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Good Morning Mayor and Council-

Here's a link to the speech:

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/40th-parliament/5th-session/throne-speech>

Here's a few of the key themes from the speech:

- Housing: government to look into any allegations of improper behaviour in the housing market and where appropriate take action. Will work to give British Columbians a better opportunity to enter the housing market and encourage more housing supply. No single solution, no one level of government can do this on its own. Will work with municipalities to reduce the hidden costs in home purchases and to make those hidden costs clear and transparent to the homebuyer. Government will work carefully to protect the savings and equity that existing homeowners have painstakingly placed in their homes.
- Refugees: working with Ottawa and individual sponsors to welcome and resettle more refugees from Syria.
- Tech Sector: fastest-growing sector in BC employing more than 86,000 people with wages 60 per cent higher than the industrial average. BC Tech Strategy will attract and reward investment, create jobs and provide training.
- LNG: renewed commitment to LNG as world's cleanest-burning fossil fuel, LNG is a way to follow-up on Paris climate agreement with BC becoming a clean energy super power, helping others reduce emissions by exporting LNG or supplying hydroelectric power to Alberta (success is not for quitters)
- Climate: BC was one of the first jurisdictions in North America to set a price on carbon and committing to keep it revenue neutral. Will continue to consult before releasing a final Climate Leadership Plan later this year.
- Infrastructure: controlling spending while providing economic stimulus and without pushing BC into deficit. Priority projects South Fraser Perimeter Road, Evergreen Line and George Massey Tunnel Replacement reduce time spent in traffic burning fuel, get goods to market and get people home to their families creating 150,000 jobs over the next 10 years
- First Nations: will work with partners in Ottawa on the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Agricultural Land: government increase financial support for the Agricultural Land Commission and give a tax credit for farmers who donate food to non-profits.

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