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January 27, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark Premier of British Columbia Box 9041 Station PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Over the past three years, Tides Canada, a national non-profit organization, has expanded the engagement of Canadians, in particular business, communities and civil society organizations on elements of a National Energy Strategy. Given the increasing importance of thinking about energy strategically for BC, we would like to meet with you to discuss our work in this area.

Last year we released 'A New Energy Vision for Canada' which was endorsed by over 150 diverse businesses and organizations, representing well over a million Canadians. These include municipalities in BC such as North Vancouver, Burnaby, Saanich, Whistler, Dawson Creek and others, as well as businesses like the Forest Products Association of Canada, and Clean Energy BC, civil society groups like the Canadian Association of Retired Persons and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, as well as faith groups like the United Church of Canada, and environmental organizations like WWF Canada and the Pembina Institute. We continue to receive support for this vision.

As a result of our work and broad engagement, we were invited to present this collaboratively created vision to the Council of Energy Ministers last July in Kananaskis where it was well received by many people.

We are continuing our work on this issue, and currently working on a 'Policy Pathway 2020' to further support the interprovincial discussions on a national energy strategy. It will help outline some of the immediate actions provinces and the Federal government could take to move us forward on the path toward a sustainable, prosperous and low carbon future.

We were encouraged by your support for the idea of developing a national energy strategy, as outlined after your meeting with Premiers Redford and Wall in December. We also noted your commitments to maintain BC's climate leadership while moving a jobs strategy forward. We think all of these issues are critical to a Canadian energy strategy.

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We would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss the work that we are doing with a broad group of businesses and civil society groups and how it can inform your work. Specifically we would like to discuss with you:

- The outline of our work going forward and how we hope to present BC's commitment to sustainable energy; and
- Our current thinking on the top policy priorities for BC in growing jobs and the economy through the sustainable energy sector.

Sincerely,

Ross McMillan President and CEO

Merran Smith Director, Energy Initiative

Cc Steve Carr, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy
Mike McDonald, Principal Secretary, Office of the Premier



Backgrounder: A New Energy Vision for Canada

Endorsing Organizations

Government

City of North Vancouver, British Columbia
Gitga'at First Nation
District of Saanich, Victoria, British Columbia
His Worship Mayor Ken Melamed, Resort Municipality of Whistler, British Columbia
His Worship Mayor Mike Bernier, City of Dawson Creek, British Columbia

The Islands Trust

Companies and Industry Associations

Forest Products Association of Canada

AIR MILES For Social Change

BluEarth Renewables

Electric Mobility Canada

Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association

Clean Energy British Columbia

Offsetters

Greengate Power

Alterra

First Nations Engineering and Technical Services

British Columbia Bioenergy Network

Day4 Energy

Aeolis Wind

Scotian WindFields

Canadian Bioenergy

Woodland Bio Fuels

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MD Energy Solutions

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The Green Mama

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Biro Creative

Anderson Greenplan

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Gobi Carbon Management Solutions

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The Good Planet Company

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Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition

Ecology Action Centre

ForestEthics

University Neighbourhoods Association

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Ontario Sustainable Energy Association

Wildsight

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Georgia Strait Alliance

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One Earth Initiative Society

goBEYOND Campus Climate Network

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The Ivey Foundation

The Borealis Foundation

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Conservation Voters of British Columbia

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Nancy Oweiller, Simon Fraser University, School of Public Policy
Mark Jaccard, Simon Fraser University, School of Resource and Environmental Management
John Robinson, University of British Columbia, Sustainability Initiative
George Hoberg, University of British Columbia, Department of Forest Resources Management
Erica Frank, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Medicine, School of Population and Public
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Noor Cultural Centre
The Palyul Foundation of Canada
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Touching the Earth Working Group, Shambhala
Bishop of Trent-Durham Area & Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto
United Church of Canada
The Green Awakening Network
Ahavat Olam Synagogue
Pax Gaia Educational & Retreat Initiatives
Adam va-Adamah Environmental Society
Trinity College
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Halifax
The Interfaith Coalition for Climate Justice

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

From:

Merran Smith [merran.smith@tidescanada.org]

Sent:

Thursday, October 6, 2011 9:50 AM

To:

Carr, Steve MEM:EX

Cc:

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject:

BC Clean Energy Brief and SHW

Attachments:

BC Clean Electricity Brief - Oct 5 2011.pdf

Hi Steve,

Attached is our final version of the clean energy brief we discussed. Please, if you have any comments on how to improve it they would be welcome. We want to use this to start the conversation, and broaden out from this point.

Also, Sacred headwaters. Should we find a time to talk next week?

Thanks

Merran

Merran Smith

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Recommendations:

1. Maintain a clean electricity identity in B.C.

Context: B.C. implemented one of the world's best clean electricity policies when it mandated that 93% of the province's electricity originate from clean sources. The requirement has helped build a "clean-energy brand" for the province and its market-based approach has ensured competitive and fair prices for new projects. The clean energy requirement largely resolved the conflict that surrounded proposed natural gas- and coal-fired electricity projects in 2005 and 2006.

Path forward:

1. Maintain the requirement that 93% of B.C.'s electricity come from renewable energy options such as wind, run-of-river and biomass.

2. Define self-sufficiency on terms British Columbians will understand

Context: The current definition of self-sufficiency is easily criticized because it fails to clearly communicate its costs and benefits.

Path forward:

- Define self-sufficiency in terms of the percentage of time B.C. will need to rely on imports to meet domestic demands, rather than focusing on average or critical water, or an arbitrary number of gigawatt-hours. For example, a policy might require BC Hydro to plan to meet demand with domestic supply 75% of the time.
- Be transparent about the costs and benefits of whatever number is selected. This should include impacts on rates, the environment and BC Hydro's ability to meet demand.

3. Create a level playing field for imported and domestic sources of electricity

Context: While B.C. has set strong requirements for domestic sources to be from predominantly clean sources, those requirements do not yet address imports – many of which originate from coal-fired plants. This gap serves to undercut potential producers in B.C. and undermines B.C.'s domestic and international reputation as a clean energy producer.

Path forward:

Apply the carbon tax on the carbon content of all imported electricity. The
carbon tax should be charged to the importer (e.g. Powerex), which would be
consistent with the approach approved for the Western Climate Initiative's
cap-and-trade system.

4. Build demand for clean energy projects throughout the province

Context: The province's Climate Action Plan was an important step in B.C.'s transition to a clean-energy economy. To maintain the province's leadership position, that plan must next focus on growing the demand for clean energy solutions. Without this focus, the province will not send the right market signals needed to trigger clean energy investments.

Path forward:

- Commit to at least a further four years of carbon tax increases and ensure
 that the carbon tax is applied equally to all sources of greenhouse gas
 pollution that can be accurately measured. This will strengthen the market
 signal that is encouraging a shift to the efficient use of cleaner energy sources
 and minimize the need for government to pick winners and losers.
- 2. Invest new carbon tax revenues in strategic opportunities to move away from dirty energy sources, while also expanding protection for low-income families facing rising energy costs. For example, the adoption of electric vehicles will require targeted investments in charging infrastructure, and the electrification of industrial demands will require upgrades to the transmission system.

For more information:

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Matt Horne Pembina Institute 778 235 1476

Jeffery Young David Suzuki Foundation 604 764 6142

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

From:

Andrea Bastin [andrea.bastin@tidescanada.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 3:03 PM

To:

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject:

RE: Confirming meeting Jan 23 | Merran Smith & Steve Carr

Everything stays the same -- mailing / phone etc. Merran wants everyting to still go to the main Tides office. No changes!

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Executive Administrator

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From: Andrea Bastin [mailto:andrea.bastin@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2012 2:26 PM

To: Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject: RE: Confirming meeting Jan 23 | Merran Smith & Steve Carr

confirmed then!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2012 2:25 PM

To: Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject: RE: Confirming meeting Jan 23 | Merran Smith & Steve Carr

Our office is now on Bowen island! So we need a new plan!

Yes -- the timing of your email was fantastic!

I am going to suggest that Merran meet Steve in the lobby of the Westin Bayshore. There are shops and cafe's all around that area. So let's just confirm the lobby for now.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2012 2:22 PM

To: Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject: Confirming meeting Jan 23 | Merran Smith & Steve Carr

Hi Cathy!

I am confirming the coffee meeting between Merran and Steve on January 23rd.

Any idea on a good location?

Thanks!

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Symes, Leslie MEM:EX

Libby Beck [libby.beck@tidescanada.org] From: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:15 PM Gajda, Gail MEM:EX Sent:

To:

Symes, Leslie MEM:EX; Merran Smith Cc:

Subject: CONFIRMED March 12 4pm Meeting with Minister Coleman

Thank you.

Merran's cel is 604 816-5636

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Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 12:12 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Coleman

YES!

Thanks...I'll hold both in her calendar until I hear back from you.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:24 AM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Coleman

Gail,

Thanks. Let's hold the 10:30-11 time but explore - is there a possible opening for all three of them in the afternoon? Merran's available.

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Please advise of a time that would work.

Thanks,

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From: Merran Smith [mailto:merran.smith@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2011 4:34 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX Cc: Andrea Bastin

Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Coleman

Hello,

Thanks for your message s.22

Would the following week work? Monday 19th in the

morning or tuesday 20th any time?

Thanks, Merran

Please excuse typos and funny sentences! Sent from my iPhone

Not Responsive

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From: Merran Smith [mailto:merran.smith@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 3:32 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Cc: Carr, Steve MEM:EX

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Symes, Leslie MEM:EX

From:

Libby Beck [libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent:

Monday, March 26, 2012 3:24 PM

To:

Gajda, Gail MEM:EX; Symes, Leslie MEM:EX

Subject:

CONFIRMING Meeting with Minister Coleman Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 3:00-3:30pm

Hi again Gail,

Just confirming this meeting.

It is now in Merran's calendar and her trip from Bowen Island to Victoria is booked!

Thanks!

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From: Libby Beck < libby.beck@tidescanada.org>

Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 15:32:18 -0700

To: "Gajda, Gail MEM:EX" <Gail.Gajda@gov.bc.ca>, "Symes, Leslie MEM:EX" <Leslie.Symes@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Coleman Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 3:00-3:30pm

Gail, Leslie,

Thanks – I will confirm with Merran and get back in touch ASAP...looks ok but something undecided for Merran that day so I'll pencil in for now and let you both know.

Thanks!

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 5:28 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX Cc: Symes, Leslie MEM:EX

Subject: CHANGE Rescheduled Meeting with Minister Coleman

Just when it looked all clear.

s.22

Please propose a new date and time - thanks and sorry!

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From: Libby Beck < libby.beck@tidescanada.org>

Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:09:46 -0800

To: "Gajda, Gail MEM:EX" < Gail. Gajda@gov.bc.ca> Cc: "Symes, Leslie MEM:EX" < Leslie.Symes@gov.bc.ca> Subject: Re: Rescheduled Meeting with Minister Coleman

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This works...thanks.

Now in Merran's calendar.

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Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 12:06 PM

To: Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject: Jun 19 1-3pm CEBC-ENGO meeting

Cathy,

Thanks, Let's book that time...more details on who to follow.

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NEW PHONE NUMBER as of May 17/12

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 1:31 PM

To: Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Subject: Re: RESCHEDULING the CEBC-ENGO meeting with you

Hi again Cathy

Shall we attempt to begin this - please suggest a time that Steve is available in Vancouver and we will see what works.

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NEW PHONE NUMBER as of May 17/12

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX

Libby Beck [libby.beck@tidescanada.org] Monday, June 18, 2012 10:01 AM Carr, Steve MEM:EX From:

Sent:

To:

Hohnsbehn, Cathy MEM:EX CEBC/ENGO Shared Principles Cc: Subject:

CEBC-ENGO Shared Principles May 30.pdf Attachments:

Hi Steve and Cathy,

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Merran asked me to send the attached in preparation for the meeting on Tuesday.

Also letting you know the other attendees: Paul Kariya, Matt Horne

Libby Beck

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Building Public Support for Clean Energy in British Columbia October 20, 2011

Background:

A number of forthcoming energy policy decisions will have significant and direct implications for the success of, and support for, the government's jobs strategy and its legislated climate-change commitments.

Of particular importance will be decisions about liquefied natural gas exports from Kitimat and the associated energy demands. If B.C. lowers the bar it has set for clean energy in the province, the industrial development envisioned in the jobs strategy will compromise the province's climate change objectives. If B.C. stays the course toward clean energy, industrial development can align with environmental commitments.

A recent report from the National Round Table on Environment and Economy highlights the fact that these decisions are not a tradeoff between the environment and economy. In that study, the costs of failing to avoid catastrophic climate change were demonstrated to be 5% to 25% of GDP – far greater than the costs of dealing with the problem.

We urge government to bring a broad and integrated approach to energy and climate change policy development. Ultimately, B.C. needs to find a path that simultaneously moves forward with both a jobs and clean energy agenda.

The following recommendations address four key areas where we believe government can make near-term decisions about energy and climate change policy. As a package, these actions would help to:

- Create jobs within the clean energy sector across the province
- Maintain a competitive environment for new clean energy projects
- Strengthen B.C.'s reputation as a clean energy and climate change leader

Recent polling indicates that British Columbians will support this direction. Based on April 2011 research, 70% of British Columbians want the B.C. government to lead in efforts to deal with climate change, and 80% believe that doing so will have a positive or neutral impact on the economy.

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Recommendations:

1. Maintain a clean energy identity in B.C.

Context: B.C. implemented one of the world's best clean electricity policies when it mandated that 93% of the province's electricity originate from clean sources. The requirement has helped build a clean-energy brand for the province and its market-based approach has ensured competitive and fair prices for new projects. The clean energy requirement largely resolved the conflict that surrounded proposed natural gas- and coal-fired electricity projects in 2005 and 2006.

Path forward:

 Maintain the requirement that 93% of B.C.'s electricity come from renewable energy options such as wind, run-of-river and biomass.

2. Define self-sufficiency on terms British Columbians will understand

Context: The current definition of self-sufficiency is easily criticized because it fails to clearly communicate its costs and benefits.

Path forward:

- Define self-sufficiency in terms of the percentage of time B.C. will need to rely on imports to meet domestic demands, rather than focusing on average or critical water, or an arbitrary number of gigawatt-hours. For example, a policy might require BC Hydro to plan to meet demand with domestic supply 75% of the time.
- Be transparent about the costs and benefits of whatever number is selected.
 This should include impacts on rates, the environment and BC Hydro's ability to meet demand.

3. Create a level playing field for imported and domestic sources of electricity

Context: While B.C. has set strong requirements for domestic sources to be from predominantly clean sources, those requirements do not yet address imports – many of which originate from coal-fired plants. This gap serves to undercut potential producers in B.C. and undermines B.C.'s domestic and international reputation as a clean energy producer.

Path forward:

Apply the carbon tax on the carbon content of all imported electricity. The
carbon tax should be charged to the importer (e.g. Powerex), which would be
consistent with the approach approved for the Western Climate Initiative's
cap-and-trade system.

4. Build demand for clean energy projects throughout the province

Context: The province's Climate Action Plan was an important step in B.C.'s transition to a clean-energy economy. To maintain the province's leadership position, that plan must next focus on growing the demand for clean energy solutions. Without this focus, the province will not send the right market signals needed to trigger clean energy investments.

Path forward:

- 1. Commit to at least a further four years of carbon tax increases and ensure that the carbon tax is applied equally to all sources of greenhouse gas pollution that can be accurately measured. This will strengthen the market signal that is encouraging a shift to the efficient use of cleaner energy sources and minimize the need for government to pick winners and losers.
- Invest new carbon tax revenues in strategic opportunities to move away from dirty energy sources, while also expanding protection for low-income families facing rising energy costs. For example, the adoption of electric vehicles will require targeted investments in charging infrastructure, and the electrification of industrial demands will require upgrades to the transmission system.

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From: Sent: To: Co: Subject		Merran Smith [merran.smith@tidesc Tuesday, December 6, 2011 4:42 PM Gajda, Gail MEM:EX Andrea Bastin Re: Meeting with Minister Coleman	A
Great. Thanks. I may have some availability later in week as well. Thanks Merran			
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	Sent: Tuesday, De To: Gajda, Gall ME Cc: Andrea Bastin	th [mailto:merran.smith@tidescanada cember 6, 2011 4:34 PM M:EX ing with Minister Coleman	.org
	Hello,		
	Thanks for your n 19th in the morning	nessage s.22 ng or tuesday 20th any time?	Would the following week work? Monday
	Thanks,		
	Merran		-

From: Merran Smith [mailto:merran.smith@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 3:32 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX Cc: Carr, Steve MEM:EX

Subject: Meeting with Minister Coleman

Hello Gail,

I was speaking with Steve Carr this morning about some policy issues that a number of environmental groups and other civil society groups are interested in talking with government about to advance the clean energy leadership in the province. I'd like to meet with the Minister to discuss the issues as well and he suggested that I contact you. We

would be interested in meeting with the Minister at the earliest date possible (I'm sure that is what everyone says!). I look forward to hearing when he may be available.

Thanks,

Merran

Merran Smith

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From:

Libby Beck [libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:21 PM

To:

Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject:

Re: MTG July 12 afternoon.

Ok - keeping that afternoon on hold for Merran. Thanks.

Libby Beck

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:13 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: MTG July 12 afternoon.

Hi again,

Are we able to confirm this meeting yet?

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From: Libby Beck < libby.beck@tidescanada.org>

Date: Monday, 11 June, 2012 11:57 AM

To: "Gajda, Gail MEM:EX" < Gail.Gajda@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MTG July 12 afternoon.

Yes - that can work for Merran.

For now I am blocking out 12-5 so that I don't accept anything in that slot while we finalize - please let me know as soon as you know if that will work.

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 10:02 AM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting arrangements?

Thanks for your message Gail - June 21 won't work for Merran.

Let's keep at this...please suggest another time.

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2012 4:39 PM

To: Gajda, Gall MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting arrangements?

Don't want to let this one drop off the radar...

Merran is in Vancouver and available...mornings of June 19, 25, 26 - anything that coincides with Mr Coleman's schedule?

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From: Libby Beck < libby.beck@tidescanada.org>

Date: Tuesday, 22 May, 2012 3:07 PM

To: "Gajda, Gail MEM:EX" < Gail. Gajda@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Meeting arrangements?

Gail

Merran makes a trip to Vancouver about once a week - when you can, give me some options and we'll work something out.

Thanks

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 12:00 PM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting arrangements?

Gail,

Sorry - did I reply to this?

June 6 can not work for Merran. Can you suggest a different date?

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From: Libby Beck [mailto:libby.beck@tidescanada.org]

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 11:03 AM

To: Gajda, Gail MEM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting arrangements?

Just a nudge to see if we can get this arranged?

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From: Libby Beck < libby.beck@tidescanada.org > Date: Wednesday, 2 May, 2012 10:09 AM

To: "Gajda, Gail MEM:EX" < Gail.Gajda@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Meeting arrangements?

Hi again Gail,

What is a good date for Merran to travel to Victoria to meet or is there a date that the Minister is planning to be in Vancouver that he has available time to meet Merran?

Just getting the ball rolling again...

Libby Beck

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