

## Province “Getting to Yes” on Trans Mountain Expansion Project Good for BC

(January 11, 2017 - Burnaby) – The ICBA is pleased that the provincial government has signed-off on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (“TMEP”) and issued an environmental certificate that allows the project to move forward.

“Workers in BC will be first-in-line for the thousands of jobs, skills training and apprenticeship opportunities in communities across British Columbia that will flow from this project,” says ICBA Vice President Chris Gardner.

Premier Clark’s Five Conditions established a rigorous approval framework for TMEP to meet. The pipeline will be built in a way that protects the environment, ensures that Indigenous communities are participating, and, provides BC with its fair share of the economic benefits. Said Gardner, “Over the past five years, Premier Clark has been standing up for British Columbia and has defined a made-in-BC approach for TMEP that works for British Columbians.”

Getting BC’s natural resources to global markets is a key driver of economic growth and prosperity. This \$6.8 billion project will be one of the largest private sector investments ever made in the province. Responsible resource development is one of Canada’s time-tested creators of jobs and wealth. “This sends a strong signal to investors that BC is a place where you can do business,” stated Gardner.

A recent ICBA sponsored poll showed that 84% of British Columbians support responsible resource development. “The silent majority of British Columbians understand that developing our resources in a sustainable way creates jobs not only in construction but in almost every other sector of the economy,” added Gardner.

Over the past year, the ICBA received support for responsible resource development and other important infrastructure projects from tens of thousands of people through its *Growing the Economy* campaign. As part of the Campaign, the ICBA encouraged both the federal and provincial governments to get to “Yes” on TMEP.

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