



MEDIA ADVISORY

Statement from Mayor Helps on Trans Mountain Pipeline Approval

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps issued the following statement today about the Federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline approval:

"The City of Victoria is on the front lines of climate change. Our idyllic coastlines are a defining feature that keeps many of us here and upon which our economies are based. But we also recognize how very fragile those coastlines are.

"That's why we declared a climate emergency and are working towards carbon neutrality by 2030. And our bold climate leadership plan will phase out fossil fuels entirely by 2050. Given these commitments and our community values, many Victorians have expressed strong opposition to the Trans Mountain pipeline. We have very serious concerns about the impact that increased tanker traffic would have on the long term ecological and economic health of our coastlines.

"However, I applaud the Federal government by also declaring a climate emergency. It gives me hope that they will be strong partners in helping our City mitigate the immediate impacts of climate change and protect it in the future."

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