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**From:** Lee, Richard [RLee@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 4:27 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Facey, Nick AVED:EX  
**Subject:** re: Report from PS Richard T Lee  
**Attachments:** TCM Report - Richard T Lee - Transmittal Letter May 30 2014.pdf; TCM Report - Richard T Lee - May 30 2014.pdf

Dear Minister Virk,

Please find a transmittal letter and my report to you.

Best regards,

**Richard T. Lee, MLA**

**Member for Burnaby North**

**Parliamentary Secretary for Traditional Chinese Medicine**

to the Minister of Advanced Education

Province of British Columbia

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May 30, 2014

Honourable Amrik Virk  
Minister of Advanced Education  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Virk:

Further to the terms of my appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Traditional Chinese Medicine, please find attached my report regarding the establishment of a School of Traditional Chinese Medicine at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Lee  
Parliamentary Secretary for Traditional Chinese Medicine

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**From:** Lee, Chantal [Chantal.Lee@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Facey, Nick AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Post-secondary Academic English Programs

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**From:**  
**Sent:** May 30, 2014 2:47 PM  
**To:** Virk.MLA, Amrik  
**Subject:** Post-secondary Academic English Programs

Dear Minister of Advanced Education Virk,

BC needs a long-term funding commitment from the province to support academic ESL training at the post-secondary level.

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**From:** Skwarok, Lindsey PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 1:13 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Issues for Student Loan That I Cannot Understand  
**Attachments:** Student Loan.pdf

Hello,

Okay to refer this one to AVED? See attached for details regarding compliant.

Thanks,

Lindsey Skwarok  
Premier's Correspondence Office  
(250) 356-5128

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Subject: Regarding Issues for Student Loan That I Cannot Understand

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**From:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 3:53 PM  
**To:** 'Suzanne Godbehere'  
**Cc:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for the Honourable Christy Clark

Further to Premier Clark's letter to you dated May 21<sup>st</sup>, this is just a note to advise that it will be the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, who will ensure you are sent a response to your concerns regarding regulation of the accounting profession, and not the Minister of Finance as indicated in the letter.

We do apologize for the confusion.

Correspondence Branch  
Office of the Premier

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**From:** Suzanne Godbehere [<mailto:Suzanne.Godbehere@accaglobal.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Suzanne Godbehere  
**Subject:** Letter for the Honourable Christy Clark

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached a letter for the Hon. Christy Clark from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. A hard copy will follow in the mail.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Godbehere

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**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2014 12:39 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Letter we received 26.05.2014  
**Attachments:** 20140526110915.pdf

FYI See attached.



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**To:** Schaap, Samantha  
**Subject:** RicohScan

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:13 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Letter received this morning  
**Attachments:** 20140522095944.pdf

Please see attached.



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**To:** Schaap, Samantha  
**Subject:** RicohScan

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May 7, 2014

MLA Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education

Surrey – Tynehead Constituency Office  
15135 – 101 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C. , V3R 7Z1

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to lend my support to the Northern Lights College Visual Arts Program.

To the extent that art colors the strands woven into the tapestry of life holding community together and giving it flavor, art education is of vital importance.

It would be a pretty boring civilization without art and I have witnessed the value of the Visual Arts Program to our region since it began.

Please add my name to the list of citizens who oppose the closure of this resource.

I remain.

Yours truly,

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**From:** Schaap, Samantha [Samantha.Schaap@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:15 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Letter CO received from Fort St. John Community Arts Council  
**Attachments:** 20140521111340.pdf

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**To:** Schaap, Samantha  
**Subject:** RicohScan

Fort St. John Community



"Shaping Today, Inspiring Tomorrow"

May 21, 2014

MLA Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education  
Surrey – Tynehead Constituency Office  
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Dear Mr. Virk

*The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is very concerned about the cancelation of the Visual Arts Program at Northern Lights College. Funding cuts at the college are understandable for programs that are supported by other agencies and are available through close proximity to other institutions. Visual Arts does not apply in either of these situations.*

Northern Lights College was initiated and built in the early 70's on the premise that music, drama, pottery, visual arts and creative writing were core programs provided for the communities. Each one of these core programs have been systematically terminated with a variety of excuses. Apparently for the 2014 enrollment, which is in September of this year, the Visual Arts program is assumed to not have the required base enrollment after 38 years of delivery. Statistics over the past five years reflect that minimum requirements have been met. How can a decision be made to eliminate Visual Arts from NLC at this point, 5 months in advance?

A Community College should reflect the interests and needs of the community, providing courses and opportunities that would not otherwise be available in remote areas. The next nearest visual arts credited course is located in Kamloops.

The trend of the educational institutions to focus on trades and technical training does not exclude the need for graphic designers, media promotion artists, sign painters, interior designers, art therapists, etc. These are the technical people we are developing with visual arts programs through the college.

Credit courses in visual arts at the college provide a chance to develop a portfolio and experience for applications to other schools to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts or Design. Community arts programs do not provide credits for young people to pursue further education in art at professional art institutions. Our local high school students no longer will be able to participate in the dual-credit program to gain college credits toward their chosen field of study.

A number of local student who obtained visual arts credits at NLC went on to get a degree in visual arts and have returned to the region to work and teach others their trade.

Alternative solutions could have been explored through consultation with local arts organizations, individuals or galleries to explore and create ways to maintain credit courses in visual arts. For example, the timing and availability of the courses in visual arts frequently do not coincide with the available time of the potential art students. Many trade opportunities are offered during the evening and weekends which do not interfere with normal work hours of local residents. Visual arts was offered only during normal working hours restricting the number of potential registrants.


The process of consultation should have been initiated at least one year ago. To cancel Visual Arts is an irresponsible decision made by a few which effects many. The ramifications have a negative ripple effect throughout each community in the region.

Questions arise about the educational mandate of Northern Lights College when 13 staff positions have been terminated but two administrative positions have been added.

Arts training supports the health and well-being of a community. Not only young people require creative educational programs to gain confidence and build personal capacity for their future careers; but seniors also require creative pursuits for mental, spiritual and physical health.

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council encourages Northern Light College to reinstate this valuable program for the benefit of our northern residents and open dialogue with the arts community on sustainable funding opportunities and support.

Sincerely,



Rosemary Landry  
President, Fort St. John Community Arts Council

**COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL OF FORT ST. JOHN**

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**From:** MSPO, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:10 AM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Ministry of Health 1007970

**EMAIL RESPONSE**

1007970

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Thank you for your email of April 4, 2014, regarding the dental needs of persons with disabilities. The Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health, has forwarded your email to me and I am pleased to respond on his behalf.

As you are aware, the dental treatment needs of persons with disabilities are governed by policies within the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation (SDSI). Recently SDSI has held open forums around the province to get public feedback about present concerns with the delivery of all care services. You may wish to follow up with their report when it is published, as I expect it will comment on this particular component of care.

The Dean of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia (UBC) has confirmed that he is aware of the clinic at the Western University. While the Dean recognizes that patient management issues and health professional students' awareness of the needs of this population are important, my understanding is that at this time specialized education is not a foreseen addition to the UBC Faculty of Dentistry curriculum.

You may be aware that the dental clinic at Vancouver General Hospital is presently being reorganized under the leadership of Dr. Michelle Williams. I am informed that its priority will be patients whose medical conditions do not allow them to be treated in private dental office situations. I encourage you to contact Dr. Williams, as the new structure may be beneficial to the special needs community.

Please accept my sincere admiration for your advocacy on the behalf of those with special needs. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Power  
Executive Director  
Medical Beneficiary Branch

pc: Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education

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**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Letter we received in mail - AVED  
**Attachments:** 20140521105606.pdf

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May 14, 2014

Laurie Rancourt, President and CEO, NLC  
Karen A. Simpson, Chair, Board of Governors, NLC  
Northern Lights College, Dawson Campus  
11401 – 8th Street  
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V1G 4G2

It recently came to my attention that the Visual Arts program at Northern Lights College would be cancelled.

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We are remembered for what?

We are remembered for our creativity, our writing, our architecture and how we stewarded our cities and countryside and set aside parks systems and maintained the beauty of our current possibilities.

All of these things are necessary for a vibrant community. Attracting and keeping professionals, like Doctors, dentists, designers and others requires there to be stimulation, creative exposure and opportunity.

Is there nothing to be nurtured of our souls. How deep must we sink and destroy before we realize that money and industry will not feed our souls.  
Why not think of how to create a world of more meaning and better relationships and beauty, long lasting and healthy facilities and infrastructure that does not inhibit the possibilities of future generations.



It should not only be about workforce training. It can also be about proactive and creative thought.

The Demmitt Community is a prime example of what can happen when we provide opportunities for more creativity to happen. A community of 30 supporters built a beautiful sustainable space for creative events and it can now, as a result, be totally self-sustaining. It is attracting new young families to the area.

We should believe that we can become far more than we presently are, so that long after the corporations have depleted the resources of this area and move to deplete others, we will still have an identity and a sense of self. We deserve more, not less, for our significant contribution to the economics of the country and the province.

To end, a very famous quote:

When Winston Churchill was asked to cut arts funding in favour of the war effort, he simply replied, "then what would we be fighting for?"

Sincerely,

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cc:

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**From:** Schaap, Samantha [Samantha.Schaap@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 10:45 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
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**Attachments:** loi.pdf

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

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**Subject:** Letter of Acknowledgement

Letter of Acknowledgement

The attached file is the filled-out form. Please open it to review the data.

Dear Sir or Madam;

We sent the request on May 15, 2014 to be on ISP Designated List. Currently RCIT's Appeal is before the Public Administrator and will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible according to Ms. Deborah Lovett. Please place us on ISP Designated List.

Thanks and Kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

Mrs. Ahmedi Begum  
Director/Owner  
Royal Canadian Institute of Technology  
508 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5T 3J9

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**From:** Skwarok, Lindsey PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Student loan - parental contribution  
**Attachments:** 607796 s.22 0001.pdf

Hi,

Attached is a letter regarding the student loan application process and the expectation of parental contribution.

Can AVED provide input for response, or take the lead on direct response?

Thanks!

**Lindsey Skwarok**  
Premier's Correspondence Office  
(250) 356-5128

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**From:** Lee, Chantal [Chantal.Lee@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 9:16 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Kwantlem University building approval

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**From:** Chip Wilson  
**Sent:** May 14, 2014 4:51 PM  
**To:** Virk.MLA, Amrik  
**Subject:** Kwantlem University building approval

I want to throw my support behind the amendments and cabinet approval to add a fifth floor to the Wilson School of Design. This has been co-funded by the Province, Kwantlem and ourselves. I am concerned this approval will not be given time for approval, given the weight cabinet work. The spade is ready to dig. Please do all you can. thanks

**Chip Wilson**

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:35 AM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: the cost of post secondary

Thank you for your email of May 2, 2014, to Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, regarding tuition costs.

As this issue falls under the purview of the Ministry of Advanced Education, a copy has been forwarded to that Ministry for review and consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Ministerial Correspondence Office  
Ministry of Education

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**From:**  
**Sent:** May-02-14 1:39 PM  
**To:** Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** the cost of post secondary

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Minister's Office  
Honourable Peter Fassbender  
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2014

Dear, Minister's Office  
Honourable Peter Fassbender

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University tuition fees in Canada average about \$5,366 and typical students in B.C. start there working life with nearly \$27,000 in debt. On top of all that, loan interest rates are the highest in Canada.

The cost of all that takes a toll on the students and their family, student's loans make more lower income families pay more for the same level of education then higher income families that can

provide the cost up front. Furthermore our education should not be a put us in debts for years to come.

I believe B.C should eliminate interest on provincial student loans such as Nova Scotia did. Also The Green Party of British Columbia proposed reducing student debt by 75 per cent by converting \$1.44 billion education tax credit program into student grants allowing students graduating from post-secondary studies not in debt. A legislation should be passed to reducing student loans buy at least 30% as well and eliminating interest on provincial student loans.

Thank-you was taking you time to read and I hope consider anything on here. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014 3:48 PM  
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**Cc:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Program realignment  
**Attachments:** Accting LOP - IMPORTANT INFO.pdf

**Importance:** High

s.22  
Dear

Thank you for your email of April 8, 2014, to Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, concerning UBC's Okanagan campus

As this issue falls under the purview of the Ministry of Advanced Education, a copy has been forwarded to that Ministry for review and consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

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Ministry of Education

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Schaap, Samantha LASS:EX; Minister, AVED AVED:EX; Virk, Amrik  
**Subject:** FW: Twinbro's Local Leaders

Minister: Are you interested in meeting with Doug?



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**Sent:** May 10, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Schaap, Samantha  
**Subject:** Twinbro's Local Leaders

**On Behalf Of Douglas Beech**

Hi Sam,  
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If you want more information regarding our organization please feel free to ask or check out Twinbro.com. A lot of the messaging in Amrik's speech today is spread through our presentations that provides an incredibly high impact at a very low cost. I know Amrik is incredibly busy but if he is interested in increasing access opportunities to post secondary for BC's students I can show him proof why more students need to see it in less than 15 minutes.

I don't know what the best way to get some of the minister's time is and if you have any advice or suggestions I thank you in advance.

High fives,

--  
Douglas Beech, Director & Co-founder

Twinbro's Local Leaders  
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Personal message for MAV re education?



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**To:** Virk.MLA, Amrik  
**Subject:** Hello

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

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From: VICKI ASADA [mailto:

Sent: May 2, 2014 8:28 AM

To: Virk.MLA, Amrik

Subject: Fwd: Academica Top Ten - Fri April 4, 2014 & 'Private Sector Stepping up to Address LNG'

Hello MLA

I am Vicki Asada, Dir Port Kells Community Assn (I work with Darlene Bowyer) and Director of <http://www.ontrackTV.com> Canada's best online training development and delivery company (day job!)

I would like to invite you to a meet and greet: meet the President and CEO of Quizam Media Corporation (QQ-V on TSX, top 50 Ventures, a wholly Canadian training organization based from Vancouver since 1989.), and Mark Evered, President of UFV, and Dave Swan, CEO of Eco-op at UFV on May 17, 2014.

The private sector is stepping up to address the LNG industry and I would like to brief you as my MLA and as Advanced Education Minister, and for a photo-op and press release. Essentially, ontrackTV (parent co Quizam) is teaming with private sector trainers to provide online theory prerequisite training to skilled but non-ticketed tradesmen in the underemployed USA, where final practicals and exams are at BC institutions

I can provide a briefing by conference call ahead of time to you and your staff anytime. We can be flexible for photo-op.

Thank you

Vicki Asada



**From:** MLA Linda Reimer [Linda.Reimer.MLA=leg.bc.ca@mail164.atl61.mcstv.net] on behalf of MLA Linda Reimer [Linda.Reimer.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2014 10:06 AM  
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**Subject:** An update from MLA Linda Reimer

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## Linda Reimer

MLA FOR PORT MOODY COQUITLAM



May 2014

### IN THIS NEWSLETTER

A brief glimpse at the last 11 months as your MLA



*Premier Christy Clark, Transportation Minister Todd Stone, MLA Douglas Horne and myself, with elected officials and the Evergreen Line Team.*

Photo taken at the Christening of Boring Machine 'Alice' at the Port Moody tunnel entrance, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.

## A Message From Linda

I am so honoured to have been elected your provincial representative in Anmore, Belcarra, Port Moody and Coquitlam. While it has been challenging, it has been very rewarding to continue on with relationships that began when I was a Councillor for the City of Coquitlam, and to build new relationships with all my constituents and governments at all levels. We live in a wonderful community that is made better by the people, businesses and organizations that work together for the benefit of all.

It is hard to believe 11 months have gone by since our May 14, 2013 election. We were called to the Legislature in June to be sworn in, and then in late June for the Throne Speech and to pass the Budget.

In June we also opened our Constituency office which is being managed by Mary Sanzovo, Vicki Collins, and Isabel Acosta Sowerby. We are at your service, so please be sure to contact us should you require assistance with those matters that are provincial in jurisdiction.

I hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse of what I have been doing on your behalf.

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## Overview

### SMALL BUSINESS

In October, Minister Naomi Yamamoto visited a number of small businesses in New Port Village Port Moody in recognition of Small Business month. In addition we attended a Coquitlam Council meeting that evening to present the City of Coquitlam the Small Business Roundtable Award for several initiatives they have implemented in support of small business.

### PORT MOODY – HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

I had the pleasure of providing a booth at Golden Spike Days during the Canada Day long weekend. It was incredibly special, as one week prior, we also attended Port Moody's Centennial Parade. It was an honour to attend many centennial events with founders Colonel Richard Moody (aka Dr. David Spence) and his lovely wife, Mary Moody (aka Donna Otto). Special thanks to Ann Kitching, President of the Port Moody Arts Centre, and Co-Chair of the Centennial Committee.



**MLA Linda Reimer with Premier Christy Clark, Minister Todd Stone, and MLA Doug Horne, in front of the Boring Machine 'Alice' in the Evergreen Line Tunnel in Port Moody.**

### TRANSPORTATION

*In October I had the pleasure of touring the construction on our Evergreen line. Of special note was the closure of Barnet Hwy & loco Road over a 2 day period which saw the successful installation of an underground station in only one weekend! It went so well, it was not necessary to have the second planned closure. Kudos go to the Evergreen Project Team!*

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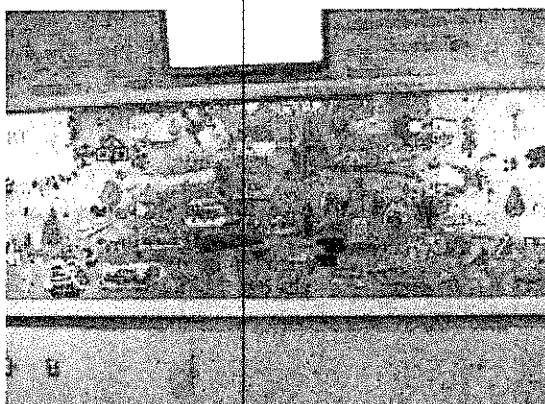
## In the Community



*MLA Reimer announces the coming of the Senior Games to Coquitlam in 2016. Announcement was made on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 at the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex in Coquitlam.*



*Port Moody Arts Centre Expansion and Ground-breaking September 28th 2013.  
Port Moody Arts Centre was just awarded \$25,000 through our Provincial Creative Spaces Funding.*



*Port Moody Centennial Wall Hanging unveiling at City Hall September 28th 2013*



*Evergreen Line Fire wood sale Project by donation where all the proceeds went to a local community group "Share Family & Community Services" November 23rd 2013*



*Treasures of Christmas Gala Reception hosted by Crossroads Hospice Society November 23rd 2013, a*



*Anniversary, and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hospice.*

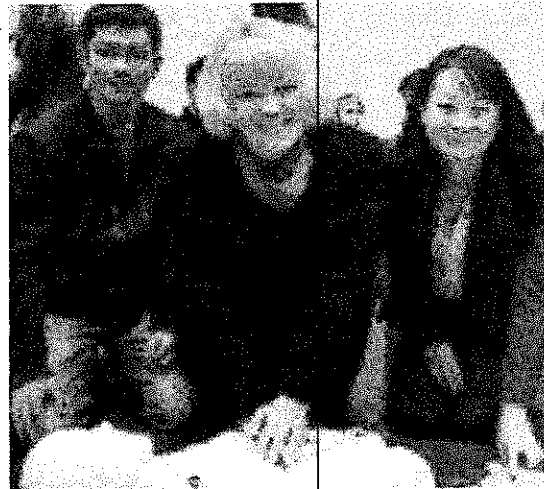


*Ground Breaking Celebration for the Westhill Lacrosse Box Redevelopment Project, with Mayor Clay, in Port Moody December 11th 2013*



*Linda wearing a 'fascinator' that she made herself at the Port Moody Arts Centre and wore in the Centennial Parade*

*Reimer presented the City of Port Moody with a 100th year Anniversary Certificate December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013*



*The launch of the ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) CPR and Defibrillator Program in Port Moody Secondary School*



*Linda at the Port Moody Fire Hall Grand Opening Saturday Feb 1st 2014*

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## What's making news

### Government Wide News

*Here are some news releases and bulletins on selected topics that may be of interest to constituents in our riding of Port Moody-Coquitlam*

## Connect with Linda

*Learn more about what is happening in our riding of Port Moody - Coquitlam by signing up for my regular MLA report on my website:  
[www.lindareimermla.bc.ca](http://www.lindareimermla.bc.ca)*



- [B.C. appoints Canada's first seniors advocate](#)
- [B.C. introduces first-of-its-kind mental health and addiction supports](#)
- [Making it easier for businesses to work with government](#)
- [New agreements to accelerate growth of B.C. tech startups](#)
- [Input speaks volumes to voice of disability community](#)
- [Supporting green communities in Port Moody and Coquitlam](#)
- [Grants Benefit Local Arts and Cultural Spaces in Port Moody](#)
- [Tri-Cities students earn scholarships from B.C. Arts Council](#)

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**From:** Schaap, Samantha [Samantha.Schaap@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: The Case For Not For Profit Private Career College Education (in confidence)

I'm forwarding this JUST to the ministry inbox. This is correct per Sarah's email yesterday?



Samantha Schaap  
Constituency Assistant to  
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<sup>s.22</sup>  
**From:**  
**Sent:** May 13, 2014 12:44 PM  
**To:** Virk.MLA, Amrik  
**Subject:** The Case For Not For Profit Private Career College Education (in confidence)

Hello Hon. Amrik Virk,

<sup>s.22</sup>  
My name is <sup>s.22</sup> and I am writing in regards to the private career college education sector in BC. As you know the sector is quite large with several thousand students graduating from this system each year. While graduating thousands of wonderful successful students you may also know the system is wrought with high prices, sometimes unethical practices, complaints and conflicts of interest. Just recently you have decided to dissolve PCTIA, its governing body, placing private colleges directly under Ministry authority. I work in the private system as a Director for one of the largest private educators in Canada.

There is no doubt that there is a need for quality private education in BC. Private educators can supplement BC's education needs that the public system cannot meet. Yet there are few in any private not for profit career college educators in BC. <sup>s.22</sup>  
<sup>s.22</sup>

Hon. Amrik Virk, is this something that you would be interested in supporting? Or maybe even at least speaking more about?

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you soon.

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**From:** Krzymowski, Sarah AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 11:31 AM  
**To:** Schaap, Samantha LASS:EX; Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Speaking Notes for MAV

Thanks Sam.

Sarah Krzymowski  
Administrative Assistant  
Ministry of Advanced Education  
Ph: 250 356 0179

**From:** Schaap, Samantha [<mailto:Samantha.Schaap@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** Krzymowski, Sarah AVED:EX; Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Zeeben, Jim LASS:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Speaking Notes for MAV

Forwarding Jim's Speaking notes for this Wed's event.



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**From:** Zeeben, Jim  
**Sent:** May 12, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Schaap, Samantha  
**Subject:** Speaking Notes for MAV

## **Greetings from Amrik Virk to the ASTTBC and TECC**

On behalf of government caucus MLAs, I would like to thank the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of B.C. and Technology Education and Careers Centre for inviting MLAs and technology leaders here today. The work the centre does to provide leadership in advancing the importance of technology education and careers in B.C. is important.

There are more than 9,500 technologists, technicians and technical specialists registered with your association, working in every corner of the province.

As the Minister of Advanced Education, I know how important it is now for people to understand emerging technology and that it will be even more crucial for our province in the years ahead.

You have an important mandate.

You are a voice that is heard by government and you are an advocate for the advancement of education and careers that involve technology.

Our government understands the necessity of ensuring a broad scope of educational experience in British Columbia.

Thank you all for your ongoing work.

**Jim Zeeben**

Communications Manager

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**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX; Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Krzymowski, Sarah AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Royal Canadian Institute of Technology.

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**Sent:** May 9, 2014 6:30 AM  
**To:** dl@lw-law.ca; Virk, Amrik; Virk.MLA, Amrik; Penland, Jared M; Carroll, Sandra AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Valarie.Bakowski@gov.bc.ca; Deputy Minister, AVED AVED:EX; Minister, AVED AEIT:EX; General Inquiries, AVED AVED:EX; info@rcit.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Royal Canadian Institute of Technology.

Dear Ms. Deborah Lovett,

I am extremely grateful to you for such a prompt response;<sup>s.22</sup>  
<sup>s.22</sup> On humanitarian grounds, I would request you to kindly consider the following:

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Yours truly,

Mrs. Ahmedi Begum  
Director/Owner  
Royal Canadian Institute of Technology  
508 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5T 3J9

**From:** [dl@lw-law.ca](mailto:dl@lw-law.ca) [<mailto:dl@lw-law.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:20 PM  
**To:** 'Royal Canadian Institute of Technology'; [a.virk@leg.bc.ca](mailto:a.virk@leg.bc.ca); [amrik.virk.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:amrik.virk.mla@leg.bc.ca); [jared.penland@leg.bc.ca](mailto:jared.penland@leg.bc.ca); [Sandra.carroll@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.carroll@gov.bc.ca)  
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**Subject:** RE: Royal Canadian Institute of Technology.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter. As you will have seen from my email response,

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This appeal is now before the Public Administrator and will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

Deborah K. Lovett, Q.C.  
Lovett Westmacott\*  
Cathedral Hill Chambers  
300 - 848 Courtney St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1C4  
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**Subject:** Re: Royal Canadian Institute of Technology.

Dear Deborah,

The email below was sent to you on April 28, 2014. Kindly respond.

Thanks,

Mrs. Ahmedi Begum  
Director/Owner  
Royal Canadian Institute of Technology

April 28, 2014

BY EMAIL ([dl@lw-law.ca](mailto:dl@lw-law.ca)) and Fax: (250) 480-7455

Deborah Lovett  
Legal Counsel of Deputy Minister of Advanced Educations  
& Public Administrator of PCTIA  
#300 - 848 Courtney St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1C4

Dear Ms. Deborah Lovett,

**Re: Royal Canadian Institute of Technology.**



Kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

Mrs. Ahmed Begum  
Director/Owner  
Royal Canadian Institute of Technology  
508 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5T 3J9

CC: Minister of Advanced Education, Honourable Amrik Virk  
CC: Ms. Sandra Carroll, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education & Public  
Administrator of PCTIA

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**From:** Lee, Chantal [Chantal.Lee@leg.bc.ca]  
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**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Robson, William AVED:EX; Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Facey, Nick AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Welding program at UFV Abbotsford Campus

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**Sent:** April 30, 2014 4:21 PM  
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**Subject:** Welding program at UFV Abbotsford Campus

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**From:** Fassbender.MLA, Peter [Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: retooling post-secondary education in our region  
**Attachments:** KPU region postsec funding bar graphs.docx

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** May 1, 2014 10:06 AM  
**To:** Huntington.MLA, Vicki; Hamilton.MLA, Scott; Coleman.MLA, Rich; Polak.MLA, Mary; Wat.MLA, Teresa; Reid.MLA, Linda; Yap.MLA, John; Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie; Fassbender.MLA, Peter; Hammell.MLA, Sue; Bains.MLA, Harry; Hunt.MLA, Marvin; Virk.MLA, Amrik; Ralston.MLA, Bruce; Hogg.MLA, Gordon  
**Cc:** s.22 Bond.MLA, Shirley  
**Subject:** retooling post-secondary education in our region

Dear Honorable Ministers and MLAs,

I'm writing with regard to the recent announcement of plans to re-engineer K-12 and post-secondary education in BC. The purpose of this re-engineering, as I understand it, is to ensure that we have the well-educated and well-trained workforce that will be needed in our province over the next decade and beyond, especially in the trades, which have long been wrongly seen as offering low-status careers.

At the discussion and presentations by Minister Fassbender and Minister Bond at the Surrey Board of Trade event recently, they confirmed that this plan was soon to be announced and spoke to the various concerns that had led to this re-engineering plan. They were clear that changes in the system would be based on data, and I was glad to hear that. Up until now, BC's regional post-secondary institutions have been funded on this basis: "What funding did you get last year? OK, we'll give you that again, plus or minus a bit." This approach has not addressed the skills shortages arising from the lack of post-secondary education and training in the south Fraser region.

Let's look at the data on the need for education and training for the labour market in this region.

In our region, we have 20% of the province's population. But only 6.4% of the trades training done by the regional post-secondaries is done in our region. Compare that with Vancouver, where VCC offers three times as much trades training as KPU.

Our region has about 350,000 residents who don't speak English at home; the recent international adult literacy survey (PIAAC - see [www.piaac.ca](http://www.piaac.ca)) found that about 60% of all immigrants to Canada didn't have the literacy skills necessary to fully participate in BC's economy. Many of these people need to learn to speak English better. But even before the recent federal cuts in ESL funding, each year Kwantlen received less than a quarter of the funding for ESL programs, per person in the region who needs it, that the other regional post-secondaries received.

That international adult literacy survey also found that over 30% of Canadian-born adults lack those necessary literacy skills. But Kwantlen has long received only a quarter of the funding for adult basic education, per person in the region who needs it, that the other regional post-secondaries received.

Data also shows that a general undergraduate education - even a BA in philosophy - prepares people well for employment. And yet, for all of its history, KPU has received funding for only half the number of student FTEs, per resident of its region, that the other post-secondaries received.

FYI, I've attached the document summarizing this information that Ministers Fassbender and Bond received at the Surrey Board of Trade event. If you'd like the details behind the bar graphs shown there, I'd be happy to provide them.

I hope this information - this data - will help you and the government figure out where and how to make changes in our post-secondary system. For the south Fraser region, it's not just re-engineering, but advanced physics that's needed: to contribute fully to BC's economic development, our region needs a quantum leap in the amount of trades, ESL, ABE and other post-secondary education that KPU is funded to offer here.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Regards,

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**From:** Skwarok, Lindsey PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2014 10:51 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** UNBC  
**Attachments:** 606442 - Coolen0001.pdf

Hi,

Attached is a letter from the Physiotherapy Association of BC in regards to UBC Masters of Physical Therapy program and the need for a Northern Rural Cohort.

We are sharing as FYI and for any necessary handling on your end.

Thanks,

**Lindsey Skwarok**  
Premier's Correspondence Office  
(250) 356-5128

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**From:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2014 9:04 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Minister of Education to investigate ILLEGAL VIOLATIONS of the Criminal Code and Education Act at North Island College in Port Alberni, BC.

Hello,

We are sharing the message below FYI and for any action AVED finds appropriate.

Thanks,

**Lindsey Skwarok**  
Premier's Correspondence Office  
(250) 356-5128

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April-30-14 2:43 PM  
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## Facey, Nick AVED:EX

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**From:** Letnick, Norm AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 9:35 PM  
**To:** Facey, Nick AVED:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Oc event

Can you please send me the material?

Norm Letnick, MLA  
Minister of Agriculture

> On May 20, 2014, at 9:31 PM, "Facey, Nick AVED:EX" <[Nick.Facey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nick.Facey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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> That is correct -  
>  
> Nick Facey, Chief of Staff  
> for the Hon. Amrik Virk  
> Minister of Advanced Education  
> Government of BC  
>  
> On May 20, 2014, at 9:30 PM, "Letnick, Norm AGRI:EX" <[Norm.Letnick@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Norm.Letnick@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
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> Hi Nick,  
>  
> Looks like my notes say I'm the emcee. Correct?  
>  
> Norm Letnick, MLA  
> Minister of Agriculture



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**From:** Weich, Rika I CSCD:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2014 9:42 AM  
**To:** Shaw, Judy E AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Sylvia E. CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** Possible Redirect: Jim Reed correspondence

Hi Judy,

Could you please advise if the attached letter is AVED issue, and if it is, confirm that your ministry will respond and copy Minister Oakes on response?

Thank you,

*Rika Weich*  
*Correspondence Coordinator*  
Correspondence Services  
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Ph: 953-3704 / Fax: 953-3709

Minister Coralee Oakes  
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Room 124, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

April 23, 2014

Dear Minister Oakes,

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY,  
SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
MINISTER'S OFFICE

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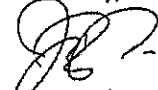
A recent economic impact study, undertaken by Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. (EMSI) on behalf of the BC college system, found that in 2012-13 BC's colleges and their students contributed \$7.8 billion in income to the provincial economy, equal to approximately 4.2 per cent of provincial GDP. This analysis demonstrates that BC's colleges have an effect comparable to entire industry sectors like finance and insurance, and accommodation and food services.

The study also highlights that students who attend college in BC gain valuable skills that help them advance in the workforce and thereby strengthen the provincial economy by adding \$7.1 billion in provincial income annually. In addition, the study revealed that college graduates earn 51% more than their peers with only a high school diploma. As a result, not only do BC college students have the ability to earn more, but they also pay more taxes and are active contributors to the social and fiscal well being of their communities and the province.

For every dollar invested by the province, the study reports that there is a return of \$2.40 in added taxes and saving to taxpayers, \$3.10 in lifetime earnings for students and \$15.40 in added income and savings in social costs to society. The study validates that an investment in BC's colleges is an investment in our province's future prosperity. Our colleges produce the job-ready graduates with the knowledge and skills required by industry in BC to be competitive in the global economy. Together we will help to drive our economy forward.

Enclosed is an info-graphic that touches on the highlights contained in the study. To read the report and view the video, please visit <http://www.bccolleges.ca/category/outreach/bc-colleges-effect>.

Sincerely,



Jim Reed  
President, BC Colleges



Angus Graeme  
Chair, BC Colleges & President, Selkirk College

BC's colleges have  
a multi-billion dollar  
(that's Billion with a "B")  
positive economic impact  
on the province.

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**From:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 9:52 AM  
**To:** 'jimreed@bccolleges.ca'; 'agraeme@selkirk.ca'  
**Cc:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** Our Ref. 97141 - Re: BC Colleges study by EMSI

May 13, 2014  
Our Ref. 97141

Mr. Jim Reed  
President  
BC Colleges  
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Mr. Angus Graeme  
BC Colleges and Presidents  
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Dear Mr. Reed and Mr. Graeme:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 2014, sent to the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sports and Cultural Development, and me, regarding the recent study completed by Economic Modeling Specialists Intl on behalf of the British Columbia's college system.

I appreciate reading of the findings of the study concerning the positive impact our public colleges and their graduates have on British Columbia's economy. In addition, I note the study's conclusions regarding the vital knowledge and skills our college graduates have upon entering the workforce.

Government values the significant contribution of our college system on the well-being of our province's economy, communities and workforce. I am pleased to learn of the study's affirmations.

Sincerely,

Amrik Virk  
Minister of Advanced Education

pc: Minister Coralee Oakes  
Minister of Community, Sports and Cultural Development

## Shaw, Judy E AVED:EX

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**From:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2014 9:21 AM  
**To:** AVED MCRU Incoming Corresp Working Box AVED:EX  
**Cc:** Gill, Manjit AVED:EX; Krzymowski, Sarah AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FOR RESPONSE: 104568 incoming request - s.22

Please prepare response for ED signature as follows:

Branch: Colleges & Skills Development  
Issue: ESL

Judy Shaw  
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**From:** Minister, JTST JTST:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2014 8:50 AM  
**To:** Minister, AVED AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FW: 104568 incoming request

For your review.

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** May-06-14 9:56 AM  
**To:** Minister, JTST JTST:EX  
**Subject:** 104568 incoming request

Greetings:

s.22

Can you provide me names of either:

Tour groups who provide services to teach newcomers about Canadian culture

Corporate groups who teach newcomers English in order perform a job.

Many thanks.

s.22

Not Responsive

**From:** Cyr, Cole JTST:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 3:42 PM  
**To:** Przada, Jennifer AVED:EX; Blonde, Sarah EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** Meeting w/MLA Barnett

Good afternoon,

Minister Bond will be meeting with MLA Barnett to discuss how changes being made to Trades Training etc. fits into MLA Barnett's Rural BC strategy. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:15pm-4:45pm with a pre-brief with staff scheduled from 4:00pm-4:15pm, all in <sup>s.15</sup>

I have been advised that this is a follow up to the Caucus presentation on Skills Training.

Would your Ministers be available to join this meeting?

Thank you,

Cole Cyr  
Administrative Coordinator to the  
Honourable Shirley Bond  
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training  
and Minister Responsible for Labour  
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From: Cyr, Cole JTST:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 3:22 PM  
To: Przada, Jennifer AVED:EX  
Subject: Briefing for MLA Sultan

Hi Jennifer,

I have just been informed that MLA Sultan would like a meeting with MAV and MSB and staff at PVO, for a briefing on the Skills Training Blueprint and how it fits in for Capilano University.

As discussed, can you please hold June 17th from 11:30am-12:00pm with a pre-brief from 11:15am-11:30am for this meeting?

Thanks,

Cole Cyr  
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Date: 27 May, 2014 8:21:29 AM PDT

To: "Gill, Manjit AVED:EX", "Dhanowa, Damon JTST:EX", "Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX"

Subject: Laurie Throness Meeting Request - Virk, Bond, Fassbender & Seabird Island Band

Hello-

I've been asked by MLA Throness to attempt to set up an in-person meeting between Minister Virk, Minister Bond, Minister Fassbender and Seabird Island Band regarding Trades and Technical Training.

The background is that Seabird Island First Nation operates a very successful K-12 education program. More recently they have moved into post secondary trades training as well, in cooperation with Thompson Rivers University.

They wish to extend the trades training programs that they operate and are in the process of applying for significant federal funding from Western Economic Diversification (WED). If successful, they want to ensure that existing provincial funding is aligned in such a way as to ensure maximum benefits are achieved. (Not necessarily additional funding, but better targeting).

In this regard Chief Clem Seymour and his staff are requesting a meeting with the three related ministers, to discuss their vision and proposal.

Can we find time on June 11th or 12th to meet at PVO?

Thanks for your help with this,  
Heidi

Heidi Scott  
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MLA Simon Gibson, Abbotsford-Mission  
MLA Darryl Plecas, Abbotsford South  
MLA Laurie Throness, Chilliwack-Hope  
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