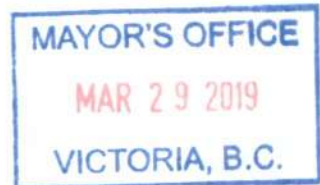




Calgary

Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

March 21, 2019



Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps: *Lisa!*

I am writing on behalf of my colleagues on Calgary City Council to express our concern for the recent decision by Victoria's City Council to ask the Union of BC Municipalities to explore filing a lawsuit against oil and gas companies to recover the costs of climate change. While I respect the right of every municipality to take whatever action they feel is necessary to protect the best interests of their citizens, I also believe that it is important to speak up when those actions could have detrimental impacts on other Canadians.

Like Victoria, The City of Calgary is also concerned about the climate. We are well-acquainted with the financial impacts of climate change. For example, we have experienced significant flood events and other unusual weather that has resulted in billions of dollars in losses, including the then-costliest natural disaster in Canadian history (the 2013 flood). In 2018, City Council unanimously passed our Climate Strategy, and all our business units have been instructed to integrate its principles into all of their work and budgets. We are proud to have been selected as a member of the 100 Resilient Cities global network, where we have been working with global partners on a Resiliency Strategy that will incorporate best practices from around the globe to build a stronger community that can successfully meet the challenges posed by climate change.

And we put our beliefs into practice. Calgary Transit purchases all of its electricity from renewable sources. The CTrain runs off of this renewable energy and is the only LRT system in North America that is completely powered by wind-generated electricity. Calgary was the first Canadian municipality to adopt a Sustainable Buildings Policy, and in 2017, we completed a retrofit of 80,000 streetlights to LED lights, reducing our electricity consumption by 50 percent.

Our work reflects that of the Canadian energy sector. For decades, this sector has attracted skilled workers from across Canada with well-paying jobs, many of them here in Calgary. We are also proud that the prosperity generated has been shared across Canada, from coast to coast to coast. However, since 2015, the drop in global energy prices and the specific impact of lack of access to non-US markets has hit Calgary's economy particularly hard. We have gone from being the economic engine of the country to having one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. For us, building economic

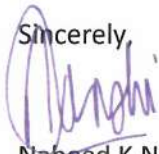
resilience has been as important as climate resilience, and we are making great strides in diversifying our economy, while remaining at the forefront of innovation in the energy industry.

I believe that access to clean, safe, convenient energy is one of the most important challenges facing humanity. And I believe that the Canadian energy sector is leading the world in responsible energy development.

As I have said for many years, including in your beautiful city, we are blessed as a nation with an incredible asset. It makes sense to maximize the value of our national, natural, asset and reinvest that money in technology that will lead us into the future. Today, people still require fossil fuels to travel on planes, ferries and cruise ships, to heat their homes, and to produce goods and services that we all enjoy. The women and men working in Canadian energy produce these fossil fuels in a responsible and sustainable way, and are getting better at it every day. They don't deserve to be vilified or penalized for the great work they do.

Over the past few years, our oil and gas industry has not only been impacted by global factors outside of its control, but by rhetoric from some fellow Canadians and those abroad about how they alone are responsible for climate change. A productive response to climate change and a resilient economy requires collaboration between municipalities and industry instead of distracting gestures. Let's listen to each other, understand each other and move forward together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Nanshi".

Nanshi K.Nenshi

MAYOR

Thanks for engaging on this!