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Her Worship Virginia Smith
Mayor of the District of Barriere
P.O. Box 219
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Dear Madam Mayor:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to me your letter of April 24, 2018, on behalf of the Council of the District of Barriere, about the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Our government is of the view that good projects that contribute to economic growth and protect the environment to the benefit of all Canadians must go ahead. We found the Trans Mountain Expansion Project to be in the national interest. Our decision was based on facts and evidence. We considered many things, including the reports from the National Energy Board and the Ministerial Panel for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, an assessment of potential greenhouse gas emissions, the views of Canadians, and what we heard during consultations with Indigenous Peoples. Our conclusion that the project is in the national interest has not changed.

In light of our decision, we are not prepared for the project to be subject to unnecessary regulatory delays. We are monitoring developments in British Columbia (B.C.), including the provincial permitting processes and draft statutory amendment to the *Environmental Management Act* the province referred to the B.C. Court of Appeal. Our government intervened to advocate for a generic expedited process to adjudicate disputes over provincial and municipal permits. Canada will also intervene in the provincial Court of Appeal on reference questions posed by the province.

On May 29, 2018, my colleague, the Honourable Bill Moreau, Minister of Finance, and I announced that the Government of Canada had reached a purchase and sale agreement with Kinder Morgan in order to secure the timely completion of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. The agreement will guarantee the resumption of construction work, protecting thousands of jobs in Alberta and British Columbia, and will ensure construction

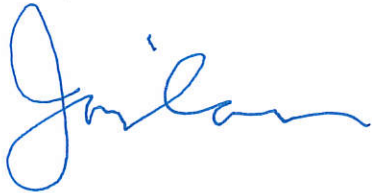
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continues through the 2018 season, eliminating the uncertainty for families whose financial security relies on this project going ahead this year. The agreement also provides for Canada to purchase the company's Trans Mountain Expansion Project, related pipeline and terminal assets. It is not our government's intention to be a long-term owner of the project, but to work to advance it and find a new owner.

Our government is committed to regulating Canada's natural resource projects in a way that spurs innovation and enables us to leave a cleaner planet for future generations. These are not competing interests, they are shared priorities. The Trans Mountain Expansion Pipeline is a crucial resource project that will create thousands of good, middle class jobs. We have the responsibility to ensure the stability and growth of the Canadian economy and to diversify by getting our resources to non-U.S. markets.

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your engagement in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.