

From: [Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: For Approval: EM-1 Final Savings Plan
Date: October 1, 2019 11:35:48 AM
Attachments: s.12; s.13
Importance: High

Morning Minister, see attached TB Submission for your approval/signature.

Sandra

From: [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [GCPE Communications - Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development](#); [Allan, John FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Discretionary Spending KM + QAs
Date: October 2, 2019 9:40:45 AM
Attachments: [KM+QA CDs Discretionary Spending Oct 1 2019 FINAL.docx](#)

All – attached from Citizen Services GCPE. Note below direction.

From: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX
Sent: October 1, 2019 5:32 PM
To: GCPE Comm Directors <PABDirectors@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Comm Managers <GCPECM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; LeGuilloux, Marg GCPE:EX <Marg.LeGuilloux@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex MMHA:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>; Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Communications - Finance <CommF@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI: Discretionary Spending KM + QAs

Hi again everyone,

Thank you for your help in flagging CTV's cross-government request on Monday.

We expect the reporter is going to approach individual Cabinet ministers next week in the halls to ask what this means specifically for their ministries.

I've attached some KMs and high-level QA's for your Ministers to use if asked. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

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Subject: RE: For Approval:s.12; s.13
Date: October 2, 2019 3:48:05 PM

Minister,
Scheduled for 12:30 PST tmr (330EST)

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: October 2, 2019 1:24 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
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From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Willms, Lori FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For Approval: s.12; s.13
Date: October 3, 2019 8:27:12 AM

Great, thx

From: Willms, Lori FLNR:EX
Sent: October 3, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Approval: s.12; s.13

12:30 is totally fine He can just call John on his cell.

Thank you,

Lori Willms || Senior Executive Assistant || Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Phone: (250) 952-6500 Cell: (250) 893-7019

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: October 2, 2019 3:29 PM
To: Willms, Lori FLNR:EX <Lori.Willms@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Lori,
Would 12 or 1230pm work tmr

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To: [FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For Approval:s.12; s.13
Date: October 3, 2019 3:51:20 PM

No update, MDD was calling John from Ottawa airport and they are in flight now

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12; s.13

Do you have any updates on this?

From: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX
Sent: October 3, 2019 1:12 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Approval:s.12; s.13

Hi there,

Do you know if a) they chatted and b) if paper was signed by MDD? Lori was trying to call John but he isn't answering his phone.

Janet

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Cc: Willms, Lori FLNR:EX; Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: For Approval:s.12; s.13
Importance: High

Lori will be able to set something up through John's calendar. Does MDD want Trish on the call?

Arianna

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent: October 2, 2019 3:21 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For Approval:s.12; s.13

Minister wants a call with John Allan tomorrow. 12pm I will get you the call details.

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Sent: October 2, 2019 10:08 AM

To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12: s.13

Do you know if MDD has had a chance to review this yet???

A

From: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX

Sent: October 2, 2019 9:47 AM

To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: For Approval^{s.12; s.13}

Hi Arianna,

Do you have status update for this one pretty please.

Thanks,

Janet

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 11:06 AM

To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX

Cc: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX

Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12: s.13

Importance: High

Hi Sandra,

John approved this TB sub to be sent up to MDD.

Arianna

From: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX

Sent: September 30, 2019 2:29 PM

To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12: s.13

Importance: High

Hi there,

Please have John review attached and then over to MDD office for sign off as per TB direction by October 4th. If MDD has questions Trish is happy to have a call with him.

Regards,

Janet

From: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX
Subject: For Approval: s.12; s.13
Importance: High

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Cc: [FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX](#); [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Executive Message Regarding Ministry Spending
Date: October 3, 2019 4:38:38 PM

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Andrea

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Subject: RE: Executive Message Regarding Ministry Spending
Date: October 4, 2019 8:39:16 AM

Good morning Andrea,

We'll discuss MDD's availability on the morning of the 16th and get back to you.

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Thanks,
Tristan

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Subject: RE: Executive Message Regarding Ministry Spending
Date: October 4, 2019 8:44:59 AM

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Perhaps we can discuss at our 2pm call today?

andrea

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Date: October 4, 2019 9:30:28 AM

Sandra will send it over shortly

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Sent: October 4, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12; s.13
Importance: High

Hi Lisa,

This is due to TB today. Did MDD review/sign?

A

From: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX
Sent: October 4, 2019 9:19 AM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12; s.13

FYI. Can I please ask you check on this.

Regards,

Janet

From: Dohan, Trish CSNR:EX
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:07 AM
To: Kyle, Janet CSNR:EX
Subject: FW: For Approval:s.12; s.13

Hi Janet,

I'm required to send the [s.12; s.13](#) to meet their timelines for MCJ.

Are we going to receive e-signature from MDD this morning? My understanding is that he connected with John yesterday from Quebec.

If there are any outstanding questions I'll make myself available.

Thank you,

Trish

Trish Dohan, Assistant Deputy Minister and EFO

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From: [Nash, Amber PREM:EX](#)
To: [LP Ministerial Assistants](#); [LP Administrative Coordinators](#)
Cc: [Hagglund, Jarrett PREM:EX](#); [Girn, Naveen PREM:EX](#); [Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX](#); [Hockin, Amber PREM:EX](#); [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#)
Subject: 2019 B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering
Date: October 9, 2019 11:13:02 AM

Hi All,

A reminder that the 2019 B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, and Wednesday, November 6, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West.** A networking reception, hosted by the Business Council of British Columbia and the British Columbia Federation of Labour, will be held on the **evening of Monday, November 4,** also at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. Invitations have been sent to all First Nations and Tribal Councils to participate in this year's gathering.

About The Gathering

The Gathering, co-hosted with the First Nations Leadership Council (comprised of the political executives of the BC Assembly of First Nations, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the First Nations Summit) is a multi-faceted forum featuring keynotes, plenary dialogue, and one-on-one meetings with First Nations leaders and senior provincial government officials. The Gathering is designed to address issues of importance to First Nations at the community level as well as build partnerships towards the government's broader reconciliation goals.

Last year's Gathering was the largest to date with nearly 800 people attending, more than half of whom were First Nations delegates representing 168 Nations. The Gathering also accommodated 669 one-on-one meetings between provincial and Indigenous leaders.

Participation of Executive Leadership

The success of the Gathering depends on the participation of Cabinet leadership.

Cabinet Ministers are expected to be available for one-on-one meetings with Nations and to attend plenary sessions throughout the two days of the Gathering. Tables will also be reserved for you in the ballroom and First Nations will be provided with a copy of the table assignments so that informal dialogue can take place between Indigenous and government leadership throughout the Gathering. Further information regarding this year's schedule and meeting requests will be forthcoming, with key events identified to be added to your Ministers calendars.

Invitations to the Gathering

Invitations are issued to all First Nations and Tribal Councils, all members of the B.C. NDP government caucus, B.C. Green caucus members (Andrew Weaver, Sonia Furstenu, Adam Olsen) and a delegation of 10 B.C. Liberal caucus members.

In previous years, it has been customary for the Province to invite the federal Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), as well as all federal Cabinet Ministers residing in B.C.

Due to the federal election timing and the absence of a federal Cabinet, invitations this year are extended to senior executive and regional leadership from CIRNAC, and Indigenous Services Canada.

1:1 Meetings & Follow-Up

Professional note-taking services will be provided for each minister attending the Gathering. These notes will be compiled into individual reports following the event (collated by Nation and ministry). Each First Nation participating in the Gathering will receive a copy of the notes taken in their one-on-one meetings with ministers along with a letter thanking the Nations for their attendance—resulting in one follow-up letter per participating First Nation on behalf of government). Your ministries will have the opportunity to review the notes prior to distribution. Discretion remains for ministries to continue their own organizations' post-Gathering outreach to First Nations as needed.

Participation of Indigenous Youth Interns

Interns from the Indigenous Youth Internship Program (IYIP) attended the Gathering for the first time in 2018. Their participation was received positively by everyone involved.

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Registration Details

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Hi All,

A reminder that the 2019 B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, and Wednesday, November 6, at the Vancouver Convention Centre West**. A networking reception, hosted by the Business Council of British Columbia and the British Columbia Federation of Labour, will be held on the **evening of Monday, November 4**, also at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. Invitations have been sent to all First Nations and Tribal Councils to participate in this year's gathering.

About The Gathering

The Gathering, co-hosted with the First Nations Leadership Council (comprised of the political executives of the BC Assembly of First Nations, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the First Nations Summit) is a multi-faceted forum featuring keynotes, plenary dialogue, and one-on-one meetings with First Nations leaders and senior provincial government officials. The Gathering is designed to address issues of importance to First Nations at the community level as well as build partnerships towards the government's broader reconciliation goals.

Last year's Gathering was the largest to date with nearly 800 people attending, more than half of whom were First Nations delegates representing 168 Nations. The Gathering also accommodated 669 one-on-one meetings between provincial and Indigenous leaders.

Participation of Executive Leadership

The success of the Gathering depends on the participation of Cabinet leadership.

Cabinet Ministers are expected to be available for one-on-one meetings with Nations and to attend plenary sessions throughout the two days of the Gathering. Tables will also be reserved for you in the ballroom and First Nations will be provided with a copy of the table assignments so that informal dialogue can take place between Indigenous and government

leadership throughout the Gathering. Further information regarding this year's schedule and meeting requests will be forthcoming, with key events identified to be added to your Ministers calendars.

Invitations to the Gathering

Invitations are issued to all First Nations and Tribal Councils, all members of the B.C. NDP government caucus, B.C. Green caucus members (Andrew Weaver, Sonia Furstenu, Adam Olsen) and a delegation of 10 B.C. Liberal caucus members.

In previous years, it has been customary for the Province to invite the federal Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), as well as all federal Cabinet Ministers residing in B.C.

Due to the federal election timing and the absence of a federal Cabinet, invitations this year are extended to senior executive and regional leadership from CIRNAC, and Indigenous Services Canada.

1:1 Meetings & Follow-Up

Professional note-taking services will be provided for each minister attending the Gathering. These notes will be compiled into individual reports following the event (collated by Nation and ministry). Each First Nation participating in the Gathering will receive a copy of the notes taken in their one-on-one meetings with ministers along with a letter thanking the Nations for their attendance—resulting in one follow-up letter per participating First Nation on behalf of government). Your ministries will have the opportunity to review the notes prior to distribution. Discretion remains for ministries to continue their own organizations' post-Gathering outreach to First Nations as needed.

Participation of Indigenous Youth Interns

Interns from the Indigenous Youth Internship Program (IYIP) attended the Gathering for the first time in 2018. Their participation was received positively by everyone involved.

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