



Office of the Mayor

City of Victoria
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April 28, 2016

Mayor Helps and Council;

I am writing to update you on our legal action with NavCanada and to request your consideration of support in this action. As you are aware, North Saanich joined with BC Assessment in the action brought before the BC Court of Appeal. We were very successful in that action and received a unanimous decision from the five judge panel. The court reversed previous cases that resulted in single use properties like those owned by NavCanada and BC Ferries being valued at essentially zero. However, NavCanada has filed for leave to take this case to the Supreme Court of Canada. If our strong ruling is upheld, the position of municipalities with respect to the assessment of such properties will be protected.

I can advise that while we have received some support from the UBCM, Kamloops, and Powell River, our costs to date of approximately \$180,000.00 have far exceeded contributions. We expect the costs of going to the Supreme Court to defend our favorable ruling will be in the order of an additional \$100,000.00. As the outcome of the next proceedings are significant for municipalities with NavCanada and BC Ferry facilities, we are requesting your consideration of further financial support in this effort. We are very optimistic as to the outcome of the Supreme Court's ruling especially given the unanimous decision we recently received.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Finall', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Alice Finall