

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:33 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Heads Up - 100 Mile House Meeting

Matt Hannah
778.584.1249

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX" <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 30, 2017 at 6:22:46 PM PDT
To: "Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX" <Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca>, "Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Heads Up - 100 Mile House Meeting

Hi all,

I just received word that there is a community meeting planned at 100 Mile house tonight for evacuees of the Elephant Hill Fire.

From what I've gathered, the meeting was initiated by MLA Barnett, and CRD and BC Wildfire were asked to attend.

Once the meeting is over, I will get in touch with the wildfire FIO for the incident and ask what occurred at the meeting.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner
A/Communications Director | Emergency Management BC
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Phone: (250) 952-5062 **Cell:** (250) 896-1928

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Subject: s.22

Hey Tim. Here's the chronology of events with s.22 . Let me know if you see a need for more intervention.

August 4th, Cariboo Fire Centre had two calls with s.22

- One from Krista Dunleavy (Fire Centre Manager) and Mark Hamm (Deputy Fire Centre Manager),
- The second from Mark Hamm and Reg Trap (IC of the West Cariboo Area Commander),

During these calls the following was discussed:

s.22

- BCWS expressed concerns that widening the guard on the power line on the White Lake fire may create a risk of starting new fires during the current period of extreme fire risk,
- BCWS informed s.22 the proposal to widen the guard on the power line may have merit as a fuel break outside of fire season to help protect the community.
- BCWS suggested that his advocacy and promotion of fire prevention/fuel management within the community after the current state of emergency may help community buy in.
- s.22 although he felt the Fire Centre Manager and Deputy Fire Centre Manager were trying.

August 4th, BCWS Fire Centre manager left a voice mail and sent email to MLA Barnett yesterday requesting a call or meeting to discuss s.22 . No response has been received.

Cariboo Fire Centre will reach out to s.22 and MLA Barnett to discuss further.

Sent from Tim Sheldon's iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Looks like this already went to Mark Hamm, but thought you should see this.

Tim Renneberg, Ministerial Assistant
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
250-387-6240
tim.renneberg@gov.bc.ca

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX" <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 5, 2017 at 9:32:36 AM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: s.22

Here is the one from last night regarding the fellow who wants to fight Tautri fire. His letter I'll send next.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marks, Beverly LASS:EX" <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>
Date: August 4, 2017 at 5:07:16 PM PDT
To: "Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX" <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: s.22, Walt Cobb
<wcobb@williamslake.ca>, "XT:Coleman, R LP:IN"
<R.Coleman@leg.bc.ca>, "Rustad, John" <J.Rustad@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: s.22

Good Afternoon please find letter from MLA Barnett, with attachments this time.

Beverly Marks,
Constituency Assistant to
MLA Donna Barnett, Cariboo-Chilcotin
250-395-3916
Beverly.marks@leg.bc.ca

<2017_08_04_17_04_46.pdf>

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Just send her an email with the info thanks.

Also there is another letter from MLA Barnett yesterday with a letter from a constituent who wants to fight the Tautri fire on his own. Did you see it?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 8:55 AM, Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Do you want me to send her an email or do you want to phone her with this info?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 4, 2017 at 9:37:30 PM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Awesome. Thanks. Our correspondence referred this over to your office. Can you guys write back to Donna with this info?

Matt Hannah
778.584.1249

On Aug 4, 2017, at 4:53 PM, Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

See below. In short, yeah, we can do that.

Tim Renneberg
Ministerial Assistant
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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From: Robinson, Gordon FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Cc: Jones, Lisa FLNR:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Hi Tim,

Here are some bullets on this from BCWS, sorry they took a while, their issues manager is working on fires and only has intermittent email access. These have been reviewed by BCWS's corporate services, but not by the ED or ADM.

- If the invoicing schedule is not prescribed in the contract then contractors are welcome to submit invoices for work completed as frequently as they desire. A two week schedule would be fine.
- Government practices is to ensure that all invoices are paid within 30 days. However, recognising the hardship currently being faced by many businesses as a result of the wildfires, Cariboo Fire Centre has and will continue to make a point of processing payment for a contractors' invoices as quickly as possible

Thanks Tim, let me know if you need anything else.

<image001.png> **Gordon Robinson**
Manager, Executive Issues
Deputy Minister's Office
Cell (250) 213-8447
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

From: Jones, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Robinson, Gordon FLNR:EX; Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX
Cc: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX; Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Gordon - Pls run with answer to MO and PO
Correspondence – pls work on response.
Lisa.

From: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Jones, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Hi Lisa,

MLA Barnett is asking if contractors can be paid bi-weekly rather than every 90 days. The Premier's office is asking us if this is feasible given the wildfire circumstances. Can you let me know what answer I can give?

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250-387-6240
tim.renneberg@gov.bc.ca

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX"
<Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 3, 2017 at 9:26:19 PM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX"
<Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

See attached - I think this would be good to action if feasible.

Matt Hannah
778.584.1249

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX"
<Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 3, 2017 at 6:04:47 PM PDT
To: "Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX"
<Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX"
<Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

For review.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Farmer, Susan PREM:EX"
<Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 3, 2017 at

5:56:38 PM PDT

To: "Van Meer-Mass,
Kate PREM:EX"

[<Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>](mailto:Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca)

**Subject: FW: MLA
Donna Barnett/
Williams Lake**

Hi Kate – pls see the
attached letter from
Donna Barnett. I'd like
to refer it to Public
Safety, but I'd like to
chat with you about
that first.

Susan Farmer
Managing Director |
Correspondence
Branch | Office of
the Premier
P: 250-387-2160 E:
susan.farmer@gov.bc.ca
[.ca](mailto:susan.farmer@gov.bc.ca)

From: Huffman, Jenny
[mailto:Jenny.Huffman@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday,
August 3, 2017 3:24
PM

To: OfficeofthePremier,
Office PREM:EX

Cc: XT:Coleman, R
LP:IN;
FINANCE.Minster@gov.bc.ca;

harvesting@telus.net

Subject: MLA Donna
Barnett/ Williams Lake

Dear Premier John
Horgan

Please see attached file
with concerns that
need to be
addressed. Original
will be mailed. Thank
you in advance.

Jenny Huffman

CA to MLA Donna
Barnett
Cariboo - Chilcotin

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Cc: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CALLERS: BC Wildfires & Red Cross evacuation

Tks.... They will be ready for back country issue.... One of the most challenging .. especially given we will have Albertans en route with their boats and ATVs.....and may not even be aware of today's decision ... should be ready for some criticism about timing (obviously its based on the risk assessment)....

When you get any calls/emails re: vouchers and ESS supports they can be sent to EMBC and we have folks that try to solve

From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:16
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Cc: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: CALLERS: BC Wildfires & Red Cross evacuation
Importance: High

Hey guys – below are some of the calls PO has received today. Can we ensure our officials aware for the 1 pm call? Seems like we could expect some questions on it.

Also note this fb post:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BCsEmergencyLivestockAnimalEvacuationGroup/permalink/1924374397834650/>

And this news story: <http://www.revelstokereview.com/news/mla-calls-for-backcountry-closure/>

I have had many callers on at the PO today and yesterday regarding the wildfires. Many left no name or number but they are furious that the back roads, off roads, and Crown lands have not been shut down. They are asking for camping to be stopped. Callers are concerned that this is a huge holiday weekend and that more fires will be started by campfires and hunters and off roaders smoking.

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off roads. s.22

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Her community is up in smoke. She says is a fire were to happen closer to the road hundreds of people would die as they would be unable to get out. Please close back roads.

s.22

s.22

the air quality is the worst it has ever been in Williams Lake. s.22
s.22

They have been told to return, yet

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Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: INVITE Sept 23 and Correspondence - RUSH - Pressy Lake
Attachments: Pressy Lake; ATT00001.htm

I expect this may generate some QP material in future.

Will staff attend this meeting? If not we need a follow up with Pressy Lake community association. Can one of you be on speaker phone for mtg Kenn or Tim S?

I will need an IN on wildfire service actions around Pressy Lake.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX" <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 19, 2017 at 10:05:13 AM PDT
To: "Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX" <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>, "Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX" <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>, "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX" <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>, "Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX" <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: INVITE Sept 23 and Correspondence - RUSH - Pressy Lake

Minister,
FYI MLAs Barnett and Tegart are attending on September 23rd, can we advise them that you do not plan to attend?

It has been over a month now since a vortex of fire fanned across the once beautiful community of Pressy Lake, late into the night of August 12, 2017. The devastation that followed the wall of flames is apocalyptic-like, and resembles ones worst fears of meeting hell on earth. Pressy Lake residents would like to invite you to visit this community and speak with us about our experience and observe the asphyxiating haze of smoke that lingers as a reminder of Mother Nature's attempt to violently strip the existence of Pressy Lake away from this world. A current visit is scheduled for MLA Ms. Jackie Tegart and Ms. Donna Barnett, on September 23, 2017, at 1100 hours.

From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: INVITE Sept 23 and Correspondence - RUSH - Pressy Lake
Importance: High

Wildfire

Sandra, let CSS know if MDD will attend, I can't see the response being prepared by then?

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Manager
Correspondence Services
250 356-9638

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: Pressy Lake
Attachments: Donaldson.pdf

Honorable Doug Donaldson,

Please see the attached letter regarding Pressy Lake and the devastation this community is facing following the Elephant Hill Forest Fire

Thank you,

s.22

Dear Mr. Doug Donaldson,

It has been over a month now since a vortex of fire fanned across the once beautiful community of Pressy Lake, late into the night of August 12, 2017. The devastation that followed the wall of flames is apocalyptic-like, and resembles ones worst fears of meeting hell on earth. Pressy Lake residents would like to invite you to visit this community and speak with us about our experience and observe the asphyxiating haze of smoke that lingers as a reminder of Mother Nature's attempt to violently strip the existence of Pressy Lake away from this world. A current visit is scheduled for MLA Ms. Jackie Tegart and Ms. Donna Barnett, on September 23, 2017, at 1100 hours.

Some members of the community were fortunate to have their homes and personal property spared; however, 33 residences and 24 outbuilding structures were destroyed. The community as a whole is surrounded by burnt and blackened trees and miles of deadfall that this generation, and likely the next generation, will never see as treed areas again. The magnitude of impact that this fire has had on Pressy Lake truly cannot be described with words and has yet to be fully realized.

The reason for my letter, Mr. Donaldson, is to request your support in a pursuit of an answer to the following question: **why was there no Structural Protection Units placed at Pressy Lake prior to August 12, 2017?** The fear that Pressy Lake was not being protected was evident when the area was evacuated on Jul 29th, 2017. The Thompson-Nicola Regional District live streamed an update for the Elephant Hill Fire in Clinton, on August 4th, 2017. During this meeting, I posed the question to BC wildfire service information officer Mr. Cliff Champon, asking, "what structural protection is in place for Pressy Lake?" The response, "I don't know where Pressy lake is," was gut wrenching. At this moment, my heart sank, as did the heart of this entire community. I knew nothing was being done ahead of the fire to prepare the structures and area immediate to Pressy Lake. On the other hand, on the same date, August 4th, 2017, structural protection unit specialists sent by the Fire office of BC, were joined by firefighters from Wildfire Service BC, Green Lake South volunteer fire department, Lac la Biche fire department and the North Saanich fire department, to prepare South Green lake for the fire. Collaboratively, this team implemented Fire Smart techniques and set-up level 2 and level 3 structural protection units on properties located along the south side of Green Lake. Pressy Lake is located 9 kilometers south of Green Lake, and evidently 9 kilometers closer to the approaching fire. While I do understand the instrumental role the volunteer fire department for Green Lake played in implementing structural protection measures, why would provincial government resources be allocated to prepare the community that is located furthest from the fire, with no structural protection measures being taken to protect Pressy lake?

Prior to the fire reaching Pressy Lake, contact was made with Wildfire service BC information officers Ms. Noelle Kekula and Ms. Claire Allen. Both information officers were unable to report if structural protection units were being placed at Pressy Lake properties. Not being able to get information from individuals with boots to the ground has proven to be frustrating. Several attempts have been made to obtain information about structural protection at Pressy Lake from the TNRD as well; however, I have repeatedly advised at this time they were only able to report what information was relayed to them via BC wildfire service, which was nothing. **Why was there no push to ensure these properties were protected in the two weeks leading up to the fire?**

On all accounts from the residents that stayed behind until immediately before the fire, or until the fire passed, when the fire reached Pressy Lake on August 12, 2017, it was unstoppable. It

was too late, and nothing was going to stop the force of this fire. The news that our community had been devastated by fire was first heard from local residents and also online media sources. Evacuees from the area continued to plead for information and plead for confirmation that measures were taken to protect our beloved community with the hopes that our community remained standing. Requests fell silent on the ears of TNRD and BC wildfire service for information, and in time I was advised by TNRD representatives and Wildfire Service Information Officers to submit requests for information through the Freedom of Information act. I spoke directly with the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mr. Ron French, from the BC Fire office, and he too encouraged me to submit an information request if I wanted to know what was done for structural protection at Pressy Lake. The wildfire service of BC and the Fire office of BC are accountable to this community, what happened?

After photographs were released to residents which spoke of the lack of structural protection that was done for our community, I submitted an information request to the BC Wildfire Service office and to the Fire office of BC and to TNRD. Since that date, I have been contacted by two senior analysts at the Freedom of Information office, encouraging me to withdraw my requests. I have been told that the information in my request will be "difficult to obtain," and that following the fire the information will become protected, since there will "likely be some sort of investigation."

Mr. Donaldson, residents are fully aware that regardless of whether structural protection measures were implemented or not, Mother Nature may have pushed the fire through the community of Pressy Lake on the night of August 12, 2017; however, this does not mean that structural protection would not have saved the 33 residents and 24 outbuildings that were lost to the fire. **Pressy Lake needs your support and leadership right now.** Please stand with us. We need to know why Pressy Lake was not protected and there has to be accountability placed on the organizational decisions that resulted in Pressy Lake being decimated by this fire to prevent a repeat of this event in the future. The community of Pressy Lake will never be what it once was and desperately needs assistance and compensation to help rebuild uninsured losses, and to initiate habitat recovery and enhancement programs amongst the devastation. Learning what happened is the first step.

Yours truly,

s.22

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Maloughney, Mary Sue MMHA:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

I can take care of it- do you want reply to come from MDD?

From: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

Yes. Do you need me to send that or can you take care of that?

Tim Renneberg
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Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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From: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

AM thinking:
Apologize but can't attend.
This fire is of the highest priority for BCWS
We appreciate the efforts of the community
Clarify if this is a mtg with regl district and local gov't (read like another one that she is setting up)
We have been communicating a bunch
Need to work together
senior BCWS will attend...

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From: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

Also, given that Dana is here, I'm not sure what's appropriate in response to this specific letter.

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From: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

I am assuming Minister and Premier are unavailable to attend but BCWS will.... We can discuss in advance if needed.

MS

From: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

I don't think this is feasible, but I haven't had a chance to discuss this with the minister.

The question that keeps running through my mind is what information do they believe they need that they aren't getting?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marks, Beverly LASS:EX" <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>
Date: September 6, 2017 at 10:31:01 AM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

Good Morning Tim, Please give the letter and attachment to Minister Donaldson. Thank you.

Beverly Marks, CA
Donna Barnett, MLA
Cariboo Chilcotin
250-395-3916

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Wickerson, Gordon LASS:EX
Subject: FW: Elephant Hill fire

Hi Gordon,

Best advice I can give is to say something like this:

Our first priority is public safety and then the protection of private property, as well as livestock and pets. We do not factor the cost into the decisions surrounding how the fires are fought. If our professional wildfire service needs a resource to fight these fires, they will be authorized to use that resource. It's not the politicians who make the decisions about the resources we use, it's the professionals.

This has been the worst recorded fire season on record, both in terms of area burned – now more than double the area of Prince Edward Island – and in terms of cost. It's been the professionals in the wildfire service that have kept people safe and managed to limit the amount of damage to property thus far.

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From: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Elephant Hill fire

Eric Kristianson
ADM Strategic Issues
GCPE
778-584-1248

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wickerson, Gordon LASS:EX" <Gordon.Wickerson@leg.bc.ca>
Date: August 31, 2017 at 10:01:11 AM PDT
To: "Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX" <Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Elephant Hill fire

Thoughts?

Gord

From: s.22

Sent: August 29, 2017 8:24 PM

To: Wickerson, Gordon <Gordon.Wickerson@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Elephant Hill fire

Still waiting to hear from someone!! We have had calm winds the government could have brought the mars bombers in to put this fire out! This fire had been burning since July time the government took some serious action. Already costing the taxpayers \$300,000,000+ \- what's another million! I can't help but feel if this fire was in whistler or Kelowna more action would of been taken!

We are frustrated angry & scared we may loose everything we have worked for!

Take some action!

Regards

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2017, at 1:17 PM, Wickerson, Gordon <Gordon.Wickerson@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

s.22

I have forwarded your email to the Ministry. You should be hearing from them soon. I'll also be sharing it with Minister Farnworth when we see him later this week.

Gordon Wickerson

Constituency Assistant to Hon. Mike Farnworth, MLA Port Coquitlam,

Minister of Public Safety, Solicitor General and Government House Leader

Constituency Office – 107A-2748 Lougheed Hwy

Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 6P2

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Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc: Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: letter from MLA Barnett

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22
Date: August 7, 2017 at 6:40:19 AM PDT
To: "Marks, Beverly" <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: letter from MLA Barnett

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Matt Hannah
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Cc: XT:Coleman, R LP:IN; FINANCE.Minster@gov.bc.ca;
harvesting@telus.net

Subject: MLA Donna Barnett/ Williams Lake

Dear Premier John Horgan

Please see attached file with concerns that need to be addressed. Original will be mailed. Thank you in advance.

Jenny Huffman

CA to MLA Donna Barnett
Cariboo - Chilcotin

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From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Cc: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: CALLERS: BC Wildfires & Red Cross evacuation

Importance: High

Hey guys – below are some of the calls PO has received today. Can we ensure our officials aware for the 1 pm call? Seems like we could expect some questions on it.

Also note this fb post:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BCsEmergencyLivestockAnimalEvacuationGroup/permalink/1924374397834650/>

And this news story: <http://www.revelstokereview.com/news/mla-calls-for-backcountry-closure/>

I have had many callers on at the PO today and yesterday regarding the wildfires. Many left no name or number but they are furious that the back roads, off roads, and Crown lands have not been shut down. They are asking for camping to be stopped. Callers are concerned that this is a huge holiday weekend and that more fires will be started by campfires and hunters and off roaders smoking.

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s.22 They would like to lobby for a shutdown of Crown lands, back roads and off roads. She wants an official response from the PO and is going to the media today.

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s.22 Her community is up in smoke. She says is a fire were to happen closer to the road hundreds of people would die as they would be unable to get out. Please close back roads.

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s.22 They have been told to return, yet the air quality is the worst it has ever been in Williams Lake. s.22
s.22

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I know everyone is working hard to get as much communication out there as possible. Can you confirm who can attend- am thinking it needs to be FC mng and IC at least??

Dana/Corresp- here are some key points to cover-
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- We appreciate the efforts of the community
- Clarify if this is a mtg with regl district and local gov't
- We have been communicating a bunch
- Need to work together
- senior BCWS will attend...

Rob or Cliff can help you with a line on the extensive comms efforts as well as who will attend. MDD would like to get a response out today ASAP.

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From: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

I will leave this to you to manage. Can we get someone else up there?

Sent from Tim Sheldon's iPhone

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September 6, 2017

Premier John Horgan
Honorable Doug Donaldson

Dear Minister,

As our communities are receiving no updated information on the Elephant Hill Fire which is in our back yards they have sent me an email requesting your attendance, and if possible the Premier, at a public meeting on September 09/17. Time to be determined at your convenience.

The meeting location would be Interlakes Corner at Sheridan Lake. The Interlakes Economic Association and citizens await your response.

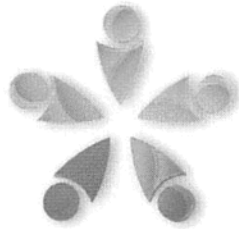
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CC Steve Brown, President Interlakes Economic Association
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Attachment

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INTERLAKES ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Interlakes Economic Association - 7251 Levick Road, Lone Butte BC, V0K 1X1

September 4, 2017

MLA Donna Barnett:

Email: d.barnett@leg.bc.ca

The Interlakes Economic Association has been asked by many residents from Green Lake, Canim Lake, Watch Lake, Horse Lake and the surrounding area to see if we could organize a public meeting at the stage at the Interlakes Corner. We are asking you to see if you could get the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister in charge and/or the Premier to attend.

Tensions are mounting and I won't be able to keep people calm for much longer without some help. Most residents saw the blip on BCTV and have heard about the water system we discussed days ago and wonder why nothing is being done to pursue it.

Many residents feel now that they will just try to make us feel good or ignore us until winter arrives or that the NDP is getting even with us for our lack of support. If 60 structures had been lost in their ridings, would they be attending meetings with the affected parties? Shaking hands with the local politicians and fire fighters in front of the camera is not going to cut it anymore.

Pease feel free to contact me:

WORK: 250 593-4344 / ^{s.22}
593-2296

/ FAX: 250

email: interlak@bcinternet.net.

Regards

Steven Brown

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You're welcome Minister. And we appreciate your support.

Sent from Tim Sheldon's iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 7:50 PM, Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks for the very detailed follow up by you and the staff. Appreciate the work everyone is doing with local people in these time of high stress and understandably heightened emotions.

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On Aug 5, 2017, at 6:57 PM, Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Sheldon@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Tim. Here's the chronology of events with s.22 . Let me know if you see a need for more intervention.

August 4th, Cariboo Fire Centre had two calls with s.22 ,

- One from Krista Dunleavy (Fire Centre Manager) and Mark Hamm (Deputy Fire Centre Manager),
- The second from Mark Hamm and Reg Trap (IC of the West Cariboo Area Commander),

During these calls the following was discussed:

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- BCWS expressed concerns that widening the guard on the power line on the White Lake fire may create a risk of starting new fires during the current period of extreme fire risk,
- BCWS informed s.22 the proposal to widen the guard on the power line may have merit as a fuel break outside of fire season to help protect the community.
- BCWS suggested that his advocacy and promotion of fire prevention/fuel management within the community after the current state of emergency may help community buy in.

. s.22

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Please see attached file with concerns that need to be addressed. Original will be mailed. Thank you in advance.

Jenny Huffman
CA to MLA Donna Barnett
Cariboo - Chilcotin

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From: Maley, Madeline L FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Jones, Lisa FLNR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Heads up: Number of investigations re fires

Gathering info

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Madeline L. Maley, RPF
Executive Director
BC Wildfire Service | Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Phone: 250 312-3032 | Cell: 250 318-8441
Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

----- Original message -----

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Date: 2017-09-28 2:11 PM (GMT-08:00)
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Hi Vivian and Tim

Madeline met with the pressy lake reps and mla rustad and mla Taggart. Sp?

They identified that they will bring up number of investigations during estimates (and QP?).

Lisa.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: Meier, Ian R FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Maloughney, Mary Sue MMHA:EX
Cc: Chapman, Cliff T FLNR:EX; Schweitzer, Rob W FLNR:EX; Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX; Munroe, Ryan FLNR:EX; Myers, Mary E FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Request from Constituents PLEASE GIVE TO MINISTER.

s.22 I can't find who we are trying to meet with?

Ian Meier
Director, Wildfire Operations
BC Wildfire Service
Office: 250 847-6640
Cell: 250 643-0078

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Beverly Marks, CA
Donna Barnett, MLA
Cariboo Chilcotin
250-395-3916
Beverly.marks@leg.bc.ca

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Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX; Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildfires!
Attachments: wildfire Destination BC.doc

From: STEVEN RICE s.22
Sent: September 2, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Donaldson.MLA, Doug <Doug.Donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: s.22
Subject: Wildfires!

Minister Donaldson,

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me the other day about the massive Elephant Hill wildfire. As I am sure you are aware a couple days ago the fire broke through the containment lines on the Northeast side. It also grew to 182 thousand hectares...it's greatest size since it's inception on July 7th...nearly two months ago!

I have composed a letter of my feelings of which our conversation is mentioned.

That said I feel I should forward this correspondence to your desk as I currently plan to bring a request (to the TNRD Board) for the Province to send a "Transition Team" to connect and help the folks who have been drastically affected by this wildfire that seems to have a life of it's own with no mercy shown to our Interior Constituency. I hope to have this request on the TNRD Board agenda at our next meeting just before UBCM.

A Transition team would not only calm the stormy seas of anger and exasperation that continues to build as the fire continues to grow but would show a NDP presence in our area countering the growing suggestion the "Interior" is not a priority of this government.

We can hopefully have a short conversation at UBCM but I urge the Ministry to consider sending a Transition Team to our area. This is a catastrophic...once in a lifetime event...unlike has ever been seen in our Province...turning peoples lives upside down every day that Elephant Hill spews it's flames of fury. These folks need help!

The simple announcement of this action would give a huge "shot in the arm" of HOPE to these wonderful folk who have had so much taken from them for so very long...with no end in sight.

Thank you for your time...have a GREAT day!

Director Rice

Director Area I (Blue Sky Country)

The sad saga continues. This is no longer just a wildfire season in our Province... it is wildfire scenario beyond our wildest imagination.

Myself, as a Director and Vice Chair of Thompson Nicola Regional District Area I and Chair of Gold Country has been immersed as this terrible tragedy unfolds before our eyes.

My constituency alone has 51 families who have lost their homes. Countless businesses have closed and those that haven't continue to lose money. Infrastructure, livestock, pets...the devastation in numbers is astounding but the devastation in emotions, in loss of valued family memories, in your sense of any kind of stability each and every day is compounded by the tenacity of the Elephant Hill fire.

A wildfire that is still rated "out of control". A fire that has burned for over 7 weeks and is now at it's greatest size...168 thousand hectares!!!

I have attended at least a half dozen wildfire meetings...signed a few evacuation orders in absence of the Chair and talked to many, many of my constituency.

The message is clear. Frustration, exhaustion, desperation. They want ONE phone number. ONE contact for answers to their questions or where they can go to get them.

This is a senior population....searching web sites, hoping emails get answered...is NOT the answer for these folks.

I had a serious chat with Minister Donaldson about the gravity of our situation and strongly suggested a "Transition team" should be created and sent to our area so our constituency can feel they are being heard. Today would not be too soon for these folks who have struggled with nearly two months of wildfire alerts, evacuations...smoke and health issues...not to mention many have NO homes to go to!!! Today the smoke showed up in Spences Bridge again. It seems neverending.

A presence in the epicentre (maybe Cache Creek) of this fire would not only soothe the souls of the Loon Lake, Boston Flats and Ashcroft Indian Band folks who lost their homes but of all those whose lives have been taken over by this fire and their futures have been threatened.

I urge the immediate formation of a transition team. Hope is what is needed...a Transition team can be the vehicle to provide it.

Steven Rice

Chair Gold Country

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: s.22

Thanks for the very detailed follow up by you and the staff. Appreciate the work everyone is doing with local people in these time of high stress and understandably heightened emotions.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 6:57 PM, Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Sheldon@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Tim. Here's the chronology of events with s.22 Let me know if you see a need for more intervention.

August 4th, Cariboo Fire Centre had two calls with s.22 ,

- One from Krista Dunleavy (Fire Centre Manager) and Mark Hamm (Deputy Fire Centre Manager),
- The second from Mark Hamm and Reg Trap (IC of the West Cariboo Area Commander),

During these calls the following was discussed:

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- BCWS expressed concerns that widening the guard on the power line on the White Lake fire may create a risk of starting new fires during the current period of extreme fire risk,
- BCWS informed s.22 the proposal to widen the guard on the power line may have merit as a fuel break outside of fire season to help protect the community.
- BCWS suggested that his advocacy and promotion of fire prevention/fuel management within the community after the current state of emergency may help community buy in.
- s.22 , although he felt the Fire Centre Manager and Deputy Fire Centre Manager were trying.

August 4th, BCWS Fire Centre manager left a voice mail and sent email to MLA Barnett yesterday requesting a call or meeting to discuss s.22
s.22 . No response has been received.

Cariboo Fire Centre will reach out to s.22
discuss further.

and MLA Barnett to

Sent from Tim Sheldon's iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Looks like this already went to Mark Hamm, but thought you should see this.

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Date: August 5, 2017 at 9:32:36 AM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: s.22

Here is the one from last night regarding the fellow who wants to fight
Tautri fire. His letter I'll send next.

Sent from my iPhone

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To: "Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX"
<Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: s.22, Walt Cobb
<wcobb@williamslake.ca>, "XT:Coleman, R LP:IN"
<R.Coleman@leg.bc.ca>, "Rustad, John"
<J.Rustad@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: s.22

Good Afternoon please find letter from MLA Barnett,
with attachments this time.

Beverly Marks,
Constituency Assistant to
MLA Donna Barnett, Cariboo-Chilcotin

250-395-3916
Beverly.marks@leg.bc.ca

<2017_08_04_17_04_46.pdf>

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From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fwd: Smoke masks needed for our Forest Fire Fighters

Needs a response.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: s.22
Date: August 4, 2017 at 11:58:54 PM PDT
To: Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca
Cc: j.rustad@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Smoke masks needed for our Forest Fire Fighters

Dear Honourable Donaldson,

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We didn't expect this would turn out to be the worst season for forest fires in 60 years. s.22
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I presumed they wear masks of some sort when fighting fires, but just learned they don't. I was shocked
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You and I have both lived long enough to know that long term smoke exposure can't help but have a negative impact on our lungs and general well being. In 1992, California started equipping their forest fire fighters with masks that made a significant difference: http://articles.latimes.com/1992-12-08/news/mn-1859_1_safety-masks. Of note from that article is the increased effectiveness of fire fighters when they could actually breathe effectively. "When state forestry firefighters in Sunol, between San Jose and Oakland, and Vina, near Chico, were equipped with full-face, air-purifying masks for part of a summer season, it not only eased the burden on their lungs but enhanced their firefighting ability."

Obviously I'm quite concerned for the health s.22
s.22 but given the severity of these fires, the poor quality of air we are even experiencing in the lower

mainland, and the fact that the State of Emergency has been extended now to August 18, I believe this should be a wake up call to ensure our fire fighters have the right protection as they protect our province.

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but

could you please offer some direction to those in your portfolio to ensure those on the front lines fighting these fires receive masks that would help filter the dangerous smoke they are inhaling during their 14-16 hour shifts each day. Please let me know what you can do or make happen from your office. Now is the time we can make a difference!

With appreciation,

s.22

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/current-wildfire-situation/wildfire-smoke-faq-pdf-en.pdf>

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From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Cc: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CALLERS: BC Wildfires & Red Cross evacuation

About to prep spokespeople for media call so I will update them.

Also – adding Vivian with FLNRO – the backcountry issue is a complicated one. Alberta is able to shut down huge areas of land while it is more difficult in B.C.

The off-road vehicle ban is a step toward keeping people out, but we have seen a huge increase in people hoping for a complete ban.

On the last bullet - people will not be asked to return home because of severe breathing issues. People are being asked to return if able/possible. ESS problems come up because we're dealing with volunteers on the front lines who have been doing things the same way for decades (ie – no evac order go home). We have been doing outreach to get them informed of better practices and have been seeing some improvement. We are also making the following clear through our PIOs in the field and on our media calls:

- ESS Reception Centres will continue to provide aid until it is safe for evacuees to return home.
- Emergency Social Services will continue to be provided on a case-by-case basis to those that cannot return home for health or safety reasons. If you require an extension on services, contact your local Reception Centre.
- At this time, anyone who is from a community where an evacuation order has been downgraded to an alert – or rescinded altogether – should return home unless a serious medical condition prevents them from doing so.
- Doctor's notes are not necessary for ESS around smoke-related health issues.

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Tks.... They will be ready for back country issue.... One of the most challenging .. especially given we will have Albertans en route with their boats and ATVs.....and may not even be aware of today's decision ... should be ready for some criticism about timing (obviously its based on the risk assessment)....

When you get any calls/emails re: vouchers and ESS supports they can be sent to EMBC and we have folks that try to solve

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Also note this fb post:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BCsEmergencyLivestockAnimalEvacuationGroup/permalink/1924374397834650/>

And this news story: <http://www.revelstokereview.com/news/mla-calls-for-backcountry-closure/>

I have had many callers on at the PO today and yesterday regarding the wildfires. Many left no name or number but they are furious that the back roads, off roads, and Crown lands have not been shut down. They are asking for camping to be stopped. Callers are concerned that this is a huge holiday weekend and that more fires will be started by campfires and hunters and off roaders smoking.

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off roads. s.22

They would like to lobby for a shutdown of Crown lands, back roads and

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Her community is up in smoke. She says is a fire were to happen closer to the road hundreds of people would die as they would be unable to get out. Please close back roads.

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the air quality is the worst it has ever been in Williams Lake. s.22
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Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: Fw: Elephant Hill Fire protection
Attachments: MINOFFOR.docx

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

From: Barnett, Donna
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Donna Barnett
Subject: Fw: Elephant Hill Fire protection

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

Original Message

From: Steve Brown <interlak@bcinternet.net>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Donaldson.MLA, Doug; Horgan.MLA, John; Weaver.MLA, Andrew; Barnett, Donna;^{s.22}
Subject: Elephant Hill Fire protection

Dear Sir:

Please read my attached letter in response to the reply you sent to Donna Barnett.

Thank you

Steven Brown



Interlakes Economic Association - 7251 Levick Road, Lone Butte BC, V0K 1X1

September 4, 2017

Minister of Lands, Natural Resource, Operations & Rural Development

Honourable Doug Donaldson

email: doug.donaldson.MLA.bc.ca

Dear Sir:

I am a president of the Interlakes Economic Association and I have been working with the group wanting to pursue the use of the high capacity pumps and water cannons for structure protection against the Elephant Hill Fire. You have asked your staff to get information for you. Please feel free to get me a written list of the information you require and I will see that that information is forwarded to immediately.

I have watched for two months as this fire approaches my community. The IEA conducted a community profile three years ago and it proved the tax assessment base in the area of Bridge Lake, Sheridan Lake and Deka Lake exceeds \$600 million dollars. That is more than all of the village of 100 Mile House including its industrial base! I trust you have seen the damage to structures at Loon Lake and Pressy Lake. Conventional methods are not working with this fire.

We are having difficulty getting up to date information from the Wildfire people, but I spent all day travelling to all fronts of this fire. If we get hit with the wrong shift in wind direction and strength, we have mere hours before millions in dollars value of structures will be in the direct path of this raging monster. I welcome you to confirm my findings with your people.

I trust you will treat our situation as you would if you were looking at the fire out your window every night as we are when we try to go to sleep. Repeating the same actions over and over and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity.

Please feel free to contact me:

WORK: 250 593-4344 /s.22

' FAX: 250 593-2296

email: interlak@bcinternet.net.

Regards