

**Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Electoral Area A
Representative
Candidate's Responses to Survey Regarding Enbridge Northern
Gateway Pipeline**

Questions:

1. Do you support the Enbridge Northern Gateway oil pipeline proposal?

2. The Regional District of Bulkley Nechako has filed to be an Intervenor in the Joint Review Panel process reviewing the Enbridge pipeline. Will you vote that the Regional District support or oppose the pipeline proposal in its Intervenor statement?

Eugene Bekar

1. As a candidate – your question requires a definite yes or no I would have to say yes.

2. I am not at this time aware if the Reg. Dist. intervenor statement contains a support or opposed stand. This Enbridge pipeline proposal is likely the biggest issue facing not only Electoral Area “A” but a much greater area. If elected it would certainly be one of the first issues I would give my Advisory Planning Commission to consider. My decision would await their recommendation and all additional information that will be coming out from all involved. Your organization’s concern here should be commended and again if elected I will be sure to ask for your representation on my Advisory Planning Commission.

Shelley Browne

1. No.
 - I actively researched and informed myself about the economic, social, cultural and environmental costs/benefits and concluded over 18 months ago that Enbridge does not fit my criteria for responsible regional, national or global economic development.
 - I have piped up against Enbridge alongside other concerned citizens at rallies, volunteered dozens of activist hours in recent months, and will speak at the JRP hearings.

- I am a 7-year assistant to MP Nathan Cullen and work extensively on the Enbridge file in my day job as well
- Advocacy and public pressure work; consider the pause in coalbed methane exploration in the Sacred Headwaters, and TransCanada's announcement this week it will reroute the proposed Keystone pipeline

2. Oppose.

- as your director, I will publicly advocate for the RD show leadership on this critical issue by opposing Enbridge. The potential for catastrophic environmental degradation is unacceptable to the Bulkley Valley's \$21M annual tourism economy, the Skeena watershed's \$110M wild salmon economy, and First Nations culture along the pipeline route
- up to now, the Electoral Area A incumbent has been entirely silent on Enbridge. He found his voice at the Telkwa all-candidates meeting; his assertion there that "Enbridge will not pass through Electoral Area A(!)" while he is director rings hollow and displays a lack of even basic understanding of the project since it was never planned to go through Electoral Area A
- the RD is one of 3 funders of the BV Economic Development Assn, which is a sponsor of the new Invest in Northwest BC portal that lauds Enbridge as a "safe pipeline operator and socially responsible company"
(<http://investnorthwestbc.ca/major-projects-and-investment-opportunities/map-view/kitimat/enbridge-northern-gateway-pipelines>). The RD's own website links to Enbridge's pro-pipeline website through
http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=806:2011-rdbn-business-forum&catid=131:rivers&Itemid=659.

Stoney Stoltenberg

1. I am not a proponent of Enbridge or any project which would jeopardize or compromise any watershed for the sake of economic

development. Current scientific studies on the Enbridge Pipeline also have information pointing out the possibilities of slides, avalanches and earthquakes. We cannot have economic development at any cost. Having stated my position on the afore-mentioned, I would like to bring your attention to the fact that CN Rail is most likely fully prepared to transport oil to the coast should the pipeline not become a reality – and I also do not need to remind you that the rail line follows the Bulkley River virtually from beginning to end.

My family lived on Buck Flats Road south of Houston before the development of Equity Mine. We moved there because we loved nature. Our boys spent many hours fishing, swimming and just playing around the creek. We knew that there was the possibility of a mine being developed upstream but were sure that the government agencies; Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife, Federal Fisheries, Ministry of Mines, etc. would ensure that the environment would be protected. When Equity Mines had its sulfuric acid spill we were rudely awakened to the fact that the mine had gone ahead without putting into place many of the environmental protections prescribed in their Environmental Impact Study, primarily because economic development was given priority. The ecosystem of that area was irreparably harmed for the sake of economic development and jobs for a limited length of time, and that was wrong.

In 1981, I took a picture at the headwaters of Buck Creek to record the pollution of the creek, we had Christmas cards made up, put “Hoping for a Cleaner New Year” on the back of each card, and mailed over 100 cards to every local, Provincial and Federal politician and involved Ministries, and every corporation even remotely linked to the Equity Mine development.

Subsequently, we discovered that the Equity Mine had an acid mine drainage problem, a problem that could never be “fixed.” Last year it cost \$1,800,000 to treat the acid mine drainage from the site.

2. I requested that the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako file for Intervenor status in the event information was available to the Regional

District of Bulkley Nechako that had not been presented to the Joint Review Panel. This provides the Regional District a voice with the Joint Review Panel process reviewing the Enbridge pipeline. I am not a proponent of Enbridge or any project which would jeopardize or compromise any watershed for the sake of economic development. Intervener status is not a voting status with the Review Panel; however, with the information that I currently have, if a vote for support of the Enbridge Pipeline were taken at the Regional Board I would vote "NO."

The reason I originally decided to run for Regional District Director for Area "A" and the reason I am running for re-election is because I wanted to give back to my community (the valley has been good to my family) and because I wanted to represent all of the constituents in my area. I am a father, grandfather, and fisherman. When I am gone, I want to leave an earth where people can have the wonderful things we have (clean water, a clean environment, plenty of food, fish and wildlife).