

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Seeking communities or organizations interested in partnering with the IAMC-TMX to deliver an Indigenous Monitoring Program

Deadline to submit: March 13, 2019, 11:59 pm PST

Submissions and questions: nrcan.tmxcommittee-comitetmx.nrcan@canada.ca

Objectives

The Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (IAMC-TMX or “the Committee”) is intended to form the basis of a new relationship between Indigenous communities, the Government of Canada and the National Energy Board. Read the Terms of Reference and find out more about the Committee at <http://www.iamc-tmx.com>.

One of the Committee’s objectives is to integrate Indigenous knowledge, values, and perspectives into the monitoring of the environmental, safety, and socio-economic aspects of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, should it proceed.

To this end, IAMC-TMX is implementing an Indigenous Monitoring Program, in which IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitors will participate in inspections, site visits, and compliance verification of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, should it proceed, with federal regulators including the National Energy Board and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a ground-breaking initiative that is creating the foundations of long-term partnerships between Indigenous communities and federal regulators. The Committee is looking for strategic and creative partners to build on the framework developed and lessons learned through the Committee’s pilot project, in which Indigenous Monitors participated in inspections and emergency management activities with regulators from December 2017 to November 2018.

The Committee intends to partner with several of the 117 Indigenous communities potentially impacted by Trans Mountain activities (as listed in Appendix A of IAMC-TMX Terms of Reference) or their affiliated organizations, corporations, and partnerships. It will seek a set of partners that appropriately represent the diversity of geography and culture of potentially impacted Indigenous groups and are able to work with others in their region.

At this time, IAMC-TMX is seeking expressions of interest from eligible communities or organizations interested in partnering with the Committee to continue to develop and deliver the Indigenous Monitoring Program and employ Indigenous Monitors. Partner Communities or Organizations will work with the Committee to deliver the monitoring program, including through the provision of logistical, financial, technical, and engagement support to Indigenous Monitors (please see below for details of the potential roles and responsibilities of Indigenous Monitors and Partners).

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How to submit

If your community or organization is interested in partnering with the Committee on the IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program, please complete the attached Expression of Interest Form and send it to nrcan.tmxcommittee-rncan.comitetmx@canada.ca by: **March 13, 2019, 11:59 pm PST.**

Contact us to discuss other funding available

Another Committee objective is to support community priorities through the IAMC-TMX Capacity Funding Program. To this end, the Committee is also interested in hearing from potentially impacted Indigenous communities about their goals and projects related to Indigenous monitoring, Indigenous inclusion in emergency management, and other priorities (see Frequently Asked Questions below).

Please contact us at any time to discuss the IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program, how the Committee can support your community or organization's priorities through the IAMC-TMX Capacity Funding Program, or the Committee's activities.

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Roles and responsibilities of Partner Communities or Organizations

Potential roles and responsibilities of Partners selected through this Call may include the following:

1. Identify, prepare, and employ Monitors

- Identify and hire Indigenous Monitors
- Coordinate, procure, and ensure Monitors have required training and certifications as determined by the Committee, which may include safety, traditional knowledge, and policy training
- Procure and ensure Monitors have required personal protective equipment
- Ensure Monitors complete background checks or confidentiality agreements as required
- Procure and ensure Monitors are covered by appropriate insurance, including Workers' Compensation Board coverage and appropriate liability insurance
- Develop and/or maintain appropriate health and safety practices and culture

2. Support Monitors' participation in regulatory site visits and compliance verification activities

- Coordinate Indigenous Monitors' participation in regulatory site visits and compliance verification activities (e.g. confirming Monitors' availability, scheduling travel logistics)
- Ensure Monitors complete required documentation (e.g. monitoring reports)
- Support Monitors' engagement with communities at local or regional level

3. Administer financial documentation and reporting

- Administer Monitors' salary and travel expense reimbursement associated with training, engagement, and monitoring activities
- Complete necessary financial and activity reports, provide feedback

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Roles and responsibilities of individual IAMC Indigenous Monitors

An overview of the potential roles and responsibilities of individual IAMC Indigenous Monitors is provided below. Monitors will be required to provide a background check. **Please note: The Committee anticipates that IAMC Indigenous Monitor will be a part-time position with variable start and end dates.**

Preparation/training

1. Obtain any required safety or skills certifications or training as determined by the Committee, proponent, and/or regulator
2. Obtain any required personal protective equipment as determined by the Committee, proponent, and/or regulator

Pre-activity

3. Work with regulator staff before activities to provide input regarding protection of Indigenous interests into scopes of inspections
4. Engage with Indigenous communities, Elders, knowledge keepers, and other technical specialists
5. Read and review relevant documentation, including: filings and plans submitted by the proponent; studies and evidence provided to regulators by Indigenous communities; and regulatory policies and procedures (e.g. mitigation measures for sites of interest and protocols for cultural artifacts found in construction zones).

Activity

6. Participate in in-field regulatory activities, including:
 - a. Travel to remote locations and stay overnight for extended periods of time;
 - b. Walking active oil and gas construction sites in rough terrain in all weather conditions; and
 - c. Exposure to hazards with heightened potential for injury.
7. Provide input to regulatory staff regarding Indigenous perspectives, including traditional and contemporary land use, cultural artifacts, traditional ecological knowledge, heritage resources, culturally significant, and/or spiritual or sacred sites and regions.
8. Provide input to regulatory staff regarding environmental, safety, and/or socioeconomic aspects of the project
9. Provide input, where appropriate, on corrective actions when non-compliance is identified
10. Take notes and/or photos recording relevant observations in notebook or on a computer

Post-activity

11. Write reports and complete documentation as required, including providing input and/or co-authoring regulatory reports
12. Meet with the regulator, IAMC, and/or proponent to discuss results of regulatory activities.

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Frequently asked questions

1. Who is eligible to apply?

The Committee intends to partner with several of the 117 Indigenous groups potentially impacted by Trans Mountain activities (as listed in Appendix A of IAMC-TMX Terms of Reference (ToR)) or their affiliated organizations, corporations, and partnerships. Eligible recipients include:

- a) Indigenous communities or governments (including Indian Act bands, self-governing First Nations, Métis community organizations, modern treaty implementation organizations including economic development corporations, etc.);
- b) Tribal Councils, or entities that fulfill a similar function (e.g. general council);
- c) National, provincial, regional, and local Indigenous organizations;
- d) Indigenous (majority owned and controlled) validly incorporated or registered for-profit organizations and corporations and not-for-profit organizations and corporations
- e) Where fully endorsed by an Indigenous partner organization or community:
 - i. Provincial, territorial, municipal, and regional governments;
 - ii. Academic institutions and research associations working with an Indigenous partner organization; and
 - iii. Non-Indigenous validly incorporated or registered not-for-profit organizations.

2. Is this program related to Crown consultations?

The IAMC-TMX is not a rights-holding or representative body. It is an additional collaborative forum for engagement between Indigenous groups, regulators and government. All parties participate in Committee activities on a “without prejudice” basis.

3. Is the Committee supporting projects related to community priorities other than Monitoring?

In addition to the IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program, the IAMC-TMX allocates funding to pursue Committee and community priorities related to the Trans Mountain activities. Priorities include:

- Indigenous monitoring
- Indigenous inclusion in emergency prevention, preparedness and response
- Mitigating the impacts of work camps
- Maximizing knowledge-gathering and promoting information sharing, including Indigenous knowledge
- Supporting employment, training and business opportunities

4. How is the IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program different from a proponent Aboriginal Construction Monitoring Program?

The IAMC-TMX Indigenous Monitoring Program is funded by the federal government and creates opportunities for Indigenous monitors to participate in federal regulatory inspections, site visits, and compliance verification activities (e.g. emergency management exercises).

It is distinct from any Aboriginal Construction Monitoring Program the proponent may establish and fund.

5. If my community or organization participates in this Program, does that indicate that we support the Trans Mountain Expansion Project?

Participation in the IAMC-TMX or its activities is entirely “without prejudice” to the Government’s, the NEB’s and the Indigenous Communities’ positions on the expansion project. Participation does not indicate a community supports or does not oppose the Trans Mountain project. Read our Terms of Reference and find out more at <http://www.iamc-tmx.com>.

Find out more about Capacity Funding available through the IAMX-TMX on our website:

<http://www.iamc-tmx.com>.

You can also contact the IAMC-TMX Secretariat at nrcan.tmxcommittee-comitetmx.nrcan@canada.ca to discuss your priorities.

APPENDIX A: INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Western Approach

Ditidaht First Nation	Huu-ay-aht First Nations
Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations	Pacheedaht First Nation
Toquaht Nation	Uchucklesaht Tribe
Ucluelet First Nation	

Vancouver Island - South

Esquimalt Nation	Malahat Nation
Pauquachin First Nation	Scia'new (Beecher Bay) Indian Band
Songhees (Lekwungen) Nation	Tsartlip First Nation
Tsawout First Nation	Tseycum First Nation
T'Sou-ke First Nation	

Southeastern Vancouver Island

Cowichan Tribes	Halalt First Nation
Lake Cowichan First Nation	Lyackson First Nation
Penelakut Tribe	Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nation
Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nation	Stz'uminus (Chemainus) First Nation

Burrard Inlet / Lower Fraser

Katzie First Nation	Kwikwetlem First Nation
Musqueam Indian Band (Xwməθkwəyəm)	Semiahmoo First Nation
Squamish Nation (Skwxwú7mesh)	Tsawwassen First Nation
Tsleil-Waututh Nation	

Fraser Valley

Aitchelitz Band (Athelets)	Chawathil First Nation
Cheam First Nation	Kwantlen First Nation
Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation (QweQwe'opelhp)	Leq'a:mel First Nation
Matsqui First Nation	Peters First Nation
Popkum First Nation	Scowlitz (Sq'ewlets)
Seabird Island Indian Band (Sq'ewqel)	Shxw'ōwhámel First Nation
Shxwhá:y Village	Skawahlook First Nation (Sq'ewá:lxw)
Skowkale First Nation (Sq'ewqéyl)	Skwah First Nation
Soowahlie First Nation (Th'ewá:li)	Squiala First Nation (Sxwoyehálá)
Sts'ailes Nation	Sumas First Nation (Sema:th)

Tzeachten First Nation (Ch'iyaqtel)	Union Bar First Nation
Yakweawkwoose First Nation (Yeqwyeqwi:ws)	Yale First Nation

Mid-Fraser / Thompson

Ashcroft Indian Band	Boothroyd Band
Boston Bar Band	Coldwater Indian Band (C'eletkwmx or Ntsla'tko)
Cook's Ferry Indian Band	Kanaka Bar Indian Band
Lower Nicola Indian Band (Shulus)	Lytton First Nation
Nicomien Indian Band	Nooaitch Indian Band (Nooaitch)
Oregon Jack Creek Band	Shackan Indian Band (Shackan)
Siska Indian Band	Skuppah First Nation
Spuzzum First Nation	

BC Interior

Adams Lake Indian Band (Sexqeltqín)	Bonaparte Indian Band (St'uxwtews)
Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')	High Bar First Nation (Llenlney'ten)
Lheidli T'enneh First Nation	Lhtako Dene Nation
Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band (Skwlax)	Neskonlith Indian Band
Shuswap Indian Band (Kenpésq't)	Simpcw First Nation
Skeetchestn Indian Band (Skítsesten)	Splatsin First Nation (Splatsín)
Stswecem'c / Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek / Dog Creek Indian Band)	Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
Toosey Indian Band (Tl'esqox)	Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation (Pavilion Indian Band)
Whispering Pines / Clinton Indian Band (Stil'qw / Pelltíq't)	Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc)
Xat'súll First Nation (Soda Creek Indian Band)	

Okanagan

Lower Similkameen Indian Band (Smelqmix)	Okanagan Indian Band
Osoyoos Indian Band	Penticton Indian Band
Upper Nicola Band	Upper Similkameen Indian Band
Westbank First Nation	

Alberta First Nations

Alexander First Nation (Kipohtakaw)	Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
Enoch Cree Nation	Ermineskin Cree Nation
Horse Lake First Nation	Louis Bull Tribe
Montana First Nation	O'Chiese First Nation
Paul First Nation	Samson Cree First Nation

Stoney Nakoda First Nation (Iyarhe Nakoda)	Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
Sucker Creek First Nation	Sunchild First Nation
Whitefish (Good fish) Lake First Nation / Saddle Lake Cree Nation	

British Columbia Métis

BC Métis Federation	Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society
Métis Nation of BC	

Alberta Métis

Lac Ste. Anne (Gunn Métis - Local Council #55)	Métis Nation of Alberta
Mountain Métis Nation Association	