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Farkas Calls on Calgary City Council to Stand Up for Energy Industry

December 5, 2018, Calgary, AB – Ward 11 Councillor Jeromy Farkas has submitted a notice of motion calling on Calgary city council to actively defend and champion the energy industry.

“I am proposing that we adopt formal City of Calgary support for the construction of new pipelines, and the expansion of existing infrastructure, to transport Alberta oil and gas to market,” said Farkas.

“Every day, local politicians throughout Canada use their podiums to attack our energy industry. Recent municipal elections, especially in British Columbia, have shown mayoral and council candidates running (and winning) on anti-Alberta platforms. More than just words, we must develop an aggressive strategy of policy, market and legal options to assert and defend ourselves,” Farkas continued.

Farkas is proposing a multi-pronged approach in which the City would consult and work collaboratively with other orders of government as well as energy industry and advocacy groups to address the crisis situation that the energy industry and Calgary currently faces.

“I am hopeful that my council colleagues will support this proposal and join me in standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Calgarians and businesses impacted,” said Farkas, “As elected representatives of this city, it’s time we take a proud and proactive role in supporting our energy industry.”

In the past, City tax dollars have gone to fund anti-energy groups such as the Pembina Institute and the “Leap Manifesto”, a radical anti-industrial, anti-trade anti-oil policy. Adds Farkas, “Council can start by prohibiting municipal expenditures on anti-energy and anti-pipeline lobby efforts. Using Calgarians’ own dollars to crush our key economic driver is offensive; if we can’t help on the issue of pipelines, the least we can do is cause no further harm.”