



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday May 6, 2022

## Giant HUG protects Burnaby Mountain from Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion (TMX)

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**WHEN:** Saturday, May 7, 1-4pm

**WHERE:** Burnaby Mountain (see various sites below)

**Media opportunities:** Saturday May 7 at 2pm at Kwekwecnewtxw Traditional Coast Salish Watch House. Watch House Elder Jim Leyden will offer prayers and words. HUG Spokesperson Dr. Kate Tairan is available for interview. Visuals: Watch House, kids, people gathering and forming HUG. Backdrop of forest and tanks, banners. People in a human chain along the forest road.

**2:30pm at TMX Burnaby Terminal gates at Shellmont St and Underhill Ave.**

Kukpi7 Judy Wilson will be available in addition to a HUG Spokesperson & Protect the Planet Spokesperson. Visuals: Main gate for the TMX Tank Farm, injunction sign, totem pole, people in a human chain down Shelmont.

**Photos and Video** will be available through the day at

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**WHY: Facing the climate crisis demands a drastic reduction in the use of fossil fuels and an end to building new fossil fuel infrastructure.** The Trans Mountain Expansion will triple the amount of diluted bitumen transported from the Alberta tar sands to Burnaby BC – 890 thousand barrels per day – resulting in deadly increases in global emissions. This project is the opposite of what scientists and health experts have been urging for years, undermines Canada's commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement, crosses the unceded territories of many First Nations without consent, and ignores the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) global report that UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres called "code red for humanity."

Burnaby Mountain is a highly impacted site of TMX construction. It hosts the Burnaby Terminal (a collection of flammable storage tanks) and the Burnaby Mountain Tunnel, which will involve boring through the mountain to accommodate the pipeline. Students, faculty and staff of Simon Fraser University and nearby schools, residents of Burnaby, and the cities of Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster all oppose TMX.

#### **Location & Activity Details:**

**Watch House** (Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/Fygxuyc7AH3JvKSt8>) hosted by Mountain Protectors, Burnaby For Our Kids, Youth Stop TMX & BROKE. This station will have art activities and games for kids. Youth Stop TMX will be making future plans. Parking available at Forest Grove Park, 8505 Forest Grove Park.

**TM Tank Facility main gates** (Underhill Ave and Shellmont St) hosted by faith groups including Kairos, Salal & Cedar, Mountain Rain Zen Community, Vancouver Greenfaith.

**Greystone Ave/Arden Ave at Shellmont St** hosted by Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and Doctors for Planetary Health. Expect white coats & over-sized prescriptions.

**Greystone Dr and Burnwood Dr.** is hosted by Simon Fraser Student Society & Faculty For Future. Focus on education surrounding the TMX threats to SFU students and others, including tank farm risks from Fire and Earthquakes.

**Hastings St and Burnaby Mt. Parkway** is hosted by Climate Convergence Metro Vancouver. Expect giant banners.

**Inlet Dr and Bayview Dr.** is hosted by 350 Vancouver, with local climate leaders.

**Barnet Marine Park** will be the water station where Kayakers and other boaters form a chain around Westridge terminal at 2pm.

**Gaglardi Way (at the trail access leading to Watch House)** is hosted by lead event organizer Protect the Planet, a stop TMX direct action group.

For more information, please visit [www.hugthemountain.ca](http://www.hugthemountain.ca) and [stoptmx.ca](http://stoptmx.ca)

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