

Candidate: Andy MacKinnon

Party: BC Green Party

Riding: Esquimalt - Metchosin

1) What is your position on Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project?

We oppose Kinder-Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project.

a) If you oppose the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure the project does not proceed?

We would petition the federal government to withdraw their approval of the project, and use every provincial tool available to make sure that it didn't happen.

b) If you support the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure BC's communities, environment and economy are protected?

2) In 2016 the *Environmental Management Act* was amended to develop [a new framework for land-based spill preparedness and response in BC](#), which will be implemented through future regulations. What is your view of the proposed framework? What, if any, changes would you make to the framework if you were to form government, and what would be your first priorities?

It's better than what went before. But it still doesn't require anything for transporting <10,000 litres of material, which is quite a lot. And more community engagement is called for.

b) How would you propose to work with the federal government to strengthen marine spill planning and response, and to ensure that the provincial and federal regimes are aligned?

I'd take it out of the hands of WCMRC, because of the possibilities of conflict-of-interest. And I'd mandate more research to help define exactly what will happen to diluted bitumen spilled into ocean water under various circumstances (incl. whether it will float or sink).

c) What specific actions can the provincial government take to ensure that local communities are meaningfully involved in oil spill planning and response?

They can write it into legislation and policy, and enforce that.

d) For example, would you support provincial recognition of and funding for a Regional Community Advisory Council ([a world-leading tool pioneered in Alaska, see p. 71](#)) as a formal mechanism for local governments, First Nations and coastal community stakeholders to participate in oil spill prevention, preparedness, planning and recovery?

This sounds like an excellent body for the task - I'd support it.

3) Do you have any additional comments or activities you would like to share with our supporters?