

ITEM 6
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 68
COUNCIL MEETING 84/10/29

Re: TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE COMPANY LTD. (WESTRIDGE TERMINAL)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Background Information

Council has, on several occasions, considered the need for safety improvements at Westridge Terminal, and in response to this need, has directed staff to ensure that Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. take appropriate action to upgrade the level of safety at this site. The Canadian Transport Commission held a hearing in the Burnaby Council Chamber on 1984 February 14, 15 and 16, and in a subsequent ruling, ordered Trans Mountain to carry out certain works intended to make the terminal operation much safer than it is in its existing condition. The purpose of this report is to give Council a current status on these matters.

Summary of Required Works at the Site

Municipal requirements:

1. Construction of a secondary access road.
2. Installation of a water deluge (sprinkler type) fixed pipe extinguishing system over the entire length of the rack where tank cars are unloaded.
3. Repair of the existing fence where required, and also, erection of a fence along the water side of the property to prevent the public from entering onto the property from this direction.

Canadian Transport Commission requirements:

1. Relocation of the structures that support the overhead pipe rack to reduce the possibility of these structures being hit by a passing train.
2. Installation of a Jordan Guard Rail to keep tank cars that may become derailed in an upright position.

Status

Trans Mountain has announced that it has received formal notice from its sole shipper, Gulf Canada Limited, to terminate the Westridge Propane Terminal Agreement effective 1985 April 03. Company representatives have advised that notwithstanding this loss of business revenue, Trans Mountain will proceed to satisfy all of the commitments that have been made regarding improvements at the terminal, as follows:

1. Municipal requirements

Work on the secondary access road is expected to begin in about two weeks and is expected to be finished within two months (however, if bad weather should interfere with this work, any remaining uncompleted portion of the road would have to be finished in the first half of next year).

The contract for the fixed water deluge system is now being let. It is expected that this work and the installation of the security fencing will be completed by the end of January, 1985.

2. Canadian Transport Commission requirements

Work on the relocation of the structures will be completed by 1984 November 30. The Jordan Guard Rail has already been installed.

Conclusion

Trans Mountain is now aggressively seeking other business for the Westridge Terminal to replace the business that will be lost when its Agreement with Gulf Canada Limited expires next April.

Staff is very satisfied with the actions that are now being taken by Trans Mountain to improve safety at Westridge Terminal. Work on the various improvements is progressing and should be completed in the near future.

It should be pointed out that the Company on its own volition is purchasing a \$246,000 foam fire tanker truck for use at its two sites in Burnaby: Westridge Terminal and the tank farm on Underhill Avenue. The Company has offered to make this truck available to the Burnaby Fire Department should it ever be needed for service to the community at large. The Fire Department, in turn, will help with the training of Company employees who will be responsible for the operation of this vehicle.

The Company has also made provision for additional water capacity to the site, and in the opinion of the Burnaby Fire Department, there is now an adequate water supply to service the entire site including the new deluge system when it becomes operational early next year.

Council will be informed if there is any major deviation from the schedule for completion of the works as described in this report.

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