

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

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February 25<sup>st</sup>, 2005

Mr. Michael Costello,  
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Dear Mr. Costello,

Thank you for meeting with representatives of TRAHVOL February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005. We appreciate you allotting time from your busy schedule to meet with us on this important community issue.

We were pleased to be able to meet in such a consultative manner to discuss the concerns of both BCTC and the residents of South Delta.

Now that you have seen for yourself the planned new high transmission line route through residential Tsawwassen, we are confident that you have a much better understanding of the views of Tsawwassen residents that BCTC’s plan to build an industrial-scale transmission line does not belong adjacent to family homes, community schools, neighbourhood parks, daycare centers, and extended care facilities due to adverse effects upon residents’ lives, health, aspirations, environment, enjoyment and properties.

While we are disappointed that you are not agreeable to dropping this route in favour of one of several viable alternative routes, we were pleased to hear that you are to undertake an in-depth and objective assessment of all alternatives, including those that we suggested, even if BCTC has to delay submitting its application to the BC Utilities Commission (“BCUC”) this June. We were also encouraged to hear that this assessment will include and give equal consideration to socio-economic factors—i.e., the human side. There is not 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 the existing right of way.

It has been TRAHVOL’s 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. It is also TRAHVOL’s utmost concern that all residents of South Delta (Tsawwassen, Ladner, TFN and the farming community) be given full consideration in the pursuit of a satisfactory resolution.

As a result of our discussion , we have captured the following actions:

- a) TRAHVOL will provide an updated position with regard to the existing right of way to BCTC. (attached)
- b) BCTC will provide a schedule (Gantt chart) to TRAHVOL providing timelines for further discussions regarding the development of a “short list” of alternative routes and ongoing detailed route analysis.
- c) BCTC to provide TRAHVOL with copies of the HVDC and submarine assessments that are currently being finalized.

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

Sincerely,

**TSAWWASSEN RESIDENTS AGAINST HIGHER VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINES**

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**TRAHVOL Position on the proposed 230kv transmission line through Tsawwassen**  
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It is the position of TRAHVOL that BCTC's proposal to build a 230kV aerial transmission line on the existing right of way through the urban community of Tsawwassen is unacceptable.

It is the position of TRAHVOL that BCTC's suggested "Alternative B" of undergrounding the lines through the existing right of way is unacceptable unless adequate shielding is included to reduce electromagnetic fields below 2 milligauss.

It is the position of TRAHVOL that any proposals for undergrounding both proposed transmission lines must utilize an acceptable public corridor such as busy streets or other potential corridors that avoids putting the people of Tsawwassen in harms way or that impacts the continued enjoyment and safe use by the residents.

It is the position of TRAHVOL that any underground proposals must include industry recognized shielding methods to minimize the radiation of electromagnetic fields from the transmission lines.