

PIPELINE ISSUES

Lawyer opens Forum series

Karen Campbell visits Sept. 6

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The planned expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline is rife with controversy.

While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau argues the

economic benefits of the project are crucial for Canada, opponents believe the environmental costs far outweigh any benefits the project might provide.


Many First Nations and other communities on British Columbia's coast strongly oppose the project. The new B.C. government is seeking intervenor status to support a combination of 19 lawsuits launched by First Nations, environmental organizations, and others, which have been joined into one major challenge against the pipeline expansion.

One of the 19 lawsuits aims to protect the southern resident orcas against the noise and oil spill risk posed by the planned increase in tanker traffic. Launched by the Living Oceans Society and Rain-coast Conservation Foundation, it will be heard by the federal Court of Appeal this fall.

Karen Campbell, the climate change program director at Eco-justice, is the lawyer leading the orca case. Her previous victories include overturning the federal government's approval of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Campbell joins the Salt Spring Forum to discuss the legal strategies being used to stop the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring and at Salt Spring Books.

It Happened Twenty Years Ago: (speculative fiction) - 2/4 time 
Valdy - Well Written Songs - SOCAN

it // Happened twenty / Years ago, my / Mom was in her / Early thirties. /
/ I still shake my / Head at how / Quickly things dis-/Solved * it //

// Happened to be / Gay pride par-/Ade day, and the / H L B G /
/ T Q crowd was / Votin' * to //

// Change or to ev-/olve * to /
/ Evolve or / Change * to /
/ Change or just e-/volve * it //

// Happened in the / Old way, that / First past the / Post way that /
/ Politics has / Now all but dis-/Pensed with / ' when it /

/ Happened back in / Seventeen, it / Split up our com-/Munity and /
/ Left the poor and / Aging folks de-/Fenseless ' / ' ' //

// We saw it / Coming ' /
/ We moved a-/Way ' /
/ Sold and fled to / Start a fledgling /
/ Life up north a-/Ways ' we /

// Wanted to stay / Current, so we / Kept the Driftwood / Coming ' re-//
// -Ports write that / Tax hikes soon /
/ Got folks a-/Runnin' ' re-/
/ -Ports say re-/Sorts 'round the /
/ Harbours are / Stunning ' //

// Such a loss for / All of us that / Grew up here and / Left ' /
/ Some declared the / Vote was fair * / Others called it / Theft ' /

// Money won the / Vote * the / Deal was sealed and / Carried * it /
/ Happened twenty / Years ago, Mom / Recently re-/Married * it /

/ Happened twenty / Years ago * //

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