

From: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Date: February 15, 2019 12:52:57 PM
Attachments: [EXB01352_signed.pdf](#)

FYI – not sure if this is the sort of thing that should be passed on to Wes' team as well?

Chris

From: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
[mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca]
Sent: February 15, 2019 7:58 AM
To: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca; minister_ministre@agr.gc.ca; lawrence.macaulay@parl.gc.ca
Cc: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; agriculture.minister@gov.ab.ca;
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Subject: Letter from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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Communications Branch
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

From: [Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE s.22
Date: March 13, 2019 3:15:46 PM

Any time! We are here to help.

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:13 PM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Subject: RE s.22

Thanks Erin – sorry to bother you on this again and appreciate the follow up!

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From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW s.22

Hi Chris.

Mike Bandy from ALC advised that he had a phone call February 13th s.22
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Thanks,
Erin



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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: s.22

Hi Erin,

I just got a note back from the constituency office on this one saying s.22 says she never received a call from the planner. Sorry to bother you with this again, but would you mind confirming with the

ALC, or if they haven't phoned, asking that they reach out again? If they'd be willing to just let me know when they've made contact that would be appreciated.

Thank you!

Chris

From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: February 19, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW s.22

Hi Chris.

ALC has confirmed that the planner for the Kootenay region will follow up with the constituent directly.

Thanks,
Erin



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From: Oloyede, Lola ALC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Subject: RE s.22

I have sent this to the planner for Kootenay region.
The planner will respond directly to s.22 by email or phone call.
Thanks.

Best regards,
Lola

From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Oloyede, Lola ALC:EX
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: s.22

Hi Lola.

Are you able to advise when you think the constituent may hear back on their second request?

Thanks,
Erin



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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: s.22

Hi Erin,

I hope you're surviving all this weird white stuff we've had the past few days! I have a quick casework question I'm hoping you can help with from MLA Shypitka's office. s.22

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s.22 The constituency office asked if we could touch base with the ALC to get a rough idea of when they might hear back regarding this second request. Is this something you would be able to help with?

Thanks!
Chris

From: Smith, Heather [<mailto:Heather.Smith@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: February 11, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: ALC s.22

Is there any advice or assistance that you can offer our office to advise s.22

Heather Smith

Constituency Assistant
Tom Shypitka, MLA
Kootenay East
302 535 Victoria Ave N.,
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From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:41 PM

To: Shypitka.MLA, Tom <Tom.Shypitka.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: ALC s.22

Tom/Heather;

First of all, I'd like to thank you both for your time yesterday, especially considering I didn't have an appointment.

I just want to reiterate some of the items we discussed.

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I hope this and the attached, gives you a concise summary of what we discussed. I do hope that you can help me in this matter.

Best Regards,
s.22

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Hoerger, Andrea AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX](#); [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
Cc: [Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX](#); [Easton, Joan E AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef
Date: February 7, 2019 4:11:02 PM

Hi Chris

I had a good conversation with Sylvia Layzell today. Our team will assist Sylvia and the Prince George Agricultural and Historical Association in incorporating the Every Chef Needs A Farmer theme into their initiative in August.

Regards,

Andrea

From: Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Cc: Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Easton, Joan E AGRI:EX; Hoerger, Andrea AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the connection! Andrea Hoerger from my team (copied here) is going to call Sylvia tomorrow to share some information around how she can incorporate the ECNF-EFNC theme into the BC Northern Exhibition, and access funding support through the Buy BC Partnership Program to support the initiative. We will get back to you with a summary of the discussion after she has had a chance to connect.

Cheers,
Mat

Mat Patterson

Director, Market Development
BC Ministry of Agriculture
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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: February 6, 2019 11:24 AM
To: Patterson, Mat AGRI:EX <Mat.Patterson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Hi Mat,

I spoke with Arif about this earlier this morning and he advised that you would be the best person to reach out to. Sylvia Layzell, President of the Prince George Agricultural and Historical Association, is requesting to use the Every Chef Needs A Farmer theme at the BC Northern Exhibition this coming August – MLP is unable to attend in person but loves the idea. The initial email from Sylvia is at the bottom of this chain; could you please reach out to her to assist in providing resources or advice that she might need, and let me know once contact has been made? She can be reached at 250-640-3313 or at sylvia-bcne@outlook.com

Thanks, and let me know if there's anything else I can do on my end,

Chris

Chris Wieczorek

Executive Assistant to Hon. Lana Popham

Minister of Agriculture for the B.C. Government

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From: Leppard, Brianna AGRI:EX

Sent: February 1, 2019 2:32 PM

To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Hi Chris,

I pasted our email chain below for your information.

I sent regrets to Sylvia Layzell, but she was also requesting permission to use the "Every Chef Needs a Farmer Every Farmer Needs a Chef" theme and incorporate it into their fair (which MLP was happy with).

Thanks!

Brianna

Dear Sylvia Layzell,

Thank you for your invitation to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, to attend the ribbon cutting at your opening ceremony, on August 15th, 2019. Unfortunately, Minister Popham has a prior engagement at this time and is unable to attend the event.

Please accept her regrets and best wishes.

In regards to requesting permission to use the "Every Chef Needs a Farmer Every Farmer Needs a Chef" theme for your fair, Minister Popham would love for you to incorporate this into The British Columbia Northern Exhibition event!

Sincerely,
Office of the Minister

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

From: Sylvie Layzell <sylvia-bcne@outlook.com>
Sent: January 10, 2019 10:52 PM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Honourable Lana Popham

My name is Sylvie Layzell and I am the President of the Prince George Agricultural and Historical Association. We met briefly at the BC Fairs Conference last October.

Last August our fair participated in the Buy BC program, unfortunately with all of the wild fires we did not give it the attention it deserved so we will be re-doing our booth at our fair in August so that we can do the program justice. I am also interested in incorporating the Every Chef Needs a Farmer Every Farmer Needs a Chef program into our fair. I loved the concept of the program and think it would benefit both farmers and restaurants here in the north. I am interested in starting a directory for farmers and restaurants so that if anyone needs help with making connections they have somewhere to turn.

A little story about this: A few years ago a local farmer had a contract with a restaurant chain for 20 or 30,000lbs of potatoes. The contract fell through and the farmer was scrambling to sell his crop so turned to social media. A local restaurant stepped up to help sell the potatoes and many Prince George residents lined up on 3rd ave to buy potatoes. (myself included) Thankfully another restaurant stepped up and purchased the rest of the farmers crop.

I believe if there had been a directory in place this may have not been such a stressful situation for this farmer.

I am requesting permission to use this theme and incorporate it into our fair, The British Columbia Northern Exhibition (BCNE) August 15 - 18, 2019.

I would also like to formally invite you to be the Ribbon Cutter at our opening ceremony on August 15, 2019 and be my guest at our President's Reception. We are celebrating our 107th Fair. It would also be an honour if you would be willing to say a few words about the Buy BC Program as well as

the Every Chef Needs a Farmer Every Farmer Needs a Chef program.

I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting with you when you come to Prince George.

Have an amazing day!

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Sylvia Layzell
BCNE President
250-640-3313

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: February 1, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Leppard, Brianna AGRI:EX <Brianna.Leppard@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Hey! Do you know what she's referring to? Maybe we sent her a regrets message or something?

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Chris Wieczorek
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Minister of Agriculture for the B.C. Government

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From: Sylvie Layzell <sylvia-bcne@outlook.com>
Sent: January 31, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Assistance for a Northern version of Every Farmer needs a chef

Thank you for getti getting back to me. So sorry Minister Popham is unable to attend

In regards to the Every Farmer Needs a Chef program does your office have any information that would be of assistance to our fair?

Have an amazing day!

Sylvia Layzell

From: [Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For Response: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship
Date: February 26, 2019 9:28:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yes thanks!

Shawna Lyttle

Manager of Executive Operations and Planning
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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: February 26, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: For Response: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship

Absolutely! Would just after 11 work?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2019, at 9:21 AM, Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Can we chat about this matter today please? Thanks.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Mack, James AGRI:EX
Sent: February 25, 2019 4:27 PM
To: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>; Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rhodes, Angie AGRI:EX <Angie.Rhodes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Response: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship

I didn't get any responses. Given it's spring break we're already low on staff.

FYI – I have received a couple phone calls asking for follow up on sponsorship so they are still pushing on that request as well.

From: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 11:27 AM

To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
Cc: Rhodes, Angie AGRI:EX
Subject: For Response: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship
Importance: High

Chris/James/Arif:

Angie just took a call from Chief Patrick Michelle from Kanaka Bar on this matter. He noted that there doesn't appear to be any agri representatives coming to this event. Per the email exchange below, James and Arif were going to see if any staff were interested in participating – please advise. Once determined, Chris: you may want to call or email with Chief Michelle to convey our decision – he can be reached at: 250-455-2200 **s.22**

Thank you.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Sent: February 12, 2019 7:57 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship

P.S. I'm not sure if this warrants a response to the Conference Manager from the MO, but I'll leave that to you to determine and action.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Sent: February 12, 2019 7:55 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship

Hi Chris:

To close the loop on this, please note that core executive discussed this matter yesterday **s.13,s.17**

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However, Arif and James will be circulating to their staff to

determine if there is any interest in sending someone from Agriculture to participate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: February 5, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship

Hi Shawna,

The MO received the below request – MLP is unable to attend due to the house being in session, but we wanted to pass on to staff to advise how/if the Ministry could participate in this conference otherwise. If you could help facilitate this it would be appreciated!

Thanks,
Chris

Chris Wieczorek

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From: Anna Barley
Sent: January 31, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Cc: Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX
Subject: Indigenous Green Economy Conference Sponsorship



Dear Honourable Minister Popham,

On behalf of the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to the Indigenous Green Economy Conference which will occur March 13th and 14th, 2019 in Vancouver at the Four Seasons. With Keynote speakers including Dr. Wade Davis and Dr. David Suzuki, this conference is sure to inspire a generation of innovative thinkers and collaborators. The first of its kind, this conference will bring together Indigenous leaders, Federal and Provincial Government representatives, subject-matter experts, and industry specialists to embark on a journey that will explore practical Indigenous opportunities in alternative energy and green economics, with a focus on nation-building and economic development. The Indigenous Green Economy Conference is led *by* Indigenous people *for* Indigenous people; Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council serves coastal First Nations communities and supports its member nations in realizing their full potential and quality of life now and for future generations.

Our vision is to enrich Canada through Indigenous participation in the emerging green economy by inspiring innovation and collaboration. The conference will foster the sharing of knowledge and new technologies, and empower Indigenous communities to confidently pursue viable opportunities in the emerging green marketplace. This is an opportunity to connect with Indigenous leaders, Government representatives, innovative thinkers and green economy pioneers to grow Canada together.

As the Minister of Agriculture your expertise in agricultural innovation and competitiveness would be an invaluable contribution to the Indigenous Green Economy Conference. Agriculture and climate change are deeply intertwined, and with the effects of global warming having an increasing effect on food supply, it is more important than ever to develop creative, sustainable solutions, particularly for rural and remote Indigenous communities. Most First Nations communities have a keen interest in enhancing their food security while creating opportunities for economic empowerment. Your support and/or attendance would help foster the conversations and knowledge sharing necessary to begin developing sustainable and innovative agricultural projects in First Nations communities across British Columbia.

Please find attached the IGEC Sponsorship package, which outlines the various ways that your Ministry can participate in this important conference. We are currently seeking both active federal participation in the Conference, as well as financial support.

As the conference is quickly approaching we look forward to your prompt response. For your convenience, we will follow up with your office next week (February 6th, 2019) to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your careful consideration and support,

Anna Barley
Conference Manager
For Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council

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From: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Baker, Tammy B SDPR:EX](#)
Cc: [Infante, James SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Minister Shane Simpson
Date: February 21, 2019 3:27:38 PM

Thanks Tammy!

From: Baker, Tammy B SDPR:EX
Sent: February 21, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Infante, James SDPR:EX <James.Infante@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Letter from Minister Shane Simpson

Hi Chris,

Enclosed please find letter from Minister Shane Simpson.

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Administrative Assistant to the
Honorable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Phone (250)356-7750 Fax (250)356-7792

From: [Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD "Request for Designation" - Due to DMO Feb 1st
Date: February 1, 2019 1:41:52 PM

You are welcome! Still waiting for the MLA Begg bullets but staff are aware the meeting is at 3:30 pm today.

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD 'Request for Designation' - Due to DMO Feb 1st

Thank you, Erin!

Chris Wieczorek

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From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: February 1, 2019 1:35 PM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD 'Request for Designation' - Due to DMO Feb 1st

Hi Chris.

Please find attached bullets for MLA Fraser regarding ACRD Request for Designation.

Thanks,
Erin



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From: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 4:39 PM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Subject: eApp 3640 FW: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD 'Request for Designation' - Due to DMO Feb 1st

Please see email below from Chris. Can you please send out a request for staff to provide bullets on this matter?

Thank you.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: January 24, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD 'Request for Designation'

Hi Shawna,

MLA Fraser's office received a request from some constituents regarding a request under the Meat Inspection Regulations. Would staff be able to provide some bullets that could be shared with the MLA to assist him in this meeting? My understanding is that it will be taking place in the second week of February (date tbc), so if it's possible to have something by February 4th that would be appreciated.

Let me know if you need anything else on my end,
Chris

Chris Wieczorek

Executive Assistant to Hon. Lana Popham
Minister of Agriculture for the B.C. Government

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From: **s.22**
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Fraser.MLA, Scott <Scott.Fraser.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Alex Dyer <adyer@acrd.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting Request, RE: ACRD 'Request for Designation'

Hi,

Please find attached a request for a meeting with Mr. Scott Fraser (MLA), in regards to a request for **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District 'Regional Designation' under the Meat Inspection Regulations**.

Also, please find attached the ACRD's comprehensive background document/Request for Designation, and a written copy of our presentation to the Standing Committee for Agriculture, Fish and Food.

Please contact me with any questions.

From: [Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#); [Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag
Date: February 25, 2019 10:22:26 AM

It's all Erin... she's the best!

Shawna Lyttle
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-----Original Message-----

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: February 25, 2019 9:55 AM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag

You guys are the best - thank you!

Chris

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

From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: February 25, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag

We are on it! I have asked that staff call within 48 hours.

Erin

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

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag

Perfect, thanks Erin! The original text of the email they sent from the constituency office is below - around the role of the SPCA from what I understand. In reviewing my email I see Jess and James were in contact about this previously and had requested the contact information, so the breakdown was on my end - sorry about that!

Anything else that I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know

Chris

" Good Morning Chris,

MLA Dean met with a group of constituents who are concerned with the BC SPCA and its responsibility to dogs.
The following are their meeting points:

“Conflicting Roles: They lobby, educate, are a charity, certify and endorse businesses, enforce and investigate animal cruelty, and now are inspectors for breeding laws. Their advocacy work and their enforcement show a conflict of interest. They should not write legislation that they then enforce and profit from. They have a huge amount of unchecked power, under the assumption that they are experts in everything animal, which they are not.

They Endorse and Certify Businesses of Dog Training, Farming, Pest Control, and inspect for the Breeding Law requirements, yet they are not Dog Trainers, Pest Control experts, Farmers, nor breeders. They are making profit from this certification process, as businesses must pay to join and go through their process. Their requirements for dog-trainers make it impossible to train dogs, and hundreds of dog trainers wrote saying as much. Many got a form email back, thanking them for their input, but it didn't align with their values so the concerns would be ignored.

They write and push their laws for municipalities, which shows their bias and lack of experience in said areas. Recently they had an ad campaign for 'help the black bears in your neighbourhood'. When you clicked on the link, it was a form letter to send to your own mayor and council, pushing their Model Animal Bylaw which is to do with dog training, and tethering, among other things. <https://spca.bc.ca/news/bylaws-bc-wildlife-attractants/> Yet the link had nothing to do with protecting wildlife other than a PDF on tips and suggestions. They are garnering support with broad topics like "Be a voice for wildlife" because we all want to help wildlife, but unknowingly, you are supporting a ban on tethering of dogs, which will make dogs in rural communities have a much lower quality of care than at present.

Currently they are exempt from having to provide Freedom of Information. They are able to search, seize and investigate, with no transparency about their process.

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

From: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Sent: February 25, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag

Good morning Chris.

I have checked my e-mail and have not been able to locate the original request. I don't believe staff have worked on this one and I am happy to initiate the request - can you please advise the topic?

Kind regards,
Erin

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

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:10 AM
To: Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX
Cc: Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting with Ag

Hi Erin,

s.22

I just wanted to follow up on this one - we had previously been in touch quite a while ago to set up a call between staff and MLA Dean's constituent on this issue. Their office phoned me late on Friday to say that their constituent hadn't yet heard from the Ministry, but in going through my files I'm not sure if I ever passed on this email with their contact information. Would you be able to advise if staff do already have this info and are planning on calling, or, if they were waiting for this on my end, when they would be able to reach out to the constituent?

With thanks,
Chris

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

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Sent: January 24, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Ag

Thanks Andrew! I'll pass this on to the Ministry to follow up on.

Warmly,
Chris

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

From: Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting with Ag

Hello Chris,

Please see the below note from **s.22** - she has asked that staff call her office **s.22** to try to set up a time to talk/meet.

Thanks again for your help and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Andrew

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

From: **s.22**
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Ag

Depending upon when I'm really hard to get a hold of. It might be best to give my office phone number and let Wendy set it up for me.

Thank you for all of your help with this.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 21, 2019, at 11:15 AM, Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Hello **s.22**

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> Thank you for your follow up here and we apologize for the delay in responding.

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> After your meeting with MLA Dean, we reached out to the Ministry of Agriculture to see if they would be available to discuss further with you. The Ministry has responded that setting up a further discussion and/or meeting would be possible - is there a phone number that they could reach you at?

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> Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

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> Kindest Regards,

> Andrew

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> Constituency Assistant to Mitzi Dean, MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin
> 250-952-5885 | #104-1497 Admirals Road, View Royal, BC V9A 2P8 |
> MitziDean.ca | Twitter | Facebook
>
> We acknowledge that the Esquimalt-Metchosin constituency is part of the Coast Salish Community and that we
operate on the territory of the Lekwungen, Sc'ianew, and Kosapsum Nations.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: **s.22**
> Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2019 3:22 PM
> To: Dean.MLA, Mitzi <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
> Subject: Meeting with Ag
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> Any possibilities for a meeting with agriculture?
>
> **s.22**
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Isobel Hoffmann](#)
To: [Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: PAAC - questions for annual rpt
Date: February 14, 2019 1:56:22 PM

sounds good Chris. I would like to get the rept out by Feb 25th. so sometime end of next week would be good

Isobel Hoffmann

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

From: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
To: 'Isobel Hoffmann' s.22
Cc: 'Phil Christie' s.22
Sent: Thu, 14 Feb 2019 14:11:55 -0700 (MST)
Subject: RE: PAAC - questions for annual rpt

Hi Isobel,

Great to hear from you! So far, so good, although I'm seeing a few flakes start to fall again outside of my office... I hope you're keeping warm on your end!

There are definitely updates on most (if not all) of these – is it okay if I get this back to you early next week? I just wanted to check on a few points to make sure I've got all the details correct.

Was looking forward to seeing everyone at PAAC tonight, but definitely a smart decision to postpone – hopefully we'll be well into spring by the time the next meeting rolls around!

All best,

Chris

From: Isobel Hoffmann s.22

Sent: February 14, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX <Chris.Wieczorek@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: 'Phil Christie' s.22
Subject: PAAC - questions for annual rpt

Hi Chris...hope you survived snowmagedon. Can't believe we are in for yet another dose of the white stuff
s.22

I am working on the 2018 Annual Report for PAAC and was including comments about the meeting the Minister attended last February (minutes attached) I was hoping you would be able to give me an update if any of the issues / projects mentioned below were developed, reinstated, etc. I know the new ALR regulations were presented...what is the status of this now (as of end of 2018)

- Reinstate Grow BC
- independent committee to review cannabis regulations on ALR land...public engagement process
- provide more extension services across the province to support farming and its landbase
- Feed BC Pilot Project
- Food processing Centre at UBC
- Reinstate Buy BC Programme

Anything new re Farm Worker Housing, Geese/Deer controls and culls, Farm water supplies and subsidies?

Thanks for your help

Isobel

s.22