



M E M O

Date: 29 March 2012
To: Mayor and Council
From: Councillor Germuth
Re: **Notice of Motion – Northern Gateway Project Joint Review Panel**

Background:

Whereas

The District of Kitimat wishes to present its written position regarding the Northern Gateway Project to the Joint Review Panel.

If the Enbridge Pipeline is built the possibility of a spill within the Kitimat River watershed becomes a reality.

The result of a spill occurring in the Kitimat River watershed will mean that the water supply to the District of Kitimat would be completely cut off until the spill is cleaned up.

If contaminated water from a pipeline spill invades our water distribution system it could take weeks, months, or even years to clean the contaminants from the distribution system keeping our water supply shut off.

The only difference between a small spill and a large one in the Kitimat River watershed is the length of time that the District of Kitimat will be without water.

A pipeline spill is compounded exponentially if contaminants get into the city's distribution system which includes the town's water tanks.

It is important that we all understand the effect that a spill would have on our community and the total impact on all water users.

Water supply is a Municipal responsibility and as a Mayor and Council, we are legally responsible to make every effort to ensure the City of Kitimat's water supply is uninterrupted and of the highest possible quality.

Moved by Councillor Germuth

Seconded by _____

Motion #1:

THAT the District of Kitimat exercises its intervener status to express our concerns in writing about our fresh water supply to the Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel

Moved by Councillor Germuth

Seconded by _____

Motion #2:

THAT the District of Kitimat requires Enbridge provide the following well clarified information:

1. What measures will Enbridge take to prevent water disruption to the District of Kitimat in the event of a spill and will it include full cost coverage?
2. What measures will Enbridge take to ensure the quality of water to the District of Kitimat will not be disrupted in the event of a spill?
3. In the event of a spill what are Enbridge's Kitimat River watershed recovery and maintenance plans throughout the year?
4. Will Enbridge accept full liability for the restoration of Kitimat's entire water distribution system in the event contaminated water and/or product from a pipeline spill enter the distribution system and will a clean up/maintenance bond be lodged with the District of Kitimat?
5. Will Enbridge accept full liability for the loss of earnings from businesses forced to close or curtail operations due to a spill and will a bond be posted?
6. What plan does Enbridge have to protect the Kitimat River Hatchery from the effects of a spill?
7. What are the findings from impact studies that Enbridge has done on the effects of a spill that impacts both land and water use in the Kitimat River watershed and what studies if any has Enbridge done on the impact a spill will have on the City of Kitimat? Are those findings available to the District of Kitimat, and if not when?