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City Signs Benefits Agreement with Trans Mountain

ABBOTSFORD, BC – February 15, 2016 - The City of Abbotsford signed a \$1.3 million Community Benefits Agreement with Kinder Morgan Canada (KMC) today, announced Mayor Henry Braun.

“If the proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project is approved by the National Energy Board and the Federal Government of Canada, the project will have a direct impact on our City-owned Ledgeview Golf and Country Club,” said Braun. “The Community Benefits Agreement we signed with Kinder Morgan Canada today will mitigate how the proposed pipeline expansion project impacts the operations of Ledgeview while also providing for a direct benefit to the community.”

For the past 38 years, the Ledgeview Golf Society has managed and operated the Ledgeview Golf & Country Club facilities on behalf of the City. In 2014 the City renewed the lease agreement with the Society to operate the facility with the City receiving revenues in the form of rent and profit sharing.

Alongside the \$1.3 million in Community Benefit funds, the City is also in negotiations with KMC for land use compensation funding, which will also be used by the City to assist in supporting the construction of a new clubhouse and restaurant at Ledgeview, adding a much needed upgrade to the facility.

“This will be the most transformational thing that has happened to Ledgeview in the past 30 years” said John Hambley, President of the Ledgeview Golf Club. “We are thankful to both Kinder Morgan Canada and the City of Abbotsford for their support.”

“Ledgeview Golf Course is rated in the top 20 courses in BC and is a source of community pride and a desired golf destination for residents and visitors,” said Braun. “The funds from the Community Benefits Agreement will have a lasting and far reaching impact on the amenities offered at Ledgeview and will develop it into a more comprehensive community destination.”

“We are pleased Trans Mountain’s Community Benefit Program can assist with the revitalization of the amenities at Ledgeview Golf Course which will be an asset to the people of Abbotsford,” said Ian Anderson, President of Kinder Morgan Canada. “We are thankful for the City of Abbotsford’s support of our commitment to provide lasting benefits to their community.”

Abbotsford will be the second-largest local government impacted by the proposed Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project with 29 km of new pipe and one new storage tank proposed at the Sumas Terminal.

If the project is approved by the National Energy Board and Federal Government of Canada, the City of Abbotsford stands to collect an additional \$1.3 million in taxes annually, bringing the total to almost \$3.4 million annually. In addition, the expansion will result in an estimated \$193 million in construction spending in the City, and workers are expected to spend approximately \$18.1 million on things such as accommodation, meals and clothing in the Fraser Valley.

Over the past two years, the City has undertaken ongoing discussions with KMC over several community concerns, the majority of which have been addressed. At the oral hearings before the National Energy Board on January 29, 2016, the City of Abbotsford put forward key concerns over emergency planning, training and the need for resources to respond in a timely and effective manner. The City looks forward to an ongoing positive relationship with KMC and the resolution of all safety and community considerations.

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