

**BACKGROUNDER:**

**BC Local Governments Support Government of Canada as Intervenors in Carbon Pricing Supreme Court Appeal**

The Supreme Court of Canada has granted leave to the City of Vancouver, Victoria, Squamish, Nelson, Richmond, and Rossland, to jointly intervene in the SCC's hearing of the Federal Carbon Pricing appeals.

The municipal intervenors are asking the Supreme Court of Canada to uphold the Federal Government's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.

The joint application for leave to intervene in the Supreme Court of Canada proceeding was filed on November 6 pursuant to direction from Councils at the in-camera meetings in late October and early November.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada granting leave to intervene allows the coalition of B.C. local governments to file argument in the hearing of these appeals. The joint submissions made on behalf of the municipal intervenors will support the validity of the Federal Carbon Pricing legislation.

The municipal intervention will support the argument that the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) imposes valid regulatory charges and that the GGPPA is a validly enacted law within federal jurisdiction under the peace, order and good government power.

The hearing of the appeals in the SCC is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2020.