

**From:** Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX  
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**To:** Denniston, Tristan M EDUC:EX; Holme, Matt EDUC:EX; Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** HN Haida Gwaii  
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## **Haida Gwaii**

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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**DATE:** November 21, 2014  
**CLIFF #** 178649  
**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister, and Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, for **Information** at the request of Deputy Minister's Office for a meeting with the Old Massett Village Chief and Council and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Regional Director General Eric Magnuson on Friday, November 28, at 10:00am, 1138 Melville Street, Vancouver (AANDC's building).  
**SUBJECT:** Expansion of Chief Matthews on-reserve school to Grade 7

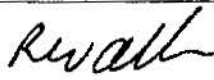
**BACKGROUND:**

The Village of Old Massett is on the northern shore of Haida Gwaii's Graham Island. Old Massett Village Council members are Chief Councillor Ken Rea and Councillors Buster Bell, Lisa Bell, Cecil Brown, John T. Jones, Brandon Kallio, Danny Matthews, and Harold Yeltatzie. (Old Massett Village Council Education Administrator is Florence Lockyer.)

The Old Massett Village Council has expressed an interest in expanding their on-reserve school, Chief Matthews, to include students up to Grade 7 and providing space for all students in the catchment area, including non-status First Nations and non-First Nations.

**DISCUSSION:**

- The Federal Government through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada has fiduciary responsibility for the education of status on-reserve First Nations.
- Chief Matthews School is a First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA) accredited school which allows them to take advantage of the Ministry of Education's reciprocal tuition program.
- The reciprocal tuition program provides funding to First Nations schools to cover tuition of students attending these schools who are the responsibility of the province, usually non-status or non-First Nations students.
- School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) has no formal plans at this time to close the local elementary school (Tahayghen Elementary) or consolidate the elementary school with the local secondary school (George M. Dawson).
- Current enrolment at Tahayghen Elementary is 79. Current enrolment at George M. Dawson is 115. Current enrolment at Chief Matthews is 71 – nursery to Grade 5.

Contact Information	Approvals / Date signed
Learning Division – Manager, Division Operations	Elda Bolton Nov 21/14
Executive Director:	
ADM:	 Nov 21/14

# November 28, 2014

Friday

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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**DATE:** January 19, 2015  
**CLIFF #:** 179503

**PREPARED FOR:** Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, for **Information**, at the request of Rod Allen, Assistant Deputy Minister, **Learning Division**

**SUBJECT:** Phone call with School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) regarding Old Massett Village Council's plans to expand local First Nations School

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 28, 2014, the Deputy Minister (DM) met with the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Regional Director and a team from Old Massett Village Council (OMVC) to discuss possible provincial participation in expanding their on-reserve First Nations school, Chief Matthews Elementary, to include up to Grade 7. This expansion plan included a theatre and possibly a pool.

AANDC noted that \$500 billion was announced by Ottawa to provide improved First Nations school infrastructure and their hope would be a joint venture with the Province. They estimated that \$2.2 million would be needed to expand Chief Matthews school.

The DM did not commit to any provincial participation but committed to investigating the capital plans for School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) to see if there is a possibility of them working with Old Massett Village Council to come to a common plan to move forward. He suggested that OMVC connect with School District 50 (SD50) before the Ministry followed up with the District.

**DISCUSSION:**

Chief Matthews School is a federal school funded by Canada, through AANDC and operated by Old Massett Village Council. SD50 is aware that OMVC would like to expand Chief Matthews and this could have implications for the School District's capital infrastructure planning, since there is a public elementary school, Tahaygen Elementary, located in the village of Masset.

The School District has indicated to the Ministry that both schools in Masset (Tahaygen Elementary and George M. Dawson Secondary) are in need of major renewal so the Board has requested a single amalgamated school to replace both. This is the Board's *second* highest priority, with the replacement of Agnes Mathers Elementary/Secondary (in Sandspit) being their highest priority. The need at Agnes Mathers is immediate, though no Ministry funding has been committed. The Ministry views this possible replacement as an extension of our Modular School Pilot Program (i.e., replacing rural school's classroom blocks using full day kindergarten-style modulars).

Unless the replacement of the Massett schools is taken on as an emergent project need under the Ministry's current capital plan, it would have to wait for future funding support under an influx of new capital investment by the Province.

**CONCLUSION:**

School District 50 (Haida Gwaii), in discussion with Old Massett Village Council, may be able to come to a common plan to move forward given that the population of the area is small and has declined over the past few years and that the schools are in need of an upgrade.

There may be policy implications to consider with a joint venture between AANDC/OMVC and the Ministry at Chief Matthews. There may also be *School Act* (such as subcontracting educational services) and Teacher Certification implications that need to be looked into in more depth.

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Executive Director:	
ADM: Rod Allen	Jan 19/15
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## Mason, Shanna EDUC:EX

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**From:** Mason, Shanna EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2015 9:31 AM  
**To:** 'ssansome@sd50.bc.ca'  
**Cc:** Woycheshin, John J EDUC:EX; Mounteney, Renee EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** Next Steps: Old Massett Feasibility Study

Thank you for your call this morning Shelley,

Renee and John will be in contact very shortly to engage School District staff in the Feasibility Study we are undertaking with the First Nations regarding their proposed on-reserve school.

We will likely develop a MOU or some form of Terms of Reference for a local Advisory Group that will involve all key stakeholders. We will engage the FN reps soon and then invite participation prior to the end of the year with meetings in the new year.

In terms of ALM, we are advancing review of the project PDR and hope to pursue a decision early in the new year. In terms of priorities identified in your November Capital Plan submission, we are working through the 60 plans and will likely take until February sometime to narrow down our top priorities for funding. I anticipate any priorities in Massett will need to be included in the Feasibility Study.

Please feel free to call any of us anytime. Have a great week!

*Shanna Mason*

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Planning & Major Projects  
Ministry of Education  
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## Mason, Shanna EDUC:EX

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**From:** Mason, Shanna EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX; Turner, Julie EDUC:EX  
**Cc:** Shaw, Courtney EDUC:EX; Walker, Brenda MK EDUC:EX; Mounteney, Renee EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** Briefing Note: Old Masset FN Request  
**Attachments:** Old Massett BN 184865 November 12 2015.docx

Attached is the revised Briefing Note regarding the request of the Old Masset First Nations for funding an expansion at Chief Matthews Elementary School.

*Shanna Mason*

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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**DATE:** November 12, 2015  
**CLIFF:** 184865

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister, for **Information** at the request of **Planning and Major Projects Division**

**SUBJECT:** Feasibility Study – Gymnasium Additions Old Massett First Nations – Chief Matthews School

**BACKGROUND:**

In September 2015 at the All Chiefs meeting in Chilliwack, representatives of the Old Massett First Nations (OMFN) met with the Minister of Education and requested \$2M in funding support for a gymnasium / auditorium addition to their existing Band School, Chief Matthews Elementary. The OMFN also have a funding request with the Federal Government for a contribution of \$2M to expand classroom space.

Chief Matthews Elementary is an on-reserve Band school that enrolls kindergarten to grade 4 students. The OMFN believe investments in Chief Matthews Elementary would benefit both First Nation and non-First Nation students and the community at large. As such, they have approached both Federal and Provincial levels of government.

The Old Massett Indian Reserve is located two kilometres from Massett Village on Haida Gwaii.

The Ministry of Education provides capital funding to the off-reserve schools in Haida Gwaii. The Federal Government provides capital funding to the on-reserve schools in Haida Gwaii. As such, the Ministry has sought a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Ministry to expend capital funds on-reserve.

**DISCUSSION:**

There are three schools in the Massett Village and Old Massett area. One elementary and one secondary in Massett Village operated by School District 50, Haida Gwaii, and the on-reserve Band school in Old Massett.

Representatives of OMFN indicated parent and School District support for the expansion as well as the potential for broader community benefit to the Massett area. Representatives have also indicated support from the Federal government for a \$2M funding contribution.

School District representatives have indicated there has been very limited local discussion between the School District and OMFN. Additionally, the School District is uncertain if the

improvements would be utilized but is willing to participate in feasibility study. The Federal Government has indicated there has been preliminary discussion on the matter with the OMFN; with no funding commitment made to date.

Given the facts above, the Ministry of Education proposes to conduct a feasibility study valued at approximately \$150,000 to determine options for a gymnasium addition, define the project scope, schedule, budget, risks and potential funding sources. Providing the OMFN are supportive of this approach, the Terms of reference for the feasibility could be completed and posted prior to December 31, 2015.

Depending on the degree of engagement and required consultation with both the OMFN and School District, the feasibility study could be completed this spring with a funding decision advanced summer 2016. However, the time required to complete the study will be directly impacted by the pace of participation by the OMFN. The Ministry has yet to consult with the OMFN on the proposed project timeline and may require more time once consultation has occurred.

A proposed timeline for the project is outlined below:

**Feasibility Study Timeline**

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Should the feasibility study determine the project is feasible, a decision on both the provision and source of funding will be required.

**CONCLUSION:**

A feasibility study will provide detail on educational needs of the area and the initial costs and benefits of the gymnasium/auditorium improvements requested for Chief Matthew School. This will enable government to make an informed decision on the request for \$2M in capital funding.

Attachment(s): Photo Chief Matthews Elementary

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Chief Matthews School



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**From:** Delisle, Corrie EDUC:EX  
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**To:** McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX  
**Subject:** as discussed  
**Attachments:** Old Massett BN 184865 November 12 2015.docx; MINISTER TOUR 2015 - Old Masset.docx

Hi Jordan,

Please see attached as discussed.

Thx  
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Representatives of OMBC believe there will be parent and School District support for the expansion recognizing the potential for broader community benefit to the Masset area. Representatives have also indicated support from the Federal government for a \$2M funding contribution.

School District representatives have indicated there has been very limited local discussion between the School District and the OMBC to date and are unaware of public engagement that may have been undertaken at this point, but have indicated a willingness to engage in dialogue with the OMBC. The Federal Government has indicated there has been preliminary discussion on the matter with the OMBC; with no funding commitment made to date.

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# MINISTER TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 – Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**MINISTER ARRIVES - AC FLIGHT: DEPARTS YVR @ 1:20PM – ARRIVES SANDSPIT (YZP) @ 3:20PM**

TIME	PURPOSE	LOCATION
3:20pm	Dave to pick up Minister & Corrie at YZP and drive to Alliford Bay Ferry	YZP Airport to Alliford Bay Ferry
4:05pm	Ferry from Alliford Bay to Skidegate- 20 minute ferry	Alliford Bay to Skidegate
5:00pm	Coffee Meeting: Mayor of Haida Gwaii – UBCM Follow Up	TBD – Mayor’s Office
5:30pm	Travel to Superintendent, Board Chair, Trustee Dinner Meeting	
6:30pm	DINNER MEETING: Superintendent, Board Chair, Trustee	TBD
8:30pm	Dave to drive Minister & Corrie from *** to *** Hotel	TBD

## DAY 2 – Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Times to be confirmed once PCC Office advises PCC schedule\*\***

TIME	PURPOSE	LOCATION
TBD	DM to Meeting Minister & Corrie for breakfast at *** Hotel	TBD
TBD	Drive to Old Masset	
TBD	MEETING: Old Masset Band Council Attendees: PCC, Minister, DM, COS, Chief	TBD – Band Office
TBD	SCHOOL TOUR: Old Masset	
TBD	PCC, MINISTER, Corrie leave with PCC from Old Masset	

**\*\* Optional for Day 2 after the School tour – Meeting with Mayor and Council for Old Masset**

### CONTACTS:

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Superintendent - School District #50 – Angus Wilson [awilson@sd50.bc.ca](mailto:awilson@sd50.bc.ca)

### \*\* Materials \*\*

- Briefing Note RE: Old Masset
- Background on School Tour
- UBCM Note used for Village of Queen Charollette

## **Delisle, Corrie EDUC:EX**

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**From:** Delisle, Corrie EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2015 2:48 PM  
**To:** Mann, Carter PREM:EX  
**Subject:** NR  
**Attachments:** NR Old Massett feasibility study V2.docx

Not sure if you have a copy of this via Carleen.

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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
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November 26, 2015

Office of the Premier  
Ministry of Education

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**Learn More:**

Old Massett Village Council: <http://ow.ly/URJp5>

Village of Masset: [www.massetbc.com](http://www.massetbc.com)

Haida Gwaii School District 50: <http://sd50.bc.ca/>

B.C.'s New Curriculum: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

B.C.'s Education Plan: <http://www.bcedplan.ca/>

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## Vinning, Gurpreet S EDUC:EX

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**To:** Delisle, Corrie EDUC:EX; Vinning, Gurpreet S EDUC:EX  
**Cc:** Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX; Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX; Ustina, Barb GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Massett news release  
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Hi there – Draft of Massett news release attached.

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**Subject:** RE: now with attachment etc: for review: Haida Gwaii First Nations school renovation proposal to get closer look

Let's change PCC's quote to:

"We need to consider every possible option and partnership to benefit students and communities. The study we're announcing today will take a hard look at the possibilities before us, and I hope it will show a path forward together." said Premier Clark. "B.C. schools are more than brick and mortar classrooms - especially in communities like Masset, where they also serve as social hubs for everyone in the community."

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Haida Gwaii First Nations school renovation proposal to get closer look

HAIDA GWAII - The possibility of an innovative partnership to improve school and local infrastructure in the Haida Gwaii community of Masset will get a closer look thanks to a \$150,000 B.C. government investment announced today by Premier Christy Clark.

"It's our duty to look at every possible option and every possible partnership to benefit students and communities. The study we're announcing today will take a hard look at what's possible and I hope it will show us a path forward together." said Premier Clark. "B.C. schools are more than brick and mortar classrooms. Especially in communities like Masset they are social hubs supporting the economic, health and well-being of all community members."

Premier Clark met with Chief Ken Rae of the Old Massett Band Council and school board chair Elizabeth Condrotte at Chief Matthews Elementary school in Old Massett today. Together, they announced a community-based partnership that will conduct a feasibility study to weigh whether provincial and federal investment in community schools could serve students and the community.

The Old Massett Band Council has proposed a \$4-million renovation and addition to Chief Matthews Elementary school on the reserve. The feasibility study will:

- \* Consider options for a new gym or auditorium addition.
- \* Draft preliminary schedules.
- \* Assess budget requirements.
- \* Identify potential funding sources.

The Band Council has approached both provincial and federal levels of government, requesting \$2 million from Ottawa to expand classrooms, and \$2 million from the Province of B.C. to add an auditorium or gym, providing a hub for the community to meet and hold events. The Province funds off-reserve schools in Haida Gwaii, while the federal government funds on-reserve schools.

Chief Ken Rae quote to come

Chief Matthews Elementary, completed in 1993, serves students from kindergarten to Grade 4 and is the only school on the Old Massett reserve. Two other schools are located in the Village of Masset, two kilometres away.

#### Quick Facts:

- \* The Province invested more than \$13 million in the Haida Gwaii School District for the replacement of Port Clements Elementary Queen Charlotte Secondary.
- \* Since 2001, government committed more than \$4.2 billion to school capital projects in B.C., including 112 new and replacement schools, 186 additions, and 150 schools seismically improved.
- \* In B.C.'s new curriculum, Aboriginal culture and perspectives have been integrated throughout all grade levels and the history and ongoing legacy of the residential school system will be further enhanced.

Learn More:

Old Massett Village Council: <http://ow.ly/URJp5>

Village of Masset: [www.massetbc.com](http://www.massetbc.com) (<http://www.massetbc.com%0d%0d/>)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 9, 2015 6:50 AM  
**To:** Matt Lee  
**Cc:** Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Interview Request

Hi Matt, this is a project proposal the provincial government has been discussing for more than a year. If built, the school gym could serve First Nations and non-First Nations in the area. We've committed to working with the Federal Government and Old Massett Village Council regardless of the outcome of any election.

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**Subject:** Interview Request

Good morning Ben,

Following up with the Globe and Mail's story where Kimball Davidson accuses Premier Clark of interfering in the Old Massett election.

While I understand it's unlikely Premier Clark could be unavailable to speak on this matter, it would be appreciated. And if not, a statement addressing the allegations would be welcomed as well.

Please follow up with me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks.

**Matt Lee**

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