

INDIGENOUS



Advisory and Monitoring Committee
Trans Mountain Expansion and Existing Pipeline

Hello <<First Name>>,

You're receiving this newsletter because you subscribed to, or are directly involved with, the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion ([IAMC-TMX](#)).

We're pleased to send this first newsletter to share updates and progress as part of our commitment to Do More, Be More, and Be Better.



The IAMC-TMX provides collaborative, inclusive, and meaningful Indigenous involvement in reviewing and monitoring environmental, safety and socioeconomic issues related to the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX)

project, the existing pipeline and the related marine shipping over their life cycles.

We are not for or against the pipeline, and the IAMC-TMX does not diminish or replace the federal government's duty to consult with Indigenous communities or comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

As we journey into 2024, the IAMC-TMX continues to make significant strides in ensuring the safety, environmental protection, and participation of Indigenous communities in the TMX project. Here's a glimpse of what's happening and a recap of the last several months of activity:

IAMC-TMX Line Wide 2023 Gathering:



We had our sixth annual Line Wide Gathering on November 6-7, 2023, at the Westin Hotel, Calgary Airport. This event was crucial for sharing updates and receiving feedback on key areas such as Marine Shipping, Emergency Management, Socioeconomic Monitoring, and Indigenous Monitoring.

A theme throughout the Line Wide discussions was an overwhelming message from impacted communities for the IAMC to be a catalyst for establishing an **Indigenous Regulatory Body for Marine and Terrestrial**

environments that is representative in nature rather than rights holding. In short, moving from Advisory to Oversight.





Letter to the Prime Minister – Feb 2024

The Marine Shipping Sub Committee prepared a letter that representatives brought to Ottawa in February. This letter requests two things: a robust renewal of the IAMC-TMX, and the establishment of an Indigenous-led coalition of impacted Nations to regulate marine shipping.

Vision and Goals of the Marine Shipping Subcommittee

As we near the completion of the TMX project, there will be a significant increase in marine shipping activities. The Marine Shipping Subcommittee (MSSC) has undergone a visioning and strategic planning process to create a safe marine space. Key goals include establishing sustainable, integrated First Nations-led marine monitoring and response programs and achieving transformational change in marine program administration. Currently, the MSSC is engaging with 29 coastal communities.



Notable Advancements

Included the development of key UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan Measures (APMs), including APM 12 and APM 34, and active contributions to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

Capacity Funding for Indigenous Participation

The 2023-24 Call for Proposal process through the IAMC-TMX Capacity Funding Program focused on Stewardship, Protection, and Meaningful Participation. A total of \$3.5 million was allocated for this program, aimed at supporting the 129 potentially impacted Indigenous communities along the TMX expansion route.

Continued Emphasis on Community Engagement and Safety

The IAMC is focusing on improving community engagement, safety, and environmental protection. This includes ongoing emergency management

initiatives and an exciting partnership with the University of Alberta's I-STEAM Pathways program to sponsor three summer interns.

For an overview of the IAMC-TMXs first five years, you can watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnRLLbJ9bmU>



With gratitude,
IAMC-TMX



[View email in browser](#)

[update your preferences or unsubscribe](#)