

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON TRANSPORTING TAR  
SANDS CRUDE THROUGH MONTREAL

WHEREAS, the city of Montreal has previously supported actions by cities, communities, provincial and federal governments that reduce global warming; and

WHEREAS, the city of Montreal has made improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gases a priority in its policies and operations (The Montreal Community Sustainable Development Plan 2010-2015); and

WHEREAS, the city of Montreal recently achieved the objectives of the Kyoto Protocol by reducing its GHG emissions 6% in relation to 1990; and

WHEREAS, the full fuel cycle of high carbon fuels such as those derived from Canadian tar sands generates four to five times (Pembina Institute) as many GHG emissions as regular oil; and

WHEREAS, bitumen from the Alberta tar sands is both heavier, thicker and denser than light crude, so that in the event of an accidental spill into one of our lakes or rivers, it would sink thereby requiring costly cleanup like the one in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 2010 which has cost almost \$1 billion and is still not yet finished; and

WHEREAS, no other pipeline in Canada is constructed near as many people or as much fresh water as Line 9B which starts at North Westover in Ontario and ends at Montreal; and,

WHEREAS, transport by train is too risky to enter population centers as dense as those between North Westover in Ontario and Montreal in Quebec (The incident in Lac-Mégantic killed 47 people and destroyed 30 buildings in the center of the town. Cleanup could take as long as five years); and

WHEREAS, the production of tar sands oil in Alberta and Saskatchewan involves environmental and social impacts that include permanent damage to Canada's Boreal forest and the Athabasca River ecosystem, destruction of scarce freshwater, generation of toxic wastes held in open pits that leak, contamination of wildlife habitat and elevated levels of cancer in human communities downstream; and

WHEREAS First Nations communities have raised concerns over unusually high rates of rare cancers among people living downstream, about the failure to recognize aboriginal title and treaty rights, and about disruption to their traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS, frequent engineering shortcuts, biased monitoring and regulation noncompliance have led to pipeline spills and leaks, slow cleanup of tailings ponds, other environmental damage and risks to public safety;

WHEREAS, the price at the pump will not go down if Quebec gets its oil from Alberta instead of the North Sea, Saudi Arabia or Africa (Andrew Leach, Blog 02-11-12) and

WHEREAS, the number of jobs created if the refineries in east Montreal and Levis are retrofitted for bitumen is small in comparison with the number required for energy retrofits, smart grid, wind, solar, biomass (Kammen, University of California at Berkeley)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the borough of \_\_\_\_\_ expresses its opposition to the proposed reversal of Enbridge Pipeline Line 9B known as the Line 9B Reversal and the proposed reversal and extension of TransCanada's Energy-East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every effort be made to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by switching to renewables as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the borough of \_\_\_\_\_ transmit a copy of this resolution to the Montreal City Council, the Quebec National Assembly, Premier Pauline Marois, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the CEO of TransCanada Corporation and the CEO of Enbridge Pipeline Corporation

Passed by the Council this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 2013

Approved by me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013

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(Council President)

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(Mayor)