

## Fwd: Sooke tree falling tragedy

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To: Beddall, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Beddall@gov.bc.ca>, Jensen, Catherine EDUC:EX <Catherine.Jensen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: June 20, 2019 9:44:54 AM PDT  
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### Jordan Sandwith

Business Continuity Advisor

Ministry of Education

Tel: [250-415-8569](tel:250-415-8569)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Castellan, Armel (EC)" <[armel.castellan@canada.ca](mailto:armel.castellan@canada.ca)>  
**Date:** June 20, 2019 at 9:36:24 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sandwith, Jordan EDUC:EX" <[Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Sooke tree falling tragedy

Hi Jordan,

Here's the beginning of the conversation I started with Tim Ebata at FLNRORD. Not sure how you or your ministry is implicated but I thought I'd update you nonetheless. [s.13](#)

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Regards  
Armel

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**From:** Castellan, Armel (EC)  
**Sent:** June 20, 2019 9:08 AM  
**To:** 'Ebata, Tim FLNR:EX' <[Tim.Ebata@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Ebata@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** MacDonald, Matt (EC) <[matt.macdonald@canada.ca](mailto:matt.macdonald@canada.ca)>  
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Some follow up details...

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To: Castellan, Armel (EC) <[armel.castellan@canada.ca](mailto:armel.castellan@canada.ca)>  
Subject: Re: Sooke tree falling tragedy

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## RE: Sooke tree falling tragedy

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ENV:IN <armel.castellan@canada.ca>  
To: Sandwith, Jordan EDUC:EX <Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca>, Jensen,  
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ENV:IN  
Sent: June 20, 2019 2:26:54 PM PDT  
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Hi Jordan, Cat,

ECCC's Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) issues the weather warnings. Incl wind warnings. And marine weather warnings as well.

As mentioned earlier:

Well-forecast gale force winds were blowing through Juan de Fuca, while mention of "Windy near Juan de Fuca Strait" was in the Victoria forecast. Peak winds of 60 km/h were mentioned for the evening. No public warnings were in effect. That threshold is technically 80km/h and/or gusts to 100km/h for West Coast Vancouver Island region. For Victoria, which arguably the Sooke folk are possibly/probably using, the threshold is 70km/h and/or gusts to 90km/h. The marine forecast called for increases in west wind to 30-40knots (55-75km/h).

The criteria for wind warnings in the public forecasts are these:

Found : <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/types-weather-forecasts-use/public/criteria-alerts.html#wind>

### Wind

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For snow:

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Hope this helps.

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we can talk tomorrow.

Or you can reach my colleague Matt (cc'd) until 4pm if necessary.

Best

Armel

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

From: Sandwith, Jordan EDUC:EX <Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 20, 2019 12:28 PM

To: Castellan, Armel (EC) <armel.castellan@canada.ca>; Jensen, Catherine EDUC:EX <Catherine.Jensen@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sooke tree falling tragedy

To clarify, could you please specify the authority that issues weather warnings, and provide the criteria for issuing wind warning? For comparison, it would also be helpful to know what conditions are for issuing snowfall warnings. Is this criteria available online?

[https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index\\_e.html?prov=bc](https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc)

Thanks,

Jordan

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From: Castellan, Armel (EC) <armel.castellan@canada.ca>

Sent: June 20, 2019 11:35 AM

To: Sandwith, Jordan EDUC:EX <Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca>; Jensen, Catherine EDUC:EX <Catherine.Jensen@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Sooke tree falling tragedy

Hi Cat, Jordan,

I will do that, but I don't anticipate any further updates to come from our shop.

Unless of course, you or other agencies have specific questions we can analyse and provide an answer to...

I trust you'll reach out.

Regards

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Hi Armel,

Thank you for the information. All districts are required by the Safe Caring and Orderly Schools ministerial order to have a student safety program. The program oversees management and delivery of traumatic incident response for situations like these. The program contacts here are Scott Beddall (Director) and Catherine Jensen.

I have shared it with them, and I will follow-up with them today/tomorrow to discuss, and then follow-up with you.

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**DATE:** June 4, 2020  
**CLIFF:** 221876

**PREPARED FOR:** Jennifer McCrea, Assistant Deputy Minister – **FOR INFORMATION**

**SUBJECT:** Changing Child Care Licensing Regulations (CCLR) for School-Age Child Care

**PURPOSE:** Describe proposed streamlining to CCLR for school-age care on school grounds.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Province's Child Care BC Strategy envisions that school districts to play a stronger role in the provision of child care; the short-term focus is on school-age care on school grounds.
- Child Care Working Group (of Cabinet) has approved a school-age child care strategy beginning with *School Act* amendments enacted in February 2020. The amendments clarify that it is within a board of education's mandate to provide licensed before- and after-school care programs on board property directly, in addition to partnering with third party licensees.
- School district personnel have identified, as a challenge, differences between licensing regulations for school-aged children and the safety protocols school districts already have in place.
  - In January 2020, EDUC and HLTH met with a group of district and school administrators with direct experience navigating CCLR to review specific possibilities for streamlining.
- HLTH is responsible for CCLR and is working with EDUC to streamline school-age care regulations. Drafting the revised regulations is currently underway.

**DISCUSSION:**

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## Attachment

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**Program ADM/Branch:** Jennifer McCrea, Assistant Deputy Minister  
**Program Contact (for content):** Tim Winkelmans, Executive Director  
**Drafter:** Kira Reynolds, Manager, Early Learning  
**Date:** June 1, 2020



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