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Name de Jong, Michael		Employee ID s.22	Phone Number (250) 387-3751
Client Organization Finance		Job Title Minister of Finance	Travel Group Code 4
5. Date Completed 2016/05/06	6. Fiscal Year 2017	7. Special Cheque Issue	8. Cheque Stub Information
Type of Travel In Province	14. Reason for Travel Ministerial		Headquarters Abbotsford

12. Mailing Address for Cheque
Rm 153 Parliament Buildings PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

16. Travel Dates	17. Places Travelled			18. Personal Vehicle Use		19. Other Transport Costs	20. & 21. Meals	22. Lodging Costs	20. & 21. Miscellaneous						
	Destination	Start	End	Km	Cost		Per diem Cost		Cost	Describe					
2016		1800	2359		0.00										
04/19	Vancouver	0700	2359		0.00			277.66							
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04/25	Victoria	1655	2359		0.00		61.00 GCA	• 149.83							
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04/27-9	Vancouver						NIC								
TOTALS OF COLUMNS					36.	✓	37.	✓	38.	✓	39.	✓	40.	34.00	Claim Total
					\$	169.60	\$	60.00	\$	221.00	\$	1361.03	\$	0.00	\$1811.63

48. Client Code	49. Resp.	50. Service Line	51. STOB	52. Project	45. Supplier Code	Amount
022	32001	34000	5702	3200000	s.22	\$ 1324.47
022	32001	34000	5750	3200000		\$ 487.16
022	"	"	5751	3200000		\$ 299.66
022	"	"	5702	3200000		\$ 150.10
Less Travel Advance						
022						
AMOUNT DUE TO EMPLOYEE						54.
						\$ 1845.63

45. Employee Signature (See Audit Trail) - Certified this travel expense claim is a true statement of disbursements made and/or allowances to which I am entitled as a result of travel on government business as detailed above and for which I have not been and will not be reimbursed by any other party.	Print Name	Date Signed
56. Spending Authority Signature (See Audit Trail) - Certified correct pursuant to section 32 & 33 of the Financial Administration Act and related policies.	Print Name	Date Signed
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Notes for Travel Voucher (Restricted Use) E124390 for de Jong, Michael

2 note(s) returned.

Created On	Author	Note
2016/05/06 15:42:31	Marquis, Yvette (IDIR\YMARQUIS) Yvette.Marquis@gov.bc.ca	<p>April 19 â€" Vancouver overnight for meetings next morning Vancouver Airport Hotel \$277.66 pd on cc</p> <p>April 20 â€" Vancouver all day/Overnight s.15 \$292.57 pd on cc/\$39.50 perdiem (-d)</p> <p>April 21 â€" Vancouver to Abbotsford/\$27 perdiem (-l&d)</p> <p>April 22- Drive Abbotsford to Vancouver 75km=\$39.75/overnight s.15 \$257.32 pd on cc/no perdiem as dinner was provided</p> <p>April 23 â€" Drive Vancouver to Abbotsford 75km=\$39.75/\$27 perdiem (-l&d)</p> <p>April 24 â€" Drive Abbotsford to YVR 85km=\$45.05/Air Canada YVR-YYJ pd on pc/ overnight s.15 \$149.83 pd on cc/no perdiem + 60.00 taxi.</p> <p>April 25 â€" Victoria all day/overnight s.15 \$149.83 pd on cc/\$61 perdiem</p> <p>April 26 â€" Victoria to Vancouver Helijet QT/Overnight s.15 233.82 pd on cc /\$27 perdiem (-l&d)</p> <p>April 27- Victoria to Vancouver Pacific Coastal Air pd on office pc/\$39.50 perdiem</p> <p>April 28 â€" Personal</p> <p>April 29 â€" Drive back to Abbotsford 85km=\$45.05</p>
2016/05/06 15:42:52	Marquis, Yvette (IDIR\YMARQUIS) Yvette.Marquis@gov.bc.ca	

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Menzies, Brian FIN:EX

From: Menzies, Brian FIN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 9:25 AM
To: Marquis, Yvette FIN:EX
Subject: Fwd: Abbotsford
Attachments: OIC_Background_HOLMBERG.pdf; ATT00001.htm;
MGC_Contact_Script_Abbotsford_Dave_Holmberg.docx; ATT00002.htm

Can you print off for Mdj

Brian Menzies, MA
Chief of Staff to
The Honourable Michael de Jong
Minister of Finance & House Leader
Government of British Columbia
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Paluck, Linda M LASS:EX" <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Date: April 5, 2016 at 9:17:56 AM PDT
To: "Chandler, Penelope E FIN:EX" <Penelope.Chandler@gov.bc.ca>, "Menzies, Brian FIN:EX" <Brian.Menzies@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Abbotsford

Ms. P and Mr. B,
I endeavour to avoid asking for Minister's time when he is in Victoria, but would be most appreciative if five minutes (okay, maybe three!) could be found for MMdJ to contact David Holmberg so we may proceed with the agenda for this event.
If time is found, would you please notify me so I can confirm with Suneil.
Thank you! Thank you!
L

Linda Paluck
Constituency Assistant to
Michael de Jong
MLA Abbotsford West
604-870-5486

From: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX [<mailto:Suneil.Karod@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: April 4, 2016 6:25 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX <Marty.Snider@gov.bc.ca>; Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Abbotsford

Hey guys,

I was hoping you could pass this script along to MMdJ for his call with the medal recipient, unless he's already called.

MMdJ needs to call and get a verbal confirmation from the recipient then IGRS can call and start setting things up.

Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 3:02 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

April 29th is confirmed. JTST should work directly with Marion Keys (604-852-2456) at Abbotsford Hospice or Keyna Burden (at the same number). Please ensure JTST are aware that the opening of Holmberg House is the “main event” and we are just sneaking the medal presentation into their program. That being said, both David Turchen and Marion are thrilled to cooperate to make this happen.

Linda

Linda Paluck

Constituency Assistant to
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From: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX [<mailto:Marty.Snider@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: March 15, 2016 12:46 PM
To: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

Hi Linda,
Can you confirm the date of this event with me? Many thanks, Marty

Marty Snider | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Michael De Jong

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Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2016 6:25 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX; Paluck, Linda M LASS:EX
Subject: Abbotsford
Attachments: OIC_Backgrounder_HOLMBERG.pdf;
MGC_Contact_Script_Abbotsford_Dave_Holmberg.docx

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Medal of Good Citizenship Script for Contacting Recipients

Recipient Information Mr. Dave Holmberg s.22	Contacted/Comments
City Abbotsford	
Region Mainland/Southwest	
Constituency Abbotsford West	
Background: Dave Holmberg Description of Achievement In 2011, Dave Holmberg and his wife, Lee, tragically lost a son to illness. During Dave Jr.'s illness they discovered that Abbotsford needed an expanded and updated adult hospice. Together, the Holmbergs spearheaded the fundraising efforts and supported the project financially. Holmberg House, named in memory of Dave Holmberg Jr. is now finished, tours are underway, and the finishing touches are being put on the building. This hospice is a gift to the city of Abbotsford and was built by the donations and gifts-in-kind from many generous volunteers, staff, civic and provincial governments and community members – but it would not have been possible without Holmberg. In addition to his focused efforts for adult hospice, Holmberg has been front and centre on other community projects and services including the building of the 10 km Discovery Trail in Abbotsford and fundraising drives.	
Key Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medal of Good Citizenship was introduced to recognize individuals who, through exceptional long-term volunteer efforts, have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of their communities. Recipients exemplify the virtue of good citizenship and have acted in a particularly generous, kind or selfless manner of service for the common good without expectation of reward. Exceptional British Columbians like you contribute to our social fabric and presenting you with the Medal of Good Citizenship is way for us to honour your excellence, achievement and service. Over the next few weeks government will present the Medal of Good Citizenship to recipients like you from every corner of the province. 	

POINTS TO COVER OFF WHEN SPEAKING TO RECIPIENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pleased to be calling on behalf of Premier Clark regarding the Medal of Good Citizenship to tell you that you've been selected to receive the Medal this year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept? (<i>Please get a verbal confirmation</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff from the Honours and Awards Secretariat will be contacting you and sending you further documents regarding your selection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a Recipient Declaration Form Your background information for approval which will be published in a News Release
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please keep this confidential. We want to honour you at a special presentation ceremony, but please do not share the good news of your selection until we are able to publish it.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ceremony date: We would like to present you with this medal as soon as possible and are suggesting that the presentation ceremony be held on April 29, 2016 to coincide with the Grand opening of the Holmberg House.

Dave Holmberg

Region: Mainland/Southwest
Constituency: Abbotsford West-Hon. Michael de Jong, MLA (LIB)
City: Abbotsford

Nominator: Mrs. Lynda Maureen Berlin

Support Letters: s.22

- Dave Holmberg has received awards and recognition for his work in our community, but his most recent philanthropic work deserves special recognition and that is why we are nominating Dave for the Medal of Good Citizenship. In 2011, Dave and his wife Lee tragically lost a son to illness; during Dave Jr.'s illness they discovered that Abbotsford needed an expanded and updated adult hospice. Together Dave and Lee Holmberg spearheaded the fundraising efforts and supported the project financially. The city of Abbotsford donated the land for this new facility on the Campus of Care adjacent to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. Holmberg House, named in memory of Dave Holmberg Jr. is now finished, tours are underway, and the finishing touches are being put on the building. This hospice is a gift to the city of Abbotsford and was built by the donations and gifts-in-kind from many generous volunteers, staff, civic and provincial governments and community members. Without the unflagging support of the Holmbergs and led by Dave's indefatigable and good natured hectoring we see the outcome of years of hard work.
- Dave has done so much to develop and shape the city. Bobcat Country has been actively involved with the City of Abbotsford donating equipment and operators to help build the 10 km Discovery Trail that unites every corner of our community with a green walking trail. Dave and Lee give philanthropically and substantially to many community societies and organizations and Dave, through his business actively encourages his staff to donate time and money to many community causes. Dave was awarded the Order of Abbotsford in 2009 and Bobcat Country was recognized as Business of the Year in that same year. Dave's commitment to our community was recognized by our Rotary Club with a Paul Harris Fellowship, one of their most prestigious awards.
- Bobcat Country and owner Dave Holmberg is deeply dedicated to our community and to those less fortunate. Bobcat staffs are encouraged to participate in community programs, whether it is Bowl for Kids, Run for the Cure, hockey, and 4-H. As well staffs are encouraged to be leaders in such worthwhile activities as the Chamber of Commerce, municipal and provincial government initiatives, and to contribute through local service clubs. Dave's community involvements began as an umpire with little league baseball

and eventually umpire-in chief for the area. Ledgeview Golf & Country club was always high on Dave's list of support, and he has served 11 years on the Board of Directors and 9 years as President. Politics is a passion for Dave and he was campaign chair for Dave Kandal when he ran for the mayor's position and Mike de Jong during his many election successes as an MLA. Dave is also considered a valuable support person to city councillors, MLAs and members of parliament! Throughout the Fraser Valley.

Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2016 6:44 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

Hey Marty, do you have a time that would work for the medal ceremony?

Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX
Cc: Marion Keys; Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

Morning Suneil,

As you will see, I have cc'd Marion Keys at Abbotsford Hospice with this reply. Marion, the main coordinator for this event, will keep me in the loop on this, but figured it is best for you to work directly with her regarding the details for the 29th. I am sure she will be in touch with you shortly with an estimated time for the presentation.

FYI, I have also sent the "script" for the phone call to Minister requesting he make the call to Dave Holmberg. Brian and Penelope will let me know when this has been done. If there's anything else you need, give me a call.

Cheers,

Linda

Linda Paluck

Constituency Assistant to
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From: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX [<mailto:Marty.Snider@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: April 4, 2016 6:54 PM
To: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

Hi Linda,

Do you want to respond here?

Marty Snider | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Michael De Jong

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Karod, Suneil JTST:EX" <Suneil.Karod@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 4, 2016 at 6:44:14 PM PDT
To: "Snider, Marty C FIN:EX" <Marty.Snider@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Holmberg House Ribbon Cutting

Hey Marty, do you have a time that would work for the medal ceremony?

Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Photo op Friday April 8

FYI for Friday

From: Gaetan Royer [<mailto:gaetan@abbotsfordhospice.org>]
Sent: April 4, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>; David Turchen ^{s.22}; Williscroft, Daphne <Daphne.Williscroft@fraserhealth.ca>
Cc: Abdulla, Nafisa <Nafisa.Abdulla@fraserhealth.ca>
Subject: Photo op Friday April 8

Linda, this is further to our conversation today regarding Friday's photo op. Thank you for arranging for the three local MLAs to be here despite their very busy schedule.

David, Daphne, this has been arranged per your request and I just want to make sure you confirm a few details.

- Patient Room 201, the Abbotsford Rotary room, is being given special attention to make sure it is in "show condition." This room was chosen because it is larger than the others.
- We are booking a professional photographer and plan to release the best two or three images to the media.
- We do not plan to invite the media. Workers will still be unpacking and setting up furniture that day and we want to avoid inadvertent photos of untidy areas.
- We propose to feature the following individuals in the photograph:
 - MLAs Michael de Jong, Simon Gibson and Darryl Plecas
 - Dave Holmberg
 - David Turchen, Board Chair - AHS
 - Karen Matty, Board Chair – Fraser Health
- From a fund raising perspective, I would suggest that we also include Leslie McConnell, President Rotary Club, recognize their donation and make a pitch for room naming opportunities that are still available. I also makes it 5 men - 2 women for the larger group photo.

Gaëtan Royer

Cell: 604-816-5399
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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2011HLTH0025-000488
May 6, 2011

Ministry of Health

Abbotsford families to benefit from new hospice

ABBOTSFORD – Abbotsford residents requiring hospice care will soon be able to receive the services they need in their own community. The B.C. government is providing \$3.5 million to support hospice services through the Abbotsford Hospice Society.

Hospices help improve the quality of life for those with a terminal illness. Continuing to reside in their own community is of great benefit to these patients, meaning their loved ones can visit more often and they are not completely uprooted for their final weeks.

Families and friends dealing with the anticipated death of a loved one are often under a great deal of stress. The resources provided by a hospice can help families come to terms with their loss.

Currently, Abbotsford has no adult hospice. The goal of the society's Light the Way Campaign is to raise awareness and \$7.5 million to help cover construction costs of the two-storey, 2,650-square-metre (28,500-square-foot) facility. The name Holmberg House honours the life and legacy of David Holmberg Jr., an Abbotsford resident whose family has made significant financial contributions to hospice, including the campus of care project.

The new hospice is just one facility that is being developed to provide further care for the people of Abbotsford. The City of Abbotsford has contributed land adjacent to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital, which will be shared with two other organizations in a campus of care model.

The Ministry of Health developed the Provincial Framework for End-of-Life Care in 2006, which is used as a guide by health authorities and care providers in developing and delivering services to those in need.

Hospice care and support does not end after a loved one is gone. Bereavement services and grief support are available, free of cost. These are vital resources to help family and friends of all ages move on in a healthy way.

Quotes:

Michael de Jong, Minister of Health –

"I am very pleased to announce the new Abbotsford hospice will be named after David Holmberg Jr. Holmberg House will give those requiring end-of-life care choices in the kinds of services needed to ensure a high level of comfort."

Dave Holmberg Sr. –

"Abbotsford Hospice has always been close to our hearts, and our family is very supportive of its success. We have discussed the importance of doing something for our community while offering our family comfort in the memory of David Holmberg Jr., who recently succumbed to cancer. We are pleased, and very proud, to be part of the Campus of Care project here in Abbotsford and are honoured that Holmberg House will be able to ensure that compassionate end-of-life care is provided to those who are dying and to their families. It will be a lasting tribute to our beloved son, husband and father, David Holmberg Jr."

Debbie Lehmann, executive director, Abbotsford Hospice Society –

"This year the Abbotsford Hospice Society celebrates 25 years of providing critical front-line services to the dying and the bereaved. On behalf of our team, our clients and the many community members working toward building the first adult hospice residence in Abbotsford, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Holmberg family and to the Ministry of Health for their significant support."

John van Dongen, MLA Abbotsford South –

"It is an honour to see our new Abbotsford hospice being named after David Holmberg Jr. whose family has been deeply committed to our community. Having a hospice facility close to home will be a great positive for all families in Abbotsford. Thank you to the Holmberg family."

Randy Hawes, MLA Abbotsford-Mission –

"The choice to move to a hospice is never an easy one to make. It is a very hard time for many, but hospices promote comfort and healing in the hopes of creating lasting memories. Holmberg House will help Abbotsford area residents for years to come, and we are fortunate to have so many caring volunteers who help guide families through difficult end-of-life circumstances."

Quick Facts:

- Hospice care is not just for the elderly. Anyone over the age of 19 with a terminal illness may require adult hospice services.
- Palliative care is recommended when treatment no longer supports the quality of life.
- Hospice care does not hasten or delay death.
- Abbotsford has a population of approximately 139,000 and nearly 20,000 of those are over 65 years of age.

Learn More:

For more on end-of-life care, visit: www.health.gov.bc.ca/hcc/endoflife.html

Contact:	Ryan Jabs Media Relations Manager Ministry of Health 250 952-1887 (media line)	Debbie Lehmann Executive Director Abbotsford Hospice Society 604 852-2456
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From: Paluck, Linda <Linda.Paluck@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: Speech
Attachments: CCC and launch news release.doc; FW: TOMORROW: A First for Abbotsford: Abbotsford Hospice Society to break ground on Abbotsford's first hospice for adults; MOH NEWS RELEASE.DOC; Lease Signing in Abby News Aug 14 2010.pdf; History of the Abbotsford Hospice Society.doc

Docs with info re the evolution of Holmberg House. Dave Holmberg made his commitment to donate/raise donations to 1 million at the same time the Province gave the 3.5 million.

Think these give most of the key dates that Jamie will need to write some speaking notes.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Linda Paluck

Constituency Assistant to
Michael de Jong
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Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: quote approval

Hey can you get the boss to approve this quote for the MOGC NR please.

Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance – [Not Approved]

“The Fraser Valley is blessed with many exceptional people and Dave Holmberg stands out among those as a leading community builder. His leadership on many projects that improve the quality of life of our citizens has been exemplary.”

Thanks,

Suneil Karod
Executive Assistant to the Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour

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Snider, Marty C FIN:EX

From: Karod, Suneil JTST:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:27 AM
To: Snider, Marty C FIN:EX
Subject: NR_MCG_Abbotsford_Draft
Attachments: NR_MCG_Abbotsford_Draft.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hey Marty,

Attached is the NR for the MOGC event next Friday. Can you get the quote approved from MMdJ. Also, can you ask if we're good to put this out tomorrow.

Thanks,

Suneil Karod
Executive Assistant to the
Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour

Phone: 250-952-7257
Fax: 250-356-3000

Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance – [Not Yet Approved]

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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April 22, 2016

Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
Honours and Awards Secretariat

Abbotsford advocate to receive Medal of Good Citizenship

ABBOTSFORD – Finance Minister Mike de Jong, on behalf of Premier Christy Clark, will present Dave Holmberg, a well-known Abbotsford citizen with the province's newest honour, the Medal of Good Citizenship.

The ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Abbotsford Hospice Society offices, 32780 Marshall Rd., Abbotsford, B.C. on Friday, April 29.

Launched in July 2015 by Premier Christy Clark, the Medal of Good Citizenship recognizes individuals who, through exceptional long-term service, have made outstanding contributions to their communities without expectation of remuneration or reward. The medal reflects their generosity, service, acts of selflessness and contributions to community life. Nominations for the Medal of Good Citizenship are accepted year-round.

Dave Holmberg will receive the medal for his ongoing volunteer and philanthropic contributions to the city and in particular for his efforts that resulted in the Abbotsford hospice being expanded and updated.

Holmberg and his wife, Lee, spearheaded the fundraising efforts and supported the expansion of the city's hospice after they tragically lost a son to illness in 2011. Holmberg House, named in memory of Dave Holmberg Jr. is a gift to the city of Abbotsford and was built by the donations and gifts-in-kind from many generous volunteers, staff, civic and provincial governments and community members – but it would not have been possible without Holmberg.

In addition to his focused efforts for adult hospice, Holmberg has been front and centre on dozens of other community projects and services including the building of the 10 km Discovery Trail in Abbotsford and significant fundraising drives, many of which have resulted in bursaries and major equipment and building projects for organizations like the Salvation Army, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley, Ledgeview Golf and Country Club, and the 4-H.

Holmberg is among a select group of British Columbians who will receive the Medal of Good Citizenship.

Quotes:

Premier Christy Clark – (Not Yet Approved)

“Dave Holmberg is a real unsung hero, having selflessly given his time and talents to causes that have made Abbotsford a better place. I can’t think of a more deserving recipient of the Medal of Good Citizenship.”

Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance – [Not Approved]

“The Fraser Valley is blessed with many exceptional people and Dave Holmberg stands out among those as a leading community builder. His leadership on many projects that improve the quality of life of our citizens has been exemplary.”

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Chair of the Medal of Good Citizenship Selection Committee –

“There are many people selflessly volunteering their time, effort and skills to make their communities better and this honour acknowledges their excellence, achievement and service. The time spent reviewing nominations was inspiring, and it reinforced to me that we live in a phenomenal province with phenomenal citizens.”

Dave Holmberg, Recipient of the Medal of Good Citizenship –

“My family and I are extremely proud and happy to receive this most prestigious honour recognizing good citizenship.

We ran a successful business in our community for over 40 years. Our success was achieved by integrity, hard work, and respect for employees, customer and suppliers which built long-lasting relationships. It is these relationships that bring a community together when there is a need and have resulted in community achievement of many projects that supported youth, economic development and services in Abbotsford. I have been proud to be part of the many organizations that make our community great including Ledgeview Golf & Country Club, Salvation Army, Abbotsford Airshow, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley, Corrections Canada, Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association, Economic Development Board, Discovery Trail, Abbotsford Airport, and of course the Abbotsford Hospice Society’s Holmberg House.”

Quick Facts:

- The Medal of Good Citizenship was launched in 2015 to recognize individuals who, through exceptional long-term volunteer efforts, have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of their communities.
- Nominations for the Medal of Good Citizenship are accepted year-round.
- All regions in the province were represented on the Medal of Good Citizenship Selection Committee and members came from various professional backgrounds.

- More than 220 nominations were reviewed.
- Additional medal presentation ceremonies will be held across the province in the coming months.

Learn More:

To learn more about individuals who have previously received the medal, the Selection Committee, the medal or to nominate a good citizen in your community:

www.gov.bc.ca/medalofgoodcitizenship

Media Contact:**Previous Medal of Good Citizenship Recipients:**

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Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 10:43 AM
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Subject: FW: MoGC quote/NR approval

Marty,
I'm having this rewritten ... it's awkward and repetitive ... no need to bother MdJ.
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The final thing ... would it be possible to delay the release of this NR until next Friday. Local media will be in attendance for the ribbon cutting and will certainly cover the awarding of this medal. Because we are tagging this event onto the opening of Holmberg House, it would be greatly appreciated if we don't muddy the local waters and confuse people re the total event next Friday. Let me know if there is timing here for which I am unaware.

Thanks,
Linda

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