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Dear Ms. Helps:

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 2016, regarding the City of Victoria's opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX).

As I am sure you are aware, the National Energy Board issued its recommendations on TMX on May 19, 2016, following a review process that involved engaging with a range of interested parties, including the City of Victoria. Please rest assured that, before taking a final decision on whether or not to approve the project, the Government will carefully consider the views of local communities, continue to consult in a meaningful way with impacted Indigenous Peoples, and review scientific and technical evidence, as well as any other relevant factors. The three-person Ministerial Panel, tasked with engaging Canadians and reviewing feedback about the proposed project, continues to hold meetings over the summer and will provide a report of its findings in late fall, which will be made public.

I have referred your letter to James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, as the lead Minister, and have also referred it to: Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs; Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard; Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport; and Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, for their information.

Sincerely,

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