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With right leadership, Canada can support world's energy needs

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In the competition to become the world's energy supplier of choice, Canada sits on the sidelines. We live in a growing, urbanizing world that needs more energy and Canada could be that global supplier. The world's population ...

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In a move reminiscent to what TransCanada did a month before it put the kybosh on the Energy East Pipeline Project, Kinder Morgan put out a press release Sunday, April 8, in which the company said it would curtail spending on the project if things ...

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Nuclear power plan for the north - Northern Ontario Business

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The first step toward having feasible nuclear power for remote northern communities and mines has been made with an agreement.

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Justin Trudeau blames Harper Conservatives for pipeline delays | Edmonton Journal

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Since 2008, global warming hasn't reversed, but conservative policy sure has.

Now it's no **cap and trade**.

No carbon tax. No nothing. Frankly, no **climate** **plan** at all. That's the position of federal Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer and shared by Alberta UCP Leader Jason Kenney and **Ontario** PC Leader Doug Ford.

Their **plan** is to ride the backlash to the carbon price plans of **Ontario** Premier Kathleen Wynne and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Let's not deny it. There is a backlash. And it's not unreasonable. But the NDP can fix it.

A carbon price is a **consumer** tax. And the tax **rate** is the same no matter a person's income. So, because high-income Canadians save some of their paycheques while low-income Canadians often spend everything they earn, **consumer** taxes fall most heavily on low-income people.

The carbon price on a 60 litre tank of **gas**, for example, is exactly the same for a minimum wage worker as a bank executive. To the banker it's the tip on a fancy after-work cocktail; for a low-wage worker it's the cost of a packed lunch.

Of course that's going to create a backlash Conservatives can exploit. And in an economy of stagnant wages and sky-high executive compensation, working class Canadians are perfectly right to be annoyed when Wynne or Trudeau make them shoulder more than their **fair** share.

That doesn't mean working class Canadians don't care about **climate** change. It just means they don't want their government making life even harder for them.

But there's a way to fix the unfairness and blunt the backlash: a carbon tax **rebate** based on income. Alberta's NDP Premier Rachel Notley is already doing it.

Notley's **plan** gives lowincome Albertans the biggest tax **rebate** while high-income Albertans receive no **rebate**. Carbon pricing still encourages everyone to consume less carbon. But incomebased rebates mean 60 per cent of Albertans get a full **rebate** of $300 per person, or $540 for a couple with two children. For many, the **rebate** is bigger than what they pay in carbon tax.

Next, Notley's government puts the **rebate** cheques in the mail-then points at the concrete proof that the backlash being stoked by Kenney is just for the benefit of affluent Albertans.

In **Ontario**, 80 per cent want a change of government-and a policy like Notley's could help NDP Leader Andrea Horwath improve her odds against Ford. A rebates policy would show she knows fighting **climate** change can't be at the expense of working people. From that strength she could remind voters that Ford has no **plan** on **climate** change and carbon revenues pay for services like transit that working people rely on everyday.

What liberals consistently don't understand-and social democrats do-is that while Canadians of all classes want reduced carbon emissions, working class Canadians get rightly annoyed when they're the ones told to foot the bill.

New Democrats can fix carbon pricing to make it **fair** and effective. And if that doesn't happen, Conservatives will continue to use the backlash to propel them toward a win.

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But the question is where to start.

Here are five easy cuts to government waste that a new government could make immediately.

1. Cut the **cap and trade** carbon tax and the **cap and trade** welfare fund

The **cap and trade** carbon tax adds to the cost of heating your family's home and driving to work. It also hurts businesses across the province, especially in the already vulnerable manufacturing sector where American states are courting **Ontario** factories with lower tax **rates** and taxpayer subsidies. **Cap and trade** will send $2.2 billion of taxpayer dollars outside of **Ontario** to Quebec and California by 2030, while failing to make a measurable impact on the world's **climate**.

2. Cut spending on government advertising

Government advertising in **Ontario** is the highest it has been since 2006-07. In 2016-17, the government spent $58 million of our taxpayer money telling us how great they are at spending our money. The auditor general found that a significant part of that, $17.4 million, was being used as partisan advertising. The government should cut the budget for government advertising and enact legislation that restricts when taxpayer money can be used on advertising.

3. Cut the LCBO monopoly and sell the assets

Prohibition ended decades ago, and **Ontario** doesn't need to rely on the government to sell liquor to the **public**. Wynne recently allowed the sale of wine and beer in a select number of grocery stores, adding a layer of micromanaged political interference to something that is as straightforward as selling a **consumer** a product they want to buy.

Meanwhile, large and flashy LCBO stores, complete with test kitchens, tasting bars and glossy magazines cut (with unionized employees) into the profits of a business that could be more efficiently operated privately. Private stores would also improve **consumer** choice; after liquor stores were privatized in Alberta, product selection increased from 2,200 varieties to more than 20,000 now. Selling off the LCBO and ending the monopoly on beer, wine and liquor would improve **consumer** choice, provide a shot of revenue to the government and get government out of a business they shouldn't be in.

4. Cut the Wynne experiment in basic income

The Wynne government is spending $50 million per year on a new welfare experiment handing out free taxpayer money. They call it the "basic income project," and the project gives up to $17,000 for low-income individuals and $24,000 for couples. The money is given no-strings -attached to 4,000 low-income individuals or households, and the benefit is reduced as the recipient earns income. Paying some people tens of thousands of dollars not to work while continuing to increase taxes for the rest of us makes no sense. This crazy experiment needs to be shelved and forgotten.

5. Cut the size of government with a hiring and wage freeze

The number of government employees in **Ontario** has grown dramatically in the past 20 years. Since 1997, there are 43 per cent more bureaucrats, which is faster than private-sector job growth and self-employed job growth. Government employees in Canada have seen an average wage growth of more than 26 per cent since 1997, second only to those in the mining industry. It's true that Canada has been fortunate with a resource boom. But that does not justify a corresponding government boom. Government employees are also paid an average of 13.4 per cent more than private-sector workers for similar work, in addition to non-wage benefits.

We need to cut the size of government, starting with a wage and hiring freeze, and allow natural attrition to occur.

This year, the **Ontario** government ran a $6.7-billion deficit, despite recommitting in November to a balanced budget this fiscal year. These five suggestions are just a start - the government also wastes billions on corporate welfare and unnecessary **renewable energy** contracts. Taking these first steps is necessary if the **Ontario** government is going to start to dig out of this hole.

Christine Van Geyn is the **Ontario** director for the **Ontario** Taxpayers Federation. This article was previously published on the Huffington Post.

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It seems like the only ones who can benefit from the project are Liberal insiders. It is also frustrating me that the farmers'concerns were ignored. Many farmers are depending on the farmland to grow agricultural products for making a living in rural **Toronto**, but have policymakers thought about how farmers'lives will be impacted if the project is still in processing? If the program is not in the best interest of the **public** and the farmers'basic living needs are at risk, there is no point to support a policy like this! Government should either cancel the program or make **hydro** bills affordable and provide farmers who are at the risk of losing farmland an alternative **plan** for living!

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(The Liberals'policies are hardly ever well thought out, and this is a perfect illustration of that)

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Her big gift basket of voter goodies also includes a free 25% cut to **hydro** bills, mostly free dental care for some, a pay hike for welfare recipients and billions of dollars in new spending on everything from hospitals to mental health care, education and transit.

When saloons offered free food in the early part of the last century to entice paying customers through the doors to buy beer and whiskey, some wag coined the phrase "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

It stuck, and was adopted as an economic maxim, meaning there's a cost to everything.

For example, the longterm cost of Wynne's 25% **hydro** **rate** reduction is $39.4 billion, the province's auditor found, including $4 billion over 30 years in unnecessary interest payments. Meanwhile, our **hydro** system's still broken and **rates** go back up after the election.

In the short-term, the cost for Wynne's free election promises over the next three years will be new tax and user fee hikes and $52 billion in new debt.

That's because Wynne and her finance minister Charles Sousa **plan** to run deficits for the next six years to pay for their "free" promises, by which time **Ontario**'s total debt will reach a crippling $400 billion.

Last year alone, the Liberals spent $12 billion annually on debt interest payments and **plan** to grow that 41% to $16.9 billion by 2025-26.

Think things are bad now in hospitals? Add billions in new annual spending and then take $5 billion out of revenues to pay your credit card bill and see what happens.

Particularly since Ontario's independent Financial Accountability Office projects government revenue will remain flat into the foreseeable future. The Liberals can't count on earning more because baby boomers are retiring, will pay less tax and will cost government more.

The FAO and the auditor also, by the way, suggest the Liberals are cooking the province's books - so things are probably a lot worse than they look.

And at some point, everyone will pay for Wynne's irresponsible and self-serving promises.

In the short term, some might get cheaper child care, but they'll eventually pay higher taxes, user fees and debt costs or face public service cuts to pay for the free prescription drugs, and other goodies others get.

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The sole exceptions are Saskatchewan and New Brunswick.

Yes, yes, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was out west at the end of the week kinda, sorta promoting pipelines. (Kinda, sorta - rather than fully and forcefully - is the only way Trudeau ever promotes pipelines.)

And, yes, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley has been a fullthroated defender of (some) pipelines since last fall. She's even off next week to Toronto and New York on her own propipeline tour.

But no one really believes either Trudeau or Notley are deeply committed to greater energy development. The governments of both betray their outward support for pipelines by implementing policies that do everything possible to scary away investors.

When Notley was in opposition (and had very little expectation of ever being premier), she was mostly an opponent of the oilsands and pipelines. And so were many in her cabinet and caucus.

During the last election, she admitted she was only in favour of the Energy East pipeline (now cancelled). She was lukewarm, at best, to Keystone and flat out opposed to Northern Gateway. Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain didn't come up.

And since being elected, her government has imposed a carbon tax on everything that moves in Alberta, raised taxes on energy companies, increased environmental regulations, forced the closure of coal-fired power plants and imposed a hard cap on emissions from the oilsands, among other anti-energy actions.

Notley's NDP government is desperate for re-election next year and desperate to reduce its enormous budget deficits. It now realizes it needs pipelines to achieve both; ergo its sudden support for Kinder Morgan.

So energy investors who have to manage tens of billions in capital can be forgiven for looking beyond Notley's newfound rhetorical enthusiasm for pipelines. It smacks of a deathbed conversion.

Trudeau's motivation is even more devious.

The PM's closest advisors are longtime eco-activists and architects of Ontario's disastrous "green" energy scheme.

But Trudeau, too, recognizes that he at least needs to pay lip service to economic development and balanced budgets - both of which require him to say he favours pipelines.

So his government recently has developed a novel approach: Permit more energy development, but landlock Alberta's oil and gas on the Prairies with no pipelines to buyers. This approach is known among environmentalists as "demarketing."

It's not true that pipeline companies can win construction approval with minimal enviro assessments. One B.C. project was ordered to have an independent impact study of dragonfly populations along its route - at its expense.

Each successful pipeline project has satisfied scores of such demands from regulators before being granted a permit. But Trudeau's Liberals cultivated a public belief that assessments were inadequate so it could introduce changes to the assessment process that make new pipelines impossible.

And those are just the difficulties in dealing with allegedly pro-pipeline governments in Canada. Then there are the openly hostile ones in B.C. and Quebec.

It may be a puzzle to the federal Liberals why investors are avoiding us, so much so they are going to spend your money studying the causes. But to the people whose billions are needed to get such projects built, it's no wonder at all why they're investing anywhere but in Canada. lgunter@postmedia.com

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What ails our oil and gas sector? Trudeau's own policies

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The Trudeau government is spending $280,000 to study why Canada's oil and **gas** sector is falling behind. Folks online were quick to propose a better way to answer this question: someone hand Justin Trudeau a mirror! (Who are we kidding, it's Justin Trudeau, he probably owns thousands of mirrors).

In all seriousness, if our Prime Minister really wants to understand why there is less investment in Canada's oil and **gas** sector, he should look no further than his own policies.

The Trudeau government has hardly been an ally to the oil and **gas** sector in Western Canada.

Trudeau has interfered with and had a hand in cancelling major pipeline projects, including **Northern** Gateway and **Energy** East, and he hasn't done enough to stop radical environmentalists from interfering with approved projects like Trans Mountain pipeline.

Trudeau was in British Columbia this week, and didn't bother meeting with B.C. Premier John Horgan - the man holding our confederation hostage by proposing shipping limits on oil exports.

Aside from Trudeau's lackluster attitude towards getting our natural resources to market, his government is driving up the cost of living in Canada - making life more expansive and shaking investor confidence.

Just look at Trudeau's carbon taxes - a cockamamie scheme to intentionally drive up heating costs and **consumer** prices for Canadians, rammed down our throats without even coherent explanation for its necessity.

During a committee hearing last month, Trudeau's environment minister Catherine McKenna failed to answer basic questions from Conservative MP Robert Sopuck about the tax, specifically: how much will Canada's C02 emissions be reduced as a result of Trudeau's $50 per tonne carbon tax? McKenna couldn't provide a number, and digressed into partisan talking points, leading Sopuck to conclude that "(Canadians) will be asked to pay a $50 carbon tax - probably increased over time - and there is absolutely no measurement of what the environmental benefit will be."

Tax hikes and obtuse politics aren't the only roadblocks the Liberals are throwing in front of our economy.

In February, the Liberals drastically increased the amount of red tape requirements on natural resources projects. On top of studying the impact of wildlife and plants in a project area, Trudeau is now requiring oil and **gas** companies to study "the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors."

Using the Marxist academic concept of "intersectionality" in assessing natural resource projects has dumbfounded even Trudeau's allies. "If you're asking, 'What does that mean?'I'm going to have to say, I don't really know," said a lawyer with the **Canadian** Environmental Law Association.

Chris Bloomer, CEO of the **Canadian Energy** Pipeline Association, stated his concerns over Canada's burdensome regulatory policies during a recent Parliamentary committee hearing: "It is difficult to imagine that a new major pipeline could be built in Canada under the Impact Assessment Act, much less attract **energy** investment into Canada," said Bloomer.

The Trudeau Liberals are intentionally driving up the cost of living through carbon taxes, without even a ballpark estimate for emission reduction. They've introduced stifling new regulations, turned a blind eye to political feuds that destabilize our economy, and allowed radical foreign-funded environmentalist groups to set their **climate** agenda.

Trudeau has failed to champion Canada's natural resources, and let it be known that he wants to "phase out" Canada's oil and **gas** sector.

Trudeau doesn't need to spend $280,000 to find out why Canada's oil and **gas** sector is failing. He needs to reconsider his policies.

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With right leadership, Canada can support world's energy needs

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In the competition to become the world's **energy** supplier of choice, Canada sits on the sidelines.

We live in a growing, urbanizing world that needs more **energy** and Canada could be that global supplier. The world's population is expected to increase to 9.2 billion people in the next two decades - the equivalent of adding a second China to the world.

Even the International **Energy** Agency tells us that the need for all forms of **energy** will skyrocket.

As people in developing countries such as India and China look for ways to heat their homes, fuel their cars and improve their quality of life, demand for **energy** - oil and **natural gas**, renewable and nuclear - is on the rise. Oil and **natural gas** will dominate at 52% of the world's **energy** mix - more than coal, nuclear, biomass and renewables combined.

By 2040, the demand for **energy** - including oil and **natural gas** - will be about 30% **greater** than it is today and Canada has the resources to meet that need.

According to the Global **Energy** Pulse, a first-of-its-kind survey conducted by Ipsos, people around the world want **Canadian** oil and **natural gas** thanks to our sustainable development and leading environmental standards. We were ranked No. 1 among 11 energyproducing nations, globally.

But in order to be successful and meet the world's **energy** needs, our producers need the support of Canadians to gain access to global markets and to ensure we become the international supplier of choice.

Yet, we continue to lose jobs and investment in the fierce competition to meet growing global **energy** demand to countries with less stringent environmental, regulatory and safety standards.

Today, China and India source oil and **natural gas** from places such as Saudi Arabia, Russia, Angola, Nigeria and Iraq. In addition, the United States - our number one **customer** and biggest competitor - not only exports **energy** to **Canadian** markets but also serves many of the global customers we wish to supply.

Where other countries are aggressively courting world **energy** markets and the jobs and prosperity they provide, Canada's industry is subject to policies and regulations that damage our competitiveness. Without leadership and policies that encourage investment and innovation, Canada will remain on the back burner.

Canada has the **energy** the world needs and boasts some of the highest environmental standards. But we lack a defining vision for the country's oil and **natural gas** industry and our role in the global **energy** future.

The **Canadian** Association of Petroleum Producers believes the federal government has a pivotal role to play in defining this vision of how Canada can meet the world's growing **energy** needs.

Collaboration between industry and government on policy issues to encourage investment and access to world markets is imperative. We need to align our policy costs with other jurisdictions to enable competitiveness and the development of technology.

Most importantly, we need the support of our nation so we can continue to ensure the responsible development of our natural resources and ensure **fair** value for our products globally.

We all benefit from a healthy, competitive and economic oil and **natural gas** sector, but the positive impact of Canada's industry could be even broader. Exporting responsibly produced **Canadian** **energy** to the developing world means we help meet the world's sustainability goals on the only scale that matters - globally.

The world wants more **Canadian** **energy** and it's up to all of us to find the ways and means to supply it.

McMillan is president and CEO of the **Canadian** Association of Petroleum Producers

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Kinder Morgan issues Trans Mountain ultimatum; Company points to B.C. opposition in halting 'non-essential' spending on $7.4-billion expansion and sets deadline to reach agreements on pipeline's fate by end of May

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Kinder Morgan Inc. has suspended all "non-essential" spending on its Trans Mountain pipeline expansion due to opposition from the British Columbia government, issuing an ultimatum that it won't commit any more dollars to the $7.4-billion project unless it can get agreement from the province to stand aside by the end of May.

The fate of the project - which has become the focal point of a larger **Canadian** debate over environment protection versus **energy** development, and federal authority versus local interests - could be decided in the weeks ahead. The pipeline company said in a news release on Sunday it will consult with stakeholders in an effort to reach agreements by May 31 that could allow the project to still go ahead.

"If we cannot reach agreement by May 31st, it is difficult to conceive of any scenario in which we would proceed with the project," Kinder Morgan chief executive officer Steve Kean said in the release.

The announcement from the U.S. pipeline company is a blow to both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, who have been aligned in the message that environmental progress must be balanced with economic development, and the project is in the national economic interest.

The demand from Kinder Morgan comes six months after TransCanada Corp. pulled the plug on its $15.7-billion **Energy** East pipeline citing "changed circumstances." Mr. Trudeau said it was a business decision, and "market conditions have changed fundamentally since **Energy** East was first proposed." However, critics said **Ottawa**'s **climate**-change policies created unfair burdens on Western crude producers while refineries in Quebec and New Brunswick import oil from Venezuela and Saudi Arabia - countries that haven't imposed greenhouse **gas** regulations.

Late Sunday, federal Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr called on British Columbia Premier John Horgan and his government to end all threats of delay to the Trans Mountain expansion.

"His government's actions stand to harm the entire **Canadian** economy. At a time of great global trade uncertainty, the importance of Canada's role in the global **energy** market is bigger than individual projects and provinces," Mr. Carr said in a news release.

Mr. Horgan said that he remains resolute in his opposition to the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, which he said is not in B.C's interest, given the risks of moving more bitumen across the province, so should not proceed.

In Victoria, Mr. Horgan said he believes in the province's rights to look out for its own interests and played down the prospect of consequences ranging from Alberta measures against B.C. or compromising the national **climate**-change **plan** through B.C.'s opposition.

"I want to say to all Canadians that I profoundly believe in the rights of British Columbians to stand up and make sure we are doing everything we can to protect the interests of our province," Mr. Horgan said. "I don't want to do that in a provocative way. I don't want any threats. I don't want any ultimatums. I think other governments should follow suit."

The warning from Kinder Morgan spurred a quick reaction from Ms. Notley, who told reporters Sunday her government will do whatever it takes to get the pipeline expansion built — including the government becoming a direct investor in the project.

"Maybe the government of B.C. feels they can mess with Texas. And who knows, maybe they can. But let me be absolutely clear, they cannot mess with Alberta," she said, adding that her government will introduce legislation in coming days giving it powers "to impose serious economic consequences on B.C."

The Alberta Premier said the Houston-based board of Kinder Morgan is frustrated that it doesn't know how many more legal battles it will have to fight - even if the project's federal approval clearly puts it in the right.

"If I was a resident of B.C., I would be very worried about what this says about the investment **climate** in British Columbia," Ms. Notley said. "That should not only worry British Columbians, it should worry all Canadians."

She said she appreciated Mr. Carr's strong words but **Ottawa** needs to do more in the defense of Alberta, and its workers. "A federal approval of a project must be worth more than the paper it is written on."

Those critics of Mr. Trudeau and Ms. Notley said given that history, Kinder Morgan's decision to suspend spending on the expansion project is entirely predictable. Alberta United Conservative Party Leader Jason Kenney added that B.C.'s strategy as long been "death by delay," and that is playing out before everyone's eyes.

"If we can't get this pipeline built, it means Canada is broken," Mr. Kenney said late on Sunday.

The proposed expansion of the existing Trans Mountain pipeline would allow Alberta to nearly triple shipments of oil and refined products to a terminal in Burnaby, bringing enough scale to the line for exports to overseas markets to become commercially viable.

"Today, KML is a very good midstream **energy** company, with limited debt. The uncertainty as to whether we will be able to finish what we start leads us to the conclusion that we should protect the value that KML has, rather than risking billions of dollars on an outcome that is outside of our control," Mr. Kean said on Sunday.

"The uncertainty created by B.C. has not been resolved but instead has escalated into an inter-governmental dispute."

Kinder Morgan said the focus of consultations over the next month and a half will be focused on two principles: "Clarity on the path forward, particularly with respect to the ability to construct through BC, and adequate protection of KML shareholders."

Mr. Kean said the company has promised to be judicious in the use of shareholder funds.

"A company cannot resolve differences between governments. While we have succeeded in all legal challenges to date, a company cannot litigate its way to an in-**service** pipeline amidst jurisdictional differences between governments," Mr. Kean added.

Andrew Weaver, the Leader of the BC Green Party, whose threemember caucus is supporting and sustaining the BC NDP government, said Sunday that he had spoken with Mr. Horgan about Kinder Morgan's announcement "and we remain committed to our shared position on the issue."

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, said in an interview on Sunday that he is "really encouraged" by news he sees as the beginning of the end for the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

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BNN's Daily Chase: Trans Mountain expansion on ice; trade worries ease - Article - BNN

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Kinder Morgan Canada has reached its breaking point. The company is essentially putting its $7.4-billion Trans Mountain expansion project on ice by suspending “non-essential ” activities and spending on the controversial pipeline amid what it calls “unquantifiable risk”.

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Kinder Morgan suspends non-essential spending on Trans Mountain Expansion Project

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In a move reminiscent to what TransCanada did a month before it put the kybosh on the Energy East Pipeline Project, Kinder Morgan put out a press release Sunday, April 8, in which the company said it would curtail spending on the project if things didn't change with the Province of British Columbia, essentially immediately.

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Time to unplug pipeline; If Suzuki dislikes him, Trudeau must actually be doing something right, if too slowly

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Our fearless prime minister is now safely back in **Ottawa** after entering the hometown of the devil, purposely dropping into the oilsands capital of **Fort** McMurray after being figuratively stoned by protesters in Vancouver.

Vancouver took a modicum of chutzpah.

His trip to roughneck country no doubt drove environment huckster David Suzuki crazy since it is Suzuki who believes mining the black-gold riches of the oilsands will create the kind of **climate** change that will soon have Santa Claus, his elves, and all his reindeer scrambling for their life jackets to keep from drowning as the **North Pole** melts.

Remember that Christmas commercial by Suzuki a few years back where he said Santa's life was in peril unless folks donated to his foundation? It traumatized children and their snowflake parents for days on end.

One of the good things that can be said about Justin Trudeau, therefore, is that David Suzuki no longer has him in his good books.

Not only has Suzuki called Trudeau a "twerp," he has called him a "liar."

So, Trudeau can't be all bad if he can get Suzuki pissed to such a degree.

The night before Trudeau ventured to Fort Mac to tour a new oilsands mine operated by Suncor, he was at a Liberal fundraiser in Vancouver where Suzuki-esque antipipeline protesters - in other words, the usual suspects of lefties and greenies and offended First Nations - gave him a good earful over his government's approval of the Kinder Morgan pipeline that will get oilsands bitumen to tidewater in British Columbia.

Otherwise, billion of dollars in revenues will just sit there untapped.

Trudeau stood his ground. As he told reporters both in Victoria and Vancouver, "This (Kinder Morgan) project will be safe, jobs will be created and this pipeline will be built.

"My message today and tomorrow is the same," he said. "We need to build a strong economy and protect the environment at the same time."

No cheers from the protest gallery, of course, just jeers.

What Trudeau has not done, however, is move the project forward with any certainty attached to it.

Lost in the news of Trudeau's wandering into such hostile West Coast territory, but a focus in Candice Malcolm's column here Saturday, was a report that the federal government is planning to plunk down $280,000 for a study on the causes for lagging investment in our oil and gas sector.

The document uses what has been described as "unusually stark language" in describing how investment in Canada's oil and gas industry has fallen by over 50% between 2014 and 2016.

How about saving taxpayers that $280,000? The lack of investment, quite simply, is due to the lack of pipelines providing access to the world markets.

It's also the lack of full-bore political will by the Trudeau Liberals who have legal jurisdiction over pipelines. Tough talk over Kinder Morgan doesn't offset the Liberals cancelling the Northern Gateway pipeline and Energy East.

Add NIMBYism and a loud minority, and the road forward is in dire need of politicians who put the country first, not their own re-election.

The CBC's Fort McMurray correspondent, David Thurton, knew exactly where to go to get local reaction to Trudeau's visit - the car wash.

It is owned by wellknown businesswoman and historian Frances Jean who acknowledged residents in her town have a historic distrust for Liberal politicians, and particularly with prime ministers whose last name is Trudeau.

"I think most people are disappointed in him," she said.

Gas prices Friday in Fort Mac were $1.19 a litre.

In Vancouver they were $1.49.

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The first step toward having feasible nuclear power for remote northern communities and mines has been made with an agreement.

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Trudeau needs to give real pipeline support, 'not just words': Athabasca CEO

newburghgazette.com - Sat Apr 7 2018
Tone: Neutral

Trudeau said Thursday the federal government needs to build a strong economy and protect the environment at the same time. Trudeau said. "For 10 years Stephen Harper talked the oilsands up and weren't able to get [pipelines] done".

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Justin Trudeau blames Harper Conservatives for pipeline delays | Edmonton Journal

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Delays in getting pipelines built and mistrust toward oilsands developments are legacies of the former Conservative government, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said during a Friday tour of the Fort Hills operation north of Fort McMurray.

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