



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

Responsible resource development means welcoming investment and job creation in British Columbia. It means respecting environmental processes and not opposing new projects out of hand. Today's BC Liberal plan means resource development done the British Columbia way – with strict environmental review processes and strong monitoring once in operation.

Any heavy oil project must meet our five conditions before it will be approved. These conditions set the bar high and ensure BC's environmental protection, First Nations' participation and economic benefits for British Columbians. We have always said that we would measure Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain project against these five conditions.

The Trudeau government approved the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain project with 157 conditions. Our BC Liberal government added 37 legally-binding conditions that are designed to supplement those 157 conditions.

Our government also secured economic benefits for all British Columbians that will see BC workers first in line for the expected 75,000 person years of good-paying jobs and up to \$1 billion for the Province for projects that protect our environment and benefit our communities.

What specific steps would you take if elected to ensure BC's communities, environment and economy are protected?

Today's BC Liberals have been principled, clear and consistent - any heavy oil project must meet our five conditions, recognized as the required framework for how to do business in British Columbia. BC worked together with Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Notley's governments, and the pipeline proponents, for a world class marine and land-based spills prevention and response program.

Our government has secured significant and tangible investments that will protect British Columbia's environment and economic interests, including:

- The Trudeau government has taken action on our second condition related to world-leading marine spill prevention, response, and recovery with a \$1.5 billion Oceans Protection Plan. BC's share will include new equipment and staff, and two new salvage tugs capable of rescuing and towing large vessels.
- Canada and the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation are investing hundreds of millions of dollars to put in place the people and equipment needed to prevent a spill from occurring and the equipment to clean up from any incident on our coast.

- Trans Mountain has also enhanced their marine protection plan, now requiring two local expert pilots on loaded tankers and an increased escort tug regime for the Juan de Fuca Strait.
- Trans Mountain will insure BC against any cost associated with a potential spill by providing a guarantee of unlimited funds available for clean-up and compensation, allowing dollars to get quickly into the hands of first responders and those affected by a potential spill.

Remaining a world-leader in spill response is an on-going commitment that British Columbians expect and we will work closely with Canada to continually assess our response capability.

Going forward, Today's BC Liberals will:

- Ensure Canada implements its promise for a world-leading marine spill response system, prior to any new operations on our coast.
- Ensure that Kinder Morgan meets its requirements to significantly enhance marine safety.
- Finalize the Kinder Morgan agreement worth up to \$1 billion for the BC Clean Communities Program – meaning between \$25 million and \$50 million annually for 20 years.
- Support the development of refineries and pipelines that meet our environmental assessment requirements and provide benefits and jobs for British Columbians.

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?

Today's BC Liberals are building a world-leading provincial spill regime together with industry, First Nations, local communities as well as other federal and provincial agencies. In spring 2016, we passed legislation to ensure effective preparedness, response and recovery measures are in place for hazardous substance spills. This legislation establishes new requirements for spill preparedness, response and recovery; creates new offences and penalties; and increases transparency, participation, and accountability.

Key elements of the new spill regime, including an initial set of detailed regulations, will come into effect later this year.

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?

Our government was pleased with the Trudeau government's commitment to strengthen marine spill planning and response. We welcome the measures the federal government has taken in regards to tanker safety and marine spill preparedness and their commitment to a world-leading system on BC's coast. We will continue to monitor this progress and ensure the system is in place before oil is shipped.

The provincial spill regime will also include requirements that complement the federal marine spill regime, ensuring the two are aligned.

What specific actions can the provincial government take to ensure that local communities are meaningfully involved in oil spill planning and response? For example, would you support provincial recognition of and funding for a Regional Community Advisory Council as a formal mechanism for local governments, First Nations and coastal community stakeholders to participate in oil spill prevention, preparedness, planning and recovery? Learn more about regional Community Advisory Councils, [a world-leading tool pioneered in Alaska](#) (see p. 71).

These Environmental Management Act amendments resulted from detailed engagement with First Nations, industry, local governments and other stakeholders. Additionally, an intentions paper was released in April 2016 for public consultation about the requirements.

Today's BC Liberals will continue to adopt a collaborative approach in working with communities. Local input is very important to us to ensure our communities are actively involved in all aspects of spill prevention, preparedness, planning and recovery.

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

Today's BC Liberals have a plan to ensure BC is at the forefront of environmental leadership and economic development. We introduced North America's first broad-based, revenue-neutral carbon tax, and first carbon-neutral public sector. We've done this at the same time that BC has been the fastest growing economy in the country and enjoys the lowest unemployment rate. We've proven that by sticking to a plan and being clear and principled in our positions, we can be leaders on both the economy and the environment.