

2000 Northeastern BC Businesses Call on the Provincial Government to Maintain the Freeze on the Carbon Tax

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"The Northeast BC Resource Municipalities Coalition has filed a formal submission calling for the Provincial government to continue its freeze on the current \$30/ton carbon tax" stated Mayor Bill Streeper

Mayor Rob Fraser added "We believe the province would only consider an increase in the carbon tax under a regime where emission-intensive, trade-exposed industries are fully protected from any carbon tax increase."

"We certainly appreciate the leadership role that the BC Government is taking on being the first to introduce taxation on carbon however, it is extremely important to our economy and to our citizens that we simply cannot afford to jeopardize our competitive standing and investment reputation by increasing the carbon tax in isolation from competitive jurisdictions that have yet to act or are slow in adopting a price on carbon." stated Mayor Lori Ackerman.

BC is recognized as a world leader in the fight against climate change, while growing a strong economy. The coalition believes that BC's natural resources, particularly natural gas is part of the solution and plays an important role reducing global carbon emissions as the world transitions to a low carbon economy.

The NEBC Resource Municipalities Coalition membership includes:

- The City of Fort St John
- The District of Taylor
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- The Fort St John & District Chamber of Commerce
- The Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce
- The Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce
- Northern BC Truckers Association
- Energy Services BC

The Coalition's Research and Reports as well as a schedule of their activities can be found on their website www.nebccoalition.com

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