

Jonker, Jennifer B ENV:EX

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: New Contact Information

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From: Mayor Bernier [<mailto:MayorBernier@dawsoncreek.ca>]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 1:15 PM
To: 'm.bernier@leg.bc.ca'
Subject: New Contact Information

Hello,

As you may know I am no longer Mayor for the City of Dawson Creek. I am now the MLA for Peace River South and my email, is m.bernier@leg.bc.ca

Have a great day

Mike Bernier

Jonker, Jennifer B ENV:EX

From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Provincial Campsites
Attachments: Prov Campsite Letter.docx

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

From: Bell, Jordan ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2013 2:22 PM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Provincial Campsites

Draft reply please. CC to the MLA.

Jordan Bell
 Ministerial Assistant to the
 Honourable Mary Polak
 Minister of Environment
 Telephone: (250) 356-7717
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-----Original Message-----

From: Barnett.MLA, Donna [<mailto:Donna.Barnett.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2013 1:27 PM
To: Polak, Mary ENV:EX
Cc: Bell, Jordan ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Provincial Campsites

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

From: Barnett.MLA, Donna
Sent: September 5, 2013 1:01 PM
To: 'marv.polak@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: s.22
Subject: FW: Provincial Campsites

Dear Minister Polak

Please find attached a letter from my constituents^{s.22} concerning
 Provincial Campgrounds.

I would appreciate your office looking into this matter.

From the office of
 Donna Barnett MLA
 Cariboo-Chilcotin



Reference: 198311

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Thank you for your email of September 5, 2013, addressed to Ms. Donna Barnett, MLA for Cariboo-Chilcotin, regarding Provincial Campgrounds. As your enquiry falls under the responsibility of BC Parks, I am pleased to respond.

I am pleased to hear you had an opportunity to enjoy British Columbia's beautiful provincial parks this summer and that you found the staff pleasant and helpful. We receive feedback regularly about how convenient the Discover Camping reservation service is and how it provides peace of mind for campers who would like a campsite for an extended period of time.

As you recognize in your letter, reserveable inventory is available for "drop-in" or first-come, first-served (FCFS) customers for one to two days (and possibly longer), depending on whether or not someone has reserved that particular site. BC Parks believes this practice provides a balance for spontaneous campers to take a chance at securing a spot, while at the same time providing the reassurance of a guaranteed site for customers wishing to make a reservation. BC Parks manages over 11,000 campsites, only about 50 percent of which are on the reservation system.

Unfortunately, BC Parks cannot allow the practice of securing a reserveable spot by arriving in the park and paying in advance because that would not be fair to the customers who plan ahead, make a reservation and pay the corresponding reservation charges.

While in some parks there are internet connectivity and a means to collect a payment for a reservation, in some parks, such as ^{s.22} there is not the infrastructure to support this. This is why we encourage customers to make their own reservation, in advance of their arrival date. The two day window, where you cannot make a reservation within the two days of your arrival date, is in place so that someone cannot make a reservation for a site that may be occupied by a FCFS customer such as yourselves.

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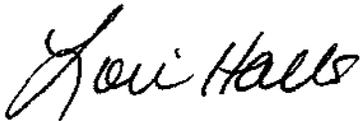
In terms of the information you received from the call centre staff, their role is to offer reservation service information. They are provided information about individual parks and campsites from our Park Facility Operators. Without more specific details (either the site you were trying to reserve or the reservation number), it was difficult for our staff to assess why you were not able to reserve in the spot you wanted.

With respect to your concern that the company providing Discover Camping Services is based in Ontario, no qualified candidates from BC applied as part of our procurement process in 2009.

The increase in visitation and popularity of our parks is just one of the reasons that reservations are becoming increasingly necessary for many of our premium parks. As you mention, reservations provide visitors with the peace of mind that the specific site they want will be available for them upon arrival and many of our customers appreciate that convenience.

I thank you once again for taking the time to share your experiences.

Sincerely,



Lori Halls,
Assistant Deputy Minister
BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division

cc: Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin

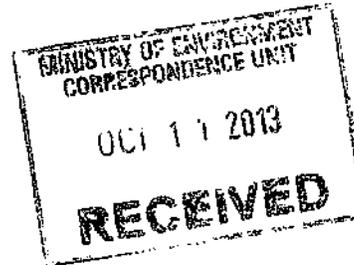
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October 1, 2013

Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
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Dear ~~Minister~~ *Mary*:

I was pleased to read your piece in the Vancouver Sun on September 10, outlining the province's commitment to water sustainability, and a new Water Sustainability Act.

As you pursue that quest – assuredly with my enthusiastic support! – I would ask you to keep in mind the plight of our fresh water fish.

You may recall my formation of the "steelhead caucus" some years ago. With caucus turnover, its composition has become somewhat frayed, but its goals remain intact: to raise the sensitivity of citizens, lawmakers, and regulators, to the challenges facing this magnificent species, as a "canary in the coalmine" for all species challenged by our province's somewhat casual approach to the management of its rivers and streams and groundwater.

Therefore, let me pledge my caucus and legislative support for a robust new Act, and also implore you to "DON'T FORGET THE STEELHEAD!"

Thank you.

Ralph

Ralph Sultan, MLA
West Vancouver-Capilano

cc: Al Lill
Craig Wightman
Brian Riddell, President, the Pacific Salmon Foundation
John Yap, MLA Richmond-Steveston
Richard Lee, MLA Burnaby-North
John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

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Ralph Sultan, MLA
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Dear Colleague:

Ralph

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2013, regarding your support for the proposed *Water Sustainability Act* and your concern over British Columbia's (BC's) freshwater fish.

I appreciate your support for the proposed *Water Sustainability Act*. BC's surface and groundwater are among our most precious and important resources. The health of the environment, our communities and our economic prosperity depend on a safe and sustainable supply of high quality water. It is important we take good care of this valuable resource for future generations.

There are a number of provisions in the proposed *Water Sustainability Act* that would improve protection for freshwater fish, including the requirement to consider Environmental Flow Needs in all new water allocation decisions and amendments to existing authorizations. The Act will also expand the prohibitions on dumping debris that currently exist under the *Fish Protection Act*— including human and animal waste, pesticides and fertilizers—into streams and aquifers.

Groundwater can be an important source of water to support fish and other aquatic life. Regulating the extraction and use of groundwater as proposed in the *Water Sustainability Act* legislative proposal will help ensure that aquifers are not over exploited and that their important environmental function as a source water during dry periods is maintained.

During times of water scarcity or drought, the proposed new Act will also enable temporary water use restrictions (surface and groundwater) to protect Critical Environmental Flows in order to avoid irreversible harm to an ecosystem. The new Act will also maintain the minister's power under the *Fish Protection Act* to order temporary reduction of water use to protect fish habitat.

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The proposed new Act also includes provisions for defining Water Objectives for streams aquifers or areas of land as well as the development of Water Sustainability Plans to improve consistency in decision making and help ensure the long-term health of our watersheds.

I encourage you and your constituents to visit the new *Water Sustainability Act* website at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/watersustainabilityact/> where we have posted the detailed Legislative Proposal, an Overview document and a number of videos covering the key policy areas. Government invited comments on the proposal until November 15, 2013, through the blog, email, fax or post. All feedback will be considered as government prepares a final version of the legislation for introduction in spring 2014.

As the implementation of the new Act falls under the purview of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, I have shared a copy of your enquiry with the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, for his review and consideration, and I understand you will be receiving a response at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Mary Polak
Minister

cc: Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

P.S. we need Steelhead T-shirts!

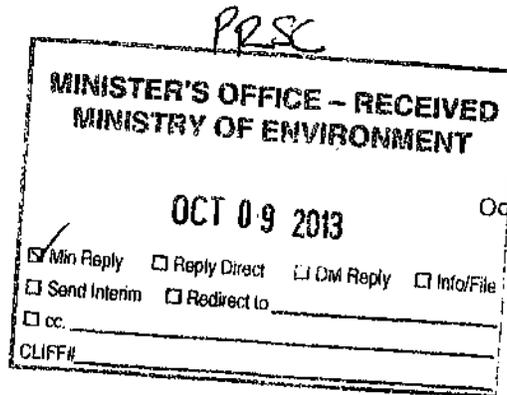
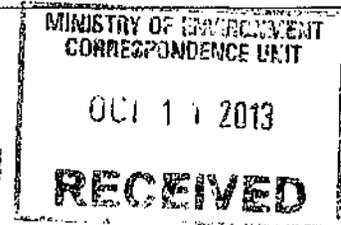


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October 4, 2013

Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
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Dear Minister Polak:

I am not sure if you want to get involved in this complex situation. I am engaged purely through the involvement of s.22... Tex Enemark, whom I am sure you may know as well.

Here is the story: The Artificial Reef Society, then headed by Tex Enemark, is a group of SCUBA diving enthusiasts who want to expand the activity of diving on to sunken ships, an activity of some tourist industry payoff. The Society acquired the HMCS Annapolis, an Annapolis-class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy between 1961 and 1996. This former warship was purchased by the society from Crown Assets, a federal organization. The obsolete naval vessel, cleaned of contaminants and sunk at an appropriate location and depth, would be a desirable SCUBA dive target.

I was told by current president, Howard Robins, that Crown Assets, a federal agency, warranted the vessel to be free of any PCB when it was sold. The society then removed other possible contaminants such as fuel oil I presume, and the ship was ready to go down!

First problem: the neighbours on Gambier Island, in Howe Sound close to Vancouver, enjoying their quiet and solitude, objected to the prospect of dive boats anchored off their property. I believe a provincial park is involved. But that issue was finally resolved.

Next problem: Is it REALLY contaminant free, the neighbours asked. More tests on the insulation liners of the vessel. A couple of readings spiked for PCB. Oh oh! To remove these liners might cost \$300,000, it seems. The Society does not have any more money. (I wonder if the neighbours had anything to do with this, but I am skeptical by nature.)

So this vessels sits there in a bay off Gambier Island in Howe Sound, awaiting solution. Crown Assets apparently says nobody here but us chickens. The Navy has long washed its hands of this warship. The

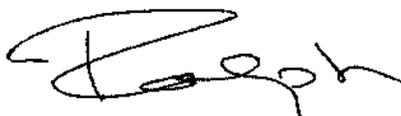
Federal Ministry of Environment asks PCB to be removed, but won't help do it. So affairs are at an impasse.

The risk is that the vessel sinks at anchor in a winter storm. At some point the directors of the Society might simply walk away.

Here's the interesting part -- it seems to me. If a vessel with a trace of PCB is at anchor, prior to sinking, it is Federal jurisdiction. On its way to the bottom it is still Federal. However, I am told, sitting on the bottom it becomes Provincial jurisdiction.

Over to you Minister. I promised to draw this uncomfortable and confusing situation to your attention and now have done so. The file I received today, is attached. Good luck!

Yours very truly,



Ralph Sultan, MLA
West Vancouver-Capilano

Attachment: the HMCS Annapolis excerpts from a large file

← : Jordan Sturdy MLA
John Weston, MP



Reference: 199164

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Ralph Sultan, MLA
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Dear Colleague:

Ralph

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 2013, regarding the sinking of the HMS Annapolis in Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park for the purpose of creating an artificial reef. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Ministry of Environment and BC Parks remain committed to the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia (ARSBC) project to sink the HMCS Annapolis ship in Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park as an artificial reef, pending the final approval by the federal government. ARSBC is not financially capable of undertaking the new mitigation measures from Environment Canada to remove the PCBs associated with the ship's insulation and paint. ARSBC and the Department of National Defense have both noted the condition of the ship is deteriorating and was never intended to withstand another winter after being cleaned and prepared for sinking in 2012.

Ministry of Environment Deputy Minister Wes Shoemaker has engaged directly with his counterparts in Environment Canada, Transport Canada and the Department of National Defense to discuss potential options for resolution. It is my hope a viable solution can be found quickly, to the benefit of ARSBC and both levels of government.

Thank you again for writing, will keep you apprised of next steps as this matter progresses.

Sincerely,

Mary Polak

Mary Polak
Minister

*FYI:
I also raised it directly with James Moore and I understand from Staff that the Fed's have shown recent interest*
MP

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From: Fassbender.MLA, Peter [Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 9:26 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

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From:
Sent: October 11, 2013 6:14 PM
To: Fassbender.MLA, Peter
Subject: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

Hello,

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This email includes ^{s.22} press releases on two proposed pipelines in British Columbia. The Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would be a new pipeline running from Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia, and the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion would consist of the construction of a second pipeline from Edmonton, Alberta to Greater Vancouver.

I have presented the three press releases under the following headings.

1. ^{s.22} pertaining to the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline from Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia.
2. ^{s.22} pertaining to the proposed Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion, consisting of a second pipeline from Edmonton, Alberta to Greater Vancouver.
3. ^{s.22} pertaining to the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline from Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia.

Sincerely,
^{s.22}

1. ^{s.22} pertaining to the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline from Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia.

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February 15, 2013

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Fees that the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline should be required to pay the Government of British Columbia

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

September 14, 2013

Fees that the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion should be required to pay the Government of British Columbia.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 30, 2013

Important information in email from Terry Lake, British Columbia Minister of Environment

Begin forwarded message:

From: ^{s.22}
Subject: Re: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline
Date: 23 March, 2013 1:28:02 PM PDT
To: "Minister, ENV ENV:EX" <ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Lake,

Thank you for your reply to my email.

I am please that, should the Federal Government give Enbridge permission to proceed with the project, the Province of British Columbia would require Enbridge to obtain a variety of provincial permits and the Government of British Columbia would represent the interests of British Columbians in the process.

In order to fully represent the interests of British Columbians, I consider it essential that the permits include the information in my press release (copy below).

Sincerely,
^{s.22}

On 2013-03-13, at 4:17 PM, Minister, ENV ENV:EX wrote:

Reference: 188873

March 13, 2013

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Thank you for your emails of February 24 and March 4, 2013, regarding the proposed Enbridge pipeline.

The proposed pipeline, called the Northern Gateway Project, falls under the federal regulatory responsibilities of the National Energy Board (NEB) because it would cross interprovincial borders (British Columbia/Alberta). The federal Minister of the Environment and the Chair of the NEB have established a Joint Review Panel (JRP) to conduct a federal environmental assessment of the proposed project.

The JRP hearings for the Northern Gateway Project began in January 2012 and are estimated to take approximately two years to conclude. The British Columbia (BC) Government is a registered participant in the NEB process with intervenor status. This role allows the Province to participate directly in the JRP, and BC is remaining highly attentive to the JRP process.

The Province believes that the NEB environmental review process offers a meaningful opportunity for British Columbians to voice their opinions about pipeline proposals under federal jurisdiction. The results of these processes are being monitored and carefully considered by the BC Government and have helped to guide our cross examination of Enbridge at these hearings. We encourage active public participation in the NEB process.

Government recently released the technical analysis related to proposed heavy oil pipelines in BC. The report, *Requirements for British Columbia to Consider Support for Heavy Oil Pipelines*, can be accessed at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/main/docs/2012/TechnicalAnalysis-HeavyOilPipeline_120723.pdf. The report included five principles that must be addressed if we are to consider support for such pipeline developments in our province:

1. Successful completion of the formal environmental review process with approval by the Joint Review Panel.
2. World-leading marine oil spill response, prevention and recovery systems for British Columbia.
3. World-leading practices for land-based spill prevention, response and recovery systems for British Columbia.
4. Legal requirements regarding Aboriginal and treaty rights must be addressed and First Nations be provided with the opportunities to benefit from these projects.

5. British Columbia receives a fair share of the fiscal and economic benefits of proposed heavy oil projects that reflect the risk borne by the province.

We have said consistently that the Joint Review Panel – the environmental assessment – should be allowed to proceed to conclusion. Government has a responsibility to uphold and to respect the due process that is available and underscored by laws and regulations. Business should be able to make their proposals for economic development in BC and anywhere in Canada. In Canada we have laws, regulations and processes for the determination of whether such development can be undertaken in a way that is environmentally sustainable.

Our government has consistently underlined a number of core questions and concerns related to the Enbridge proposal. Key among them is the discrepancy between the overall benefits of the project, the benefits to BC, and the balance of risk. If the project were to proceed, it appears that BC would assume the majority of the risk and relatively little of the benefit.

We have always said we need to see all the facts related to this project. The environmental assessment will provide that information, and our principles outline the minimum requirements for us to consider support. If approved, the proponent would require a variety of permits from the Province of British Columbia to conduct works. You can be assured that the Government of BC will represent the interests of British Columbians in this process.

Should you desire further detailed information on the federal environmental assessment for the proposed pipeline, please contact the National Energy Board directly at 1-800-899-1265 or at info@neb-one.gc.ca. I also encourage you to visit the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project JRP website (<http://gatewaypanel.review-examen.gc.ca/clf-nsi/hm-eng.html>).

Thank you again for writing and sharing your suggestions for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Terry Lake
Minister of Environment

From: s.22

Sent: March-04-13 7:56 AM

To: Lake.MLA, Terry

Subject: Fwd: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline

This is further to my email below.

My information may help the environmentalists in their endeavour to prevent the pipeline from being constructed!

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline

Date: 24 February, 2013 3:10:48 PM PST

To: terry.lake.mla@leg.bc.ca

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February 24, 2013

Press Release

For Immediate Release

**Fees that Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline should be required to pay the
Government of British Columbia**

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Jonker, Jennifer B ENV:EX

From: Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Reject all new tar sands pipelines and tankers in British Columbia

From: s.22..
Sent: August 16, 2013 2:56 AM
To: Coleman.MLA, Rich
Subject: Reject all new tar sands pipelines and tankers in British Columbia

Dear Hon. Coleman,

Global warming is getting dangerously close to a point of no return. The number of extreme weather events continues to increase, as scientists predicted. In June 2013, hundreds of thousands of people were displaced in the worst flood to hit Calgary and the Kootenays in eastern B.C. in nearly a hundred years.

We still have a chance to act - to stop global warming before it becomes unstoppable.

The most urgent and immediate action is to stop new fossil fuel projects, such as tar sands pipelines and tankers. I am pleased that the B.C. government has said "no" to Enbridge.

However, to be a climate leader requires an outright rejection of all proposals that would bring tar sands oil to BC's coast. Far more jobs can be created by investing in renewable energy and energy efficiencies.

I urge you to reject all proposals, including both Enbridge and Kinder Morgan, that would bring tar sands oil to BC's coast and speed up global warming.

The impacts of climate change are already being felt by BC families. For a safe and just future, I urge you to develop a plan to move BC to a low-carbon economy.

Sincerely,

s.22