

Wednesday, November 27, 2018

Dear Fulford Coaches and Debaters,

It is our pleasure to invite you to Upper Canada College for the Winter Fulford Cup Debate on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. The prepared motion is:

**Junior and Senior:** THBT governments should not intervene in oil pipeline construction.

**Context:**

In May 2018 the Liberal government announced that they were purchasing the Trans Mountain Pipeline from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5B to ensure that it was completed. The company had failed to build its proposed pipeline expansion project, which would have increased the capacity of the pipeline and created markets for Canadian oil in East Asia. The project ran into difficulties due to opposition from the British Columbian government, environmentalists, and some indigenous groups along the pipelines path. Without the governments decision to intervene, Kinder Morgan had said that they would walk away from the project. The liberal government saw the purchase as necessary to support their own campaign promises, but legal challenges have since halted construction on the project.

**NB:** This debate can take place both on the merits of constructing pipelines in the face of significant opposition and of the potential consequences of government intervention specifically.

**Resources:**

1. [CBC Article Outlining the Purchase](#)
2. [Financial Post Article about legal decision barring Construction](#)
3. [Overview of the Project to date by BBC](#)

These resources should only be considered a starting point, and it would benefit debaters to read news articles and opinions from a variety of sources on both pipelines in general, and the trans mountain project in particular to prepare comprehensively for the debate.

Please register on the Fulford website [www.fulforddebate.com](http://www.fulforddebate.com). Cheques for the \$150.00 registration fee should be made payable to Upper Canada College.

We are excited to host everyone in February.

Kind regards,

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