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Kinder Morgan drilling near Fort Langley over the weekend

Langley, BC. Kinder Morgan was out conducting geotechnical testing near the Salmon River at 22926 Rawlison Crescent this past weekend. Crews were active around the site until Monday afternoon. The Township of Langley was notified late last week about drilling from January 28th to February 3rd, but there was no signage at the site to indicate the purpose of the drilling. The Township has said that staff will be checking compliance with appropriate bylaws on Monday February 2.

Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project has been met with protests in Burnaby and has faced recent questions with regards to the secrecy of their emergency response plan from the provincial government. The project would see a tripling of capacity of the current pipeline by building a new pipeline along a similar, but not identical, route from Edmonton to Burnaby. In Langley, the pipeline is proposed to cross the Salmon River, West Creek, and Nathan Creek in North Langley. The location where drilling occurred this past weekend was approximately 140 metres north of Kinder Morgan's proposed pipeline corridor.

Andhra Azevedo, a resident of Fort Langley and member of the PIPE UP Network, said "The PIPE UP Network has a number of questions about the drilling being conducted at the site. Why were they drilling? Is this drilling related to the high risk of contaminant spread in the event of an oil spill in the Fort Langley area? Why were no permits or signs posted at the site to indicate for what project this work was being done? Did Kinder Morgan have to get permits from Langley Township to conduct this work?"

Susan Davidson, a Langley resident and member of the PIPE UP Network, stated "I am concerned about how the Township was notified of drilling activity so late as they should have more of an ability to regulate these types of activities given their concerns about the Kinder Morgan expansion project as a whole."

On January 26th, Langley Township Council accepted a report from staff that concluded that "The responses received from KMC [Kinder Morgan] did not adequately address the areas of concern" regarding the proposed Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion Project. The Township has also indicated its support of motions from the City of Burnaby concerning constitutional questions regarding municipalities' abilities to enforce bylaws.

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Background

The PIPE UP Network is made up of residents of southwestern BC who have come together because of our concerns about the safety, environmental, and financial implications, of shipping tar sands along Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Pipeline, which runs from Edmonton, AB to Vancouver, BC.

Members of the network are dedicated to educating themselves and their communities about the existing pipeline, plans for expansion, and alternatives to tar sands; showing that we have the power to make the needed changes.