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**Brazeau County Council Urges Alberta Government to Consider Revenue-Neutral Carbon Tax**

Drayton Valley, Alberta, December 20, 2016 – Brazeau County Council has sent a letter to Environment Minister Shannon Phillips and Premier Rachel Notley, urging them to consider altering the proposed carbon tax to make it completely revenue neutral.

“This is an additional tax that draws resources from our citizens,” writes Reeve Bart Guyon, who signed the letter on behalf of Council. “Brazeau County Council feels this tax could significantly impact communities.”

“We believe governments have a responsibility to assist their constituents, especially in times of economic hardship. We believe an additional tax will hurt our citizens already reeling from the oil price drop, and in the case of some parts of Alberta, including Brazeau County, from a significantly reduced crop harvest.”

The letter recommends that the provincial government reduce government wages by 5%, which would generate the same revenue as a cumulative carbon tax that comes out of the pockets of Albertan families.