

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
POLICING AND SECURITY PROGRAMS BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PREPARED FOR:** Minister Shirley Bond, Solicitor General  
**FOR INFORMATION**

**ISSUE:** Implementation of recommendations following the BC Police Commission's *Report on the Riot that Occurred in Vancouver on June 14-15 1994*.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 14, 1994 after game 7 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, riots erupted in the downtown core of Vancouver. Vancouver Police Department (VPD) then deployed its crowd control unit and obtained assistance from the RCMP Tactical Troops. Police used tear gas and 'rubber bullet' ammunitions.

The Attorney General ordered the BC Police Commission to examine the events and the BCPC produced a report in October 1994 that included 32 recommendations directed at VPD, the City of Vancouver, and the provincial government (Liquor Control and Licensing Branch).

**DISCUSSION:**

Most of the BC Police Commission's recommendations have been implemented and were followed during the 2011 Stanley Cup Playoffs in Vancouver:

- E-COMM now provides integrated communications for emergency responders throughout the Lower Mainland. The need for improved communications was a theme in Recommendations 3, 20, and 22.
- Vancouver Police Department's Crowd Control policy requires the type of planning described in Recommendations 1, 2 and 15 including the anticipated size and makeup of the crowd, the number of officers that should be deployed, and liaison with specialty sections such as Traffic and media regarding the event. While not referred to specifically in policy, Vancouver Police Department anticipated problems relating to liquor abuse situations during the 2011 Stanley Cup Playoffs and liaised with provincial government officials concerning the early closure of both government-run and private liquor, beer and wine stores in the downtown area. This is consistent with Recommendations 4 and 10.
- Vancouver Police Department's Crowd Control policy indicates that Crowd Control Unit is equipped with the types of equipment described in Recommendations 21 (portable public address system) and 23 (helmets). The

use of public address equipment and helmets by police on crowd control duties was readily observed the night of June 15, 2011. Police were also seen to be using fluorescent vests identifying them as police officers, as suggested by Recommendation 19. Further, the Department's Crowd Control policy requires advanced planning regarding the types of equipment that may be needed during an event and inventories to ensure equipment is in good working order. These requirements are consistent with Recommendation 31.

- Recommendations 13 and 14 concerning adequate police presence on BC Transit and Sky Train are addressed by the designated policing unit, the South Coast BC Transportation Authority Police Service, which was not in place in 1994.
- While not specifically mentioned in Vancouver Police Department's policies, members of the Department's traffic section were observed stationed as a preventive force at major intersections during the 2011 Stanley Cup Playoffs to facilitate safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians and prevent congestion. This is consistent with Recommendation 18.
- **The JIBC Police Academy includes two hours of training in crowd control and a full day of training pertaining to the deployment of tear gas and team control tactics in its police recruit training program. This training addresses most of the issues included in Recommendation 24 (which was directed at Vancouver Police Department) and 25 (which was directed at the JIBC). Formations and equipment are not covered as specified in Recommendation 25 because the JIBC Police Academy does not have riot equipment.**

**Other recommendations may have been implemented but would require confirmation from other police agencies. Police Services Division is in the process of contacting these agencies. Vancouver Police Department was unable to respond today but is undertaking a similar analysis of the BCPC's recommendations. Police Services Division will continue to liaise with Vancouver Police Department. Recommendations being confirmed with other police agencies include:**

- Neighbouring police jurisdictions consider undertaking spot checks of vehicles coming into Vancouver during major special events (Recommendation 9).
- Training provided to Vancouver Police Department members regarding crowd control theory and tactics, equipment and their role in supporting Crowd Control Unit members (Recommendations 24-25).
- Joint training practices of the Crowd Control Unit and the RCMP Tactical Troop (Recommendations 27-28).
- Municipalities with independent municipal police departments have written protocols with the RCMP outlining joint training and operational requirements with respect to civil disturbances (Recommendation 29).

- That the use of plastic ammunition in the Arwen 37 weapon for crowd control be reconsidered (Recommendation 30).
- Equipment trucks remain in close contact and proximity to the Crowd Control Unit throughout deployment (Recommendation 32).

The remainder of the Recommendations dealt with alcohol consumption and media presence and were directed to entities other than the police, including event sponsors, event and establishment security staff, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch staff and local media outlets. Recommendations included:

- That event security personnel check patrons for alcohol when entering stadiums or viewing areas (Recommendation 5).
- That event sponsors be responsible for providing adequate police presence, at their expense (Recommendation 6).
- That security and police remove alcohol from those openly drinking (Recommendation 7). According to media reports, Vancouver Police conducted thousands of liquor pour-outs during the 2011 Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- That security personnel, police and LCLB staff ensure compliance with s. 45 of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* (re: intoxication) at events where alcohol is available for purchase (Recommendation 8).
- That Liquor Control and Licensing Branch ensure enhanced monitoring of licensed premises (Recommendation 11) and consider the use of s. 24(1) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* to attach special conditions to licenses (Recommendation 13).
- That media be asked to not locate cameras in fixed position (Recommendation 16) and that they develop codes of conduct governing their recording of large crowds (Recommendation 17).

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## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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**From:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 9:02 PM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

VPD spokesperson on TV now

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:00 PM  
**To:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Rcmp resources deployed S.16, S.10 cmp tactical plus S.16, S.10 uniformed. additional S.16, S.10 on standby.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:58 PM  
**To:** Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

OK - PO?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:55 PM  
**To:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Rcmp commanding officer is with clayton will also take part.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:53 PM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Marc - can you set up the call - not sure if you want PO? Also need Robert

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:52 PM  
**To:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

915 is fine.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:50 PM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Sure if that is too early give me a time - don't want to compromise your attention to matters at hand

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:49 PM  
To: Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Can we do 915. Be on a better place to do give info.

----- Original Message -----

From: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:48 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

My advice is we wait. Clayton needs to be focused on what is going on right now.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:46 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Can we do a quick call at 9 or so - think we should be prepared for questions that may be coming

Marc - can you arrange a call quickly

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:38 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Surrey calm so far.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:08 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:07 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Developing situation. Updates will be provided.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:02 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re: Update

Keep me posted -

We may get media Marc - let the PO know we are getting updates -

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:01 PM

To: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Bond, Shirley B SG:EX

Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Subject: Re: Update

Info from operations. One car. Downtown. Some windows broken. Response underway.

----- Original Message -----

From: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 08:00 PM

To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX

Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

Subject: Re: Update

What channel?

Lori Wanamaker, CA

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

On Jun 15, 2011, at 7:58 PM, "Bond, Shirley B SG:EX" <[Shirley.Bond@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shirley.Bond@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

> You should see the pictures - car burning - says crowd turns violent

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Douglas, Marc SG:EX

> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 07:57 PM

> To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

> Subject: Re: Update

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> What tv said that? Not cbc.

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX

> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 07:55 PM

> To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

> Subject: Re: Update

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> Have you seen tv - says violent riot

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 07:54 PM

> To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

> Subject: Update

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> Large volume at skytrain stations as crowd disperses. Posing some challenges. Otherwise crowd behaving and under control.

## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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**From:** Craig CALLENS [craig.callens@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:04 PM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Stanley Cup Final UPDATE  
**Attachments:** Stanley Cup Final UPDATE

A/Commr. Craig Callens  
Criminal Operations Officer  
"E" Division RCMP  
604-264-2240 (desk)  
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## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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**From:** National\_Operations NOC [National\_Operations.NOC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011 8:59 PM  
**To:** Alain (Finance - Admin) Seguin; Allen Nause; Andrei Kossatkine; Anna Gray-Henschel; Barbara Fleury; Bill Smith; Bob Paulson; Brenda Butterworth-Carr; Byron Boucher; Catherine Phinney; Charles-Eric Lepine; Christine Desnoyers; Costa Dimopoulos; Craig CALLENS; Doug Lang; Eric (E/A CHRO) Simard; Eric Munro; ESML-EBS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; Francois Bidal; Gene MAEDA; Gilles Michaud; Grant St. Germaine; Helen Hopfauf; Jacques Larouche; James Malizia; Jo-Anne Bougie; Joe De Mora; Joe Oliver; Kathryn McElhone; Keith (R) Clark; Kevin Brosseau; Larry Tremblay; Linda Sevigny; Marc Richer; Mike Cabana; Norm Mazerolle; OPS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; Pat Teolis; Patrick Watts; Peter GERMAN; Peter Henschel; Peter HOURIHAN; Pierre Giguère; Pierre Perron; Pierre Rivet; Randy Parks; Rhonda Blackmore; Rob O'Reilly; Robert Cloutier; Roger Miller; Serge Cote; Serge Therriault; Sharon Woodburn; Sheila Bird; Stephen White; Steve Graham; Steven Dunn; Sylvie Bourassa-Muise; Tim Cogan; Warren Coons; William Elliott  
**Subject:** Stanley Cup Final UPDATE

For your information the following was received from A/Commr. Craig Callens

Pierre Briere, Cst.  
NOC

The E Division RCMP is actively assisting Vancouver PD with the riotous activity occurring in downtown Vancouver.

S.16, S.18 RCMP Tac Troop members have been on scene from the outset consistent with the VPD request and Operational Plan.

An additional 16, S.18 RCMP Tac Troop members have been redeployed from Surrey, along with S.16, S.15 RCMP General Duty resources.

Additional RCMP resources have been stood up and are available as necessary.

A/Commr Lipinski is in the VPD Command Center to coordinate RCMP support and deployment.

Liaison with SG is being managed by the CO and CrOps Officer in person in Prince George.

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## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:08 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Yes.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:07 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Can I say this - going on News World

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:05 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Yes. See below

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From: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:02 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Clayton - I was asked if there were enough officers - I said that there had always been a plan to supplement VPD and there are currently RCMP and other detachment members being deployed - Correct

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:00 PM  
To: Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Not yet.

----- Original Message -----

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:59 PM  
To: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject: Re:

Keep me posted - anyword on the injured person off the viaduct

----- Original Message -----

From: Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:59 PM  
To: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Bond, Shirley B SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX  
Subject:

One police officer injured. Unknown seriousness. Can expect further injuries.

## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:12 AM  
**To:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update

I just spoke with jim chu. Sitting with sg now. Vpd will do a press at 1030. They will share messaging with donna.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 08:07 AM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Premier has asked for messaging and QnA on the issues that are popping up. The info below is very hard to follow. Donna, can you summarize this or can we expect clearer info from VPD that summarizes the total coordinated action.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:01 AM  
**To:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Update

Do not forward. Check with me and vpd before stating numbers

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Craig CALLENS [<mailto:craig.callens@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 06:40 AM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Cc:** Peter HOURIHAN <[peter.w.hourihan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:peter.w.hourihan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Update

Clayton,

Additional info:

Issue:

- To provide RCMP Senior Management with an update on RCMP involvement in. Stanley Cup security operations.

Background:

- A/Commr Lipinski and C/Supt. Armstrong attended the VPD Gold Command Center.

- Live Site operations in Surrey, Chilliwack and Burnaby concluded without incident. Focus in Surrey and Burnaby shifted to skytrains. Good control all night long.

- All available resources from Scott Road/72nd Avenue offered to VPD as situation in Vancouver quickly escalated.

- VPD initially (20:20hrs) requested the ~~16, S.T.~~ Tactical Team members from Scott/72nd to deploy to downtown. This occurred immediately. (Note these are the numbers supplied and could be off slightly)

-At about 21:05, VPD requested additional resources and 16, S. RCMP officers enroute immediately from Scott/72nd.

- Another 16, S. members soon followed, heading to downtown Vancouver, along with 16, S. PDS teams.

-Additional resources offered including 16, S. ERT, 16, S. IRSU and multiple General Duty. No further resources requested.

-At 00:05, VPD advised no further resources needed.

-A total of 16, S. members deployed (in addition to the 16, S. that were assigned to VPD's ops plan)

-One injury reported to RCMP  
16, S.22 (Two VPD members injured.)

-Tac Teams working under control of VPD Tac Commander.

-Tac Team confirms deployment of gas for the protection/personal safety of team members.

-Tac Team confirms deployment of less lethal rounds.

-In addition to deployed resources, Chilliwack RCMP covered off for Abbotsford PD (who sent 16, S.1 resources).

-Burnaby RCMP covered off New Westminster (who sent 16, S.1 resources).

-Coquitlam RCMP covered off Port Moody (who sent 16, S.1 resources).

-Delta PD sent 16, S.1 resources.

-West Vancouver PD sent 16, S.1 resources.

-Air One and Two providing support.

-As of 01:15hrs, two Tac Team stood down. Others being deployed to secure businesses in downtown. Considerable damage and looting occurred.

#### Strategic Considerations:

-RCMP fulfilled our obligations to provide the necessary Tac Team resources to support VPD's ops plan.

-RCMP supplied an additional 16, S. resources (including 16, S. Tac members) to contend with evolving riot situation.

-RCMP covered off/supported Municipal jurisdictions to enable municipal members to respond downtown.

-RCMP offered additional resources but no further resources required by VPD.

Strategic Communications: -Considerable media coverage, lots of live coverage and pictures being posted to social media sites.

#### LMD District Comments:

At the height of the disturbances, there were 700 police officers downtown.

We fulfilled all requests from VPD:

- deployed from the start
- 16, S.15 deployed upon additional request

Great collaboration in the Gold Command Centre.

By all accounts our members were exemplary in performance.

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## Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX

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**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:16 AM  
**To:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For Review

Yes. My reply was about both.

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**From:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 09:15 AM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For Review

Just double checking, below is the Qna, BUT did you look at PCC statement?

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**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:14 AM  
**To:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: For Review

Yes. See below. Reviewed all.

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**From:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 09:07 AM  
**To:** Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For Review

I can't speak to the numbers. The other messaging is fine  
etc.

S.13

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**From:** Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 09:05 AM  
**To:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For Review

S.13

Lori

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**From:** Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:58 AM  
**To:** Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** For Review

Clayton, can you take a quick read of these?

1. What message do you have in the aftermath of this incident?

Vancouver is a world-class city and it is embarrassing and shameful to see the type of violence and disorder we've seen tonight. I am disturbed that a relatively small number of people turned confrontational and engaged the Vancouver Police in such a negative way.

But think it's important to stress that the vast majority of those who were downtown for what they hoped would be a Stanley cup celebration were lawful and peaceful.

I want to pay tribute to the emergency responders such as police and fire crews who responded as well as they could under the circumstances.

The doctors, nurses and first responders did an incredible job of tending those who were injured as a result of these foolish actions.

I also want to thank the hundreds of good Samaritans out today helping to clean up the aftermath. They far better represent the true spirit of Vancouver.

2. What initial steps are being taken to review what took place?

There were a lot of preparations, and based on the Olympics, Vancouverites hoped and expected we were past the type of destruction we saw in 1994. It's very disappointing.

We will work with the City to review what we can learn from this. This happened after 1994 and new approaches were incorporated. We have more to do.

3. What are you going to do to hold those who are responsible, accountable?

I expect that all steps will be taken to bring those responsible to justice.

Members of the public will be able help the police and crown prosecutors by submitting any photos or videos they may have – and I strongly encourage them to do just that.

The police will be informing the public on how they can assist.

4. What is the future of the Live Sites?

We don't want this to happen again – but we will need to work with the city and police to review how large live site events happen.

5. What is the extent to the damage?

I have heard some estimates (\$1.3 million dollars) – but it's too early to know precisely.

6. How many injuries?

Bestween 5 pm and 2 am, BC Ambulance Service responded to 341 calls in Vancouver, primarily in the downtown core. BC Ambulance paramedics were able to attend every call. For the most part, the calls attended by paramedics were minor injuries from falls and trampling, sick persons due to alcohol/substance misuse, and decontamination for pepper spray.

The total number of patients seen at St Pauls is approximately 100 and about 40 at Vancouver General Hospital – and some as well as Lions Gate Hospital .

Unfortunately, there were a small number of more serious incidents including head injuries (one patient in critical condition) and patients requiring surgery due to stabbing incidents



There was great coordination between our emergency and health partners – their dedication and professionalism was truly remarkable.

7. Was the Province's refusal to cover police costs a factor in the riot?

Policing costs were not a factor in last night's events.

Significant police resources were pre-deployed and ready at locations across the lower mainland.

Through the integrated command structure, the Province was in constant contact and assisted the Vancouver Police Department's operational plan.

S.13, S.15

Our focus today turns to identifying and locating those responsible for yesterday's violence.

Provincial police resources will assist with any requests from the Vancouver Police Department for assistance with criminal investigations.