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Bill Good: Premier Christy Clark joins me now.

Premier, good morning.

Premier Christy Clark: Good morning, Bill.

Good: You were at the game last night.

Premier Clark: I was, and, you know, as I was leaving the game lots of high-fives, lots of people saying the same thing that you did, which is a spectacular season. People were feeling.... You know, people were disappointed but cheering on Tim Thomas when he got the Conn Smythe. It was a great crowd. Tons of families.

You know, the people that did this last night were not Canuck fans any more than those guys in bandanas who went to break the windows at the Bay during the Olympics were Olympics fans. This was a small group of criminals, as you've said. But the thing that made it so difficult is that there were...and this is, I think, the difference between what happened during the Olympics and what happened last night is there were thousands and thousands of people who wanted to watch, who felt like, you know, it was a spectator sport to be a part of it

That's the reality, I think, of crowd management today. We are seeing an evolution in the problems that criminals can create because so many people want to stand and watch, and as you said, Bill, they become very much a part of the problem because it makes it incredibly difficult for police to be able to manage what happens and the criminals use that crowd as cover. The bigger the crowd, the more cover they have. When you ask that question, perfectly legitimate, "What was different?" that's what was different last night.

Good: I'm looking at the front page of the Globe's British Columbia section right now, and I'm looking at a young man who is wearing a \$200 or \$300 Canuck jersey. He's standing in front of a fire with a great big smile on his face, taking a picture of himself on his camera phone, looking like he's having a terrific time, and I just don't get it.

Premier Clark: No. I know. I don't get it either. But that's the reality of the world today is that there are a lot of people in an era of citizen journalists where everything's on TV, where it's reality shows wall to wall where that happens.

So I think there are two ways to go about this. One is to appeal to the public to not do those kinds of things. I think, though, the reality is there will always be people that are going to want to be a part of the action at least as a spectator. So what that means is that law enforcement has to review the evolution of criminality, and I

think.... Contrary to some of the critics out there, I think that law enforcement did as good a job as they could have done last night, given....

Good: Do you really?

Premier Clark: Well, given the number of spectators that were there, Bill, given the thousands of innocent people that were participating by standing on the sidelines and making themselves a part of the problem, it was an incredibly difficult thing for them to manage. So think of it this way; thousands of people, a small band of criminals that were overturning cars and starting fires and breaking windows, and almost no one was seriously injured.

Good: If you were still sitting in this chair I can't imagine that you wouldn't be calling on the chief of police to be accountable this morning and speaking to what happened last night.

Premier Clark: Well, and they are going.... I mean, I know that they are going to review what happened, and I think one of the things that law enforcement has to do...and they always do this, but in this case we want to know that they're doing it for sure, which is go out and review the evolution of criminality and crowd control and the way we manage that. They learned a lot from 1994, but that was 17 years ago...

Good: It didn't show last night.

Clark: ...and they need to learn.... They need to learn a lot from what happened last night, and I know that they're going to go through that.

Here's the other thing, though, Bill. This is part of the evolution of managing this. As citizens none of us -- none of us -- want to live in the kind of society that we saw last night on the streets of Vancouver. None of us want to live in that society.

Good: We surely don't.

Premier Clark: And all the people that were there who took pictures, who have some evidence need to be a part of the solution. So please, please, get those pictures in to the VPD. They've set up a Twitter site at Vancouver PD. Email them www.robberyatvdp.ca. Get your evidence in, because the upside of having all those people there, there were a lot of witnesses. There's a lot of evidence, because I can tell you this from a provincial perspective; we are going to prosecute those people to the full extent of the law.

Good: I'm going to hold you accountable on that, because my fear is that they'll get a slap on the wrist, that the police will be able to identify them because there are a lot of pictures but that not much will happen.

Premier Clark: You.... Bill, you can hold me accountable on that. I.... We are going to make sure that we bring in...that those folks who were responsible for this, once we can identify them, once we can sift through the mountain of evidence that's there and we can find them, we are going to prosecute them to the full extent of the law. And they should know this.... If they are listening today they should know this, that as much as we are able we are going to publicize who they are. Their family, their friends, their employers are going to know what role they played in this. They will not be able to hide. They will not be able to be anonymous troublemakers anymore. We will all know who they are. That's my commitment in this.

If we want to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again, yes, we need to make sure we're dealing with crowd control, and law enforcement is doing what they need to do. Yes, spectators need to stay out of the way. But we have to make sure, though, that the hard core of that group of criminals is punished and that the consequences for them mean that they are off the streets for as long as possible. If there's a lesson to be learned

from the past it's that it's a time to end this era of slaps on the wrist for the kinds of people who create these problems. I don't want to live in a society like the one we saw last night. I don't want to raise my son in that kind of society. I don't think any of us want that kind of society.

So Bill, we're going to find those guys and we are going to make sure they bear the consequences, and they will not be able to hide under their hoodies and behind their bandanas anymore.

Good: Have you lost faith in the VPD and the chief of police?

Premier Clark: No, I haven't. I have to say they had an incredibly tough job last night, and the crowd control, the crowd problems, the criminality, as I said, evolved. There were thousands and thousands of spectators. I'm grateful that no innocent people were seriously harmed in this.

Can I say, too, this morning, Bill, one of the stories that's come out of this is we have seen people spontaneously showing up downtown to start the cleanup, just as volunteers, average citizens, and that is exactly the kind of society that I do want to live in where British Columbians, Vancouverites step up and decide we want to be part of the solution.

So this morning it's doing cleanup downtown, and for the next couple of weeks it's making sure that we all provide the evidence that we have, if we have it. If you were there and you were a part of it, admit you're part of it to police. Get out, be a witness. Help out. Let's find those guys, and then I promise you we will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

I'm going to go down and tour the area this morning. I'm going to be meeting with some downtown merchants, police and the mayor, who I've already spoken to this morning.

Nobody wants to see this for our city and our province, Bill, and as you said, it's not the right message to send. But you know what? Coming out of this I think we can start...we can have some good stories, and it's starting this morning with the cleanup.

Good: Premier Clark, I must break. [xrz]

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Bill Good: Most days I wait until the 12 o'clock news to hear what Bruce Allen has to say in his reality check, but I'm going to Bruce a little early this morning because I understand he was in his office listening to the mayor and his blood was boiling.

Bruce Allen: Yeah, you're right, Bill. I just can't stand listening to him. I can't stand listening to the back-peddalling. I can't stand listening to the naivete. I can't stand him trying to jump on it now for political hay. I can't stand anything about the man -- okay? This is what's got to be replaced here.

I was down there all night. I spent the whole thing of the riot in Gotham, which is very close to where all the action was going on. I watched people running into the Bay, take out the stuff. I watched them setting the cars on fire. I saw all that stuff -- okay? And this wasn't 200 people; this was 2,000 people.

I think this guy has given our city.... This is what he's done. Mark it down. Bike lanes. And you watched the emergency vehicles trying to navigate around them as they were trying to deal with people that were hurt. The fire trucks can't make the turn down there at Dunsmuir, trying to get up that street.

He gave us bike lanes. He's given us wheat growing on our front lawn. He wants to do that now. And he's given us chicken coops. That's fine for Cortes Island. That's where it stops -- okay?

There was a plan. The plan was for the cops to be present but not do anything. Where did that come from, Bill? You have to ask yourself that. Where did that directive come from?

Good: Well, I think it came from two places. I think it came from the mayor and I think it came from the police chief, Jim Chu, who got enamoured with the idea of meet and greets during the Olympics when they had 8,000 cops and they were on every corner and that was effective policing that's not available to them today.

And you're absolutely right. I had the same thought yesterday about the bike lanes. You know, \$3m for a bike lane that almost nobody ever uses, how many police resources would that money provide?

And if I am a business person in this city and I wait two hours and get no response while thugs try to break into my place of business.... I was on Georgia Street yesterday afternoon while I was listening to Wynn Powell, who has just lost \$1m of uninsurable money to a bunch of thugs. He pays hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax to this city and gets no protection, no response to a two-hour siege of his building. That is unforgiveable.

Allen: It's unacceptable and unforgivable. You're dead on the money, Bill, and something has to change here.

And I've got the same problem with Christy Clark. Believe me, this is about photo ops. She says she's going to prosecute these people to the fullest extent of the law. Other people say they're going to throw the book at them. Well, the book's a comic book, and the fullest extent of the law, Bill, isn't much. And we've seen it happen at the G8 summit in Toronto. We've seen it happen here in the '94 riots. We're going to see it again. Time will go by. These cases will come in 18 months. Everybody will have forgotten about it. It'll be a slap on the wrist. It'll be 30 hours of community service. It'll be a suspended sentence and see ya.

Good: I heard one police officer suggest yesterday that the way to deal with this in part is to launch civil actions. If you have got.... Some of these kids.... I said in a commentary a few minutes ago they appear to come from privileged families. They're wearing \$300 jerseys and designer jeans. Go after them in a civil suit for some of the damages that have been created. They may not have the money today, but you'd have an opportunity to take some of everything they make for the rest of their lives. I mean, there has to be some kind of payback for this.

Allen: Well, there has to be consequences.

Good: Consequences, exactly.

Allen: This is what we've got. We've got this kid here, page 10 of the Province, picture number 15. It's come all over the social media. The people say this is the kid. This is his name. This is where he lives. He's got a scholarship. He's a water polo player. He lives in Maple Ridge. He's got a scholarship to American University. This is him. Well, there should be a knock on the door anytime now, and they should be taking him out in handcuffs right in front of his parents, right out of school or wherever they're going to get him. That's what they've got to do. They've got to make examples of these people, because if you don't make examples this going to happen again.

Good: You have been around a lot of rock stars. You've been at a lot of concerts. You know the scene. How do you explain people thinking it's fun to set somebody's car on fire or to smash the windows?

Allen: Bill, I think there is such a thing as a mob mentality. I believe that. I believe that a lot of people there went down there to watch the game and not get into trouble. I believe that -- okay? I have to believe that...or really deranged. But I believe they went down there. But I do believe that this mob mentality turns people into things that they really aren't -- okay? But they get caught up in it, they get caught up in the moment, they get caught up in their cell phones. They're taking pictures. They're now performing. And this is the problem. Every time at a hockey game you show the fans in the audience they all stand up and wave. They want to be seen. These people want to be seen. But in this case they got swept up in it, and now there's a price to pay.

Good: And they were seen.

Allen: Yes.

Good: Thank you, Bruce. [xrz]

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Shirley Bond discusses four elements of review
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Reporter: ...[in progress] a little bit more about the details of this inquiry.

Shirley Bond: Well, Premier Clark made it very clear at the end of last week that we wanted to move forward with an independent review of the incident related to the Stanley Cup. So today I'm very pleased to be able to outline that the review will be independent.

Today what I can't tell you is who will be doing that. We are currently obviously reviewing a number of names, and I want to make sure that we have the right person to do the job. So I can't tell you who will do it.

The review will focus on four elements. First of all, we're going to look back. We're going to ask the reviewer to look at the recommendations from 1994 to ensure that there's evidence that they were paid attention to. So we're going to look back.

Secondly, we're going to look at the overall plan that was put in place by the VPD and the city of Vancouver and eventually how that plan played a role in the eventual outcomes.

Thirdly, we're going to look at the role of liquor. We understand and certainly all you had to do was look at the video and the pictures to know that there was a significant role for liquor. So we're going to take a specific look at that.

And finally we're going to ask the reviewer to look ahead. How can we continue to celebrate events like the Stanley Cup in British Columbia not just in Vancouver but advice for cities across the province?

So I think we've been very clear that we want to look back, we want to look ahead and we want to look at very specific elements, particularly the role of liquor. I've heard a lot from a lot of people about their concern about that.

So that's the framework. I'm very pleased to say that Chief Chu has said clearly he welcomes the review, as has the city of Vancouver. So we'll move forward as quickly as possible, and I hope to be back to you within a very few number of days with the name of the person.

Reporter: Your government is fighting over the cost of the missing women's inquiry. What is the funding going to look like for this?

Bond: Well, we're certainly not going to have the magnitude or the length of time that is underway with Wally Oppal's review. I have said very clearly I expect it to be done by the end of August. We're going to involve one person as the reviewer and we're going to obviously have a discussion about what support may be necessary.

But we're not looking at an overly exorbitant cost here. We're obviously in discussions about what that will look like. My concern is putting the framework in place and finding the appropriate individual.

Reporter: Will this reviewer be able to find fault and to lay blame?

Bond: The reviewer will actually be asked to provide recommendations. This is not a fault-finding exercise. This is about recommendations for future events like this and to look back at whether or not recommendations that were provided in 1994 were paid attention to. So we're not looking at a form of inquiry. We're looking at a review. I want it to be expeditious, and so obviously the person we choose is also important and that work is underway.

Reporter: Why did you decide on that format rather than an inquiry?

Bond: Well, I think first of all there are a number of other events going to be held in Vancouver very quickly. If you look at in the short term there are some, but obviously the Grey Cup is on its way to the province as well. I think the public is demanding that we actually look at this as quickly as possible, and that's certainly our intent.

Premier Clark has been very clear. She gave me direction to move forward as quickly as possible. We want to get it right, and I think one of the very positive notes here is that I've spoken to Mayor Robertson a number of times over the last couple of days and he's very open to this and in fact has agreed to this terms of reference as well. So from my perspective the public demands answers, and we agree with them.

Reporter: Will you have the power of subpoena?

Bond: We're not looking at that type of power. We're simply asking that there be a review of the recommendations. It will not be the magnitude of an inquiry. It is a review. It is expected to be expeditious. We think we can find a person that is competent enough working through the process to bring credible answers and recommendations back to government.

There is a ton of evidence, as you can imagine, for them to look at. We've seen the Vancouver police department literally receive thousands of visuals and there are tips, there are emails, and we expect that there will be appropriate assistance provided to the person who will lead the review.

Reporter: If this reviewer finds that the lessons of 1994 were not heeded or if the Vancouver police perhaps didn't have enough officers, why shouldn't those bodies, the city and the police, be held accountable?

Bond: Well, I'm not going to speculate on the outcomes, and certainly I think there is a level of accountability that is being demanded. You're seeing a review because we do think it's important to look back and ask whether or not there was attention paid to recommendations. But I'm not interested in a blame game. I'm interested in finding the facts and making sure that we go back, take a look and learn about how we can manage to continue to celebrate in British Columbia in a responsible way.

And let's be clear. Both Chief Chu and Mayor Robertson have clearly agreed to the review that we are going to undertake, and I think that's a very strong indication they recognize that these questions need to be asked.

Reporter: Will the reviewer have access to all police officials, city officials, Penny Ballem to talk about what they did, how they did it?

Bond: Well, we certainly expect them to be in discussion with the Vancouver police department and the city of Vancouver. The second element of the review will look at the plan, how it was put in place and how it factored into the eventual outcomes. So there will certainly be the opportunity for the reviewer to talk very candidly and

thoroughly with the Vancouver police department and the city of Vancouver. And as I've said previously, they've agreed to the framework that we've put in place and they fully expect to participate in this process.

Reporter: Does the province have something to answer for, too, in this? You've said that you're going to look at the role of the city and the police. But just days before this event happened your government turned down a request from Mayor Robertson to have more money to help pay for the policing so that they could have put more boots on the ground.

Bond: Well, I think the fact of the matter is that policing costs are always a municipal responsibility and we had that discussion, and at no time was there ever an indication that this was a budget issue. I'm told, and certainly in the discussions that I had, the issue when Chief Chu asked for additional resources, for example, provincial police resources, the RCMP, all of the resources that Chief Chu asked for were made available.

And in fact today you'll see that the province already has stepped up to the plate and provided provincial resources to create the integrated team that will work through the mountain of information that the Vancouver police department has. So today on the ground as we speak RCMP officers are working side by side with the VPD. Those are provincial resources.

So it is not a budget issue. It certainly wasn't from our perspective, and Mayor Robertson made the commitment to fund the necessary plan that was put in place by Chief Chu.

Reporter: Do you have any kind of a ballpark estimate as to what the provincial resources would be, both from this review, from the review of the videotapes and all that sort of stuff and the prosecutor? Any kind of a ballpark of that?

Bond: I don't. And I really don't want to speculate about that. The Premier has been very clear with me that we are going to provide the provincial resources necessary. I think you can see today that we've taken this extremely seriously to put the framework in place today. I am expected to find a person to do the review as quickly as possible. And there will be additional costs. There's no doubt about that. We've made it clear, though that we expect our provincial team to be supporting the Vancouver police department, and it's already having an impact. As you've seen today, a number of charges have been laid or are continuing to be laid, and we have seen a large number of arrests made. So in fact work is being done. Police are working aggressively, and they're doing it in an integrated way.

Reporter: Back to Justine's question, you said that it's not an issue, but that's you saying that, basically saying that the province had nothing that they could have done in this. But, I mean, isn't part of this to determine...an independent reviewer to determine such things? So why not add are there things that the province can do in future to help out with this sort of thing. Why not include the province in this?

Bond: Well, I fully expect that there will be discussions about how police organizations are paid for in British Columbia. But let's be clear. The current circumstances in this province are that those funds...that municipalities are responsible for policing, and we made that very clear from day one. And I think the important part is that Mayor Robertson made it clear that they were prepared to fund the plan that Chief Chu put in place. So this was not a budget discussion, and it's important to recognize that. Having said that, the reviewer will look at the issues of the plan, the event plan that was put in place and how that actually impacted or worked in terms of the eventual outcomes of the incident. So the reviewer will have the ability to work within the scope to ask those kinds of questions.

But let's be clear. Chief Chu, Mayor Robertson and the Premier have all made it clear this was not a budget issue. [pssg, agmc, pcjc, zpzc, csc, sss]

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2011 Riot Event

Address: London Drugs
710 Granville Street, Vancouver

Event Summary: Premier Christy Clark will provide details on the Province's plan to assist in the investigation and prosecute those responsible for Wednesday night's damage.

Key Message: We are going to punish the bad guys and honour the heroes.

Action/Visual: Premier giving a press conference in front of staff from London Drugs, then going down to view video footage of the riot.

Audience: Media and London Drugs Employees.

Date: Friday, June 17, 2011

Time: 2:00pm

Time	Event Itinerary
2:00pm	Premier Christy Clark arrives and meets Clint Mahlman, Vice President of Retail Operations
2:02pm	Premier Christy Clark steps to microphone and gives remarks. She introduces Clint Mahlman at the end of her remarks to give remarks NOTE: NO PODIUM, just a mic stand
2:06pm	Clint Mahlman gives remarks
2:13pm	Premier does a media Q and A, moderated by Chris Olsen
2:18pm	Clint invites the Premier to go down stairs with him and review some of the video footage from the riot that London Drugs has
2:20pm	Premier and Clint view footage
2:30pm	Premier departs

MLAs Attending:

None

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Office of the Premier

Teams and tech unleashed to identify, prosecute rioters

VANCOUVER – Premier Christy Clark announced today that the B.C. Criminal Justice Branch has put in place a team of professional Crown prosecutors who will work with police and lead all aspects of the prosecution related to the June 15 riot. Evidence amassed in the coming weeks will determine the ultimate size and extent of the prosecutorial team required.

"The extraordinary events of Wednesday night profoundly affected not only Vancouverites, but all British Columbians," said Premier Clark. "There is a shared resolve – by citizens, police, the courts, business people and government – to bring all of those responsible to justice. As a government, we are fully committed to doing what we can to support those efforts, and to ensuring this type of incident never happens again."

"Our top priority right now is supporting the Vancouver Police Department's (VPD) investigation and preparing to bring rioters to justice," said Solicitor General Shirley Bond. "We are working hard to ensure our police and justice partners have what they need to fulfil our commitment to full justice for all perpetrators of Wednesday's violence and destruction. It is essential that these individuals be held accountable"

"We are working to bring to justice those who have committed criminal acts," said Attorney General Barry Penner. "This is a priority for our government and for the Criminal Justice Branch. Senior prosecutors have already been in contact with the VPD and Crown prosecutors will work with police to review and assess the evidence, with a goal to making sure any cases brought forward result in successful prosecutions."

The RCMP and Lower Mainland police agencies have agreed to work with the VPD in an Integrated Coordinated Investigation Team (CIT), which includes major case investigators, who will work in support of the VPD investigation into the criminal activity that occurred at the time of the Stanley Cup Game Seven in Vancouver.

As well, ICBC has contacted VPD. Subject to receipt of a court order, the corporation's facial-recognition technology will be able to support the identification of suspects. Since 2009, ICBC has used this technology to protect customers from identity theft and fraud related to driver licences.

In the days and weeks ahead, government will look to learn from this experience and work with Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and VPD Chief Jim Chu to look at what we can do better to prevent another incident like Wednesday night.

The Province has also launched a new Facebook page – www.facebook.com/BCHeroes – to give British Columbians a place to share their positive stories of volunteers, good Samaritans, emergency services personnel and others coming together in the true spirit of B.C. to clean up and recover from the riot. The public is also being asked to send information about specific examples of bravery and heroism during the riots to heroes@gov.bc.ca. Those individuals will be publicly honoured in the weeks ahead.

“It is in the outpouring of support and community spirit following this incident where we see the true character of Vancouver and B.C.,” said Premier Clark. “We will honour those who stood up and showed character and bravery during the riots and we will not let the actions of a few criminals define our city and province.”

Quick Facts:

- Citizens are encouraged to share photos, videos, text messages and other evidence with investigators.
- Call the Vancouver City Police Department at 604-717-3321, local police or any detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Photos may be sent anonymously to the Vancouver Police Department at robbery@vpd.ca.
- Videos may be shared anonymously with to the department. Please upload them to Youtube as private videos and share them with robbery@vpd.ca.
- Posts are also welcome through Twitter at #VPD.
- The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act allows ICBC to disclose information to police in order to comply with subpoenas, warrants and court orders.
- ICBC’s facial-recognition technology works by analyzing characteristics that do not change, such as the size and location of cheekbones and the distance between the eyes.

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Christopher Leveille tried to help another man who was attacked in the riots. He suffered a collapsed lung and other injuries. Jim Chu says police recognized known troublemakers in the riot crowds and they will bring them to justice. [agmc, pssg, zpz]

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Chinese topics:

Vancouver downtown riot

Chinese newspapers carry extensive coverage of last night's riot in downtown Vancouver after the Canucks' 4-0 loss to Boston in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Premier Christy Clark said on her Twitter that she was disappointed with the game's result but she urged the public to go home and not to cause troubles.

Solicitor General Shirley Bond could not believe some British Columbians openly violated the laws, saying the event was shameful to B.C. and Vancouver.

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Bill Good: Premier Christy Clark joins me now.

Premier, good morning.

Premier Christy Clark: Good morning, Bill.

Good: You were at the game last night.

Premier Clark: I was, and, you know, as I was leaving the game lots of high-fives, lots of people saying the same thing that you did, which is a spectacular season. People were feeling.... You know, people were disappointed but cheering on Tim Thomas when he got the Conn Smythe. It was a great crowd. Tons of families.

You know, the people that did this last night were not Canuck fans any more than those guys in bandanas who went to break the windows at the Bay during the Olympics were Olympics fans. This was a small group of criminals, as you've said. But the thing that made it so difficult is that there were...and this is, I think, the difference between what happened during the Olympics and what happened last night is there were thousands and thousands of people who wanted to watch, who felt like, you know, it was a spectator sport to be a part of it.

That's the reality, I think, of crowd management today. We are seeing an evolution in the problems that criminals can create because so many people want to stand and watch, and as you said, Bill, they become very much a part of the problem because it makes it incredibly difficult for police to be able to manage what happens, and the criminals use that crowd as cover. The bigger the crowd, the more cover they have. When you ask that question, perfectly legitimate, "What was different?" that's what was different last night.

Good: I'm looking at the front page of the Globe's British Columbia section right now, and I'm looking at a young man who is wearing a \$200 or \$300 Canuck jersey. He's standing in front of a fire with a great big smile on his face, taking a picture of himself on his camera phone, looking like he's having a terrific time, and I just don't get it.

Premier Clark: No. I know. I don't get it either. But that's the reality of the world today is that there are a lot of people in an era of citizen journalists where everything's on TV, where it's reality shows wall to wall where that happens.

So I think there are two ways to go about this. One is to appeal to the public to not do those kinds of things. I think, though, the reality is there will always be people that are going to want to be a part of the action at least as a spectator. So what that means is that law enforcement has to review the evolution of criminality, and I think.... Contrary to some of the critics out there, I think that law enforcement did as good a job as

Good: Do you really?

Premier Clark: Well, given the number of spectators that were there, Bill, given the thousands of innocent people that were participating by standing on the sidelines and making themselves a part of the problem, it was an incredibly difficult thing for them to manage. So think of it this way; thousands of people, a small band of criminals that were overturning cars and starting fires and breaking windows, and almost no one was seriously injured.

Good: If you were still sitting in this chair I can't imagine that you wouldn't be calling on the chief of police to be accountable this morning and speaking to what happened last night.

Premier Clark: Well, and they are going.... I mean, I know that they are going to review what happened, and I think one of the things that law enforcement has to do...and they always do this, but in this case we want to know that they're doing it for sure, which is go out and review the evolution of criminality and crowd control and the way we manage that. They learned a lot from 1994, but that was 17 years ago...

Good: It didn't show last night.

Clark: ...and they need to learn.... They need to learn a lot from what happened last night, and I know that they're going to go through that.

Here's the other thing, though, Bill. This is part of the evolution of managing this. As citizens none of us -- none of us -- want to live in the kind of society that we saw last night on the streets of Vancouver. None of us want to live in that society.

Good: We surely don't.

Premier Clark: And all the people that were there who took pictures, who have some evidence need to be a part of the solution. So please, please, get those pictures in to the VPD. They've set up a Twitter site at Vancouver PD. Email them www.robberyatvdp.ca. Get your evidence in, because the upside of having all those people there, there were a lot of witnesses. There's a lot of evidence, because I can tell you this from a provincial perspective; we are going to prosecute those people to the full extent of the law.

Good: I'm going to hold you accountable on that, because my fear is that they'll get a slap on the wrist, that the police will be able to identify them because there are a lot of pictures but that not much will happen.

Premier Clark: You.... Bill, you can hold me accountable on that. I.... We are going to make sure that we bring in...that those folks who were responsible for this, once we can identify them, once we can sift through the mountain of evidence that's there and we can find them, we are going to prosecute them to the full extent of the law. And they should know this.... If they are listening today they should know this, that as much as we are able, we are going to publicize who they are. Their family, their friends, their employers are going to know what role they played in this. They will not be able to hide. They will not be able to be anonymous troublemakers anymore. We will all know who they are. That's my commitment in this.

If we want to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again, yes, we need to make sure we're dealing with crowd control, and law enforcement is doing what they need to do. Yes, spectators need to stay out of the way. But we have to make sure, though, that the hard core of that group of criminals is punished and that the consequences for them mean that they are off the streets for as long as possible. If there's a lesson to be learned from the past it's that it's a time to end this era of slaps on the wrist for the kinds of people who create these problems. I don't want to live in a society like the one we saw last night. I don't want to raise my son in that kind of society. I don't think any of us want that kind of society.

So Bill, we're going to find those guys and we are going to make sure they bear the consequences, and they

Good: Have you lost faith in the VPD and the chief of police?

Premier Clark: No, I haven't. I have to say they had an incredibly tough job last night, and the crowd control, the crowd problems, the criminality, as I said, evolved. There were thousands and thousands of spectators. I'm grateful that no innocent people were seriously harmed in this.

Can I say, too, this morning, Bill, one of the stories that's come out of this is we have seen people spontaneously showing up downtown to start the cleanup, just as volunteers, average citizens, and that is exactly the kind of society that I do want to live in where British Columbians, Vancouverites step up and decide we want to be part of the solution.

So this morning it's doing cleanup downtown, and for the next couple of weeks it's making sure that we all provide the evidence that we have, if we have it. If you were there and you were a part of it, admit you're part of it to police. Get out, be a witness. Help out. Let's find those guys, and then I promise you we will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

I'm going to go down and tour the area this morning. I'm going to be meeting with some downtown merchants, police and the mayor, who I've already spoken to this morning.

Nobody wants to see this for our city and our province, Bill, and as you said, it's not the right message to send. But you know what? Coming out of this I think we can start...we can have some good stories, and it's starting this morning with the cleanup.

Good: Premier Clark, I must break. [xrz]

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Hello Chris,

This is Jeremy McDonald with Power & Politics with Evan Solomon. Is Premier Clark available for an interview today? We would like to do discuss last night's rioting in Vancouver. The interview will take about ten minutes and we can do it from CBC Vancouver. We would like to do this live at 2:00pm PT. If that doesn't work, we can prerecord sometime between 10:00am and 1:30pm PT.

Thanks,

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Hey all, just touching base again with our request to talk HST with the Premier on Tuesday's show, June 21 as she was unable to appear yesterday morning in light of the riots.

Please let me know if this is possible!

Cheers
Tara

From: Tara Gostelow
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Hey Chris, I can appreciate that the Premier has more pressing matters to address in light of last night's riots, but would appreciate the chance to talk with her about the HST during the same time slot on next Tuesday's show June 21 2011, 9.08 to 9.30am.

Please let us know if this is possible, as we only have bi-weekly shows it would be great to have her word on it all as the ballots are out...

Best regards

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Chinese Media Summary

June 17, 2011

Premier on riot

(Ming Pao A6/ Sing Tao A7/ World Journal B2)

Premier Christy Clark and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson yesterday toured downtown to look at the damages caused by Wednesday's riot firsthand. Clark also joined volunteers to help clean up the street. (*CP photo of Premier Clark sweeping the street with a broom carried in Ming Pao and Sing Tao.)

Clark promised that the rioters will be brought to justice and will get stiffest sentences possible.

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VPD police chief blames 'anarchists' for riot

(Ming Pao A4/ Sing Tao A6/ World Journal A2)

Vancouver police chief Jim Chu blamed "anarchists and criminals" for the orgy of destruction and looting. Chu said he was pleased that the mayhem was stopped within three hours. ^{Page 22} ~~09P20110618A~~ If the
... to deal with the 1994 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot, despite the bigger crowd

(Sing Tao A6)

BC Civil Liberties Association spokesperson David Eby says he was very disappointed in the riot, but was pleased to see Vancouver Police being restrained in the face of very serious provocation. Eby said the police had a very good tactic of using as little violence as possible, as little force as possible in responding and basically making sure people are as safe as possible. He is happy the force did not use its LRAD, or sonic gun, to disperse crowds and used tear gas and pepper spray in moderation.

Riot's impact on tourism

(Ming Pao A11/ Sing Tao A8/ World Journal A4)

The images of marauding hooligans spread from NBC and CNN in North America to TV networks in Britain and across Europe, erasing memories of the beautiful 2010 Olympic city and replacing them with violence.

(Ming Pao A11)

Bob Glass, president of The Downtown Vancouver Association, agreed that the damage to the city's reputation worldwide was "incalculable."

Rick Antonson of Tourism Vancouver agreed that the reputation of Vancouver has been tarnished, noting some rioters were wearing Canucks jerseys but they do not represent Canucks fans or Vancouver residents.

Minister of Tourism Pat Bell felt that though the rioting was unfortunate, it was isolated. He hopes that international tourists will understand and that in the long-term, the post-Olympics reputation of a peaceful, friendly Vancouver will prevail.

ICBC receives 50 claims from riot

(Ming Pao A3/ Sing Tao A8/ World Journal B2)

ICBC spokesperson Adam Grossman is reporting up to 50 vehicles were damaged during last night's riots in downtown Vancouver, but more claims will probably be filed in the next few days.

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Please ignore the last item sent. Thank you.

Chinese Media Summary - TV

VPD, Mayor, Premier on riot

(June 16 - Fairchild TV News/ Omni News)

Vancouver police chief Jim Chu said police was able to stop the riot within three hours, about half the time it took to deal with the 1994 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot. He blamed "anarchists and criminals" for the orgy of destruction and looting.

(Fairchild TV News)

Chu and Vancouver assistant fire chief Wade Pierlot explained why they didn't contain the fires of burning vehicles in a timely fashion.

Chu:

"The objective is to deploy in groups in a strategic manner. If the officers went to every hot spot, the riot would have continued for much longer than it did," said Chu, adding that officers were deployed throughout the area until the riot began, when they were sent downtown.

Pierlot:

"I have to secure water source, I can't put firemen in harm's way and then have someone turned the hydrant off. So I had VPD resources standing on hydrants, making sure that the crowd didn't interfere with our water source."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the incident was shameful.

Robertson:

"The really tragic news related to last night and the troublemakers who came through downtown wreaking havoc and doing immense damage to our downtown, there's been a real outpouring of support from citizens and people coming down trying to help clean up, trying to get our city back."

Premier Christy Clark wanted to bring the rioters to justice.

Clark:

"I promise you this. You won't be able to live in anonymity. You won't be behind your bandana or under your hoodie. We are going to do everything we can to make sure the public understands who you were. Your family, your friends, your employer will know you were a part of this,"

kind of city I want to raise my son in, and it's not the kind of place that anyone wants to see what we saw last night."

Vancouver councillor Suzanne Anton said an independent investigation should be launched to find out the root of the problem.

SFU criminologist Robert Gordon said inadequate police force is the main reason that the riot escalated last night.

Gordon:

"I don't think they have enough boots on the ground to deal with the size of the crowd and the amount of violence and mayhem that was taking place. So part of that is a planning problem but part of that in turn is the function of the weaknesses of the policing system in Metro Vancouver."

(June 16 – Omni News)

Volunteers went to Vancouver downtown to help clean up the streets while residents wrote their blessings to the city on a plywood wall on the downtown Bay store.

Premier Christy Clark and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson went to downtown this morning to visit the merchants impacted by the riot. Robertson said Vancouver's image won't be damaged by a small group of people.

Robertson:

"I think people were down here to have a good time last night. But that group of troublemakers at the core of it the hoodlums started the problem and then in sighted some others to get involved were really what the issue was. They were not hockey fans; they were not up here about the Canucks; they were not here to celebrate with the rest of the crowd."

Premier Christy Clark said the rioters will be brought to justice.

Clark:

"If you were a part of this and I am speaking to people who may have been responsible last night. I promise you this. You won't be able to live in anonymity. You won't be behind your bandana or under your hoodie. We are going to do everything we can to make sure the public understands who you were. Your family, your friends, your employer will know you were a part of this, because this cannot happen in our city. It isn't the kind of city that I want to live in."

(June 16 – Omni News)

Christy Clark did not say directly whether the provincial government will help share the extra cost with Vancouver for holding events during the Canucks playoff games. She said the rioters are not real Canucks fans.

Clark:

"These were not Canucks fans that caused this problem last night. This was an organized group of criminals who decided they were going to cause trouble, and whether or not we had won the

Stanley Cup or lost, this group of criminals would have taken this opportunity to cause this problem."

Riot aftermath

(June 16 – Fairchild TV News)

Volunteers went to Vancouver downtown to help clean up the streets while residents wrote their blessings to the city on a plywood wall on the downtown Bay store.

A Chinese store owner and London Drugs CEO Wynne Powell talked about the damage and loss of their stores.

ICBC said they have already received at least 13 claims from last night's riot but the number is expected to increase. Adam Grossman said most customers are covered by comprehensive insurance.

Grossman:

"It's a very typical insurance policy with us, our comprehensive insurance and it covers vandalism and fire and exceptional circumstances such as a riot."

Riot's impact on Vancouver's image

(June 16 – Omni News)

The image of Vancouver has been hurt by international media's coverage on the riot. A tourist said the riot is shameful for Canada. A Boston tourist said fans in the Rogers Arena congratulated him but it's unfortunate that some people outside the arena put a black mark on the city.

Tourism Vancouver believed the riot won't have a long-term impact on Vancouver's international image.

An immigrant consultant said potential immigrants and international students would understand this is an isolated incident and the riot would not affect their desire to come here.

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Clark said if there isn't a provincial election this year, she is going to visit China and India in November. She wanted the delegation to include representatives in businesses besides natural resources industry.

Clark:

"We also want to make sure that there is a significant representation of small and medium-sized businesses, recognizing that that's where the bulk of Asian-Canadians are doing business. So we want to make sure that we are getting the real, full benefit of all the Chinese-Canadians who live here in British Columbia by allowing them, by welcoming them, on this trade mission with us. I just think the opportunities are so big for us."

Clark did not say whether there will be an election.

On the opposition to the UBC hospice plan by some Chinese residents, Clark said she is not going to intervene in UBC's decision.

Clark:

"I understand there are still people who remain concerned, but I don't think as many now that more people understand the reality of what's going to happen there, which is really about respecting our elders and allowing the aged, allowing our parents and grandparents to die with dignity."

Clark believed more people would vote to keep the HST in the referendum once they have more information about the tax.

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"The HST is a \$1.9-billion transfer of tax, taxes on the small businesses and working families. It hurts our economy. It hurts our community and we need to deal with it. The only way possible, by voting YES to scrap the HST in the referendum."

Premier Christy Clark argued that the HST can revitalize the province's economy and create job, noting the government will have a \$3-billion hole in the budget if the tax is scrapped.

Clark:

"If people decide to go backward to the PST-GST, because it's a \$3b hole in our budget. That's going to be really hard to make up. There's only three ways you can fix that. One is by cutting services in health care and education -- you know, those areas. The other is by running a huge budget deficit, which is a tax on our children. And then the third is to just.... It's to raise taxes somewhere else."

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Stanley Cup Finals: Post-game Riots - All media provided extensive coverage of the Stanley Cup final and the post game riots. Media indicate disappointed Canucks fans lit fire to properties and vehicles on fire in downtown Vancouver after the 4-0 defeat to Boston. Some media suggested the riot coverage resembled the attack on Iraq and 9/11 in New York.

Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson reportedly said the riots were an embarrassment for the city.

RED FM radio host, Harjinder Thind, indicates the rioters were not members of any organised crime group, instead they were just disappointed fans.

Community members are upset with the riot and were relieved that Surrey remained calm after the Canucks' defeat in the final game.

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Media Availability
Clark - Chinese media roundtable
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Premier Christy Clark: I'd like to make this offer to you. It's been a little while since I became Premier, but I would like very much to make a regular point of being in contact with all of you. So that's why Chris is giving you his card with his cell phone number on it. Please contact him whenever you need me or need comment from me, because to me it is crucially important to be connected with the Asian community in British Columbia, and you are the route by which I could have primary contact with members of that community, expressing their concerns to me directly and also my comments to them directly. It's such an important part of British Columbia. So I'm delighted to have this contact with you and I want to make sure that we are doing this on a regular basis, not a periodic one.

I know that some of you will probably want to talk about the HST today. Some of you will want to talk about the trade mission to Asia and Asia Pacific and our priorities with that; immigration, jobs, China Southern Airlines and some of those issues; the families agenda, which I know is incredibly important for the Asian community as it is in particular for me. I suspect, though, some of you might have some comments or some questions about what happened last night in Vancouver. So do you want to start with that...

Reporters: Yes.

Premier Clark: ...and maybe get onto...? Okay. All right. You were wondering when I was going to get to that. All right. I don't know who'd like to start, but I'd be happy to talk about any questions you have.

Reporter: Can you, firstly, give a comment on the riot. How did you get away from the arena?

Premier Clark: Well, I drove. I got in the van. My son and I went to the game. It was a great crowd at the game. Everybody stuck around to cheer Tim Thomas when he got his Conn Smythe trophy and Milan Lucic, who's a local kid when he picked up the Stanley Cup. I mean, it was very friendly. People were high-fiving when we were leaving -- right? -- disappointed. But we got in the van and we drove home. It was as simple as that.

These were not Canucks fans that caused this problem last night. This was an organized group of criminals who decided they were going to cause trouble, and whether or not we had won the Stanley Cup or lost, this group of criminals would have taken this opportunity to cause this problem. So let's remember that.

The second problem that happened is that there were thousands of people who were perfectly innocent people that nonetheless decided that this was some kind of a spectator sport and they hung around and took pictures and got in the way of police, and that was a big problem for police too.

So it didn't go as well as I think it could have last night, but looking ahead here I'll tell you this. Last night I was shocked and I was sad, and today I'm mad. I'm really angry about what those criminals did to our city. We are going to prosecute them to the absolute full extent of the law. There are going to be no more slaps on the wrist for this kind of behaviour. I do not want to live in city like the one that they created last night and I don't want to raise my son in a city like this. This city belongs to us, to the law-abiding citizens. We are going to take it back. It doesn't belong to them. And so I want all those criminals to know we are going

and when we find out who they are we are going to tell the public. Their families will know; their parents, their children, their neighbours, their bosses. Everybody is going to know who they are, and I think the best way to make sure that this never happens again is to make sure there's real consequences for the criminals who caused it.

Reporter: [Inaudible].

Premier Clark: Well, you know, yes, I do. I mean, I think that we can build a healthy culture around big events. We did during the Olympics. Remember that? Only a year ago we had the biggest sporting event in the world here in Vancouver, and we had almost no problems with it. So yes, it is preventable, and we proved that during the Olympics.

You know, criminality evolves. Policing has to adapt. The police will go back and look at what happened, what worked, what didn't work, and try and fix it, try and do things differently if necessary. As a society, though, as citizens we all have to step up and be part of the solution, and as government we have to make sure that those bad guys, those criminals that caused this go to jail.

Part of the problem that we have, I think, in our society is that too often people commit crimes and they get away with it. We have to stop that. We have to end the culture of slaps on the wrist, and we have to put those guys in jail because when people see real consequence, when they are publicly shamed for what they've done, I believe that we will see less criminality.

Reporter: [Inaudible] situation in [inaudible]. So do you think our authorities have learned a lesson [inaudible]?

Clark: Well, you know, I think they did learn some lessons. I mean, remember in 1994 the police were quite a bit more aggressive with the crowd than they were last night. So there were more injuries caused by police, I think, in 1994. And that lesson was certainly learned. And, you know, last night was awful, what happened, but it ended with a very limited number of injuries, which is very, very good, and almost none of them caused by police. So police, I think, were very restrained and very disciplined in trying to manage it, which I think was a lesson from 1994.

There are new lessons we have to learn, though, because the world is different. In 1994 we did not have thousands of spectators standing around trying to take pictures like they were journalists or something. I mean, they were really in the way of police trying to do their jobs. People shouldn't do that, but I think the reality is that they will. So policing has to adapt and recognize that we are going to have to do things differently to make sure that we recognize that the situation has changed. You're always learning -- always.

Reporter: Premier, last night we had those [inaudible] looter compared with criminal action on the street. But this morning we see hundreds of volunteers come out and help clean up the streets. What is the true image or identity that the world will think of Vancouverites?

Clark: Yeah. Well, you know, I think you've hit exactly the right note on that. What happened last night was an embarrassment for our city, for our province, for our country, but what happened this morning is something we should all take great pride in. Hundreds of people just spontaneously got up and decided they wanted to be part of cleaning up. I met a young girl this morning who took the day off, spontaneously, without permission, from David Livingston School, and she said: "Premier, can you come help me clean up?" She gave me her broom, and I started sweeping with her. She was just one of the hundreds of people who were doing that today; people signing their names to the boards, the boarded-up windows, saying this is my city; it belongs to us.

I think citizens can play a huge role in making sure this never happens again, and that's what we saw this morning. I think it's absolutely the spirit of Vancouver, the pride of the city. It was our chance to take the
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I think it's fantastic. And don't forget: remember last year we hosted

the world's biggest sporting event, and it went off without a hitch pretty much. So last night was terrible, but we have some really wonderful things we can point to as well.

Reporter: Premier, are you satisfied with the [inaudible]?

Premier Clark: With the what?

Reporter: [Contingency] plan?

Premier Clark: Oh, the amount of money they spent?

Aide: The contingency plan.

Premier Clark: Oh, the contingency plan. No one was hurt, seriously injured as a result of police action in this. Police protected the public. A lot of property was damaged. There's no question about it. There, I think, were some unexpected elements of it, like the thousands of spectators that were there, getting in the way of policing.

I'm satisfied and very proud, actually, of the work that police, law enforcement and our emergency personnel did last night. We have lessons to learn from it, though. I mean, policing has to adapt, as I said, to the changes in criminality. So I think next time we'll probably do it differently, but I'm satisfied that they did the best they could this time, and I'm really delighted, as I said, that we didn't end up with a whole lot of people in hospital, which certainly could have happened.

Reporter: My question has two parts. One is do you think that we should set up a fence on the [inaudible] street? Second one is how would the riot last night tarnish the image of the citizens?

Premier Clark: Well, on the first one I can't give you an answer to that. The thing is that I don't know.... The VPD will be undertaking a review of what happened, and we'll get the answers in the course of that review. So I can't speak to that.

The second thing is it is a city responsibility to do the policing. So the province provided hundreds of police resources, hundreds of police and law enforcement at the request of VPD, but they were leading it. They will also lead the review, and we'll get the answers to that first question, I think, once we see the results of that review.

We were there to support, and we supported in every way that we could, in every possible way that we were asked as well. So we were there for them, but the review will be done by VPD.

Did it tarnish our reputation? I don't think these things are ever good for a city's reputation, but they've also happened in every major city all around the world in every democratic country. I think people from around the world, whether you live in Paris or London or Chicago, you look at it and you know that it could happen where you live too.

So yeah, I don't think it's great for Vancouver's reputation. But we are a big, mature cosmopolitan city, and there is a lot more to know about Vancouver than just last night. And as Roy pointed out, one of things people will see about Vancouver is what happened this morning.

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Vancouver downtown riot

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Premier Christy Clark said on her Twitter that she was disappointed with the game's result but she urged the public to go home and not to cause troubles. Solicitor General Shirley Bond could not believe some British Columbians openly violated the laws, saying the event was shameful to B.C. and Vancouver.

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Bill Good: Premier Christy Clark joins me now.

Premier, good morning.

Premier Christy Clark: Good morning, Bill.

Good: You were at the game last night.

Premier Clark: I was, and, you know, as I was leaving the game lots of high-fives, lots of people saying the same thing that you did, which is a spectacular season. People were feeling.... You know, people were disappointed but cheering on Tim Thomas when he got the Conn Smythe. It was a great crowd. Tons of families.

You know, the people that did this last night were not Canuck fans any more than those guys in bandanas who went to break the windows at the Bay during the Olympics were Olympics fans. This was a small group of criminals, as you've said. But the thing that made it so difficult is that there were...and this is, I think, the difference between what happened during the Olympics and what happened last night is there were thousands and thousands of people who wanted to watch, who felt like, you know, it was a spectator sport to be a part of it.

That's the reality, I think, of crowd management today. We are seeing an evolution in the problems that criminals can create because so many people want to stand and watch, and as you said, Bill, they become very much a part of the problem because it makes it incredibly difficult for police to be able to manage what happens, and the criminals use that crowd as cover. The bigger the crowd, the more cover they have. When you ask that question, perfectly legitimate, "What was different?" that's what was different last night.

Good: I'm looking at the front page of the Globe's British Columbia section right now, and I'm looking at a young man who is wearing a \$200 or \$300 Canuck jersey. He's standing in front of a fire with a great big smile on his face, taking a picture of himself on his camera phone, looking like he's having a terrific time, and I just don't get it.

Premier Clark: No. I know. I don't get it either. But that's the reality of the world today is that there are a lot of people in an era of citizen journalists where everything's on TV, where it's reality shows wall to wall where that happens.

So I think there are two ways to go about this. One is to appeal to the public to not do those kinds of things. I think, though, the reality is there will always be people that are going to want to be a part of the action at least as a spectator. So what that means is that law enforcement has to review the evolution of criminality, and I think.... Contrary to some of the critics out there, I think that law enforcement did as good a job as

Good: Do you really?

Premier Clark: Well, given the number of spectators that were there, Bill, given the thousands of innocent people that were participating by standing on the sidelines and making themselves a part of the problem, it was an incredibly difficult thing for them to manage. So think of it this way; thousands of people, a small band of criminals that were overturning cars and starting fires and breaking windows, and almost no one was seriously injured.

Good: If you were still sitting in this chair I can't imagine that you wouldn't be calling on the chief of police to be accountable this morning and speaking to what happened last night.

Premier Clark: Well, and they are going.... I mean, I know that they are going to review what happened, and I think one of the things that law enforcement has to do...and they always do this, but in this case we want to know that they're doing it for sure, which is go out and review the evolution of criminality and crowd control and the way we manage that. They learned a lot from 1994, but that was 17 years ago...

Good: It didn't show last night.

Clark: ...and they need to learn.... They need to learn a lot from what happened last night, and I know that they're going to go through that.

Here's the other thing, though, Bill. This is part of the evolution of managing this. As citizens none of us -- none of us -- want to live in the kind of society that we saw last night on the streets of Vancouver. None of us want to live in that society.

Good: We surely don't.

Premier Clark: And all the people that were there who took pictures, who have some evidence need to be a part of the solution. So please, please, get those pictures in to the VPD. They've set up a Twitter site at Vancouver PD. Email them www.robberyatvdp.ca. Get your evidence in, because the upside of having all those people there, there were a lot of witnesses. There's a lot of evidence, because I can tell you this from a provincial perspective; we are going to prosecute those people to the full extent of the law.

Good: I'm going to hold you accountable on that, because my fear is that they'll get a slap on the wrist, that the police will be able to identify them because there are a lot of pictures but that not much will happen.

Premier Clark: You.... Bill, you can hold me accountable on that. I.... We are going to make sure that we bring in...that those folks who were responsible for this, once we can identify them, once we can sift through the mountain of evidence that's there and we can find them, we are going to prosecute them to the full extent of the law. And they should know this.... If they are listening today they should know this, that as much as we are able, we are going to publicize who they are. Their family, their friends, their employers are going to know what role they played in this. They will not be able to hide. They will not be able to be anonymous troublemakers anymore. We will all know who they are. That's my commitment in this.

If we want to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again, yes, we need to make sure we're dealing with crowd control, and law enforcement is doing what they need to do. Yes, spectators need to stay out of the way. But we have to make sure, though, that the hard core of that group of criminals is punished and that the consequences for them mean that they are off the streets for as long as possible. If there's a lesson to be learned from the past it's that it's a time to end this era of slaps on the wrist for the kinds of people who create these problems. I don't want to live in a society like the one we saw last night. I don't want to raise my son in that kind of society. I don't think any of us want that kind of society.

So Bill, we're going to find those guys and we are going to make sure they bear the consequences, and they

Good: Have you lost faith in the VPD and the chief of police?

Premier Clark: No, I haven't. I have to say they had an incredibly tough job last night, and the crowd control, the crowd problems, the criminality, as I said, evolved. There were thousands and thousands of spectators. I'm grateful that no innocent people were seriously harmed in this.

Can I say, too, this morning, Bill; one of the stories that's come out of this is we have seen people spontaneously showing up downtown to start the cleanup, just as volunteers, average citizens, and that is exactly the kind of society that I do want to live in where British Columbians, Vancouverites step up and decide we want to be part of the solution.

So this morning it's doing cleanup downtown, and for the next couple of weeks it's making sure that we all provide the evidence that we have, if we have it. If you were there and you were a part of it, admit you're part of it to police. Get out, be a witness. Help out. Let's find those guys, and then I promise you we will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

I'm going to go down and tour the area this morning. I'm going to be meeting with some downtown merchants, police and the mayor, who I've already spoken to this morning.

Nobody wants to see this for our city and our province, Bill, and as you said, it's not the right message to send. But you know what? Coming out of this I think we can start...we can have some good stories, and it's starting this morning with the cleanup.

Good: Premier Clark, I must break. [xrz]

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Why they could get away with it

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By Jack Knox

As if the Vancouver riot didn't leave you feeling bad enough, here's something to make it even worse: The B.C. government's refusal to deal with the province's ongoing judge shortage could allow rioters to get away with their crimes.

With images of the rocket scientists responsible for Wednesday's destruction flying around the Internet, rounding them up should, we hope, just be a matter of time. But that doesn't mean they'll be convicted, not with the justice system suffering a logjam that the B.C. Liberals have shown little inclination to break. Lawyers, police and judges themselves have been complaining for months about cases being thrown out of court or crippled because of delays caused by shortages of both sheriffs and provincial court judges. Even if the cases proceed, it could be well over a year before the guilty are sentenced.

One of the places where the judge shortage has been felt most acutely is Vancouver's Main Street court.

That's important because that's where any trial related to Wednesday's destruction will be held, as a case must be heard in the jurisdiction in which the offence took place.

Right now, the judge shortage at Main Street means there's a 12-month delay between a charge being laid and the first trial date for someone accused in a fairly straightforward case, one in which he is free while awaiting his day in front of the judge. The delay is even longer in more complex cases.

When the court date finally comes up, there's a chance the lack of sheriffs will cause an adjournment, snakes-and-laddering the case to the back of the queue again.

A savvy defence lawyer representing one of the rioters - probably some young goof without enough of a record to keep him in custody - will advise him that unless the Crown is offering a terrific deal, he should plead not guilty, safe in the knowledge that it will take a year, maybe two, maybe never to go to trial. Delay it enough and the case might be thrown out altogether, the accused's right to a speedy trial having been violated - though the truth is that many defence lawyers like long court dates: memories fade, witnesses move, it becomes difficult for the judge to pass a meaningful sentence on someone whose life has changed.

None of this is news to the provincial government. It was all outlined in a September 2010 report titled Justice Delayed, which pointed out that B.C. is the only jurisdiction in Canada with fewer provincial court judges than it had in 2005.

Newspapers have been littered with stories of the fallout. Two weeks ago, a Times Colonist editorial ripped the Liberals for spending cuts that undermine justice. This week a Supreme Court judge put off a Vancouver murder trial because of inadequate security.

The latter case prompted Premier Christy Clark to say Tuesday she would bring up the sheriff shortage with Attorney General Barry Penner, who on Monday, after meeting with judicial representatives, had said he

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It's ironic that even as the federal Conservatives were being elected partly on a law-and-order platform that called for expansion of Canada's prison system, we had the provincial government effectively choosing to let criminals go free rather than pump money into the court system. Instead, it gambled on the cheap route, hoping that its new immediate roadside driving bans would divert enough drunk-driving cases away from the courts to make a difference.

It was against this background that we saw Clark promise Thursday to hunt down and expose Wednesday's thugs: "We will push for full justice."

Well, all the get-tough talk means nothing if we can't even get the rioters into court, let alone stick them behind bars.

This is exactly the kind of case where the public should expect fast, meaningful justice. Instead, the response could well shake our confidence, both in the courts and the government that doesn't care enough to fund them. As it stands, if the Canucks make it to the finals again next year, those charged after the riot won't even have made a first appearance at trial. Maybe they'll be back on Georgia Street. What kind of justice is that?

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Vancouver downtown riot

Chinese newspapers carry extensive coverage of the riot in downtown Vancouver after the Canucks' 4-0 loss to Boston in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals.

Interest: High. Many in the community say the rioters have tarnished the reputation of Vancouver. Reactions are mixed on how police handles the situation. However, many feel that looters and rioters of the riot should be punished.

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Premier on riot

Premier Christy Clark and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson yesterday toured downtown to look at the damages caused by Wednesday's riot firsthand. Clark also joined volunteers to help clean up the street.

Vancouver police chief Jim Chu said police was able to stop the riot within three hours, about half the time it took to deal with the 1994 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot. He blamed "anarchists and criminals" for the orgy of destruction and looting. Chu and Vancouver assistant fire chief Wade Pierlot explained why they didn't contain the fires of burning vehicles in a timely fashion.

Chu: "The objective is to deploy in groups in a strategic manner. If the officers went to every hot spot, the riot would have continued for much longer than it did," said Chu, adding that officers were deployed throughout the area until the riot began, when they were sent downtown.

Pierlot: "I have to secure water source, I can't put firemen in harm's way and then have someone turned the hydrant off. So I had VPD resources standing on hydrants, making sure that the crowd didn't interfere with our water source."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the incident was shameful.

Robertson: "The really tragic news related to last night and the troublemakers who came through downtown wreaking havoc and doing immense damage to our downtown, there's been a real outpouring of support from citizens and people coming down trying to help clean up, trying to get our city back."

Clark promised that the rioters will be brought to justice and will get stiffest sentences possible.

Clark: "I promise you this. You won't be able to live in anonymity. You won't be behind your bandana or under your hoodie. We are going to do everything we can to make sure the public understands who you were. Your family, your friends, your employer will know you were a part of this, because this cannot happen in our city. It isn't the kind of city that I want to live in, it's not the kind of city I want to raise my son in, and it's not the kind of place that anyone wants to see what we saw last night."

SFU criminologist Robert Gordon said inadequate police force is the main reason that the riot escalated last night.

Gordon: "I don't think they have enough boots on the ground to deal with the size of the crowd and the amount of violence and mayhem that was taking place. So part of that is a planning problem but part of that in turn is the function of the weaknesses of the policing system in Metro Vancouver."

Commentator Travena Lee says many people are embarrassed and angered by the rioters that have given the city a bad name.

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VPD police chief blames 'anarchists' for riot

Vancouver police chief Jim Chu blamed "anarchists and criminals" for the orgy of destruction and looting. Chu said he was pleased that the mayhem was stopped within three hours, about half the time it took to deal with the 1994 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot, despite the bigger crowd Wednesday.

BC Civil Liberties Association spokesperson David Eby says he was very disappointed in the riot, but was pleased to see Vancouver Police being restrained in the face of very serious provocation. Eby said the police had a very good tactic of using as little violence as possible, as little force as possible in responding and basically making sure people are as safe as possible. He is happy the force did not use its LRAD, or sonic gun, to disperse crowds and used tear gas and pepper spray in moderation.

Riot's impact on tourism

The images of marauding hooligans spread from NBC and CNN in North America to TV networks in Britain and across Europe, erasing memories of the beautiful 2010 Olympic city and replacing them with violence.

Bob Glass, president of The Downtown Vancouver Association, agreed that the damage to the city's reputation worldwide was "incalculable."

Rick Antonson of Tourism Vancouver agreed that the reputation of Vancouver has been tarnished, noting some rioters were wearing Canucks jerseys but they do not represent Canucks fans or Vancouver residents.

Minister of Tourism Pat Bell felt that though the rioting was unfortunate, it was isolated. He hopes that international tourists will understand and that in the long-term, the post-Olympics reputation of a peaceful, friendly Vancouver will prevail.

An immigrant consultant said potential immigrants and international students would understand this is an isolated incident and the riot would not affect their desire to come here.

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ICBC receives 50 claims from riot

ICBC spokesperson Adam Grossman is reporting up to 50 vehicles were damaged during last night's riots in downtown Vancouver, but more claims will probably be filed in the next few days.

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