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Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2013 09:38
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Subject: Fwd: FW:

Hi all,

I am forwarding to you a letter I just received from S22
S22 I thought you may find it interesting, although disappointing news. I want to ensure you all that this matter is not over. It is NOT a done deal. It will only end when this station is reopened. The closing of this station remains a black mark on the CCG, & on the federal Govt. It is our job to keep this matter alive and before the public. At this time it may appear that the issue is closed as there maybe little news or info brought before the public. However let me assure you all that the situation is being monitored and documented. You can help by fwding this letter, as well as your own personal opinions (if you so wish), on this matter to your MP's, your friends, your contacts throughout the marine community, and generally anyone that maybe interested in this matter. If they have a vote and an opinion they may well play a role in reversing this catastrophe! Any help you can give to this matter is greatly appreciated.
Truly,

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From: S22
Date: Sat, Aug 31, 2013 at 7:03 PM
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From: S22
To: S22
Subject:
Date: Sat, 31 Aug 2013 09:46:58 -0700
Hello Friends ,

I hope the summer has brought you good health and family together. Today I'am writing to all of you who have worked so hard to guard and protect the safety of lives at sea. As you know the Conservative Government has not reversed the decision to reopen Kitsilano Coast Guard Station . Throughout the summer the Vancouver Search and Rescue area has been covered off with a seasonal Inshore Rescue Station and crewing up a \$7000 per day second overtime Hovercraft to assist in covering off the area when the main craft is deployed out of the operational area or on special events such as the English Bay fireworks. There have been no financial savings and they have exposed mariners to risk.

This Monday, Sept. 1, 2013 the seasonal station will close and there will be no dedicated all weather Coast Guard for the Vancouver operational area. There will be a minimum 30 minute response to any incidents in the Vancouver area.

I will continue to monitor and hold the conservative Government responsible and I will keep all of you informed of the most recent events .

thank you all for your continued commitment. My goal, as yours, is to get Kitsilano coast Guard Station back up and running.

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From: S22
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 12:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Kitsilano Coast Guard

Hello,

With all due respect nothing has been done about opening up or building a new Kits Coast Guard Station.

Are you working on this.

Regards,

From: "OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX" <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
To: S22
Cc: "Minister, JAG JAG:EX" <JAG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2013 2:56:08 PM
Subject: RE: Kitsilano Coast Guard

Thank you for your email. We appreciate the time you have taken to make us aware of your concerns regarding the Federal Government's decision to close the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station.

We, too, share your concerns for the safety of British Columbians. We want to assure you that the provincial government is working with the federal government to ensure public safety for all British Columbians.

On your behalf, we have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Honourable Shirley Bond. Minister Bond will ensure that your views are included in any related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing and expressing your concerns.

cc: Honourable Shirley Bond

From: S22
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 7:28 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX
Subject: Kitsilano Coast Guard

Hello,

I am emailing you both as equals, as leaders of the two main political parties in the province, in hopes you join forces to save the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station.

Here is my rough proposal:

The province arrange for a 99 year lease from the Federal Government or First Nations (not sure whom is laying claim) of the facility as it stands including the building, the dock, communication equipment, everything as it stood prior to the dismantling that started last week.

The province start operating the Coast Guard including utilities, staffing, wages, fuel, ...

The Federal Government provide the boats, hoover crafts, whatever is the appropriate vessels to man this station.

The operation is non-partisan. I can't stress this enough. This is why you both need to come together to show a united front in this proposition and in negotiations with the Federal Conservatives. The opening and closing of the Kits Coast Guard Station cannot be held for ransom to balance the federal budget, it should not be used as a political tool at the provincial level, and must remain open through the ruling parties of the day.

Please take my proposal seriously. The Feds have dismantled parts of the dock and will continue to pick at Kitsilano Coast Guard Station like vultures swooping down on carrion.

Thank you for reading. There has been a lot of political turmoil lately at the provincial level. I would like some peace for a moment and I am asking you both to work together to broker a deal with the Feds to take over operations of the facility. It's a matter of life and death.

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April 10, 2013

ISSUE NOTE

Issue: Closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard Base

Background:

- On February 19, 2013, the Federal Government closed the Kitsilano Coast Guard Base, months before schedule and despite public pressure to reconsider the decision.
- The decision to close the base was first announced as a federal budgetary reduction measure in the spring of 2012.
- Services at the Kitsilano base will now be deployed from a Coast Guard base at Sea Island in Richmond which received a new hovercraft to allow faster response to reach those in distress in the Vancouver harbour.
- The Kitsilano base is considered the busiest base in Canada, responding to more than 350 calls per year.
- In January 2013, Fisheries and Oceans Canada announced a new Canadian Coast Guard inshore rescue boat station at the Royal Canadian Navy facility HMCS Discovery in downtown Vancouver. The station will supplement search and rescue services in the Vancouver Harbour and surrounding area.
- The smaller rescue station will be set up at the existing navy facility in Stanley Park and will be operated by three staff from May to September, during the peak boating season. Staff will include one rescue professional and two summer students.
- At the request of the Coast Guard and as part of its funding arrangement, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue has relocated one of its rescue units from Indian Arm to a central location within the Vancouver Harbour, to enhance search and rescue services to mariners in Vancouver.
- The Canadian Coast Guard will have 7 large vessels, 6 small vessels, 2 hovercraft, 13 search and rescue lifeboats, and 6 helicopters available for deployment in BC.
- The Minister of Justice and Attorney General has expressed BC's concerns to Ottawa about the closure of the Kitsilano base.
- There is no indication by the Federal government that the decision to close the Kitsilano base will be reconsidered.



April 10, 2013

Decision required:

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