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Good Morning,

Two stories dominate today's clippings:

- The report by Environmental commissioner Dianne Saxe praising the switch from a fossil fuel-powered grid while asking how the province can meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, and
- The fate of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

National Post: Ontario's energy plan ignores provincial climate law: watchdog

- In her report, Environmental Commissioner Dianne Saxe said Ontario's climate laws would require a drop in fossil fuel use by 40 to 50 per cent in the next 13 years to meet emission reduction targets set for 2030. The target - a 37 per cent cut below 1990 levels - is still within reach, but only if the government begins to plan for it now, she said.
- In its long-term plan released last fall, the government addressed rising costs in the system and said that for most of the next two decades it aims to keep electricity price increases gradual for consumers, rather than lower or freeze rates. Average monthly electric bills are projected to rise to \$197 in 2032. That's a slower progression than the government's previous long-term plan in 2013, which expected bills to hit that mark by 2026. But much of that is due to the 25 per cent rate cut introduced by the Liberal government in early 2017. That move involved a complex borrowing scheme that will cost Ontarians billions in extra interest.
- Saxe said the money allocated to lower rates for customers would, in some cases, be better spent helping low-income residents increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

Northern Ontario Business: Pain of high power bills was "worth it"

- Ontarians may feel they've been hosed with high power bills but the province's environmental commissioner said the switch from a fossil fuel-powered grid to a more clean-and-green network was worth the cost and the pain.
- Dianne Saxe gave the government credit for cleaning up Ontario's electricity system and air by ending coal-fired power.
- By replacing coal with low-carbon electricity sources such as hydro, solar, wind and nuclear power, Saxe said the system was 96 per cent emission-free in 2017.
- She said the "cost to clean up the system led to higher electricity bills, but overall, it was worth it. Electricity was cheap, but it came at a very high cost to our environment and health."

**The Toronto Star: PM's pipeline woes of his own making
(Tim Harper OP ED)**

- For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline-expansion train has been bearing down on him and his government for close to a year, yet it has been allowed to become a crisis worthy of an extraordinary cabinet meeting and an interprovincial fight that should concern all Canadians.
- Premier John Horgan is defending the British Columbia coast against increased tanker traffic, and whether or not one believes he has the right to hold up a project Trudeau has declared to be in the "national interest," he is doing precisely what he promised he would do if elected.

- The Liberals, having already killed the Northern Gateway pipeline, watched Energy East die and their grand bargain with Alberta Premier Rachel Notley rested solely with the Trans Mountain project.
- Trudeau needed Notley and her environmental initiative to sell his national climate change plan. Notley needed a pipeline win as her quid pro quo, a lifeline which could win her re-election.
- That grand plan is falling apart. With Jason Kenney waiting in the wings in Alberta and Doug Ford looking covetously at Queen's Park, that national plan faces further peril.

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Anti-turbine groups holding educational event

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West Lincoln Glanbrook **Wind** Action Group and Mothers Against **Wind** Turbines are continuing their efforts to educate the community on **wind** turbines. The two groups have teamed up to host an interactive ...



Pipeline politics pit profits against planet

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The proposed Trans Mountain heavy-oil pipeline from Alberta to the Pacific **coast** has law, economics and the Constitution on its side. It has been approved by the National **Energy** Board and okayed by the federal government ...



National leadership is the missing link in the Trans Mountain controversy - The Globe and Mail

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Kinder Morgan's announcement that it is suspending work on its proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion is generating considerable angst among pipeline supporters across Canada. But the company's announcement may be a blessing in disguise for ...



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Hypocrisy is rampant when it comes to pipelines. Opposition in Quebec to **Energy East** was as big as it is now in B.C. with Trans Mountain. I have been in both provinces many times. Both have hundreds of thousands of cars and ...



Corporate welfare won't get pipelines built

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Author of multiple studies on the economics of subsidies to business ne of the great myths cirO culated by the anti-**energy** crowd in Canada is that the **energy** sector is heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Instead, as I found in my ...



PM has options for Kinder Morgan action

Ottawa Sun - Wed Apr 11 2018

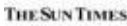
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The one true statement that can be made about the pipeline issue is: It's complicated. However, because of that complexity, another true statement is: The only thing that will resolve the Trans Mountain issue is strong leadership by the federal ...



Pressure on feds to save pipeline; If B.C. doesn't back down, Canada should cut their funds, says Kenney

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Pressure is mounting on the federal government to use money or the Constitution to back up its claims that the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project will be built, no matter what. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet was in **Ottawa** ...



PM's pipeline woes of his own making

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Sometimes leadership means recognizing that train in the distance is headed straight at you and doing something about it before you are forced to jump out of the way. For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline-expansion train has been bearing ...



Trudeau must be more forceful on pipeline

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British Columbia's petty pipeline politics are now threatening the entire country's

economic security. This can't be allowed to stand. We need Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to apply all his negotiating skills and political **power** to fix ...



Get Trans Mountain Built

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As the Trans Mountain pipeline is in Canada's national interest and has passed environmental hurdles, it is down to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to start acting as a leader and do what is necessary to get the extension built. Trudeau sat on the ...



Fault lines; The Trans Mountain Debacle Has Put Our Economy At Stake And Strained Confederation

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The question is: Who has authority to decide **Canadian energy** policy? Governments or Green-machine protesters? That is the question: Which bunch will it be, Canada's parliaments, or those who self-appoint as the green guardians ...



A Permanent Vacation

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I totally agree with Premier Wynne that it took a great deal of hard work to get **Ontario** to our current point. It has taken a tremendous number of additional employees as well as unbelievable amounts of time to make such great strides ...



Trudeau is in a pipeline box of his own making | The Star

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The president and chief executive of Cenovus Energy is urging the federal government to take swift action to ensure that Kinder Morgan Canada's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project doesn't "suffer the same fate as Energy East."



Trans Mountain Expansion now in serious jeopardy

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He's not even in power, but Jason Kenney, leader of the Alberta United Conservative Party and that province's leader of the opposition, probably said it best. "We've seen this movie before."



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Although oil and gas prices have risen in the past year, optimism in the industry has not. Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd (TSX:KML) announced recently that it would be suspending non-essential work on its controversial Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.



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Three years ago, Bank of Nova Scotia's top executive used his company's annual meeting to urge Canadian lawmakers to stop bickering and get behind the country's major pipeline projects.



MP Bob Zimmer - Weekly Report - The ongoing Trans Mountain impasse - Energeticcity.ca

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It was news we all were hoping wouldn't come, but unfortunately on April 8, Kinder Morgan announced that it was suspending work on the Trans Mountain Expansion project.

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Environmental commissioner Dianne Saxe noted Tuesday that the government's own **climate**-change legislation requires weaning off of fossil **fuels**, such as **gasoline** and **natural gas**, by 2030.

"The **climate** law means that Ontarians must be prepared to reduce emissions from fossil fuel use by 40 to 50 per cent in the next 13 years," said Saxe, as she unveiled her annual 320-page report to the Legislature. "This means more conservation and converting some fossil fuel uses, including some **gas**-fuelled cars and trucks and some heating of our homes and businesses, to **electricity**, instead."

Saxe said the Long-Term **Energy Plan**, unveiled last October, does not take into account the dramatic change required to curb carbon emissions that scientists say contribute to **climate** change. That's because the **energy** blueprint calculated that demand would remain stable even though the Liberal government is subsidizing **electricity** to keep **hydro rates** lower as Ontarians head toward the June 7 election.

Saxe, an **independent** officer of the Legislature similar to the ombudsman and auditor general, praised Queen's Park for phasing out dirty coal-fired emissions. She noted **Ontario's electricity** system was 96-per-cent emission-free due to nuclear generation, as well as **solar** and **wind** sources, even though coal was cheaper.

Environment Minister Chris Ballard defended the government's record on the file.

"**Ontario** has a very comprehensive **plan** to fight greenhouse **gas** emissions," said Ballard, noting the Clean Economy Alliance has hailed **Ontario** as "a leading jurisdiction" on cutting emissions.

"Our **climate** change action **plan** has some 90-plus points. I'm sorry that we can't fit it on a bumper sticker ... but it is exceptionally detailed."

That was a shot at Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford, who leads the governing Liberals in every **public**-opinion poll and has yet to unveil his **plan** to reduce greenhouse **gas** emissions.

While former Tory leader Patrick Brown had pledged to scrap the Liberals' **cap-and-trade** partnership with Quebec and California and impose Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's federal carbon tax, Ford is opposing any such measure.

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Ontario's environmental watchdog says the Liberal government's long-term **energy plan** ignores its own **climate** change law and more must be done to shift the province from fossil **fuels** to low-carbon sources.

In her report on the province's **energy** conservation efforts, environmental commissioner Dianne Saxe says Ontario's **climate** laws - which target reductions in greenhouse **gas** emissions by 2030 - would require a drop in fossil fuel use by 40 to 50 per cent in the next 13 years to meet that goal.

Saxe says the province's longterm **energy plan**, which was released last fall, predicts stable demand for **electricity** but doesn't spell out how it will reduce fossil fuel use.

She says to meet that goal, the province will need to shift away from fossil fuel used in some cars and trucks, and shift home heating from using fossil **fuels** to using **electricity**.

Saxe praises the government's role in cleaning up Ontario's **electricity** system by ending coal-fired **power**, but the report acknowledges it has resulted in an increase in costs for **ratepayers**.

Saxe says the move away from coal-fired **power** has helped reduce the number of smog days every year and the health impacts associated with air pollution.

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The **Ontario** government's long-term **energy plan** ignores its own **climate** change laws, and more must be done to shift the province from fossil **fuels** to low-carbon **power** sources, the province's environmental watchdog said in a report released Tuesday.

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"The whole reason to have a 25 to 30-year long-term **energy plan** is precisely so we can look ahead and make plans and not constantly be panicking and rushing to deal with the latest emergency," Saxe said. "Yet there's nothing in the long-term **energy plan** to deal with that long-term challenge." Saxe, a non-partisan officer of the legislature, said the province's long-term **energy plan** predicts stable demand for **electricity** but doesn't spell out how it will reduce fossil fuel use. In order to meet its **climate** change goals, the province will need to shift from fossil fuel use in some cars and trucks, and from home heating using fossil **fuels** to **electricity**.

"Conservation absolutely has to be No. 1," said Saxe. "It's always the cheapest and the best. But it's not going to take us the whole way... We're going to need a lot more low-carbon **electricity**."

In its long-term **plan** released last fall, the government addressed rising costs in the system and said that for most of the next two decades it aims to keep **electricity** price increases gradual for consumers, rather than lower or freeze **rates**.

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"If you spend a chunk of money making those homes more efficient, then you do a number of things," she said. "You improve the quality of life for the people living there ... and you reduce their bills."

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If the government is committed to intervening to reduce greenhouse **gases** (GHGs), then putting a price on carbon, by using a tax or by allocating carbon credits, is a more efficient way of achieving this goal than handing out subsidies for specific measures like the purchase of **electric** vehicles, for example.

In this, I am in agreement with the majority of economists.

They believe that the harmful welfare effects of negative externalities, like pollution, can be reduced through the creation of a cost for emitters, which allows the market to find solutions.

Other methods are normally more expensive and less effective.

Taxing carbon is increasingly contested, however.

In **Ottawa**, the Conservatives recently announced they were abandoning the carbon tax and are instead proposing to create tax incentives to encourage firms to reduce their emissions.

In Alberta, the official opposition, well-positioned to win the next election, also rejects the carbon tax, as does the Saskatchewan government.

In **Ontario**, the Conservative Party is of the same opinion.

This change of attitude on the part of politicians is undoubtedly related to the fact that GHG emission taxation policies, in addition to producing very little so far in the way of results, are not popular.

In November 2016, the Abacus Data polling firm reported that "the environment or **climate** change" was fifth among Canadians' concerns.

Top concern

Only 8% of people polled said that this was the top concern, versus 34% for the economy in general, 14% for health care, 14% for poverty or inequality, and 9% for unemployment.

Another poll - this one carried out in 2014 by Leger for the MEI - showed that while 77% of Canadians (and 78% of Quebecers) believed that the fight against **climate** change was important, only 25% (29% in Quebec) were willing to pay more in order to reduce oil consumption by a quarter.

Yet, it is becoming increasingly evident that the price of carbon will have to be set very high in order to succeed in significantly reducing GHG emissions.

This is the heart of the problem.

At prices ranging from \$10 to \$50 per tonne of carbon, as is the case now and for the medium term, a carbon tax is not much more than "virtue signalling," a kind of phony commitment rather than a serious effort to achieve objectives.

People will sooner or later contest policies that cost them money but have little effect.

Because a carbon tax that really works would need to be high, this policy only makes sense if it is applied everywhere.

Barring this, it simply leads to the displacement of production and jobs without reducing emissions, a phenomenon known as "carbon leakage."

U.S. isn't following

But the United States, our largest competitor, is not following us down this path.

Will a company that emits GHGs and that is thinking of expanding in **North America** choose the costlier option? Finally, just about everywhere it has been tried, the tax has served as a pretext for increasing the general tax burden.

Even where the tax was billed as neutral, it didn't end up being so.

In British Columbia, for instance, instead of serving to reduce the tax burden, carbon tax revenue was used among other things to shower the film and video game industries with gifts.

The imposition of a carbon tax, therefore, led to the impoverishment of households through higher prices on **energy** and **transportation**, without being offset by the lowering of other taxes.

It bears repeating that a carbon tax is a good policy only if two conditions are met: It must be applied everywhere, and it must be revenue neutral.

In other words, a carbon tax is a "package."

If there are missing elements, it won't work, and it won't be accepted by the population.

For the moment, these conditions are not met in Canada.

Belzile is a senior associate researcher at the MEI (www.iedm.org)

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Ontario must dismantle the Green Energy Act



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To the editor:

I would like to summarize what the **Green Energy Act** has accomplished in **Ontario**: **Wind** and sunlight are unreliable, which means that when the sun isn't shining and the **wind** isn't blowing, there must be an alternative backup supply of **electricity**, powered by either water, nuclear fission or so-called fossil **fuels**.

As a consequence, we generate more **electricity** than we need. Since 2009, **Ontario** has given away \$6 billion in surplus **electricity** to the U.S., while the **rate** for off-peak **electricity** here has risen by 150 per cent. Old age pensioners

have to eat dog food to afford their **electricity** bills, businesses leave the province and recreational facilities close down.

In the manufacture of magnets for the **wind** generators now used the world over, rare earth metals, mainly neodymium, are used.

There isn't a single step in the rare earth mining process that is not disastrous to the environment.

The same applies to the millions of tons of toxic sludge produced during the manufacture of **solar** panels. Where rare earth metals are mined in China, vast areas have become uninhabitable.

Please, MPP Laurie Scott, do everything in your **power** to dismantle this "Green **Energy**" travesty and lift some of the burden of inflated **hydro rates** off the shoulders of already overburdened **Ontario** consumers and businesses. Reducing environmental pollution from the manufacture of **wind** turbines and **solar** panels is now a social responsibility.

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What would happen in Pickering nuclear accident: report

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PICKERING - A Fukushima-type disaster at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station could lead to 26,000 cancers and \$125 billion in lost home values, according to a report released by the **Ontario** Clean Air Alliance.

Groups opposed to the continuous operation of the Pickering plant, Durham Nuclear Awareness and the **Ontario** Clean Air Alliance (OCAA), hosted an event at the Pickering **Public** Library in March, addressing a new report by Ian Fairlie, radiation biologist from the U.K. His report considers what would happen if a serious nuclear accident, similar in extent to what took place in Fukushima, were to happen at the equally old six-reactor Pickering plant.

The event marked the seventh anniversary of a runaway triple nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima Nuclear Station in Japan. The effects of this catastrophe continue today, says OCAA.

Jack Gibbons, chair of OCAA, said 2.2 million people live within 30 kilometres of the plant.

"Pickering is surrounded by more people than any other nuclear station in **North** America," said Gibbons.

According to Fairlie's report, assuming similar amounts of radioactivity and a similar fallout **distribution** pattern, more than 650,000 people and 154,000 homes would have to be evacuated for 30 to 100 years in the GTA.

Evacuated residents would not be fully compensated for their losses. **Ontario** **Power Generation's** nuclear liability is capped at \$1 billion.

"If you look at your home insurance policy, it doesn't protect you in the case of a nuclear accident," said Gibbons.

Low level fallout would stretch from **west** of **London** to the southwestern corner

of Algonquin Park. All of Pickering plus parts of Markham, **Newmarket**, Richmond Hill, Aurora and Scarborough would need to be evacuated. Major highways, including highways 401, 407 and 404 and major rail lines would now run through no-go zones.

OCAA believes it could happen here, and says no system is perfect, noting Pickering is now 47 years old.

Glenn Jager, **Ontario Power Generation (OPG)** nuclear president and chief nuclear officer, noted in a statement, the plant's staff, who are responsible for safely operating the plant, also live and raise their families in this community.

Retired **OPG** employee Steven Clift spoke against some of the claims OCAA made at the meeting.

"I believe it's absolutely safe and if I didn't believe it was safe, I wouldn't live in **Whitby** with my family, and if I knew there was something wrong, I definitely would go to the papers and make it **public**," he said.

Although he's been retired for nine years, he believes **OPG** still operates to the same standards.

"Quite honestly I feel that the people are well qualified and trained to a very high standard," he said. "I think that the equipment is in excellent condition. I believe that the CNSC (**Canadian** Nuclear Safety Commission) keeps a very close eye, with oversight on the happenings of the station."

Jager said OCAA continues to push "unsubstantiated claims."

"The reality is that our Pickering station continues to run efficiently, receives the highest possible safety rating from our **regulator**, and we remain prepared in the event of an emergency," he said. "Suggestions to the contrary are both false and misleading. Over the years, Pickering has received significant investments in major components and equipment to make sure this valuable **public** asset can continue to operate safely and provide the clean, low-cost **electricity** that the people of **Ontario** need."

Newcastle resident Dan Rudka is a former **nuclear energy** worker at a different plant. He experienced an incident and has been dealing with numerous health problems, from damage to his face, to liver problems and severe lung damage to the extent that he's required a double-lung transplant.

"I know it's dangerous, accidents happen, and this is the result," he said.

OCAA questions why **OPG** continues to operate **North** America's fourth oldest nuclear station stating there are safer and lower cost options, from importing low-cost **power** from Quebec to improving **energy** efficiency at a cost of pennies per kilowatt hour?

OPG is applying for a 10-year licence extension for Pickering, **North** America's fifth largest and costliest to operate nuclear station.

Public hearings will take place on April 4 in **Ottawa** and June 26 to June 28 in Courtice.

This requested 10 year licence term will cover the period between Sept. 1, 2018 and Aug. 31, 2028.

The current **plan** is to operate the Pickering station until the end of 2024. The licence term between 2024 and 2028 will allow for safe storage activities such as removal of fuel and water.

The plant is currently scheduled to close in August 2018.

Factbox: The reality is that our Pickering Station continues to run efficiently, receives the highest possible safety rating from our **regulator**, and we remain prepared in the event of an emergency. **OPG** nuclear president and chief nuclear officer Glenn Jager

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Anti-turbine groups holding educational event

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West Lincoln Glanbrook **Wind** Action Group and Mothers Against **Wind** Turbines are continuing their efforts to educate the community on **wind** turbines.

The two groups have teamed up to host an interactive panel discussion on understanding **stray voltage** and industrial **wind** turbines. The event will take place Saturday, April 21, at Covenant Christian School, 6470 **Regional** Rd. 14 in Smithville, from 1-5 p.m. Doors open for the free event at noon.

Speakers for the event will include David Stetzer, who will speak about how **stray voltage** affects individuals, as well as Carmen Krogh, who will present preliminary results of The Vacated Home Research Study. Other speakers will include Alan Whiteley and Barb Ashbee.

Admission is free for the afternoon event, however donations will be accepted.

There is also a special dinner option at 6 p.m. Whiteley, an attorney who will discuss observations on legal hurdles, will be the feature speaker at the evening event, which includes a dinner of salad, chicken, potatoes, vegetables and refreshments. The cost for the dining option is \$20.

Anyone wishing to register for the evening dinner event is asked to email strayvoltageinner@gmail.com or call Mary at 905-562-7159.

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Pipeline politics pit profits against planet

Toronto Star - Wed Apr 11 2018
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The proposed Trans Mountain heavy-oil pipeline from Alberta to the Pacific **coast** has law, economics and the Constitution on its side.

It has been approved by the National **Energy** Board and okayed by the federal government which, under the constitution, has the ultimate authority in such matters.

First Nations along the right of way may not all agree. But they have been consulted, which is all that the law demands.

The project would boost Alberta's economy and, by opening up new **energy** markets in Asia, reduce Canada's unhealthy reliance on the U.S.

Barring one thing, it is a no-brainer.

But that one thing - the danger posed by **climate** change - is the deal breaker that could and should kill this project. It trumps everything else.

By itself, the proposed pipeline expansion would not increase the greenhouse **gas** emissions that, according to scientists, threaten to dangerously alter the world's **climate**.

But it would support Alberta's troubled oilsands industry, which does.

While the oilsands accounted for just under 10 per cent of Canada's greenhouse **gases** in 2014, they are the fastest growing source of carbon emissions in the country.

In **climate** terms, the most sensible course of action would be to gradually shut the oilsands down. Thanks to the growth of cheaper forms of **energy**, they are already headed in that direction. It wouldn't take much of a nudge to finish the job.

Instead, both the New Democratic Party government in Alberta and the Liberal government in **Ottawa** have been trying to have it both ways.

On the one hand, they've put in place measures to reduce emissions marginally. On the other, they have been pushing pipelines, like Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain conduit, that would encourage expanded oilsands production and thus more emissions.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says this shows that fighting **climate** change need not threaten economic growth. What it really shows is that half measures get you only halfway.

Government action on the **climate** front has been so timid that Canada is not on track to meet the carbon reduction targets it agreed to in Paris in 2015 - targets that the Trudeau Liberals, when in opposition, used to dismiss as grossly inadequate.

All of this is background to the political story being played out in Alberta and British Columbia. Alberta's NDP Premier Rachel Notley needs the Trans Mountain pipeline built if she is to have a chance of winning the next election. B.C. Premier John Horgan needs the pipeline scuppered if his Green-supported, minority NDP government is to survive.

To add to the complications, much of the opposition to the project comes not from critics who object to the pipeline itself but from those who worry that the increased tanker traffic resulting from the pipeline might foul B.C.'s pristine coastline.

As well, Horgan's attempts to lure liquefied **natural gas** plants to B.C. cast some doubt on his commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

In the background, Kinder Morgan is becoming increasingly nervous about the future of its pipeline project, while the federal government tries desperately to figure out what it can do to solve the mess.

If this dispute is to be handled by law alone, then pipeline proponents have the edge. The Constitution seems clear that **Ottawa** has the ultimate authority over interprovincial undertakings.

It also has the constitutional authority to declare its unilateral jurisdiction over any project that it deems to be in the national interest. It has used this **power** at least 470 times since Confederation.

But anti-pipeline protestors have already shown they are willing to face arrest to make their point.

If this becomes a showdown over the future of the planet, law may not be enough.

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National leadership is the missing link in the Trans Mountain controversy - The Globe and Mail

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Kinder Morgan's announcement that it is suspending work on its proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion is generating considerable angst among pipeline supporters across Canada. But the company's announcement may be a blessing in disguise for both supporters and opponents.

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A COUNTRY DIVIDED

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Hypocrisy is rampant when it comes to pipelines. Opposition in Quebec to **Energy** East was as big as it is now in B.C. with Trans Mountain. I have been in both provinces many times. Both have hundreds of thousands of cars and trucks on their roads, planes landing and taking off, people heating their homes and so on.

Where do these people think the **energy** comes from?

We should be working to lower our **carbon footprint**, but it can only happen over time. Meanwhile, everyone - protesters included - burns fossil **fuels** in some manner or other.

Yes, hypocrisy is rampant, and that hypocrisy is now leading to a major constitutional mess, which may fracture our country irreparably. And just to add a bit more frosting to this cake, the B.C. government is working on an LNG plant and pipeline to take advantage of B.C.'s **gas** resource.

Hypocrisy writ large.

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Corporate welfare won't get pipelines built

The Globe and Mail - Wed Apr 11 2018

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Author of multiple studies on the economics of subsidies to business ne of the great myths cirO culated by the anti-**energy crowd** in Canada is that the **energy** sector is heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Instead, as I found in my 2017 study for the **Canadian** Taxpayers Federation, and as economist and taxation expert Jack Mintz has long argued, the claims are inflated based on a misuse of tax expenditure data.

But if such taxpayer subsidies are rarer than reflexive **energy** critics assert, it

turns out that Alberta Premier Rachel Notley and Alberta Opposition Leader Jason Kenney are about to give succour to the critics' accusations. Over the weekend, both said the Alberta government should take a financial stake in Kinder Morgan, the company facing continual problems in twinning its Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta to its terminus in Burnaby, B.C.

Thus, Ms. Notley said, "If we have to, Alberta is prepared to do whatever it takes to get this pipeline built," and that included that "Alberta is prepared to be an investor" in the Kinder Morgan project. On Tuesday, she went a step further and declared she would consider buying the pipeline outright. Meanwhile, Mr. Kenney argued that while he was "philosophically opposed to corporate welfare," that a "major market failure" had occurred.

That, he said, justified an equity stake "to ensure economic progress."

Let's dissect both positions, but start with Mr. Kenney. There is no "major market failure." Instead, there has been major government interference for more than a decade in getting Canada's natural resources - oil, in this case - to markets. In the case of British Columbia, consider former premier Christy Clark's 2012 "five conditions" if any new pipelines were to be constructed across B.C. (this, as if the province was not subject to free-trading requirements in Section 92A(2) of the Constitution).

Major government interference of course continues under the B.C.'s NDP government and the City of Burnaby. They are helped along by their anti-resource development activist allies on the ground.

Lastly, the federal government (and despite Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's and Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr's protestations to the contrary) is of little help in getting the pipeline built. It is an open secret in Calgary that the Trudeau government's multiple, extra regulatory burdens now being imposed on the **energy** sector mean that even if Trans Mountain is built, it will be the last pipeline project, ever.

Multiple and multiplying regulatory government thickets are the reason.

Back to equity stakes: In addition to why corporate welfare is always a bad deal for taxpayers and a risk even when offered through equity, which often turns into a loss, an Alberta government financial stake in Kinder Morgan would change none of the above dynamics.

I've never believed Ms. Notley was serious in her tactics to force the B.C. government to reverse course on its anti-oil position. It is the same with her latest threats.

Instead, if Alberta's leading politicians want to force the matter, and in a way that has impact, here are three immodest proposals: First, Ms. Notley should introduce legislation that signals her government will repeal the Alberta carbon tax. Absent any B.C. government backdown on the pipeline, and actual federal efforts to the same end, it is overdue to end the charade that Alberta's carbon tax has enabled so-called social licence. It has not.

Second, Ms. Notley should show up in British Columbia and endorse pro-pipeline B.C. Liberal and Skeena MLA Ellis Ross, the opposition critic for **Natural Gas** and Petroleum Resources. Political support for Mr. Ross, a former chief councillor for the Haisla Nation, would also force the B.C. government to go on the defensive vis-a-vis pro-**energy** First Nations. Ms. Notley's political endorsement of Mr. Ross and betrayal of her same-party colleagues in Victoria is the only way to get their attention in a substantive way.

Last, the federal government - which likes carbon taxes and claims the authority to impose them on provinces, but also claims it wants Trans Mountain to proceed - could demonstrate its fealty to both propositions with a simple measure: Add \$1 a litre to **gasoline** prices in British Columbia. One suspects

\$2.50 a litre for **gasoline** in **greater** Vancouver and nearly similar prices elsewhere in British Columbia would focus minds and finally provoke a reaction, and perhaps a B.C. government retreat.

Unlike an inadvisable equity stake in Kinder Morgan, those three measures would constitute a serious and necessary escalation in this dispute. Anything else by politicians in Alberta or **Ottawa** would be useless theatrics.

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PM has options for Kinder Morgan action

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The one true statement that can be made about the pipeline issue is: It's complicated.

However, because of that complexity, another true statement is: The only thing that will resolve the Trans Mountain issue is strong leadership by the federal government.

And if I were a Vegas bookmaker, I'd be laying very long odds against that ever happening.

There was a development in a B.C. courtroom on Monday that sheds some light on how complex this all is.

Last month, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Affleck issued an injunction prohibiting anti-pipeline activists from blockading Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain construction site in the Lower Mainland city of Burnaby. Since then, about 150 people, including federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, have been arrested for violating Justice Affleck's order.

You might think their arrests by the RCMP was proof of federal government action and that their prosecution in a B.C. court showed that provincial government's concern.

But the RCMP are involved only because they are Burnaby's municipal police force. And the people bringing the arrested picketers before Judge Affleck are Kinder Morgan's lawyers. Due to the B.C. Attorney General's inaction, company lawyers have been forced to bring civil actions against each demonstrator.

Typically, violation of a court order is seen as a reasonably serious criminal matter. But for some reason, B.C.'s Crown prosecutors have been reluctant to take over these cases.

Hmm, could that be because the office of B.C.'s NDP Attorney General, David Eby, has instructed his prosecution **service** not to get involved, thereby delaying construction by making it harder for Kinder Morgan to regain control of its site? Because the pipeline is federal jurisdiction, federal prosecutors could possibly step in where their provincial counterparts refuse to tread, but there is no indication that federal Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould (who also happens to be a Vancouver MP) is any more ready to take action than Eby.

British Columbia's NDP Premier John Horgan won't budge, of course, especially because he has few real legal or constitutional tools to block Trans Mountain Still, Horgan saw how federal and Quebec politicians dithered around long enough on **Energy** East that TransCanada pipelines got fed up last fall and walked away from that project. So he has calculated he can wait Kinder Morgan

out until it abandons Trans Mountain - and no one will do much to him or his government.

In addition to taking over protection of the pipeline sites and federalizing prosecution of protesters, the Trudeau government could file an emergency reference to the Supreme Court asking our highest court to declare B.C. actions (or inactions) an unconstitutional violation of **Ottawa**'s authority to assure the inter-provincial movement of trade goods.

It could cut off transfer payments that fund B.C. social programs. And Prime Minister Justin Trudeau could declare there will be no federal environmental approval for B.C.'s own LNG (liquid **natural gas**) projects until Horgan and his government stop standing in the way of Trans Mountain.

But one final complication is the way Trudeau and his cabinet have painted themselves into a corner.

By not acting forcefully in favour of **Energy** East, the feds set a precedent that makes it difficult politically for them to act forcefully in favour of Trans Mountain. In fact, because **Energy** East was unpopular in Quebec (and the Trudeau government wants desperately to be loved in Quebec), it did all it could to kill **Energy** East.

So now, while it should be defending its own constitutional **power** over a national project, **Ottawa** is worried that pushing through Trans Mountain will not only cost the Liberals votes in B.C., it might also resurrect **Energy** East in Quebec.

And with an election coming in a year-and-a-half (and nothing for the Liberals to gain in Alberta), that's not going to happen. lgunter@postmedia.com
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THE SUN TIMES

Pressure on feds to save pipeline; If B.C. doesn't back down, Canada should cut their funds, says Kenney

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Byline: Mia Rabson

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Pressure is mounting on the federal government to use money or the Constitution to back up its claims that the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project will be built, no matter what.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet was in **Ottawa** Tuesday for an emergency meeting following news that Kinder Morgan is suspending all non-essential spending on the pipeline until it and its investors feel secure the project won't be derailed by strong opposition from the British Columbia government.

Jason Kenney, leader of Alberta's United Conservative party, said Tuesday that since Trudeau had no qualms withholding more than \$60 million from Saskatchewan for not joining the Liberal carbon tax **plan**, he should follow suit by withholding transfers to B.C. for blocking a pipeline over which it has no jurisdiction.

Kenney said on Twitter that the B.C. government started a "constitutional crisis" and thus far **Ottawa** hasn't hit back at them with anything.

"Federal transfers to BC's treasury accounted for \$8.9b this fiscal year, or almost

17% of BC's budget," he said. "Even a small financial backlash from **Ottawa** could imperil the province's balanced budget."

Under the Pan **Canadian** Framework on Clean Growth and **Climate** Change, the federal government provided \$2 billion in per capita funding for **climate** change projects but it was available only to provinces that signed onto the framework. Saskatchewan, the only province that didn't sign on, won't get \$62 million in guaranteed funding under the program, although it can apply for specific project-based funding along with other provinces and municipal governments.

Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr says Canada will consider financial, legal and regulatory options, but insists the government has approved the pipeline in the national interest and, one way or another, it will be built.

Under the Constitution, interprovincial **transportation**, including pipelines, and projects deemed to be in the national interest, fall within federal jurisdiction. The Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, to triple the capacity of the existing pipeline between Edmonton and Burnaby, B.C., falls into both categories.

Financially, the federal government could step in with funding to either insure the risk taken by the pipeline's investors or buy an equity stake in a bid to give some reassurance the pipeline will get built. Or it could adopt the Kenney proposal to withhold funding from B.C.

Legally, it could sue the B.C. government, although it's unclear what kind of lawsuit could be waged until B.C. actually follows through on its threat to regulate against increased oil flowing through the pipeline to export markets outside B.C.

"There's not a lot (B.C.) can do, in my view, that would withstand scrutiny if challenged in court," said University of **Waterloo** politics professor and constitutional expert Emmett Macfarlane. "But as of right now, what we're seeing is mostly rhetoric, not action, and that limits the federal government's options from a constitutional perspective."

Macfarlane also discouraged the use of trade retaliation, as Alberta Premier Rachel Notley has threatened.

"The threats of retaliation in areas like interprovincial trade are not only bad policy and damaging to federalism, they're also constitutionally suspect," he said.

Until this week, the federal government seemed to be hoping expected victories from ongoing lawsuits over the pipeline would force B.C. Premier John Horgan to back off. One of those suits, alleging Canada didn't properly consult Indigenous groups and other stakeholders, is expected to be decided as early as next week.

The federal government is confident it will win that case. The city of Burnaby is also in court trying to overrule a National **Energy** Board decision saying the city could not refuse to issue building permits to the pipeline in order to prevent it from proceeding.

Pressure is already being levelled against the Horgan government by business and labour groups in B.C. and elsewhere, as well as by the Alberta government. Notley this week said she will introduce legislation that would let Alberta reduce oil flows to B.C., restricting domestic supplies of **gas** that would send already high prices at the pumps soaring and leave B.C. consumers and businesses bearing the brunt of the impact of this fight.

Earlier this year, Notley terminated negotiations with B.C. to buy **electricity**, and temporarily barred imports into Alberta of B.C. wine, hoping to pressure Horgan's government to get out of the pipeline's path.

The Vancouver Board of Trade issued a news release demanding the B.C. government withdraw its opposition and urging Canada to take whatever action necessary to exert its jurisdiction.

Tempers over the pipeline development have been running hot since Kinder Morgan's Sunday announcement.

Protest groups and MPs from the NDP and Green Party who oppose the pipeline say they can taste victory.

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PM's pipeline woes of his own making

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Sometimes leadership means recognizing that train in the distance is headed straight at you and doing something about it before you are forced to jump out of the way.

For Justin Trudeau, the Trans Mountain pipeline-expansion train has been bearing down on him and his government for close to a year, yet it has been allowed to become a crisis worthy of an extraordinary cabinet meeting and an interprovincial fight that should concern all Canadians.

For all the prime minister's talk about how the economy and the environment go hand-in-hand, sometimes they become detached and action is needed, not a continuation of a Goldilocks not-too-hot, not-too-cold mantra that works as a sound bite, but not always as policy.

Trudeau has allowed himself to be held hostage by a Texas-based **energy corporation** so tone deaf it issued an ultimatum on the project as this nation was mourning the Humboldt Broncos tragedy in Saskatchewan and a rookie premier who signalled a year ago he would do exactly what he is doing today.

John Horgan is defending the British Columbia **coast** against increased tanker traffic, and whether or not one believes he has the right to hold up a project Trudeau has declared to be in the "national interest," he is doing precisely what he promised he would do if elected.

Immediately after his election there was rampant speculation that he would try to run out the clock to make the entire pipeline twinning project unpalatable to Kinder Morgan.

So here we are, a defining moment for the Trudeau government, with the clock ticking; a defining moment which Trudeau has largely brought upon himself.

Trudeau watched as Horgan and Alberta Premier Rachel Notley ratcheted up a trade war and Kinder Morgan should not have shocked anyone when it finally decided it couldn't continue to pour money into a project that has been continually stalled.

The Liberals, having already killed the **Northern Gateway** pipeline, watched **Energy East** die and their grand bargain with Notley rested solely with the Trans Mountain project.

Trudeau needed Notley and her environmental initiative to sell his national **climate change plan**. Notley needed a pipeline win as her quid pro quo, a lifeline which could win her re-election.

That grand **plan** is falling apart. With Jason Kenney waiting in the wings in Alberta and Doug Ford looking covetously at Queen's Park, that national **plan** faces further peril.

It is important to remember how a campaigning Trudeau promised to deal with pipelines and other resource development compared to where he stood Tuesday. On "social license" the Liberal platform read: "While governments grant permits for resource development, only communities can grant permission."

That was modified a year into the mandate with a more broad definition that dealt with consultation and dropped any reference to permission.

Also, from the 2015 platform was a promise to Indigenous Canadians that they would be full partners on resource projects: "This will ensure on project reviews and assessments, the Crown is fully executing its consultation, accommodation and consent obligations, in accordance with its constitutional and international human rights obligations, including Aboriginal and treaty rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

The Conservative opposition does itself no favours as it takes aim at Trudeau. Conservative MPs have been hit by a collective amnesia that makes them forget 10 years of Stephen Harper championing various pipelines accomplished nothing more than irritating official Washington and an infamous Harper declaration that Obama's approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, was a "no-brainer."

When Harper okayed the **Northern** Gateway pipeline, no one from his government would stand in front of a camera to back the decision. It was left to wither until Trudeau mercifully killed it.

With two NDP governments at war, federal leader Jagmeet Singh has effectively gone to ground, refusing to stand up to either Notley or Horgan.

Trudeau's tool box remains more formidable than Horgan's and federal action should win the day. This is a federal project that can't be held up by a province.

But to get there, Trudeau is going to have to force an unpopular pipeline expansion by bulldozing it past a provincial government, Indigenous leaders and protesters.

Trudeau will expend much more than political capital. He will have his green bona fides shattered.

And he still might end up having to deal with Kenney and Ford in 2019.

A **plan** that looked so sound on paper has fallen apart on the ground.

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Trudeau must be more forceful on pipeline

THE SUN TIMES

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Byline: Laura Jones

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British Columbia's petty pipeline politics are now threatening the entire country's economic security. This can't be allowed to stand. We need Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to apply all his negotiating skills and political **power** to fix this mess.

The province continues to "use every tool in the toolkit" to create mayhem and uncertainty around a project that has been approved by the federal and previous provincial governments, after an extremely rigorous process. B.C. is behaving so badly that Kinder Morgan took the highly unusual step of setting a deadline for getting it resolved. It doesn't get much clearer than this: "If we cannot reach agreement by May 31st, it is difficult to conceive of any scenario in which we would proceed with the project."

What does this mean for Canada? In the narrowest terms it means losing a project that would bring \$46 billion of government tax revenue to the country over 20 years, including \$5.7 billion directly to British Columbia. That's a lot of teachers, MRI machines, social housing and environmental projects that we will forgo. And we haven't even started talking about jobs.

What else does it mean? Could Kinder Morgan sue the province? What about Alberta? Will it forgive B.C. for landlocking its oil? Or will it shut-off the oil supply to B.C. and drive up **gas** prices, empty grocery stores, stop flights from Vancouver airport and ships at Port Metro Vancouver? These scenarios aren't as far-fetched as they sound. Like it or not, B.C. is heavily dependent on oil..

But that's not the worst of it. The province is putting the country's international reputation at risk. We are sending a very strong message that natural resource development projects are off limits. We are sending a strong message that you can't trust the rule of law here, that we can't be counted on any more than a banana republic.

In a recent speech, John Manley, the former Liberal deputy prime minister, pointed out Canadians need to remember 30 per cent of our economy is natural resources. "That's what our business is in Canada. We may like to think we can survive off making **solar** panels and medical devices, but we can't."

That doesn't mean we should say yes to every project, but it does mean that when we do say yes, we should mean it.

Economist Patricia Mohr, recently retired from Scotiabank, puts it this way: "Crude oil pays the rent in Canada." She explains that the export of crude oil created a trade surplus of \$32.9 billion for Canada in 2016, while our trade deficit in the category of electronic equipment was \$34.8 billion. In other words, oil pays for our iPhones. She argues that opposing this project is equivalent to opposing our prosperity.

In response to Kinder Morgan's statement, B.C. Premier John Horgan said, "the interests of Texas boardroom are not the interests of British Columbia." This is immature behaviour and incredibly destructive.

Horgan's statement makes it clear that Trudeau will have to do more to rein in the rogue province, and he needs to act quickly. It's no longer enough to repeat that the project will go forward. He needs to state clearly that the project is in the national interest and all federal powers will now be brought to bear to ensure it proceeds smoothly. Further, all federal-provincial funding partnerships with the province should be put on hold until the provincial government grows up.

Allowing a province to trample over federal rights and smear Canada's international reputation puts our economic security at risk. And it looks like there is only one man in a position to do anything about it. Prime Minister, will you protect Canada? Laura Jones is executive vice-president of the **Canadian** Federation of **Independent** Business.

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Get Trans Mountain Built

Ottawa Sun - Wed Apr 11 2018

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Byline: Larry Comeau

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As the Trans Mountain pipeline is in Canada's national interest and has passed environmental hurdles, it is down to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to start acting as a leader and do what is necessary to get the extension built.

Trudeau sat on the sidelines with the **Energy** East Pipeline, as both **Ontario** and Quebec, where his **power** base is, were opposed.

Trudeau is much more interested in kowtowing to certain voting sectors than showing leadership. Trudeau continues playing divisive politics to the detriment of Canada.

LARRY COMEAU

OTTAWA

(Speaking about divisive politics - how about B.C.?)

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Fault lines; The Trans Mountain Debacle Has Put Our Economy At Stake And Strained Confederation

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Byline: Rex Murphy

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The question is: Who has authority to decide **Canadian energy** policy? Governments or Green-machine protesters? That is the question: Which bunch will it be, Canada's parliaments, or those who self-appoint as the green guardians of whatever place on Earth - usually in Canada - they choose to exercise their very particular kind of media-and-protest-pressure politics? Will it be government? Or Green end-of-days monomaniacs? We had an answer on Sunday when Kinder Morgan announced that the relentless harassment of its proposed pipeline has moved to the company to the very edge of outright cancellation.

And it wasn't government. The Kinder Morgan pipeline project is very likely going the way of **Energy** East, **Northern** Gateway and Petronas. Jobs by the tens of thousands, **energy** security and support to the whole **Canadian** economy have been turned to dust due to the righteousness and fervour of one-issue fanatics. Up till Sunday, the Trudeau government's preferred role was to sit mute and complacent as an indifferent spectator to the concerted attacks on the **Canadian energy** industry, while vaingloriously proclaiming its "global leadership" on the global-warming file.

The latter is the real "industry" this government backs, and backs with full-heated and endless proclamations on every stage of the world it's offered. I'd argue this government has more than enabled the conditions that have led to the present crisis by its inaction, its over-the-top global-warming frenzies, and its near desperate desire to play the hero at Paris and Davos at the expense of Calgary and **Fort** McMurray.

It's a crisis. Actually, it is a bundle of crises, mutually intertwined - dangerously

intense interprovincial conflict, the precipitation of a fracture in Confederation, and a return to the rancour and hostility between East and **West** not seen since the bitter tensions brought on by the National **Energy** program. The memory of those days has been vividly revived.

No one can say this crisis came as a surprise. It's worth a brief recap of how we got here. For years now, **Fort** McMurray, and more generally Alberta, have been the chosen targets of a relentless organized campaign to denigrate the oilsands. Every possible negative interpretation of anything related to the oilsands, even the most trivial of circumstances, has been fired out on Twitter and Facebook, and in a blizzard of press releases. There has been a torrent of organized demonstrations, both legal and illegal, all aimed at one implacable goal: to halt the oilsands. The oil industry, as valid an industry as any other, auto and aerospace certainly, has been painted as virtually demonic. There has been a full, tireless, and ruthless effort, a pure scare campaign to portray the oilsands development as being the very trigger of eco-collapse of the entire planet. Armageddon will take place in Alberta.

The Greens and their myrmidons painted a bull's-eye on a small **northern** town in a democratic country and made it the dark sport of every half-fledged activist in the world to attack its livelihood and curse its totally legitimate economy. And who spoke up for **Fort** Mac during its endless tribulations? During the life of this propaganda blitz against Alberta industry, where was the voice and backing of Canada's most frequent frequent flyer denouncing the fusillade of half-truth and fullbore falsehoods aimed at killing the central element of the **Canadian** economy? (**Energy** underwrites all.) When has Mr. Trudeau even once set himself in full vocal opposition to its critics and its declared enemies? Or, for that matter, his self-styled super **climate** crusader Minister McKenna? Indeed, the minister, with her endless and false tweets about carbon dioxide as a pollutant, her declaration that she "has no time for her critics" (she calls them, condescendingly, deniers), would seem to fit more easily on a protest line with the Green fanatics, than as a backer of the necessary Alberta pipeline.

If the Trans Mountain pipeline had been given one-hundredth of the publicly voiced support the Liberal **climate** duo gave to their deep hearts'concern over tendentious global warming, we would not have had the Sunday announcement.

The record is there. When Obama scuttled the Keystone XL, in the dawn light of the Obama-Trudeau bromance, what did we hear from Mr. Trudeau? Not a squeak.

Upon assuming office, did he expedite oil and **gas** production, start to trim the lush jungle of regulation-and redundancy-rich assessment processes? He did the opposite to the point of startling absurdity. At the desperation edge of pure folly he imposed the eerie idea of feminist gender analytics (what IS that?) to oil projects. To conceive anything more arcane and ridiculous is beyond the competence of any life forms known to this planet.

Energy East pipeline cancelled in a single swoop. **Northern** Gateway the same. Ban tankers off the B.C. **coast**. Reinvent the NEP by adding more tentacles to the already all-grasping octopus. Those who work in oil and **gas** - more piercingly, those thousands who used to work in oil and **gas** - must have looked at Mr. Trudeau and sighed: With a friend like this on Sussex Drive, who needs protesters? If there was an atmosphere in which protest could flourish, in which a B.C. government held hostage to a three-member -caucus fringe party could easily move to choke the prosperity of its neighbouring province, then the prime minister and his government, by omission and commission, singularly contributed to building it.

This is the history of how we got to Sunday's announcement, how Canada has become synonymous with a hyper-Green government, and an overgrown briar patch for investment. This is how we've got to the **Canadian** idea of a civil war between B.C. and Alberta. This is how the province that shielded the whole **Canadian** economy during the stress of a world downturn, not rightly in my view,

sees itself deliberately sidelined by the government in **power**. Mr. Trudeau's government is more green than the Greens. The most telling unscripted remark on this subject he has ever made was an exasperated response at a town hall in **Peterborough**, Ont.: "We can't shut down the oilsands tomorrow." There's the heart's wish. It's not that this government wouldn't. It's that - politics and the economy being what they are - they wouldn't. It's that they can't. With that attitude, can anyone claim surprise that Kinder Morgan may very well go, that Alberta is fuming, and Confederation is feeling, for the first time in a long while, real strains on its essential fabric? On these critical questions our prime minister has a choice to make: whether he's the ornament on the hood of our Confederation, or the **gasburning** engine under it.

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A Permanent Vacation

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I totally agree with Premier Wynne that it took a great deal of hard work to get **Ontario** to our current point. It has taken a tremendous number of additional employees as well as unbelievable amounts of time to make such great strides with eHealth, OMA, **cap-and-trade**, infrastructure, **hydro**, education, and the many other files. The results have been both predictable and consistent. It took an unique understanding of business principles and psychology in order to accomplish such consistency in the wide and diverse portfolios under her governance. It is therefore only fitting that all of this hard work does not go unrecognized. I would suggest that this coming June would be the opportune time to acknowledge and reward Wynne and her cronies for all of this hard work with a permanent vacation.

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(That sounds like an excellent idea)

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Trudeau is in a pipeline box of his own making | The Star

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Don't let Trans Mountain expansion suffer same fate as Energy East, Cenovus CEO warns - Article - BNN

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The president and chief executive of Cenovus Energy is urging the federal government to take swift action to ensure that Kinder Morgan Canada's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project doesn't "suffer the same fate as Energy

East."

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Trans Mountain Expansion now in serious jeopardy

www.newsoptimist.ca - Tue Apr 10 2018

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He's not even in power, but Jason Kenney, leader of the Alberta United Conservative Party and that province's leader of the opposition, probably said it best. "We've seen this movie before."

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Baystreet.ca - Why Oil and Gas Stocks Might Be in Trouble

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Although oil and gas prices have risen in the past year, optimism in the industry has not. Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd (TSX:KML) announced recently that it would be suspending non-essential work on its controversial Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

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Rex Murphy: Trudeau still gives green fanatics cover as they strangle Trans Mountain | National Post

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The question is: Who has authority to decide Canadian energy policy?

Governments or Green-machine protesters?

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Scotiabank CEO 'Disappointed' With Lack of Pipeline Progress - Bloomberg

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Three years ago, Bank of Nova Scotia's top executive used his company's annual meeting to urge Canadian lawmakers to stop bickering and get behind the country's major pipeline projects.

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MP Bob Zimmer - Weekly Report - The ongoing Trans Mountain impasse - Energeticcity.ca

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It was news we all were hoping wouldn't come, but unfortunately on April 8, Kinder Morgan announced that it was suspending work on the Trans Mountain Expansion project.

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