



Victoria Chapter of The Council of Canadians

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Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

On behalf of the Victoria Chapter of The Council of Canadians we wish to appear on Thursday, Sept. 8th 2016 (pending confirmation) as a delegation to address our concerns regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) and the effect it will have on the ability of local governments to serve their constituents.

As details of the proposed agreement emerge, citizens and elected officials are beginning to have concerns with the TPP that they are communicating to the federal government.

Some of the concerns that have been raised include the following:

- **The TPP has been negotiated in complete secrecy**
- **The TPP is not really a trade agreement**
- **It may violate our most fundamental principles of democracy**
- **The TPP will likely impact city planning, a major function of city government**
- **Increase global warming and costly extreme weather events**
- **Create a new regulatory bureaucracy that overrides local laws**
- **May rob local government of the ability to protect local jobs**
- **Could inflate healthcare costs**

Please find enclosed information that includes: the spring 2016 magazine Canadian Perspectives and two information sheets for your perusal.

You are also invited to visit our website for more information on the TPP:

[www.canadians.org/tpp](http://www.canadians.org/tpp)

Additional information will be emailed to you by Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016.

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