

## 2014 Municipal Candidate Survey from Georgia Strait Alliance

Georgia Strait Alliance is a registered charity with 10,000 supporters that works to protect and restore the marine environment and promote the sustainability of the Georgia Strait and surrounding communities. We are distributing the following brief survey to all registered candidates participating in the 2014 municipal election in selected municipalities in the Georgia Strait region.

We will share the results with our supporters via email prior to general voting day, as well as posting them on our website and social media channels.

Please fill in your responses in this document and return it to [alexandra@georgiastrait.org](mailto:alexandra@georgiastrait.org) by **November 7, 2014**.

### A. Information about you

Your name:

Your email address, or other preferred method of contact:

Where you are running for office:

Position you are running for:

### B. Survey questions

1. If approved, Kinder Morgan's proposed TransMountain pipeline expansion would result in a six-fold increase in the number of oil tankers travelling through the Strait of Georgia. Do you support the TransMountain expansion project?

YES  NO

Additional comments, if any:

2. Most municipalities and citizens do not have official status as a participant in the National Energy Board's (NEB) review of the TransMountain project, which is ongoing until September 2015. What would you do in office to ensure that the views of your municipality and its residents are communicated to the federal authorities who will ultimately decide the outcome of the TransMountain expansion proposal?

- Put forward a motion to your Council/Board
- Engage with the federal government on this issue, eg. via a letter or meeting
- Engage with the provincial government on this issue, eg via a letter or meeting
- Share information with your community, eg. via hosting an information session
- Solicit the views of residents in your municipality, eg. via a community survey
- Other:

Additional comments, if any:

3. As part of the NEB's review, on October 23 the NEB overruled the City of Burnaby's bylaws to allow Kinder Morgan to conduct surveying work in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. Do you think the NEB should be able to overrule municipal bylaws?

YES  NO

Additional comments, if any:

4a. Coastal areas could be affected if an oil spill occurred along the tanker route through the Strait of Georgia. What is your understanding of, and/or views on, the role of your municipality in planning for and responding to the impacts of a potential oil spill on your community and local environment?

4b. Do you think there should be greater resources and training provided for municipalities to prepare for an oil spill, and/or participate in wider oil spill planning and exercises carried out by other agencies and levels of government?

YES  NO

Additional comments, if any:

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Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Please send your responses to [alexandra@georgiastrait.org](mailto:alexandra@georgiastrait.org) by **November 7, 2014**. We welcome any questions or comments about this survey or our work. Please contact:

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