



Ref: 23133

May 5, 2017

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE
12.
MAY 4 2017
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your April 5, 2017 letter regarding extending the authority to introduce the vacant homes tax to local governments across the province. I appreciate hearing Council's perspective on this issue.

As the relevant legislation is within the area of responsibility of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, I have forwarded your letter to that ministry for their review and attention.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister

pc: Office of the Premier

Jacque Dawes, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Ministry of Natural Gas
Development and
Minister Responsible for
Housing

Office of the
Deputy Minister

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9319, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9N3

Telephone: 250 952-0504
Facsimile: 250 952-0269

Location:
8th Floor, 1810 Blanshard Street
Victoria

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/ener/