

MID-FRASER/THOMPSON REGION INDIGENOUS CAUCUS REPORT

Chief Marcel Shackelly



Hi,

My name is Chief Marcel Shackelly, Member for the Mid-Fraser/Thompson Region of the Indigenous Caucus on the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion and Existing Pipeline (IAMC-TMX or the Committee).

On October 3, 2018, Chief Ernie Crey, Indigenous Co-Chair of the Committee at the time, sent a letter to all communities, which enclosed a nomination form and additional information on the member nomination process. I was nominated by Chief Jordan Joe (Shackan) and subsequently elected to represent the region for a term of three years. For more information on the selection process, please refer to our [Indigenous Caucus Selection Report](#).

I was re-elected for a second term as Chief of Nooaitch Indian Band in November 2016. I studied at Simon Fraser University (Bachelor's in Economic Development); Nicola

Valley Institute of Technology (Business Administration and Management); and the British Columbia Institute of Technology (Computer Systems). For more information about me, please see my [bio](#) on the IAMC-TMX website.

The IAMC-TMX brings together Indigenous and government representatives to provide advice to federal regulators and to monitor the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project, the existing pipeline and the associated marine shipping. The Committee is made up of a 13 member Indigenous Caucus and six

“What I really love about where I live is that we have more than the four seasons, like: bitterroot season; dipnet season; and huckleberry season. This is how I grew up. I want my sons and future generations to experience it too.”

senior representatives from various federal departments and the National Energy Board. Together, we represent a diversity of views about the project and all parties participate “without prejudice.” This means that participating in the work of the Committee does not indicate that an Indigenous community supports or opposes the project. It means all members have a shared interest in making the pipeline, expansion and marine shipping as safe as possible

Nations in Mid Fraser/Thompson Region:

The IAMC-TMX Terms of Reference lists a total of 129 Indigenous communities along the pipeline corridor.



The communities in Mid-Fraser/Thompson are:
Lower Nicola; Kanaka Bar; Nooaitch; Coldwater; Shackan; Ashcroft; Boston Bar; Boothroyd; Cook's Ferry; Lytton; Nicomen; Oregon Jack; Siska; Skuppah; and Spuzzum.

and waters.

Since the Committee's inception in August 2017, we have made substantive strides towards increasing Indigenous participation in monitoring of the TMX. In our first 19 months, we created a unique Indigenous/Government partnership,

which is focused on shared interest in protection of lands and waters, pipeline safety and respect for Indigenous rights, knowledge and traditions. We completed the Indigenous Monitoring Pilot Program, Canada's first-ever Indigenous Monitoring Program with the National Energy Board. We released an expression of interest this March to include others along the route in a new Monitoring Program. We also participated in five major emergency management training exercise to identify barriers to Indigenous involvement in emergency management to determine how we can best influence change.

In addition to being a Committee member, I am also a member of the Indigenous Monitoring Subcommittee and Socioeconomic Subcommittee.

Indigenous communities across the route share an interest in Indigenous monitoring and oversight of the TMX project. They want to make sure that if the project is built, it is built as safe as possible and with the greatest possible protection for the environment and for Indigenous rights and interests. In the first 19 months, the IAMC-TMX has responded to this interest by supporting programs and projects that put Indigenous "boots on the ground" and "eyes on the water". Specifically, we put Indigenous boots on the ground for 16 on-site inspections across the route from Burnaby, BC, to Hinton, AB.

The work of the Socioeconomic is focused on two main areas: mitigating the potential impacts of pipeline construction work camps on Indigenous communities, particularly women and girls; and monitoring the economic participation of Indigenous peoples (procurement, employment, training, etc.) in the project and supporting the capacity of Indigenous communities to participate in these economic opportunities. We began laying the foundation with regulators and government to consider the social and cultural effects of work camps on communities. In addition, we just launched a study that will review camp and

community documentation; regulatory practices from other jurisdictions; and an analysis of the issues raised by communities that may not be addressed in current policies and plans.

For more information on the Committee and the work of the Subcommittees, please see our [Annual Report](#).

The IAMC-TMX's Indigenous Caucus will be hosting its second annual Line Wide Gathering from November 13-14, 2019 in Kelowna, BC. One purpose of the Gathering is to update the Indigenous communities along the pipeline route on both the work the Committee has completed over the past year and our plans and priorities as we move forward. The other purpose is to hear from the communities about their interests and concerns to inform our work.

During last year's Line Wide Gathering held in T'sou-ke traditional territory, we received valuable observations, insights and recommendations in the following priority areas:

1. Indigenous Monitoring/ Emergency Management and Response;
2. Impacts of Work Camps;
3. Community Engagement and Communications; and
4. Advice to Government and Regulators.

The full 2018 Line Wide Report is available on our website.

Invitations and more detail on this year's event will be sent to you shortly. I hope you will be able to join us as I look forward to meeting you in person, if I have not already, and hearing your insights.

