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To:Mills, Shane PREM:EX;Chin, Ben PREM:EX

Cc:Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Subject:FW: Media Request 1 - Angela Jung, Global News, Call for SD 67 Okanagan Skaha special advisor

FYI – request from Global News, Kelowna. Will MMB for approval.

Matt

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Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 10:41 AM

To: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX; Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Cc: Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

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OUTSTANDING

Sent: 7 Jun 2016 17:46:47 +0000

To: Bernier, Mike EDUC:EX

Cc: Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX; Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX

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Slightly adjusted response below to the Global BC Kelowna request. Please let us know if you approve.

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Sent: 8 Jun 2016 21:47:58 +0000

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Subject: Fw: Media Request 3 - Ron Manz, Reporter, KISS FM Vernon, special advisor's report on SD 83

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NEW:

Media Request 3

Ron Manz, Reporter, KISS FM Vernon, 250-545-5901 news@1075kiss.com

Topic: special advisor's report on SD 83

Questions: Any update on the special advisor's report and if/when it will be made public?

Recommendation: Send a response from the Ministry:

We have received the report and we are in the process of reviewing it.

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Sent: 7 Jun 2016 17:45:57 +0000

To: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX; Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Cc: Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

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This works. I will forward on.

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OUTSTANDING

Sent: 7 Jun 2016 21:33:09 +0000

To: Bernier, Mike EDUC:EX; Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request 1 - Angela Jung, Global News, Call for SD 67 Okanagan Skaha special advisor

Great thank you.

From: Bernier, Mike EDUC:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 2:33 PM

To: Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Cc: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX

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I'm ok with this..

Thanks

Mike

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Can we make it a bit more explicit that the ministry never offered a special advisor? I just want to be 100 percent clear on that.

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Request: *reporter:* A trustee will now be putting a motion to accept a special advisor at a board meeting tonight.

But she says they have not received any written confirmation that the Ministry will be paying for a special advisor.

In a previous statement to us, it says "the Ministry did not offer to provide this assistance."?

Note: the reporter says, "according to MLA Dan Ashton, it is being offered and will be paid for by the BC government."

Questions: *reporter:* "If the board accepts a special advisor, will there be one provided?"

Response/ Recommendation: *Send information from the Ministry of Education:*

"The Ministry did not offer to appoint an advisor – but has said it would appoint one if a formal request comes from the board. As well, if a formal request is received, the Ministry of Education would pay the advisor's fees."

Date & Time: June 13 at 9:30 am **Deadline:** Noon

Sent: 8 Jun 2016 23:57:43 +0000

To: Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX

Cc: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX; Koolsbergen, Andrew EDUC:EX

Subject: Re: Media Request 3 - Ron Manz, Reporter, KISS FM Vernon, special advisor's report on SD 83
Thanks. Just need to not set expectations.

Mike

On Jun 8, 2016, at 4:33 PM, Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Keenan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

8 times in last 15 years – will include

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Looks good but can we add to the second one, that this is only been used in extraordinary circumstances and only 3 or 4 times ever (whatever the number might be).

Just so they don't think I will just step in and do it.

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