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Tsleil-Waututh Nation Applauds Green Party's Opposition to Kinder Morgan Pipeline Project

North Vancouver, B.C.; September 12, 2012 – Tsleil-Waututh Nation is commending the Green Party for its stance on the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline project. At a press conference this morning, municipal, provincial, and federal Green Party leaders denounced the pipeline plan, referencing the unacceptably high environmental risk and called for a shift in focus to renewable-energy.

“I want to commend the Green Party for their announcement. It is wonderful to hear,” said Gabriel George, co-Manager, Sacred Trust, Tsleil-Waututh Nation. “I raise my hands on behalf of my Nation. We believe that a healthy Burrard Inlet is directly linked to the health of Vancouver, and the millions of people that live around its shores.”

Tsleil-Waututh Nation supports sustainable economic development. The Nation has developed and invested in TWN Wind Power, a sustainable energy company that offers communities an opportunity to generate clean energy through small wind power.

“As a Nation we are walking our talk when it comes to sustainable energy,” said Rueben George, co-Manager, Sacred Trust, Tsleil-Waututh Nation. “Our ancestors taught us from the beginning of time that we can use the resources within our territories, but we must use them wisely, and we must be mindful of the generations to come. This pipeline is a problem for all of us – Vancouverites, British Columbians, and Canadians. We are standing up on behalf of everyone to protect these sacred waters for future generations.”

The Nation would like to thank the Green Party for the opportunity to voice its position at today's media conference.

After serious consideration, Tsleil-Waututh decided to oppose Kinder Morgan's pipeline project. The risks associated with the pipeline are just too great for the Nation to accept.

In 2007, the Nation witnessed first hand the environmental impacts of a Kinder Morgan oil spill in Burrard Inlet. Only a fraction of the oil that entered the Inlet was recovered. The spill added to the contamination of the Inlet and has affected the Nation's long-term goal of restoring the health of the Inlet so that its members can, once again, harvest seafood within their waters.

About Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Tsleil-Waututh Nation is a progressive and vibrant Coast Salish community of approximately 500 members located along the shores of Burrard Inlet in North Vancouver, B.C., Canada. For more information please visit www.twnation.ca.

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