwepemc Trans Mountain Oversight Plenary is mobilizing to resist the Trans Mountain Pipeline that is being proposed by Kinder Morgan in the northern part of our traditional territory. It is urgent that we stop Kinder Morgan from building the pipeline that would carry 900,000 barrels a day of diluted bitumen, a highly explosive neurotoxin, through 518 km of our traditional Secwepemc territory. If we allow, it would pose a serious risk to several hundred streams and rivers that flow into the Fraser Basin. Kinder Morgan is proposing to build the pipeline as near as 700 metres to the headwaters which has been designated special status in the Canadian Heritage River Management System!

The pipeline not only poses a serious risk to the drinking water for all the communities downstream, it also threatens habitat for endangered species of wild salmon and Woodland Caribou. As grassroots Secwepemc we are concerned for the health and wellbeing of our present and future generations, and conserving our biodiversity and cultural heritage that benefits all people. We are challenged to mobilize with little or no financial or administrative support outside of the governance and administrative system that is the root cause of the problem. Therefore, we are looking for donations of funding, supplies, tools, and equipment for communications, media, travel to planning meetings and camps, and resistance camp logistics.

Your donation would help us organize "on the ground" resistance camps, and would also support the development of education materials and toolkits that will promote renewable energy, adaptation to climate change, and healthy alternatives to employment in the dirty fossil fuel industry. The community based economic plans will include developing partnerships with sustainable energy organizations who are willing to provide training for jobs in that rapidly growing renewable energy sector.

If you are able to donate money, supplies, or equipment outlined above, we would be happy to publicly acknowledge your contributions and place your business logo on our website, promotional materials, and social media. Please send donations of cash via e transfer to <a href="mailto:tellqelmucw@gmail.com">tellqelmucw@gmail.com</a>, or mail a cheque or money order to Janice Billy, Treasurer, George Manuel Institute, Unit B – 5836 Trans Canada Highway, Chase, BC, V0E 1M0.

Feel free to contact Dawn Morrison with any further questions regarding this request at (778) 879.5106. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and generosity. Together we can ensure a healthier world for present and future generations!

Sincerely,

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