### Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX

From:Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX Sent:24 Jul 2015 16:23:33 -0700 To:Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX

Subject:FW: NYCU - Can Wint Games

Attachments:NYCU\_CanWinGam\_final economic impact\_DRAFT.docx

Nothing further from Gill. Back to Angella.

From: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 4:22 PM

To: Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: NYCU - Can Wint Games

Just a couple of things from me.

From: Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 2:08 PM To: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX Cc: Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX Subject: NYCU - Can Wint Games

Hi guys,

We finally received approval on everyone's quotes for the NYCU release on Canada Winter Games final economic impact.

I just want you both to have a final look before I send it back to Angella.

Bonnie -> Gill has already signed off on this and so has program.

Thanks,

# Ragnar Haagen

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To:GCPE Editors

Cc:Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX

Subject:Fwd: NR for Canada Winter Games

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Hi All: Please see attached NR for distribution provincewide at 9 am.

Thanks. Bonnie



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Peter Fassbender – Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

# **Background**

Interview time: 6:10 a.m. (Please have MPF call at 6:07 a.m.)

Duration: 7 minutes

Studio number: 604-669-3733

Show: The Early Edition

Host: Chris Brown (in for Rick Cluff)

# **Sport**

• Since 2001, the Government of British Columbia has invested more than \$1 billion to support sport in B.C. More than any other government in B.C. history.

- Sport tourism is currently the fastest growing segment of both the Canadian and British Columbian tourism industries.
- It's valued at over \$300 million annually in B.C.
- I want to make sure we fully capitalize on this growth, and on the legacy of the 2010
   Winter Games to position B.C. as a leader in sport event hosting.
- I want every community in B.C., every sport organization and every business to be aware of the tremendous impact sport events can have on local and provincial economies.
- B.C. currently hosts more than 100 national and international events across the province each year.
- 2015 has been proclaimed as the Year of Sport in B.C.

# **World Cup**

- We provided \$2 million in funding to support Vancouver co-hosting the Women's World Cup, along with cities in five other provinces across Canada.
- Preliminary estimates suggested that the World Cup would generate an economic impact of approximately \$52 million for the province of B.C. – that number is expected to rise when final numbers are announced in the coming weeks.

- Vancouver hosted nine matches in total, including the World Cup final, won by the USA 5-2 over Japan. Over 300,000 people attended those games at BC Place Stadium and nearly 50 million watched the games on TV around the world.
  - o Visitors from the USA in June (during the World Cup) was up over 13%.
  - Almost 50,000 more visitors than June 2014.
- Soccer is British Columbia's most popular sport, with over 122,000 players registered
  with the BC Soccer Association. Hosting this world class tournament was a great way
  to capitalize on the sport's popularity and bring the best players in the world to
  Canada.

# **Canada Winter Games**

- Prince George hosted the Canada Winter Games this year.
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- The government invested a total of just over \$12.5 million in the Games. They
  provided a final economic impact of \$83 million for the region and a total of \$123
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- The Province invests \$90 million each year in the tourism sector.
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- Almost a quarter of a million (234,079) more visitors coming from outside the country than the year before.
- These increases in visitor numbers help support over 19,000 businesses and 132,000 jobs in the tourism sector in B.C.
- In 2013, the tourism industry generated \$13.9 billion in revenue and a direct contribution to B.C.'s gross domestic product of \$7.3 billion, accounting for 4% of the Province's total GDP.
- Tourism is one of eight key sectors identified in the BC Jobs Plan.

# Canadian Dollar

- Many British Columbians are choosing to stay home this summer and staycation in B.C.
- It's a good way to keep vacation dollars circulating in B.C.'s economy.
  - Visiting regional events and venues, you're not only supporting local businesses, you're also helping sustain important jobs in the tourism sector.
  - Also provide chance to enjoy the province's world class travel experiences first hand.

# **Staycation Ideas**

- Richmond Night Market 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays and holidays.
- Flyover Canada, simulation ride, Canada Place, downtown Vancouver.
- The Pacific National Exhibition, August 22-September 7th, Vancouver.
- Tour Vancouver's Punjabi Market. Six blocks on Main Street, starting at about East 49th Avenue.
- Walking rainforest tour at Whey-Ah-Whichen (Cates Park) in North Vancouver, located in the heart of Tsleil-Waututh Territory. A guide will identify plant species and will discuss their traditional uses. Also enjoy traditional legends and drumming during the two hour walk.
- Surrey Urban Farmers Market, Wednesday afternoons at Surrey Central SkyTrain at the North Surrey Recreation Center Plaza.
- Capilano Salmon Hatchery in North Vancouver. Late August through to November provides opportunities to view returning salmon, leaping up the river for spawning.



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Cc:Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX;Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX

Subject:RE: Can Winter Games

Attachments: NYCU\_CanWinGam\_final economic impact\_DRAFT.docx Here is the revised copy of News You Can Use for Canada Winter Game.

Once we get MO approval on everything, I will send off to editors.

Thanks, R

From: Ok-Stone, Angella CSCD:EX Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 1:42 PM To: Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX Cc: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX Subject: Can Winter Games

### Finally!!

Here are the two revised quotes. MLA Morris' quote is good to go. Please send me final NR when ready

#### Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –

"Our Government developed a Five Year Hosting Strategy to maximize opportunities that will draw sport and cultural events to the province and generate economic, tourism, and community development benefits. The 2015 Canada Winter Games was a prime example of a strong return on investment judging from the number of attendees on hand and the joyful atmosphere surrounding many of the events. I'm pleased to learn that this event was in fact a success for Prince George, northern British Columbia and the Province. Congratulations to everyone involved on a job well done!"

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MLA Morris: No revisions

# **Angella Ok-Stone**

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From:Ok-Stone, Angella CSCD:EX Sent:16 Jul 2015 11:11:44 -0700 To:Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX Cc:Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX

Subject:RE: Final economic impact - Can Winter Games

Yes, I will coordinate approvals.

Thanks!

From: Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:00 AM

**To:** Ok-Stone, Angella CSCD:EX **Cc:** Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX

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R

**From:** Ok-Stone, Angella CSCD:EX **Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 4:28 PM

To: Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX

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Sent:17 Aug 2015 17:46:35 +0000 To:Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX

Subject:RE: List of Stuff that needs to go in this week's MO package FIFA – August 25, NYCU – August 27, HostingBC – August 28.

From: Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:45 AM

**To:** Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: List of Stuff that needs to go in this week's MO package

Thanks, Ragnar. Could you provide me with dates for these events?

Thanks,

Rachel

From: Haagen, Ragnar GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:08 AM

To: Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX

**Subject:** RE: List of Stuff that needs to go in this week's MO package

I'll be putting in two NR's – FIFA wrap and HostingBC grant recipients. Also a NYCU on Canada Winter Games and their final economic impact.

Might be a few more things too.

R

From: Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 8:56 AM

To: CSCD Communications

Subject: List of Stuff that needs to go in this week's MO package

Hi All,

Could you please send me a list of things you are planning to have in the MO package this week?

Thanks,

Rachel

#### **Rachel Nesbitt**

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