

## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 1, 2019 10:51 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Red FM

Shannon and Kathleen:

Just following up from RED FM from this morning. I spoke with Shruti and let her know that Minister would like to go back on Red FM next week as both her and the host agreed there was more to discuss, specifically with a focus on how the government is creating good jobs. Shruti had asked if Minister would like to call in or visit the studio again, I let her know that it doesn't look like her schedule will allow an in-person visit but I would check with you and follow-up.

Ravi

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 4, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** s.22

Hi Shannon,  
  
s.22

Thanks,

Ravi

Sent from my iPhone

## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 5, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Reply to Minister NB  
**Attachments:** Ref\_111257\_Reply\_MinisterNB.docx

Hi Shannon,

Attached is the draft reply to the Minister Navdeep Bains letter. I have made a couple edits using track changes, I was hoping when you have a moment you could have a quick look at it.

Thanks,  
Ravi

## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 5, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Correspondence

Just need two minutes of your time to chat about direction for one piece of correspondence.

Thanks,  
Ravi



## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 6, 2019 6:56 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; van Baarsen, Amanda AEST:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX  
**Cc:** Infante, James SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Updated Telus Phone Service KMs  
**Attachments:** KM Telus Telephone Issues - update 2.docx

Good evening,

Please find attached some updated key messages on the Telus service issue affecting our ministries.

Please call/e-mail if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services  
*Ph:* 1-250-387-9699  
*e:* Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 7, 2019 8:50 AM  
**To:** Giuliano, Angela LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Background material re Bill 4 - Witness Security Act

Hi Angela,

Minister Sims would like to speak to this bill.

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Giuliano, Angela <Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 6, 2019 9:00 PM  
**To:** LP Ministerial Assistants <LPMAs@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Executive Assistants <LPEAS@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Senior Ministerial Assistants <SRMINAST@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** LP Administrative Coordinators <LPACS@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Support Staff <LPSUPPORT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Background material re Bill 4 - Witness Security Act

Further to below email – please follow up with your Member to confirm if available to speak to this Bill. Tks! Angela

**From:** Giuliano, Angela  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** NDP MLAs - PRIVATE & Exec Director <NDPMLAs-PRIVATE-ExecDirector@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** NDP Legislative Assistants <NDPLegislativeAssistants@leg.bc.ca>; May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Background material re Bill 4 - Witness Security Act

Please see below email along with attached background material on Bill 4 for your information. Bill 4 is scheduled for Second Reading tomorrow afternoon. We are looking for as many speakers as possible for this Bill and would like to add Surrey Caucus Members along with other Members to speaking list – please advise. I will be sending this email to Minister's office staff for their info.

Thank you,  
Angela

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**From:** Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX [<mailto:Nimmi.Takkar@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 6:48 PM  
**To:** Giuliano, Angela <Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal PSSG:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Some info for Speakers speaking to Bill 4 - Witness Security Act

Please find attached the news release and speaking notes MMF used for LRC on the Witness Security Act. I think these documents help summarize the legislation. **Should any member require anything further please have them reach out to me.**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 7, 2019 4:24 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Drishti - with edits  
**Attachments:** Jinny Sims GAME CHANGER edit.docx

See attached.

Ravi

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 1:18 PM  
**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Minister's interview with The Eagle (Courtenay) confirmed for 4:30 p.m. today

Thanks Jo. Could Minister get some specific lines on this?

Thanks,  
Ravi

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**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 1:12 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Minister's interview with The Eagle (Courtenay) confirmed for 4:30 p.m. today

Staff have advised that Port Alice will also benefit from the Connected Coast project. Although its not included in the list of communities, the proposed landing site at Rumble Beach will benefit. In the future, they will be able to use this site to complete last mile fibre.

**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Minister's interview with The Eagle (Courtenay) confirmed for 4:30 p.m. today

Hi there: this one is confirmed for 4:30 p.m. today. Plz note, the reporter would be interested in any specifics regarding Campbell River or Port Alice. I've sent him the link to the Jan. 2018 Connected Coast announcement. List of communities that will benefit (attached) includes Campbell River. Just checking with staff to see if there is any provincial investments previously made that benefit Port Alice. Thx! Jo

**Reporter**  
Jon De Roo, Reporter  
The Eagle (Courtenay) CKLR 97.3  
[Jon.DeRoo@jpbg.ca](mailto:Jon.DeRoo@jpbg.ca)  
250-703-0199 c: 306-717-0609  
**Deadline** Friday, March 8, 2019 5:00 PM

**Request**  
Reporter would like a 3 - 4 minutes taped interview with Minister Sims regarding today's connectivity announcement.

Would like to ask general questions: how can communities apply, what does this mean for communities?

- **Station:** The Eagle (Courtenay)
- **Reporter:** John De Roo
- **Topic:** new funding for connectivity
- **Request Deadline:** today
- **Format:** taped for clip
- **Date of Interview:** Friday, March 8, 2019
- **Interview time/length:** 4:30 p.m. for 3 – 4 minutes
- **Dial in Number/Interview Location:** 250-703-0199
- **If Radio, will there be a public call in segment?:** n/a
- **Request Questions:** General questions: what does this mean for communities, how can communities apply. Reporter would also be interested in any specifics for Campbell River and Port Alice.
- **Response: Q/A attached**  
For specifics regarding the Campbell River area, suggest referencing the Connected Coast project announced Jan. 17, 2018:

**Connected Coast [underway]**

Provincial funding: \$11.4 million

Total project value: \$45.4 million

Summary: Funding to CityWest Cable and the Strathcona Regional District to connect coastal communities between Vancouver and Prince Rupert and around Vancouver Island.

Communities benefitting: 154, including 56 Indigenous communities (list attached).

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Procurement Strategy

Hi Holly,

Could you please send this to DMO for a direct response?

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Sims.MLA, Jinny <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX <Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Procurement Strategy

FYI

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:53 PM  
**To:** Sims.MLA, Jinny <[Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Procurement Strategy

Hello, I attended the New West Innovation forum, I contact you in regards in the hopes of meeting with some one involved with the procurement strategy, I believe I have a product line and strategy for marketing inline with goals laid out in the policy. If there is some one the lower mainland you can direct me towards that would be great.

s.22

## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Speaking Notes for tomorrow  
**Attachments:** sn\_Construction Expo 2019 JB.DOC

Hi Mindy,

Attached are Ministers SN for tomorrow's construction expo. Please print them for her to read.

Thanks,  
Ravi



## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 11, 2019 3:20 PM  
**To:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Re: \*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\* RE: Fiscal Year End

I finished mine on Friday. There sitting on my desk with the receipts attached.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2019, at 3:17 PM, Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <[Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Please note, due to the break weeks and vacation times – all travel vouchers must be submitted up to date to Shannon for approval, no later than March 15 by 1:00pm.

If you are not caught up on your travel vouchers, please ensure you get this done.

Thank you,  
Kathleen

**From:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:38 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX <[Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca)>; Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX <[Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX <[Jinny.Sims@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jinny.Sims@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fiscal Year End  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

Fiscal year end is fast approaching, and as such there are some important deadlines everyone must be aware of and follow.

### Important Deadline Dates

- **MO to submit to Finance by 4:30 p.m. March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to get all fiscal 2018/19 travel vouchers and BEAs

- **ALL TRAVEL VOUCHERS ARE DUE TO SHANNON FOR APPROVAL NO LATER THAN BY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> BY 2:00PM**
- This applies to Minister/AC, SMA/Minister, MA & EA's Travel Vouchers
- Expenses covering dates of travel in March must be submitted on a separate travel voucher (old year) from expenses covering dates in April (new year). Typically, expenses that cover dates in both old and new year are charged to new year because the deadline to submit is 4:30 p.m. March 20th.
- **MO to submit to Finance by 4:30 p.m. April 5<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to get BMO Purchase Card (including receipts and approval) for the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 statements to Accounts, MOSS.**
  - **P-CARD RECONCILIATIONS ARE DUE TO SHANNON FOR APPROVAL NO LATER THAN BY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> BY 1:30PM**
  - This applies to AC & AA
  - READ ATTACHED FOR OPTIONS

Thank you,

**Kathleen Fleurant** | Administrative Coordinator  
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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 12, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: 2019 Construction Month Sponsorship  
**Attachments:** Letter ref 111078.pdf

**Importance:** High

Just a reminder to please send this to DMO for RPD.

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**From:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 1, 2019 4:01 PM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: 2019 Construction Month Sponsorship  
**Importance:** High

After sending the letter off to Chris this afternoon, a colleague of his sent this over to me.

I just want to double check who would be a main point of contact they could be in contact with to exchange information.

**From:** Tom Gogela <[tom.gogela@bccassn.com](mailto:tom.gogela@bccassn.com)>  
**Sent:** March 1, 2019 1:11 PM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX <[Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: 2019 Construction Month Sponsorship  
**Importance:** High

Hello Holly,

Chris has forwarded me your message re: sponsorship of Construction Month 2019. That's great news, we're very appreciative of your contribution.

Is there a main point of contact in your Ministry I can work with for information exchange, or would that be yourself?

Today just so happens to be the last day we have before sending in our Construction Month T-Shirt artwork for production. There will be over 1,500 shirts circulated across the industry during the month's events, and we're putting sponsor logos on the back. If you can send me your logo in .eps format and/or colour, black&white, white and transparent versions, I can hold them all on file for all the future digital placements that come with sponsorship, but I could also get them on the shirts before we hit our deadline on those.

I will forward you or the contact you provide me, the formal Silver Sponsorship Contract soon for official sign off.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Tom



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**From:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX <[holly.hubley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:holly.hubley@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 1, 2019 12:25 PM  
**To:** Chris Atchison  
**Cc:** Dhaliwal, Sunny CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Re:2019 Construction Month Sponsorship

Good Afternoon Chris,

Please see attached letter from Minister Sims. A hardcopy of this letter will follow in the mail.

**Holly Hubley** | Administrative Assistant  
Honourable Jinny Sims' Office | Minister of Citizens' Services  
Parliament Buildings  
Ph: 250-387-9699  
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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 12, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Sadler, Bobbi CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Sims re: WorkBC  
**Attachments:** 198052 Furstenau DRAFT.docx; 198052 Furstenau Incoming 1.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Morning Bobbi,

SDPR has this draft letter they are sending to MLA Furstenau. I will check with SDPR to see if the letter has gone out, but do you have any issues or comments on it? Apologies if Shannon already shared this with you.

Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
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*Ph:* 1-250-387-9699  
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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 5, 2019 3:32 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Sims re: WorkBC  
**Importance:** High

Hi Shannon,

Are you okay if I send this over to Bobbi to review?

Thanks,

Ravi

**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 4, 2019 9:46 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Sims re: WorkBC  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Infante, James SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 4, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Letter to Minister Sims re: WorkBC  
**Importance:** High

Hi Ravi,

Please find attached the draft letter response to MLA Furstenau.

Warmest Regards,  
James

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 12, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX; Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX; Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Interview request

Hi Kathleen,

Shannon, would like Minister to do this interview. Could you work with Shruti to set this up? Chris and Jo can you provide the notes for the interview?

Thanks,  
Ravi

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

From: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 12, 2019 10:05 AM  
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Interview request

Hello,  
See message from Zee TV below.  
Would the minister be available anytime in Surrey today?

Shruti

Good morning..  
MLA Jinny Sims was not able to make to surrey board of trade event today regarding cyber crime and protecting business.. Is there any chance we could do a interview with her today.. It is regarding the above mentioned topic and one more topic regarding announcement of rural Internet project fund..

Regards  
Parmmeet Kamra  
ZeeTvCanada

Sent from my iPhone

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 12, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Hi Chris,

Just following up on the CFIB Video. With the link being to long to add to the video. Could someone reach out to CFIB and ask for their advice?

Thanks,

Ravi

**From:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 5, 2019 6:42 PM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Hi – could I please ask that you work with Chris to get the best option for this?

Thanks,  
Shannon

Shannon Russell  
Senior Ministerial Assistant to Jinny Sims  
Minister of Citizens' Services  
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**Cc:** Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX <[Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Hi Shannon – the issue that we discussed about including a link in the video is still an issue. The government links are long:

Procurement Transformation Web Page: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/bc-bid-resources/support-services/procurement-transformation>

Procurement Strategy: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/services-for-government-and-broader-public-sector/buy-goods-services-and-construction/support-services/bc\\_procurement\\_strategy\\_2018.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/services-for-government-and-broader-public-sector/buy-goods-services-and-construction/support-services/bc_procurement_strategy_2018.pdf)

January 28 Concierge Announcement News Release and links: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CITZ0004-000096>



My suggestion is for CFIB to include a link in the body of their email to members.

Alternately, we could put a shortened bit.ly link in the video but it wouldn't be easy for the viewer to remember or search: <https://bit.ly/2WgtVGE>

Please advise.

Cheers, Chris

**From:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX

**Sent:** March 4, 2019 6:50 PM

**To:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <[Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca)>; Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX <[Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Hi – the video was very well received! The one comment they had was to have a website posted at the very end of the video (something like: To find out more visit [www.---.ca](http://www.---.ca)).

Thanks,  
Shannon

**Shannon Russell**

*Senior Ministerial Assistant to Jinny Sims*

*Minister of Citizens' Services*

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**From:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX

**Sent:** March 4, 2019 2:52 PM

**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX <[Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Resending. Cheers, Chris

**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX

**Sent:** February 27, 2019 12:42 PM

**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <[Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca)>; Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX <[Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** FOR MO APPROVAL: updated video for Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Hi there here is the updated video in advance of the March 4 meeting with CFIB. Please let me know if this is ok with MO and we can finalize with the videographers. Thx in advance! Jo

**From:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX

**Sent:** February 27, 2019 9:16 AM

**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <[Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: CITZ Video

Good morning,

Here is a link to the video: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/WETJruJUji>

Thank you,

**Karolinka Zuzalek**

Visual Communications Officer | Digital Communications  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Province of British Columbia  
250.886.0365

**From:** "Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX" <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:07 PM

**To:** "Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX" <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <[Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: CITZ Video

Thank you and no worries:)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2019, at 6:26 PM, Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

So sorry Jo, you're right that was the wrong link.

I will upload the video first thing tomorrow morning.

The clips in that export will be as we originally discussed, with the LED light b-roll near the end, but I would be happy to change it around after you see the most recent cut.

Again, my sincerest apologies!

**Karolinka Zuzalek**

Visual Communications Officer | Digital Communications  
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Province of British Columbia  
[250.886.0365](tel:250.886.0365)

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2019, at 4:55 PM, Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Karolinka – thanks for this. It still seems very tech focussed. Wondering about the two clips we picked out together? There was one with a workman receiving a large LED light that was really good ... I think if that could be included maybe near the beginning, this will be great. Plz let me know .. thx! Jo

**From:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX

**Sent:** February 26, 2019 11:52 AM

**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: CITZ Video

Hi Jo,

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I do have a link to the most recent edit: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/xuljFYiN7w>

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,

**Karolinka Zuzalek**

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Karolinka: were you back at work now? Just checking to see if you have had a chance to make these edits? Thx in advance! Jo

**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX

**Sent:** February 21, 2019 9:35 AM

**To:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX <[Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karolinka.Zuzalek@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <[Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Video

Hi there ... sounds good; s.22

Best, Joanne

**From:** Zuzalek, Karolinka GCPE:EX

**Sent:** February 21, 2019 9:29 AM

**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Video

Hi Jo,

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s.22 will send you a link to the video tomorrow.

Thank you,

**Karolinka Zuzalek**

Visual Communications Officer | Digital Communications  
Government Communications and Public Engagement

Province of British Columbia  
250.886.0365

Sent from my iPhone

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 13, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FB Post about - Improving primary care for Surrey's Indigenous population

Hi Mindy – Could you do a FB post about this mornings announcement.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0042-000385>

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 13, 2019 12:39 PM  
**To:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX; Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Request: Call for Records CTZ-2019-91474 Records Due March 20, 2019

Hi Kathleen,

Search time was 2 minutes, gather the records was 5 minutes, records are printed and with you.

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 13, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX <Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca>; Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX <Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request: Call for Records CTZ-2019-91474 Records Due March 20, 2019

New FOI – Due back to me by March 20<sup>th</sup>

This FOI applies to everyone. This included searching Minister's records (Ravi), former MA's: Amanda/Karl (Shannon) and former AAs: Dominique/Chelsea (Kathleen).

Please reply with the time it took to search and if you have any records, also include the time it took to gather those records.

Thank you,  
Kathleen

**From:** CITZ FOI Requests CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>; Thacker, Rebecca CITZ:EX <Rebecca.Thacker@gov.bc.ca>; Biggs, Jackie CITZ:EX <Jackie.Biggs@gov.bc.ca>; Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX <Jennifer.Molyneux@gov.bc.ca>; Kot, Jill CITZ:EX <Jill.Kot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FOI Request: Call for Records CTZ-2019-91474 Records Due March 25, 2019

Hello,

Please see details below regarding this formal request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA):

*Any and all records regarding Service BC's Speculation and Vacancy Tax call centre contract with MAXIMUS Canada including, but not limited to, any Privacy Impact Assessments associated with this contract. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 03/08/2019) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

Applicant Type: Political Party

Records Due: March 25, 2019

Ministry Contact: Jennifer Peddle, 250-387-2675

Please send your responses to [MTIC.FOIRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MTIC.FOIRequests@gov.bc.ca) so that I can send a co-ordinated response back to IAO.

Fee estimate instructions: (see CFR form for fee calculation information and due date)

If search and retrieval time is anticipated to exceed 3 hours and/or the total volume of records exceeds 200 pages, complete only Sections 1 & 2 of the Call for Records Form as we may be in a position to issue a fee estimate. Then, return the form to your Information & Privacy Coordinator (IPC) as by the Fee Estimate Due date noted above. Please await further instruction from the IPC as the records will not be required until the fee estimate process has been completed. Once fees have been paid or waived, The IPC will contact you to continue the call for records process. The IPC will advise you if the request is abandoned and closed.

Send records via email in PDF format. If email is not possible, please send the records in electronic format via eApprovals with the completed form.

You should be aware that FOIPPA obligates us to assist the applicant and to respond without delay, openly, accurately, and completely. In the event that the ministry must defend the adequacy of its search to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at Inquiry, those involved in searching for records may be required to sign affidavits confirming they have conducted an adequate search for relevant records.

Please do not hesitate to contact the IPC to discuss:

- whether the records may be routinely releasable;
- whether the information is being prepared for public release or is already publicly available;
- any other questions or concerns relating to this request.

If you have any questions please let me know,

Jennifer Peddle, MSc | Information and Privacy Coordinator | Deputy Minister's Office | Ministry of Citizens' Services  
Ph: 250 387-2675 | e: [MTIC.FOIRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MTIC.FOIRequests@gov.bc.ca) | m: PO Box 9440, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9V3

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 10:01 AM  
**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOR MO approval TELUS event in Nelson  
**Attachments:** Nelson Fibre Media Release\_March2019.docx; sp\_Telus Fibre Investment Announcement Nelson -21March19-DRAFT.DOC; KM TELUS fibre investment announcement Nelson -21March19-DRAFT.DOCX; KM-QA\_Connecting BC \$50M\_Final.docx; CityofNelsonExecutiveEventBriefMarch21.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hi Jo,

Could we please get some high level speaking points for Minister Mungall and a draft quote for her in the Telus NR?

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 9:46 AM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR MO approval TELUS event in Nelson  
**Importance:** High

Ravi, please take a look at the News Release and rework MJS' quote. When I spoke to Jo, we had asked for speaking notes for MMM as well as get her a quote in the NR. Can you check with Jo on this? Once we receive these and approve on our end, could you please ensure MMM gets the entire package. She will need to rush approve the quote.

Thanks,  
Shannon

**Shannon Russell**  
*Senior Ministerial Assistant to Jinny Sims*  
*Minister of Citizens' Services*  
[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca) | 250-387-9699

**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX <[Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daisy.Brooke@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR MO approval TELUS event in Nelson

**Attached:**

- TELUS NR with draft MJS quote – Question: would the MLA like a quote and if yes, would you like us to draft?
- MJS SN
- TELUS event brief & itinerary
- KMs for MJS and MLA



- Also attached is the KM/QA regarding the recent \$50M investment

**To follow:**

- Media Scan/Issues Scan

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:14 AM  
**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** MKC Quote for NR

**Importance:** High

Hi Edena,

Below is a draft quote we have prepared for Minister Conroy's approval. Please let me know if she would like any edits or if it has been approved.

**Minister Conroy's quote for NR:**

"The Kootenays are a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Bringing high-speed internet to our rural communities ensures people in the region can enjoy the benefits of a rural lifestyle without sacrificing access to modern services," said Kootenay West MLA Katrine Conroy. "These projects will improve the quality of life for many of our residents living in more remote locations."

Thanks,  
Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**

Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services

Ph: 1-250-387-9699

e: Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Thank You from Lorna Guild ALFA Guild Nakusp

Hi – could you please ask DMO to file this note. I have already forwarded it to Sunny for his information.

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX <Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank You from Lorna Guild ALFA Guild Nakusp

Thanks for sending this over.

Ravi

**From:** Sims.MLA, Jinny <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>; Bansal, Mindy CITZ:EX <Mindy.Bansal@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Thank You from Lorna Guild ALFA Guild Nakusp

FYI

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:22 PM  
**To:** Sims.MLA, Jinny <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Thank You from Lorna Guild ALFA Guild Nakusp

Lorna Guild  
Arrow Lakes Fine Art Guild  
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March 19, 2019

Jinny Sims  
Minister for Citizens Services  
Victoria B.C.

Dear Jinny Sims:

Today I received an email from Mr Benjamin Larsson, Real Property Division, Ministry Of Citizens Services, regarding our proposal to use the Old Forestry Garages in Nakusp,

as a Community Art Centre/Gallery. Mr Larsson is looking into the status and possible use of the buildings for our group. I realize this is just the beginning and there are many bridges to be crossed, but I wanted you to know that I appreciate all you have done and are doing for us.

The ALFA Guild and I want to extend a heart felt Thank You Ms Sims, to you and your staff, for the very prompt and kind consideration of our Community Art Centre project. We are so very appreciative of your help and support.

Sincerely

Lorna Guild

Arrow Lakes Fine Art Guild

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## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** For Approval: NR - Castlegar Echo Announcement  
**Attachments:** NR Connecting BC echo.docx

Morning Minister,

Attached is the draft news release for the Friday morning announcement you are doing in Castlegar.

Could you please approve your quote and news release or let me know if any edits are required?

Thanks,

Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services  
*Ph:* 1-250-387-9699  
*e:* Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Guest List for Castlegar event

Could we also add<sup>s.13</sup>

Thanks,  
Ravi

**From:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:39 AM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Guest List for Castlegar event

Thx! I'll check with staff about this feedback and add the names.

**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <[Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Guest List for Castlegar event

Hi Jo,

See comments below with some additions to the guest list.

Thanks,  
Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services  
*Ph:* 1-250-387-9699  
*e:* [Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)

**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Guest List for Castlegar event

Thanks Ravi,

A couple quick questions on the guest list?

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Wondering as well about adding this gentleman to the list for the event but also possibly meeting with Minister Sims.  
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Do we have the location confirmed yet?

Also Minister Conroy is pleased to attend any meetings that Minister Sims that will be organized.

Thanks Ravi,  
Edena

*Edena Brown*

*Executive Assistant to Hon. Katrine Conroy*

*Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister Responsible for CBT, CPC and CRT*

*Cell: 250-480-8627 Email: [Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca)*

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Guest List for Castlegar event

Hi Edena,

Attached you will find a copy of the guest list for Friday's event. Would MKC like any additional names added to the list?

Thanks,  
Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services  
Ph: 1-250-387-9699  
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## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** 'Jinny.Sims@gov.bc.ca'  
**Cc:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** For Review: Telus NR and Connecting BC NR  
**Attachments:** Nelson Fibre Media Release\_March2019.docx; NR Connecting BC echo.docx

Hi Minister,

I made the requested change to the Connecting BC news release. I have also attached the Telus news release for tomorrow with your draft quote.

Looking for approval on both quotes.

Thanks,

Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**

Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services

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## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 4:54 PM  
**To:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: NR Connecting BC echo.docx  
**Attachments:** NR Connecting BC echo.docx; ATT00001.txt

"In today's digital age, the internet is part of the foundation for growing good paying jobs, learning, healthcare and keeping in touch. Our government is committed to a future where everyone in B.C. has access to reliable and affordable high-speed internet," said Sims. "We have incredible tools and resources available to help rural and Indigenous communities form their own digital strategy so they can come forward with applications." [QUOTE APPROVED]

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

**From:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 4:53 PM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** NR Connecting BC echo.docx

Approved

## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2019 7:12 PM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Wired Fiber Optics are the "railroad of the 21st century"

Hi Holly,

Please send this to DMO requesting a draft response for Minister.

Thank you,

Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**  
Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services  
Ph: 1-250-387-9699  
e: [Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)

**From:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2019 6:34 PM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Wired Fiber Optics are the "railroad of the 21st century"

Please process for Minister's reply.

Thanks,  
Shannon

**Shannon Russell**  
*Senior Ministerial Assistant to Jinny Sims*  
*Minister of Citizens' Services*  
[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca) / 250-387-9699

**From:** Sims.MLA, Jinny <[Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 27, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX <[Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <[Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wired Fiber Optics are the "railroad of the 21st century"

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** March 20, 2019 at 9:42:24 PM PDT  
**To:** "[jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca)" <[jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

Subject: Wired Fiber Optics are the "railroad of the 21st century"

Reply-To:s.22

Dear Ms Sims,

Thanks so much for your recent comments supporting rural connectivity.

Unfortunately, in [this article](#) you were quoted as promoting wireless 5G as a viable and more economical alternative to fiber-to-the-premises. However, 5G is not a viable rural solution due to the short distances and the way millimeter waves travel. With the recent Huawei scandal, there are issues of national and cyber security to be considered too.

Wireless 5G requires fiber optic cable to be connected to every transmitter. These transmitters need to be replaced every few years, adding to the cost of deployment. Extending the fiber and connecting it directly to every premise is the truly smart way to build a telecommunications infrastructure.

Wired fiber is the fastest, safest and most energy-efficient and reliable rural connectivity option. With the [Connected Coast](#) project bringing a sub-sea fiber optic cable to 154 rural BC communities over the next 2 years, investing in a fiber-to-the-premises last mile is the best way for BC's rural communities to build a 21st century information highway. This new not-for-profit website, [Connected Communities](#) tells local governments how to build their own fiber networks. For more information please read the press release below.



### **Connected Communities ~ Wired fiber for Sustainable Last-Mile Solutions**

*Choose community owned municipal broadband. Wired fiber to the premises network provide fast, safe, affordable...*

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All the Best,

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# **WIRED TO DELIVER: New Site Promotes Community Fiber not Industry-Driven 5G**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT:** [connected.communities.ca@gmail.com](mailto:connected.communities.ca@gmail.com)

While last week's launch of the federal spectrum auction gave the green light to 5G in Canada, many communities across North America are choosing to build and operate their own fiber-to-the-premises networks. An innovative new Canadian website – [Connected Communities](#) – explains the many benefits of community-owned fiber, and provides a blueprint for how towns and cities can make it happen.

## **Why Community-owned Wired Fiber?**

- Wired fiber is faster, safer, cheaper, greener, more reliable, and more data secure than wireless 5G – the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of cellular technology. [This in-depth report](#) explains why.
- Community owned fiber keeps telecommunications infrastructure in local hands and keeps it responsive to local needs. From improved emergency services and economic opportunities to resource monitoring and distributing locally generated renewable energy – the manifold benefits of community-owned fiber make it the truly smart choice.

## **A Smarter Choice than Wireless 5G**

As Senator Blumenthal uncovered in [this Senate hearing](#), 5G is being unleashed with no pre-market safety testing. Wired fiber can essentially fill the same functions as wireless 5G, without the risks.

- o The Globe and Mail's European Bureau Chief Eric Reguly discusses the health risks of 5G [here](#).
- o In the wake of the Huawei scandal, [this article](#) reveals the sinister cyber and national security risks of 5G.

Beneath the marketing hype, it is unlikely wireless 5G will fulfill its promises. (Learn more [here](#).) Rather than heralding the future, 5G is shaping it to telecom's advantage.

## **Success Stories**

Cities like [Chattanooga](#) Tennessee, [Portland](#) Oregon, [Olds](#) Alberta, [San Francisco](#) and [Seattle](#) - cities that value data privacy, autonomy, local prosperity and wellbeing - have chosen or are choosing community-owned fiber. The telecommunications highway today fulfills the same function that roads and railways once filled for trade and commerce. It is essential that this infrastructure be not for fulfilling corporate interests, but for the public good.

To learn more, visit [Connected Communities](#) and spread the word.

**The best way to predict the future is to create it.  
- Buckminster Fuller -**

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**Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 28, 2019 7:49 AM  
**To:** Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** MLA Brar - RedFM

Good morning Scott,

Could someone please record MLA Brar this morning? He will be on RedFM at 8:30am.

Thanks,

Ravi

Sent from my iPhone

## **Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX**

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2019 8:55 AM  
**To:** Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** KRPI

Hi Scott,

MLA Cadieux and Minister Sims will be on KRPI 1550 this morning. Cadieux at 9:10am and MJS at 9:40am. Could both interviews be recorded?

Thanks,

Ravi

**Ravi Parmar | Ministerial Assistant**

Honourable Jinny Sims | Minister of Citizens' Services

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## Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Olsen, Melody CITZ:EX  
**Cc:** Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Service BC in Masset

Hi Melody,

Quick question about Service BC from MLA Rice's office. Could we get a response?

Thanks,

Ravi

**From:** Rice, MLA, Jennifer <Jennifer.Rice.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 28, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Service BC in Masset

Hi there Ravi wondering if there are any plans to get a Service BC Centre in Masset?

Cheers,  
Josh



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Jennifer Rice,

I am writing to advocate for a Service BC Centre in Masset that is opened 5 days a week with an employee.

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I have emailed Service BC regarding this matter but I am unsure what more I can do. I am hoping you would also be able to advocate on this matter. I appreciate your time and all that you do. I have attached a petition that was put out last week. There are more than a hundred names of Masset Citizens that would like a Service BC Centre in Masset that has a 5 day employment position.

Thank you for your time,  
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Please Sign to Say You want a  
 BC Services Center in MASSET.

• ~~Service Center~~  
 • Service BC  
 • Ministry of  
 Poverty  
 Social  
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Name	Petition for BC Service Center in Masset fully employed position 5 days a week	Email/ optional
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Certificates, hunting licences.....) Petition  
for <sup>BC</sup> Service Center fully employed position 5  
days a week!

Plus: Ministry of poverty + Social Reduction

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**From:** Parmar, Ravi CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Please print  
**Attachments:** Letter\_MinisterJones.docx

Holly:

Please print this letter and place in MJS signing binder. We will need to include all background information. There was an attachment, no edits were made to that, please include that in the signing binder.

Thanks,

Ravi