

March 9, 2021

Dear Chief Constable Adam Palmer,

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the Trans Mountain expansion pipeline (TMX), all Canadians should be horrified by the Vancouver Police response to the Indigenous youth holding ceremonies at the Vancouver offices of Chubb, Liberty Mutual and American International Group. (AIG) last week. They want the insurance companies to recognize that TMX endangers the environment.

The Braided Warriors allege that they were "were violently thrown to the ground, dragged across floors and down stairways, pulled by the hair and braid, thrown to a surface covered in glass, strangled in a chokehold, or dragged face down on concrete."

It is imperative that their allegations be investigated and appropriate consequences follow for those officers involved.

Sincerely,

Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Victoria Lutheran Church of the Cross

We acknowledge and are grateful to the Lekwungen Peoples of the Songhees, Wsáneć and Esquimalt First Nations on whose traditional territory we live. We acknowledge our settler history and our responsibility for reconciliation.

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