

Election 2015 Candidate Survey from GSA

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my views on the questions raised in your questionnaire.

I believe you may already have received the [Party's response](#) from one or another of the NDP Candidates, but I am attaching it in any event.

I will add that I am very proud of the position taken by Kennedy Stewart in particular, as well as Fin Donnelly and Peter Julian, to highlight the many deficiencies in the Kinder Morgan application, as well as the NEB process that has been followed to date.

As a former Chief Judge I understand the importance of an independent, impartial, credible and transparent assessment process for energy transportation projects, a process that the public can trust, and the current NEB process is anything but that. It needs to be completely redone, with an overall focus on sustainability and environmental protections, compliance with Canada's international obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, nation to nation discussions with First Nations, and it must include a stringent evidence-based assessment of the environmental impact and potential safety standards as top priorities, along with the many other factors of concern to Canada and affected communities.

NDP MP for Burnaby-Douglas, Kennedy Stewart, was instrumental in assisting 1100 intervenors to gain status and be heard by the NEB, raising the alarm bells about the application, and I will proudly join him and the other Burnaby NDP MPs in continuing that strong voice for the community.

The application places all of the risk of an oil spill or tank farm fire on the residents of North Burnaby and North Vancouver, and on BC, with completely inadequate safeguards and little or no benefit to the community.

I will be a strong advocate for the residents of the riding, and of all communities that are concerned about this proposal.