

In the matter of the
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT
S.B.C. 2002, c. 43
(the Act)

and

in the matter of an
Application
for an
Environmental Assessment Certificate
(Application)

by

the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
(Proponent)

for the

GEORGE MASSEY TUNNEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE # T17-01

Whereas:

- A. The Proponent proposes to construct and operate the Project described in Schedule A to this Certificate (the "Project");
- B. On December 16, 2015, a Project Lead of the Environmental Assessment Office issued an Order under Section 10(1)(c) of the Act stating that an Environmental Assessment Certificate was required for the Project and that the Proponent could not proceed with the Project in the absence of an assessment;
- C. The assessment of the Application was conducted from July 27, 2016 to January 19, 2017, and included consultation with Aboriginal groups and the public respecting the Application;
- D. Compliance with this Certificate, including its conditions, will be monitored by the staff of the Environmental Assessment Office, partner agencies and others who have been authorized to inspect under the Act;
- E. On January 19, 2017, pursuant to Section 17 of the Act, the Executive Director referred the Application, the summary assessment report, the assessment report and recommendations dated January 19, 2017 to the undersigned; and

F. The undersigned have considered the Application, the summary assessment report, the assessment report, submissions from Cowichan Nation Alliance, Halalt First Nation, Musqueam Indian Band and Tsleil-Waututh Nation and the recommendations of the Executive Director.

Now Therefore,

We issue this Environmental Assessment Certificate to the Proponent for the Project as described in the Certified Project Description (Schedule A), subject to the conditions set out in the Table of Conditions (Schedule B).

Duration of Certificate

For the purpose of Section 18(1) of the Act, the deadline is 5 years from the date set out below.



**Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment**



**Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural
Development**

Issued this 8th day of February, 2017.