



CITY OF PORT MOODY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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To Mr. McGovern,

On September 8, 2020 City of Port Moody Council passed a resolution (**attachment 1**) expressing support for the critical assessment outlined in the report from Richmond Council titled "Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project.

Should the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project move forward, the social and biological health of residents in British Columbia would be put into jeopardy by the proposed expansion of Fortis BC's LNP pipeline, while delivering doubtful economic benefits.

The City of Port Moody opposes this project for the following reasons:

1. Fortis states that additional work will be required to commission the marine jetty, should that project be approved (under separate environmental assessment). The City of Port Moody would expect that this additional work be detailed as part of this Project so potential, related issues can be fully assessed.
2. The City of Port Moody submitted a request to UBCM for a shoreline management strategy, to protect sensitive marine ecosystems in a coherent and collective fashion. The concept of the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project would go against The Shoreline Management Strategy Project.
3. This Project does not align with Metro Vancouver's regional air quality objectives. The Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project will impact the region's air quality during construction and operation as volumes of contaminants enter the air stream. Being a municipality in Metro Vancouver's air shed, we are concerned about the collective health this project will cause in providing poor air quality to our residents, many of whom may have pre-existing conditions worsened by poor air quality; poor air quality also makes residents susceptible to other diseases.
4. As a climate leader, Port Moody we are opposed to the atmospheric pollution this project may cause. Further, we are opposed to the health impacts associated with the LNG/fracking industry, as outlined in the 2019 "Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking (Unconventional Gas and Oil

Extraction)” by the US medical group Physicians for Social Responsibility, a review of over 1500 sources.

5. Food security of the Metro Vancouver Region is dependent on the health of agricultural lands. COVID-19 has highlighted just how greatly Metro Vancouver needs a food security and sovereignty strategy, as shocks have made our residents vulnerable. The site is currently located on land in the City of Delta that is designated for industrial uses. Fortis will be required to occupy additional land outside of the proposed project footprint for temporary construction laydown and staging areas. Land within the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve should not be developed to support these areas during construction.
6. The economic benefits of the LNG industry are marginal at best, and at worst will cost the province in subsidies, as outlined in the 2019 Centre for Policy Alternatives Report “A critical look at BC’s new tax breaks and subsidies for LNG.”
7. Shipping LNG to offshore markets does not help Metro Vancouver and British Columbia meet our climate targets and some studies show the well-to-wheel impacts of LNG is equally damaging as coal. Methane is also a more potent greenhouse gas. This project does not align with local, provincial, or national strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce BC's economic reliance on fossil fuels.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these points and we hope that the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project will cease as it could severely impact our environment and the residents of our corner of the Province.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Mayor Rob Vagramov
City of Port Moody

CC: Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Attachment:

1. September 8, 2020 City of Port Moody Resolution regarding Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project



City of Port Moody
Council Resolution
September 8, 2020

RC20/351

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Council state its opposition to the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project;

AND THAT Council send a letter of support for the critical assessment outlined in the report from Richmond Council, titled "Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project," including health impacts of upstream fracking of LNG, to the BC Environmental Assessment Office and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to support the provincial and federal environmental assessments, as recommended in the memo dated August 24, 2020 from Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Support for Opposition to Fortis BC's Proposed Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project.