Hello FVRD Directors Adamson, and Dickey, and Executive Assistant to the Board & CAO Molloy.

I sent the following email to FVRD Chair Lum and he responded saying that I should also send it to you. I'm sending it verbatim just to be complete but of course disregard the last bit where I asked Mr Lum to forward it or advise me who to send it to.

It has come to my attention that there is a temporary use permit application from Trans Mountain that is being considered by the FVRD Board today.

In the FVRD agenda, the corporate report on this application has as its subject 'Application for a Temporary Use Permit at 57951 Laidlaw Road, Electoral Area “B” for pipeline construction storage.' It also says "Proposal Description To permit the use of 57951 Laidlaw Road, Electoral Area B for temporary pipe storage and related storage for the Trans Mountain pipeline project construction."

If it is for "construction" it seems to fly against the Federal Court of Appeal ruling that quashed the federal construction approval and nullified its NEB certificate.

The report in the FVRD agenda says that "All work on the pipeline expansion is exempted from a Development Permit, and is authorized by the National Energy Board approvals." This is not true since the Federal Court ruling that quashed the approvals of the project.

This application also has the appearance of Trans Mountain trying to do an end-run around the NEB procedural update following the court decision. That procedural update read "In the absence of the Certificate, the NEB expects that Trans Mountain will safely cease all construction activity in a manner that minimizes environmental impact. The Board will actively monitor Trans Mountain’s actions, and take any necessary steps to ensure Trans Mountain safely and securely halts construction."

The application is itself construction activity.

I don't see how this application could be approved by the FVRD without putting the FVRD in conflict with the court and the NEB. I'm not familiar with how the FVRD Board operates. If you could forward this as appropriate to other Board members or advise me who to send it to, that would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
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