

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

Ref: 193499

Date: January 28, 2021

Title: Minister Popham and BC SPCA meeting, February 2, 2021

Issue: Minister Popham is meeting with representatives from the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) on February 2, 2021 to discuss:

- Ongoing collaboration;
- Enforcement on commercial farms; and
- The BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission.

Background:

The BC SPCA

The BC SPCA is a not-for-profit charitable organization, funded primarily by public donations, with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia (B.C.). The BC SPCA was created in 1895, and it has authority under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCA Act). The PCA Act creates legislative force to prevent cruelty to animals in B.C., including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excluding wildlife. The BC SPCA is the only animal organization in B.C. with the authority to enforce laws under the PCA Act. The BC SPCA operates in 44 locations and employs 645 staff members and approximately 5,500 volunteers throughout B.C.

There are two distinct functions of the BC SPCA in B.C.: a regulatory function and a community outreach function. The BC SPCA is mandated under the PCA Act to respond to animals in distress. BC SPCA enforcement actions are performed by Special Provincial Constables. Currently, the BC SPCA has 34 full time Special Provincial Constables who are authorized to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect. BC SPCA constables investigate approximately 8,500 complaints of animal cruelty each year, at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million annually. The BC SPCA does not receive annual, dedicated funding from the Province for their enforcement actions.

Enforcement on commercial farms

The Animal Care Codes of Practice Regulation (the Regulation) came into force on June 1, 2019, under the PCA Act, to provide further protection for farm animals by establishing reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management. The Regulation applies to all farming and ranching operations in B.C. where the animals listed in section 2 of the Regulation are kept for the purposes of breeding, boarding, grazing, selling, training, and for the production of certain farm and ranch products and by-products. While failure to abide by the Codes of Practice is not necessarily an offence, following the Codes is a defense from conviction of animal distress. Referencing the Codes of Practice in regulation therefore provides an incentive to farmers and ranchers to follow these practices.

Approximately 20 percent of complaints received by the BC SPCA involve farm animals. Most of these complaints relate to either hobby farmers or equines. A very small percentage relate to enforcement on commercial farms (approximately 10 to 20 complaints per annum).

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Funding

A facility review in 2013 by the BC SPCA, and updated in 2019 to include all BC SPCA facilities, resulted in their adoption of a long-range Facilities Development and Services Plan (FDSP). The FDSP seeks to improve or replace facilities over a 16-year period (2014 to 2029) at a cost of \$117.5 million. The first phase of FDSP is complete (2014 to 2018) and covered facility replacement or redevelopment at six facilities (at a total cost of \$18.97 million). The second phase of FDSP covers a five-year period (2019 to 2024), and the projected total cost of this phase is \$51.4 million.

The BC SPCA's annual operating expenses grew from \$19.5 million in 2005 to \$38.5 million in 2018 as a result of expanded programing. This was matched by a similar growth in revenue due largely to the increase in donor support.

The BC SPCA received \$1.46 million from the Province as part of COVID-19 response funding to help animal care organizations through the pandemic.

Discussion:

Ongoing collaboration

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister requesting this meeting, their request is to "discuss how [AFF and the BC SPCA] can best partner together in the years ahead and help achieve... mutual goals, like promoting B.C.'s animal welfare laws, improving food security and continuing to improve conditions in farming communities".

AFF staff share a positive relationship with the BC SPCA. AFF staff regularly reach out to the BC SPCA for input on work and to include them in relevant consultations.

The majority of BC SPCA investigations involve companion animals, with approximately 82 percent of all investigations are related to dogs and cats. In 2018, BC SPCA's cruelty investigations program made up 12 percent of their total program spending. Because of their inherently small focus on farm animal protection, BC SPCA's expertise and knowledge of farm animals is limited. This is problematic for commercial farm operators; the lack of knowledge erodes trust of the BC SPCA within the farm animal community.

Enforcement on commercial farms

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister, their request is to provide important updates "regarding events that have occurred this fall related to concerns with respect to commercial farm investigations which have shifted some of our priorities".^{s.13}

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However, it is not the BC SPCA's responsibility to enforce the Codes of Practice, which outline generally accepted management practices for livestock and farm animal operators, including owners, managers, and employees. The Regulation was made to reference the Codes of Practice as reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management (section 24.02 of the PCA Act). A point of

tension in previous discussions between AFF staff and BC SPCA staff has been around the misunderstanding of the Regulation's intention.

The BC SPCA opposes extreme and illegal actions by animal rights advocacy groups, including farm invasions and trespass to install hidden cameras. They support government action to further penalize these illegal activities.

The BC SPCA have been internally contemplating whether they should continue with farm animal investigations. This follows the decision of other provinces (e.g., Ontario) to change their animal inspection model. After internal research and discussion, the BC SPCA decided to continue with their enforcement authorities as it relates to the PCA Act on commercial farms and to seek a solution with government.

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BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

Ref: 194860

Date: May 21, 2021

Title: Meeting scheduled with the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Animal Cruelty (BCSPCA) on Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Issue: Vancouver property project, farm inspections, financial contributions and information sharing

Background:

The BCSPCA is a not-for-profit charitable organization, funded primarily by public donations, with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia (B.C.). The role of the BCSPCA includes enforcement and community outreach. The BCSPCA was created in 1895, and it has authority under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act)*. The *PCA Act* creates a legislative framework to prevent cruelty to animals in B.C., including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excluding wildlife. The BCSPCA is empowered under the *PCA Act* to ensure animal welfare through inspection and enforcement of the regulations under this *Act*.

Updates on the following item have been requested for the May 25, 2021, meeting:

1. BCSPCA updates regarding the Vancouver property project and plans to inspect a small sub-set of farms.
2. Analysis of the financial contributions made by the provincial government to the BCSPCA
3. Sharing information with the BCSPCA on significant incidents of non-regular animal death or injury incidents.

Discussion:

- 1.) Vancouver property project and BCSPCA plans to inspect a small sub-set of farms.

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Past government funding received by the BCSPCA includes:

Fiscal Year	(in millions)	Description
2020/21	1.463	Funding for Animal Care Facilities, pandemic response.
2018/20	0.0815	Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) funding. Improving BCSPCA enforcement knowledge with respect to farm animals
2016/17	5.000	Contribution to new facility construction.
2014/15	5.000	To fund repairs and upgrades to several facilities.
2010/11	0.100	To develop Standard of Cares and a Code of Practice for the Sled Dog industry.

3.) Sharing information with the BCSPCA on significant incidents of non-regular animal death or injury incidents

The inability for Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries employees to share information regarding non-regular animal deaths with the BCSPCA is covered in the *Animal Health Act* (AHA). Section 16 of the AHA limits the release of information in the possession of the Ministry related to animals. The classes of protected information in Section 16 include information which would disclose the location, species, or animal owner, whether or not there is a disease outbreak. The AHA does allow for the disclosure of this protected information in some cases under Section 17. Part of the rationale for this limitation in the AHA is to protect farmers from any fallout that may arise due to unfettered access to information about animals for which they are responsible.

Suggested Response:

- Thank the BCSPCA for their commitment and dedication to representing the collective interests of farm animals in B.C.
- The Ministry is interested in reviewing the farm inspection report once completed.
- The Ministry is bound by the requirements of the *Animal Health Act* regarding sharing of information. Should there be situations where sharing is possible, ministry staff will connect with the BCSPCA as appropriate.
- The Ministry looks forward to a continued positive and productive relationship with the BCSPCA.

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2020/21	1.463	Funding for Animal Care Facilities, pandemic response.
2019/20	0.0815	Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) funding used to improve BCSPCA enforcement knowledge with respect to farm animals. A credible farm animal welfare training program for BCSPCA inspectors and agents was identified as an essential component of an effective provincial farm animal welfare approach. The training course uses the current scientific approach to the assessment of farm animal welfare and involves classroom learning and practical field experience.
2016/17	5.000	Contribution to new facilities construction. The grant was allocated to two projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal care facility in Prince George, including community animal care centre with facilities for seized companion animals, and an emergency facility • Flagship BCSPCA campus in Vancouver which will include a large community animal centre, veterinary hospital and provincial office. <p>\$5 million grant will remain intact in a capital fund until construction on one or both projects begins, precise allocation of \$5 million to each project is currently unavailable.</p>
2014/15	5.000	To fund repairs and upgrades to several facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelowna – large animal recovery and adoption barn (\$100k) • Surrey – cat intake and seizure facility (\$400k) • Nanaimo – community animal centre (\$1.3M) • Castlegar – community animal centre (\$900k) • Dawson Creek – community animal centre (\$800k) • Kamloops – community animal centre and vet hospital (\$1.5M).
2010/11	0.100	To develop Standards of Care and a Code of Practice for the Sled Dog industry. Funding was given to support BCSPCA involvement in code development.

For more detailed information regarding BCSPCA capital project needs totaling \$8M, see Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1

Facility name	Region	Facility update/description	Provincial Government funding requested	Social Good (all locations)	Mental Health Supports (all locations)	Community benefits (all locations)
Vancouver	LM/FV/SC	New Vancouver community animal centre, full service veterinary hospital, humane education centre and provincial office + potential partnership with City of Vancouver on animal control. Facility rebuilt on existing location.	\$ 4,000,000	Significantly expand the number of volunteer opportunities. (Van specific) Operates 'Charlie's Foodbank' which provides direct, low barrier access to pet food and veterinary services for Downtown Eastside residents' pets including a significant urban Indigenous population		(Van specific) Shelter and hospital staff are CUPE 1622 and staffing will be increased with new facility; hospital to become a teaching facility accredited with the various veterinary colleges across Canada; in partnerships with post-secondary academic institutions such as UBC, SFU and Uvic for practicum and co-op student placement
Cowichan	Vancouver Island	Construction of Canada's first full service animal behaviour centre. Estimate for 7,040 sq. ft. facility to meet local and Vancouver Island community needs, along with facilities to support humane education activities	\$ 500,000	Community hub for animal welfare needs and inquiries		Access (or connection) to low- or no-cost veterinary services
North Cariboo (Prince George)	Cariboo & North	New facility critically needed to meet community need. Potential partnership with City of PG for animal control component. Assumes 8,000 sq. ft. community animal centre with animal transfer capacity + 2,500 sq. ft. emergency response facility	\$ 1,250,000	Increased space for Peace Officers to conduct Cruelty Investigation work and house increasing numbers of animals per seizure. Emergency Management system to assist the pets of those fleeing natural disaster.		(PG specific) Staff are CUPE 1048 and unionized staffing levels will increase for new facility
North Peace	Cariboo & North	Recently identified significant need for additional housing capacity in the north for seized animals and animals from more northern communities. Requires prioritization in order for Society to continue to seize animals in North. Proposed expansion of dog wing in North Peace to accommodate need. City of Fort St. John has donated land on which facility sits to BC SPCA.	\$ 350,000	Connection to accredited dog trainers that provide humane, science-based behavioural training. Incoming need due to influx of 'pandemic puppies' brought into homes and facing either major life change (return to work/school) or lack of training through pandemic	Partnerships with local agencies (police, social work etc.) around the 'Violence Link' related to training and recognition of violence towards animals	Local procurement: Attaining 10% procurement of materials, goods and services from companies located in British Columbia. These may or may not also be equity-seeking third party certified businesses

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Shuswap	Okanagan & Kootenay	5 acre parcel of land purchased for new facility at \$475k. Shuswap identified as location for second dedicated behaviour centre for the Okanagan. Revised estimate for 7,000 sq. ft. facility. Additionally, potential site for second wildlife rehab centre.	\$ 500,000	Opportunity to offer programs such as obedience training and pet first aid courses	Partnerships with social support services to 'compassionate board' animals of those entering addiction recovery and rehabilitation programs, or hospitalized due to mental health emergencies	Wage alignment to prevailing industry rates to promote good wages for all employees
Alberni-Clayoquot	Vancouver Island	Successfully concluded negotiations for transfer of title to land from City to BC SPCA in 2020 with caveat that BC SPCA will spend \$250k on improvement over 5 years period. Focus of improvements to be in area of humane education, increasing capacity to support/partner with Ahousat First Nation. and surrounding communities and general facility upgrades.	\$ 100,000	Humane education programs for youth and adults	Increased capacity for 'emergency boarding' animals of people leaving interpersonal violence situations	Focus on priority hiring and training of Indigenous peoples, and women
Campbell River	Vancouver Island	Moving towards finalization of land donation by City of Campbell River for construction of 4,500 sq. ft. community animal centre based on BC SPCA Technical guidelines document. Lease on adoption centre renewed for further period of 3 years until March 31, 2023, but not a long term solution. n Technical Guidelines, size of facility should be 4,500 sq. ft.	\$ 1,000,000	Partnerships with local First Nations communities for animal wellness bylaw development, humane education opportunities, and pet food and veterinary outreach.		Local, inclusive employment: Making 10% of new entry level jobs available to people in community first, specifically those who are equity-seeking. Pet foodbank outreach and local pick up

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Surrey	LM/FV/SC	Further analysis of Surrey property and Society wide trends identifies need for additional triage capacity for seized animals. Existing capacity in place for cats, but improvements required to accommodate dogs. Continued upgrades to large animal seizure and adoption barn. Projected \$2M cost.	\$ 300,000			

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

BULLET POINTS

CLIFF#: 195826

Client / Writer: Office of MLA Rick Glumac

Main issues: Perceived lack of BC SPCA provincial funding

Bullets prepared by: Sarah Edmunds

Date prepared: 2021-08-30

Date due: 2021-09-07

- The B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) is a not-for-profit charitable organization with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia (B.C.). It was created under the auspices of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCAA), which falls under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.
- The BC SPCA is funded primarily by public donations and fundraising activities. Other large sources of revenue include legacy gifts and life insurance; sheltering, medical, clinical, and social enterprise services; and government grants and wage subsidies.
- The Province regularly contributes funding to the BC SPCA, including support for the BC SPCA's eight-year Facilities Development and Service Plan to replace and renovate aging shelters across B.C. Since 2015, the B.C. government has contributed a total of \$10 million towards this plan.
- Other BC SPCA projects funded by the Province include:
 - In the 2020/21 fiscal year, the BC SPCA was granted \$1.463 million for animal care facilities as part of the Province's pandemic response.
 - Funding for the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) was provided in the 2019/20 fiscal year to improve BC SPCA enforcement knowledge with respect to farm animals through a credible farm animal welfare training program for BC SPCA inspectors and agents.
 - \$100,000 in funding was given to the BC SPCA in the 2010/11 fiscal year to support their involvement in Code of Practice development for the sled dog industry.

Special Notes / Key Messages:

- The BC SPCA receives regular funding from the Province, particularly to replace and upgrade aging animal shelter infrastructure. In the past decade, the Province has committed over \$11.6 million for this and other projects to the BC SPCA.

From: Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX
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Subject: These docs will help with SPCA
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I also can talk about farm inspection for the note to help.

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION FOR MEETING
with BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on October 9, 2013

Ref: 178103

Date:

Issue: The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) may be looking for financial support to enforce the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act)*, as well as extended animal protections under the *PCA Act*.

Background:

- The *PCA Act* creates legislative force to prevent cruelty to animals in BC. BC SPCA administers the Act which applies to all animals in captivity, including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excludes wildlife.
- Currently, BC SPCA has 26 full time Special Provincial Constables who are authorized to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect.
- BC SPCA staff have indicated that the majority of their cruelty investigations involve companion animals as opposed to farm animals; of the farm animal investigations, a very large percentage of cases (approximately 80%) involve very small producers.
- BC SPCA is a non-profit organization funded primarily by public donations.
- In addition to its role as an enforcement agency, BC SPCA is actively involved in animal advocacy and has played an instrumental role in developing national codes of practice for farm animals.
- In July, 2013 the BC SPCA undertook consultations with the agriculture industry as part of their strategic planning process to question among other things, how government can best support animal welfare in BC.

Discussion:

Funding

- Since 2001, the BC SPCA has received approximately \$3.4 million dollars in provincial funding. In 2010/11, the Ministry of Agriculture provided the BC SPCA with a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to enhance the capacity of the BC SPCA to undertake animal cruelty investigations. Government also supports the BC SPCA by providing sponsored crown leases for many of its facilities, and under current GF2 funding, the BC SPCA will receive training in livestock and poultry care for their Special Provincial Constables, worth over \$325,000 over 5 years.
- BC SPCA however, does not receive annual, dedicated funding from the Province for enforcement related to livestock and companion animals as is the case in some other provinces (e.g. Alberta).
- BC SPCA has claimed chronic funding shortages to adequately enforce the *PCA Act* in BC.
- Early in 2013, the SPCAs in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan threatened to withdraw investigation services without additional government funding.
- SPCA funding may become a greater issue as public concern over animal welfare increases.

Extended animal protections under the *PCA Act*

- BC SPCA has played an influential role in developing the national codes of practice for farm animals under the National Farm Animal Care Council's code development process; national codes represent the currently accepted standard of care for farm animals in Canada.
- Some provinces reference the codes in legislation such as in Manitoba; BC SPCA may be wanting the Province to consider the same.
- The *PCA Act* may allow for the referencing of codes, however the livestock and poultry industries would likely not be supportive of such a move.

Next Steps: AGRI staff could explore policy proposals that may be brought forward by the BC SPCA.

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

Ministry of Agriculture
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER BOND FOR INFORMATION

Ref:

Date: April 24, 2014

Issue: The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) is looking for financial support to implement their Facilities Development and Services Plan (FDSP), which they have projected to require at least \$25.2 million in funding to implement over the next 8-year period.

Background:

Government's Relationship with BC SPCA

- The *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act)* establishes legislative requirements to prevent cruelty to animals in BC. BC SPCA administers the *PCA Act* which applies to all animals in captivity, including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excludes wildlife.
- As a result of public interest and a desire to increase transparency, the *PCA Act* was amended in 2012 to provide citizens with an appeals process when the BC SPCA has seized an animal. This amendment established the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BC FIRB) as the organization to hear the appeals.
- Currently, BC SPCA has 26 full-time Special Provincial Constables who are authorized to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect.
- BC SPCA staff indicate that most cruelty investigations involve companion animals as opposed to farm animals.
- In addition to its role as an enforcement agency, BC SPCA is actively involved in animal advocacy and has played an instrumental role in developing national codes of practice for farm animals.
- In July, 2013, the BC SPCA undertook consultations with the agriculture industry as part of their strategic planning process to question, among other things, how government can best support animal welfare in BC.

Funding

- BC SPCA is a non-profit organization funded primarily by public donations.
 - According to the information note they have provided, these donations account for approximately 70% of annual revenue, while fee-for-service contracts and animal related services account for the remaining 30%. The BCSPCA claims to have annual operating costs of \$27 million.
- BC SPCA does not receive annual, dedicated funding from the Province for enforcement related to livestock and companion animals under the *PCA Act* unlike some other provinces (e.g., Alberta).
- Since 2001, the BC SPCA has received approximately \$3.4 million in provincial funding. In 2010/11, the Ministry of Agriculture provided the BC SPCA with a grant of \$100,000 to enhance the capacity of the BC SPCA to undertake animal cruelty investigations. Government also supports the BC SPCA by providing sponsored Crown leases for many of its facilities, and under current Growing Forward 2 funding, the BC SPCA will receive training in livestock and poultry care for their Special Provincial Constables, worth over \$325,000 over 5 years.
- BC SPCA has claimed chronic funding shortages to adequately enforce the *PCA Act* in BC. These shortages may have risen due to additional costs associated with the appeals process introduced under the *PCA Act* in 2012.
- Early in 2013, the SPCAs in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan threatened to withdraw investigation services without additional government funding.
- BC SPCA funding may become a greater issue as public concern over animal welfare increases.

Discussion:

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BC SPCA's Request

- In the information note provided by the BC SPCA, their request is summarized as follows:
“The BC SPCA currently operates 40 facilities across the province of British Columbia, the majority of which are old by industry standard, at an average age of 25.5 years. Over the past ten years, the BC SPCA has constructed or upgraded nine of its facilities at a total cost of \$7.4 million. In spite of these initiatives, the Society's ten oldest facilities still range from 29 years (Nanaimo) to 55 years (Vancouver) in age. Most of these facilities require urgent replacement to maintain animal welfare or human health and safety standards.
- To address these concerns, the BC SPCA Board of Directors recently approved a Facilities Development and Services Plan (FDSP) which provides approval in principle for nine new capital projects and one significant renovation over the next eight-year period to 2021 in: Vancouver, Surrey, the Fraser Valley Region, Kamloops, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Prince George, Dawson Creek, Trail and Nanaimo.
- With a total anticipated cost projected at \$50.4 million, this plan will be the largest project undertaken in the history of the BC SPCA. The Society is confident that with financial support from members of the public and all levels of government, it can successfully execute this plan on time and on budget, ensuring the continuation and expansion of animal services and other significant benefits for communities, including job creation through construction projects and additional permanent employment positions at these new facilities.
- The BC SPCA is fully committed to raising half the cost of this project (\$25.2 million) through a combination of existing funding designated for capital purposes, capital campaign fundraising, and mortgage financing if necessary, but an additional commitment of \$25.2 million from other sources will be necessary to ensure completion of this plan.”
- Specific to Prince George, the FDSP as outlined states that in 2017, construction will begin on a s.17 Community Animal Centre and 3,000 square foot large animal seizure facility at a total cost of \$6.1 million
- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the FDSP with Minister Bond and request funding from the provincial government, including information on any formal process or documentation that is necessary to make that request.

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Subject: ACTION FOR RUSH MATERIALS: BN re. BCSPCA

Importance: High

Hi Angie,

Can you please eApp this as a RUSH as this meeting is on Tuesday at 10:40am. I'm not sure if it needs to go to AHB or if Jen is able to pull something together quickly?

Chris – I'll let you ask Jen about this as there really is no time.

Thanks!
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Hi,

Please: BN re. BCSPCA:

1. Updates as available to last briefing. In particular:

-status of Vancouver property project

-update on their plans to inspect a small sub-set of farms

2. Table and analysis of financial contributions made by BC Gov over the last ten years or more

3. Discussion re. rationale for not sharing with BCSPCA real-time or delayed information re. large-scale or otherwise significant incidents of relevant non-regular animal death or injury incidents

Thank you, S.

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Hi Gray and Sandra,

I am happy to provide the updates but just waiting on a response from Craig in case there is more specific info
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Regards,
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Subject: another briefing note on the BCSPCA
Attachments: c 193499_IBN_MIN_BCSPCA.docx

Hi Gray

Here is another bn that may provide information

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

Ref: 193499

Date: January 28, 2021

Title: Minister Popham and BC SPCA meeting, February 2, 2021

Issue: Minister Popham is meeting with representatives from the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) on February 2, 2021 to discuss:

- Ongoing collaboration;
- Enforcement on commercial farms; and
- The BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission.

Background:

The BC SPCA

The BC SPCA is a not-for-profit charitable organization, funded primarily by public donations, with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia (B.C.). The BC SPCA was created in 1895, and it has authority under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCA Act). The PCA Act creates legislative force to prevent cruelty to animals in B.C., including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excluding wildlife. The BC SPCA is the only animal organization in B.C. with the authority to enforce laws under the PCA Act. The BC SPCA operates in 44 locations and employs 645 staff members and approximately 5,500 volunteers throughout B.C.

There are two distinct functions of the BC SPCA in B.C.: a regulatory function and a community outreach function. The BC SPCA is mandated under the PCA Act to respond to animals in distress. BC SPCA enforcement actions are performed by Special Provincial Constables. Currently, the BC SPCA has 34 full time Special Provincial Constables who are authorized to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect. BC SPCA constables investigate approximately 8,500 complaints of animal cruelty each year, at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million annually. The BC SPCA does not receive annual, dedicated funding from the Province for their enforcement actions.

Enforcement on commercial farms

The Animal Care Codes of Practice Regulation (the Regulation) came into force on June 1, 2019, under the PCA Act, to provide further protection for farm animals by establishing reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management. The Regulation applies to all farming and ranching operations in B.C. where the animals listed in section 2 of the Regulation are kept for the purposes of breeding, boarding, grazing, selling, training, and for the production of certain farm and ranch products and by-products. While failure to abide by the Codes of Practice is not necessarily an offence, following the Codes is a defense from conviction of animal distress. Referencing the Codes of Practice in regulation therefore provides an incentive to farmers and ranchers to follow these practices.

Approximately 20 percent of complaints received by the BC SPCA involve farm animals. Most of these complaints relate to either hobby farmers or equines. A very small percentage relate to enforcement on commercial farms (approximately 10 to 20 complaints per annum).

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A facility review in 2013 by the BC SPCA, and updated in 2019 to include all BC SPCA facilities, resulted in their adoption of a long-range Facilities Development and Services Plan (FDSP). The FDSP seeks to improve or replace facilities over a 16-year period (2014 to 2029) at a cost of \$117.5 million. The first phase of FDSP is complete (2014 to 2018) and covered facility replacement or redevelopment at six facilities (at a total cost of \$18.97 million). The second phase of FDSP covers a five-year period (2019 to 2024), and the projected total cost of this phase is \$51.4 million.

The BC SPCA's annual operating expenses grew from \$19.5 million in 2005 to \$38.5 million in 2018 as a result of expanded programing. This was matched by a similar growth in revenue due largely to the increase in donor support.

The BC SPCA received \$1.46 million from the Province as part of COVID-19 response funding to help animal care organizations through the pandemic.

Discussion:

Ongoing collaboration

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister requesting this meeting, their request is to "discuss how [AFF and the BC SPCA] can best partner together in the years ahead and help achieve... mutual goals, like promoting B.C.'s animal welfare laws, improving food security and continuing to improve conditions in farming communities".

AFF staff share a positive relationship with the BC SPCA. AFF staff regularly reach out to the BC SPCA for input on work and to include them in relevant consultations.

The majority of BC SPCA investigations involve companion animals, with approximately 82 percent of all investigations are related to dogs and cats. In 2018, BC SPCA's cruelty investigations program made up 12 percent of their total program spending. Because of their inherently small focus on farm animal protection, BC SPCA's expertise and knowledge of farm animals is limited. This is problematic for commercial farm operators; the lack of knowledge erodes trust of the BC SPCA within the farm animal community.

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In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister, their request is to provide important updates "regarding events that have occurred this fall related to concerns with respect to commercial farm investigations which have shifted some of our priorities". s.13

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However, it is not the BC SPCA's responsibility to enforce the Codes of Practice, which outline generally accepted management practices for livestock and farm animal operators, including owners, managers, and employees. The Regulation was made to reference the Codes of Practice as reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management (section 24.02 of the PCA Act). A point of

tension in previous discussions between AFF staff and BC SPCA staff has been around the misunderstanding of the Regulation's intention.

The BC SPCA opposes extreme and illegal actions by animal rights advocacy groups, including farm invasions and trespass to install hidden cameras. They support government action to further penalize these illegal activities.

The BC SPCA have been internally contemplating whether they should continue with farm animal investigations. This follows the decision of other provinces (e.g., Ontario) to change their animal inspection model. After internal research and discussion, the BC SPCA decided to continue with their enforcement authorities as it relates to the PCA Act on commercial farms and to seek a solution with government.

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BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister, their request is to "have a conversation about the 2021 Budget Submission and how the capital and operating funds we have requested can be used to drive pandemic response priorities and economic recovery efforts with the job creation opportunities they provide to communities".

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Contact: Britney Irvine, Senior Policy Analyst, 778-698-4029

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Sent: May 21, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Boden, Wanda CSNR:EX
Cc: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX
Subject: RE: Rush Request - Question on financial contributions made by the BC govt to the BC SPCA

Thank you – much appreciated !

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Hi Sandra,

As requested, here is a table summarizing payments to the BC SPCA over the past 10 years.

Fiscal Year	(in millions)	Description
2020/21	1.463	Funding for Animal Care Facilities, pandemic response.
2016/17	5.000	Contribution to new facility construction.
2014/15	5.000	To fund repairs and upgrades to several facilities.
2010/11	0.100	To develop Standard of Cares and a Code of Practice for the Sled Dog industry.

Wanda

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Hi Wanda,

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Table and analysis of financial contributions made by BC Gov over the last ten years or more

Would you be able to provide this information to us. We will include the information in a note we are preparing for the Minister's Office that is due tomorrow morning at 11:00.

Appreciate any information that you have to share – apologies for the tight timelines.

Thank you

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Oh, yes, good catch. Pretty sure itll be s.17 I will check!

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Hi Gray

Elissa was asking if the reference to s.17 - would you be okay checking back with them and confirming so that we have for our records. For purpose of the note Elissa will just write something to the effect that additional s.17 ...etc

Thank you
Sandra

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To: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
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Sent: May 21, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX; Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Great, thank you both!

Elissa

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Cc: Whittington, Elissa AFF:EX <Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Hey guys!

Checked with Marcie and yes, it means^{s.17}



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Sent: May 25, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Shew, Hanna AFF:EX
Subject: FW: SPCA - update Eapp 2970

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From: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 25, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>
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From: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX
Sent: May 25, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Rhodes, Angie AFF:EX
Subject: RE: SPCA - update Eapp 2970

Thank you !

From: Rhodes, Angie AFF:EX <Angie.Rhodes@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 25, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: SPCA - update Eapp 2970

I've re-opened the eapp and it's now with Sandra.



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To: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>; Rhodes, Angie AFF:EX <Angie.Rhodes@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: May 25, 2021 2:23 PM
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Hi Arlene

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Sent: May 25, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX
Cc: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX
Subject: RE: SPCA - update Eapp 2970

Hi Arlene - Gray and I will work on answering the questions below - thank you Sandra

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Sent: May 25, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Marcie Moriarty
Cc: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

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Gray

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Hey Marcie! Just wanted to verify something. Below you mentioned

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I'm assuming that is ^{s.17}

😊. Just want to be sure.

Best wishes

Gray

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Sent: May 26, 2021 8:58 AM
To: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Ok, thank you Sandra

From: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 8:57 AM
To: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Hi Gray

Checked with Arlene and she suggested we check up the line – I will email Hanna and see what she says.

Thank you
Sandra

From: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Good morning Sandra. Looks like Marcie will get back to us Friday. Will that be ok or is the timeline tighter than that?

We can probably do some digging in the meantime and see if we do happen to have any information on this. But I'm
s.17 , hence why it isn't a quick response
like last time.

What do you think?

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Sent: May 21, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Cc: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Hey Marcie! Just wanted to verify something. Below you mentioned

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I'm assuming that is s.17

😊. Just want to be sure.

Best wishes
Gray

From: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Question from Agriculture re: updates

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Hi Gray and Sandra,
Here is some more re Vancouver:
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cheers,
Marcie

Marcie Moriarty

(She/Her)

Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer

and guardian to Pip and Zorro

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Cc: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Thank you very much for your quick and helpful response Marcie. 😊

If Craig has anything else to add that would be wonderful!

Best wishes
Gray

From: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Question from Agriculture re: updates

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Hi Gray and Sandra,

I am happy to provide the updates but just waiting on a response from Craig in case there is more specific info

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Regards,
Marcie

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To: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Cc: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Question from Agriculture re: updates

Hi Marcie!

Happy Thursday!

My colleague Sandra and I have been asked by the Minster's Office to provide some updates about some BCSPCA items:

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Would you be able to provide us with a quick update on these items? It's a bit of a rush request that we have to have done for tomorrow morning at 11, so if it is possible to give us a quick response we would be very grateful!

Kind regards,
Gray

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From: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX
Sent: May 26, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX
Cc: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX
Subject: FW: BCSPCA

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From: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BCSPCA

FYI

From: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BCSPCA

FYI – see more detail on the funding request – need to be specific on what the funding was for and pls go back as far as possible to obtain govt contribution info. I know staff have reached out to Marcie – if this takes a bit longer to obtain the additional info – that is ok. We need a complete and detailed package for the MO.

Thanks

JLM

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 9:44 AM
To: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Popham, Lana AFF:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BCSPCA

Hi,

Here is a heart-warming video announcement of the 2nd \$5m investment (Jan 2017) in the BCSPCA, with MLA Thornwaite and CEO Daniel:

<https://spca.bc.ca/news/government-b-c-announces-5-million-bc-spcas-capital-plan/>

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Thanks, S.

Sam Godfrey

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Sent: August 26, 2021 2:56 PM
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX
Cc: Rhodes, Angie AFF:EX
Subject: MLA Glumac: Constituent question about provincial funding for the SPCA

Hi Alyssa,

Can you cliff this request, please? I would like to action bullets to respond to questions about BC funding for SPCA?
Please see email thread below for reference.

Thank you,

Ellora

From: Glumac.MLA, Rick <Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Constituent question about provincial funding for the SPCA

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Hello Ellora,

It would be great if AFF can get some bullets on these questions! It's okay if it takes 2-weeks.

Thank you,

Akshat Nagpal ([he/him](#)) | Constituency Assistant

Rick Glumac, MLA | Port Moody-Coquitlam

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Sent: August 25, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Glumac.MLA, Rick <Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Constituent question about provincial funding for the SPCA

Hi Akshat,

I apologize in the delay. Would you like me to request some bullets from AFF in response to these questions? We are currently looking at a 2-week turn around if that's okay?

Thank you,

Ellora Sundhu

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I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and all the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia, on whose territories I am grateful to work, live and learn.

From: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Constituent question about provincial funding for the SPCA

Jack Garnier

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Glumac.MLA, Rick" <Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Date: August 17, 2021 at 2:12:19 PM PDT
To: "Garnier, Jack AFF:EX" <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Constituent question about provincial funding for the SPCA

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Hello Jack,

I am a CA from MLA Rick Glumac's office. It's great to reach out to you for the first time! A constituent is wondering why the SPCA does not get financial support from the provincial government.

A quick search led me to Charity Intelligence, which says the following: [BC SPCA \(charityintelligence.ca\)](https://charityintelligence.ca)

In F2020, the charity received \$3.9m in government funding representing 1% of total revenues.
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Though it's not clear if this is provincial or federal funding.

Also, according to the SPCA website, they received \$5 million to renovate or replace aging shelters in March 2017. Government funding a huge boost to BC SPCA capital plan

Would it be appropriate to respond to this constituent with these points? Could you provide any guidance on this question? Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,

Akshat Nagpal ([he/him](#)) | Constituency Assistant

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From: s.22
Sent: July 17, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Glumac.MLA, Rick <Rick.Glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: SPCA...

Hello Mr. Glumac,

I am a regular donor to the SPCA, but a question keeps coming up for which I can't find a reasonable answer. The question is, why does the Government of British Columbia not support the SPCA financially at all? Please see the attached email for details of a current important SPCA response to the wildfires.

Sincerely awaiting your response,

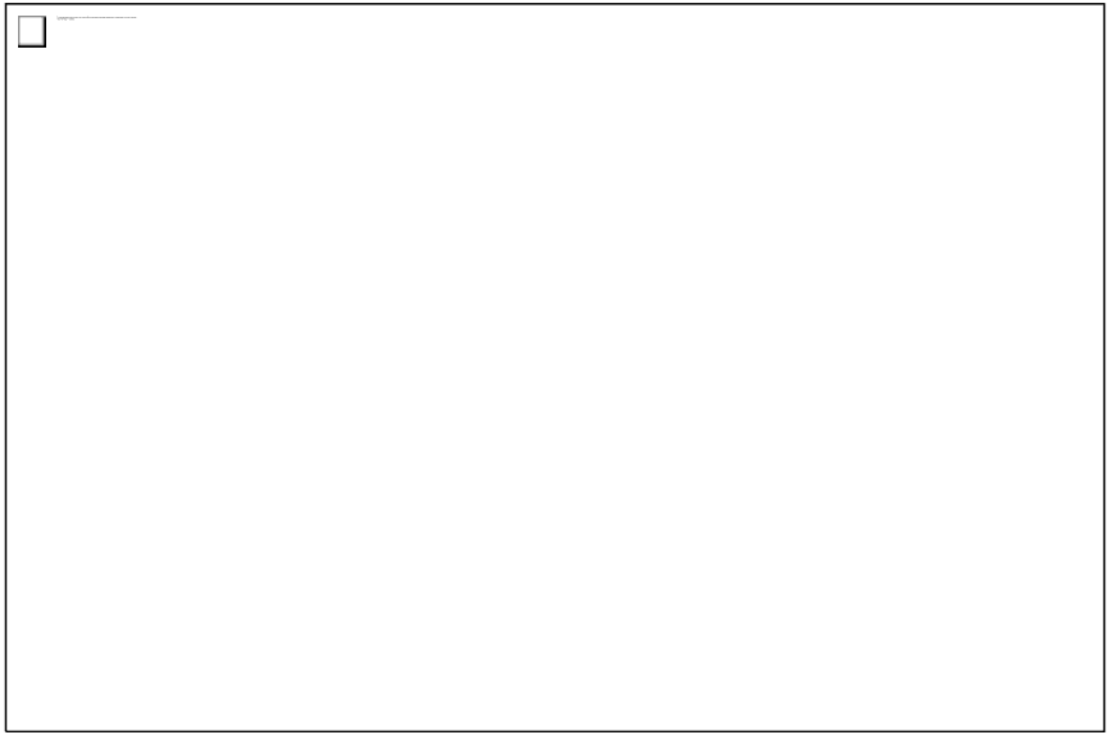
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From: "Geoff Urton" <geoff@spca.bc.ca>
Subject: **Walter, your donation continues to help!**
Date: July 16, 2021 at 3:45:11 PM PDT
To: s.22
Reply-To: Geoff Urton <donations@spca.bc.ca>

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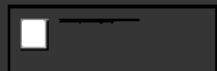
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From: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX
Sent: January 17, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX
Subject: FW: Issues notes for review
Attachments: s.13

Hi,

I made comments and edits to the Animal Welfare and on-farm protests note. I have nothing to add to the mink note.

Hope these help.

Arlene

From: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Issues notes for review

See nothing in here that jumps out but just having you take a look
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From: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Issues notes for review

Hi Ardice,

These two issues notes were identified as a couple of the priority notes for session so hoping you can review and let me know if you have any feedback from your end of things by Tuesday. Have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Brian Cotton
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