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Dear Chiefs and Presidents,

Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Thank you for your letter and report dated 12 July 2017 indicating substantive support among Indigenous communities for the IAMC Terms of Reference and the establishment of the Committee for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

The completion of these Terms of Reference represents a significant first step in building a new relationship with Indigenous peoples. I thank all of you for your leadership and collaboration in getting us to this important milestone in such a short period of time.

I read your report with great interest and appreciate the challenges which Indigenous leaders were faced with when presented with this opportunity to work with the NEB and the other regulators. You have my commitment that the NEB will make the work of this Committee as meaningful as possible.

As the NEB embarks on this new relationship by working collaboratively with the Committee and its sub-committees, we can expect challenges along the way. However, I believe that with these Terms of Reference and the collaborative working relationship we have begun to establish, we are well positioned to face those challenges together to create positive outcomes.

By way of this letter, I would like to express my full support for these Terms of Reference and the establishment of the IAMC for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. We look forward to deepening our relationship through this initiative and wish the Committee continued success throughout the lifecycle of this project.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Peter Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "W".

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c.c.: The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.
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