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Protecting Canada's Future – Northern Gateway Project Must Proceed

If recent lessons surrounding the United States' rejection of the KeystoneXL pipeline from Alberta to the southern United States have taught us anything, it is that our nation must move forward and find additional markets via the Pacific Rim for our energy assets; Enbridge's Northern Gateway Pipeline Project is that diversification tool.

“This is about Canada becoming a global energy supplier by opening new markets and creating new jobs and prosperity for generations of Albertans,” says chair of the board for Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Bernie Kollman. “The west coast is the gateway to nearly half the world's population. It provides access for landlocked Canadian resources to large and growing international markets.”

The Edmonton Chamber of Commerce continually strives to uphold its mission to create the best environment for business. This is done, in part, by focusing on a set of strategic priorities and by providing opportunities for our members through educational programming, networking sessions, and by consistently and effectively lobbying all levels of government on behalf of Edmonton business.

Therefore, the chamber felt compelled to do all that it can to ensure the success of the Northern Gateway Pipeline Project, and others like it, as these are transformational projects that are required for the future success of the Edmonton region, the province of Alberta, and the nation of Canada as a whole. As such, both the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, and its subsidiary organization World Trade Centre Edmonton have taken an active role in the regulatory hearing process and have each registered as interveners in support of the Northern Gateway Pipeline Project. In doing so, the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and World Trade Centre Edmonton will be submitting letters of support as well as preparing final arguments which will be submitted to the National Energy Board and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Joint Review Panel (JRP) in due course.

With the commencement of the JRP's Edmonton community hearings, both the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and World Trade Centre Edmonton urge the business community to be proactive in voicing its support of this project so that the regulators have a true and representative sample from which to draw on to make their decision.

“This is just another of many efforts the chamber undertakes to demonstrate tangible support for economic diversification opportunities,” says incoming chamber chair Ken Barry, who will ascend to the organization’s top seat in early February. “If we want to see this project become reality, it is imperative that accurate education and the voice of those supporting the project also be heard.”

Edmonton is a great northern city. Projects like the Northern Gateway Pipeline will only help to enhance that reputation and help support the prosperity of current and future generations.

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