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**To:** [Holden, Virginia OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 11:32:00 AM

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This should probably be Carolyn, right?

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Steve, reading more closely it sounds like just our minister. See below. As discussed, anything you think it'd be helpful for him to know or say (or not say!) would be appreciated. If your minister is having a separate meeting with the mayor, that would be good to know too.

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**Date:** Monday, April 11, 2016 12:38:00 PM  
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I'll let them take the initiative (I think council approval may still be pending)—I just want to make sure our minister is aware if it comes up at the meeting. No commitments or analysis at this point (and that would be for your ministry anyway). ☺

FYI, I just did a web search now and found this:

<http://www.inews880.com/syn/112/167410/vancouver-councillor-looks-to-fast-track-affordable-home-ownership-program>

Doug

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**Cc:** Rothe, Karen J CSCD:EX; Messenger, Meggin A CSCD:EX  
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Hi Doug,

As I said, we have neither received an official request from the City of Vancouver nor direction from the Premier's office to amend the Vancouver Charter on this particular issue. Did you also contact the law department of the City of Vancouver (Catherine Kinahan)? They usually prepare requests for legislative amendments.

Regards,

Miriam

*Miriam Starkl-Moser*

*Phone 250 387-4017*

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OK, thanks. I talked to the City Manager and Chief Housing Officer last week (in preparation for a meeting between our minister and the Mayor this week) and it sounds like the City may be considering requesting amendments, possibly to allow housing agreements to be registered on title for affordable home ownership projects, in addition to rental projects. They say it would mirror something already allowed in the Community Charter. I'm not sure if this is what David Eby was referring to in Question Period a few weeks ago (he said there'd already been a letter to the premier).

Doug

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**Doug Page, RI(BC)**

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Hi Jennifer. Please arrange to have a briefing note prepared for the Minister for this meeting. Due to me by Noon on April 12. I will send an invite to Jeff shortly. Thanks.

**Marlene Cochrane**  
**A/Executive Coordinator | Deputy Minister's Office**  
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**From:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 10:30 AM  
**To:** Cochrane, Marlene MEM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Marlene,  
Minister Coleman will be meeting with the Mayor in regards to the announcement that the Premier made:

*Now, finally, I want to address the issue of supply, because we all know that where demand and supply is out of balance, prices go up. And so Mike de Jong, our Finance minister, and Rich Coleman, our Housing minister, are going to be meeting with Mayor Gregor Robertson to discuss ways that we can work together to increase supply, beginning in the Vancouver market but growing also that conversation out across municipalities in the province. They'll be talking about how we can work together to increase supply; how we can work together -- continue to work together -- to increase the supply of affordable housing; what we can do increase the number of rental units that are on the market; and what we can do to discourage irresponsible speculation in the market.*

If you can please have a note and staff for this meeting please, details below.

Kind regards,

**Luella Barnettson**

*Administrative Coordinator to the*

*Honourable Rich Coleman*

*Minister of Natural Gas Development*

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**From:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 9:43 AM

**To:** 'Seguin, Nicole'

**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

Thank you for your email.

Minister Coleman will meet the Mayor and his Chief of Staff at the Premier's Vancouver Office, 999 Canada Place, Suite 740, Vancouver, BC.

At this time he will have his Executive Assistant, Keivan Hirji accompany him and I will let you know which Ministry staff will also be attending.

Thank you again for your help.

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016 4:30 PM

**To:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX

**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

My apologies for the delay in confirming this meeting as s.22

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Let's confirm the meeting time as Friday April 15 at 10:30am – I believe we had discussed the meeting being held at Minister Coleman's Vancouver office. Could you please confirm the office and who will be accompanying the Minister at the meeting?

Thank you,

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**Nicole Seguin**

**Executive Assistant to the Mayor**

**Office of the Mayor, City of Vancouver**

**From:** [Hawkshaw, Steve FIN:EX](#)  
**To:** [Jillings, Duncan FIN:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Page, Doug OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: vacancy taxes  
**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2016 11:06:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Re: UK capital gains tax

There have been a couple of news stories suggesting that we should at least adopt the UK model. The reporters failed to do some basic research – Canada already charges non-residents tax on the sale of real property (either taxes as business income or capital gains). We also have an upfront withholding tax of 25% of the gross purchase price to ensure that non-residents can't just take the money and run.

Brief non-technical explanation: <http://www.mnp.ca/en/posts/when-a-non-resident-sells-a-condo>.

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**From:** Jillings, Duncan FIN:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2016 10:58 AM  
**To:** Hawkshaw, Steve FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: vacancy taxes

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**From:** "Page, Doug OHCS:EX" <[Doug.Page@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Doug.Page@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** March 17, 2016 at 10:50:52 AM PDT  
**To:** "Jillings, Duncan FIN:EX" <[Duncan.Jillings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Duncan.Jillings@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Also..**

**How 5 other countries keep checks on foreign cash in real estate**

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**From:** [Starkl-Moser, Miriam CSCD:EX](#)  
**To:** [Marotz, Nicola CSCD:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Rothe, Karen J CSCD:EX](#); [Hill, Jennifer CSCD:EX](#); [Rotgans, Trudy CSCD:EX](#); [Page, Doug OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Question from QP.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 1:48:42 PM

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Hi Nicola,  
Neither Trudy nor I are aware of any request to amend the Vancouver Charter with respect to vacant housing.  
Regards,  
Miriam

*Miriam Starkl-Moser*

*Phone 250 387-4017*

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**From:** Marotz, Nicola CSCD:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 1:08 PM  
**To:** Rotgans, Trudy CSCD:EX; Starkl-Moser, Miriam CSCD:EX; Page, Doug OHCS:EX  
**Cc:** Rothe, Karen J CSCD:EX; Hill, Jennifer CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Question from QP.  
**Importance:** High

Doug -- not something I'm aware of; Trudy/Miriam if you have any info, please share with Doug.  
Cheers Nicola

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**From:** Page, Doug OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 1:06 PM  
**To:** Hill, Jennifer CSCD:EX; Marotz, Nicola CSCD:EX; Rothe, Karen J CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Question from QP.  
**Importance:** High

Hi, I'm wondering if any of you are familiar with Vancouver's request to the premier re vacant housing and the Vancouver Charter, referenced below in QP this morning?

Doug

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**From:** Holden, Virginia OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Page, Doug OHCS:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Question from QP.  
**Importance:** High

Can you action this request? I believe we had an estimates note on the topic last year on the topic. If not, touch base with Robin at GCPE as they did a note to get ready for the fall session.

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**From:** Nagle, Kim OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 11:37 AM  
**To:** Holden, Virginia OHCS:EX; Page, Doug OHCS:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Question from QP.

Hi Ginnie and Doug

Can you please find out the status of this work and prepare some bullets for Jeff to send to Minister's Office on the matter?

Thanks,

**Kim Tiffin (née Nagle)**

Manager, Executive Operations

Office of Housing and Construction Standards

Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing

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**From:** Vasey, Jeff OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 11:36 AM  
**To:** Moran, Jennifer OHCS:EX

**Cc:** Nagle, Kim OHCS:EX

**Subject:** Re: Question from QP.

Flip to Doug and Ginnie FYI

I am not in the loop re this request or this work

Jeff

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On Mar 3, 2016, at 11:34 AM, Moran, Jennifer OHCS:EX <[Jennifer.L.Moran@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.L.Moran@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

VACANT PROPERTIES AND HOUSING  
AVAILABILITY IN METRO VANCOUVER

**D. Eby:** Vacant homes and condos in Vancouver have been a source of concern for residents for years, and now a long-awaited study on empty homes is being presented at Vancouver city council next week.

The idea of homes being held vacant as investments is the very definition of waste and greed for families trying to find a place to rent or buy in Metro Vancouver.

The mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson, wrote to the Premier and asked her for amendments to the Vancouver Charter to "ensure timely occupancy of vacant units." When the Premier wrote back, she ignored his request.

To the Minister for Housing: why has the Premier refused to take concerns about vacant homes in Metro Vancouver seriously?

[1040]

**Hon. R. Coleman:** The Minister of Finance has told the House that there's work being done on this, so I'll take the question on notice for when he might be here.

*Jennifer Moran*

*Executive Assistant*

*Assistant Deputy Ministers Office*

*Office of Housing and Construction Standards*

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*Veronica*

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## **Appendix: Addressing Homelessness in Vancouver**

- In 2014/2015 the provincial and federal governments invested over \$123.4 million dollars in emergency shelter and housing for the homeless, assisting more than 6,400 individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Vancouver.

### ***Emergency Shelters and Outreach***

- As of December 31, 2015 there are approximately 740 emergency shelter spaces.
- Last year homeless outreach teams in Vancouver helped to connect almost 800 homeless people to stable housing and supports through the Homeless Outreach and Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Programs.

### ***Homeless Prevention Program (HPP)***

- As of December 31, 2015 more than 750 rent supplements have been allocated to service providers to assist those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

### ***Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT) Shelters in Vancouver***

- In 2015/16 the provincial government provided approximately \$2.8 million dollars to fund two HEAT shelters in Vancouver, creating more than 150 additional emergency shelter spaces in the city.
- The reduction in the number of spaces from the previous year is because The First United HEAT shelter recently became a permanent homeless shelter.

### ***Winter Response Strategy for Vancouver***

- In 2015/16 the Province – in partnership with the City of Vancouver – provided approximately \$1.5 million dollars for an additional 190 Temporary Winter Response Shelter spaces, as well as rent supplements for people who were homeless.

### ***Extreme Weather Response (EWR) Program***

- The EWR program funds time-limited, temporary shelter beds for individuals who are homeless during extreme weather conditions from November through March.
- Approximately 225 spaces were available across Vancouver during the 2015/16 season.

### ***Supportive Housing – Local Government Partnerships (Memoranda of Understanding)***

- In partnership with the City of Vancouver and Streethome we are building more than 1,500 new supportive apartments.
- The majority of the developments are now open. The last few developments are under construction or in development and will be completed within the next year.

### ***SRO Renewal Initiative (SRI)***

- The Province is investing \$143.3 million dollars into the SRO Renewal Initiative to renovate 13 SROs under a public-private partnership. This includes \$29.1 million dollars from the Government of Canada through the P3 Canada Fund.
- The SRI will deliver long-term supportive housing and improved quality of life for nearly 900 residents living in the Downtown Eastside.
- Renovations on five of these buildings are now complete. Construction is expected to be completed on the remaining eight by end of August 2016.
- No tenants have been displaced as a result of the initiative.

### ***Homeless Counts***


- The 2015 City of Vancouver Homeless Count found there were 1,746 individuals, including 1,258 sheltered and 488 sheltered homeless.
- The homeless population in Vancouver continues to be disproportionately male, Aboriginal, middle-aged, and in poor health.
- Overall, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals declined by 40 percent from 2008 to 2011.

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<b>Subject</b>	Affordable housing meeting with Vancouver Mayor Robertson
<b>Name of person to be signing off</b>	Minister Coleman
<b>Due date</b>	April 12 (to DMO)
<b>Any additional information</b>	<div data-bbox="578 743 688 850"></div> <p>Fwd Meeting Mayor Robertson and Ministe Assign to Doug to draft.</p>

# OFFICE OF HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

## MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

**DATE:** April 12, 2016

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister

**MEETING DETAILS:** Meeting with Mayor Robertson, City of Vancouver

### **BACKGROUND:**

Premier Clark announced that there would be a meeting to:

*“discuss ways that we can work together to increase supply, beginning in the Vancouver market but growing also that conversation out across municipalities in the province. They’ll be talking about how we can work together to increase supply; how we can work together...to increase the supply of affordable housing; what we can do increase the number of rental units that are on the market; and what we can do to discourage irresponsible speculation in the market.”*

### **ISSUES:**

#### **Funding for 3,500 New Affordable Units**

- According to his office, Mayor Robertson is attempting to persuade the Trudeau government to commit \$500 million over five years to build social housing on 20 city properties. The British Columbia government would also be asked to commit cash to the projects. The plan would create up to 3,500 affordable housing units.
- This could fit with the new Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing Program announced by the Province in the Budget in February 2016.
  - Over the next five years the Province is committing a total of \$355 million dollars to construct and renovate more than 2,000 units of affordable housing for people with low to moderate incomes across the province.
  - This investment uses the proceeds from the Non-Profit Asset Transfer Program.
  - A proposal call was issued by BC Housing this week. Applicants may be nonprofits, not local governments.

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## MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

### Housing Affordability

- Creating new housing supply is critical to improving housing affordability in the real estate market. The provincial government is acting to help the housing market respond to high demand for homes.
- Between June 1, 2001 and December 31, 2015, BC Housing initiated more than 26,000 new units of affordable housing throughout the province. More than 22,600 are complete. The remainder are in development stage or under construction.
- The New Housing Exemption from the property transfer tax will save a purchaser up to \$13,000 dollars and provide an estimated \$75 million dollars in property transfer tax relief for new construction in 2016-17.
  - Newly built homes, including condominiums, priced up to \$750,000 dollars will be fully exempt from the property transfer tax when bought by Canadian citizens or permanent residents as a principal residence and lived in for a full year. Partial exemptions are available for new housing valued up to \$800,000.
  - The new exemption is expected to benefit owners of about 22,000 new homes in 2016, many of which will be in the Vancouver area.
  - This will be funded by increasing the property transfer tax rate to 3 percent from 2 percent on the portion of fair market value over \$2 million dollars.
- Through BC Housing's Community Partnerships Initiatives Program, we increase affordable housing options by offering low-cost development financing for housing units and lending for mixed-market developments.
- To date, the Community Partnership Initiatives program has contributed to over 3,300 new units of affordable housing, accessible to low to moderate income households.
- The Province mandates exemptions from local development cost charges and levies for very small-unit housing projects (under 280 square feet) and allows waivers for private sector affordable rental housing in an effort to assist affordability.
- Municipal leaders who are responsible for planning, zoning and development regulation can use the broader tools at their disposal to support efforts and further the creation of new housing supply.
- Important tools include temporary property tax reductions and allowing for complete, compact community development including densification, laneway housing and secondary suites. Developers say that faster approvals are also critical.

### Vacancies, Speculation and Foreign Investment

- BC Housing is leading a research initiative that will examine a range of factors potentially affecting home prices throughout the province.
- Findings from the research will inform policy analysis in British Columbia and assist in evaluating the merits of various policy proposals across all levels of government. The research is expected to take about four more months.

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- Many factors influence housing prices, including land supply, economic conditions, municipal approval processes, interest rates, fees and taxes, household income, and financing regulations. Foreign ownership is only one of many potential factors that this research initiative will examine.
- There are no definitive numbers on foreign buyers in Metro Vancouver. However, available data and analysis in the region suggests that foreign ownership of housing is less than 5 percent of the housing stock and not more than 5 percent of sales activity.

### **Little Mountain Progress**

- The remaining social housing to be built includes 181 family units, which the City says are desperately needed.
- However, despite the City's agreement to expedite it, rezoning has been a protracted process. A public hearing before Council's summer break is desirable.

### **Supportive Housing Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) Site Change**

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### **Request to change Vancouver Charter**

- The City may be preparing to request amendments to the Vancouver Charter related to housing, possibly to allow housing agreements to be registered on title for affordable home ownership projects, in addition to rental projects.
- This would need to go through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, but staff there are unaware of any proposal.

### **False Creek South Leasehold Stratas**

- ADM Jeff Vasey, CEO of BC Housing Shayne Ramsey, and Director of Legislation, Doug Page, met with City Manager, Sadhu Johnston, on April 8, 2016 (s.13,s.16,s.17 s.13,s.16,s.17 Vasey and Page also met with representatives of RePlan, the community organization representing the strata owners.
- All parties agreed that negotiated lease renewals and some additional density are the desired outcomes, and that further work is needed before any provincial legislative or regulatory action occurs.

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## MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

### Addressing Homelessness in Vancouver

- See attached Appendix for facts and figures on units and spending in Vancouver.

### Enclosures/Attachments

Addressing Homelessness in Vancouver

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# OFFICE OF HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

## INFORMATION NOTE

**DATE:** March 9, 2016

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister

**ISSUE:** City of Vancouver March 8, 2016 report on Housing Occupancy

### **BACKGROUND:**

On Tuesday March 8, 2016 a report by Ecotagious on unoccupied housing in Vancouver was presented to Vancouver City Council by Matt Bourke, a housing planner with the city, and Bruce Townson, CEO of Ecotagious, a company that analyzes home energy use based on Hydro data.

Besides the Ecotagious authors, other research team members acknowledged in the report include staff from BC Hydro, BC Housing, Metro Vancouver, and the Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency.

There was immediate media coverage including a live blog on CBC BC's website.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The following findings were widely reported in the media:

- The percentage of unoccupied homes in Vancouver has remained flat over the last 14 years despite longstanding complaints that investors are buying homes and leaving them empty.
- The report said that Vancouver's non-occupancy rate was 4.9 per cent in 2002 compared with 4.8 per cent in 2014 and is comparable to other major cities.
- Although the non-occupancy rate hasn't changed much in the last 14 years, the authors said the total number of empty homes has increased because the size of Vancouver's housing stock has grown too.
- Of the 10,800 empty housing units in Vancouver in 2014, more than 90 per cent were apartments. In this report, "apartments" includes both purpose-built rentals and condominiums, perhaps because of limits in BC Hydro's data.

### **Not reported in the media**

Non-occupancy rates vary around the city, from 7.4 per cent in Northwest Vancouver to 2.9 per cent in Southeast Vancouver. The non-occupancy rates are almost exactly the same in 2002 as compared to 2014 for each of the six regions included in the report, which may warrant additional investigation.

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## INFORMATION NOTE

Given the low vacancy rates reported year after year by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in Vancouver's purpose built rental apartments, it is likely that most of the report's stated non-occupancy is in condominiums. However, vacancy is not the same as non-occupancy.

### **Caveats and Methodology**

The term non-occupancy is used instead of the more traditional 'vacancy' to include both housing that is empty of personal belongings (vacancy) and housing that is not being used (non-occupancy) but may hold someone's significant personal belongings.

The report uses anonymized BC Hydro data to estimate non-occupancy rates. A similar approach was used in an earlier 2009 study by Andy Yan of BTAWorks and was widely criticized at that time as being inconclusive.

This report notes that there are limitations to using Hydro data. Readers are encouraged to consider this report as one contribution to the research on housing occupancy in Vancouver, to use with other research, and to place more attention on relative occupancy trends.

The report also states that this methodology would not capture vacant units where there are secondary suites in single family dwellings with a shared meter. One occupied unit will mask an unoccupied unit. Nor does it capture multi-unit buildings that are metered in aggregate (e.g., one meter for multiple apartment units).

Housing bloggers and the authors noted that owners of vacant, single family homes often take steps to avoid appearing unoccupied. For example, they use timers for lights and have service personnel or visitors pick up papers, do yard work and adjust heat in inclement weather. It is likely that unoccupied houses are under-reported using this methodology.

### **SUMMARY:**

The report downplays Vancouver's vacant housing "problem" but is unlikely to change public opinion as it does not reflect personal experience.

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**From:** [Nagle, Kim OHCS:EX](#)  
**To:** [Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Please create Cliff and eApproval  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2016 12:25:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [BN Van Housing Vacancy Report v2 Mar9 2016.docx](#)

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Hi Nikki

Can you please create a cliff and eApproval for the attached BN (it was developed outside of process) and send the eApp to me?

Thanks,

**Kim Tiffin (née Nagle)**

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**Subject:** Meeting  
**Location:** PVO - Boardroom #3  
  
**Start:** Fri 2016-04-15 10:30 AM  
**End:** Fri 2016-04-15 11:15 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Organizer:** MINCAL, MNGD MNGD:EX  
  
**Categories:** Minister

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**From:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 2:23 PM  
**To:** 'Seguin, Nicole'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Great thank you Nicole.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 2:21 PM  
**To:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

Thank you for looking in to this. Yes, the meeting can proceed as scheduled.

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**From:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX [mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 11:42 AM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

Minister deJong is out of the Province on Friday so would not be available for this meeting. The meeting is not in regards to the comments that the Premier made so we would like to continue the meeting as it is set up between Minister Coleman and Mayor Robertson.

I hope that will be okay.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 7, 2016 2:22 PM

**To:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX

**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

Thank you very much, I appreciate your help.

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**From:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 2:17 PM

**To:** Seguin, Nicole

**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

I can reach out to Minister de Jong's assistant and see if he is available to join the meeting.

Then if not I will have his office contact you directly.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguina@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 7, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Thank you Luella.

Will Minister de Jong be joining the meeting as well?

If not, could you please assist me with seeing if he is able to join the meeting, or connecting me with the appropriate staff person in Minister de Jong's office?

Thank you,

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**From:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 9:43 AM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

Thank you for your email.

Minister Coleman will meet the Mayor and his Chief of Staff at the Premier's Vancouver Office, 999 Canada Place, Suite 740, Vancouver, BC.

At this time he will have his Executive Assistant, Keivan Hirji accompany him and I will let you know which Ministry staff will also be attending.

Thank you again for your help.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016 4:30 PM  
**To:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

My apologies for the delay in confirming this meeting as s.22

Let's confirm the meeting time as Friday April 15 at 10:30am – I believe we had discussed the meeting being held at Minister Coleman's Vancouver office. Could you please confirm the office and who will be accompanying the Minister at the meeting?

Thank you,

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**From:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:57 AM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

Thanks for another suggestion, however Minister Coleman will have returned late from International travel on April 7 so will not be available to meet on April 8.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguिन@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 5:06 PM  
**To:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

I'm continuing to work to confirm April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am for the Mayor and Minister Coleman, but while I do I noticed an availability has come up in the morning of April 8 for Mayor Robertson and wanted to see if Minister Coleman is able to meet then?

Thank you,

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**From:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 12:39 PM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

At this time the Minister only has a meeting in the morning in Vancouver and will head back to Langley for Constituent meetings.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguिन@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** Barnettson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Thank you Luella.

Does Minister Coleman have any availability in his calendar in the afternoon on April 15? The Mayor has some flexibility in his schedule so I may be able to find a time there.

Thank you,

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**From:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 11:49 AM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

April 8 won't work for Minister Coleman and he could make April 15 work but not until 10:30am as he is at another meeting until 10am.

I will hold this time in the calendar till I hear back from you.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2016 3:11 PM  
**To:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Thank you Luella,

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**From:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX [<mailto:Luella.Barnetson@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2016 3:10 PM  
**To:** Seguin, Nicole  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Nicole,

Thank you for the email.

I won't be able to touch base with the Minister today, but I will get back to you on Monday.

Thank you!

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**From:** Seguin, Nicole [<mailto:Nicole.Seguin@vancouver.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2016 3:05 PM  
**To:** Barnetson, Luella MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** Meeting: Mayor Robertson and Minister Coleman

Hi Luella,

I am contacting you on behalf of Mayor Robertson to set up a meeting between the Mayor and Minister Coleman.

The Mayor is available on the following days to meet with the Minister in Vancouver:

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm  
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Please let me know which of these times works with the Minister's schedule. The Mayor will be joined by his Chief of Staff, Mike Magee.

Thank you,

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