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BRICKLAYERS
Local 1

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Local 2103

CONSTRUCTION &
GENERAL WORKERS
Local 92

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
Local 122

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
Local 130

IBEW
Local 424

INSULATORS
Local 110

IRONWORKERS
Local 720

IRONWORKERS
Local 725

IUPAT
District Council 17

MILLWRIGHTS
Local 1460

PLASTERERS &
CEMENT MASONS
Local 222

SHEET METAL WORKERS
Local 8

TEAMSTERS
Local 362

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CULINARY WORKERS
Local 47

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Local 488

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Local 496

Jan. 8, 2020

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister Wilkinson,

Please consider this letter a declaration of support from the Building Trades of Alberta for Teck Resource's Frontier oil sands project north of Fort McKay, Alberta.

On behalf of the 18 local unions and more than 60,000 skilled-trades workers we proudly represent, we request the federal government approve Teck's job-creating Frontier project by the Feb. 28, 2020 timeline.

Not only will this mega-project provide up to 7,000 jobs during its construction, it will create 2,500 operational jobs during the mine's 41-year life span; approximately \$70-billion in government revenues; roughly \$55-billion in provincial royalties and taxes and \$12-billion in federal income and capital taxes.

The environment is paramount, and industry leading technologies will be applied to ensure Frontier's environmental performance is second-to-none. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions will be about one-half of the oil sands industry average; projected GHG emissions will fall under the province's 100 megatonne annual cap and be consistent with Canada's efforts to reduce emissions.

Moreover, a GHG management plan to further improve GHG performance is supported by Teck; shorter timeframes will be in place to return land back to traditional uses; a wildlife mitigation and monitoring plan done in conjunction with Indigenous communities and other stakeholders will minimize effects on wildlife; and river water use will be among the lowest intensities in the oil sands, with 90 per cent recycled to minimize withdrawals from the Athabasca River.



For the last decade, Teck has advanced the Frontier project through the permitting process, and its regulatory submission was the most comprehensive in oil sands history.

Local communities have also been consulted and engaged for over 10 years and all 14 Indigenous communities in the Fort McKay area have agreements with Teck in place.

In addition, the Joint Review Panel, which determined the project is in the public interest, reported that “the extent of agreement between Teck and Indigenous groups is unprecedented for an oil sands development of this type.”

Honourable Minister, this project could be an economic game-changer for the country and Alberta, and a precedent-setting project when it comes to environmental standards in the oil and gas industry. It will also help provide a global energy supply that is stable, safe and secure.

Teck’s Frontier project must move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

Terry Parker, Executive Director
Building Trades of Alberta