

TS'ELXWÉYEQW TRIBE & KINDER MORGAN

Regional Community Meetings: Negotiations Update – December 1, 2016

In November, we held two community meetings regarding a potential agreement about the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) to: update on and consider continuing negotiations, answer questions, and hear concerns. **Thank you** to everyone who showed up to share – **key points raised by members are summarized on the next page.**

Federal Government Approves Kinder Morgan – What does this mean for us?

The federal government has now given approval for Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) – **but it's up to members to decide if we should support the agreement.**

Because we did not have a signed agreement with government or Kinder Morgan, and we were concerned conversations with Kinder Morgan may not continue with us once federal approval was given, we made alternate plans.

The Chiefs and Councils of the communities believe our people should decide whether or not we have an agreement with TMEP instead of missing out altogether. To make this happen, the Chiefs signed a conditional Mutual Benefits Agreement (MBA). **This gives us the time to allow our community's voices to be heard and to make a decision on this important issue.** In early 2017, our people will vote on whether or not they support an agreement with Kinder Morgan on the proposed Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

What We Heard

When making difficult decisions, it is important to look at both sides of the argument to make the most informed decision. We honour the members who stood up and voiced their opinions at the regional community meetings.

Environmental

- **Active Participation:** Signing an agreement increases our ability to have a voice in safeguarding against environmental risks.
- **Non-Participation:** Concerns over the assumption that this project is being accepted as 'inevitable' — there was encouragement of leadership to not make decisions based on this assumption. Instead, more actively participate with other communities along the line in opposition.
- **Impartial Arbitration:** If the project went forward, it was raised that in the event of a spill any arbitration should be impartial to ensure KM is held accountable.

Jobs and Contracting

- **Job Creation:** Members had concerns that KM would minimize the local job opportunities created and asked leadership to ensure this is addressed.

Financial Compensation

- **Financial Distribution:** Some members were concerned with how financial compensation would be split between the communities.
- **Compensation Package:** Some members felt that the compensation package, as presented on November 8th and 9th, was not quite sufficient and should be increased.

Decision-Making Process

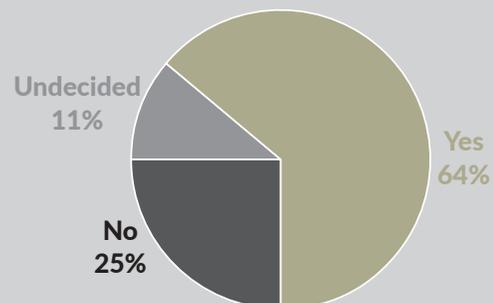
- **Making Decisions:** The decision-making process regarding the KM TMEP was discussed briefly. With this feedback, leadership will decide how to move forward while ensuring the voices of community members are represented.

Involving Members: Negotiations Poll

At the end of both regional meetings, we asked members to complete a quick poll.

While the attendance at the meetings was limited, those who did participate demonstrated a clear indication to leadership there is an interest to continue advancing negotiations regarding an agreement.

Do you support advancing negotiations regarding an agreement with KMC?



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