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Dear Mayor and Council,

Last night there was a large explosion and fire of a 36" pipeline just outside Prince George. The cause of the explosion is still under investigation and as a precaution, several connecting pipelines have been shut down to determine if they were affected or damaged by the incident. See the news report here: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/fortis-british-columbians-conserve-gas-explosion-1.4856878>

There is a potential for large sections of the province to lose natural gas supply as a result of this incident, including Fortis BC customers in the lower mainland. To mitigate this, Fortis is asking customers to reduce natural gas usage to try to extend existing supplies until alternate gas input options can be found and implemented. Fortis has also discontinued service to the City's asphalt plant at Kent Yard, which has disrupted asphalt production and construction jobs that require asphalt. We are presently examining potential impacts to other City services in the event of further gas supply restrictions.

Our Emergency Management staff are in contact with Emergency Management BC regarding this situation and we will share additional information as it becomes available.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time.

Best,
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