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Subject: Upcoming NR: Today's Supreme Court Carbon Tax Decision

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing a news release this afternoon (March 25) regarding today's Supreme Court ruling that Canada's carbon pricing law is constitutional, and how it aligns with our climate policy work. This decision recognizes the "irreversible harm" if we do not act on climate change by dramatically reducing our carbon emissions, and the need for a coordinated national approach with every province and territory putting a price on carbon to fight the climate crisis.

Should they be helpful to you, some key messages we will be sharing in the news release include:

- Carbon pricing is considered the most cost-effective way to reduce emissions.
- This court decision acknowledged that climate change is a threat of the highest order to the country, and indeed the world, adding that its undisputed existence of a threat to the future of humanity cannot be ignored.
- This call for urgent and collective action aligns with the call from scientists around the world for accelerate action to cut global emissions in half by 2030.
- In November 2020, Vancouver City Council signaled their collective concern for the climate crisis by approving the Climate Emergency Action Plan; a bold, ambitious and evidence-based plan to scale-up local action and get Vancouver on track to cut our carbon pollution in half by 2030.

Best,
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