



## Victoria Chapter of The Council of Canadians

August 25, 2015

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

On Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Victoria Chapter of The Council of Canadians we will be presenting 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**

For a quick preview of the TPP, we ask you and council members to view the following link by Senator Elizabeth Warren on the TPP. Her five-minute presentation is crucial and very applicable to Canada. In fact she cites examples particular to Canada on two occasions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmLHwZkonwY>

Please also find enclosed information that includes: the spring 2016 magazine Canadian Perspectives and three information items 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)

Related material:

<http://canadians.org/sites/default/files/publications/TPP-factsheet-0416.pdf>

<http://canadians.org/sites/default/files/tpp-and-you-infographic.pdf>

<http://canadians.org/sites/default/files/publications/cp-spring16-trade.pdf>

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

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