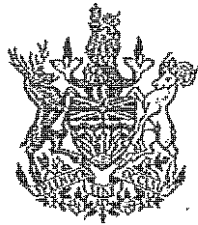


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Laurie Throness, MLA
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February 14, 2014

Hon. Mike de Jong
Minister of Finance
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Dear Minister:

I have received a question from a constituent that your Ministry is well-positioned to answer. My constituent notes that we are suffering a shortage of workers, that seniors are remaining active and healthy for longer periods, and that an incentive for them to continue working could solve a number of problems at once.

If seniors were to continue in the workplace it could alleviate the worker shortage, increase seniors' incomes, and increase tax revenues as well. Given that most seniors are not working now, very little tax revenue would be foregone in allowing seniors, say, \$25,000 (or some other appropriate number) in non-pension earnings to be tax-free.

I would appreciate your ministry officials considering this interesting idea, and providing their comments as to its financial impact and policy feasibility.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Throness

cc: s22

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From: Conn, Gay [mailto:Gay.Conn@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: February-06-14 3:44 PM
To: Gretes, George FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Letter to the Minister of Finance

Hi George

Attached please find a letter from MLA Doug Bing simply stating that he is doing as the constituent requested and forwarding this email to you.

If you need anything further please let me know.

Yours truly

Gay Conn

Constituency Assistant to
MLA, Dr. Doug Bing
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From: s22
Sent: February 6, 2014 11:06 AM
To: Conn, Gay
Subject: Letter to the Minister of Finance

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Email: s22

February 5, 2014

Honorable Michael de Jong

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Dr. Doug Bing, MLA

February 6, 2014

Honorable Mike de Jong
Minister of Finance & House Leader
Province of British Columbia

Dear Minister de Jong

RE: Attached email from s22

Attached please find an email from constituent s22 an investor of the s22
s22 came to my office to discuss this issue with me.

I am forwarding this to you as the constituent requested. In addition s22 asked if you would send it to the BC Securities Commission. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Dr. Doug Bing, MLA
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows

Minister of Finance

Parliament Buildings

Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

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cc: BCSC

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February 7, 2014

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Station PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC

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REMARKS:

Dear Premier Clark,

RE: Killarney Seniors Centre

On behalf of my constituents, I have enclosed the following letters:

- A) A letter from Ms. Lorna Gibbs, President of the South Vancouver Seniors' Arts and Cultural Society
- B) A Letter and petition from Mrs. Shin Wan Hon, President of the Luk Tung Kuen Society, Killarney Branch
- C) A letter and petition from Mrs. Angela Yeung, President of the Killarney Chinese Seniors Group

This is to formally request the amount of \$1.2 million to bring the total provincial commitment to the South Vancouver Seniors' Centre to \$2.5 million, thus matching the \$2.5 million committed by the Government of Canada and the \$3.7 million committed by the City of Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

Suzanne Anton,
MLA Vancouver-Fraserview
112-2609 E 49th Ave
Vancouver BC V6S 1J9

Cc: Honourable Mike de Jong, QC
Ms. Lorna Gibbs
Mrs. Shin Wan Hon
Mrs. Angela Yeung

February 6, 2014

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Box 9041
Station PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC

Subject: Killarney Seniors Centre (by email & Canada Post)

Dear Premier Clark:

I am writing to you, on behalf of many members of the Killarney Chinese Seniors Group, to seek your help in funding the construction of a Seniors' Centre to be an addition to the Killarney Community Centre in the Fraserview Riding of Vancouver, B.C. As many of our members lack the ability to read or write, I have volunteered to write on their behalf. I have been very careful to explain what this letter means so they can add their names and check off their agreement.

We have no dedicated space for seniors' activities and our community centre is overcrowded. Although other communities have such centres, our Riding has been overlooked for too long. We are happy that the Province did give 1.3 million dollars but it is expected that you could add another 1.2 million to make it equal to contributions made by the City of Vancouver and the Federal Government. This will show your respect for the elders.

We hope you will find a way to provide this funding to ensure a good seniors centre is built as we have now 27,000 people and many live isolated lonely lives. This centre will keep us healthy longer and make a much better community.

We need to hear from you very soon and await the good news your announcement will bring.

Yours very truly,



Angela Yeung
President
Killarney Chinese Seniors Group

Copy: Hon. Suzanne Anton, QC, MLA Fraserview

February 6, 2014

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Station PROV GOVT
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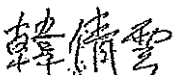
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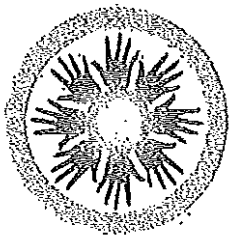
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Yours very truly,


Shin Wan Hon
President
Luk Tung Kuen Society, Killarney Branch

Copy: Hon. Suzanne Anton, QC, MLA Fraserview



Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts & Cultural Society

6260 Killarney Street, Vancouver, BC V5S 2X7

February 07, 2014

Hon. Suzanne Anton, QC
#112 2609 E. 49th AVE
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Email: Suzanne.Anton.mla@leg.bc.ca

Reference: Seniors' Activity Centre – Fraserview at Killarney

Dear Minister:

Fraserview constituency is one of the few in Vancouver that has no dedicated facility for seniors that allows for socialization, physical activity, mental development, and cultural events. Yet we now have more than 27,000 seniors over age 65, more than one-third of all Vancouver seniors living in our focus area.

For many years, the seniors of Southeast Vancouver have been advocating for a dedicated Seniors Activity Centre in the Fraserview community. As President of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Arts & Cultural Centre Society (SVSACS), I have previously worked, for many years, advocating for a dedicated Seniors Centre with Minister Wally Oppal and Minister Kash Heed. They have taken our cause to the Legislature in Victoria but were not able to obtain any funding whatsoever. Our Society has also attended many Parks Board Meetings and Council Meetings to promote our cause. The Seniors' Centre has always been a high priority need in this riding but was given little support until now. Many non-profits including ours see an increasing demand for services and space and the need continues to grow.

We were delighted when you came to be our MLA and announced that the Province would donate 1.3 million dollars. We are thankful for this significant contribution, which was a huge step forward and catalyzed a commitment from the Federal Government towards this important cause. We would like to ask you to once again to go back to Victoria and seek additional funding for the construction of the Seniors' Centre, a final push to ensure that we have the budget necessary for this project to finally begin construction.

Hon. Suzanne Anton, QC
February 07, 2014

The City of Vancouver and the Federal Government have both agreed to contribute 2.5 million towards construction costs, which equates to two-thirds of the cost. We are asking you to secure funding to bring the Province's contribution to the project up by 1.2 million for a total of 2.5 million to match their initial contributions as a minimum. It is important to note that the City will also be contributing an additional 1.2 million (Finance Committee Motion Feb. 05, 2014) plus land and operating costs which demonstrates the importance they give seniors' needs here.

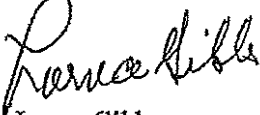
The feasibility study conducted by City Spaces Consultants in 2009 recommended a centre of no less than 10,000 sq. ft. for programs based on sharing a kitchen and elevator. We now realize that due to increased numbers of seniors and many with mobility issues the Centre must have a separate kitchen and elevator devoted to use of and for seniors. These improvements will result in increased costs and we certainly need help from the Province..

We believe that you also want to see a real asset built in our community, Minister, and one that we can all point to with pride. Please help in achieving this goal and bring an additional contribution of 1.2 million dollars of Provincial funds to the table.

The first group of "Boomers" became seniors in 2011, in 2012 that number increased to 12,000. I don't believe the need for more seniors facilities will disappear for decades to come.

With all respect, Madame Minister, we ask you to intervene and speak directly to the Premier on our behalf. Families First must include Seniors who are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters. Yours truly,

Southeast Vancouver Seniors
Arts & Cultural Centre Society



Lorna Gibbs
President

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Richard T. Lee, M.L.A.
Burnaby North
Parliamentary Secretary
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January 30, 2014

Minister of Finance
Legislative Buildings
Victoria BC

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REMARKS: _____

Dear Minister Mike de Jong,

Please find a letter that was sent to my office with regards to Registered Disability Saving's Plan.

I would appreciate that your office look into the requests and correspond back to (letter attached). s22

Thank you.

Regards,

Richard T. Lee

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Burnaby North

January 13, 2014

Richard Lee
MLA Burnaby-North
1833 Willingdon Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5T1

Dear Sir;

I am an advocate for persons with disabilities including myself and I wish to take this opportunity to speak with you about the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). I believe it is one of the most significant programs for people with disabilities and their families in the past 10 years.

Even though s22 I want to help others. I believe that, as good as it is, there can be significant improvements to this program at the provincial level.

I recently spoke with a financial planner who is an expert on both disability issues and the RDSP and he has come up with a unique idea. He suggested to me that any money contributed by the beneficiary of an RDSP should not count as income.

As you may or may not be aware, under current Person With Disability (PWD) benefit rules, a person with a disability is only allowed to earn \$800 per month before his or her PWD benefits are clawed back. Allowing people to contribute to their RDSP, over and above the \$800 limit and not lose any PWD benefits, would increase their motivation to work where possible. It would:

- Also increase people with disabilities' motivation to seek out work that pays them more than \$800 per month.
- Break the cycle of poverty that many people with disabilities find themselves in today.
- Be done with no increase in provincial expense.

I would encourage you to explore this possibility further as a means to assist people with disabilities at no real cost to the provincial government.

Sincerely,

Claire Trevena
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February 25, 2014

Honourable Mike De Jong
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REMARKS: _____

Mike

Dear Minister De Jong,

A constituent from the North Island, s22 has asked that I hand papers about his application for a homeowner grant to you.

s22 application for the tax year 2011 was received by the village of Sayward in July 2012; it was not processed because the retroactive application form was not completed in time.

Without doubt, s22 has mitigating circumstances. s22

s22 facing hardship and the s22 would help alleviate that. He feels it unreasonable that there is no recourse nor any means to appeal.

I would hope that you review his paperwork and reconsider the decision.

Sincerely,

Claire Trevena
MLA North Island

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VILLAGE OF SAYWARD

October 23, 2013

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Dear s22

Re: Your letter dated October 18/, 2013

1. The Village of Sayward acknowledges the receipt of s22 dated July 9th, 2012, upon which is written s22
2. The Village of Sayward acknowledges receipt of Home Owner Grant Application "stub" - 2011 Property Tax Notice - dated July 9th 2012.

Both were received by the Village of Sayward Office on or about July 12th, 2012.

Thank-you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan Magee".

Joan Magee, PCP
Deputy Finance/Administration Officer
Village of Sayward

Village of Sayward,
P.O. Box 29,
Sayward, B.C.
VOP IRO

s22

September 5, 2013

s22

Joan Magee;
Deputy Finance/Adm. Officer :

Dear Joan, :

Can you please acknowledge receipt of the two items enclosed which were mailed on July 09, 2012. You returned the Home Owner Grant Application by mail on the 12th July, 2012 with the 2011 Property Tax Notice highlighted in yellow and asked for further verification re residency/ownership, etc.

Your help with this matter is appreciated. :

Sincerely yours.

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Village of Sayward,
P.O. Box 29,
Sayward, B.C.
VOP IRO

s22

October 18, 2013

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Joan Magee,
Deputy Finance/Adm. Office.

Dear Joan,

Furthur to my letter of September 5, 2013, will you please
acknowlege having received the two items (copies enclosed) which
were mailed to your office July 09, 2012.

(1)

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(2) Home Owner Grant Application "Stub" dated July 09, 2012.

You wrote my telephone number on the "Stub" (blue ink) and
highlighted "2011 Property Tax Notice" in yellow.

On July 12, 2012 you sent a letter to me (copy enclosed) which
was not dated, requesting furthur documentation.

Included with your letter you enclosed a form "Application for
Retroactive Home Owner Grant" on which you filled in my name, residence
address, folio number, and my telephone number. (copy enclosed).

Also included with your letter was the "Home Owner Grant Application
"Stub" refered to above. (colour copy enclosed).

Your letter was mailed to me on July 12, 2012. (copy of envelope
enclosed).

What I am asking simply, is that you please .acknowlege having
received the two items in the mail on or about July 12, 2012--nothing else.

Your help with this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours: /

s22

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