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THE FATE OF THE TECK FRONTIER OIL SANDS MINE WILL PROVE WHETHER TRUDEAU IS 'SERIOUS' ABOUT UNITY!
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Alberta Environment Minister Jason Nixon says the fate of the proposed Teck Frontier oil sands mine will tell Albertans once and for all whether Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is all talk about wanting to protect national unity.

In an interview, Nixon said Albertans are tired of being told they aren’t
taking climate change seriously enough and view federal approval of the project slated to be built in northeastern Alberta as a litmus test for federal good will. “Their actions in the next few weeks will finally tell Albertans once and for all whether the prime minister is serious about working with this province or not,” said Nixon.

Vancouver based Teck Resources Ltd., the company behind the $20 BILLION project, has spent years going through the approval process for the project and the federal government is slated to decide within the coming weeks whether to give cabinet approval to the project. The proposed mine would produce roughly 260,000 barrels of oil per day.

But federal Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson has tied that approval to whether the government believes Alberta is taking climate change seriously enough, and pointed to actions like the province’s continued opposition to the federal carbon tax in court.

Trudeau and Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland have also been vocal though, in saying they understand the economic anxiety and anger in provinces like Alberta and Saskatchewan, which locked the Liberals out of any seats in the fall election. Both have met repeatedly since the election with those provincial premiers and mayors.

Nixon argued he thinks the federal government is finding itself in a “political problem” between their pledge to work with Alberta and the need to keep their key supporters satisfied. “That’s a tough spot, maybe, that they find themselves in but I don’t care,” Nixon said.

“They want to work on the unity issue. We have been clear, as the Alberta government, this is one of the main issues that has to be addressed for that to be successful … he [Trudeau] has to decide if he’s serious about working with Albertans or if he’s going to prove what most people in this province believe, and that is that Justin Trudeau’s not interested in our success, he’s not interested in the unity of this country and he’s not going to stand with Albertans.” While the cabinet is supposed to make a decision on the project by the end of February, Wilkinson has said they also have the option to delay.
CALGARY MP MICHELLE REMPEL GARNER - NATIONAL UNITY CRISIS REACHES THE POINT OF NO RETURN OVER TECK

In a very passionate way, this YouTube video by Calgary MP Michelle Rempel Garner lays out the crisis that the pending Federal Government decision on the proposed Teck Frontier mine will cause if the project is turned down or further delayed! It is well worth watching. Click here

FEDERAL LIBERALS PREPARE ALBERTA AID PACKAGE IF TECK IS REJECTED!

There are now reports that the Liberals are preparing an aid package for Alberta in hopes of appeasing the province if the $20-billion proposed Frontier oil sands mine is rejected, according to a report by Reuters citing anonymous sources. IF THAT OCCURS, THERE WILL BE WAR!! Click here

OUR READERS' COMMENTS SECTION

1. From a Reader: In my view the Teck project approval MUST MUST MUST be treated as a no compromise decision. The time, money and regulatory death spiral that Teck has had to expend (yet again for this beleaguered industry) - only to potentially come to a ‘so sad, not this time’ Federal Government response will be a final nail in the Alberta (and oil & gas investment) coffin. Where are the politicians? ALL the coverage today has so-called MP supporters of the Project saying well if its not approved there has to be some ‘offset’, some bauble for the West. Trudeau is in Africa seeking dictator support for his UN objectives. And our mayors. Where on earth are Ivison and Nenshi? They sing a similar ‘make a balanced decision’ tune while sounding if it would be completely acceptable to get ‘other benefits’ if the project is not approved. Weak ambiguous pleas that ignore essential infrastructure, reputational and future investment needs, while pandering to the trendy climate-fear part of the voter base. Where is the leadership for regional interests that also produce national benefits? Will no one in political office at any level stand up and be heard?

2. From a Reader: My Statement regarding concerns surrounding the Teck Frontier Project - Killing Teck mine could push Albertans toward independence. Province must build wealth and opportunity instead. As a long time Albertan & member of the Fair Deal Panel it is clear that Federal interference in approving Teck’s Frontier application will drastically heighten
interference in approving Teck’s Frontier application will drastically heighten Albertan’s desire to hold a referendum on independence.

During my three terms representing Cypress-Medicine Hat it is clear Albertans want and deserve opportunity, self-determination & that Alberta should be the freest and richest place in North America. In fact, federal government interference has done more to hold Albertans back than anything, ever before. I ask Premier Kenney & the UCP government to turn down any comparative scrap of compensation offered to Albertans to negate Albertans opportunity to fully develop our best on the world Oil and Gas Industry. Let us continue to work towards Alberta being the place with the most opportunity & best place to live and raise a family. *(Drew Barnes, Alberta MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat)*  [Click here](#)

3. From a Reader: Does Trudeau have any real intention of doing anything to bring this mine into being at all? He makes a lot of promises and talk but rarely comes through with anything. It gives him a good bargaining chip though.

4. From a Reader: The Teck Frontier Oil Sands mine approval is pending. The issue has made a lot of news recently. According to the CBC Federal Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson has tied the approval to Alberta’s court challenge to the Federally imposed Carbon Tax. If the Liberal Government had any ethics at all, these would be two mutually exclusive issues. If the application for approval qualifies under the new regulations it should be approved. Instead, Alberta is again getting throttled by the Laurentian Elite.

5. From a Reader: Is Trudeau about to split Canada even further? Aaron Gunn on Twitter:  [Click here](#)

6. From a Reader: It is time Alberta and Saskatchewan take control of their destiny. These two jurisdictions must combine to form a new country. It will be the richest country in the world. Alberta with its oil and gas production, petrochemical industry and agriculture, Saskatchewan with its potash, uranium, agriculture and oil, shared amongst a mere 5 million people! Moreover, Alberta and Saskatchewan have in their northern areas most of the fresh water in the free world. All the key elements of a country already exist within our borders. Do our citizens realize what this would mean? We would have little or no taxation, and the highest standard of living in the history of civilization. And the eastern half of British Columbia, and eventually all of it, would be in our wish. Why not?
would clamor to join. Why not?

**ADDITIONAL READING/ VIEWING**

In closing, here is additional information on the problems we are facing and the need for us to take remedial action immediately to right our sinking ship.

1. **LIBERAL MPs URGE TRUDEAU TO REJECT MASSIVE ALBERTA OILSANDS MINE** [Click here]

2. **KENNEY WANTS OTTAWA TO APPROVE TECK MINE FOR BENEFIT OF FIRST NATIONS** [Click here]

3. **TECK MINE APPROVAL COULD REQUIRE ALBERTA TO HIT NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050** [Click here]

4. **ALBERTA'S CLIMATE PLAN PART OF CABINET DECISION ON NEW OIL SANDS MINE: WILKINSON** [Click here]

5. **RICK BELL: TRUDEAU ARM-TWISTS ALBERTA, PLAY BALL OR NO OIL SANDS MINE** [Click here]

6. **LORNE GUNTER: TIME FOR ALBERTA TO GET TOUGH WITH TRUDEAU LIBERALS OVER TECK MINE** [Click here]

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