

Metro North Transmission Project

Fall 2017 Engagement Summary Report

Summary

In November 2017, we held engagement events in Burnaby and Vancouver to provide information and seek feedback from the public and stakeholders in these communities regarding the Metro North Transmission Project. To engage with stakeholders in the area of the proposed transmission line, project team members set up information stations at parks and community centres along the proposed transmission line route.

On the following dates, we provided information to 157 stakeholders regarding the proposed transmission line, including alignment and timeline, and sought feedback regarding the project:

Date	Time	Location	Address	# of Participants
Saturday, November 4th	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Trout Lake Community Centre	3360 Victoria Drive, Vancouver	56
Saturday, November 4th	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Sahalli Park	2000 Fraser Street, Vancouver	28
Monday, November 6th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Kensington Complex	6159 Curtis Street, Burnaby	17
Saturday, November 18th	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mount Pleasant Community Centre	1 Kingsway, Vancouver	33
Saturday, November 25th	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Willingdon Heights Park	1491 Carleton Avenue, Burnaby	12
Saturday, November 25th	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Thunderbird Community Centre	2311 Cassiar Street, Vancouver	11

In addition to the engagement events, an online feedback form was available from October 31 to December 15, 2017 for the public and stakeholders to provide feedback and submit additional considerations regarding the project. **Eight** pieces of feedback were received (online feedback and one hard copy comment form).

Notification

Notification of opportunities to participate in the engagement included:

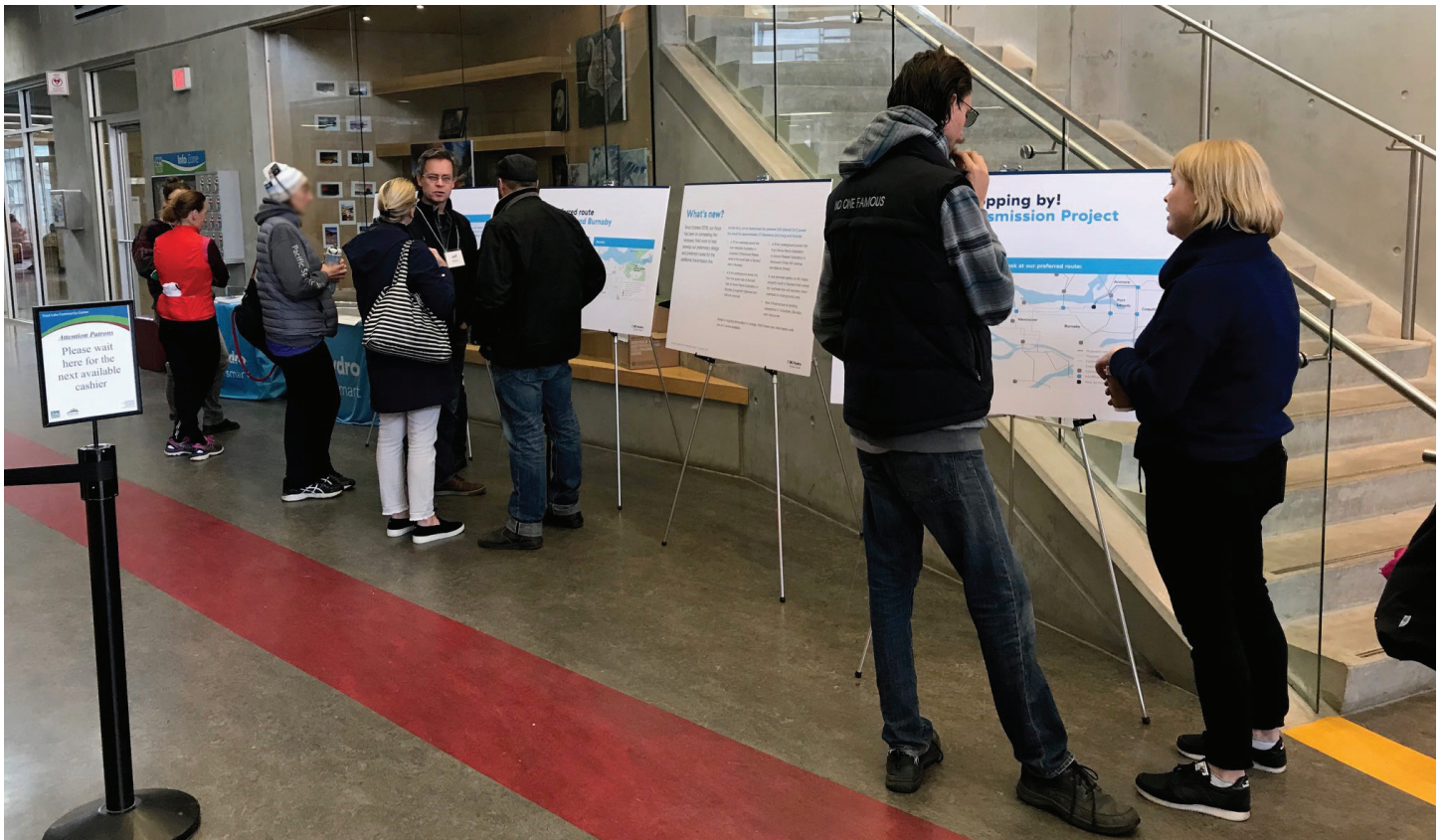
- **Postcards:** Approximately 2,500 postcards were delivered to residents along the proposed transmission line route in Burnaby and Vancouver the week of October 30th, 2017.
- **Email:** A notification email was sent on October 30 and November 1, 2017 to over 300 stakeholders who had signed up for project updates.
- **Advertising:**
 - Online advertisements ran on Facebook from October 30 to November 24, 2017.
 - Print advertisements ran in the Vancouver Courier (November 1 and 15, 2017), and in the Burnaby Now (November 1 and 22, 2017)

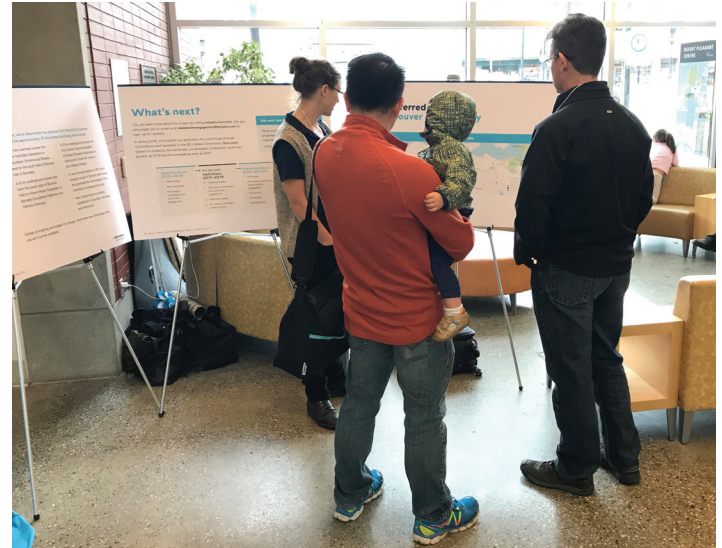
Summary of Input

In-person

The following are key themes from participant interactions at the engagement events in Burnaby and Vancouver

- Questions regarding the timeline for project construction, including sequencing and duration of construction along the alignment
- Questions and concerns regarding anticipated project construction impacts, including parking impacts, noise and vibration
- Questions regarding the need for the project, specifically related to BC Hydro's load forecasting methodology
- Questions and concerns regarding the health effects from electromagnetic fields generated by transmission lines
- Questions regarding the alignment of the transmission line, including whether it will be constructed overhead or underground





Online/Hard Copy Feedback Forms

We asked participants to indicate which community they are from and which municipality they were most interested in commenting on. The following are key themes from eight pieces of feedback received in hard copy and online, by community:

Coquitlam

- Request for more information regarding construction details, including impacts to neighbourhoods, project timeline, and environmental impacts (1 mention)
- Suggestions regarding consultation methods, including notification, for BC Hydro to increase participation (1 mention)

Anmore

- Request for BC Hydro to route the transmission line underground through Anmore, including seismic concerns related to overhead transmission line infrastructure (1 mention)

Vancouver

- Support for the proposed transmission line routing along East 8th Avenue (2 mentions)
- Concern regarding construction impacts to neighbourhoods, including parking availability (1 mention)

Burnaby

- Concern regarding traffic flow on Parker Street and impacts from construction, including a suggestion to re-route the transmission line to a different street (1 mention)
- Request to minimize noise impacts from construction (1 mention)
- Concern regarding construction impacts, and request to minimize overall construction time by installing multiple sections of transmission line at once, and coordinating with Fortis' construction schedule (1 mention)
- General support for the project (1 mention)

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