

Subject: Response to letter from BCR Marine re taxes

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Dear Mr. Pineda:

Subject; Industrial taxes.

I thank you for your letter expressing concerns about industrial taxes. This is an extremely vexing issue for unlike in other jurisdictions where Municipalities are supported by senior levels of government in Canada they are not.

Indeed the opposite is true. They take the gasoline taxes they collect for instance while contributing virtually nothing to infrastructure renewal which is the stated reason why they are taking this tax from municipal jurisdictions in the first place.

This means that municipalities have but one source of income and that is the property tax. This is both ineffective as well as unjust.

I believe it is fair to state that we all understand the importance of having industry in our municipality. Jobs, we all know are crucial for our well being. I am merely pointing to the complexity of this issue.

I appreciate your points and please rest assured that if this issue comes before Council as part of the 2002 budget deliberations I will keep your concerns in mind.

Thank you

Yours truly

Ernie Crist

