

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TSAWWASSEN RESIDENTS AGAINST HIGHER VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINES**

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#### **TRAHVOL ENCOURAGED BY MEETING WITH MINISTER NEUFELD AND MLA RODDICK**

Tsawwassen Residents Against Higher Voltage Overhead Lines (“TRAHVOL”) met in Delta on February 1, 2005 with the Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister responsible for the British Columbia Transmission Corporation (“BCTC”), and the Honourable Val Roddick, MLA Delta South. TRAHVOL met to ask the Minister to have BCTC abandon current plans to build a new high voltage industrial-scale transmission line through residential Tsawwassen in favour of one of several viable alternatives.

TRAHVOL was pleased to hear that the Minister has encouraged BCTC to undertake an in-depth and objective assessment of all alternatives, including those that TRAHVOL suggested to BCTC, even if BCTC has to delay submitting its application to the BC Utilities Commission this June. TRAHVOL was also encouraged to hear that this assessment will include and give equal consideration to socio-economic factors—i.e., the human side.

TRAHVOL is a homeowners’ group formed in response to BCTC’s plan to build this high voltage transmission line through the middle of residential Tsawwassen. TRAHVOL believes that this industrial-scale project is both out of scale and out of place in a residential neighbourhood, and 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.

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