

Written Submission for the Pre-Budget  
Consultations in Advance of the 2020  
Budget By:

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The thousands of dollars that would be freed up from this could be used to build public transit in many locations, also public and social housing which is desperately needed since the federal government dropped out of funding that need.

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## Body of Submission

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Neither of these methods are profitable in a highly competitive market. They are bad investments, as you can see by BP moving away from oil and gas, Exxon is writing off some of its holdings in the tar sands, other international companies have pulled out of the tar sands, and Kinder Morgan abandoned its pipeline.

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This would free the government from going to private lenders and paying potentially high interest rates to fund programs. The Bank of Canada allows the government to put money into the economy unlike private households who have to borrow money from private lenders. The Bank of Canada can print more money if it needs to, as long as there are enough people unemployed and wanting to be

employed, as there are now after this pandemic has shut down so many industries, businesses, etc.

This will allow Canada to fund ourselves building our way out of the recession, by building transit infrastructure, renovating many houses to be passive houses, pass rules to guide provinces in building passive houses. Help the provinces set up training programs for their population so that they can get into these industries. There is much work and many workers required for this

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This would promote the unity of Canadians, and build a stronger society. It will employ many artists, who struggle to survive in Canada. It will employ many supporting workers as well.

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The money saved from this could go toward funding indigenous schools the same as the public schools in Canada.