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From: Hoskins, Jeannie JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX; Ives, Andrew JAG:EX; Tennant, Laura JAG:EX
Cc: Matheson, Carissa JAG:EX; Hughes, Candice JAG:EX; Hansen, Lucy JAG:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Campbell, Sarah JAG:EX; Cornett, Kathy M JAG:EX
Subject: BN - Release of Public Report MWCI Recommendations - C503273
Attachments: C503273 BN for Information for Minister - Release of MWCI Public Report.pdf; C503273 attachment - DRAFT MWCI Status Report -.pdf

The attached briefing note has been approved by the Deputy Solicitor General and is for the Minister's briefing with Lynda Cavanaugh on Thursday July 24th (2:00pm). Also attached is the draft report. These documents have been added to the Minister's sharepoint site under the 'meeting materials' tab.

Thank you.

Jeannie Hoskins
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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION
BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For INFORMATION for Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice

ISSUE: Release of a public report detailing government action taken in response to the MWCI Report recommendations.

SUMMARY:

- This public report provides a summary of all actions that the BC Government has taken in response to recommendations from the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry (see attached draft).
- The public report reinforces that action has been taken on over three quarters of the recommendations directed at the province, and commits to continued consultation with stakeholders to ensure a meaningful approach to completing the work.
- Some information contained in this report will be made public for the first time, including:
 - government will not be replacing The Honourable Steven Point; and
 - some recommendations will not be addressed (e.g. recommendations around research projects (Rec 4.8, 5.6, 6.5) and recommendations that are being addressed through work already underway on related recommendations (Rec. 7.5, 7.10 & 7.11).
- In addition to detailing progress made on the recommendations, the report also speaks to the current and future actions that government is committed to taking to address the broader issue of violence against women.
- The Ministry is still awaiting new information from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on the issue of transportation in the North for inclusion in the public report. Once this information is received, the report will be finalized.

BACKGROUND:

- In November of 2013, the BC Government released a Status Report that outlined progress on the recommendations contained in *Forsaken – The Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry* (MWCI Report).

- In June of 2014, Cabinet was provided with an overview of progress made on the implementation of the MWCI Report recommendations and supported the release of a public report describing the action that has been taken to date.
- The public report organizes the progress made on the recommendations into four major themes: compensation and healing, improvements to policing, safety for vulnerable women and supports in missing persons' investigations.
- It highlights a number of recommendations that the province is acting on, including:
 - **Rec. 3.2:** Establishing a Compensation Fund for each of the living, biological children of the sixty-seven women identified in the MWCI Report.
 - **Rec. 8.1:** Passing legislation that will provide police with timely access to relevant information to help locate a missing person in cases where there is no suspicion that their disappearance is the result of a criminal offence (*Missing Persons Act*).
 - **Rec. 4.10:** Providing funding to the Justice Institute of British Columbia to facilitate the integration of cultural competency and bias free policing core values throughout training curricula for police. (\$205K).
 - **Rec. 6.1, Urgent Measure #2:** Providing funding to Carrier Sekani to support community safety workshops held in communities across Highway 16 (\$350K since 2012).

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- The following Ministries have been consulted in preparation of this report
 - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
 - Ministry of Child and Family Development (PODV)
 - BC Housing

NEXT STEPS: The report will be finalized, desk topped and the Ministry will work with GCPE on a release plan for the public report.

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Attachment(s)
Draft Public Report



Approved by
Deputy Solicitor General

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A Report in Response to:
FORSAKEN – The Report of *the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry*

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Addressing Transportation Needs (Urgent Measure #2)

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A FINAL STATUS UPDATE REPORT IN RESPONSE TO:

FORSAKEN – THE REPORT OF
The Missing Women Commission of Inquiry

October 2014

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✓ ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

(Urgent Measure #2)

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has been engaged in a number of activities to determine how best to address the need for safe and reliable transportation between communities along Highway 16. This has included

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Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX

From: Wendy Kellas <wendy@csfs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 2:23 PM
To: Hobday, Erin IO:EX; Dulai, Phinder JAG:EX
Subject: Teleconference

Hello Phinder and Erin,

Erin, it was great to connect with you at the Highway of Tears Governing Body meeting. I know how strange it is to be part of a meeting via teleconference so I apologize if it came across somewhat disjointed. Now that we have had our "reunion meeting" we should be able to get back to business during our next meeting.

I was hoping that Brenda, the new coordinator, and I could set up a time to have a phone call with both of you to go through the contracts and discuss a work plan. Even though Brenda is a s. 22 and has been a part of the initiative in the past, it has definitely taken a few weeks just to catch up on what has been going on over the past two years. Now we are ready to get rolling with the projects. Brenda is s. 22 so please let me know if there is a time that will work for you on the 3rd, 4th or 5th.

Hope you are both enjoying the summer. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind regards,

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Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX

From: Foyle, Kathy JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 8:43 AM
To: 'Brenda Wilson'
Cc: Lipp, Jamie M JAG:EX; Dulai, Phinder JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Governing Body Meeting

Hello Brenda,

Thank you for your e-mail, and telephone message. Unfortunately, I will not be attending the Governing Body meeting as detailed in your e-mail below.

As Jamie is s. 22 I have copied Phinder Dulai, Program Manager on this e-mail, so that he could connect with you.

Kind regards,

Kathy

Kathy Foyle
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From: Brenda Wilson [<mailto:brenda@csfs.org>]
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Foyle, Kathy JAG:EX
Subject: Governing Body Meeting

Hi Kathy, Jamie informed me that you would be filling in for him to attend the Governing Body meeting. If you could confirm this it would be greatly appreciated. The meeting will take place on August 15/14, 9am-12noon with lunch to follow. The location of the meeting is at 987 4th Avenue, Prince George, BC. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

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From: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Wanamaker, Lori JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Highway 16

FYI folks.

From: Bicknell, Liz M GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 4:16 PM
To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX
Cc: Knight, Jeff J GCPE:EX; Cousins, Cindy GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: Highway 16

FYI below. Karen looping you in also on this. Deb Bowman has linked in with your ADM Bev Hicks. This letter had MO signoff and is on its way to some groups already. Our IB was webposted yesterday. Welcome on board Karen.

From: Bicknell, Liz M GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 10:32 AM
To: Wolford, Jessica TRAN:EX; Briggs, Taylor TRAN:EX; Mason, Jordan A TRAN:EX
Cc: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX; Cousins, Cindy GCPE:EX
Subject: letter template - Highway 16

Hi Jess: please find the revised letter template for the Highway 16 meetings, that will go out starting today. Meetings will begin in Prince George on June 18. Each letter will be personalized with meeting details specific to that community.

To date, the ministry has had a face to face meeting with Mary Tegee and Wendy Kellas from Carrier Sekani Family Services, and a follow up meeting will take place on June 18 in Prince George.

The ministry has also had phone conversations with a number of other First Nations representatives and Mayors in the northern communities along Highway 16. Phone outreach continues and we are starting to make valuable connections.

As well, Wade Grant has made contact with the following First Nations representatives:

- 1) Chief Karen Ogen
- 2) Chief Archie Patrick
- 3) Chief Martin Louie

- 4) Grand Chief Ed John
- 5) Chief Wilf Adam
- 6) Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould
- 7) UBCIC Executive Director Don Bain
- 8) Deputy Chief John French (Takla Landing)
- 9) Tribal Chief Terry Teegee

Deborah Bowman will send you an update on all of the outreach that has been done to date. She is completing a few phone calls this morning and will then send you the complete list of outreach to date. Deb and I are keeping our counterparts at JAG and MARR in the loop. Deb has added MCFD. I will do likewise now also.

For OK please on the letter which should go out today.

Thx.

Dear Mayor XX [or] Chief XX [or] Band Administrator

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Policy and Programs Department is scheduling meetings with First Nations Chiefs and municipal leaders from Prince George to Prince Rupert to better understand the transportation needs of people living in communities along, or within access to, the Highway 16 corridor.

We have tried to connect directly by phone with all leaders, but given everyone's busy schedules, we have not been able to talk with everyone. For that reason, we are following up in writing.

The meetings will focus on practical ways to connect residents with services and amenities in major centres, such as getting to scheduled appointments, doing grocery shopping or simply visiting family and friends.

Interconnectivity between communities is a primary concern in this region and we would like to have a discussion with you to garner a better understanding of individual community needs and existing transportation services.

Building upon the broad discussions we've had on this issue with the Omenica Beetle Action Coalition, the North Central Local Government Association and the northern RCMP, we want to gain a better understanding by having more specific discussions with you about the existing services currently in place and the particular transportation challenges in your community. Your input will help us as we look for practical solutions to address these challenges.

We plan to meet with community leaders in your area from [June xx – xx date]. Please contact Gloria Valle, at 250 387-7581 or by e-mail at Gloria.valle@gov.bc.ca before (date here) to confirm your availability. *Meeting dates and locations will be inserted here.*

We look forward to our discussions and meeting with you in person.

Respectfully,

Deborah Bowman

Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs

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From: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9:33 AM
To: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Cc: Ives, Andrew JAG:EX; Tennant, Laura JAG:EX
Subject: Fw: Hwy 16: Week 1 confirmed meetings

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From: Wolford, Jessica TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX
Subject: Fw: Hwy 16: Week 1 confirmed meetings

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From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9:08 AM
To: Wolford, Jessica TRAN:EX
Cc: Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Bicknell, Liz M GCPE:EX; Ginger, Vanessa R TRAN:EX; Grant, Wade PREM:EX; Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX; Jordison, Kim D TRAN:EX; Dawes, Jacquie TRAN:EX
Subject: Hwy 16: Week 1 confirmed meetings

Good morning Jessica,
Attached please find the schedule for this week's meetings. We are heading out early tomorrow a.m. and our first meeting is in PG with the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council Chief as well as Carrier Sekani Family Services. The following weeks are still being finalized and as soon as we have the locations and attendees confirmed I will send you the information. I'll be providing updates after the meetings as well.
If you have any questions, please let me know.
Thanks in advance, db

Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister
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Week #1 Highway 16 Transportation Discussions
June 18 – June 20, 2014

LOCATON:	ATTENDEES:	Location	Date	Time
Prince George Overnight in Prince George Drive to Vanderhoof approximately 1 hour 5 mins	Carrier Sekani Tribal Council – Chief Terry Teegee Mary Teegee and Wendy Kellas CS Family Services	Band Office	Wednesday, June 18	Time range: 12 noon – 3:30 p.m.
Vanderhoof After meetings drive to Burns Lake approximately 1 hour 23.	Saik'uz – Chief Stanley Thomas Nadleh Whut'en – Chief Martin Louie Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen	Ministry of Forest - Birch Room 1560 Hwy 16 East, Vanderhoof Phone 250-567-6363	Thursday, June 19	Time range: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Burns Lake After meetings drive to Houston approximately 51 mins..	Burns Lake – Chief Wesley Sam Cheslatta Carrier – Chief Richard Peters Skin Tyee – Chief Rene Skin Nee Tahi Buhn – Chief Raymond Morris Burns Lake - Mayor Luke Strimbold	Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations Boardroom 185 Yellowhead Highway, Burns Lake	Thursday, June 19	Time range: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Houston Overnight in Smithers Drive back to Houston for meetings approximately 49 mins.	Lake Babine - Chief Wilfred Adam Wet'suwet'en – Chief Karen Ogen Houston Mayor Bill Holmberg	District of Houston Chambers, 3400 11th St, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0	Friday, June 20	Time range: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Smithers / Telkwa (Depart for Victoria from Smithers)	Morisetown – Chief Barry Nikal Smithers Mayor Taylor Bachrach Telkwa Mayor Carman Graf	Ministry of Transportation Bulkley Stikine Office boardroom 2 nd Floor 3726 Alfred Avenue, Smithers	Friday, June 20	Time range: 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

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From: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 5:12 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Hwy 16: Week 2 confirmed meetings

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From: Wolford, Jessica TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 3:27 PM
To: Mills, Shane LASS:EX; Southern, Evan PREM:EX
Cc: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX; Ives, Andrew JAG:EX; Briggs, Taylor TRAN:EX; Mason, Jordan A TRAN:EX; Campbell, Carolyn ABR:EX; Langlands, Kevin J ABR:EX
Subject: Hwy 16: Week 2 confirmed meetings

Hi all – please see the list of meetings for this week attached

Jessica Wolford,
Chief of Staff to the Hon. Todd Stone,
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Week #2 Northern Tour Transportation Discussions
June 25 – June 27, 2014

	LOCATION	ATTENDEES	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
WEDNESDAY	Fly Victoria to Prince George Air Canada flight 8054 Departs Victoria @ 7:00am Arrives Vancouver @ 7:24am Air Canada flight 5201 Departs Vancouver @ 7:55am Arrives Prince George @ 9:05am				
	Prince George Meetings	Prince George – Mayor Shari Green <i>(Confirmed)</i> Lheidli T'enneh – Chief Dominic Frederick <i>(Confirmed)</i>	Mayor's Chambers 1100 Patricia Blvd Prince George	Wed Jun 25	Time range: 9:30 – 10:30am
	Drive to Fort St. James Approx. 1 hr 58 mins				
	Fort St. James Meetings	Takla Lake – Chief Anita Williams TI'azt'en – Chief Justa Monk Yekooche – Chief Allan Joseph Nak'azdli – Chief Fred Sam	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Forestry Conference Room – 2537 Stones Bay Rd	Wed Jun 25	Time range: 1:30 – 2:30pm
		Fort St. James - Mayor Rob MacDougall and Council <i>(Confirmed)</i>	Mayor's Chambers 477 Stuart Dr West Fort St. James	Wed Jun 25	Time range: 3:00 – 4:30pm
	Overnight in Fort St. James The View Hotel 309 Stuart Dr West, Fort St. James Phone 1-855-996-8737 (toll free)				

Week #2 Northern Tour Transportation Discussions
June 25 – June 27, 2014

	LOCATION	ATTENDEES	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
THURSDAY	Drive to Vanderhoof Approx. 57 mins				
	Vanderhoof Meeting:	Vanderhoof Mayor – Gerry Thiessen <i>(confirmed)</i>	Mayor's Chambers 160 Connaught St, Vanderhoof	Thurs Jun 26	Time range: 9:00 – 10:30am
	Drive to Fraser Lake Approx. 37 mins				
	Fraser Lake Meetings	Fraser Lake – CAO / Director of Corporate Services, Clinton Mauthe and Councillors (TBD) <i>(confirmed)</i> Stellat'en – Chief Archie Patrick <i>(confirmed)</i>	Village of Fraser Lake Council Chambers 210 Carrier Crescent	Thurs Jun 27	Time range: 2:00 – 3:00pm
	Drive to Smithers Approx. 2 hr 26 mins				
	Overnight in Smithers Hudson Bay Lodge 3251 E Hwy 16, Smithers Phone 250 847-4581				

Week #2 Northern Tour Transportation Discussions
June 25 – June 27, 2014

	LOCATION	ATTENDEES	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
FRIDAY	Drive to Hazelton / New Hazelton Approx. 56 mins				
	Hazelton / New Hazelton Meetings	Kispiox – Chief Bob Barnes <i>(confirmed)</i> Glen Vowell – Chief Tony Sampare Gitanmaax – Chief Margery McRae Hagwilget – Chief Dora Wilson Hazelton – Mayor Alice Maitland <i>(confirmed)</i> New Hazelton – Mayor Gail Lowry <i>(confirmed)</i> Councils for the District of New Hazelton and the Village of Hazelton as well as the Area B Representative for the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine. <i>(confirmed)</i>	Council Chambers 3026 Bowser St	Fri Jun 27	8:30 – 12:30 noon <i>(lunch will be provided)</i>
	Fly Smithers to Victoria Air Canada flight 8563 Departs Smithers @ 3:30pm Arrives Vancouver @ 5:16pm Air Canada flight 8077 Departs Vancouver @ 6:00pm Arrives Victoria @ 6:24pm				

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From: Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:58 PM

To: Wanamaker, Lori JAG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton JAG:EX; Louie, Toby I JAG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A JAG:EX; Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX; Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX; Langlands, Kevin J JAG:EX; Tennant, Laura JAG:EX

Cc: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX

Subject: FYI - MOTI key messages

FYI, this is where MOTI will be sticking if/when asked about status of their work on the bus.

Bonnie, can you update our IN pls?

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- Based on these meetings, along with previous discussions with stakeholders, the ministry is working on a number of practical, affordable and sustainable actions that will address some of the common concerns for vulnerable isolated communities.
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Key Messages – Highway 16 Transportation initiatives

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Edwards, Lauren JAG:EX

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:01 AM
To: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Subject: FW: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

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You may wish to contact Greg Gilks, who participated in the discussions. In the interim, here is a summary of some observations:

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) traveled to and engaged in face-to-face discussions with over 80 community and First Nations leaders representing 13 municipalities and districts and 12 First Nations communities over the months of June and July 2014. The meetings were initiated to garner a firsthand understanding of existing transportation services and challenges along the Highway 16 corridor from Prince George to Prince Rupert and to provide practical and affordable solutions to address these challenges.

Through these discussions it was evident that there's no "one size fits all" approach to solving the transportation issues along the Highway 16 corridor. However, a number of themes surfaced that have been used to develop strategies and an action plan that would help address common transportation concerns. These themes include:

- s. 13 the impact of an aging population in all communities and the need for transportation services to support vulnerable seniors/elders and youth was considered the main issue;
- Lack of driver education for First Nations youth, lack of opportunity to own or legally operate a vehicle, and lack of First Nations members with a valid Class 4 licences;
- No centralized source of information or communication about transportation services (public or private);
- Unreliable services (i.e. buses and trains not showing up on time or a lack of information about schedule changes);
- Existing schedules for Greyhound, BC Transit and Northern Health Connections do not meet the expectations of communities;
- Cost of taxis and/or other private transportation is seen as prohibitive and service is unreliable or non-existent;
- Lack of access to operational versus capital grants, and barriers to applying for funding;
- The impact on community services, housing and transportation needs as a result of economic growth in the region; and,
- The Highway of Tears moniker was seen as reinforcing a negative brand for the area and is not representative of a region that is undergoing an economic shift and regional growth.

Based upon the discussions we heard that the follow-up activities from the Highway of Tears symposium have been successful and people are generally more cautious and better informed. We heard that people want to move forward with transportation initiatives that help them meet the growing opportunities.

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BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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From: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 2:14 PM

To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX

Subject: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

Good afternoon Sandy,

My name is Danielle Duplissie and I work for the Policing and Security Branch of the Ministry of Justice. My unit is responsible for providing updates to the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Branch on MWCI policing-related recommendations.

Last week I was asked to provide policing updates for the MWCI Status Report. In reviewing the report, I noticed under Urgent Measure #2 that your Ministry is "holding meetings with First Nations and municipal leaders from communities along Highway 16 in 2014". I received your name from Victims Services Branch and was wondering if you had any advice or lessons learned from your experience consulting in this area?

Our Branch has just completed a consultation session in Vancouver on select policing-related MWCI recommendations and is in the process of planning a northern consultation on the same topics. As this consultation is the first of its kind for policing in northern BC, we're hoping you might have some suggestions for us based on your experience. Please let me know if you have some time to discuss this further – any information you would be willing to provide would be most appreciated.

Thanks for your time Sandy,

Danielle Duplissie, PMP

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Subject: RE: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

Hi, Danielle. Here is the discussion schedule from the Highway 16 conversations:

APPENDIX B – DISCUSSION SCHEDULE

LOCATION		REPRESENTATIVE	CONTACTED	CONFIRMED	ATTENDEE (if
Prince George	June 18	Carrier Sekani Tribal Council – Chief Terry Teegee	X	X	
		Mary Teegee and Wendy Kellas – CS Family Services	X	X	
Prince George	June 25	Prince George – Mayor Shari Green and staff	X	X	
		Lheidli T'enneh – Chief Dominic Frederick	X	X	
Vanderhoof	June 19	Saik'uz – Chief Stanley Thomas	X	X	Albert George
		Nadleh Whut'en – Chief Martin Louie	X		Did not attend
Vanderhoof	June 26	Vanderhoof – Mayor Gerry Thiessen and staff	X	X	
Fraser Lake	June 26	Fraser Lake – Mayor Dwayne Lindstrom	X		Clinton Mauth
		Stellat'en – Chief Archie Patrick	X	X	
Fort St. James 25	June	Takla Lake – Chief Anita Williams	X		Did not attend
		Tl'azt'en – Chief Justa Monk	X	X	
		Yekooche – Chief Allan Joseph	X	X	plus Dean Jose
		Frost Lake Logging Ltd. – invited by Chief Joseph			
		Nak'azdli – Chief Fred Sam	X		Did not attend
Burns Lake	June 19	Fort St. James – Mayor Rob MacDougall and Council	X	X	6 in attendance
		Burns Lake – Chief Wesley Sam	X		Did not attend
		Cheslatta Carrier – Chief Richard Peters	X		Ted Jack, Cour
		Skin Tyee – Chief Rene Skin	X		Did not attend
		Nee Tahi Buhn – Chief Raymond Morris	X		Did not attend
		Burns Lake – Mayor Luke Strimbold, Councillors/Directors	X		7 in attendance
Houston	June 20	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako – Board Meeting			15 in attendance
		Lake Babine – Chief Wilfred Adam	X		Did not attend
		Wet'suwet'en – Chief Karen Ogen	X		Did not attend
Smithers/ Telkwa	June 20	Houston – Mayor Bill Holmberg and CAO	X		
		Morice town – Chief Barry Nikal	X		Did not attend
		Smithers – Mayor Taylor Bachrach	X		
Hazelton/ 27 New Hazelton	June	Telkwa – Mayor Carman Graf	X		
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		Kispiox – Chief Bob Barnes and Brian Williams	X	X	Chief Barnes c
		Glen Vowell – Chief Tony Sampare	X		Marylou Malo
		Gitanmaax – Chief Margery McRae	X		Did not attend
Terrace	July 3	Hagwilget – Chief Dora Wilson	X		Did not attend
		Hazelton – Mayor Alice Maitland and Director	X	X	
		New Hazelton – Mayor Gail Lowry, Councillors, and CAO	X	X	
Terrace	July 3	Kitselas – Chief Joseph Bevan	X	X	
		Kitsumkalum – Chief Donald T. Roberts	X		Unavailable

		Gitanyow – Chief Mark Starlund	X	X	
		Gitwangak – Chief Brian Burke	X	X	Did not attend
		Gitsegukla – Chief Cliff Sampare	X	X	Did not attend
		Terrace – Mayor Dave Pernarowski and CAO	X	X	
Terrace Nisga'a 3	July	Gingolx – Chief Franklin Alexcee	X	X	Meeting did not
		Gitwinksihlkw – Chief Ronald Terry Nyce	X	X	Meeting did not
		Laxgalt'sap – Chief M. Henry Moore	X		Meeting did not
		New Aiyansh – Chief Gerald Robinson	X	X	Meeting did not
Kitimat 3	July	Haisla – Chief Ellis Ross	X		Sherry Smith, Eric Botha, Dir
		Mayor – Joanne Monaghan and CAO	X	X	
Prince Rupert	July 4	Metlakatla – Chief Harold Leighton	X		Did not attend
		Lax Kw'alaams – Mayor Gary Milton Reece	X		Did not attend
		Prince Rupert – Mayor Jack Mussallem and CAO	X	X	

From: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:34 PM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

Thanks Sandy – much appreciated!

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:34 PM
To: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Subject: RE: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

I'll work with our secretary and put together a participant list.

From: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:53 AM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

Thank you for your quick response Sandy, I appreciate you providing information about your sessions – this will be helpful as we move forward with planning.

I understand this may be a question for Greg Gilks as well, but I'm wondering if you happen to have a participant list that you would be willing to share? We're in the process of developing a list of attendees and want to ensure we don't miss any key stakeholders from northern BC.

Thanks again for your time,
Danielle

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:01 AM
To: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Subject: FW: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

You may wish to contact Greg Gilks, who participated in the discussions. In the interim, here is a summary of some observations:

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) traveled to and engaged in face-to-face discussions with over 80 community and First Nations leaders representing 13 municipalities and districts and 12 First Nations communities over the months of June and July 2014. The meetings were initiated to garner a firsthand understanding of existing transportation services and challenges along the Highway 16 corridor from Prince George to Prince Rupert and to provide practical and affordable solutions to address these challenges.

Through these discussions it was evident that there's no "one size fits all" approach to solving the transportation issues along the Highway 16 corridor. However, a number of themes surfaced that have been used to develop strategies and an action plan that would help address common transportation concerns. These themes include:

- s. 13, the impact of an aging population in all communities and the need for transportation services to support vulnerable seniors/elders and youth was considered the main issue;
- Lack of driver education for First Nations youth, lack of opportunity to own or legally operate a vehicle, and lack of First Nations members with a valid Class 4 licences;
- No centralized source of information or communication about transportation services (public or private);
- Unreliable services (i.e. buses and trains not showing up on time or a lack of information about schedule changes);
- Existing schedules for Greyhound, BC Transit and Northern Health Connections do not meet the expectations of communities;
- Cost of taxis and/or other private transportation is seen as prohibitive and service is unreliable or non-existent;
- Lack of access to operational versus capital grants, and barriers to applying for funding;
- The impact on community services, housing and transportation needs as a result of economic growth in the region; and,
- The Highway of Tears moniker was seen as reinforcing a negative brand for the area and is not representative of a region that is undergoing an economic shift and regional growth.

Based upon the discussions we heard that the follow-up activities from the Highway of Tears symposium have been successful and people are generally more cautious and better informed. We heard that people want to move forward with transportation initiatives that help them meet the growing opportunities.

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From: Duplissie, Danielle JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 2:14 PM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: MWCI Recommendations: Northern BC Consultation

Good afternoon Sandy,

My name is Danielle Duplissie and I work for the Policing and Security Branch of the Ministry of Justice. My unit is responsible for providing updates to the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Branch on MWCI policing-related recommendations.

Last week I was asked to provide policing updates for the MWCI Status Report. In reviewing the report, I noticed under Urgent Measure #2 that your Ministry is "holding meetings with First Nations and municipal

leaders from communities along Highway 16 in 2014". I received your name from Victims Services Branch and was wondering if you had any advice or lessons learned from your experience consulting in this area?

Our Branch has just completed a consultation session in Vancouver on select policing-related MWCI recommendations and is in the process of planning a northern consultation on the same topics. As this consultation is the first of its kind for policing in northern BC, we're hoping you might have some suggestions for us based on your experience. Please let me know if you have some time to discuss this further – any information you would be willing to provide would be most appreciated.

Thanks for your time Sandy,

Danielle Duplissie, PMP

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- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure talking with regional associations to better understand current challenges.

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- MoTI consultations are complete. MoTI and Justice GCPE are discussing potential report release dates.
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CONSULTATIONS

- I understand that in June and July the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure held discussions with municipal and First Nations Leaders in the region about the transportation challenges for residents living along the Highway 16 corridor.
- The Ministry of Transportation is now building on input from these meetings to develop practical solutions to the challenges which were identified.

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RECOMMENDATION:

2) To develop and implement an enhanced public transit system to provide a safer travel option connecting the Northern communities, particularly along Highway 16.

Please note that point 2 is not a formal recommendation.

Chronology of meetings

1. MoTI staff recently (May 2014) met with the Omenica Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC), as part of OBAC's regular board meeting, to discuss general transportation topics in the North, including transportation on Highway 16.

The main issues identified were affordable and convenient corridor-wide travel, and a need for safe travel alternatives between neighbouring towns. It was clarified that transit service is cost-shared with municipalities, with BC Transit contributing 46.69% of the funding and local governments contributing 53.31% which comes from property taxes, fares and advertising.

Discussions also included Greyhound's "end to end" service from Prince Rupert to Prince George, and although it services the communities along Highway 16, the stops are often at odd hours which are inconvenient for users. However, since Greyhound reduced its service along the route, use has increased, so there may be an opportunity for the company to increase its service. BC Transit would take this into consideration for any service additions, as it wouldn't want to compete with Greyhound.

Transportation service for medical appointments provided by Northern Health was also discussed.

There was also a constant theme of the unfairness of northern-generated tax revenues being spent in Vancouver/Victoria, and that more transportation money should be flowing to the area.

OBAC would like to work with the province over the next few months in preparation for a follow-up meeting at UBCM on this topic. The ministry has also committed to the Mayors that there will be a consultation/conversation period over the next 4 weeks.

The OBAC includes the region from Valemount to Mackenzie and west to Smithers. Each member local government is represented on the Board by its Mayor or Chair or by an elected official designated by the Mayor and council.

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