

**TSAWWASSEN RESIDENTS AGAINST HIGHER VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINES  
(TRAHVOL)**

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Dear Bruce,

I am attaching TRAHVOL’s alternative route proposals map concerning the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project for your consideration.

TRAHVOL’s proposals are the summation of many hours of work considering the possible route alternatives that reflect South Delta community values and the long term (50-60 year) impacts of these transmission lines on South Delta (Ladner, Tsawwassen and the agricultural lands). These proposals are in addition to the four undergrounding proposals that BCTC provided to us informally after the January 17<sup>th</sup> Delta council meeting.

TRAHVOL was pleased to hear that Minister Neufeld and Mr. Costello are encouraging this dialogue concerning the Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement Project and that BCTC is committed to undertaking an in-depth and objective assessment of all alternatives, including those submitted by TRAHVOL, even if BCTC has to delay submitting its application to the BC Utilities Commission this June. We are also encouraged to hear that this assessment will include and give equal consideration to socio-economic factors—i.e., the human side. There is no doubt in our minds that this assessment will reach the same conclusion that Tsawwassen residents have already reached, i.e., that this transmission line should not be routed through residential Tsawwassen backyards adjacent to family homes, community schools, neighbourhood parks, daycare centers, and extended care facilities.

Our request is for your project team to coordinate the establishment of a process for BCTC to work with TRAHVOL representatives and Corporation of Delta staff to facilitate a joint examination of each of the proposed routes and possibly other routes that we have not considered to date. We expect that, working together, a short list of the most viable alternatives can be rationalized from the attached proposals.

In the essence of time, we ask you to establish this working process by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, with the first meeting the week of February 21st, 2005. I suggest that we establish the Terms of Reference for this review at our first meeting.

It has been our position from the beginning that a “win-win” solution is possible that addresses BCTC’s need to provide a reliable transmission line to Vancouver Island and that meets the contemporary values of the South Delta community for the next 60 years.

We look forward to working with BCTC in a consultative environment to come to an expedited resolution of this issue.

Sincerely,

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