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**New Event: First Nations-Federal Meeting on the Federal Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69)
May 31, 2018 in Vancouver, BC**

May 1st, 2018

Dear Chief,

Recently, the BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council invited you to participate in a province-wide forum to discuss the proposed British Columbia environmental assessment revitalization process. The forum is scheduled on May 29-30 at the Musqueam Community Centre in Vancouver.

We are now writing to you to inform you that we have added a third day to the forum, which will be on May 31, 2018. This day will include presentations and discussion on two pieces of legislation recently introduced by the Federal government through the Federal Impact Assessment Act.

The FNEMC confirms the May 31 federal-First Nations forum will focus on:

- 1) Federal Ministry of Environment repeal of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and enactment of the *Impact Assessment Act*,
- 2) Natural Resources Canada repeal of the *National Energy Board Act* and enactment of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*,
- 3) First Nations feedback on this legislation and opportunities to participate in the upcoming regulatory and policy development.

The agenda for this third day of the forum is being drafted now and will be posted on our website www.fnemc.ca in the very near future. We are also engaged on social media, so please follow us on our Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts for the latest information and forum updates

As was previously indicated, participant travel will be reimbursed, up to \$1000 for **one member per First Nation** to attend May 29-30 of the Province-Wide forum on the BC Environmental Assessment Revitalization process. Feedback was received from some First Nations that \$1000 is insufficient due to the high season for hotels. Participants at the May 31 session will be able to be reimbursed up to \$500 for participation in the third day, which could support the shortfall of costs incurred on May 29-30. Attendance all three days will result in up to \$1500 of reimbursements. Each participant must submit a travel expense claim to FNEMC within seven days after the workshop.

We will host breakfast and lunch, on all days of the forum, so please register to ensure we have sufficient food and so we can accommodate any dietary needs of registrants.

Please refer to FNEMC's website, www.fnemc.ca for updated information including the agenda. To register for the event please send your name and First Nation to: Mark.Blom@fnemc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Porter', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dave Porter
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