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Premier John Horgan  
Legislature Building  
West Annex Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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**Re: KM Trans Mountain pipeline impasse with the Province of Alberta**

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Dear Mr. Premier:

The District of Sicamous would like to express our concern for the growing hostility between the Province of Alberta and the Province of BC initiated by the Kinder Morgan pipeline. We understand and respect your position on the pipeline expansion, however, we must remember the project has been approved by the Federal government. The method the current government is using right now, by encouraging and implementing unnecessary delay tactics and by disrupting the legal construction of the pipeline, is not the way British Columbians would like this to be resolved. We do not believe a trade war with any other province, especially Alberta, is the solution.

We believe it is imperative the provinces work together to move forward in a way that is environmentally sound and of course beneficial to all. Fossil fuel is not the future; however, it certainly is the present. Transporting bitumen using pipeline is safer and less harmful to the environment than sending more crude products via highway truck-tankers or train. The safe guards that are in place to run a pipeline today are far more technically advanced than in the 70's, 80's and even the last few years. KM will not be able to proceed with this line without the proper safety criteria, and strict regulations being met.

BC is losing millions of dollars in royalties, taxes, employment, and national economic prosperity. It is incumbent on these two governments to work together and figure this out. As this current impasse continues and escalates, other provinces are being drawn into the hostility which threatens Canadian unity. Now is the time for both governments to diffuse this crisis and not threaten each other. The consequences will send hard working British Columbians into unaffordable situations.

The tourism industry, which represents a large part of the BC economy will be heavily hit if this war continues. It is impacting business in our community, and will have lasting impacts as people from other provinces change their vacation plans, perhaps permanently.

Sicamous is just recovering from floods, boil water advisories and fires. Our municipality has taken enough. This is the first year in many, we were feeling confident that we were OPEN FOR BUSINESS, and now we are feeling pushed back by our own government. Due to our location we heavily rely on the Alberta tourism dollar and we cannot afford to upset our

neighbour to the east.

Investors considering investing in our community will soon re-think their choices based on uncertainty. The cost of fuel will discourage business, new residents, and tourism, and the fallout from this governments choice will be disastrous.

British Columbia has always been a very environmentally responsible province, and we will continue to be strong stewards guarding the future of our children, however, this massive battle is not the solution nor the will of most British Columbians. If you don't fix this, Mr. Premier, the consequences of a failed 7.4-billion-dollar mega project will be felt for generations.

Please reconsider the governments stand, and put the success and prosperity of British Columbians in your sights first.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Rysz'.

Mayor Terry Rysz  
**DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS**

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