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Doug Bing, MLA

September 4, 2013

The Honourable Todd Stone, MLA  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, British Columbia  
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Dear Minister Stone,

I met with three of my constituents on August 14, 2013: Mr. Mike Stark, Mr. Glen Mitchell and Dr. Derek Thorkelson. They are citizens of the City of Pitt Meadows and are representatives of a neighbourhood association that they call the South Pitt Meadows Residents Association. They asked if I could arrange a meeting with you to discuss a noise concern that they have with the Golden Ears Bridge.

I told them that I would pass on their request and let you decide if their concerns warranted a personal meeting. They feel they have gone as far as they can with Translink staff on this issue and, they would like to take their case to the political level if you will agree to meet with them. If you decide a meeting is, or is not appropriate, please let me know and I will pass on your reply to them.

I will try to explain why they wish to meet with you. It is regarding a noise problem that Translink has been trying to rectify for a number years since the completion of the Golden Ears Bridge. It appears that the bridge builder made an engineering decision to use a type of bridge joint that, in hindsight, has unintended consequences for some unlucky citizens. A number of citizens living near the bridge are affected by an unusual noise created by traffic passing over the joints in what can only be described as a high-pitched croaking sound.

Translink has been, quite rightly, trying to fix the problem as simply and inexpensively as possible but attempts to fix the irritating sound coming from the joints have met with mixed success. An attempt to mitigate the noise has been made by inserting rubber padding between the joints so that the metal doesn't rub together. A report has recently come out from an independent engineering firm saying that padding the joints has reduced the sound issues to acceptable levels. The residents beg to differ, arguing that the sound is mitigated initially but returns as the padding pops out and therefore the problem hasn't been solved. The joint inserts could be successful but in order for this to work, there must be a serious commitment to continuous monitoring and repairs as needed.

Another way to fix the problem is to replace the bridge joints which to Translink is a much more complicated and expensive solution but is the one preferred by the resident association. This would entail

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closing the bridge for major renovations for many months as well as necessitating raising the bridge surface by 2cm to accommodate the new joints.

There are other possible remedies but either way, there needs to be closure to this case both for Translink and the citizens involved. The citizens want you to over-rule Translink staff and side with them. They feel if they can meet with you, they can convince you of the merits of their argument that new bridge joints are needed and look to you as their last opportunity to make their case. Either way, a definitive decision is needed.

If you would meet with these citizens and hear them out and then make a final decision it may help bring closure to this case.

Sincerely,

Doug Bing, MLA  
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**Subject:** 219325 Bullets requested by MSB re: Complaint to Procurement Services Branch  
**Attachments:** Procurement complaint.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Krenzler, Katrina C LASS:EX" <Katrina.Krenzler@leg.bc.ca>  
**Date:** 20 August, 2013 10:27:58 AM PDT  
**To:** "Siddiqui, Fatima TRAN:EX" <Fatima.Siddiqui@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Complaint to Procurement Services Branch

Hi Fatima

May I request bullets regarding the email below so MSB may respond to this constit request.

Thank you.

*Sincerely,*

*Katrina Krenzler*

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**From:** Rosemary Hruby [<mailto:rosemary@advantageinsuranceservices.com>]

**Sent:** August 20, 2013 9:43 AM

**To:** Bond.MLA, Shirley

**Subject:** Complaint to Procurement Services Branch

Good morning:

I have just sent a letter of complaint to the Procurement Services Branch concerning their proposal for the renewal of the ICBC coverage for the Government Fleet.

I felt so strongly that the smaller brokers in the north, or indeed anywhere outside the lower mainland, were summarily dismissed and had to voice a complaint. Again, I feel very strongly that Provincial supply opportunities should be available to all suppliers regardless of size. If a broker didn't feel they could supply the service they undoubtedly wouldn't take the time to submit a proposal.

This is all a moot point for at least the next two years, I just wanted you to be aware of the comments.

Thank you so much for all your time, effort and interest in our area.

*Rosemary*

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Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**Subject:** FW: 219567 Treo & Port Mann Bridge Toll

**From:** Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie [<mailto:Stephanie.Cadieux.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2013 10:22 PM

**To:** Siddiqui, Fatima TRAN:EX

**Cc:** Halford, Holly LASS:EX

**Subject:** FW: Treo & Port Mann Bridge Toll

Hello Fatima,

We have had a note from a constituent asking about special concession rates for students who need to cross the Port Mann Bridge for full time school. Do you have any information or notes on this?

Thanks kindly,  
Holly

Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**From:** Duyns, Mark [Mark.Duyns@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2013 2:56 PM  
**To:** Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** 220797 constituent concern, s22

Hello Fatima,

We have recently heard from our constituent, s22 of Maple Ridge, BC with regard to s22 concerns about Trans Link's Handy Dart services.

s22 only method of mobility is the Handy Dart system.

s22 main concerns are with regard to the complicated booking process and also whether or not this service should be directed by the Ministry of Health, for more serious health care patients.

Before we elaborate or get into the specifics, could you please advise me where to best direct these concerns to ?

Thank you for your help.

Regards, Mark.

Mark Duyns,  
Constituency Assistant

*Marc Dalton, MLA*  
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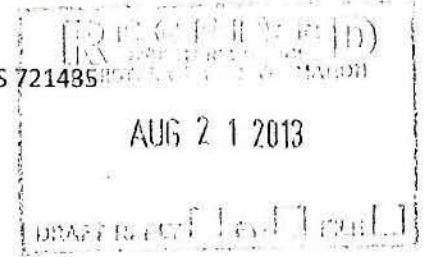
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Tuesday, August 13, 2013

File: PS 721485

Honourable Todd Stone  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
P.O. Box 9055, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2



Dear Minister Stone,

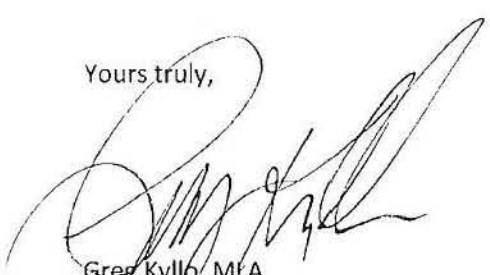
I have recently had the opportunity to meet with my constituents s22 of Blind Bay BC, regarding an ongoing issue with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure with respect to acquiring surplus, undeveloped roadway from the Ministry. s22 represent the interests of the 14 landowners involved with this issue. I have attached a letter to the Ministry from the previous Shuswap MLA, George Abbott, as well as the most recent correspondence from the Minister to s22 . The Ministry is also in receipt of a lengthy file with respect to this issue.

The Ministry has offered each resident an option to buy the property in question, with prices ranging from approximately \$44,000 to \$75,000, however, the caveat is all residents must accept to buy at the Ministry's appraisal, or no one can. Many, if not all of these residents are now s22 and they feel this price is too high. The group would like to discuss other payment options and ideas, of which they have some suggestions.

I would appreciate it if your ministry staff could review this file to determine if an agreeable solution could be found for both the Ministry and the residents. As you can appreciate, this file has already been an issue since 1993 and a timely response would be obliged.

Thank you for your consideration and help with this file.

Yours truly,

  
Greg Kylo, MLA  
Shuswap

Enclosures

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S22

Blind Bay BC

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March 13, 2013

Honourable Mary Polak  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
P.O. Box 9055, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Polak:

Please find attached a letter dated October 4, 2012, and an email dated February 5, 2013 from my constituent, s22 of Blind Bay BC. I have also appended the most recent correspondence s22 has received from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure dated January 30, 2013.

The issue of my constituents acquiring surplus, undeveloped roadway from the Ministry has been ongoing for some years. s22 contends, as do the adjacent property owners, that the Ministry had always promised to convey the undeveloped roadway to the property owners at the market values of when transfer discussion began, namely around 1992.

I'd appreciate it if you or your staff could give some consideration to the letter of my constituent and hopefully find some mutually agreeable solution.

Yours truly,

George M. Abbott, MLA  
Shuswap

Enclosures



Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**From:** Sewell, Laurie LASS:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2013 1:38 PM  
**To:** Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** 220903 FYI  
**Attachments:** Fax re request for punjabi signage.pdf

I am emailing a scan of a fax that was sent originally on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Apologies if you have now received twice but I am not too sure it went through the first time.

Back on September 19<sup>th</sup> Linda had met with s22 regarding the possibilities of Punjabi signage in and out of BC borders (please see attachement)  
If you would like to discuss further with s22 his contact information is below.

s22

Regards,

*Laurie Sewell*

CA to the Hon. Linda Reid,  
MLA for Richmond East &  
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**FAX:**

To: Todd Stone Company: Map Transportation

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Pages: \_\_\_\_\_ (including cover page)-

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Sept 19/2013

From: ☒ Linda Reid, MLA Richmond East  
☐ Laurie Sewell, CA  
☐ Susan Wells, CA

**Notes/Comments:**

Minister,  
I have had a request on behalf of the  
Punjabi Language Assoc. of BC. to see "Welcome to BC"  
signage in punjabi @ BC/Alberta and BC/US borders.  
Please let me know if that is possible and a timeline.

s22

is my contact

s22

Mary Hanks Reid

Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**Subject:** FW: 219736 HOV lane for electric cars

**Importance:** High

**From:** Acosta Sowerby, Isabel [<mailto:Isabel.AcostaSowerby@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013 3:23 PM

**To:** Briggs, Taylor TRAN:EX

**Subject:** HOV lane for electric cars

Good afternoon Taylor, I trust that you have been able to enjoy this beautiful weather.

One of our constituents recently purchased a Nissan Leaf (electric car) and would like to know if there are any plans for our Province to allow electric cars in the HOV lane with only the driver? She is aware that ON has already done this and that some states in the US are also doing it.

Could you provide me with some points as to where our province stands on this, reasons and possible time frame?

Thank you kindly,

Isabel Acosta Sowerby  
Constituency Assistant to  
Linda Reimer, MLA  
Port Moody - Coquitlam  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development  
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Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**Subject:** 220029 MLA Teggart - FW: Ashcroft Terminal  
**Attachments:** Minister Stone 130905.docx

**From:** Teggart.MLA, Jackie [<mailto:Jackie.Teggart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2013 10:52 PM  
**To:** Stone, Todd TRAN:EX  
**Cc:** Robert Landucci; Andy Anderson; Lois Jackson ([mayor@delta.ca](mailto:mayor@delta.ca))  
**Subject:** Ashcroft Terminal

Dear Minister Stone,

Further to your visit to the Ashcroft Terminal site, I am pleased to provide you with the attached letter that summarizes the benefits of this initiative that were discussed on that day, as well as the concern regarding provision of road infrastructure to provide access. Thanks again for visiting the site.

Regards,  
MLA Jackie Teggart

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September 5, 2013

Hon. Todd Stone  
Minister of Transportation

Dear Minister Stone:

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Village of Ashcroft and tour the Ashcroft Terminal site. As was mentioned during the presentation and discussion, this project is critical to the economic development in the Village of Ashcroft and in the region. It also has a much broader scope in the Province of BC as indicated by the attendance of Mayor Lois Jackson from the City of Delta.

I have been very impressed by the leadership shown by Mayor Anderson and Mayor Jackson in bringing together, at one table, all the key stakeholders who are critical to the success of this project. The supportive partnership between the Village of Ashcroft and the City of Delta, and their ability to see the possibilities for the Province of BC is bold and visionary. The focus on alleviating traffic congestion in the lower mainland, minimizing need for rich agricultural land for port expansion, enhancing rural economic development, job creation and training for our young people, enhancing shipping capacity, seem to be in line with the mandate of the government.

The recognition that the Village of Ashcroft is limited in its ability to provide the needed road infrastructure to the site, in order for it to develop to its potential, is a very real concern. I look forward to working with you and your Ministry to look for innovative solutions.

Again, thank you for taking the time to come to Ashcroft and to actually spend some time on the site of the Ashcroft Terminal.

Sincerely,

Jackie Tegart, MLA  
Fraser Nicola

Cc Mayor Anderson  
Mayor Jackson  
R. Landucci



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Laurie Throness, M.L.A.  
Chilliwack-Hope

CLIFF # 220485

September 13, 2013

Hon. Todd Stone  
Minister of Transportation and Highways  
Legislative Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister:

Further to your ongoing reconsideration of speed limits on BC's highways, I would like to pass along a concern from a constituent, to which I would add my own.

Our experience stems mostly from travelling to and from Vancouver on the TransCanada Highway. On this road the volume of traffic has grown steadily over the years, and currently is very high, even on weekends. Since there is really only one principal way into the city, the number of large trucks has also grown along with the GVRD's population.

In particular, long semi-trailer trucks weighted with lumber, steel or other high and heavy loads, careen along at well over the speed limit in the fast lane, often closely tailgating lines of small cars in heavy traffic, even during rainstorms. Many of these drivers seem to be heedless of their own safety or that of others on the road.

I have often cringed while watching these trucks weave back and forth between lanes because they are accidents waiting to happen. If there were to be an accident it could be catastrophic, and I shudder to think of how it would be if everyone were travelling at yet higher speeds.

If we wish to consider changes to the speed limit on this stretch of road, I would request that we:

- a) Design a separate route into Vancouver dedicated only to larger trucks, or
- b) Consider a lower speed limit for large trucks

Thank you for considering these comments in addition to others you may receive.

Sincerely,

Laurie Throness, MLA  
Chilliwack-Hope

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Laurie Throness, M.L.A.  
Chilliwack-Hope

September 25, 2013

Hon. Todd Stone  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Legislative Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister: *Todd*

Re: Cultus Lake Park Board questions

I recently received the attached briefing note from Cultus Lake Park Board. This elected Board is a unique government entity long ago mandated to administer Cultus Lake Park. Since its inception, permanent residents of the Park, as well as tourists, have grown in number, and the Board has also grown in capacity.

The Board has posed a series of questions that relate to the growth in responsibility that goes along with growth in the Park, and has requested that I raise them with you.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with answers to these questions, and I will in turn send your responses along to the Board.

Thank you for your early attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Throness

c: Sacha Peter, Chair  
Cultus Lake Park Board





**Cultus Lake Park Board**  
**UBCM 2013 BRIEFING NOTES**

**Honorable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure**

1. Potential to establish a second access road to Cultus Lake Park:  
There is a very real issue that if there was a disaster during high season, when there are literally thousands of people in a compact area, evacuation would be a monumental problem, given that there is only one major access route.
2. Serious traffic congestion is experienced from mid-June to mid-September each year, from Promontory Road in Chilliwack to Cultus Lake Park, and yet continued development is occurring up to Columbia Valley. Is the Ministry working with the City of Chilliwack to widen the road and bridge to reduce congestion?
3. Transfer of Cultus Lake Park lease land records to BC Land Titles.  
Currently Cultus Lake Park maintains all land records for all leased lands within the Park. These land records contain a variety of legal instruments and documents similar to that of BC Land Titles, and in most cases goes beyond that which is maintained by Land Titles.

The Cultus Lake Park Act 1932 does not contemplate nor provide for this records system which is a necessity, given that we have the responsibility to manage all leased lands and the volume of ongoing land transactions within the Park. Because of the nature and legality of these records, in the absence of any authority within the Act, we want to have these records transferred to BC Land Titles in New Westminster.



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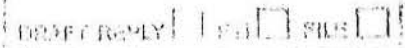


Laurie Throness, M.L.A.  
Chilliwack-Hope

CLIFF#221136



OCT 15 2013



Dear Minister: Todd Stone

Re: Flood Protection Program Funding Application - Village of Harrison Hot Springs

I want to bring to your attention the above application for flood control works from the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, in my riding. For your convenience, I attach the Expression of Interest document which outlines the works to be done.

The competition for infrastructure funding closes on October 11, and Harrison has met all technical requirements, including a pledge to contribute one third of the costs of the project.

The flood pump protects the entire Village on an annual basis, given that the Miami River would be flooded every year without it. It protects well over \$300 million in land and buildings, not to mention the future value of this popular tourist destination, and the value of the community itself.

I have toured the existing pump station which consists of an ancient and inefficient machine, housed in an inadequate shed. Environmental and aquatic species protection are also inadequate.

I can attest that this project is long overdue, and that repairs are both urgent and necessary. I want to lend my keen support to its early approval. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to ensure that it goes ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Throness

cc: Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
Mark Strahl, MP

Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

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**Subject:** FW: Constituent Enquiry

**From:** "Lee, Chantal LASS:EX" <[Chantal.Lee@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Chantal.Lee@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** 23 August, 2013 12:11:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "Siddiqui, Fatima TRAN:EX" <[Fatima.Siddiqui@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Fatima.Siddiqui@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Constituent Enquiry

Good afternoon Fatima,

We received a complaint from a constituent saying that it's unreasonable to charge an extra \$5 on Skytrain tickets when they are bought at the airport. To him, it doesn't seem to encourage Skytrain use.

Would you be able to provide some advice on our office's response?

Hope you are having a good Friday,

Chantal

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