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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: Greetings and Safe Transit for Highway 16 Communities

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

From: Stevenson, David ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:39 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Cc: Nash, Laurel ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Greetings and Safe Transit for Highway 16 Communities

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:30 PM
To: Stevenson, David ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Greetings and Safe Transit for Highway 16 Communities

Thanks, David.

Just wondering re conversation about transit - Chastity, Laurel and I are meeting with Deb in Transportation on Monday.

Jodi

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From: Stevenson, David ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:05 PM
To: ABR PCR All Staff
Subject: FW: Greetings and Safe Transit for Highway 16 Communities

Hi Folks

Just passing along the info of ^{s.22} whom I met in Vancouver Wed at a meeting with VanCity folks, ^{s.22}
^{s.22} I offered to pass on her info, likely more
relevant to Jodi, re the MACAW like work.

Please feel free to forward as you see appropriate.

Thanks

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

From: ^{s.22}

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:45 PM

To: placerte@bcaafc.com; Stevenson, David ABR:EX

Subject: Re: Greetings and Safe Transit for Highway 16 Communities

Hi Paul and David,

Great to connect with you about establishing transit options for the communities along Highway 16. My contact information is below and look forward to meeting to discuss the possibilities further.

As an FYI, I have attached a brief bio and my resume so you have a sense of my background ^{s.22}

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Safe travels back to Victoria and enjoy the lovely weather.

Best Regards,

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To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting with Transportation/Chastity - Monday

From: Nash, Laurel ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Cc: Holmes, Rachel ABR:EX; Kowalewsky, Sheila J ABR:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting with Transportation/Chastity - Monday

Hi there is no follow up. Most is a bit nervous that the discussion will focus on Hwy 16. I let Deborah know the approach that Chastity talks(solutions oriented vs confrontational) so who was more comfortable.

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So we can explore as part of the meeting.

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Nash, Laurel ABR:EX
Cc: Holmes, Rachel ABR:EX; Kowalewsky, Sheila J ABR:EX
Subject: Meeting with Transportation/Chastity - Monday

Hi Laurel –

I wanted to determine if there was any follow-up from your call with Deb this week that you wanted me to address before we meet on Monday.

Also, I will send background info (ppt presentation, etc) to Deb and others Chastity is meeting with on Monday.

Thanks,
Jodi

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: Prince George - forum?

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2014 3:38 PM
To: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX
Cc: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Prince George - forum?

Thanks very much, Jan. I have shared the report, and your request for Deborah's notes, with Greg.

From: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2014 10:37 AM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Cc: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: FW: Prince George - forum?

Hi Sandy,

I'm passing this on as Jodi requested. BTW, I attended an interesting presentation from Debra and Greg on their findings from their northern road trip. Deb said she would share her notes which will be very informative and potentially connected to other pieces of our work.

Regards, Jan

From: Labrie, Louise [<mailto:Louise.Labrie@ps-sp.gc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 8, 2014 6:26 AM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Cc: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX; Smythe, Tracy ABR:EX; Marion, Chantal
Subject: RE: Prince George - forum?

Hi Jodi,

Here is the report we received from the community.

Regards,

Louise Labrie
Senior Advisor/Conseillère principale
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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX [<mailto:Jodi.Newnham@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 12:06 PM
To: Marion, Chantal; Labrie, Louise
Cc: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX; Smythe, Tracy ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Prince George - forum?

Thanks so much, Chantal.

Jan: can you please share with Sandy Evans when you receive the info from Chantal? Thank you.

From: Marion, Chantal [<mailto:Chantal.Marion@ps-sp.qc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX; Labrie, Louise
Cc: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX; Smythe, Tracy ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Prince George - forum?

Hi Jodi. I will follow up with Louise, who would have received the information from the community and let you know. Thanks.

Chantal Marion
Senior Policy Advisor / Conseillère principale en politiques
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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX [<mailto:Jodi.Newnham@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:09 PM
To: Marion, Chantal
Cc: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX; Smythe, Tracy ABR:EX
Subject: Prince George - forum?

Hi Chantal,

Just wondering if you have anything that provides a summary/overview of the forum that you were organizing earlier this year in Prince George. Some of my colleagues in the Ministry of Transportation are involved in work with communities in/around PG so wanted to provide them with any info you may have. Also look forward to learning more myself about the outcomes.

Please also copy Jan/Tracy^{s.22}

Regards,
Jodi

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Rogers, Dru ABR:EX

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

thanks for everything, Jodi. s.22

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: August 1, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX; Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Hi Sandy -

I've confirmed that Wendy Cheney is your best contact at AADNC.

Her contact info is:
(604) 775-5058
wendy.cheney@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca

s.22 I am hoping that she will be able to forward any information from our colleagues in Public Safety Canada who recently held a forum in PG that was focused on safety and urban/rural transition for Aboriginal communities. I am also hoping she can recall who in government worked with a First Nations community to develop a driver training program.

It would also be great if you are able to share your BN – much appreciated.

Thanks,
Jodi

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2014 7:48 AM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Apologies that everything is coming to you in many different emails - s.22
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BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres – you may want to contact Ron Rice re: gaming grants (RRice@bcaafc.com). More info at: <http://www.bcaafc.com/initiatives/gaming>.

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:54 AM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Thanks, Jodi. Nice chatting with you yesterday. ☺

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:53 AM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Hi Sandy –

Here is some info that we had provided to Public Safety Canada when they were preparing a workshop a few months ago in PG; I am in the process of following up with PSC to see whether they have anything useful from their forum, as well as finding an AANDC contact.

Thanks,
Jodi

Prince George Native Friendship Centre – executive director Barb Ward Burkitt
General number – 250 564-3568

Carrier Sekani Family Services – executive director Warner Adam
General number – 250 562-3591

Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Training Association
– they manage the Aboriginal skills & employment training funding from the federal government.
General number – 250 561-1199

Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of British Columbia – executive director Darlene Shackelly
-based in Vancouver but they have staff/office in Prince George
General number to connect with Darlene – 604 985-5355

First Nations Health Council – North region reps – not sure if these are current

- Warner Adam
- Charles Morven
- Tammy Watson

First Nation Health Director – North region – Lauren Brown
General number FNHC- Vancouver – 604 913-2080

Prince George Aboriginal Business Centre
-supports Aboriginal entrepreneurs.
General number – 250 562-6326

Prince George Metis Community Association
General number 250 561-2665

Additional information that may be of assistance.

Here is a list of organizations in PG that BC Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provides funding to for victim services and violence against women and children programs in Prince George:

Prince George and District Elizabeth Frye Society
Prince George Native Friendship Centre
Surpassing our Survival (SOS) Society Sexual Violence and Prevention Services
Phoenix Transition Society
City of Prince George (for police based victim service program)

Also perhaps the guide to Aboriginal Organizations and Services in British Columbia which provides a fairly extensive list for Prince George along with Metis and First Nations communities. This is an excel document and thus you can sort the list according to several categories. Here is the link to the guide. <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/services/guide.html>

From: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:10 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Hi, Jodi. As part of the conversations and research underway in my ministry with respect to transportation between communities along the Highway 16 corridor between Prince Rupert and Prince George, I've been asked to identify funding programs and transportation services available to First Nations. I've been researching social programs ... Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, BC First Nations Health Authority, and Health Canada ... looking for initiatives with a transportation component.

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Thanks for your help.

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:03 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: Min of Transportation - update

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2014 9:55 AM
To: Gottfred, Jan ABR:EX
Subject: Min of Transportation - update

Hi Jan – as you have probably figured from the flurry of emails, I spoke with Sandy and Greg on July 30.

They have been conducting their consultations over the last few weeks. Given that their consultation is with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups, it sounds like they have received diverse feedback. ^{s.13,s.16}
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Hopefully that helps provide some context – likely they will be in touch again over the coming weeks.
Jodi

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Subject: FW: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2014 7:44 AM
To: Miles, Barbara S ABR:EX; Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Thanks, Barb. Can't believe I forgot that one. Although it is specific to transportation to the Elders Gathering it is definitely worth including.

From: Miles, Barbara S ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 5:02 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX; Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

One more, although you may already have this one.... The BC Elders Transportation Program
<http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/cultural/fcf/transportation.html> and <http://www.bcaafc.com/programs/first-citizens-fund>

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:52 PM
To: Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX
Cc: Miles, Barbara S ABR:EX
Subject: FW: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Thanks so much, Barb.

Sandy – here is another lead.

From: Miles, Barbara S ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: RE: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Hi Jodi,

Sorry for the delay in responding – been a wee bit busy of late. The only thing that comes to mind is the Non-insured health benefits through Health Canada. They used to include some transportation costs for certain types of services. I've been out of that loop for some time so am unsure whether that support continues.

Here is a link to the program - <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/nihb-ssna/index-eng.php>

Cheers,
Barb

From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Miles, Barbara S ABR:EX
Subject: FW: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

Barb – is this something you ever come across? I don't have immediate answers so thought I would start checking around to see what others might know.

Thanks,
Jodi

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To: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: TRAN Highway 16 consultations

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:08 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: Meeting Notes - MACAW Strategic Planning Session Apr 30 '15 revised.docx
Attachments: Meeting Notes - MACAW Strategic Planning Session Apr 30 '15 revised.docx

Hi Dru – here are the notes from a recent meeting.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION MEETING NOTES

DAY 1

Date and Time: April 30, 2015; 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Native Courtworker and Counselling Assoc. of BC (NCCABC) Office. #207 – 1999 Marine Drive, North Vancouver

Attendees: **MARR:** Laurel Nash, Jodi Newnham, Monica Cox, Leslie Anne Paige/**Health:** Shannon McDonald/**Justice:** Lynda Cavanaugh, Taryn Walsh/**PODV:** Lori Pruce/**Transportation:** Deborah Bowman/**MACAW:** Chastity Davis (Chair), Marjorie White, Darlene Shackelly, Sophie Pierre, Debbie Williams, Paulette Flamond, Barb Ward-Burkitt, Annita McPhee/**Secretariat:** Lona MacKay (Recorder)/**Transformation:** Carol Anne Hilton (Facilitator)

Regrets: **MARR:** Rachel Holmes/**Justice:** Marcie Mezzarobba/**MCFD:** Denise Devenny/**PODV:** Bev Dicks, Sobhana Daniel/**MACAW:** Mary Teegee (Co-Chair), Lorna Williams

#	Item	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
1.	Breakfast	8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	-
2.	Welcome and introduction by Chastity Davis, MACAW Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Opening prayer (Marjorie White) – MACAW: new flavour/new focus—from emphasis on addressing 'violence' (MACAW will continue to support) to 'wellness'—looking through a holistic Indigenous lens both on and off reserve – MACAW's role is to provide advice to government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Where can MACAW best provide advice? o How do Ministries start working collaboratively? How can MACAW assist in that process within Ministry mandates? o Need more formalized vs. ad hoc relationship/partnership/collaboration with government – Input will allow MACAW to prioritize its quarterly meeting agendas 	-
3.	Justice Presentation 9:25-9:45 a.m.\ (Hand-outs)	<p><i>Lynda Cavanaugh, ADM, Community Safety & Crime Prevention, Justice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Understands MACAW can't be all things to all people – Vision for a Violence Free BC (VFBC) involved 9 Ministries (acknowledged could have been better consultation) <u>Engagement (p. 3):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is to be the level/timing/frequency/follow-up/collaboration around 'Engagement'? - May be times where Engagement is not possible, but this is a start <u>Expenditure of Civil Forfeiture Grants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have until September to allocate 'Civil Forfeiture' funds (derived from property confiscated due to illegal activity) - Need an Aboriginal-specific meaningful approach to address root causes/stop violence in communities through strategic allocation of \$; Aboriginal people are not like everyone else (e.g. victimization close to triple that of non-Aboriginal women) 	<p>For further discussion with Justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Engagement' - Idea of a separate standalone Aboriginal VFBC Strategy
4.	Transportation Presentation 9:45–10:20 a.m.	<p><i>Deborah Bowman, ADM, Transportation Policy & Programs, Transportation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Previously a more stand-alone Ministry; starting to be welcomed into government partnerships – Engaged in a 5-week journey along Hwy. 16 in 3-day stints. Met with 32 First Nations by letter/phone along the corridor to discuss issues/provide information—13 communities responded. Met with 13 Chiefs, Councils, Mayors, NGOs [including Mary Teegee from Carrier Sekani Family Services(CSFS)]—(80 leaders in total) to discuss transportation issues/service availability – Themes: aging demographic; transportation accessed through Greyhound (subject to demand), volunteers, health services; hitchhiking typically happens from rural community to centre – Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provided \$75K to CSFS to provide driver training to address communities with vehicles but no licensed drivers. 	

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		Criticism is that this doesn't go far enough. Need for driver train the trainer Class 4 education	
#	Item	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
4.	Transportation Presentation cont'd 9:45–10:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established a Hwy 16 Community Access portal: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=E332AB85DCE249CE9C403B32CB981290 Engaged in outreach with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), which does have a transportation budget but is limited to medical purposes. Five locales along 800 km. Potential mechanism to consult with communities. Need community to agree on what is the 'vision' of this transportation service. s.13,s.16 Provide Procurement and Social Enterprise opportunities for First Nations (Annita/Paulette) Taxis: issue of licensing <p>Additional Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy—need a special course to encourage driver education (Annita) Requirement to attend court proceeding in the city in which the offense occurred—Justice should enable attendance via teleconference Transition Houses not located in personal communities—no transportation available to maintain connection with families and communities Keep services intact [e.g. Telegraph, Dease Lake, Isku—no transition houses; 8 hours to Terrace (from Telegraph)] Need transportation for safety, jobs, court appearances 	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chastity/MACAW to meet again with Transportation Chastity to connect Transportation (Deborah) with industry partner
10:20–10:40 a.m.		BREAK	
5.	Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) (Hand-outs) 10:40–11:20 a.m.	<p><i>Laurel Nash, Acting ADM, Strategic Initiatives, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going through renewal process in MARR/more collaboration internally Have a new Executive Team (Doug Caul, DM; Neilane Mayhew, Assoc. DM/COO) MARR's Strategic Plan pending 'Natural Resources' an established part of Ministry; 'Socio-Cultural' not as well organized as could be; needs more work Looking for a better way to be engaged (e.g. ADM Committee) Not 'program' oriented. Leverages business for actions—not a one-size-fits-all Minister wants to support a 1-3 day Roundtable Family Gathering in Prince George Is addressing challenges re: Aboriginal workforce participation (e.g. Pathways Program: towards addressing workforce barriers, including for Aboriginal women) Bringing First Nations/off-reserve together First Nations mining—Aboriginal Mine Training Assoc./Aboriginal Mentorship Training Program – leveraging \$30 million with federal government Skills and training being allocated by First Nations (e.g. Treaty 8 region in N.E.) 	
#	Item	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
5.	Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do training if they aren't being hired? Get them to start a business. How can we build our people up to have self-esteem and build our own resources? Need 'essential skills'/'life schools' (Paulette) 'Pathways to Success' program is supposed to address the basics (Laurel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MARR/MACAW to engage in further discussion regarding the Joint Partners Table, Family Gathering, and off-reserve jobs/skills training

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	(Hand-out) 10:40-11:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Off-reserve aren't able to access on-reserve training opportunities - How can we in provincial government structure ourselves differently? (e.g. working in communities, because it's not a one-size-fits-all) - Need for further dialogue because so intricately connected (Barb) - We're all part of a team, all looking to do what's best (Paulette) 	
6.	Provincial Office of Domestic Violence (PODV) (Hand-out) 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	<p><i>Lori Pruce, Manager, Aboriginal Engagement and Partnerships, Provincial Office of Domestic Violence</i></p> <p><u>PODV background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PODV uses a 'Reporting Template' to obtain input from Ministries on relevant actions - Marcia Dawson conducted PODV's initial consultation process; Lori has subsequently focused on Partnership and Engagement; coordinating systems families are working with, including safety of women experiencing domestic violence <p><u>Recommended actions:</u></p> <p><u>Aboriginal engagement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attempting to address within systems Aboriginal people don't trust. The way out is through investment into Aboriginal cultural and community-led and based action. Insert Indian ways of being/thinking into a system that hasn't worked for Aboriginal people (Chastity) - Aboriginal focus. Need Aboriginal people at the table locally, regionally, provincially. Shouldn't meet unless they're there to inform the discussion. Part of the problem in government is that there aren't enough Elders inside. Relationships with local Aboriginal people is more important to meaningful, purposeful and effective collaboration (Lori) <p><u>Solutions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to address the root causes; target sufficient resources (Annita) - Look into the <i>why/causes</i> of domestic violence (e.g. symptom of colonial legacy—poverty, PTSD, racism (40/46 Aboriginal students said they were bullied in schools)) - Recognize lateral violence; labels create schisms (Barb) - Partner with academic institutions - Provide access to meaningful resources (e.g. healing of one's own choice) - What happened to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission? (Deborah). Not enough resources (vs. \$); 2nd generation excluded (limited to 'survivors'). Not addressed, either provincially or federally <p><u>PDVP Funding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditure of \$5.5 million—(Justice) Direct Services for women, children and men: \$1 million; Perpetrators of domestic violence: \$1 million; (MARR) Aboriginal children, youth and families: \$2 million; (Housing) Rural/remote communities: \$1.5 million - Will honour consultation that have already take place to inform expenditure of \$1.5 million <p><u>(MACAW:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What kinds of things does MACAW want to be consulted on? MACAW provides an Indigenous perspective at the policy/program/legislative development stage; systems level - Need to prioritize where we want to be working; where we'll have the biggest impact (Chastity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MARR (Jodi) to speak with Lori further regarding inventory of programs and services/MACAW input into expenditure of \$1.5 million - Develop a formalized process for PODV to seek/Council to provide input/track input (MARR/PODV/Secretariat)

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7.	Ministry of Health 12:10 – 12:30 pm	<p><i>Shannon McDonald, Executive Director, Aboriginal Health Directorate</i> http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/commonhealthconcerns/aboriginalshealth/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change agents—cultural competency/cultural safety; accountability - First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) regional managers present to Aboriginal Health Directorate - BC First Nations and Ministry of Health Joint Project Board: federal government used to pay Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums to Province, resulting in significant and sustainable funding (\$15.33 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annita McPhee to attend Gathering Wisdom forum/MARR to cover fee

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		<p>million over 3 years) dispensed regionally via project plans (17 projects)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Project Board Co-Chairs: Arlene Patton (ADM), Richard Jock (FNHA CEO) - Project priority areas: primary care; maternal and child health; mental wellness and substance use; oral health - Reciprocal accountability Framework: Gathering Wisdom forums; declaration by all FNHAs; deliverables in operational plans by April - Drs. Shannon Waters and Evan Adams: signatories on data sets to direct where services need to be; change operation—<i>how</i> services are provided to people - To determine what kind of care is being provided/where is it being accessed? - First Nations Client File: AANDC/Health Authorities/FNHAs: co-stewarded data sets (First Nations only); better stats around births and deaths; Medical Services Plan to account for 'residence' - To update Provincial Health Officers Report (2007) - Tamil Kendall (Director, Women's and Maternal Health) developing women's strategy - Chiefs/Health Directors meeting at the Hyatt May 5th in Vancouver, followed by the 7th Annual Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey forum (announcement sent to Council Mar. 18th) - MACAW participation: MARR can cover the registration fee; Annita can go 	
8.	12:30-12:40 pm Closing comments	<p>MACAW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Push back on timelines to allow for more thoughtful planning - Transition from doing "for" to doing "with" - Important to know what are MACAW's priorities - MACAW wants to be involved at development stage - Need to be clear about <i>where</i> Council is involved (Jodi) <p>Province:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good that programs and services are being informed by communities - Cross-ministry approach helps inform work of MACAW (Annita) - Marcia Dawson's report (PODV's Changing Seasons—Changing Lives: A Comprehensive Plan to End Domestic Violence for Aboriginal People in BC) needs to be looked at again. Why reinvent the wheel when it's already there? Council should look at it again (Darlene) - <i>Changing Seasons</i> was supposed to be the Aboriginal Domestic Violence Plan—will bring forward to Bev Dicks and Sobhana Daniel (PODV) to look at again (Lori) 	- Forward "Changing Seasons" report to Council

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MEETING NOTES

Date and Time: April 20, 2015; 11:15 a.m. – 12:15

Location: 2955 Jutland Rd., 4th Floor, Victoria

Attendees: Deborah Bowman (Transportation), Chastity Davis (MACAW Chair), Laurel Nash, Jodi Newnham (MARR), Lona MacKay (Secretariat/Recorder)

#	Item	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
1.	MACAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MACAW established in 2011; comprised of 10 members with diverse backgrounds; non-political; provides advice to government from a community perspective; instrumental in initiating MOU to end violence; a Joint Partners Table comprised of reps from MOU signatory organizations being established to action the MOU – Advises other Ministries from an Indigenous holistic perspective – Anticipates broadening scope from 'violence' to 'improving lives' – Looking at off-reserve strategy (not encompassed in the MOU) – Strictly provincial and volunteer (MARR pays for travel/accommodation for MACAW business) – June 13th MOU Anniversary: Minister Rustad to announce Family Gathering; to be held around November in Prince George (objective: provide opportunity for family members to heal) 	Provide information about MACAW's Strategic Planning Session to Deb
2.	Transportation	<p>s.22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Spent 5 weeks in June/July contacting First Nations along the Corridor to discuss transportation issues; met with 80 reps from RDs/Mayors/Councillors to have a dialogue from Prince George to Prince Rupert – Discussed availability of transportation services; issues; and practical affordable and sustainable solutions. – Greyhound decreased services as passenger levels not there; more emphasis on delivering packages; aging demographic—dependent on others to travel; no reliable or affordable transportation – Question of whether to increase transit—Province pays 52-3%/municipality the remainder—communities not accessing—becomes a municipal government decision – Northern Health transportation: policy restructured to focus on <i>medical</i>; didn't feel they had the authorization/jurisdiction to expand to elderly/youth – Not enough licensed drivers—Carrier Sekani Family Services delivering driver education. \$75K provided for class 4 & 5 driver education – If industry in the community, will pick up their workers/drive them back – Industry is expanding dialogue to socio-economic issues in places like Smithers, Houston and the Hazeltons – Focusing <i>only</i> on Hwy. 16 vs. other rural/remote towns in BC; different needs in different communities – One option is to create an inter-city shuttle; need to engage more broadly on what it would look like; work with First Nations Health Authority—a consistent voice engaged and connected with communities along the corridor <p>s.13,s.16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Going in right direction—working with FNHA (First Nations specific?); need to clearly define the 'ask' – Northern Health Connections funding—engage with partners (Justice/MARR/MCFD/Health) – Research done for existing transportation modalities in advance of meetings; community leaders weren't aware of – Community transportation portal has been developed (hasn't got a lot of recognition); upgraded cell service – On/off reserve pilots—where are community engagement opportunities taking place? <p>s.13,s.16</p>	Deb to update MACAW (Chastity) on where things are at/discuss MACAW's involvement

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From: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Rogers, Dru ABR:EX
Subject: FW: April 20th Meeting Notes
Attachments: Notes - Meeting with Transportation Apr. 20, '15.docx

Ministry of Transportation Programs/Initiatives/Activities

Towards improving lives/addressing violence towards Aboriginal Women

ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS (*Urgent Measure #2*)

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has been engaged in a number of activities to determine how best to address the need for safe and reliable transportation between communities along Highway 16. This included face-to-face meetings with over 80 leaders representing communities, First Nations, local governments and municipalities along the Highway 16 corridor between Prince George and Prince Rupert. Previous discussions were held with the RCMP, the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition and the North Central Local Government Association.

During the meetings, the ministry heard that there was no one, comprehensive source of information about existing transportation services in communities along the Highway 16 corridor. To address this concern, the ministry has developed the province's first web-based portal that consolidates information about transportation related services in locations along the corridor, into one place. The new portal provides residents with easy-to-access information on transit, medical transportation, inter-city bus, rail and community based transportation services in each community along the corridor. The website is located at www.gov.bc.ca/Highway16Corridor

Another key issue the ministry heard was that many First Nations communities have access to some kind of vehicle, but lacked licensed drivers to operate these vans or buses. In response, the ministry is providing one-time funding of \$75,000 to the Carrier Sekani Family Services to support increased access to driver education, safe driver, and driver licensing programs for First Nations. This new funding will allow for the development and implementation of a First Nations driving instructor training program to support driver training for youth and adults living in First Nations communities. The program will provide dedicated training for First Nations drivers seeking Class 5 and Class 4 licences.

- A significant amount of new cellular coverage has been added – nearly 160 kilometers since 2009 – to Highway 16. To date, Highway 16 has approximately 69% cell coverage, allowing drivers and people to use their cell phones to call for emergency services and support if needed.
- UNBC and the RCMP have a joint study underway to come up with recommendations for hitchhikers, police and communities on how to improve safety, and identify alternatives to hitchhiking.
- Government commits \$1.5 million per year to BC Transit to partner with local communities for local bus service throughout the week. BC Transit is offering to work with other local governments or First Nations who might wish to partner in a cost-share for similar services.
- The Northern Health Authority operates a subsidized shuttle service to provide safe transportation to individuals travelling to medical appointments outside their home communities.

STATUS: *Progress made. More work required.*

(Final Status Update Report in Response to Forsaken – The Report of the MWCI p. 16)

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Civil Forfeiture Grants 2013-14

- **Carrier Sekani Family Services: Highway of Tears - Preventing Violence Against Women (\$100,000)**

This project will build upon and enhance Community Safety Training Workshops held in communities across Highway 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert. Training will include exploration around risk factors for women living in rural and remote communities, including violence and other contributing factors to the issue of murdered and missing women.

PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PROPOSED ACTIONS: HIGHLIGHTS

- \$1.5 Million investment to support victims in rural and remote communities who have limited access to transportation and social housing options
- This program will run similar to other BC Housing programs (Homeless Outreach, Rental Assistance Program) and will target communities that have no social housing
- Transportation will involve supporting women to get to necessary services such as income assistance, court services, or counselling, etc. Other situations involve transporting women with and without children to the safety of a transition house over long distances
- Funds to support transportation would be managed through Safe Home programs
- This investment primarily supports direct services to women with/without children

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Attachments: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Activities.docx

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Subject: RE: MACAW Taking Action Recommendations/Ministry Updates

Thanks Greg, this is very helpful. I will ensure this update is provided to Council members at the Strategic Planning Session.

Also attached is a brief listing of MOTI activities I compiled back in March. If anything is incorrect/outdated, please let me know.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the important work of MACAW.

While the on-going efforts of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) do not directly relate to the recommended actions contained in the "Taking Action" report, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some information on transportation-related initiatives along the Highway 16 corridor between Prince Rupert and Prince George ("the corridor"), which may complement recommendations in the report.

As you may know, our ministry has not engaged in discussions with communities about violence against women or murdered or missing women. Our focus and direction has been on assessing existing transportation services and transportation challenges faced by citizens living along the corridor including First Nations, the elderly and youth. The transportation-related initiatives that we are engaged in promote awareness, provide easy access to information, support education and training, and encourage community partnerships.

During face to face discussions with over 80 local government leaders and First Nation representatives along the Hwy 16 corridor last summer, the ministry heard that awareness of available transportation services, or finding transportation-

related information was challenging. In response, MOTI launched the government's first-ever community web based transportation portal where information on a variety of transportation services (both public and private) provided in 12 main communities from Prince George to Prince Rupert situated along the Highway 16 corridor.

Another theme that emerged during our discussions last summer related to a lack of qualified and licensed drivers in First Nations communities. As a result of this, the ministry is providing \$75,000 in one-time funding to Carrier Sekani Family Services in Prince George to develop and implement a First Nations Driver Education/Training Program. The program will provide opportunities for First Nation communities by increase the number of drivers able to operate community-based multi-passenger vehicles, with the objective of providing additional safe transportation options to members. This responds to the recurring theme that communities faced a lack of licensed drivers to operate existing community vans or private vehicles.

As well, we are currently working with First Nations community partners to determine what type of community-based transportation solutions would best provide affordable, practical and sustainable service along the Hwy 16 corridor. Those discussions are ongoing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Subject: MACAW Taking Action Recommendations/Ministry Updates

Attention: BC Ministries working to end violence and improve the lives of Aboriginal women in BC

The Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women (MACAW) is undertaking a survey to determine the status of implementation of recommendations contained in its *Direction to Government on Taking Action to End Violence and Improve the Lives of Aboriginal Women in BC* (July 2013). "Taking Action" is the MACAW's advice to government on actions it must take to fulfill the vision of a life free of violence for Aboriginal women and girls. *Taking Action* contains 8 strategic directions with 27 recommendations (see attached report and table).

Ministries are invited to input actions (current and future) specific to addressing recommendations in the *Taking Action* report, specifying linkages to government directives, policies and legislation (Table 1). This input will guide the MACAW in its mandate to provide advice to government on how to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal women across BC, and to address the social and economic challenges that expose Aboriginal women and girls to violence. Some input has already been provided based on initial meetings with MARR in 2013, and what is available publicly.

The MACAW will also be undertaking a Strategic Planning session at the end of April to determine its priorities and actions over the coming months. To assist in this endeavor, Ministries are invited to provide a narrative overview of activities and top priorities going forward in the context of the shared objective of improving the lives of Aboriginal women and girls, and creating opportunities for increased collaboration, partnership and coordination.

The MACAW was established by former Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister Mary Polak in 2011 following the *Collaboration to End Violence: National Aboriginal Women's Forum* in June 2011, co-hosted by the Province of BC and the Native Women's Association of Canada. The MACAW is comprised of a Chair, Vice-Chair and eight Members from across British Columbia (including one position designated for an Elder) appointed by the Minister

of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation for a term of up to 2 years. Members are selected based on criteria of diversity, experience and regional representation. The MACAW is supported by a Secretariat jointly funded by the Ministries of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Justice, and Children and Family Development. Additional information on the MACAW is available at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=6E3FBA83092947B4BC42BC71A0A19B48>, as well as an attached *Introduction to MACAW PowerPoint and Timeline*.

The MACAW thanks all Ministries in advance for their invaluable input. Please feel free to contact me at the contact information below, or Jodi Newnham at Jodi.newnham@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

To ensure that information is available in time for the MACAW's Strategic Planning Session, **Ministries are requested to please provide their input by April 27th, 2015.**

Best Regards,
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Subject: FW: Meeting with Chastity Davis

From: Holmes, Rachel ABR:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Nash, Laurel ABR:EX
Cc: Newnham, Jodi ABR:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting with Chastity Davis

Thank you very much –

For your further context, we did have a few meetings with Greg Gilks on her team, who is really great, about what the learnings were from the consultation they did re: transportation needs on the 'Highway of Tears' and whether or not there might be some opportunities to work together. s.13,s.16
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Just a heads up
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Subject: RE: Meeting with Chastity Davis

Hi there Laurel and thanks for your note. I'm going to set up a call with you next week if that's o.k. ? Would be good to connect on this beforehand.

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will send an invite for later in the week, have a great long weekend, db

From: Nash, Laurel ABR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 4:41 PM

To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX

Subject: RE: Meeting with Chastity Davis

Hi Deb..pleased we will be able to see each other before too long ☺

This is a meeting with the Ministers Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women. Chastity is the chair of the committee.

As part of the Violence Free BC, and Murdered and Missing Women initiative, you may be aware that transportation challenges for women is an ongoing issue.

This ranges from an inability to get to appointments to hitchhiking between communities that may put women and youth at risk.

I believe Chastity would like us to take a bit of time to discuss the issues and look to some potential options.

I can provide you with further background if you like, just let me know. We will also get you some material in advance of the meeting.

Thanks very much

Respectfully,

Laurel

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Subject: Meeting with Chastity Davis

Hi Laurel, hope you are well. I've been sent an invite to meet with you and Chastity Davis next month. Do you know what the meeting is about? I'm not sure why this is coming my way so any information you have would be helpful. Thanks in advance, db

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