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RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Dear Premier Kenney,

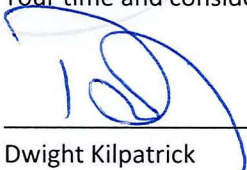
The Town of Redcliff joins in the increasing concern across the province regarding the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity. This concern is being felt throughout public and private sectors, and we are urging you to take serious note of this.

Over the past two years, residents of both Redcliff and the province have felt the increasing strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with increasing job insecurity and the rapid inflation of food, fuel, and housing costs. The rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already thin bottom lines. Many residents, small businesses and commercial industries are in danger of closing or have already been forced to stop their services to our communities due to the increasing costs of utilities.

We as representatives of our community also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased profits as has been noted in the media lately. Our local paper recently reported "Energy Division Rakes in \$105M" (<https://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2022/04/07/energy-division-rakes-in-105m/>). In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless you or the Alberta Utilities Commission can correct this practice. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

Alongside other municipalities in the province, we are urging yourself and the Commission to perform a review of the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees all the while giving strict attention to the amount of profit corporations are making from our residents and ultimately, all Albertans.

Your time and consideration for our residents, businesses, and non-profits is greatly appreciated.

  
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