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Subject: ADDENDUM: Talk Radio Calendar - Friday, February 3

#### **LOOK AHEAD**

### NEW Monday, February 6

CBC Vancouver - 6:10 a.m.

Guest: Sheila Bouman, CEO of viaSport

Topic: #EraseBullying in Sport and Pink Shirt Day

### NEW Thursday, February 9

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

## Thursday, February 16

CHNL - Time TBD

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

### **NEW Thursday, February 16**

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

#### Thursday, February 23

SHAW - Voice of BC - 7:00 p.m. (noon pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Friday, February 03, 2017

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CHAN - Global BC Early News with Sophie Lui 17:00 hr				
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Two Bountiful members found guilty of child trafficking		
Top Story	1700	Heavy snowfall results in slippery Vancouver streets		
2/12	1702	Heavy snowfall disrupts TransLink services		
3/12	1704	Heavy snowfall causes flight delays & cancellations at YVR		
4/12	1704	Weather report		
5/12	1705	Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways on Vancouver Island		
6/12	1706	Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways across Central Okanagan		
7/12	1706	Castlegar student forced to urinate in a can on a school bus		
8/12	1707	Vancouver police identify murder victim		
9/12	1708	Two Bountiful members found guilty of child trafficking		
10/12	1709	Motorist found not guilty of fatal hit & run in Comox Valley		
11/12	1709	Man pleads guilty to impaired driving in fatal Pemberton crash		
12/12	1710	Traffic report		
	1711	First commercial break		

	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Sophie Lui 18:00 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Castlegar student forced to urinate in a can on a school bus BC economist welcomes calls for NAFTA renegotiations			
Top Story	1800	Heavy snowfall results in slippery Vancouver streets			
2/16	1804	City of Vancouver defends snow clearing along local bike lanes			
3/16	1805	Crews prevent Port Mann Bridge ice bombs			
4/16	1805	Heavy snowfall disrupts TransLink services			
5/16	1808	Weather report			
6/16	1809	Vancouver residents clear sidewalks during heavy snowfall			
7/16	1811	Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways on Vancouver Island			
8/16	1812	Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways across Central Okanagan			
9/16	1812	Castlegar student forced to urinate in a can on a school bus			
	1815	First commercial break			
10/16	1816	Vancouver police identify murder victim			

11/16	1817	Two Bountiful members found guilty of child trafficking
12/16	1819	Traffic report
	1819	Second commercial break
13/16	1821	US travel ban on Muslims could impact Canadian Nexus card holders
14/16	1822	BC economist welcomes calls for NAFTA renegotiations
15/16	1824	Weather report
16/16	1825	Sports news preview
	1826	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		Motorist found not guilty of fatal hit & run in Comox Valley Firefighter saves dog from burning Oak Bay home Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall			
Top Story	1700	Motorist found not guilty of fatal hit & run in Comox Valley			
2/10	1703	Snowfall disrupts motor vehicle traffic in greater Victoria			
3/10	1706	Heavy snowfall results in slippery Vancouver streets			
4/10	1708	CHEK asks streeters if they like winter weather			
5/10	1709	Victoria Film Festival organizers host exclusive event			
6/10	1710	Firefighter saves dog from burning Oak Bay home			
7/10	1713	US TV talk show host predicts Super Bowl LI outcome			
8/10	1714	Sports news preview			
9/10	1714	Weather report			
10/10	1715	Road conditions report			
	1716	First commercial break			

CIVT - CTV News at Five with Scott Hurst 1700 hr				
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Vancouver eatery targeted by armed robbers Nordstrom drops Ivanka Trump brand from its stores		
Top Story	1700	City of Vancouver defends heavy snowfall response		
2/11	1702	Heavy snowfall causes flight delays & cancellations at YVR		
3/11	1702	Serious crash shuts down Coquihalla Highway		
4/11	1703	Vancouver eatery targeted by armed robbers		
5/11	1703	Violent crime down in Surrey		
6/11	1703	Driver killed in motor vehicle crash in Abbotsford		
7/11	1704	Crews filming a movie inside Eagle Ridge Hospital		
8/11	1705	Two Bountiful members found guilty of child trafficking		

9/11	1705	Vancouver police identify murder victim
10/11	1707	US travel ban on Muslims could impact Canadian Nexus card holders
11/11	1708	Seattle judge temporarily blocks US travel ban on Muslims
	1708	First commercial break

	CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Norma Reid 1800 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		City of Vancouver defends heavy snowfall response City of Vancouver defends snow clearing along local bike lanes Crews filming a movie inside Eagle Ridge Hospital Nordstrom drops Ivanka Trump brand from its stores			
Top Story	1800	City of Vancouver defends heavy snowfall response			
2/15	1803	Serious crash shuts down Coquihalla Highway			
3/15	1804	Heavy snowfall causes flight delays & cancellations at YVR			
4/15	1804	Heavy snowfall results in slippery Metro Vancouver streets			
5/15	1804	City of Vancouver defends snow clearing along local bike lanes			
6/15	1806	Weather report			
7/15	1807	Seattle judge temporarily blocks US travel ban on Muslims			
8/15	1808	Vancouver eatery targeted by armed robbers			
9/15	1809	Violent crime down in Surrey			
10/15	1809	Driver killed in motor vehicle crash in Abbotsford			
11/15	1809	Vancouver police identify murder victim			
12/15	1810	High-risk sex offender moving to Hope			
13/15	1810	Nordstrom drops Ivanka Trump brand from its stores			
14/15	1812	BC oysters linked to gastrointestinal illnesses in Ontario			
15/15	1813	BC pop star's son recovering from liver cancer			
	1813	First commercial break			

	CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall			
Top Story	1800	Heavy snowfall results in slippery Vancouver streets			
2/5	1806	Anne Drennan defends TransLink's heavy snowfall response			
3/5	1811	Weather report			
4/5	1813	Two Bountiful members found guilty of child trafficking			
5/5	1817	Richmond Hospital Foundation receives substantial donation			
	1819	First commercial break			

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr

Placement	Time	Story
Intro		Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall Parkinson's sufferer wants BC government to approve therapy Firefighter saves dog from burning Oak Bay home
Top Story	1700	Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall
2/6	1703	City of Vancouver defends heavy snowfall response
3/6	1703	Weather report
4/6	1704	Motorist found not guilty of fatal hit & run in Comox Valley
5/6	1705	Firefighter saves dog from burning Oak Bay home
6/6	1707	Parkinson's sufferer wants BC government to approve therapy
	1710	First commercial break

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February 3, 2017

# Major Media Coverage

<u>Television</u>: (Global) City of Vancouver preparing for snowfall; Weather report; Charges possible against Mountie in death of Cst Sarah Beckett in Langford; Man facing charges after wielding a machete at a SkyTrain station; VPD investigating a fatal stabbing in Stanley Park; Live wires exposed at busy Vancouver intersection; Home sales dropping in Metro Vancouver; High rents impact small businesses in Vancouver; Vancouver Whitecaps fan group cancels US trips due to Trump travel ban.

### **Mainstream Print:**

Vancouver Sun: Beijing's currency curbs could cool frosty housing market; The VSO is set to Otto tune (photo); (teaser) mosque victims mourned; BC Libera;s undercut NDP's climate plan with leaked copy. Province: Food-borne illness: Oyster warning; Fatal crash: Charges considered against Mountie in Sarah Beckett case. Globe & Mail: NDP unveils climate-change strategy; City councillor to run for BC Liberals (photo); Dutch conductor Tausk chosen as VSO's next music director; N.S. board says insurance must cover man's cannabis.

## Social Media:

**BC NDP:** Climate Action should cut pollution, create lasting jobs & have big polluters pay, not families. Agree?; **Abbotsford News:** NDP aims to increase B.C. carbon tax; **The Atlantic:** The Climate Scientist Who Became a Politician; **drex:** Who is John Horgan?

### **Chinese Media:**

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: MMdJ said the government is considering refunding the foreign buyer tax to those who paid the new foreign buyer property transfer tax on a home, but shortly after obtained Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status. AGSA said Monday that those who paid the tax won't be refunded. (PCC mentioned); Democracy Watch and PIPE UP Network has filed a conflict of interest petition in B.C Supreme Court against the approval of the Trans mountain Pipeline; The province has confirmed that carfentanil is present in the illegal drug supply in the lower mainland and being ingested. (Dr. Perry Kendall mentioned); The new Franchises Act and regulation has taken effect yesterday and the Province has provided simplified and traditional Chinese resource materials; The City of Vancouver plans to boost green building requirements for new residential buildings under six storeys. Realtor Angelina Lin expects the new regulations if approved will cause condo prices to increase.

**Fairchild TV:** ICBC/BC Hydro – NDP leader John Horgan slams the government for treating crown corporations such as ICBC and BC Hydro as their cash cow. Horgan said car insurance is going up but they are giving tax breaks to the wealthiest people in BC. PCC says rate are going up moderately but the government

does not take any dividends from ICBC this year. PCC added that BC Hydro have the lowest rate in North America and one of the things that the government have to do is to re-invest in all the infrastructure that people depend on; MLA Jane Thornthwaite announced an additional \$5 million to support the BC SPCA's eight-year Facilities Development and Service Plan; Zika warning.

Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio: MMdJ says the government are looking at options that provide targeted relief from the additional property transfer tax. MMdJ says they want to make sure BC can continue attracting high-skill workers in the tech sector and others, who come here and create more jobs; GMT replacement project – Former premier Mike Harcourt says the project will see more than a \$1 billion cost overrun, citing an Oxford University study as evidence. Harcourt says the dual tunnel idea and a tolling system are the way to go; Hugh Lampkin with VANDU says efforts of stopping the flow of carfentanil into Canada have proven to be ineffective and he believes regulating drugs is now the only way to go; The RCMP say they are training 139 police dogs to detect fentanyl and one of the three dog teams presently trained has already intercepted 12,000 tablets in B.C.

CHMB radio: NDP leader John Horgan released Thursday a climate action plan that will cut carbon pollution, create good jobs, and double the number of British Columbians receiving rebate cheques to offset a higher federal carbon tax. MMP says BC will no longer be the province with the lowest carbon tax rate under NDP's climate plan. MMP says under John Horgan's plan to raise the carbon tax, he will be adding another 5 cents a litre tax on gasoline, putting more burden on British Columbians.

### South Asian Media:

**RED FM:** In his interview with Harjinder Thind MLA David Eby calls the recent foreign buyers tax announcement a 'correction of a mistake' by the government - work permit holders, tax refunds, government approach on taxi industry, trucking industry, and liquor prices are also discussed (Eby is interviewed); Thind reports a CKNW survey suggesting majority people don't recognize Opposition Leader John Horgan – Thind gives praise to PCC and calls her a famous, beautiful and an intelligent premier among other Canadian premiers (Horgan & Premier are mentioned); After the safety concerns raised by Surrey mayor Linda Hepner following a mass mosque shooting in Quebec, police are increasing patrols around eight mosques in the city; Police in Vancouver are investigating after the discovery of a dead man on the Stanley Park seawall between Second and Third Beaches last night; BC government is considering refunding the foreign buyer tax to some buyers -MMdJ says the refund idea is one of several reforms under his consideration (MMdJ is mentioned); Public health officials are warning drug users against a highly potent opioid carfentanil after its detection on the metro Vancouver streets; Public safety ministry has issued an alert about a high-risk sex offender, Jeffrey Goddard, 27, who is now living in Surrey; Vancouver Police have charged Christohper Lee Boyda, 37, in connection with a December incident at 29th Avenue SkyTrain station; According to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, home sales in metro Vancouver dropped in last month; After a recent tweet from the federal Health Minister Jane Philpott about the overdose crisis, MTL is wondering when the feds are going to get behind their words (Lake is mentioned); Opposition Leader John Horgan announced the party's climate action plan today, saying his government would help more families to bring in the federally mandated \$50/tonne price;

SPICE Radio: Police in Vancouver are investigating after the discovery of a dead man on the Stanley Park seawall; TransLink is launching an online survey and discussion forum about the fare options for buses and SkyTrain; Surrey RCMP have been seized over 4,000 suspected fentanyl doses in a series of busts; Following a mass mosque shooting in Quebec, police are increasing patrols around mosques in Surrey; Housing advocates in Burnaby are not happy about upcoming municipal zoning changes that could displace thousands of residents in Metrotown area; Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver says home sales dropped last month by almost 40% compared to January 2016; MoH has confirmed illicit drug users across Metro Vancouver are ingesting a deadly synthetic opioid typically used as an elephant tranquilizer; City of Vancouver is gearing up for another blast of winter - snow is expected overnight and into the weekend

**OMNI Punjabi**: SFU researcher Laya Behbahani fears that US immigration ban will impact migrant labour across the world; Some experts believe the US travel ban can be a blessing for BC's tech sector because tech candidates will be prefer BC over the Silicon Valley;

# Positive Coverage

'Aboriginal training fund' — MSB announced Thursday the provincial government has committed \$2.1m in funding from the Aboriginal Skills Training Development Fund. The funding will be dedicated to First Nations communities from Prince George to Fort Nelson and will be specific to trades training. The government claims the program has proven to be successful in the past. MSB (clipped) "These are incredibly transferable skills, and so whether it's pipeline or whether it's construction or oil & gas, those kinds of things, what we want to do is make sure that First Nations people have the opportunity to participate and make sure they're in areas where there are demands. So we've seen incredible success, and again, from my perspective we have a potential workforce right in front of us. With the age of the population, it's a natural for us to try to move people into the workforce" — CKPG, CJCI.

'Clean energy funding' - MJR announced \$2.1m in funding over three years to promote clean energy projects. The money will look to help those communities not on the hydro grid to get off the use of diesel for power. MJR (clipped) "First Nations really embrace and would like to see more clean energy opportunities and so this funding will allow communities to be able to reach out and whether they're looking at run-of-river, whether they're looking at biomass. In some cases we've seen solar, we've seen geothermal, we've seen ocean thermal. It really allows nations to explore what they would need for heat and power for their communities going forward" – CKPG, CJCI.

'Interior tourism' – **MSB** says that the interior has also been part of BC's tourism boom, with up until the end of November last year, hotel occupancy in the Thompson-Okanagan was up just under 2%. **MSB** (clipped) "And visitors to the Thompson-Okanagan are up 5.8%. So, perhaps, not necessarily the dramatically high numbers but one of the things we've done is said, you know, we need to be looking at the Explore BC hashtag and making sure that people are contemplating not just the Lower Mainland and Vancouver but making those visits right through the Interior" – CHNL.

'BC parks funding' – **MMP** is projecting more park rangers will be hired in BC Parks. The Environment minister is announcing \$35m in extra funding. The funding, announced Thursday, will also be used for new programs to promote and protect the natural environment, and provide an initial endowment for a new B.C. Parks Foundation. Eddie Wood, president of the B.C. Society of Park Operators, said the additional rangers will be welcome. "With the exponential growth of hikers using the backcountry, there has been a noticeable void in ranger presence." MLA George Heyman said that the government announcement failed to mention that from 2002-15, "the B.C. Liberal government has cut conservation-officer staffing by over 10 per cent and cut over 1,100 forest and range staff. "There was also over \$1 million in funding cuts to conservation office services in the last fiscal budget compared to the year before that." — CTV.

# Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

'NDP climate plan' - The NDP are promising rebate cheques to offset increases in the cost of the province's carbon tax, if the party wins May's election. NDP Leader **John Horgan** did not say how much the cheques would be worth, but promised 80% of residents would be eligible for the rebates. He says the NDP's plan targets the Liberal government's carbon tax, which is set to increase to \$50 per tonne of carbon emissions in 2022. The nine-year-old carbon tax is set at \$30 per tonne and is scheduled to increase to comply with the federal government's national carbon plan. Horgan said rebate cheques would be issued on the first month of each scheduled increase. Horgan says carbon pollution has been rising under PCC's government and Environment Canada forecasts carbon pollution will increase by 32% in B.C. by 2030. **MMP** said the province hasn't made money from the carbon tax, which is mandated to return every dollar it generates through reductions in other taxes. The government calculates that since 2008, almost \$9 billion has been returned in rebates, tax credits or tax cuts, she said — CP, BC1, CBC PG & Vancouver, CHNL, CKNW, CFAX, CTV, Global, VS-A01, G&M-S01, TC-A04.

- MMP says the NDP plan as an unnecessary tax hike. MMP (clipped) "In terms of Mr Horgan's scheme, he is saying that he would collect the carbon tax and he would keep a good portion of it and spend it on programs. Well, we believe we should spend to support climate action programs but we should do so without raising your taxes" BC1, CFAX.
- MLA Andrew Weaver says the plan will not reduce carbon emissions if the NDP is also intending to support the LNG industry. Weaver (clipped) "So it would continue on in BC with politicians playing politics on climate policy. You can't call it a plan when you wait three years to actually do a plan"- CKNW, CBC PG.
- **Keith Baldrey** describes the NDP as going all-in on climate change for their election strategy. He also suggests the Liberals have a high-level source working within the NDP who is looking to embarrass Horgan and may signify inner party discord BC1
- Media report 'Horgan didn't seem bothered his plan was leaked to the BC Liberals earlier Thursday', saying "It's about directly addressing the challenge of our time and that's reducing our emissions in British Columbia. If the BC Liberals don't have a plan I'm happy that they're sending my plan out" CHNL.
- UVic politics professor **Michael Prince** said of the leak, "It'd be very concerning, absolutely. I would think the alarm bells have already gone off inside the leader's office" VS-A01.
- political scientist Norman Ruff said, "Fasten your seat-belts, this leak, by somebody, I think is just the beginning
  of what's likely to be a particularly kneecap, take-no-prisoners campaign." VS-A01
- Reporter Rob Shaw notes that Prince and Ruff stopped short of saying the leak reflects directly on Horgan's control of his party or his staff; nor is it particular to the NDP – VS-A01.
- Vaughan Palmer notes that the leaked documents show the NDP's internal concern for MLA Andrew Weaver's potential to vote split or poach supporters, as well as force a hostile stance on LNG and Site C. Palmer also says "after losing four elections in a row, New Democrats are understandably concerned about the governing party's ability to brand them as tax and-spend before they get around to branding themselves", and points to several passages in the leaked documents that are to address Liberal branding. Horgan sets three increases from \$30 to \$50 by 2022, but is noted to not have made changes to the Liberal's proposed rebates and tax reductions. Palmer concludes "the Horgan plan is not as dramatic a departure from the Liberal carbon tax regime as the NDP's "loud and proud" rhetoric made out" VS-A09.
- Pembina Institute (Josha MacNab) approves of the NDP proposal to commit to measures which would decrease BC's carbon emissions, and is projecting carbon levels will continue to rise in the province when they should be decreasing by 40% - CFAX.

'Candidate profile'- John Horgan hopes to improve the lives of British Columbians should the NDP form the next provincial government. The BC Liberals have frequently accused the New Democrats of being opposed to job creation, but Horgan emphasizes the need to balance employment with environmental responsibility. Horgan has committed to is increase provincial funding for transit and transportation improvements. He also says doing away with corporate and union fundraising as the first order of business as premier. Horgan details his \$10 daycare promise, saying ``the good news about \$10-a-day child care is it's good for not just kids and women and families, but it's good for the economy. The Business Council supports the notion of making sure that we have more child care so that people can be more productive in the workplace``. He also talks about rolling back MSP premiums. Horgan understands his lack of profile in the public eye, noting people have their own lives to worry about. Reporter Sohie Lui says Horgan is a very real person and may sometimes get frustrated with the short and possibly superficial social media world, when he wants to delve into issues – Global, CKNW, BC1. Related, CKNW news director Terry Schintz concedes that John Horgan has perhaps not been given the same coverage and treatment as PCC ahead of the election, and admits it's something his station may look at changing – CKNW.

'Beckett IIO investigation' - The IIO is asking Crown Counsel to consider charges against another Mountie in connection with the crash that killed Cst Sarah Beckett last April. The IIO says another RCMP cruiser had attempted to pull over the pick-up truck that eventually collided with Beckett's vehicle. The IIO does confirm it's focus was on the actions of an RCMP officer who tried to stop the civilian vehicle prior to it colliding with Cst Beckett's police cruiser. Meanwhile, Kenneth Jacob Fenton is facing five criminal charges. Beckett was killed when her marked car was struck by a pickup. **Kash Heed** believes all high-speed police pursuits are inherently dangerous and that's why many police organizations have strict policies governing when they can take place. Lawyer **Michael Mulligan** is suggesting the pursuit which led to

the death of Cst Sarah Beckett may have been illegal— CP, Global, CFAX, CKNW, CBC PG & Vancouver, BC1, CTV, CHEK, TC-A01.

'Foreign buyer tax- **PCC** says the province will not be introducing a foreign homebuyers' tax in Victoria just yet. Some municipal leaders have been asking for a similar tax in the capital region. PCC says the tax has proven effective, but she wants to wait and see how it works out before broadening it – CBC Vancouver. Related, The president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver is expressing optimism with changes being made to the foreign buyers tax, and feels it is 'righting a wrong'.' **Dan Morrison** says townhouse and condo benchmark prices in January are still hovering around where they were in 2016. The real downturn continues to be in the detached market, with sales down 57% and prices now dipping 6% from last year. Morrison adds he still believes there are buyers and sellers waiting on the sidelines – CKNW.

'Victoria wants authority to impose taxes on vacant, derelict properties' - Victoria council wants the province to give all B.C. municipalities authority to impose extra taxes on vacant and derelict properties to help increase housing affordability. Councillors agreed Thursday with Ben Isitt's and Jeremy Loveday's motion that Victoria send the idea to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the UBCM for support. Mayor Lisa Helps said she is not interested in taxing people away from their homes which would be "woefully unfair." "I don't think we should do a vacant home tax, but I do think we need the authority to tax derelict buildings. They are vacant and derelict. They are very easy to identify. They have fences around them. They're boarded up. They're eyesores. They're unsafe. That's what. .. we need to ask the province for" Helps said – TC-A05.

'Beijing's currency curbs could cool frosty housing market' - Beijing's tight new currency rules have Metro Vancouver's real estate sector wondering if the move will further slow down the local housing market. The new edict demands a written pledge that yuan converted into U.S. dollars will not be used to buy property overseas. It also creates a government black list and harsher penalties for violators. The new rules came into effect on Jan. 1, causing uncertainty in global real estate markets from London to San Francisco - and, Vancouver. UofC professor Victor Shih says "I think this round of (foreign-exchange) crackdown is much more strictly enforced and (will be) longer-lasting. Prior to the end of last year, even low-level private bank clients for major Chinese and transnational banks can easily transfer money from mainland accounts to offshore (ones.) Chinese authorities have now stopped this". Realtor Godfrey Chan, said middle-class families hoping to buy property and immigrate are more likely to be thwarted by this policy than those who are moving "hot money". "Those will be the ones affected. They will have more issues getting their money out compared to higher-end Chinese buyers who have businesses here" or elsewhere, that can be used to consolidate funds in U.S. or Canadian dollars, Chan said — VS-A01.

'Shawingan Lake'- MMP defends the technical assessments contract model B.C. uses saying it is used across the country. She also notes the conflict of interest seen in the Shawingan Lake case is not a usual scenario. She also notes that MoE has never stood behind Cobble Hill Holdings, MMP (clipped) "We never stood behind the company. Our staff in the ministry spend their entire careers doing nothing else but watching to make sure that companies around the province operate in a way that's safe for the environment and safe for humans. That's their whole job. They have no other vested interest. They take their job very seriously and have in this case. So, we have continued to monitor this company very closely"- CFAX.

'Federal OD response'- A recent tweet from federal Minister Jane Philpott calls the overdose crisis nothing short of a national health emergency. But MTL says the feds haven't actually declared it a national emergency. MTL (clipped): "I think this is something that the federal government wants to be seen to be doing something about, and yet we haven't seen that translate into action that is going to save lives today". MTL says national health emergency funding would allow more mobile medical units to operate in BC almost immediately – CKNW.

'Supervised consumption and mental health'- MTL promotes the mobile supervised consumption services coming to Kamloops and details why they are different from the overdose prevention sites. MTL expects the service to be in place over the next six to eight months. MTL also introduces a clinic that will provide special mental health services when it previews Friday. MTL (clipped) "We have two integrated clinics that are opening on the north shore, one on Tranquille

and one in the North Hills Mall. The one in Tranquille, the public facing primary care clinic, will be open a month from now, and the one in North Hills two months from now. But above the one on Tranquille will be specialized mental health and substance use services, so we're doing a little bit of a preview of that tomorrow. But to sort of update the public where we are in our four-point plan to address primary care access in Kamloops"- CFJC.

Freelance writer Michael McCarthy notes the VS and G&M have estimated the amount of money spent on the DTES is approximately \$1m per day, and questions what the impact would be if that money had been invested in detox, rehab and housing since harm reduction was first implemented 20 years ago. He details the successful response of Switzerland doing so to curb the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the 1990's - VS-A09.

### Other Issues

### **Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:**

'Softwood lumber'- MTS says the province and the federal government need to convince the new Trump administration that softwood exports align with the goals of creating more jobs in the US. MTS intends to carry that message to Ottawa next week hoping to reengage the new administration in talks to reach a managed deal. MTS (clipped) "If the US is focused on building their economy and economic growth, and housing and housing construction is a key part of it, they need our lumber as part of that. That's the message that we're going to be continuing to communicate and working closely with colleagues across the country and with the federal government on re-engaging as a high priority on this file"- CHNL.

'Wood-frame homes'- MST says the province will press ahead in promoting wood-frame housing construction, despite a warning by a California-based seismic engineer, Peter Yanev. MST (clipped): "When you look at all the work we're doing through the tall wood initiatives, seismic is a key factor in that, and we're confident it meets all of those tests" - CHNL.

'Possible hunting charges'- **Victoria Kryzanowski** is demanding charges against three aboriginal men who allegedly shot and killed two elk on her Penticton property. First Nations people are permitted to hunt year-round for traditional, ceremonial or sustenance purposes, but **Tobe Sprado** says the hunters could still face charges under the Wildlife Act, Firearms Act, and the Trespass Act – CHBC, BC1.

'Seals, sea lions in Salish Sea outhustling orcas for salmon' – A study, published in January by the Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, estimates that seals and sea lions in Puget Sound consume about nine times the amount of chinook salmon they ate before 1970 and that the rise of harbour seals "coincides directly" with the decline of chinook survival once they reach salt water. The impact on chinook abundance by harbour seals alone is greater than the recreational and commercial fisheries combined and "could lead to reduction in the productivity or carrying capacity of southern resident killer whales," the authors say – Prov-A03.

### **Education / Health / Social Services:**

'Prescription opioids'- **Alan Cassels** is suggesting there is a greater range of options for treating pain than just prescribing opioids. The public policy analyst is calling for PharmaNet consultation to become a mandatory component of treatment planning. Cassels says less than half of B.C.'s doctors are taking advantage of a province-wide network. The practise could prevent 'doctor shopping' and the over-prescription of opioids. MoH said earlier this week that it is planning to make PharmaNet use mandatory for doctors, but no timeline was given. — CBC Vancouver.

'Opioid prescription'- Maria Hudspith with Pain BC is warning doctors that changes to curb over-prescription of opiods come at a cost. Hudspith, (clipped)"People are really struggling and in some cases feeling like they have no choice but to turn to the street-based drug trade to find relief"- CBC Vancouver.

'Pharmacy sues ex-manager over treatment of patient at downtown OnSite facility' – LabPharma, a Vancouver pharmacy is suing a former manager Amin Janmohamed over allegations he used an unapproved and experimental device to administer a drug to a patient having an overdose in the DTES.

In the lawsuit filed in B.C. Supreme Court, Labpharma claims that after the naloxone nasal spray was administered by Janmohamed the unidentified patient had a "severe reaction" and had to be hospitalized. The incident occurred at OnSite, a treatment facility on the second floor above the InSite supervised injection site on East Hastings Street. At that time, Janmohamed, a pharmacist, was managing Labpharma and its contract at OnSite. Janmohamed said his use of the device was authorized by addiction treatment specialist, Dr. Ron Joe, but Joe denies that claim and reported reported Janmohamed and Labpharma to MoH, alleging fraud and that Janmohamed and Labpharma constitute a danger to the public – Prov-A13.

'Mental health services'- **Kurt Karakevitch** is sounding the alarm about his client, **William Landevere**, who is desperate need of mental health care but has been released from jail with no treatment plan in place. The Vancouver Island lawyer says while his client is under court orders, the province isn't able to provide the resources to allow him to comply with those orders. Landevere's grandmother, **Carol Tysdal**, accuses the Liberals of being 30 years behind the times and is frustrated they haven't fulfilled their promise for 500 new treatment beds – CBC TV Vancouver.

'Apartment asbestos' - **MLA Carole James** says she is appalled by the way Starlight Investments is treating its tenants in two Victoria apartment buildings over asbestos concerns. She can't understand why a stop work order has been issued for workers attempting to remediate the company's Douglas St apartment building, yet tenants have not been told to stay away – CFAX, CHEK.

'Oyster warning' - Ontario's acting Chief Medical Officer of Health is warning that two dozen cases of gastrointestinal illness may be linked to oysters from B.C. **Dr. David McKeown** says there have been 24 cases of gastrointestinal illness since January consistent with norovirus in people who reported eating raw or undercooked oysters – CP, VS-A06, Prov-A01.

'Radiation in salmon' - For the first time radiation from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan has been detected in Canadian salmon. UVic oceanographer **Jay Cullen** says it's just a trace amount and doesn't pose a risk to human health. He says the radiation plume from Fukushima is present throughout the northeastern Pacific from Alaska to California – CBC PG.

'Ambulance wait times' – the APBC (**Bronwyn Barter**) says January may have been one of the busiest months ever for paramedics in BC and is once again expressing concern over ambulance response times. She says at one point on Friday, January 20th, there were 70 calls to the ambulance service on hold, four of them requiring a code three lights and sirens response. **Barter** (clipped) "I have heard that this is becoming a common occurrence and it is very frustrating. It is also very scary". Also that day Barter says there were six ambulances out of service – CKNW.

'Spend money for more GPs' - TC editorial calls for the removal of the patient-cap for doctors at walk-in clinics, citing it can turn patients towards using emergency rooms instead. It also calls for the fulfillment of a doctor for every BC'er – TC-A11.

'Shorter wait times and more rider availability needed for HandyDART users'- A new province-wide survey has found that one-third of users of Translink's HandyDART program say that the service is not meeting their transportation needs. The survey, which was conducted by the Office of the Seniors Advocate, highlighted a number of complaints users of the service. Nearly 20% of those surveyed noted the cost of the service was the biggest issue as to why they didn't use the service more often. Fifteen per cent of those who use the service have an income of less than \$10,000 a year. The survey concluded that although a high number of senior citizens are pleased with the service when they receive it, there are a number of barriers including price and time that prevent the HandyDART buses from meeting their transportation needs – BC1.

'Accessible van replacement'- **Alexis Chicoine** is outraged over ICBC's assessment of her written-off van, which is below the cost of replacement. The quadriplegic is demanding the insurance corporation properly assess the accessible van's value. ICBC spokesperson **Sam Corea** points out cases like this help better assess claims in the future – CTV.

'Homeless shelter- **Sean Spear** assures Wednesday's fire at a Coquitlam homeless shelter will not prevent it from running at full capacity. The RainCity Housing rep adds extreme weather beds are open – Global. Related, the city of Vancouver is gearing up for more winter. Snow is expected early Friday morning and into the weekend. Shelters are also prepared in Victoria for the snow – CKNW, CFAX, VS-A03.

### Justice / Public Safety:

'Child porn' – **David Robert**, a former nurse in Victoria has pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography. Victoria Police say they started investigating a man named David Robert in 2014. They executed a search warrant in 2015 in Victoria and seized nearly 800 videos and 27,000 images. Investigators determined the man's name was really David Stallcup and that he was in jail in Oregon.

Stallcup was extradited to Canada to face the Victoria charge in the fall. He pleaded guilty last month and is being held in custody pending sentencing – CBC PG, Prov-A04, TC-A03.

'High-risk offender' - Mayor **Linda Hepner** is appalled that a high-risk sex offender with a predatory history towards minors has been allowed to move into her community, calling it an incredibly ridiculous decision. Hepner has spoken to the local police chief and is reaching out to the provincial and federal governments to express her outrage in the hopes that Jeffery Goddard can be removed from the community. **Wally Oppal** asserts that there is no good solution when it comes to placing high-risk offenders back into the community and suggests that the Crown should be pursuing longer jail sentences for dangerous offender – CKNW, CBC TV Vancouver.

'ICBC worker charged' - A former ICBC employee has now been charged in relation to a series of arsons and shootings that involved victims connected to the BC Justice Institute. 15 people were targeted between April 2011 and January 2012. 44-year-old **Candy Rheaume** allegedly used ICBC computers to access information about the targeted victims. Last summer, the man who orchestrated the attacks was sentenced to 13.5 years in prison – CBC PG, Global, CTV, CP, Prov-A04.

'Skytrain shooting charges'- Charges have been laid against Christopher Boyda, the Coquitlam man shot by police at the 29th Avenue SkyTrain Station in Vancouver. The man was allegedly threatening commuters with a machete – Global, Prov-A04.

'Man pleads guilty to three counts of impaired driving causing death' - Samuel Michael Alec, a Lillooet area man pleaded guilty Thursday to a drunk driving incident that killed three people, including two cyclists, near Pemberton in May 2015 – VS-A05.

'Sex offender arrested' - Michael Wayne Carpenter, a high-risk sex offender has been arrested on allegations of breaching conditions of his probation. On Feb. 1, the Vancouver Police high risk offenders unit alleged it observed Carpenter breaching conditions imposed by his probation officer. He remains in custody – Prov-A04.

'Person of interest in custody after fatal stabbing' - Vancouver police have taken a person of interest into custody following a stabbing death in Stanley Park, the city's second homicide of 2017. Officers were called to the seawall between Second Beach and Third Beach shortly before 11 p.m. Wednesday after a passerby found a 61-year-old Vancouver man suffering "obvious" stab wounds, spokesman Const. Jason Doucette said – Prov-A08.

'Accused Tamil smuggler out on bail awaiting trial' - Kunarobinson Christhurajah accused of bringing hundreds of Tamil asylum seekers into Canada illegally has been granted bail after six years in jail.

A B.C. Supreme Court judge ruled on Thursday that Christhurajah does not have to remain in custody while awaiting a new trial over allegations of human smuggling. Christhurajah has several bail conditions to follow; a date has not been set for the new trial – TC-A06, CP.

'Supreme Court to rule on B.C. child-bride case' - A B.C. Supreme Court judge is expected to deliver his ruling Friday in the case of Brandon Blackmore, Gail Blackmore and James Oler accused of removing girls from Canada so they could be placed in plural marriages. — CP, TC-A06.

'Accused denies counselling her distraught husband to kill himself' - Terri Reimer is accused of counselling her husband, Bill Reimer, to commit suicide as well as administering a noxious substance with the intent to endanger, during a time when the couple was having marriage troubles. He survived and is expected to be one of several witnesses the Crown will call to testify in a Cranbrook courtroom – CP.

### Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:

'Workplace fatality' - one man has died and another is in serious condition after a workplace accident in Parksville Thursday afternoon. The men were working on a ladder installing rain gutters when they came into contact with live hydro wires – CHEK, CTV, CBC PG, TC-A05.

'January home sales'- January home sales in Metro Vancouver were down compared to December. The benchmark price for all properties has fallen 0.2%. – CTV, CHEK.

'BC wine stores'- **Mark Satov** speculates the US is challenging Canada over BC stores selling only BC wine due to the current extremely heightened sensitivity about trade. The strategy advisor contends it's not a big deal as it only pertains to fourteen stores – CBC Newsworld.

'Uber-like ride service'- Vancouver may soon get a ride app service; local startup Ripe Rides, which offers a point-to-point luxury sedan service, has applied for 150 taxi licenses with the city. Director **Nitesh Mistry** says it's fair to call it a combination between taxis and Uber. The service will follow the same fare structure other taxis use and is only available through digital dispatch with no cash transactions or hailing allowed – CKNW.

### **Aboriginal Relations:**

'Court denies First Nations 'veto' on Site C' - In a unanimous three-justice ruling Thursday, the BC Court of Appeal rejected any native veto of development and said the Liberal administration had adequately consulted aboriginal groups. Victoria lawyer **John Gailus** said the decision was "disappointing," but he had not had a chance to fully digest it or discuss it with his clients. An appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada is seen as likely – VS-A03.

# **Government / Politics:**

'It's now or never for Clark to kill unfair MSP tax' - Canadian Taxpayers Federation (**Jordan Bateman**) says the Liberals have made several adjustments to their own public policy on taxes and supports recently, such as the FBT, ICBC rates, and the HOME program and says MSP should be the "centrepiece tax cut in the Liberal platform", especially given the Green and NDP platforms to change it – Prov-A19.

Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Fri Feb 3	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 2-3	CFD	Toronto - Minister Cadieux attends FPT Ministers Responsible for Social Services (MRSS) Meetings	-	CFD- 77415
8:30 am	TRAN	News release only, regional - Large resurfacing project in East Kootenay, improving driving conditions on Highways 3/95 and 95A and along side roads in the Kimberley and Cranbrook areas	BCGov NR	TRAN- 78428
9:00 am	CSCD	Richmond - Minister Fassbender speaks at the Local Government Leadership Academy Leadership Forum: Each year, the LGLA holds a Leadership Forum and invites the Minister responsible for local government to address delegates from municipalities and regional districts throughout British Columbia	•	CSCD- 75599
9:30 am CHANGED	MEM	Vancouver - Minister Bennett and MLA Wilkinson announce Clean Energy Vehicle Program Funding. Photo/Video: Jordan Grimsrud #BCTECH, Climate	BCGov NR 9:45 am	MEM- 78380
9:30 am	HLTH	Statement only, provincewide - World Cancer Day: Minister Lake issues statement for World Cancer Day on February 4 to raise awareness about what BC has been doing in the area of cancer research	BCGov STMT	HLTH- 78436
9:45 am	HLTH	Kamloops - Minister Lake attends the opening of the new Primary Care Space for Complex Patients in Kamloops: Kamloops complex care space opening at the North Shore Health Science Centre. Follow up event from October 2016 announcement	3rd party NR	HLTH- 77997
10:00 am	HLTH	News release only, provincewide - Funding for the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR): Funding supports innovation & research in B.C. #BCTECH	BCGov NR	HLTH- 73043
10:00 am CHANGED	AGRI	Prince George - MLA Bond, on behalf of Minister Letnick, announce SPCA funding, EVENT LEAD: Emily Young. Photo: James Doyle BuildingBC	BCGov NR 10:15 am	AGRI- 78443
10:30 am	SDSI	News You Can Use only, regional - Ladysmith SPEI Client Profile: Profile of SPEI client, as well highlights of the latest provincial SPEI statistics Jobs Plan	BCGov NYCU	SDSI- 78072
10:45 am NEW	TRAN	Information bulletin only, regional - Crews prepare the Alex Fraser and Port Mann bridges for safe travel in anticipation of more snow	BCGov IB	TRAN- 78585
11:00 am	FLNR	News release only regional - Proposed Revelstoke adventure park tenure moves forward: Ministry and Illecillewaet Development Limited Partnership have agreed upon a 30-year adventure tourism/commercial recreation tenure for a proposed adventure park	BCGov NR	FLNR- 73981
11:15 am	AGRI	Penticton - Minister Letnick speaks at the Tree Fruit Grower AGM	×	AGRI- 78317
11:45 am CHANGED	CSCD	Sun Peaks - Minister Lake, on behalf of Minister Fassbender, speaks at grand opening of the Sun Peaks Outdoor Rink: Luncheon followed by the announcement with demonstrations from either the skating club or the hockey club	3rd party NR	CSCD- 78279
1:30 pm	HQ	Tri-Cities – Hold for Community Visit Photo/Video: Kyle Surovy	0 1	HQ-78491
2:00 pm	MIT	Richmond - Minister Wat speaks at 2017 Richmond Chinese New Year Fair (Miaohui)	-	MIT- 78130
3:30 pm	TRAN	News Release only, regional - Deputy Minister's Consulting Engineer of the Year Awards: Five regional releases to announce finalists and winners of the awards - ceremony held January 26	BCGov NR	TRAN- 76591
4:45 pm	AGRI	Port Alberni - MLA Stilwell, on behalf of Minster Letnick, speaks at the Island Agriculture Show: This is the annual trade show of Vancouver and Gulf Island producers	5	AGRI- 78307
5:00 pm	IGRS	Vancouver - Minister Wat speaks at Australia - New Zealand National Day Reception	×	IGRS- 78083
Fri Feb 3	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
6:00 pm	MIT	Vancouver - Minister Wat speaks at Peng Woo Benevolent Society Chinese New Year Celebration Banquet	0	MIT- 78218

Fri Feb 3	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	Rls
Time TBD	HLTH- 78391	Richmond Hospital Foundation Fundraising Event: Supporting the proposed Richmond Hospital Tower Project	FYI	3rd party NR
Time TBD	MEM- 75610	BC Hydro Revenue Requirements Application (RRA): Deadline for Interveners to submit evidence (if any) related to the application to the BC Utilities Commission	Issue	-
7:00 am	HLTH- 77680	Pilot Project launched by the Terry Fox Research Institute, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and BC Cancer Agency to accelerate personalized and precision medicine for their cancer patients. Pilot is also first phase for developing and implementing a national program that will link high-performing cancer research centres, hospitals and universities and their clinical & laboratory program through the Terry Fox Designated Canadian Comprehensive Cancer Centres Network #BCTECH	FYI	3rd party NR
8:45 am NEW	HQ-78583	Lieutenant Governor to visit schools in Nanaimo to celebrate Canada 150: Each school will hold an assembly and the LG will speak with students about Canada's constitutional monarchy, encourage their participation in the nation's democracy and share ideas about a healthy and sustainable future for all. She will attend John Barsby, École Quarterway and McGirr Elementary Schools	FYI	
9:00 am NEW	SBRT- 78542	2017 Vancouver Small Business Information Expo: Trade show that highlights over fifty small business support programs. Includes panel discussions and education events such as "supply chain and the government." Some funding for event provided by government. Government rep not attending	FYI	
9:30 am CHANGED	TRAN- 77545	BC Ferries announces additional sailings for Family Day long weekend	FYI	3rd party NR
10:00 am	JAG- 78488	Bountiful Trail - Verdict: On February 3 in Cranbrook, the BC Supreme Court will issue its verdict for the trial of James Oler, Brandon Blackmore and Emily Blackmore on charges of unlawfully removing children under 16 to the U.S. to be married	FYI	150
12:00 pm NEW	HLTH- 78513	Northern Health Release - Mobile MRI replacement for Prince George: University Hospital of Northern BC (UHNBC) has welcomed the arrival of a mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit to support diagnostic imaging needs	FYI	3rd party NR
3:00 pm	AVED- 75894	Thompson Rivers University Board Meeting	FYI	*
3:00 pm	AVED- 78191	UNBC Board Meeting	FYI	
6:00 pm NEW	ARR- 78567	Hold for MARR matter	Issue	-
7:00 pm	HLTH- 78156	Fraser Health - Public Consultation in Surrey for Safe Consumption Site Application	FYI	
Jan 30-Feb 3	FLNR- 77117	Western Silvicultural Contractors' Association 2017 Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Victoria	FYI	-
Feb 2-3	JTST- 78088	Chilliwack ITA Performance Awards and Employer Recognition Event: To continue to promote youth programs and trades training throughout the province, ITA is leading a regional roadshow Jobs Plan, Skills	FYI	
Feb 2-3	AGRI- 78318	Tree Fruit Growers AGM. Minister Letnick will be speaking on the 3rd	FYI	120
Feb 3-4	AGRI- 77739	Island Agriculture Show: Annual trade show of Vancouver and Gulf Island producers, taking place in Port Alberni. Ministers' Message will be sent	FYI	19211
Feb 3-5 CHANGED	EMBC- 77772	Provincial Search and Rescue Workshop in Chilliwack. Minister Yamamoto speaks on the fourth.	FYI	-
Feb 3-11	JTST- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	-

# Talk Radio Calendar

# Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Media Panel – Keith Baldrey (Global) and Justine Hunter (Globe and Mail)

Topic: recap of political landscape

# Thursday, February 16

CHNL – Time TBD

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

## Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (noon pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

## Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

Chris Thoroski - Langara Voice ISSUE: Post-secondary budget cuts STATUS: With Minister's Office

Katie Hyslop - The Tyee

ISSUE: Number of PSIs offering tuition waivers for former youth in care

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

MCFD to respond on behalf of AVED:

Currently, nine public post-secondary institutions provide post-secondary financial support through a formal waiver program. Two other public post-secondary institutions, Royal Roads University and the Justice Institute of B.C, currently offer financial support with a bursary.

Approximately 160 students received a tuition waiver or bursary for the 2016-17 program year.

Katie Hyslop - The Tyee ISSUE: Youth Supports/AYA

STATUS: Unknown

Richard Mcguire - Osoyoos Times

ISSUE: ALR and residential property assessments

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Mike MacDonald - Global TV | BC ISSUE: BC Assessment appeals STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• List available through BCA on Feb. 6

Trent Ernst - Tumbler Ridge News ISSUE: Tax category for coal mine STATUS: With Program Area

Josh Page - CBC - Kelowna ISSUE: Living in a resource area STATUS: With Minister's Office

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports
ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Rebecca Dyok - Vista (Williams Lake) 97.5 The Goat

ISSUE: Park rangers STATUS: with GCPE

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Spill Policy Paper STATUS: with GCPE

Alexandra Gill - Globe and Mail

ISSUE: Truffles STATUS: Unknown

Leah Shaw - CBC - Kamloops

ISSUE: RHB park STATUS: with GCPE

Carla Wilson - Times Colonist

ISSUE: SIA and where does contaminated soil go now?

STATUS: With Program Area

Monica Lamb-Yorski - Williams Lake Tribune

ISSUE: Tsilhqot'in Nation, Chilcotin tourism operators in BC Parks

STATUS: With GCPE

Kirthana Sasitharan - UBC School of Journalism

ISSUE: BC Parks impact from Canada 150

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Sophie Gray - UBC School of Journalism ISSUE: BC Parks co-management with FN's.

STATUS: With Program Area

Lachlan Labere - Salmon Arm Observer ISSUE: EMA grey water discharge STATUS: With Minister's Office

Walter McGuinnis - Shaw TV - Victoria

ISSUE: SIA permits

STATUS: With Program Area

Rob Shaw - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Carbon tax STATUS: with GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Elections act changes - fundraising amendments

STATUS: with GCPE

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

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Samantha Garvey - CBC - Vancouver ISSUE: A-PTT and work permits STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Decline due to schedule.

Katherine Dedyna - Times Colonist

ISSUE: MSP Debt

STATUS: Declined to Comment

Declined

David Opinko - Summit 107 FM ISSUE: Caribou Recovery Funding STATUS: With Minister's Office

Andrew Hudson - Haida Gwaii Observer

ISSUE: Masset Barge Removal STATUS: With Program Area

Nelson Bennett - Business in Vancouver ISSUE: Data on Finfish farm tenures STATUS: With Program Area

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Follow Bear Viewing Permits

STATUS: With GCPE

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Permits for bear viewing

STATUS: With GCPE

Carol Linnet - DeSmog Canada

ISSUE: Caribou recovery / predator management

STATUS: Declined to Comment
• Declined Comment

John Hernandez - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - PHARMANET ACCESS -

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News

ISSUE: Fraser Health's Strategic and Operational Plan

STATUS: With GCPE

Liang Feng - Ming Pao

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - BIRTH TOURISM

STATUS: With GCPE

Allya Davidson - CTV - Toronto

ISSUE: Drug diversion STATUS: With GCPE

Alan Cassels - Freelancer

ISSUE: Vaccine STATUS: With GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau) ISSUE: MHSU Beds/Retirement Concepts

STATUS: With GCPE

Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION DATA

STATUS: With Program Area

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

**ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions** 

STATUS: With GCPE

Brendan Pawliw - Vista Radio (Prince George)

ISSUE: Carfentanil

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Interview scheduled for Feb. 3

Pamela Fayerman - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Truong case

STATUS: Declined to Comment

Program could not approve suggested response by deadline for reporter.

Harris Meyer - Modern HealthCare

ISSUE: US vs. Canada health care cost comparison

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

Referred to CIHI for statistics.

Lindsey Patten - Senior Care Canada ISSUE: Seniors Care - Interview request

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• This interview has been scheduled for Feb. 8 at 8:00 a.m. Call in number is 905-591-1774.

Bob Mackin - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: Trade mission's cost and delegation

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: PNP Allocations

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Peter Eisler - Thompson Reuters

ISSUE: Tasers / Braidwood Commission

STATUS: With GCPE

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Stefania Seccia - Megaphone Magazine ISSUE: Homelessness Prevention Methods

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Stephanie Myers - Kootenay Co-op Radio (Nelson) 93.5

ISSUE: Building - 403 Vernon St. Nelson

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- A capital life-extension project is underway to upgrade the building envelope at 403 Vernon Street.
  - The project includes repointing brick (renewing the external mortar joints), replacing exterior windows, securing and enclosing exterior shutters, and providing a new security screen.
  - The Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services has contracted with an architectural company that has experience with historically significant buildings.
  - Given winter conditions in Nelson, the building needs to be wrapped to continue the exterior project.
  - Scaffolding was just set up a couple of weeks ago.

Joel Tansey - Goldstream Gazette (West Shore - Victoria)

ISSUE: Sooke Road action STATUS: GCPE responded

Megan Turcato - Global Okanagan

ISSUE: Safety on the Trans Canada Hwy in Salmon Arm

STATUS: With Minister's Office

#### FOIs of Note

EGM-2016-65227 – Copies of all records in the custody and control of the Ministry relating to [specified] mineral tenures claimed by Cicada Ventures Ltd. – Cicada – located south of Kamloops, BC, including: All document filed by Cicada in relation to the Mineral Claims with the Ministry; all records of communications as between or among any representative of the Ministry and representatives of Cicada regarding the Mineral Claims; all internal emails, letters, notes, memoranda, or other documents between or among representatives of the Ministry in relation to any drilling work to be performed on or near the Minister Claims. Date range is January 1, 2011 to May 31, 2016

Applicant: Business

Responsive records include: Document pertaining to various mineral claims held by Cicada Ventures

MOE-2016-64434 – All records of communications including written, email, telephone and other correspondence between the Ministry and Atlantic Power regarding permits #8808 and #8809, excluding the Sept. 6, 2016 notification of permit amendment for #8808 and the Sept. 8, 2016 notification of permit amendment for #8809. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2014 To 10/25/2016).

Applicant: Individual

Responsive records include: 8,400 pages, the majority of which are publically available online; includes technical & consultation reports, records/comments from individuals, stakeholders, business. IN on Atlantic Power available.

**FIN-2017-70097** - A copy of the following document, in full, created by BC Stats: 160019 - Rural property tax customer survey. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 09/29/2016)
Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: 74 pages containing questions and results formatted into data tables resulting from the 2015 Rural Property Tax Survey

BRD-2016-65180 - The Board Resourcing and Development Office cabinet briefing note and candidate profile and declaration for Daniel Patrick Doyle, Anne Marie Stewart, Clifford William Neufeld, Colin Hansen and Donald C. Fairbairn of the Transportation Investment Corporation board. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2015 To 12/16/2016)

Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: 82 pages containing a cabinet briefing note regarding appointments and reappointments to the Transportation Investment Corporation board and candidate profile and declarations for Anne Stewart and Daniel Doyle. Updated redline also contains candidate profile and declarations for Clifford Neufeld, Colin Hansen and Donald Fairbairn.

### **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

Note: Deputy Ministers' Travel Expense reports for December 2016 will be published

AGR-2016-63087 - Records originally released Partial Disclosure on September 27, 2016; following OIPC review, records have now been released in full. A copy of the report, titled Agricultural Activity on Small Agriculture Lots in the Fraser Valley Created by Subdivision and Long Term Planning Initiatives - Four Examples in the Township of Langley, written for the Ministry by Mark Robbins, a former employee of the Ministry, in the custody of Chris Zabek, Regional Agrologist. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 To 12/31/2014)

Applicant Type: Business

Responsive records include: 2009 draft report on subdivision related impacts in Langley.

**FIN-2016-61776** - Briefing, protocol and itinerary records regarding the visit to British Columbia by Sultan Ibrahim Johor of Malaysia. (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/16/2016 To 04/20/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 16 pages – calendar entries from April 20-22, staff emails discussing the itinerary for the visit and two draft protocol itineraries.

FIN-2016-62893 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file TRA-2015-53159.

Applicant Type: Individual

**NGD-2016-63711- XGR-2016-63684** - All the records included in the Minister's Estimates Binder for 2016/17 budget estimates debate - 5th session, 40th Parliament.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: 571 pages – heavily redacted

OOP-2016-61900 - All travel records for when the Premier travelled the week of April 17 2016 to April 23 2016 including but not limited to any airline bookings, receipts, or charters.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: 69 pages – Outlook calendar entries for April 20 and 22. Emails between PO and Pacific Coastal. Event itinerary for Fire Safety event in PG. Event itinerary for LNG rally in Fort St John. MA.

Clippings

# **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Saturday, February 04, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Robin Gill 18:00 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro	1800	Winter isn't over Emotional appeal Pets find homes		
Top Story	1800	ICBC asks drivers to use common sense when driving on snow and ice		
2/9	1804	First weather report		
3/9	1805	Hundreds march in rallies to honour victims of Quebec mosque attack		
4/9	1807	Loblaws stores recall President's Choice brand baby food		
5/9	1808	Family hopes public appeal will help Abbotsford police locate woman		
6/9	1809	BC Corrections warns public about high-risk sex offender in Hope		
7/9	1810	Dog owners hold anniversary get together for rescue dogs		
8/9	1811	Richmond residents rally against "smelly" composting centre		
9/9	1812	City of Vancouver holds final open house on Chinatown revitalization		
	1813	First commercial break		

	CIVT - CTV News at Six with Michele Brunoro & Scott Roberts 1800 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Snow shutdown Langley puppy mill Dangerous stunts	
Top Story	1800	TransLink, ICBC, BC Hydro & Highways impacted by winter weather	
2/7	1803	First weather report	
3/7	1804	Olympic cauldron lit in honour of victims of shooting at Quebec mosque	
4/7	1805	Family of missing Abbotsford woman appeals to public for information	
5/7	1806	Vancouver police investigate attempted abduction of 10-year-old boy	
6/7	1807	Dog owners frustrated no charges have been laid in puppy mill case	
7/7	1808	Canadian skiers try to break Guinness World Record for snow angels	
	1809	First commercial break	

CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Calvin To 1700 hr			
Placement Time Story			
Intro	1700	Winter weather James Bay development Victoria film fest	

Top Story	1700	Victoria city council stalls plan to allow development in James Bay
2/7	1703	Crews and residents clear snow that fell on central Vancouver Island
3/7	1705	Trump travel ban sparks action by North American university students
4/7	1706	Fundraising efforts launched to help Syrian family with medical needs
5/7	1707	Victoria film fest expects over 100 films to be played over next week
6/7	1708	Organizers say tool library will help residents with DIY projects
7/7	1709	Hundreds of tea lovers participate in 2nd annual Victoria tea festival
	1710	First commercial break

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### **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Sunday, February 05, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Robin Gill 18:00 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Paralyzed by weather Airport delays Opioid crisis	
Top Story	1800	Fraser Valley schools to close following today's massive snowfall	
2/7	1807	First weather report	
3/7	1808	Okanagan getting hit hard by weather system and fresh snow	
4/7	1809	Vancouver demonstration held against Trump travel ban	
5/7	1810	CEO of Vancouver-based financial tech firm troubled by travel ban	
6/7	1811	Stabbing at Vancouver homeless shelter sends man to hospital	
7/7	1812	Some school districts eyeing naloxone kits to tackle opioid crisis	
	1814	First commercial break	

CIVT - CTV News at Six with Michele Brunoro & Scott Roberts 1800 hr		
Placement	Time	Story
Intro	1800	CTV News pre-empted by the Super Bowl

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Calvin To 1700 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro	1700	Unusual weather Driveway dispute Documents of discovery	
Top Story	1700	Nanaimo, central Vancouver Island hit with snowfall again	
2/7	1701	First weather report	
3/7	1702	Vancouver Island man says he was struck by Emcon snow plow	
4/7	1704	Gas shortage may continue into next month, say experts	
5/7	1705	Paramedics call on province to declare profession essential service	
6/7	1706	Former sailor donates rare Captain Cook documents to museum	
7/7	1707	Art gallery cannot accept architect's donation due to lack of storage	
	1708	First commercial break	

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#### **LOOK AHEAD**

### NEW Tuesday, February 7

CBC radio Kamloops with Shelley Joyce – 7:40 a.m.

Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake Topic: Royal Inland Hospital

### NEW Tuesday, February 7

CBC Vancouver - Rick Cluff - 7:50 a.m.

Guest: Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson

Topic: softwood lumber

### NEW Tuesday, February 7

AM 1150 - Phil Johnson - 8:20 a.m.

Guest: Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson

Topic: softwood lumber

### Thursday, February 9

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

#### Thursday, February 16

CHNL - Time TBD

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

### Thursday, February 16

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

### Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (noon pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Monday, February 06, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC Early News with Chris Gailus 17:00 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report	
Top Story	1700	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall	
2/9	1702	Chilliwack hit by heavy snowfall	
3/9	1704	Weather report	
4/9	1705	BC Hydro restoring power to Metro Vancouver clients	
5/9	1707	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims	
6/9	1707	Surrey School District issues late snow day notice	
7/9	1708	Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report	
8/9	1710	New Westminster pastor opposes Bill C-16	
9/9	1712	Traffic report	
	1712	First commercial break	

	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Chris Gailus & Sophie Lui 18:00 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report Commerce disappearing from popular White Rock neighbourhood	
Top Story	1800	Snowfall impacts traffic in Metro Vancouver	
2/16	1801	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall	
3/16	1804	Greater Victoria hit by heavy snowfall	
4/16	1806	Track problem disrupts Canada Line service	
5/16	1806	Weather report	
6/16	1807	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims	
7/16	1808	BC Hydro restoring power to Metro Vancouver clients	
8/16	1810	Okanagan hit by heavy snowfall	
9/16	1811	Surrey School District issues late snow day notice	
10/16	1813	Vancouver temporarily suspends green bin collection	
11/16	1813	Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report	
	1816	First commercial break	
12/16	1817	New Westminster pastor opposes Bill C-16	
13/16	1819	Commerce disappearing from popular White Rock neighbourhood	

14/16	1821	Traffic report
	1822	Second commercial break
15/16	1824	Global BC consumer reporter issues fraud warning
16/16	1827	Weather & traffic report
	1829	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall Crews clear Nanaimo roads during heavy snowfall Vancouver Islanders traveling to sunny destinations	
Top Story	1700	Heavy snowfall impacts Vancouver Island roadways	
2/12	1701	Southern Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall	
3/12	1705	Poor weather contributes to motor vehicle crash in Langford	
4/12	1705	Mid-Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall	
5/12	1709	CHEK asks streeters if school districts call snow days with prudence	
6/12	1709	Metro Vancouver & Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall	
7/12	1710	Crews clear Nanaimo roads during heavy snowfall	
8/12	1712	Vancouver Islanders traveling to sunny destinations	
9/12	1714	Vancouver Island man kayaks down snow-covered embankment	
10/12	1715	Weather report	
11/12	1716	Sports preview	
12/12	1717	Road conditions report	
	1717	First commercial break	

	CIVT - CTV News at Five with Mi-Jung Lee 1700 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report US pop star launching world tour in Vancouver	
Top Story	1700	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall	
2/10	1703	Vancouver hit by heavy snowfall	
3/10	1703	Metro Vancouver residents reminded to clear sidewalks	
4/10	1705	Road salt in short supply across Metro Vancouver	
5/10	1705	Poor weather forces partial closure of Stanley Park seawall	
6/10	1705	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims	
7/10	1706	Traffic report	
8/10	1707	Weather report	
9/10	1708	Crews rescue stranded skier on Cypress Mountain	

10/10	1709	US pop star launching world tour in Vancouver
	1710	First commercial break

CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Tamara Taggart 1800 hr				
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report US pop star launching world tour in Vancouver		
Top Story	1800	BC south coast snowfall impacts schools & traffic		
2/10	1802	Snowfall impacts traffic in Metro Vancouver		
3/10	1803	Weather report		
4/10	1804	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall		
5/10	1804	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall		
6/10	1806	Heavy snowfall results in cancelled classes in Surrey		
7/10	1809	Track problem disrupts Canada Line service		
8/10	1809	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims		
9/10	1811	Crews rescue stranded skier on Cypress Mountain		
10/10	1812	Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report		
	1814	First commercial break		

CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr				
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall		
Top Story	1800	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall		
2/9	1806	Surrey Food Bank feels impact of heavy snowfall		
3/9	1809	North Shore Rescue warns of increased avalanche danger		
4/9	1813	Weather report		
5/9	1815	Track problem disrupts Canada Line service		
6/9	1815	Bernard Richard releases Alex Gervais report		
7/9	1818	Caregiver troubled by Alex Gervais report		
8/9	1824	Stephanie Cadieux responds to Alex Gervais report		
9/9	1825	Bernard Richard calls for change within MCFD		
	1830	First commercial break		

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr					
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall Central Saanich & Oak Bay police criticized for handling of sex assault complaints BC oysters linked to gastrointestinal illness in Canada			

Top Story	1700	Greater Victoria hit by heavy snowfall
2/8	1704	Weather report
3/8	1705	Nanaimo region hit by heavy snowfall
4/8	1706	Oak Bay fire hydrant damaged by car crash
5/8	1707	Central Saanich & Oak Bay police criticized for handling of sex assault complaints
6/8	1708	Bernard Richard releases Alex Gervais report
7/8	1708	Parkinson's sufferer wants Duodopa covered by BC government
8/8	1711	ICBC presents new offer to owner of damaged modified vehicle
	1713	First commercial break

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**Subject:** Morning report (Feb 6)

February 6, 2017

Major Media Coverage

Television: (Global) (Fri) Heavy snowfall results in slippery Vancouver streets; City of Vancouver defends snow clearing along local bike lanes; Crews prevent Port Mann Bridge ice bombs; Heavy snowfall disrupts TransLink services; Weather report; Vancouver residents clear sidewalks during heavy snowfall; Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways on Vancouver Island; Heavy snowfall results in slippery roadways across Central Okanagan; Castlegar student forced to urinate in a can on a school bus. (Sat) ICBC asks drivers to use common sense when driving on snow and ice; First weather report; Hundreds march in rallies to honour victims of Quebec mosque attack; First weather report; Okanagan getting hit hard by weather system and fresh snow; Vancouver demonstration held against Trump travel ban; CEO of Vancouver-based financial tech firm troubled by travel ban; Stabbing at Vancouver homeless shelter sends man to hospital; Some school districts eyeing naloxone kits to tackle opioid crisis.

### **Mainstream Print:**

Vancouver Sun: (Sat) Prisoner of the past (photo); guilty in child bride case. (Mon) B.C., federal governments ready to take hard line on softwood; a sweet slide on the snow (photo); Seniors advocate links drugs to aggression in care homes. Province: (Sun) A new prescription for pain; snowy weekend creating havoc on Lower Mainland roads. Costly consequences of the province's flip-flop on foreign buyers' tax. (Mon) Double the fun: Okanagan Apple of Studio's Eye. Globe & Mail: (Sat) the children left behind (photo); the NDP doesn't need a secret agent in the ranks; sick of the snow? Pray, city says. (Mon) B.C. leads to push to eliminate letter grades; Brisk birdwatching (photo); alternatives to opioids for pain control deemed crucial; a new chapter starts for Clayoquot Sound.

### **Social Media:**

**DeSmog Canada:** Besties? BC Hydro and Premier's Office Too Close for Comfort, Experts Suggest; **Mike Smyth:** Nivesh and Neha Sharma paid \$54,211.60 in B.C. foreign homebuyers tax. Will they get their money back?; **Supporting First Nations legal challenges to Kinder Morgan:** Pull Together

### Chinese Media:

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: More than \$1.1m in loans has been conditionally approved since the new BC HOME Partnership program applications opened on Jan. 16, 2017; Snowfall - The Alex Fraser Bridge was closed northbound around 1 p.m. because of slushy snow falling from the bridge's cables but reopened just before 6 p.m. Saturday. BC Hydro said the snowfall also cut power to approximately 30,000 homes at its peak throughout the Lower Mainland; The Surrey School District and Langley School District are looking outside the province to fill vacancies; MBB announced \$40m in funding to promote the Clean Energy Vehicles program in the province; Mayors from a dozen major Canadian cities have launched a task force to tackle the opioid crisis. The task force will meet with federal Ministers Philpott and Goodale but

a date has not yet been set; Some residents and members of the Chinatown Concern Group raised concerns about the city's development plan.

# South Asian Media:

**Asian Journal** (English): Andrew Petter, SFU President and Vice-Chancellor, in his annual report to the Surrey Board of Trade this past week, drew a stark picture of how much better our economy would be performing if the resources were made available to graduate more post-secondary students - this skills deficit is costing BC's economy some \$9.7b annually, according to a study by the Conference Board of Canada;

**Indo Canadian Times** (Punjabi): Chinese New Year Parade 2017 in Vancouver was attended by PMJT, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan and PCC among many other dignitaries (w/ front page photos including PCC & Ministers Wat & Anton); Province commits \$217m to speed up construction of up to 5,200 new student seats in Surrey (MMB is mentioned w/ group photo);

Indo Canadian Voice (English): Editor Rattan Mall writes, it's such a shame that so many Christians and so-called Christian leaders (religious or political or social) in the rich countries of North America and Europe have FAILED to follow clear-cut instructions from the Bible about how to treat "foreigners"; Over 1,000 people came out to Al-Jamia Masjid Vancouver, the first mosque in Western Canada, on Monday evening to mourn and show support for the local Muslim community after the tragic events in Quebec City on Sunday; Vancouver Police Chief Palmer says there's no known threat to Vancouver's places of worship; In an era where immigration policy – particularly as it relates to the Muslim faith – has become a flashpoint in North America, there is a new book out that chronicles a tale of early immigration by a Pakistani Muslim to Vancouver Island.

# Positive Coverage

Continued coverage – BC Parks funding' - the BC government is giving \$35m to BC Parks over the next three years. Part of the funds will go towards 25 more full-time park rangers, adding to their current roster of seven full-time rangers. For **Joe Foy** of the wilderness committee, the money and the addition of park rangers is too little, too late. BCGEU says it is cautiously optimistic. "We will be keeping in contact with our front lines members to see what their experiences are as this initiative rolls out," said president **Stephanie Smith** - (Fri) CHBC. (Sat) CBC PG. (Sun) CBC online.

'Electric vehicle incentives' -The province has injected \$40m to keep an incentive program for clean energy vehicles up and running for the next three years. MBB says the program will offer rebates of up to \$5,000 and \$6,000 for electric and hydrogen vehicles. MBB says the charging station infrastructure in the province has vastly improved, but... MBB (clipped) "There's a lot of work that needs to be done on the charging infrastructure. We have more of it in BC than they do in any other province, so that's good, but we really need to build it out all away along Highway 1 from Vancouver to Calgary. We also need to build it out along Highway 3 going to the southern part of the province and we have a program to get that done in the next year". He says the program (is) very popular with no problem so far finding people who want to take advantage. MMP says "Transportation accounts for nearly half of the emissions by the average B.C. family, and light-duty vehicles account for 14% of B.C.'s overall emissions," — (Fri) CHNL, CBC online & Vancouver. (Sat) TC-B01.

'SPCA funding' - MSB announced \$1.5m for the North Cariboo SPCA for an expansion at the local shelter. MSB says the funding will allow them to expand capacity, deal with larger animals, and provide more education to children. Local branch manager Jamie Walsh calls the funding a relief – (Fri) CKPG, CJCI, CBC PG.

'Forest industry' – **MST** says that government has been working with smaller communities who are looking for more consultation on how resource extractions are made in BC. MST says he understands how important the industry is to all these communities and describes it as a very active, ongoing process. MST emphasizes that the NAFTA agreement is a very high priority for both PCC and MST. **MST** (clipped) "We think it's good for our economy. We think it's good for the US. We would much rather be working in a managed trade agreement than fighting costly litigation. If that opening up provides us that opportunity to reach that objective, then we're certainly interested, anything to help us achieve that objective" – CKPG. Related, 'B.C., federal governments ready to take a hard line on softwood' – MTS flew to Ottawa

Sunday to work with Minister Freeland and Champagne on a new trade agreement on softwood lumber. "In our view, a managed trade agreement is as important to Americans as it is to us," **MST** said. "If they want to build their economy, and that is a key objective of the new U.S. administration, they will need our softwood lumber." The trip comes ahead of the anticipated release Monday of the latest U.S. International Trade Commission report on its investigation into the import of Canadian softwood lumber. MTS emphasizes Canada's softwood lumber industry is not subsidies and that he looks to work on an agreement instead of litigation – (Mon) VS-A01.

'B.C. leads the push to eliminate letter grades form school report cards' - Since launching a new reporting system that abandons letter grades in 2013, the Maple Ridge school district only has 14 of its 8,000 students requesting letter grades. B.C. is at the forefront of Canadian provinces in the push to remove grades from report cards, with some districts hoping to one day implement such a system in every school, from k-12. But those efforts are constrained by the need to ensure students have standardized marks for postsecondary applications, meaning that for the foreseeable future, students in higher grades must remain in the old system. B.C's Your Child's Progress consultation closed February 4th, and received 23,500 visits with almost 4,500 surveys completed, according to EDUC. The ministry will publish a report on the feedback by the end of the school year, with the goal of "creating a student reporting process that gives parents a deeper understanding of their child's progress." – (Mon) G&M.

# Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

'OD task force' – Mayors from several large cities across Canada launched a coordinated OD task force and are calling for a nationwide emergency response to the crisis. Mayor **Gregor Robertson** promises to work with other mayors to pressure the federal and provincial governments to step up and treat the OD crisis like a national health emergency. B.C. has had the most horrendous death toll so far," **Robertson** said. "If that continues to move across the country, it will be a bloodbath." Robertson is part of a task force expected to meet with Ministers Philpott and Goodale in the near future. Separately, staff members at the City of Vancouver are asking councillors to approve a plan aimed at easing the damage the opioid crisis is wreaking on firefighters and residents of single-room occupancy hotels and shelters – (Fri) CFAX, CBC PG. (Sat) Global, G&M-A13, VS-A06.

'The children left behind' – the overdose death of Mary Purdy on January 17<sup>th</sup> and subsequent custody case for her children is detailed, with the children returning to their father's care. **Janice Abbott**, CEO of Atira Women's Resource Society, says almost all women who have died of overdoses have children, but MCFD notes that "there has been no increase in the number of children coming into government care that corresponds with the recent surge in overdose deaths; in fact, the number of children in care has dropped in each of the past five years and currently sits at about 7,000". The BC coroner does not track children who have lost a parent to overdose. **RCY Bernard Richard** says an increasing number of critical injury or death reports have been filed over the past few months to the RCY, either by children themselves or their parents. Richard says "It raises concerns for me and for our office. We're hearing it's an issue ... I think the whole province is adjusting to what is obviously a significant crisis." – (Sat) G&M-S01.

'Opioid treatment' - **MLA Selina Robinson** is taking the Liberal government to task over the fentanyl crisis. The province has increased funding for opioid addiction treatment in an effort to combat the epidemic. However, Robinson believes better treatment options need to be available. **Robinson** (clipped) "We need to have a system where they could enter in and we will see them through for 18-24 months because it takes that long. We have to have a proper system of care, a system that's regulated, a system that has expectations and evaluations" – (Fri) CJCI.

'Opioid Alternatives' - An over reliance on opioid therapy for pain management in Canada, has some experts calling for better support for alternative ways to treat pain. Pediatric anesthetist (**Dr. Fiona Campbell**) at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and president-elect of the Canadian Pain Society, says it's difficult for people without private health coverage to afford alternative pain treatments. Campbell says provincial health-care plans should cover physical and psychological approaches, like massage and physiotherapy, as well as cognitive behavioural therapy and mindfulness—(Fri) CP. (Sun) CKNW.(Mon) VS-A08, G&M.

'Snow, power outages and transit disruptions' – Snowfall warning from Friday to Monday. Friday's snowfall contributed to long commutes on snowy roads and via transit with various delays given the bus fleet only uses all-season tires. TransLink confirms 18 bus accidents. However, it's essential services only for HandyDart in Vancouver, North Shore, Burnaby, New West, Surrey, Langley, White Rock and the Tri-cities. Some are asking why city and transit officials weren't better prepared. City of Vancouver engineer Jeremy Dobrovolny says the city has been preparing for this storm for four days and has had all its trucks working on road clearing since the early hours. On both the Alex Fraser and Port Mann bridges, snow collars are being used to prevent ice bombs. ICBC saw a spike in claims over the weekend. VIU was closed Friday in the interest of safety, as were schools in Tofino. A large amount of snow feel on the Coquihalla and drivers are reminded to use winter tires and chains. Saturday, Northbound lanes on the Alex Fraser Bridge were temporarily closed for part of Sunday, and approximately 18, 000 BC Hydro customers experienced power outages because of the bad weather. Some flights out of YVR and YLW have been cancelled because of the snow. Avalanche risk on the South Coast is "high," and it's "considerable" across the Kootenay, Cariboo, Northwest, Sea to Sky and Rockie regions, according to Avalanche Canada. Some schools in the Fraser valley will be closed Monday – (Fri) CTV, CBC TV Vancouver & PG, Global, CKNW, CHNL. (Sat) CKNW, CTV, Global, CHEK, CBC online & PG, BC1. (Sun) Global, CKNW, BC1, TC-A03, Prov-A03, Castanet, CBC online. (Mon) VS-A04, G&M.

Other Issues

# **Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:**

'Growers call for deer cull' - The B.C. Fruit Growers Association is calling on the provincial and local governments to cull urban deer. The group passed a resolution at its annual convention in Penticton on Friday which declares the "excessive" urban deer population the responsibility of the government. Media note **MMP** stated recently it was up to municipalities to initiate urban deer control. Penticton Mayor **Andrew Jakubeit** indicated there is currently little appetite at city hall for such a program. – (Fri) Castanet.

'Push for orca-protection zone in Haro Strait habitat' - Orca Relief Citizens Alliance executive director Scott West is calling for a whale protection zone on the west side of San Juan Island to keep whale watching and private boats from approaching the animals. West said the purpose for the zone would be to help endangered southern resident killer whales recover – (Sun) TC-A03.

'Updating NAFTA' - **Helmut Pastrick** suspects BC consumers could benefit if Canada, Mexico, and the United States renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA is approximately 25-years-old and Pastrick believes "it could certainly use some updating." - (Fri) Global.

### **Education / Health / Social Services:**

'Seniors advocate links drugs to aggression in care homes' – According to the Seniors Advocate's updated Residential Care Facilities Quick Facts Directory, care homes in B.C. are giving antipsychotic medications to too many seniors who haven't been diagnosed with psychosis, and that may be responsible for aggression and injuries among the elderly. **Isobel Mackenzie** says that while the average percentage has decreased, it has been slower to reduce in B.C. There are three care homes in B.C. where more than half of residents took antipsychotics without a diagnosis of psychosis in 2015-16. Mackenzie believes doctors prescribe these medications because they're trying to control certain symptoms, but the drugs may do more harm than good and result in unintended side effects such as falls. The advocate's office hasn't found a clear predictive pattern linking high levels of antipsychotic use to seniors attacking other care-home residents, but feels certain numbers in the care facilities directory are compelling nonetheless – (Mon) VS-A01.

'Private facilities lag those run by health authorities' – the **Seniors Advocate's** office found that among senior-care facilities in B.C. that meet MoH guidelines on staffing levels, an overwhelming majority are run by health authorities, while no private for-profit facilities meet the minimum standard. But average staffing levels at care homes are declining across the board, and health authority facilities are no exception. Ninety-one per cent of care homes listed in the B.C. seniors advocate's Residential Care Facilities Quick Facts Directory failed to meet

the ministry guidelines of 3.36 hours a day of care for each senior in 2015-16. Isobel Mackenzie found the figures show that homes run by health authorities often care for frailer people with a more complex mix of needs than private and non-profit facilities. CEO of the BC Care Providers (**Daniel Fontaine**) says it is unfair for health authorities to both distribute funds for care homes as well as operating them. **MTL** said the ministry is working closely with the office of the seniors advocate, and parliamentary secretary Darryl Plecas "is finishing up some work on hours of care." MTL adds "the 3.36 hours per resident per day is a planning guide for health authorities and that will be the average throughout a health authority. So, not every facility necessarily will need to have that level of care because people have different levels of need." – (Mon) VS-A06.

'Parkinson's drug' - **Patti Wood** is making a desperate plea to the provincial government for Duodopa, a drug that Parkinson's disease advocate **Jean Blake** says could save Wood's life. Although the drug is approved by Health Canada, it isn't covered in BC, although it is in other provinces like Ontario – (Sat) CTV.

'Chinatown housing rally' - Members of the Chinatown Concern Group gathered in Vancouver Saturday to bring their issues to the forefront of the city's development plan. Dozens of residents raised concerns about tall buildings ruining the Chinatown culture, saying a lot of the small shops give something special to the community. Locals say another main concern is housing for low-income seniors. The City of Vancouver also held its final open house on a revitalization plan for the area – (Sat) CKNW, Global. (Sun) CKNW.

'NDP to talk health care' - NDP Leader **John Horgan** and health spokesperson **Judy Darcy** will be in Vernon Monday Feb. 6 to talk about wait times residents face for health care. Darcy says "Patients are languishing in pain instead of getting the timely medical services that they require to heal. That just isn't good enough, and British Columbians deserve better." - (Fri) Castanet.

'Castlegar student humiliated' - A Castlegar mother known only as Crystal claims her son was publicly humiliated by his teacher. The nine-year-old was allegedly forced to urinate in a can in front of classmates when the teacher refused to pull a school bus over during a school trip – (Fri) Global.(Sat) CKNW.

'Composting facility' - **Arnold Shechat** was among a group of Richmond residents who held a rally to express their unhappiness over a composting centre Saturday. Metro Vancouver has received numerous complaints about a noxious smell coming from the facility – (Sat) Global.

'Lead found in drinking water at 4 B.C. Interior schools' - Water at Summit Elementary School, Twin Rivers Education Centre, I'ecole Collines d'Or de Kamloops, and the Children's Place Childcare Centre, all in Kamloops, tested positive for lead. Further north, lead was also detected in the water at Vavenby Elementary School. The school is making bottled water available for students and staff – (Sat) CBC online.

'TRU tuition fees' - The cost of a post-secondary education in Kamloops is likely to rise by two percent. A notice of motion was served today at the TRU board of governors to increase tuition fees in September by \$82 for an entire year for a student with a full courseload. Board chair **Jim Thomson** says TRU still has among the cheapest in BC – (Fri) CHNL.

### Justice / Public Safety:

'Polygamy trial verdict' - **Brandon** and **Gail Blackmore** have been convicted of shuttling a 13-year-old girl across the US border to marry so-called prophet Warren Jeffs. The third accused was acquitted. Judge Pearlman ruled there was not enough evidence that **James Oler** shuttled a 15-year-old girl across the US border also to be married in the US. Oler still faces a charge of polygamy with Winston Blackmore, the so-called bishop of Bountiful. That trial will take place in the spring. Wally Oppal is emphasizing the need to crack down on child exploitation - CBC PG & Vancouver, CKNW, Global.

'Hope sex offender' - BC Corrections is warning the public about a high-risk sex offender who is planning to live in Hope. **Richard Ian Ellis** poses a significant risk to the safety of prepubescent girls and is not allowed to have contact with any girls under the age of 16 - (Sat) Global.

'Revelstoke avalanche' - A snowmobiler was caught in an avalanche near Revelstoke Saturday afternoon. Few details are available, but SAR crews have been dispatched to the area – (Sat) BC1.

'Attempted child abduction' - Police are investigating the attempted abduction of a 10-year-old boy in Vancouver Saturday. Investigators believe a man driving a minivan tried to lure the boy into his vehicle with candy before the boy ran away – (Sat) Global, CBC PG & online, CKNW.

'Stabbing at Vancouver homeless shelter sends man to hospital' - A man is in hospital after a stabbing early Sunday at a shelter in East Vancouver. Police say they were called to the RainCity Shelter on East 1st Avenue near Commercial Drive at about 1.30 a.m. The man is in stable condition but no charges have been laid – (Sun) Global, CBC online.

'Missing woman' - Janet Stuart and her family are hoping a public appeal will help Abbotsford police locate a missing pregnant woman who disappeared more than a month ago – (Sat) Global, BC1.

# <u>Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:</u>

'Parksville workplace fatality' - Four WorkSafeBC investigators are on scene at the site of a workplace fatality. A Nanoose Bay man died while cleaning gutters at an apartment building – (Fri) CHEK, CTV.

'Paying the price for Liberal's flip-flop on homebuyers tax' - **Mike Smyth** details the circumstances of Nivesh Sharma and Nic Benner, two foreign buyers with work permits who lost substantial money when the FBT was first introduced and then later changed. Benner say MRC told him adjustments are not going to be made. Smyth says the Liberals cannot plead ignorance as to the impact of the tax given that many critics highlighted the impact on foreign workers with permits. Smyth adds PCC's announcement was done in response to Trump's travel ban, but suspects there were other reasons "including anger from real-estate companies that donate to her Liberal party and anger from immigrant communities representing many votes, along with pushback from the tech sector". Smyth predicts refunds will be announced shortly – (Sun) Prov-A06.

'It's high time B.C. said 'yes' to ride-for-hire' - in her op-ed, Val Litwin, president and CEO of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce says it is time for B.C. to embrace the ride-for-hire movement. She cites it would decrease impaired driving while adding to the tourism sector, and hopes it will be addressed in the coming session – (Sat) VS-B05.

### **Government / Politics:**

'Carbon tax' – **MMP** says Thursday's announcement from the BC NDP leader is a proposition to use taxpayer money to fund their own projects. **MSB** (clipped) "John Horgan's scheme for carbon tax is to stop returning 100% of it to BCers, and instead use a rise in the carbon tax to pay for the kind of initiatives that government thinks should be paid for, rather than putting it back into people's pockets – (Sat) CHNL.

'The NDP doesn't need a secret agent in its ranks' - In light of the recent leak of NDP leader John Horgan's climate change announcement, **Gary Mason** says the NDP must face the reality that they do have some working internally to sabotage their election campaign. He details leaks for the NDP's announcement on the grizzly bear hunt and NDP provincial council notes, and says that it is concerning that leadership does not have a clear idea who might be behind it – (Sat) G&M-S01.

'Greens political fundraising' – Green leader **Andrew Weaver** says, for 2016, the party raised 93% more cash than it did the years before, and that continued into January. **Weaver** (clipped) "What happened there is we received more money than we received in January 2011, January 2012, January 2013, January 2014, and January 2015 combined. That's a 500% increase". However, the Greens won't release the exact January 2017 numbers until after the election, saying they don't want to give any advantage to the other parties – (Fri) CKNW.

'Horgan changes tune on electoral reform' - Vaughan Palmer details NDP leader John Horgan's support of a vote for electoral reform, but cites that he feels adopting the STV method is unlikely given the complexity of the system. Palmer notes that the NDP support mixed-member proportional but that is can be unpopular given that it may mean more

politicians or a reduction in the number of consistencies. Palmer says the Greens support proportional representation and notes Weaver announced no specifics after PMJT's announcement, saying those would be provided with the party platform. Palmer predicts that if Horgan were to win, he would be less enthusiastic about changing the electoral system, as it would potentially keep his party in power longer – (Sat) VS-A19.

# Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Mon Feb 6	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 6-7	FLNR	Minister Thomson meets with Federal Ministers on Caribou and Softwood Lumber	2	FLNR- 78336
8:30 am	JTST	News release only, regional - WorkBC's Find your Fit comes to Merritt Jobs Plan, Skills	BCGov NR	JTST- 77704
8:30 am	MTICS	Abbotsford - MLAs Plecas, on behalf of Minister Virk, speak at Fraser Valley Tech Forum, put on by Sumas Regional Consortium for High Tech - one of BC Innovation Council's regional accelerators #BCTECH	*	MTICS- 78015
2:45 am	EDUC	Vancouver - Minister Wilkinson, on behalf of Minister Bernier, speaks at Queen Mary Elementary Completion event: Event to announce the completion of Queen Mary Elementary school seismic upgrade project. EVENT LEAD: Emily Young Photo/Video: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR 10:00 am	78039
10:00 am NEW	HLTH	Kamloops - Minister Lake and Minister Stone provide update on the Royal Inland Hospital Patient Care Tower	BCGov NR 10:15 am	HLTH- 76207
10:00 am	SDSI	News You Can Use only, provincewide - Social Innovation Summit Profile #4 - Green Frog CCC: In connection with the Summit on February 8, 2017, a series of four profiles will be published highlighting social enterprises and social innovators	BCGov NYCU	SDSI- 77422
10:00 am NEW	FLNR	Media teleconference - Minister Thomson & BC Lumber Trade Council President provide an update on Softwood Lumber discussions with the federal government Jobs Plan	3	FLNR- 78611
10:45 am	JTST	Penticton - MLA Ashton, on behalf of Minister Bond, attends BC Lions in the House school program: The popular school program Lions in the House will take place at Outma Sqilx'w Cultural School. Program is presented by the ITA and Pacific NorthWest LNG, and supported by BCIT, the BC Construction Association, and BC Hydro Jobs Plan	*	JTST- 77599
11:00 am	CFD	Media Availability - Minister Cadieux responds to RCY's Investigative Report - Administrative Fairness Review of AG: Response to report prepared by the Representative for Children and Youth for the purpose of administrative fairness review in the AG case. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis	BCGov NR 11:15 am	CFD- 78327
L1:30 am	JAG	Information Bulletin only, provincewide - Report and recommendations from Justice Summit: Report is a summary of actions that will inform decisions about recommendations	BCGov IB	JAG- 77606
1:00 pm	ARR	Williams Lake - Minister Barnett attends Open House re Tsilhqot'in Nenqay Deni Accord Community information meeting to provide local residents with the opportunity to learn more abut the implementation of B.C.'s 5 year framework agreement with the Tsilhqot'in Nations Aboriginal	-	ARR- 77505
1:00 pm	CSCD	Vancouver - Minister Fassbender speaks to the Punjabi Press Club: Conversation to provide transit updates	2	CSCD- 78559
i:30 pm	JTST	Vancouver - Minister Bond speaks at the 6th Annual BCEDA and BC Ministers'  Dinner: Interactive event will give those involved in Economic Development from around BC an opportunity to speak directly with Minister Bond Jobs Plan	*	JTST- 78145
5:00 pm	JAG	Abbotsford - Minister de Jong, on behalf of Minister Anton, announces funding for new Abbotsford Courthouse: Funding for new, expanded Abbotsford Courthouse as part of Lower Fraser Valley Strategy. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Jobs Plan, BuildingBC	BCGov NR 6:15 pm	JAG- 78177
7:00 pm	ENV	Coquitlam - MLA Reimer on behalf of Minister Polak, announces Coquitlam has earned Bear Smart status, thanks to its efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflicts	BCGov NR 7:15 pm	ENV- 78253
7:30 pm	MIT	Richmond - Minister Wat speaks at Happy Spring Festival Gala 2017		MIT- 78439

Mon Feb 6	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	RIs
Today	IGRS- 76899	New Zealand National Day	FYI	
Today	AVED- 78405	University of Victoria - Draft Sexual Assault Policy: University of Victoria will release their draft Sexual Assault Policy - Bill 41	FYI	
8:00 am	MTICS- 78361	Q3 purchase card and business travel account data: Data files from October 4 2016 to January 3 2017 posted to open government	Issue	
10:00 am	CFD- 77931	RCY Report - Administrative Fairness Review of AG: Report prepared by the Representative for Children and Youth for the purpose of administrative fairness review in the AG case	Issue	3rd party Report
10:00 am	HLTH- 78128	Northern Health Report - "Growing up Healthy in Northern BC" Report: The health and well-being of youth and children in Northern B.C. is the focus of the Northern Health Board report released today. Feeling loved — safe - valued - worthy, having the necessities of life, access to nature and free play, participation in organized activities, and becoming independent were all important characteristics noted during the 2016 consultation series focused on growing up healthy	FYI	3rd party Report
10:30 am	FIN-75062	Hold for FIN Report	Issue	BCGov Report
11:00 am TBC	FIN-78360	Hold for FIN matter	Issue	
11:00 am TBC	MIT- 78470	Annual release of BC Exports Stats for December 2016 Jobs Plan	FYI	(#C
2:15 pm	JTST- 77600	West Kelowna - BC Lions in the House school program: The popular school program Lions in the House will take place at Neil Bruce Middle School. Program is presented by the ITA and Pacific NorthWest LNG, and supported by BCIT, the BC Construction Association, and BC Hydro Jobs Plan	FYI	188
3:00 pm	AVED- 75815	Camosun College Board Meeting	FYI	
3:00 pm NEW	CSCD- 78610	Pre-tape with Minister Fassbender on Joy TV re: transit	TV / Radio	10.70
6:00 pm	EDUC- 77813	Terrace - Rural Education Engagement Open House: Ministry of Education staff will host public open house to get feedback from citizens and stakeholders	FYI	
Jan 30-Feb 6	HQ-78427	Half-Masting in memory of the victims of the attack in Québec	FYI	(57)
Feb 3-11	JT\$T- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	
Feb 6-8	TRAN- 78214	BC Ferries' new Salish Orca performing dock trials: It will be performing dock trials at various terminals as part of its crew training, beginning February 7. The docking exercises will confirm the vessel's interchangeability around the fleet	FYI	3rd party NR

### Talk Radio Calendar

# NEW Monday, February 6

CBC Vancouver – 6:10 a.m.

Guest: Sheila Bouman, CEO of viaSport

Topic: #EraseBullying in Sport and Pink Shirt Day

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Alternatives)

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Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

## Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (noon pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries STATUS: Referred to Third Party

Finance to respond as FIPPA is under Finance.

Anais Elboujdaïni - CBC - Radio Canada ISSUE: BC Fruit Growers Assn program

STATUS: with GCPE

Aryn Strickland - UBC School of Journalism

ISSUE: Adoption in BC

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

Renaa Bacy, Director of Adoption Services, to provide interview

Marcella Bernardo - Roundhouse Radio 98.3 FM

ISSUE: Bountiful school STATUS: With Program Area

Tessa Vikander - Freelancer

ISSUE: SOGI polices

STATUS: With Program Area

Steve\_ Mertl - Automotive News Canada ISSUE: CEV Program funding announcement

STATUS: with GCPE

Jeremy Hainsworth - Bloomberg Media - Vancouver

ISSUE: CEV announcement

STATUS: with MO

Benjamin Dooley - CKNW AM 980

ISSUE: CEV Program STATUS: with MO

Trent Ernst - Tumbler Ridge News ISSUE: Tax category for coal mine STATUS: With Program Area

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Shelby Thom - Global TV | BC ISSUE: contaminate site purchase STATUS: With Program Area

Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG leachate spilling

STATUS: With Program Area

Walter McGuinnis - Shaw TV - Victoria

ISSUE: SIA permits

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Sophie Gray - UBC School of Journalism ISSUE: BC Parks co-management with FN's.

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries

STATUS: With GCPE

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

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STATUS: With GCPE

Dan Mesec - Northword Magazine ISSUE: Grizzly Bear Populations STATUS: With Program Area

Steve Arstad - Infotelnews.ca

ISSUE: Psoroptes - A disease of bighorn sheep

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Nelson Bennett - Business in Vancouver ISSUE: Data on Finfish farm tenures

STATUS: With Program Area

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Follow Bear Viewing Permits

STATUS: With Program Area

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Permits for bear viewing STATUS: With Program Area

David Opinko - Summit 107 FM ISSUE: Caribou Recovery Funding STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• BC's woodland caribou is at-risk of disappearing. That's why we're investing \$27-million for a comprehensive caribou recovery program.

The new program will take a more wholistic approach and build on existing recovery plans. The new program will focus on five key areas:

- Restoring and protecting critical caribou habitat
- Expanding on existing maternal penning projects
- Predator management
- · Increased research and monitoring
- Increased compliance and enforcement.

Darshan Kaur - RED FM 93.1

ISSUE: Phone interview MTL - Various topics

STATUS: With GCPE

Karen Howlett - Globe and Mail

ISSUE: OD Crisis STATUS: With GCPE

Belle Puri - CBC TV News (BC)

ISSUE: Support for mentally ill son released from jail

STATUS: With GCPE

Mike Hager - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Ontario doing surgeries for children due to US travel ban

STATUS: With GCPE

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News

ISSUE: Fraser Health's Strategic and Operational Plan

STATUS: With GCPE

Liang Feng - Ming Pao

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - BIRTH TOURISM

STATUS: With GCPE

Allya Davidson - CTV - Toronto

ISSUE: Drug diversion STATUS: With GCPE

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions

STATUS: With GCPE

Jackie Lieuwen - Terrace Standard

ISSUE: BC Forest Safety Ombudsman report

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• Sent to PHSA to respond.

Kyle Balzer - VISTA (Prince George) - Country 97 FM | CJCI 97.3 | 94.3 The Goat

ISSUE: World Cancer Day STATUS: Declined to Comment

MTL not free.

John Hernandez - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - PHARMANET ACCESS

STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Unable to respond before story ran.

Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION DATA - Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun - 604-605-2139

STATUS: Declined to Comment

• We do not have the data that the reporter needs.

Bob Mackin - Business in Vancouver ISSUE: Trade mission's cost and delegation

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: PNP Allocations STATUS: With GCPE

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Interview with Minister Anton

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

MSA calling at 3:45 p.m.

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Drew Penner - Surrey604.com ISSUE: Gangs & Guns Surrey

STATUS: With GCPE

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Evan Matthews - The Rocky Mountain Goat News

ISSUE: CVSE numbers in the Robson Valley

STATUS: With Program Area

Megan Turcato - Global Okanagan

ISSUE: Safety on the Trans Canada Hwy in Salmon Arm

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Bridgette Watson - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Interview about snow prep in Vancouver

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

Norm Parkes, Executive Director of Highway Operations will do interview.

Camille Iversen - BCIT journalism student

ISSUE: Looking for interview for snow safety on bridges in Vancouver

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Norm Parkes, Executive Director of Highway Operations will do interview.

Joel Tansey - Goldstream Gazette (West Shore - Victoria)

ISSUE: Sooke Road crash stats STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• Turned reporter towards is ICBC's Crash Map data, publicly available information: http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/newsroom/Pages/Vancouver-Island.aspx

#### FOIs of Note

GCP-2017-70502 – Has received a request for: "Regarding an email sent by Lauren Mulholland on Jan 20, 2017 at 3:50pm to Bob Mackin under the subject – Your Inquiry: Trade Mission Costs and Delegates: copies of all correspondence, including drafts and approvals prior to this email. Date range is January 10-20, 2017" Applicant: Media

GCP-2017-70509 – Has received a request for: "Copies of all correspondence, including discussion, drafts and approvals, relating to a query from Bob Mackin at 8:50am, Jan 31, 2017, about the LDB Interim Distribution Centre Project. Please include: Bill Anderson and Chris Harbord in the search. Date range is January 31-February 1, 2017"

Applicant: Media

GCP-2017-70537 – Has received a request for: "All briefing notes, issues notes and report summaries at the ADM, DM and Ministerial level regarding excessive BC Ambulance Service wait times and delays related to the following incidents which received media attention in British Columbia: Dec 13, 2014, Surrey – victim identified as Dario Baroli; Aug 21, 2016, near Fort Nelson – patient interviewed Patricia Capewell; Sept 25, 2016, Pitt Meadows – patient interviewed Richard Stefani; Sept 26, 2016, Surrey – patients not identified; Jan 6, 2017 – patient interviewed Andrew Cho; Jan 9, 2017, Vancouver – Patient, an employee at Roundhouse Radio FM 98.3, not identified. Date range is December 13, 2014 to February 2, 2017" Applicant: Media

GCP-2017-70541 – Has received a request for: "Copies of organization charts and staff lists for Government Communications and Public Engagement, with the names and titels of individuals as they existed in January 2016 and January 2017. Please also indicate when a position is vacant."

Applicant: Media

**OOP-2016-62631** – All records related to the Rural Education Enhancement Fund as announced on June 15, 2016

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: 134 pages – correspondence, Letter from BCSTA, Ministry decision note – with some reduction, NR, media requests, SNs.

OOP-2017-70011 – All correspondence received by the Office of the Premier related to provincial laws for post-secondary institutions and the Green Party private member's bill M 205: Post-Secondary Sexual Violence Policies Act on sexual assault on university campuses. Date range is June 13 – December 31, 2016.

Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: 77 pages – correspondence.

EGM-2016-64765 – Any emails or records, including detailed inspection reports, from MOE, MEM or the Office of the Premier in connection with the following Mount Polley Mine inspection #s: 18407 (OUT, Surface water, Advisory Medium, Reactive, Permit Conditions, Effluent), 19552 (OUT, Surface water, Advisory Medium, Reactive, Permit Conditions, Effluent), 19565 (OUT, Surface water, Advisory Medium, Reactive,

Permit Conditions, Effluent), 21927 (OUT, Air, Advisory, High, Proactive, Permit Conditions, Air), 24325 (OUT, Surface water, Advisory, Hihg, Permit Conditions, Effluent)

Applicant: Interest group

Responsive records include: Pictures of various aspects of operations at the mine. MEM inspection reports which did not find any non-compliance. Main focus of materials is company's measures taken to mitigate ambient dust, mainly caused by trucks moving back and forth on dirt roads.

**FNR-2016-64727** – Regarding water licensing on private land south of Dawson Creek: application and approval documents for file 7002132; approval documents for file 7002130, 7022133 and 7002141. Date range is April 1, 2011 to January 1, 2016

Responsive records include: 38 pages of water licence applications, maps, hand written notes, proposed dugout info and proposed work plans.

**HTH-2016-64791** – A list and description of all complaints against private drug treatment facilities in the province. Date range is January 1, 2015 to November 17, 2016

Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: List of complaints – Community Care Licensed Facilities: Turning Point; A list of substantiated complaints against a number of supportive recovery facilities – names severed. 9 Substantiated requests for Fraser Health and 3 for Interior Health.

MSB-2016-64729 – Regarding the Nov 3, 2016 announcement: copies of the reports about each of the auctions conducted through BC Auction and the evaluations by a third-party firm on the six wine store licence auctions held between April 19-May 5, 2016 in which Loblaw Companies was the successful bidder for all six.

Applicant: Media

IN available.

# **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

GCP-2016-64815 - Regarding the Nov. 22, 2016 event at The Centre for Family Development in Surrey and announcement - Province details half-a-billion dollars in affordable housing - records relating to: The strategic communications plan including the planning, production and execution of the event and interviews; How the announcement and news release date and time were chosen; Creation of quotes contained in the news release and other content of the release; The list of invitees and attendees to the event and the cost of the event. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/22/2016 To 11/22/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: Two page itinerary for housing announcement.

**AED-2016-63698 - XGR-2016-63684** - All the records included in the Minister's Estimates Binder for 2016/17 budget estimates debate - 5th session, 40th Parliament.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: 125 pages – estimates notes on capital funding, student financial assistance, international education, sexual violence act, student housing and more.

**CFD-2016-64906** - Copy of Briefing Note as referenced by Cliff number 230213.

Applicant Type: Political Party

**CFD-2016-64907** - Copy of Briefing Note as referenced by Cliff number 230026.

Applicant Type: Political Party

CFD-2016-64909 - Copies of Briefing Notes as referenced by Cliff numbers 229795 & 230098.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: Two BNs – September note on the (then) upcoming RCY report on sexualized violence against children in care; October note on the (then) upcoming RCY investigative report on a youth who died while receiving youth justice services on Vancouver Island.

CFD-2016-64910 - Copy of Briefing Note as referenced by Cliff number 229718.

Applicant Type: Political Party

**CFD-2016-64980 - XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of BN titles for November.

**CSC-2016-64981- XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of BN titles for November.

**FIN-2016-62002** - Copies of all records related to possible imposition of application fees for freedom of information requests including but not limited to paper and electronic correspondence, briefing notes, background notes, studies and similar records, revenue projections, the cost of establishing such a scheme and the projected cost of processing payments; Any analysis of federal figures showing the cost to taxpayers of processing a \$5 cheque is \$55. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 05/10/2016) Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: 61 pages – staff emails discussing FOI fees across Canada, table showing comparisons across jurisdictions for application fees, search fees, reproduction fees and waiver of fees, graph comparing application fees across Canada, list of cumulative search and preparation fees, staff emails discussing "Item 8 Cabinet Submission" and the section on fees from the report "Legislative/Policy Considerations for the Application of Fees under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act".

**FIN-2016-62256** - All documents, correspondence and emails received, responded to and discussed, itinerary/list of any meetings as a result and with whom, resulting from De Jong's February 2016 Budget announcement relating to a \$77/month increase to disability benefits and the connection to the yearly bus pass and yearly Special Transportation Subsidy. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2016 To 05/31/2016) Applicant Type: Individual

Responsive records include: 348 pages containing email from Hon. Stilwell in response to a letter to Hon. De Jong regarding the bus pass program, a letter from the City of Richmond indicating council's desire to see "the reinstatement of the annual fee bus pass regardless of any other payments made", a letter for the Premier from Voices of Burnaby Seniors and other letters of objection from members of the public to de Jong or PCC, a letter of objection from Jim Iker and the BCTF, a letter from Valley Integration to Active Living Society, transcript with mention of the bus pass, KMs and staff emails.

FIN-2016-62782 - Regarding the July 7, 2016 event and announcement by the Finance Minister, including, but not limited to, the news release headlined - Government releases real estate transaction data: Records about the strategic communications plan including the planning, production and execution of the event and interviews; Briefing note and speaking notes for the Minister; How the announcement and news release date and time were chosen; Creation of quotes contained in the news release and other content of the release. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/10/2016 To 07/08/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 107 pages – staff emails discussing a Globe and Mail media request, weekly economic summary for June 13-17, staff emails discussing other media requests related to housing data, the power point presentation on "Housing Market Information", the Deloitte report "Development Application Review – Summary of Findings", data, info bulletins, staff emails discussing housing numbers and the initial review of applications, draft KMs, de Jong QA transcript and transcript of media interview.

FIN-2016-63114 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file GCP-2016-61045.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63255 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file TRA-2016-60771.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-64224 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file FIN-2011-00209.

Applicant Type: Individual

**PSS-2016-65006- XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of BN titles for November.

Clippings

## Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 4:55 PM

Subject: ADDENDUM: Talk Radio Calendar - Tuesday, February 7

#### LOOK AHEAD

#### NEW Wednesday, February 8

CFAX with Al Ferraby – 7:15 a.m. Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

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CBC – Early Edition with Rick Cluff – 8:10 a.m. (7:00 a.m. pre-tape)

Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake

Topic: Additional funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use

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# **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Tuesday, February 07, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC Early News with Chris Gailus 17:00 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets			
Top Story	1700	Metro Vancouver hit by heavy snowfall			
2/12	1702	Kootenays hit by heavy snowfall			
3/12	1702	Weather report			
4/12	1703	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims			
5/12	1703	BC motorists reminded to clear snow from their vehicles			
6/12	1704	Amateur artist makes snow sculptures on Vancouver beach			
7/12	1705	Man snowboards through streets of Chilliwack			
8/12	1705	Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets			
9/12	1706	Terry Lake announces addiction research funding			
10/12	1707	Police bust southern Vancouver Island drug operation			
11/12	1707	North Vancouver company making protein bars out of crickets			
12/12	1708	Traffic report			
	1709	First commercial break			

	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Chris Gailus & Sophie Lui 18:00 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast BC south coast motorists drive poorly during winter weather North Vancouver company making protein bars out of crickets		
Top Story	1800	More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast		
2/14	1804	Weather report		
3/14	1805	Kootenays hit by heavy snowfall		
4/14	1805	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims		
5/14	1805	BC south coast motorists drive poorly during winter weather		
6/14	1808	Climate change expected to impact BC winter weather patterns		
7/14	1809	Premier defends Stephanie Cadieux in wake of scathing report		
8/14	1811	Surrey adopts new dangerous dog bylaw		
	1812	First commercial break		
9/14	1814	Man snowboards through streets of Chilliwack		
10/14	1814	Kelowna company developing anti-child porn software		

11/14	1816	Traffic report
	1817	Second commercial break
12/14	1819	North Vancouver company making protein bars out of crickets
13/14	1822	Weather report
14/14	1823	Vancouver Whitecaps unveil new jersey
	1824	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		More winter weather forecast for Vancouver Island Police bust southern Vancouver Island drug operation Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets			
Top Story	1700	BC Hydro restoring power to clients affected by heavy snowfall			
2/8	1704	Some Vancouver Island schools closed during heavy snowstorm			
3/8	1707	Nanaimo suspends garbage & recycling collection			
4/8	1709	Vancouver Island ski resort benefits from heavy snowfall			
5/8	1711	Central Saanich chicken enjoys tobogganing			
6/8	1711	BCers use kayaks & Zamboni to navigate through snowy conditions			
7/8	1714	Weather report			
8/8	1714	Sports news preview			
	1716	First commercial break			

	CIVT - CTV News at Five with Mi-Jung Lee 1700 hr				
Placement	Time	Story			
Intro		More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast Surrey School District defends class cancellations 63-year-old model poses for popular US sports magazine			
Top Story	1700	More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast			
2/7	1702	Surrey School District defends class cancellations			
3/7	1704	Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims			
4/7	1705	BC south coast snowfall increases demand for roofing services			
5/7	1705	Terry Lake announces addiction research funding			
6/7	1707	Police bust southern Vancouver Island drug operation			
7/7	1707	Needle disposal boxes to be installed at Vancouver community centres			
	1708	First commercial break			

CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Tamara Taggart 1800 hr		
Placement 1	Time	Story

Intro		More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast Surrey School District defends class cancellations CTV Vancouver consumer reporter investigates floral industry
Top Story	1800	BC's south coast feeling impact of heavy snowfall
2/9	1802	Surrey School District defends class cancellations
3/9	1806	Weather report
4/9	1807	Good Samaritans struck by car in Kamloops
5/9	1807	BC south coast snowfall increases demand for roofing services
6/9	1809	Kelowna RCMP searching for attempted jewelry theft suspect
7/9	1810	Man in stable condition after a shooting in Vancouver
8/9	1810	Terry Lake announces addiction research funding
9/9	1811	Needle disposal boxes to be installed at Vancouver community centres
	1811	First commercial break

	CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Sechelt women sues Starbucks Ottawa considers changing age of retirement Metro Vancouver tow truck drivers busy during heavy snowfall		
Top Story	1800	More winter weather forecast for Fraser Valley		
2/9	1801	Metro Vancouver tow truck drivers busy during heavy snowfall		
3/9	1805	Burnaby & SFU feel impact of heavy snowfall		
4/9	1808	Weather report		
5/9	1810	Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets		
6/9	1811	Man uses ATV to clear snow from Vancouver bike lane		
7/9	1811	Abbotsford B&E suspect asks victim to help push getaway car out of snow		
8/9	1815	Sechelt women sues Starbucks		
9/9	1820	Terry Lake announces new opioid addiction treatment guidelines		
	1821	First commercial break		

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		More winter weather forecast for Vancouver Island Police bust southern Vancouver Island drug operation Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets	
Top Story	1700	More winter weather forecast for Vancouver Island	
2/7	1703	Cowichan Valley homeowners concerned about snow on rooftops	
3/7	1704	Weather report	
4/7	1705	Central Saanich man uses Zamboni to clear streets	

5/7	1707	Police bust southern Vancouver Island drug operation
6/7	1708	Terry Lake announces addiction research funding
7/7	1709	Sasquatch subject of an art gallery show in Cumberland
	1712	First commercial break

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February 7, 2017

# Major Media Coverage

Television: (Global) Snowfall impacts traffic in Metro Vancouver; Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall; Greater Victoria hit by heavy snowfall; Track problem disrupts Canada Line service; Weather report; Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims; BC Hydro restoring power to Metro Vancouver clients; Okanagan hit by heavy snowfall; Surrey School District issues late snow day notice; Vancouver temporarily suspends green bin collection; MSC responds to Alex Gervais report.

#### **Mainstream Print:**

Vancouver Sun: Having a (snow) ball (photo); Teenager's death raises concerns about 700 in care; Convictions pave the way for further charges in Bountiful. Province: Privacy breach: B.C. Liberal email list leaked. Globe & Mail: Metis teen let down by the system: report; Study break? (photo); Province is not losing letter grades: Clark.

#### Social Media:

**BC NDP:** Horgan greenlights RIH project, says Christy Clark can't be trusted on last-minute election promises; andrew weaver: Speaking to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade - A Vision for our Future; gov.bc.ca stephanie cadieux mandate letter; CBC News: \$417M Royal Inland Hospital patient care tower announced.

#### Chinese Media:

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: Environment Canada has issued another snowfall warning for Metro Vancouver for today. TransLink spokesperson Anne Drennan says traffic delays and congestions are inevitable. Several school districts announced schools were closed Monday; ICBC spokesman Sam Corea says ICBC received well above average call volumes over the weekend. Corea says snow tires are not mandatory in B.C., but if drivers do get into an accident, it could impact their claim assessment to be without them. Over 3,000 customers in Langley, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge were without power due to the snow storm yesterday.

Fairchild TV: Housing affordability - NDP leader John Horgan criticizes the Liberal government's housing strategy for failing to curb rising house prices through increasing housing supply. Horgan also says the foreign buyer tax is the wrong way to go, noting the NDP has put forward a plan to tax speculation. PCC says the NDP doesn't care about people who already own a home that they would lose money if house prices go down.

Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio: RCY report on Alex Gervais – please see below; Softwood lumber agreement MST says they need to send a message to the U.S. that they need BC lumber if they want to build their economy. MST added the government will be keeping a strong focus on market diversification especially the Asian market in China.

#### South Asian Media:

**RED FM**: Environment Canada has issued another snowfall warning for Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley; The number of Americans seeking refugee status in Canada has experienced a significant bump this year; A development application to build a liquor store near Crescent Beach is receiving mixed opinions from the community; After meeting with the federal government today in Ottawa, MST and BC Lumber Trade Council President Susan Yurkovich said they are working very hard for a softwood lumber deal with the United States (MST is mentioned); Gervais death report is released; MTL has officially approved a nine-storey patient tower at the Royal Inland Hospital redevelopment (MTL is mentioned).

# Positive Coverage

'RIH redevelopment' - Monday, the B.C. government announced a \$417m patient care tower is going forward. MTL says the government expects work on the \$417-million project to begin in 2018. MTL (clipped) "We have always been committed to Royal Inland Hospital's redevelopment, and today's announcement is the result of many years of hard work from all of our partners". MoH says the nine-storey tower is slated to open by 2022. It will include three floors of in-patient beds, including mental-health beds, a new surgical suite, perinatal centre, private labour and delivery rooms, obstetrics and postpartum beds and a neonatal intensive care unit. MTS says this project ensures a long-term future of Royal Inland as a major health centre. RIH board chair Eric Davis said this patient care tower and emergency room expansion will help retain and recruit doctors in Kamloops. Mayor Peter Milobar says it's important for the entire region. Milobar (clipped) "We were hoping to be in this year's provincial budget. It's nice to see the province step up and put us into that. It's taken a lot of years to get to where we are". Construction is expected to begin in 2018 and the tower will be up and running in 2022. Funding will come from a number of sources; including \$225 million will come from the province and Interior Health, \$172 million from the Thompson Regional Hospital District and \$20 million from the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation. The B.C. government estimates 2,432 jobs will be created over the course of this project – CBC online, Castanet, CHNL, VS-A03, Prov-A10, TC-a05.

MLA Judy Darcy says her party will support the building of the new patient services tower, but feels that PCC is
banking on voters who have very short memories. Darcy (clipped) "These improvements are certainly needed
after years and years of delay. We fully support the construction going ahead without delay but I do have to say
that these improvements that have been announced don't come anywhere close to erasing the years of neglect
of health care in Kamloops by this government" – CHNL.

'Softwood lumber agreement' - MST is in the nation's capital and says they're trying to kickstart talks with the Americans. **MST** (clipped) "We're now looking to reengage with the new administration as key people get put into positions and today's meetings were all about continuing that collective, focused effort. It is the highest priority for BC, Premier Clark has made it a high priority, and we know it's the highest priority for the federal government and we're really pleased with the level of discussions today that we've had and the engagement going forward on this important file" - CHNL.

# Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

'Gervais report' – RCY Bernard Richard has released a report on the death of 18-year-old Alex Gervais, the youth who took his own life at an Abbotsford motel while in government care for 11 years. During that time, Gervais alleged he had been sexually assaulted, mistreated, and abandoned. He was also referred five times to mental health services and never received them. Richard says MCFD missed opportunities to place Alex with family members that would have connected him with his community and culture, and that the caretaker of Alex was negligent in his duties, for which he was paid \$8,000/month. Richard also notes that it seems MCFD's defacto plan was to "let Alex age out of care". Bernard Richard (clipped) "The protective factor that a strong connection to his Metis culture and community might have provided him was never realized. There is little wonder that Alex, lacking permanent family connection, to mental health support, and cut off from his culture, also developed substance use issues and exhibited extremely challenging behaviours in his teen years". MSC fully agrees with the RCY's recommendations and also said the state of the ministry's relationship with the agencies that screen, approve and hire their own caregivers must change. MSC (clipped) "If I had written a report on the same investigation, I would have written it the same way...I agree wholeheartedly with the RCY's insight when he says, "When tragedy occurs it's our responsibility as a society to learn lessons and make changes

required to prevent similar circumstances." MSC said the ministry is working to standardize contracting and increase its financial and practice oversight of resources and homes run by contracted agencies. MSC said ultimately the ministry hopes to limit the use of contracted agency resources to help children return to a family-based setting. MSC confirms that caregiver is no longer in the system, she could not say whether they would face charges. Despite what this report shows of MCFD, MSC says she is effective in her role, and will not be resigning. MSC and Richard said the attorney general's office will audit the ministry's financial oversight of contracted services for at-risk children and youth. The province has also pledged \$2.7m to create culturally specific plans of care for children in government care – Global, CBC PG & Vancouver, CTV, CKNW, BC1, CHNL, VS-A01, A06 & A07, TC-A02.

- MLA Melanie Mark says this tragedy falls directly at the feet of MCFD. Mark (clipped) "They knew that he was in need of help. They knew that he was being neglected in care. He was also suicidal. They knew all of that so that is the most damning of this report is that they knew and they did nothing". She says vulnerable youth should not be in for-profit centres but in homes— CKNW. MLA Mark wants PCC to be accountable, saying, "her hands are all over this." BC1.
- the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society (**Chief Doug Kelly**) says this is not a time for blame. Kelly feels this is a case of a for-profit making money with "no sense of accountability." But the society was the agency in charge with Gervais' care. **Kelly** (clipped) "Justice is more about making sure that we actually get to transforming the system" CKNW.
- CKNW reporter Simi Sara is appalled there is not yet a database of caregivers and whether they have undergone criminal record checks CKNW.
- Francis Robson says she has recommendations of her own for MSC, saying "be fired or resign. Either, either. Just get her out of there because nothing is improved. It's the same old thing". Robson says just like the Alex Gervais report shows, it was also a lack of accountability for agencies dealing with her niece Paige CKNW.
- NDP Leader **John Horgan** called the report "heartbreaking" and said the government "has hollowed out core services for people as well as a whole host of other areas of government activities, privatized or otherwise, and this is the result." Horgan said the NDP would support \$10-a-day child care and restoring lost services to schools so children like Gervais weren't left "isolated and alone." VS-A06.
- Vaughan Palmer notes a senior MCFD official told him the ministry relationship with contractors was one of codependence that has seen over-payment and a lack of accountability in order to "not ruffle feathers, or rock the
  boat, and possibly result in a poor working relationship". Palmer says it is high time to scrutinize contractors. He
  also says MSC's response to Richard's report as "fair, balanced and achievable", seems to show the 'hope to
  establish a more conciliatory tone' with the RCY VS-A07.

'Province moves to keep Lake off stand in medicare challenge' – provincial lawyers have asked Justice Steeves to quash a subpoena requesting MTL take the stand in the Cambie Clinic constitutional challenge. They cite that MTL is unable to testify given that the Legislature will be in session at that time. Lawyer **Robert Grant** notes that the house will prorogue in March likely and that, that privilege will run out. Grant says MTL's testimony should only be a question of when not if. Grant says MTL has made numerous statements in the legislature, newspapers and speeches, Grant explained, that contradict or seriously undermine the government's defence in the case. Grant has noted that MTL has said "that the government is unable to provide timely and adequate treatment to all patients within the public system because of funding deficiencies, the upward trajectory of health costs and mounting pressures from demographic factors, like the aging population". He also says MTL has said private clinics could provide "shorter access to care without draining resources from the public health system," and reduce waiting lists in direct contradiction to the pleadings – VS-A04.

'Leaked list raises privacy concerns' — reporter **Mike Symth** says he was shown an internal BC Liberal Party spreadsheet of Vancouver Island leads several days ago and an unprotected link to where it was posted on a party website, despite he notes, the party saying the data was subject to a security breach. Smyth sarcastically highlights that he was told membership and donor data was not compromised. NDP provincial director **Raj Sihota** said "instead of admitting they mistakenly posted this document themselves, Christy Clark's team is making completely unfounded allegations about being hacked". Smyth details government-related privacy breaches saying 75% are caused by human error, not hacking, and that "it's now clear their management of private information has been just as sloppy at party headquarters as it has been in government" — Prov-A03.

'Snow impact' - Vancouver city engineer (**Jerry Dobrovolny**) says 300 Vancouver city crews are assisting with snow clearing. Schools in Surrey were closed Monday. The Fraser Valley is the area hardest hit by snowfall in the lower mainland. Heavy snowfall and winds in the area continue, with all schools in the region closed Monday. Cst Ian MacDonald says road conditions are poor, and include white-out conditions. Transit was also impacted, particularly Monday night when Canada Line trains were stalled due to an issue on the Canada Line bridge. Snow on Vancouver Island Monday has resulted in treacherous driving conditions, and is impacting local airports, transit buses, schools and universities, and hydro – CTV, CHEK, Global, CKNW, VS-A03, Prov-A04. Communities in the B.C. southern Interior are coping with a record-breaking February snowfall resulting in treacherous driving conditions, school closures and avalanche warnings – CBC online. 8 cars and 20 passengers were trapped in white-out conditions in Abbotsford Sunday for several hours and needed to be rescued by police and citizens –Prov-A04.

Related, 'ICBC claims' - ICBC Dial-a-Claims centres received more than 9,200 calls were received over the three snow days this weekend. **Sam Corea** says ICBC is asking drivers to keep claims down by driving safely during the current snowy conditions – Global, CTV, CKNW.

Also related, 'Food bank challenges' - Marilyn Herrmann is concerned food bank clients are experiencing challenges getting to the food bank in the snow, and employees are struggling to shovel food trucks out of the yard. The Surrey Food Bank ED says while there is a hamper delivery program for those with mobility issues, volunteers are also experiencing challenges getting to the food bank in order to deliver food throughout the community – CBC TV Vancouver.

'Travel ban protest' - A coalition of groups protested outside the UN Consulate in downtown Vancouver Monday to show their support of Muslims and refugees in the wake of Donald Trump's travel ban. They say the US travel ban tramples on human rights – Global. Related, 'Lawyers volunteer time to aid travellers hit by U.S. travel ban' - About 70 Vancouver lawyers have joined the Canadian Cross-Border Legal Coalition, which is sending volunteers to airports to make sure that no one with valid documentation is barred from flying to the States because of the American president's Jan. 27 executive order. The team has been hanging out in the U.S. departures area at YVR since last Tuesday, offering legal assistance and connecting travellers with immigration lawyers in the U.S. – VS-A05. Also related, a highschool basketball showcase set for March in Vancouver has been moved to California over concerns that some players, including Canadian and Sudan dual citizen Abu Kigab who is currently residing in the U.S. and plays at the University of Oregon – G&M.

'Is free heroin the best route?' - TC editorial details the success of Dr. Julio Montaner's efforts to turn the tide of the AIDS/HIV epidemic by using peer navigators along with unique combinations of drugs to help patients get tested and seek treatment. The editorial draws parallels to the opioid crisis and says peer navigators once again may be helpful in addressing the issue, along with the distribution of medical grade heroin, which society might need time to endorse – TC-A10.

#### Other Issues

#### Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:

'Raw oyster warning' - **Darlene Winterburn** says BC shellfish growers have been working with government regulatory partners over the past several weeks to find answers to the spate of reports of gastrointestinal illness linked to BC oysters. Chef Evan Reiter says raw oysters are safe to eat if they are kept and stored properly, and if they come from a reputable source – CTV.

#### **Education / Health / Social Services:**

'Province is not losing letter grades: Clark' – PCC and MMB say there are no immediate plans to implement grade-free report cards, even as some school districts assess student performance with alternate measurements with detailed feedback. MMB clarified PCC's tweet on the topic and said "we wanted to send a strong message that if you're getting letter grades right now, that will continue". He notes the B.C. curriculum is currently

being updated and consultation with parents, districts and teachers is taking place. BCTF (Glen Hansman) says PCC's message came as a "surprise" and is at odds with what the union has been told – G&M.

'Child care' - **Sharon Gregson** contends a \$10 a day child care plan would be a great way to solve what she calls the "child care crisis" in the province. The child care advocate asserts when child care is done well it is self-financing, meaning more parents are able to go to work and people are able to move off of social assistance – CKNW.

'Home care' - **Joanie Sims-Gould** says home support care in BC is very fractured and people often receive care based on where they live rather than on their needs. The UBC home care researcher says each health region decides how to allocate their home care funds, hence the lack of consistency, noting the problem is compounded by the demographic realities of an aging population – CBC Vancouver.

'School naloxone kits' - Gillian Wilson confirms three schools in the Qualicum school district will have naloxone kits in case of a fentanyl overdose. The Qualicum SD assistant superintendent asserts it's important to have a tool that can prevent harm or death of a student – CHEK.

#### Justice / Public Safety:

'Avalanche warning' - **Mike Danks** warns the avalanche risk has spiked across the province. The NSR team leader urges the public to stay in-bounds and to have avalanche safety equipment when in the back country – CBC TV Vancouver.

'Convictions pave the way for further charges in Bountiful' - **Daphne Bramham** notes the significance of the convictions of Brandon and Emily Blackmore using the priesthood records of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And that after decades of speculation, members of Bountiful are being held accountable for sexually abusing children. She notes that despite a conviction for James Oler, he may well share a similar fate as the Blackmores when he returns to supreme court in the spring with former Bishop Winston Blackmore – VS-A01.

'Police sexual assaults' - Les Sylven contends a Globe and Mail report that found 60% of Central Saanich sexual assault cases are "unfounded" lacks context. The Central Saanich Police chief says just because 15 files were listed as unfounded over five years doesn't mean the victim wasn't believed. Oak Bay Police Chief Andy Brinton alleges with such a small number of reports in his community the percentage of unfounded sexual assaults is deceiving. Victoria Sexual Assault Centre rep Karen Wickham cautions releasing the numbers without context can be harmful as it can discourage people from reaching out to the criminal justice system – CHEK.

#### **Aboriginal Relations:**

Forced to fight fire alone' - Heiltsuk Chief Marilyn Slett says members of the Bella Bella and Denny Island First Nations communities fought a wildfire on their own this weekend after they were unable to get help from provincial government agencies. Slett says the fire broke out late Friday on a hillside across from Bella Bella in an area where several power lines are located. She says the First Nation was still waiting for a response after spending the weekend trying to contact BC Wildfire, Provincial Emergency Preparedness and Boralex, which operates the power lines. MST said in a statement that a B.C. Wildfire Service duty officer was called about the fire at about 1 a.m. on Saturday and remained in "constant contact" with the First Nation over the weekend. The community's power had been knocked out with the downed power lines and the only power available was from diesel generators. Heiltsuk emergency officials say flames from the fire were low, but burning vigorously near the ground, while the release from the Wildfire Service says no trees have been charred. A BC Wildfire Service spokesperson said it's common to let small wildfires burn, so long as they are determined not to be a threat to people or property Slett says the fire was in an area that is culturally significant and heavily used by the community. "Just like with the sinking of the Nathan E. Stewart, (we) found ourselves in the frustrating position of not having the proper equipment, resources, and training to respond fully to the situation," she said in a statement – Castanet, CBC online, TC-A02.

### **Government / Politics:**

'BCLP alleges hack' - St John Alexander says a brewing twitter war between the BC Liberal Party and BC NDP suggests voters could be in for a very nasty campaign this spring. BCLP communications official Emile Scheffel is saying the party's web site was hacked, and his tweets on the topic suggest "dirty tricks by our opponents." – CTV.

# Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Tue Feb 7	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 6-7	FLNR	Minister Thomson meets with Federal Ministers on Caribou and Softwood Lumber	8	FLNR- 78336
8:30 am	JTST	News release only, regional - WorkBC's Find your Fit comes to Hope Jobs Plan, Skills	BCGov NR	JTST- 77705
9:30 am	TRAN	News release only, regional - Announcing completion of Vinsulla passing lanes on Highway 5. Over two kilometres is now widened to include a passing lane and a Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement pullout has been built, easing congestion and bringing safer conditions along this route	BCGov NR	TRAN- 78564
10:00 am	HLTH	Vancouver - Minister Lake announces funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use: This event will announce funding to support Dr. Evan Wood's BC Centre on Substance Use which will focus on strategies to provide better and more effective services for people with problematic substance use and mental health concerns. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Mental Health	BCGov NR 10:15 am	HLTH- 71565
10:00 am CHANGED	JAG	Information Bulletin only, provincewide - Report and recommendations from Justice Summit: Report is a summary of actions that will inform decisions about recommendations	BCGov IB	JAG- 77606
11:15 am	JTST	Vernon - MLA Foster, on behalf of Minister Bond, attends BC Lions in the House school program at Mission Hill Elementary: Program is presented by the ITA and Pacific NorthWest LNG, and supported by BCIT, the BC Construction Association, and BC Hydro Jobs Plan	•	JTST- 77601
12:00 pm CHANGED	FLNR	Vanderhoof - MLA Rustad, on behalf of Minister Thomson, tours FreFlyt Industries.  Manufacturers of 9-axle trailers Rural	BCGov NYCU 12:15 pm	FLNR- 78560
1:00 pm	JTST	Vancouver - Minister Bond announces BC Music Fund funding for BC artists: Funding to support BC artists' career development. EVENT LEAD: Emily Young	BCGov NR 1:15 pm	JTST- 76602
1:00 pm	ARR	Alexis Creek - Minister Barnett attends Open House regarding Tsilhqot'in Nenqay Deni Accord Community information meeting in Alexis Creek to provide local residents with the opportunity to learn more abut the implementation of B.C.'s 5 year framework agreement with the Tsilhqot'in Nations Aboriginal	•	ARR- 77506
1:00 pm	JTST	Vernon - MLA Foster, on behalf of Minister Bond, attends BC Lions in the House school program at Alexis Park Elementary: Program is presented by the ITA and Pacific NorthWest LNG, and supported by BCIT, the BC Construction Association, and BC Hydro Jobs Plan		JTST- 77602
5:30 pm	MTICS	Vancouver - Minister Virk speaks at BCIC Ignite Awards: VIP evening to announce the recipients of second BCIC Ignite Awards. Each recipient is awarded funding to accelerate the commercialization of market-driven research in natural resources & applied sciences	ā	MTICS- 78271
7:00 pm	FIN	Fraser Valley - Budget Conversation Telephone Town Hall #3 with Minister de Jong: Approximately 60,000 people in specific regions will be invited to take part in a telephone town hall with Minister de Jong. He will take questions from callers Budget		FIN-77584

Tue Feb 7	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	Ris
Today	JTST- 75232	Statistics Canada Release: International Trade (December 2016)	FYI	1000
Today	JTST- 75233	Statistics Canada Release: Building Permits (December 2016)	FYI	•
Today	JTST- 77294	Statistics Canada Release: Canadian International merchandise trade (Dec 2016)	FYI	1728
Today	FLNR- 77824	River Forecast Centre web-posts their Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin: The bulletin is produced eight times a year. It reports on the snow data for each survey and provides a commentary on the flood risk and water supply outlook leading into the freshet and summer season	FYI	
7:40 am NEW	HLTH- 78651	CBC Daybreak Kamloops with Shelley Joyce Guest: Minister Lake Topic: Royal Inland Hospital Patient Care Tower	TV / Radio	223
7:50 am NEW	FLNR- 78665	CBC Early Edition with Rick Cluff Guest: Minister Thomson Topic: Softwood Lumber	Issue	3.55
8:00 am	MTICS- 77405	BC Innovation Council Regional Innovation Challenge in Victoria: They are hosting regional events in select cities throughout B.C. where industry, government and regional innovation challenges are presented and solutions showcased to drive provincial innovation opportunities. Will take place in Kamloops, Nanaimo, Prince George, Terrace, Trail or Nelson and Victoria Jobs Plan, #BCTECH	FYI	3rd party NR
8:00 am	HLTH- 78447	Interior Health Public Board Meeting	FYI	3rd party NR
8:20 am NEW	FLNR- 78666	AM 1150 with Phil Johnson Guest: Minister Thomson Topic: Softwood Lumber	Issue	3.00
9:00 am	FLNR- 77905	Lemon Creek fuel spill case: At a January 10 hearing in Nelson Provincial Court, this case was adjourned again (to February 7). The judge expects B.C. to enter pleas to various charges it faces on that date	Issue	121
11:00 am TBC CHANGED	MIT- 78470	Annual release of BC Exports Stats for December 2016 Jobs Plan	FYI	100
12:00 pm	CSCD- 78614	TransLink Transit Network Consultation in Richmond: Transit Network Consultation includes consultation on new service areas approved in Phase One of the 10-Year Vision; proposed with implementation starting fall 2017. The consultation will also look at improvements to existing routes to better connect to key destinations - Port Coquitlam, South Coquitlam	FYI	
Feb 3-11	JTST- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	
Feb 7-8	JTST- 78089	Kitimat - ITA Performance Awards and Employer Recognition Event: To continue to promote youth programs and trades training throughout the province, ITA is leading a regional roadshow Jobs Plan, Skills	FYI	

# Talk Radio Calendar

NEW Tuesday, February 7 CBC radio Kamloops with Shelley Joyce – 7:40 a.m.

Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake Topic: Royal Inland Hospital

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CBC Vancouver - Rick Cluff - 7:50 a.m.

Guest: Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson

Topic: softwood lumber

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Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

Peter Mitham - Wines and Vines Magazine

ISSUE: Review of Farm Practices Protection ACt

STATUS: Unknown

Bonnie Lee La Madeleine - Langara Voice

ISSUE: Pork price patterns, seasonal demand and supply trends in recent years

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

Referred to BC Pork Producers' Association for industry overview

Brett Kwan - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: RCY report

STATUS: Declined to Comment

Minister not available

Claudia Goodine - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: RCY report response

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Minister to do pre-tape at 2:15 p.m.

Yvonne Raymond - CTV Vancouver Island - Victoria

ISSUE: CRD regional growth strategy

STATUS: with GCPE

Mike MacDonald - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: BCA Appeal listing

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• BCA to have final list ready by end of the week and will connect with the reporter directly.

Marcella Bernardo - Roundhouse Radio 98.3 FM

ISSUE: Bountiful school STATUS: With Program Area

Tessa Vikander - Freelancer

**ISSUE: SOGI polices** 

STATUS: With Program Area

Michael Harris - iPolitics

ISSUE: Site C

STATUS: With GCPE

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With GCPE

Trent Ernst - Tumbler Ridge News ISSUE: Tax category for coal mine STATUS: Referred to Third Party

As the reporter is interested in the mine's tax status, the reporter and GCPE agreed that he should be
dealing with BC Assessment and/or the Ministry of Finance for his story and that MEM has nothing to
contribute at this time. The request is closed for now.

Simon Little - CKNW AM 980

ISSUE: Judicial review of KM by City of Vancouver

STATUS: with GCPE

James MacKinnon - Hakai Magazine ISSUE: BCP Discover Island wolf STATUS: With Program Area

Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG leachate spilling

STATUS: With Program Area

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Kinder Morgan tanker route STATUS: Referred to Third Party

WCRMC

Transport Canada Kinder Morgan

Shelby Thom - Global TV | BC ISSUE: contaminate site purchase

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• referred to the RD who has a copy of the file they may be willing to share. Told reporter it would take a few days to get a copy of the file and therefore not meet her deadline today.

Shelby Thom - Global TV | BC ISSUE: contaminate site purchase STATUS: Referred to Third Party

referred to RD

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries

STATUS: With GCPE

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

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STATUS: With GCPE

Maya Bilbao - White Pine Pictures

ISSUE: New Television Series on Wild Animals - Looking for ideas

STATUS: With GCPE

Carol Linnitt - DeSmog Canada

ISSUE: Caribou Managment in Revelstoke area

STATUS: With GCPE

Leslie Anthony - Whistler Pique

ISSUE: Mechanized Backcountry Conflicts

STATUS: With Program Area

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Follow Bear Viewing Permits

STATUS: With Program Area

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Permits for bear viewing STATUS: With Program Area

Phil Johnson - AM 1150 (Okanagan) ISSUE: Softwood Lumber Meetings STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Live Interview scheduled for 8:20 AM with MST and Phil Johnson

Nicole Oud - CBC Early Edition ISSUE: Softwood Lumber Meetings STATUS: Scheduled Interview

Live Interview scheduled for 7:50 AM with MST and Rick Cluff

Idella Sturino - CBC The Current ISSUE: Moose Populations STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• After connecting with Al Gorley, contact information for Al was provided to the reporter.

Chandler Grieve - CTV News (BC)

ISSUE: Duodopa coverage

STATUS: with GCPE

Brittany Spencer - Ryerson University

ISSUE: Fentanyl impact on the Vancouver Downtown East Side

STATUS: with GCPE

Pamela Fayerman - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Patient Quality Report

STATUS: with GCPE

Flavio Nienow - Lakes District News (Burns Lake) ISSUE: lack of a maternity program in Burns Lake.

STATUS: with GCPE

Belle Puri - CBC TV News (BC)

ISSUE: Support for mentally ill son released from jail

STATUS: With GCPE

Mike Hager - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Ontario doing surgeries for children due to US travel ban

STATUS: With GCPE

Liang Feng - Ming Pao

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - BIRTH TOURISM - Liang Feng - Ming Pao - DL FEB 7 4:00PM

STATUS: With GCPE

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions

STATUS: With GCPE

Gloria Macarenko - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Home Support

STATUS: Declined to Comment

MTL not available.

Doug Herbert - CBC Radio - Kamloops

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - KAMLOOPS ANNOUNCEMENT - Doug Herbert - Daybreak Kamloops

STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Minister doing an interview at 7:40 a.m. on Feb. 7.

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News

ISSUE: Fraser Health's Strategic and Operational Plan

STATUS: Declined to Comment

Sent to Fraser Health

Bob Mackin - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: Trade mission's cost and delegation

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jamie Ballam - CKMQ Merrit

ISSUE: Find Your Fit

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Derrick Penner - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: BC Jobs Plan / Jobs Numbers

STATUS: With GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

**ISSUE: PNP Allocations** 

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jimmy Thomson - cbc

ISSUE: Jordan Supreme Court ruling STATUS: Referred to Third Party

Crown Communications will handle.

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Anna Mehler Paperny - Reuters

ISSUE: Corrections data STATUS: With Program Area

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Simon Little - CKNW AM 980

ISSUE: Alex Fraser STATUS: with GCPE

Jan McMurray - Valley Voice (New Denver)

ISSUE: Road treatment between New Denver and Slocan

STATUS: With Program Area

Megan Turcato - Global Okanagan

ISSUE: Safety on the Trans Canada Hwy in Salmon Arm

STATUS: With Minister's Office

#### FOIs of Note

**GCP-2017-70553** – Has received a request for: "All communications policies, guidelines, directives, codes of conduct or any similar documents such as Employees Communications Policy, Media Relations policy, Spokesperson policy, strategic communications advice, as well as any other documents that specify the roles and responsibilities of employees when receiving inquiries from or communication with the media"

Applicant: Researcher

**OOP-2016-62523** – All email, text messages, blackberry message, slack message, whatsapp messages sent or received by the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier. Date range is May 2-13, 2016

Applicant: Individual

Responsive records include: 486 pages – emails, many pages are redacted.

CFD-2017-70229 – MCFD organizational charts.

Responsive records include: Chart listing DM, ADMs with divisional and departmental responsibility

**CFD-2017-64011** – All contracts with Greater Vancouver and Pacific Community Resources Society from 2012-2017 with price structures, financial report templates, copies of all youth analyses of youth hub services, including compensation information; organizational chart for Directions Youth Services.

Responsive records include: Documents total 2019 pages of reports, contracts and charts

CFD-2016-65259 – Yearly statistics that show how many parent capacity assessments were done by MCFD staff vs. by external professionals.

No records response - The applicant has been advised that contracts for staff do not isolate a particular professional service, like Parent Capacity Assessments, and there is not a quick way to run a report on only Parent Capacity Assessments from the electronic data already available. The ministry would need to create the new data based on the information in existing contracts and this would incur a large fee

**BC HYDRO-2017-141** – What were the existing protocols at the time my email address was shared with the thousands of other recipients? What are the new protocols? Were the old protocols in line with FOIPPA? If so, why did this happen? If not, then why not? When this incident took place, was FOIPPA followed? If so, what steps were taken? If not, then why not?

Applicant: Individual

Responsive records include: Letter to requester answering questions asked and package contains pertinent emails with some severing

#### **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

AED-2016-65078- XGR-2016-65075 - A copy of invoices for the purchase of toner for legacy printers outside the Managed Print Services. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 12/31/2014)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: 10 pages - invoices for toner purchases

**BRD-2016-64856** - The Board Resourcing and Development Office cabinet briefing note and candidate profile and declaration for Stuart McLaughlin and Frank Palmer of the B.C. Pavilion Corporation board of directors. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2012 To 11/25/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 21 pages – candidate profile and declaration for Frank Palmer's application to the BC Pavilion Corp board and the same for Stuart McLaughlin

FIN-2016-63130 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file EGM-2014-50091.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63160 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file FIN-2015-52957.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63161 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file FIN-2015-53775.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63164 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file FNR-2015-53268.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63202 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file JAG-2015-52350.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63218 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file OOP-2015-53358.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63245 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file TRA-2015-54155.

Applicant Type: Individual

FIN-2016-63246 - A copy of the records disclosed for FOI file TRA-2015-54173.

Applicant Type: Individual

HOU-2016-65098- XGR-2016-65075 - A copy of invoices for the purchase of toner for legacy printers outside the

Managed Print Services. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 12/31/2014)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: Invoices for toner

JTI-2016-63965 - Any and all records related to compulsory trades specifically and including the ministerial briefing note with the cliff number 113701, dated August 2nd. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2016 To 10/13/2016)

Applicant Type: Political Party

Clippings

# Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 5:26 PM

Subject: ADDENDUM: Talk Radio Calendar - Wednesday, February 8

#### **LOOK AHEAD**

#### Thursday, February 9

RedFM - 9:35 a.m.

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender

Topic: trucking industry

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KRPI with Harjit Gill-1:40 p.m.

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Thursday, February 9

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Topic: various

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# **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Wednesday, February 08, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC Early News with Sophie Lui 17:00 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires	
Top Story	1700	Heavy snowfall prompts SFU class cancellations	
2/10	1701	City of Victoria hit by heavy snowfall	
3/10	1703	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall	
4/10	1705	Weather report	
5/10	1706	Heavy snowfall prompts early rush hour commute in Metro Vancouver	
6/10	1707	City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires	
7/10	1708	Avalanche closes Highway 1 between Field & Alberta	
8/10	1709	Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning	
9/10	1711	Burnaby businessperson helps charity victimized by thieves	
10/10	1712	Traffic report	
	1713	First commercial break	

	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Sophie Lui 18:00 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning 2016 census shows increase in BC's population		
Top Story	1800	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall		
2/16	1801	Heavy snowfall prompts SFU class cancellations		
3/16	1802	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall		
4/16	1805	City of Victoria hit by heavy snowfall		
5/16	1807	City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires		
6/16	1810	Traffic report		
7/16	1811	Weather report		
8/16	1813	Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning		
	1816	First commercial break		
9/16	1817	Christy Clark accuses NDP of hacking BC Liberals' website		
10/16	1819	2016 census shows increase in BC's population		
11/16	1822	Traffic report		
	1823	Second commercial break		

12/16	1825	BC government reviving ICBC's free windshield repair policy
13/16	1825	Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall
14/16	1826	Traffic report
15/16	1827	Indoor cat in Steveston tries to catch snowflakes
16/16	1828	Weather report
	1830	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall Poor Vancouver Island weather linked to spike in car crashes Poor weather traps elderly Duncan couple in their home		
Top Story	1700	Greater Victoria hit by heavy snowfall		
2/8	1702	Snowfall disrupts flow of traffic along Malahat Highway		
3/8	1706	Mid-Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall		
4/8	1709	Poor Vancouver Island weather linked to spike in car crashes		
5/8	1712	Poor weather traps elderly Duncan couple in their home		
6/8	1715	Weather report		
7/8	1716	Sports news preview		
8/8	1717	Road conditions report		
	1717	First commercial break		

	CIVT - CTV News at Five with Mi-Jung Lee 1700 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall TransLink prepares for heavy snowfall Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning	
Top Story	1700	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall	
2/10	1701	Freezing rain in Metro Vancouver weather forecast	
3/10	1703	BC float plane company cancels flights due to poor weather	
4/10	1703	TransLink prepares for heavy snowfall	
5/10	1704	City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires	
6/10	1705	Garbage truck slides along icy Vancouver road	
7/10	1706	Weather report	
8/10	1707	Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning	
9/10	1709	New operating rooms planned for Vancouver General Hospital	
10/10	1709	Premier defends expensive BC Liberal fundraiser	
	1711	First commercial break	

	CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Tamara Taggart 1800 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning Drone racing described as BC's newest sport	
Top Story	1800	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall	
2/11	1803	Poor weather may force Metro Vancouver bridge closures	
3/11	1804	Weather report	
4/11	1805	TransLink prepares for heavy snowfall	
5/11	1807	BC post-secondary schools cancel classes due to poor weather	
6/11	1807	Garbage truck slides along icy Vancouver road	
7/11	1808	City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires	
8/11	1810	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall	
9/11	1811	Good Samaritans struck by car in Kamloops	
10/11	1811	Langley girls survives fall into icy pond	
11/11	1812	Avalanche closes Highway 1 between Field & Alberta	
	1813	First commercial break	

	CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		No introduction		
Top Story	1800	BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall		
2/7	1802	Weather report		
3/7	1803	Heavy snowfall prompts early rush hour commute in Metro Vancouver		
4/7	1808	BC post-secondary schools cancel classes due to poor weather		
5/7	1809	Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning		
6/7	1811	Christy Clark accuses NDP of hacking BC Liberals' website		
7/7	1813	Vancouver seeking public input on off-leash dog parks		
	1819	First commercial break		

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr		
Placement	Time	Story
Intro		Mid-Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall Crews extinguish Victoria apartment building fire Premier hopes to increase BC Liberal support on Vancouver Island
Top Story	1700	Vancouver Island hit by heavy snowfall
2/8	1703	Weather report
3/8	1705	Heavy snowfall impacts traffic in greater Victoria
4/8	1707	Crews extinguish Victoria apartment building fire

5/8	1708	Body discovered at Nanaimo construction site
6/8	1709	Carfentanil discovered in illicit drugs in Nanaimo
7/8	1709	Premier hopes to increase BC Liberal support on Vancouver Island
8/8	1711	Protesters rally outside BC Liberal fundraiser
	1713	First commercial break

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# Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX

From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 6:06 AM

To: Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX; Fraser, John

Paul GCPE:EX; Carr, Steve PREM:EX; Cadario, Michele PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Mills, Shane PREM:EX; Koolsbergen, Nick LASS:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; Bhullar, Barinder PREM:EX; Mentzelopoulos, Athana FIN:EX; Sweeney, Neil PREM:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea FLNR:EX; Kay, Maclean

PREM:EX; Henderson, Kim N PREM:EX; Hodson, Blake PREM:EX; Hodson, Blake PREM:EX

Subject: Morning report (Feb 8)

February 8, 2017

# Major Media Coverage

<u>Television</u>: (Global) More winter weather forecast for BC's south coast; Weather report; Kootenays hit by heavy snowfall; Snowfall linked to spike in ICBC claims; BC south coast motorists drive poorly during winter weather; Climate change expected to impact BC winter weather patterns; Premier defends MSC in wake of scathing report; Surrey adopts new dangerous dog bylaw.

#### Mainstream Print:

Vancouver Sun: Children's minister vows 'rethink' of contracted child welfare system' red exit sign on the way out, but new 'running man' pictogram is perplexing (photo); (teaser) website hacked? **Province:** Delta: Beer Farm brewing; Premier accuses NDP of trying to hack Liberal Party website. **Globe & Mail:** review could have saved teen: watchdog; the model activist (photo); Province to implement new clinical guidelines; Vancouver slowly but surely shutting down rogue pot shops; City council aims for mixed uses in new Mount Pleasant rules.

#### Social Media:

Emile Scheffel: While our opponents play dirty tricks, we'll keep listening to British Columbians and stay focused on delivering for them; Matt Djonlic: Baseless criminal accusation against opposition parties erodes democratic institutions. Extremely dangerous; Bob Mackin Beans served outside \$1K VIP cocktail reception for the Premier; theBreaker.news: Windows of venue for Premier's \$1K cash for access cocktail fundraiser are papered over. Across from St. Paul's hospital; DeSmog Canada: B.C. Government Payments for LNG Support Called 'Bribery,' DivideýýGitxsan Nation; CBC News: approves new adventure park in Revelstoke

#### **Chinese Media:**

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: RCY Gervais report – NDP leader John Horgan said the report is a stunning condemnation of the government's failure to protect children; The provincial government and the B.C. Lumber Trade Council said they will launch a lobbying campaign to try and convince their U.S. counterparts for an equitable softwood lumber deal. MST said the forest industry in B.C. doesn't only affect the province's economy, it's also related to Canada's economic interest; The snow storm that hit Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley have caused traffic chaos and school closure in several school districts. ICBC is inundated with claims; The BC Liberals hosted a Chinese New Year reception to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. PCC said this year is the election year and she promised that she would do her best to fight for the best results for the Liberals so B.C. will continue to be the wealthiest province in Canada.

**Fairchild TV**: RCY Gervais report; Softwood lumber agreement - MST stressed that they will stand up for British Columbians, fight for jobs and for certainty for the sector and forest-dependent communities; MAW,

VSB official trustee Dianne Turner, along with students and teachers celebrated the official opening of the seismically upgraded Queen Mary Elementary school; Surrey school board spokesperson Doug Strachan said with the amount of snow, the Surrey school district didn't think it's practical to keep schools open.

**Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio**: MTL announced \$5 million of additional funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use, as well as \$1.9 million in ongoing funding to support the centre's operations. On whether the government will set up safe injection site at social housing, Lake said there are clinics in social housing facilities but safe injection site is still being discussed; PCC reiterated that MSC does not need to resign despite RCY Bernard Richard's scathing report into Gervais's death; Vancouver City Council will vote Tuesday on whether to take the province to court over the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion.

#### South Asian Media:

**RED FM**: Harjinder Thind reports parents in Surrey are not happy with school closures due to snow, noting the school board has closed all schools in the district for the second day due to safety reasons; Weather department is warning British Columbians against winter storm, cold snap, snow and rain, expecting more snow Wednesday and Thursday; Vancouver city council will vote Tuesday night on launching a legal challenge of the TMP expansion - Green Party councillor Adriane Carr is making the case that the province didn't conduct scientific studies and open FN consultations; Vancouver Police are investigating an early morning shooting on the city's Downtown Eastside; In a meeting with the Punjabi Press Club of BC, CSCD & MPF discussed a variety of topics including social issues, politics and Uber (MPF is mentioned).

# SPICE Radio: N/A;

# Positive Coverage

'Addictions research funding' - MTL has announced \$5m in funding for harm reduction and addictions research at the BC Centre for Substance Use, along with \$1.9m in ongoing funding to support the centre's operations and \$1m from the St. Paul's Foundation. Part of their work is a new set of guidelines for physicians on treating patients with opioid use disorder. The centre is based out of St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, and focuses on research and care, using a holistic approach. MTL (clipped) "We are in the midst of the worst public health crisis that BC and, in fact, Canada, has ever seen. It would be terrible to squander this crisis and not develop a better system of treatment, prevention, and prescribing for opioid use disorders". Part of Tuesday's announcement is that the centre has developed a new clinical treatment guideline for opioid use disorder, as a resource for doctors or nurse practitioners to use when treating patients who suffer from an opioid addiction. Coming into effect in June, it will replace the existing methadone and suboxone guidelines that were developed by the college of physicians. The new guidelines discourage solitary withdrawal treatment and recommend buprenorphine and naloxone as first-line medications. They also propose eventually using lower-intensity treatments, such as take-home dosing. Dr. Wood (clipped) "We need to look at treatment options that, as has been said, will get people away from the sort of desperate circumstances where they're using toxic street drugs". To date, the centre says it has trained more than 550 health care providers on how to treat patients who are suffering from an opioid addiction. MTL hinted he's open to the BC Centre on Substance Abuse and its director Dr. Evan Wood examining cannabis as a potential option. - CBC PG & Vancouver, Global, CTV, CKNW, CP, CHNL, VS-A04, G&M-S01.

- MLA Selina Robinson says despite Tuesday's announcement, help from Christy Clark's government has not come soon enough. Robinson (clipped) "After years of ignoring addictions, it's unfortunate that it's taken a crisis like this, thousands of deaths in order for Christy Clark to pay attention." Robinson says we still have treatment centres in B.C. that aren't regulated and no professional standards—CKNW.
- Leslie McBain says stigma around drugs is still a huge issue and can get in the way of a doctor's compassion for a patient. McBain (clipped) "Doctors do have to take responsibility for the drugs they prescribe. I think there is resistance or stigmatized thinking. Stigma, I believe, is one of the biggest things we have to overcome here". She adds she sees some doctors changing their prescribing habits but that more still need to change CKNW.

- College spokeswoman Susan Prins said the transition is expected to free up resources and allow the regulator to conduct "enhanced monitoring" of all prescriptions that pose a risk to patient safety, not just methadone – VS-A04.
- While the guidelines now include slow-release oral morphine to the existing treatment options, some say MoH missed the opportunity to widen the availability of Supervised Injectable Opioid Assisted Treatment, which while only suitable for a small percentage of patients, would more directly assist the most vulnerable and those that incur the largest societal costs. Dr. Wodd notes that the centre is working on making it available but that there are some hurdles to overcome for the treatment G&M-S01.

'Premier – VS interview online' – in addition to PCC supporting MSC and commenting on the RCY's report (please see below), PCC answered numerous questions from the public and Vaughan Palmer.

- On softwood lumber negotiations, PCC notes the uncertainty in many markets, not just the U.S. but emphasizes that B.C. has made it the top priority, but has yet to see where the new administration wants to go. PCC notes an impending meeting with the ambassador and announces the new special envoy to be in Washington to represent B.C. interests, and talks about her consultations with ex-PM Brian Mulroney.
- For debt, PCC clarifies her platform in the last election was debt-free, referring to debt-to-ratio. PCC states the
  next step to work away at reducing operating debt while building the economy. PCC concedes it is taking longer
  than anticipated.
- On KMP expansion, PCC feels PMJT's approval has been heard and that "fiery rhetoric" has died down, but that on subsequent visits it is a topic he will likely be discussing more.
- On balancing employment opportunities throughout B.C., PCC recognizes the current imbalance, and highlights the importance of economic development projects to bump up jobs, and lastly, to invest in the rural development plan.
- PCC says the poverty reduction plan in B.C. is called the jobs plan and highlights the single parent employment initiative.
- On federal health transfers, PCC reiterates MTL's efforts for a new policy to be put in place and says the federal budget balancing efforts will be done at the expense of seniors and others.
- PCC emphasizes the importance of being open about mental health issues, which was the catalyst for sharing her father's struggles.
- PCC defends the stipend, as well as her decision to walk away from it.
- PCC defends publishing MLA John Horgan's recent announcement, and highlights that hacking into the Liberal Party's website is different and illegal. (please see below for Smyth comments)
- PCC closes with talking about LNG being slower than anticipated, but asserts that instead of being disappointed, is determined and optimistic – VS online.

'Highway 5 gets a facelift' - More than 2km of Highway 5 have been upgraded north of Kamloops. **MTS** said "With the addition of a two-kilometre northbound passing lane south of McLure on Highway 5, motorists will now be able to safely pass slower moving vehicles along this busy stretch". The province says the upgrades will help ease congestion and improve safety along the route. Borrow Enterprises Ltd. of Clearwater won the \$2.6-million contract. **MTL** said "The new passing lane and pullout on Highway 5 will not only help the flow of commercial traffic, but as we head into tourist season they will provide more room for drivers - keeping families safe as they explore B.C.". — Castanet.

# Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

Continued coverage - 'RCY Gervais report' -

• PCC is defending MSC's work with MCFD, says she will not be fired with the release of this report and asserts MSC has done a good job of responding to criticism. PCC (clipped) "We take the criticism, we act on them, and we try and always do better and I think she's done a good job of that". PCC adds replacing MSC will not solve the issues facing MCFD "You can change the minister every time one of those reports come out, which is what happened for a lot of years. It doesn't necessarily make the ministry better if you're constantly shuffling the

- chairs". PCC also praises MSC for increasing the number of adoptions and reducing the number of kids in care. CKNW, VS online, CBC Vancouver, VS-A01.
- MSC says she plans to significantly reduce her ministry's growing reliance on contracting out the care of children, as part of a "rethink" of an area of the child welfare system that's almost 30 years old. MSC said Tuesday she's requested more money for staff in this month's provincial budget to respond to a report by the representative for children and youth VS-A01.
- Journalist **Gary Mason** says the BC's child welfare system is "a mess" and suggests that the BC government was willing to pay "unskilled, untrained" contractors to deal with some of BC's most troubled children, who were cheaper than paying union-waged social workers. He adds the price paid was borne by Alex Gervais G&M-A11.
- Reporter Ian Bailey notes that the RCY says Alex's death could have been prevented had the province taken
  action on the 2012 Residential Review Project report, which emphasized reuniting children in care with family
  members and strengthening supports to better achieve permanency and stability. Rick FitzZaland, executive
  director of the community social services federation, which co-authored the 2012 report that the representative
  was referring to, said he agreed entirely with Mr. Richard. MCFD disputes the suggestion but notes 14 new
  measured enacted over the past few years in response to that 2012 report G&M-S01.
- Les Leyne details 6 RCY reports and says "What also emerges from all these reports is the incomprehensible difficulty our collective systems have when it comes to kicking into gear to rescue them". He feels the response by government and the RCY and the media do an established minuet, that perpetuates these injustices for vulnerable children TC-08.
- First Nations groups want a detailed analysis of the contracts, and many are upset at a system in which the representative's report said children are treated like a business, said **Cheryl Casimer**, a member of the executive of the First Nations Summit. Casimer says "And that they stepped back because they didn't feel that they needed to be as involved as they were previous to contracting caregiver services out. And I find that totally unacceptable. I think that in itself led to Alex's demise." VS-A01.
- Allen Hoolaeff, Alex Gervais' caregiver from the ages of 11-17 and says Alex asked to see a private counsellor because he felt help through child and youth mental health would be shared with his social worker, leading him to be held in care longer. Hoolaeff requested funds from MCFD but was denied CKNW.
- Lawyer Paul Doroshenko says despite the many failings detailed in the RCY's report, there it is unlikely there will be charges. And says failing to provide the necessities of life cases are challenging to prove beyond a reasonable doubt. Besides, he says, the law only applies to people under 16 and, even then, the bar is set pretty low.

  Doroshenko (clipped) "Really, what you have to provide for the child is food and a home and not much more than that. You know, taking them to the doctor, it's not particularly onerous on a guardian" CKNW.
- Cst Ian MacDonald confirms an investigation into Alex Gervais' death is still ongoing.

  On top of that, MacDonald says police are also investigating a caregiver who allegedly sexually abused Alex when he was 14 years old. MCFD confirms that the caregiver under investigation is no longer caring for children. As for if that caregiver is facing any consequences, the ministry has yet to answer CKNW.
- Reporter Simi Sara calls for more accountability within MCFD CKNW.

'Softwood lumber talks' – PCC says she's consulted with former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney about best to take the fight directly to the Americans. PCC (clipped) "We're also going to be identifying and announcing a softwood envoy directly from BC that will be stationed at the embassy in Washington, traveling back and forth, to represent our interests very specifically. We need to make our voice heard on softwood in a singular way. We'll be making that announcement about who we've made to do that in the next little while". PCC says BC will have to fight the softwood lumber battle on the floor of the US Congress and Senate – CHNL, VS-A09.

'Snow warning' - Mark Madryga warns more snow is coming Wednesday, following by freezing rain and rain. The upcoming precipitation has created flooding concerns. Meanwhile, from Surrey to Hope, thousands of BC students have the day off Tuesday due to the snow. Many families are forced to scramble to find last minute child care or are forced to take the day off. School closures in Vancouver and the Fraser are expected again for Wednesday – Global, VS-A03. BC Hydro has seen a spike in power consumption between 5-6p.m. when people get home from work, but no records have been set since January 3. More power outages are expected with the incoming winter storm in the south coast – CKNW. The heavy snowfall in recent days has resulted in

highway and school closures across the Kootenay. The avalanche risk has also increased – Global. Ward Draper says the cold weather is having a major impact on the homeless community in Abbotsford. The 5 and 2 Ministries pastor worries their efforts will be hampered by limited resources – BC1.

'Transit snow prep' - TransLink CEO (**Kevin Desmond**) says snow was what made Monday's transit service so chaotic, saying we are only as good as the roads we are on. Desmond says they work closely with all municipalities on issues related to road conditions and snow removal, but he notes this latest snow came so fast that there's little that could have been done – CKNW. Related, Coast Mountain Bus service and SFU are meeting to address snow removal challenges impacting students and residents trying to get up and down the hill – CBC PG.

#### Other Issues

## **Education / Health / Social Services:**

'Paramedics seek support' - Kamloops paramedics are seeking signatures on an initiative petition to amend the Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Rights act to give paramedics greater bargaining rights. The petition requires 10% of registered voters to sign in each of the 85 electoral districts by April 9. Paramedics and registered canvassers will be at Safeway Vernon Square Mall Thursday Feb. 9 – Castanet.

#### Justice / Public Safety:

'Stanley Park attacks' – VPD have issued a public warning following two apparently random attacks in Stanley Park. Const. Jason Doucette says there's no evidence directly linking the attacks, but police believe it's important to warn people who may be in the park at night. Police say the first attack happened last November, when an 82-year-old man was found in his car in apparent distress.

The second attack happened on Feb. 1, when a 61-year-old man was attacked and killed while walking along the sea wall. Police say both attacks appear to be random and there are no suspects in either case – CP, VS-A08.

'Surrey dangerous dog bylaw' - Tuesday, Surrey city council approved a new bylaw that allows officers to identify problem dogs before they hurt someone. As well, there are new fees. Owners of a dog that has received a dangerous designation will have to pay an annual licence of \$500. Fines for things like failing to post a warning sign about a guard dog are being introduced as well, with an un-muzzled dangerous dog risking a fine of \$1,000. The city says the new measures are aimed at encouraging responsible dog ownership — CBC PG, CKNW.

'Drug bust' - Sgt Jereme Leslie says police have made one of the biggest drug busts in the history of the Sidney-North Saanich RCMP, following a year-long investigation. Over \$1.1m was stuffed into concrete blocks in the home's backyard. At an outbuilding in rural North Saanich and rental home in Shawnigan Lake, police discovered clandestine drug laboratories. They seized cocaine, methamphetamine, thousands of doses of GHB, steroids and pill presses. Four people have been arrested. One of the suspects is a woman who, police believe, used her biology and chemistry courses from Vancouver Island University to help produce counterfeit prescription drugs and steroids, the ingredients for which were smuggled into Canada from China. – CTV, TC-A01.

'Gender identity' - **Pastor Paul Dirks** defends his online campaign against the feds' Bill C-16. The bill will amend the human rights act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The pastor argues the bill will undermine women's rights – Global.

'Red exit sign on the way out, but new 'running man' pictogram is perplexing' - In line with the National Building Code, in new buildings constructed since 2012, exit signs required are now a green-and-white pictogram that depicts a human figure fleeing toward an open door. While some say it is confusing and prefer the traditional red 'EXIT' sign, MNGD spokesperson **Lindsay Buyers** said "It ensures that signs are universally recognizable, regardless of the language spoken by the individual looking at it. The pictograms are used internationally and are more familiar to those visiting British Columbia from other countries, which is particularly helpful in the event of an emergency".

'Lead-up to shooting shown in video' - Prosecutors at the murder trial of accused United Nations gang killer Cory Vallee played the eerie footage Tuesday for B.C. Supreme Court Justice Janice Dillon. The silent footage shows Kevin LeClair eating and drinking with friends in Brown's Social House in the hour before his execution, as well as staff and public reaction in the moments after the shooting. The footage was taken from the restaurant – VS-A05.

'New trial for man convicted of sex offences against minor' - A B.C. man convicted of sex offences involving a minor has won a new trial after the B.C. Court of Appeal concluded that the trial judge wrongly used questions about his sexual orientation to help assess his credibility. In a ruling released Monday, a three-judge panel of the B.C. Court of Appeal concluded that the questions about sexual orientation were unfair and irrelevant – VS-A07.

'Firms ordered to stop raising funds' - The B.C. Securities Commission has issued a temporary order against the FS Group, in order to stop directors from raising money while they are under investigation. In the order, the Commission says that nine companies in the FS Group and 13 people are being investigated for potential violations of securities legislation. The notice alleges the companies raised about \$36 million from over 300 investors. Many of the investors come from the Chinese community in B.C., according to Commission investigators. The Commission order says Aik Guan Lim and Scott Thomas Low, both B.C. residents, are the founding directors of FS Financial Strategies Inc. According to the order, investigators believe Lim and Low have failed to notify investors of losses, and that "it appears some of the investors did not qualify for exemptions under the Act." – VS-A07

'Gambler, casino worker charged with cheating' - Mingzhe Xu of Kamloops and Yun Long Yang of kelowna have been arrested and charged for allegedly cheating at the Lake City Casino in Kelowna in early November after they were observed directly in front of each other at two separate casino games over a three-day period. The arrests come after a complaint was filed by Lake City Casino over alleged cheating involving dealer collusion – VS-A07, CHNL, CBC PG, Prova09.

'Driver accused in death of Mountie has hearing delayed' - The court appearance for Kenneth Fenton, charged with impaired driving in connection with the death of West Shore RCMP Const. Sarah Beckett has been adjourned until March 9. On Tuesday, defence lawyer Dale Marshall said the appearance had been adjourned until March 9 to allow him time to review a report from the IIO – TC-A04.

#### Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:

'Horgan teases wage hike' - **NDP Leader John Horgan** visited a Kelowna coffee shop Tuesday to talk about his minimum wage plan. Horgan's first electoral promise is to hike the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, should the opposition NDP win this spring's provincial election. Horgan (clipped) "I believe there is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 500,000 people in B.C. who make less than \$15 an hour. That means that our poverty rates continue to rise, and that means that people aren't getting the money in their pocket they need to care for themselves and their families". He heard from students struggling with low pay and high debts for their education – Castanet.

'Bridge is better than tunnel' -In his letter to the editor, **MTS** defends the decision for a new bridge to replace the Massey Tunnel citing it does not stand up to current seismic standards. He notes Mike Harcourt's claim that a twin tunnel is better is not the best option, would take more ALR, be more environmentally invasive, expensive and challenging to build – VS-A11.

'U-Haul data shows folks leaving Lower Mainland' - According to U-Haul data, Vancouver and Surrey have seen an increase in one-way rentals leaving those municipalities, while Kamloops, Chilliwack, Vernon, Penticton and Merritt have seen a jump in one-way rentals coming into those communities, indicting moving trends to smaller and more affordable communities than the Lower Mainland – Prov-A10.

'Vancouver slowly but surely shutting down rogue pot shops' - Vancouver's approach to regulating illegal marijuana dispensaries is working, says Kerry Jang. Jang adds the strategy is meeting the city's public-health goals of stamping out sales to minors and cutting down on the armed robberies now plaguing Toronto's illegal dispensary sector. Fifty-one shops are flouting the bylaw and remain open, according to an official update provided Tuesday. All of those are subject

to daily fines. However, it could still be months before a B.C. Provincial Court judge decides whether to grant injunctions that the city has filed against 27 of the worst offenders. On the plus side, eight shops are operating with a special business licence, 47 applicants are in the process of trying to acquire this approval and 38 have now shuttered their doors – G&M-S01.

## Aboriginal Relations:

'MMIW inquiry' - Marion Buller cautions not to expect the MMIW to be in the form of a formal hearing or trial. The MMIW Inquiry chief commissioner explains that instead the inquiry aims to hear indigenous people telling their stories on their own terms. An interim report is expected by November and a final report by the end of next year. Some critics, like B.C. Chief Ernie Crey, wanted the inquiry to do more to include men and boys. Crey is part of a group called Expand the Inquiry that urged commissioners to change their mandate to focus on violence against all Indigenous people. Susan Vella, the inquiry's lead legal counsel, said Tuesday that the inquiry will likely hear from men and boys, it's only "to understand whether the circumstances they face have contributed to the vulnerabilities faced by Indigenous women and girls." - CBC TV Vancouver.

#### **Government / Politics:**

'Clark says NDP tried to hack Liberal website' – **Mike Smyth** continues to detail his first look at the Generated Leads document for Vancouver Island on the Liberal website and notes that the public uploads section where he saw it has now been shut down. He notes the site uses Word Press and asked **Emile Scheffel** the Liberal Party had installed an WP upgrade, as recommended by IT experts to ward against hacking attempts, but he says Scheffel did not answer that or whether the party had notified the IPC about the breach. Smyth notes the NDP deny they hacked the site and Smyth asks for evidence to be made public for the charge – Prov-A04.

Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Wed Feb 8	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
8:00 am	TRAN	News release only, regional - Major resurfacing project east of Kamloops will begin this spring, as the ministry starts to tender the first projects of the coming construction season	BCGov NR	TRAN- 78259
8:30 am	JTST	News release only, regional - Career Education Day & WorkBC's Find your Fit comes to Kelowna Jobs Plan, Skills	BCGov NR	JTST- 77706
9:00 am	TRAN	Kamloops - Minister Stone announces ICBC will now cover windshield chip repair	3rd party NR	TRAN- 77730
10:00 am	SDSI	Vancouver - Minister Stilwell to host the BC Summit on Social Innovation: In partnership with Vancity and RADIUS SFU. The Summit will include keynote speeches, expert panel discussions, and the Minister will announce the recipients of the BC Social Innovation Youth Awards. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photos: Don Craig	BCGov NR 10:15 am	SDSI- 76577
10:00 am	HLTH	Vancouver - Minister Anton, on behalf of Minister Lake, announces Vancouver General Hospital Operating Room Renewal: Project will make space available for the Vancouver General Hospital operating room renewal. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis	BCGov NR 10:10 am	HLTH- 78152
10:30 am	EDUC	News release only, regional - Rural Engagement Community Meeting in Comox Valley; Area residents are being invited to attend an open house hosted by Parliamentary Secretary Linda Larson and staff from the Ministry of Education to learn more and participate in the development of the rural education strategy Rural	BCGov NR	EDUC- 77853
11:00 am TBC NEW	TRAN	Information bulletin only, regional - Crews gear up for more snow on the Lower Mainland: Crews are gearing up for more snow in the forecast, by preparing the Alex Fraser Bridge and the Port Mann Bridge for safe and efficient travel during winter weather conditions. The forecast for the Lower Mainland is calling for more snowfall followed by freezing rain. Drivers are reminded to drive to conditions	BCGov IB	TRAN- 78692
11:30 am	SDSI	Vancouver - Minister Stilwell and Minister Cadieux announce funding for the BC Spinal Cord Injury Community Service Network (BC SCI Network): Funding for the BC SCI Network to enhance services and expand their reach to more people who live with a physical disability in B.C. Photos: Don Craig Accessibility	BCGov NR 11:45 am	SDSI- 78592
12:00 pm	IGRS	Vancouver - Minister Wat attends the Consular Corps of B.C. Luncheon		IGRS- 78099
2:00 pm	ARR	Nimpo Lake - Minister Barnett attends Open House for Tsilhqot'in Nenqay Deni Accord Community information meeting to provide local residents with the opportunity to learn more abut the implementation of B.C.'s 5 year framework agreement with the Tsilhqot'in Nations Aboriginal		ARR- 77504
2:00 pm	EDUC	Port Coquitlam - Minister Bernier announces Minnekhada Middle School seismic replacement funding: Event to announce project agreement to replace Minnekhada Middle School. MLA Reimer to attend event as emcee. EVENT LEAD: Emily Young Photo/Video: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR 2:15 pm	EDUC- 77936
2:30 pm	SDSI	News Release only, provincewide - Social Innovation Summit & Social Innovation Youth Awards Outcomes Release: Follow-up release to the Social Innovation Summit - held on February 8	BCGov NR	SDSI- 77442
3:00 pm	PSSG	News release only, provincewide - Williams Lake - Cariboo-Chilcotin Crime Reduction Model: Release announcing additional funding to support the Williams Lake / Cariboo-Chilcotin Regional Community Safety Model Aboriginal	BCGov NR	PSSG- 78437
5:00 pm	MIT	Vancouver - Minister Wat speaks at UBC C.K. Choi Building 20th Anniversary Event	*	MIT- 78510
5:00 pm NEW	CSCD	Surrey - Minister Fassbender speaks at Bullying Prevention Forum: Annual forum aims to improve understanding of bullying across disciplines and work towards preventing bullying	•	CSCD- 78693
Wed Feb 8	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
:00 pm	EDUC	Williams Lake - PS Larson hosts Rural Education Engagement Open House: Open house to get feedback from citizens and stakeholders		EDUC- 77814
5:00 pm	AVED	Vancouver - Minister Wilkinson speaks at the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC Reception: APEGBC trains engineers and geoscientists responsible for infrastructure and public safety Skills	\$	AVED- 77926

Wed Feb 8	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	Rls
Today	JTST- 78163	Vancouver - ITA-Maker Day: The Industry Training Authority's Maker Day brings trades and technology to teachers and students with hands-on learning that encourages invention, prototyping and experimenting in the classroom. 85 Teachers from First Nation Education Steering Committee (FNESC) schools will take part in Maker Day Jobs Plan, Skills	FYI	
7:15 am NEW	HQ-78694	CFAX with Al Ferraby Guest: Premier Clark Topic: Various	TV / Radio	-
8:00 am	HLTH- 78390	Fraser Health PSA - Using the ER Wisely	FYI	3rd party NR
8:00 am CHANGED	ARR- 78579	Hold for MARR matter Aboriginal	Issue	
8:10 am NEW	HQ-78696	CBC – Early Edition with Rick Cluff Guest: Minister Lake Topic: Additional funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use	TV / Radio	11.50
9:00 am TBC	ARR- 77503	MARR Stakeholder meeting Aboriginal	Issue	100
9:00 am NEW	HQ-78695	CHNL with Jim Harrison Guest: Premier Clark Topic: Various	TV / Radio	(*)
10:30 am NEW	HLTH- 78513	Northern Health Release - Mobile MRI for Prince George: University Hospital of Northern BC (UHNBC) has welcomed the arrival of a mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit to support diagnostic imaging needs	FYI	3rd party NR
11:00 am	TRAN- 78214	BC Ferries' new Salish Orca performing dock trials: It will be performing dock trials at various terminals as part of its crew training, beginning February 10. The docking exercises will confirm the vessel's interchangeability around the fleet	FYI	3rd party NR
2:00 pm	HLTH- 78570	Island Health Release - Port Alberni Wellness Workshops: Island Health's Community Health Services team is offering a series of wellness workshops in Port Alberni to support those who are managing chronic health conditions, senior/elder health concerns or caregiver stress. There is no cost to participate	FYI	3rd party NR
3:00 pm	AVED- 75862	Vancouver Community College Board Meeting	FYI	181
5:00 pm	EDUC- 75285	Your Kid's Progress - Richmond: Parents are being invited to attend a community meeting on the Province's new parent engagement process.	FYI	•
Feb 3-11	JTST- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	160
Feb 7-8	JTST- 78089	Kitimat - ITA Performance Awards and Employer Recognition Event: To continue to promote youth programs and trades training throughout the province, ITA is leading a regional roadshow Jobs Plan, Skills	FYI	300
Feb 8-9	MIT- 76766	Vancouver - 4th annual Cargo and Logistics Canada Conference: Canada's largest and most diverse gathering of transport, supply chain and logistics industry professionals. Minister unable to attend Jobs Plan	FYI	8/50
Feb 8-10	ARR- 78063	First Nations Summit Meeting: Quarterly meeting of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations, taking place in Musqueam	Issue	586
Feb 8-9	MTICS- 77799	18th annual Annual Privacy and Security Conference in Victoria	FYI	

# Talk Radio Calendar

# NEW Wednesday, February 8

CFAX with Al Ferraby – 7:15 a.m.

Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

NEW Wednesday, February 8 CBC – Early Edition with Rick Cluff – 8:10 a.m. (7:00 a.m. pre-tape)

Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake

Topic: Additional funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use

## NEW Thursday, February 9

CHNL with Jim Harrison - 9:00 a.m.

Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

## Thursday, February 9

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy

Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

## Thursday, February 16

CHNL - Time TBD

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

## Thursday, February 16

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

# Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (noon pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

Rachel Adams-Heard - S&P Global Market Intelligence ISSUE: Environmental Monitoring Committee Agreement

STATUS: with GCPE

Calyn Shaw - CBC

ISSUE: Greenhouse Carbon tax relief grant recipients

STATUS: With Program Area

Lawrie Macfarlane - Times Colonist - Editorial

ISSUE: Agri production / export stats

STATUS: With Program Area

Michael Harris - iPolitics

ISSUE: Site C

STATUS: With GCPE

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With GCPE

James MacKinnon - Hakai Magazine ISSUE: BCP Discover Island wolf STATUS: With Program Area Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG leachate spilling

STATUS: With Program Area

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Pre-session/prebudget interview

STATUS: With Minister's Office

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries STATUS: With Program Area

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

STATUS: With GCPE

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STATUS: With GCPE

Bridgette Watson - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Moose Winter Tick Surveillance Program.

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• FLNRO's Dustin Walsh will be doing a pre-taped interview on Thursday at 9 AM. The interview is scheduled to air on Feb. 13 (likely at 6:10 AM).

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610; Peter McIntyre - KISS FM 107.5 (Kelowna / Vernon); Dave Biro - CBC

- Victoria; James Peters - CFJC TV and Radio (Kamloops); Andrea Peacock - Kelowna Daily Courier

ISSUE: Snow Pack Bulletin

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• The February Snow Bulletin was released this afternoon. FLNRO's River Forecast Centre has completed interviews with all of the reporters.

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun

**ISSUE: Follow Bear Viewing Permits** 

STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Waiting to see if reporter follows up

Larry Pynn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Permits for bear viewing STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Waiting to see if reporter follows up

Carole Rooney - 100 Mile House Free Press

ISSUE: Softwood Lumber STATUS: With GCPE

Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION DATA

STATUS: With Program Area

Brittany Spencer - Ryerson University

ISSUE: Fentanyl impact on the Vancouver Downtown East Side

STATUS: With GCPE

Pamela Fayerman - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Patient Quality Report

STATUS: With GCPE

Flavio Nienow - Lakes District News (Burns Lake) ISSUE: lack of a maternity program in Burns Lake.

STATUS: With GCPE

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

**ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions** 

STATUS: With GCPE

Chandler Grieve - CTV News (BC)

ISSUE: Duodopa coverage
STATUS: Declined to Comment

• MTL not available.

Belle Puri - CBC TV News (BC)

ISSUE: Support for mentally ill son released from jail

STATUS: Declined to Comment

No response provided at this time. Reporter let it go for now.

Mike Hager - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Ontario doing surgeries for children due to US travel ban

STATUS: Declined to Comment

• Nothing came of this story.

Neetu Garcha - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Minimum Wage / Sexual Harassment / BC Restaurants

STATUS: with GCPE

Derrick Penner - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: BC Jobs Plan / Jobs Numbers

STATUS: With GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: PNP Allocations

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Tyler Olsen - Abbotsford News ISSUE: Abbotsford courthouse STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- Q. Is the location between the Clearbrook Library and Trethewy St.?
  - A. The site is within the municipal precinct, so for the exact location, please contact the municipality
  - Q. The mayor implied it would be around 60,000 square feet. Is this correct?
  - A. A final design is not complete, so the size is to be determined. The plan is to double the number of courtrooms from seven to 14.

John Colebourn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: West Hotel Vancouver STATUS: With Program Area

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Anna Mehler Paperny - Reuters

ISSUE: Corrections data STATUS: With Program Area

Lora Grindlay - Province ISSUE: Cheating at casinos STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• CFSEU is handling calls.

Tracy Sherlock - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Income assistance and school STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Rod Link - Terrace Standard

ISSUE: Smithers-Moricetown transit service

STATUS: With Program Area Sarah Macdonald - CTV News (BC) ISSUE: Lighting the Olympic Cauldron

STATUS: With Program Area

Dene Moore - Freelancer

ISSUE: Snow and ice impact on southwestern B.C. roads

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jennifer Chen - CBC - Vancouver ISSUE: Taylor Way and Marine Drive STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Janelle Erwin, Regional Deputy Director, will perform interview on Thursday.

Megan Turcato - Global Okanagan ISSUE: Safety on the Trans Canada Hwy in Salmon Arm STATUS: Declined to Comment

No response.

#### FOIs of Note

GCPE has received Outlook calendar requests: ADM, Executive Directors, Communication Directors, Communications Manager - Corporate Priorities, Corporate Director - Major Projects, Director - Corporate Planning, Director - Media Relations for the period of January 1-31, 2017

GCP-2017-79637 - Has received a request for: Regarding the announcement and news release of Feb. 6, 2017 - related to the RCY report titled Broken Promises: Alex's Story, involving Minister Stephanie Cadieux: the event proposal including visual messages, written messages, rollout, media plan, strategic communications, media relations, QAs and event information/speaking notes: Records about the scheduling of the news release and news conference, the creation of quotes contained in the news release and other content. Date range is January 15-February 6, 2017

Applicant: Media

**AED-2016-63820** - Any and all records related to the Ministry's communications to or from post-secondary institutions and student organizations about mandatory fees at post-secondary institutions and their compliance with the Tuition Limit Policy, including the communications the Minister was referring to when he said in estimates debate on April 5, 2016: We are in close contact with institutions themselves and have ongoing feedback from student organizations about the compliance of these fees, with the two documents being the tuition limit policy and the guidance letter dated March 3 of this year.

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: 900 plus pages. Mostly correspondence between PSIs and Ministry for list of mandatory student fees. Letters from Ministry to PSIs on tuition limit policy. Orientation manual for board members. IN available.

**BC HYDRO-2017-049** - Briefing notes prepared for the Ministry of Energy 2016/17 estimates debate (5th session, 40th Parliament)

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: BNs - all were included in an earlier release of the Ministry estimates binder.

MOE-2016-60229 - Records related to Tsetsaut Skii km Lax Ha Nation.

Responsive records include: 45 pages including comment from MOE regarding the proposed KSM Mine Project.

MOE-2016-63492 - All the records included in the ADMs estimate binders from the following divisions: APD, ESSPD, Parks, COS, CAS for 2016/17 budget estimates debate- 5th session, 40th Parliament

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: 300 plus pages of estimates notes.

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

**AGR-2016-64976- XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of eight BN titles - with redactions.

**EGM-2016-64954** - List of briefing materials provided to the Minister. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2016 To 11/30/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: List of eight Information Note titles.

**FIN-2016-62037** - Expense reports for Minister Todd Stone, showing the detailed breakdown of expenses, including: The dates, carriers and costs for all flights inside and outside of BC; The dates, names, places and costs for accommodation; The dates, names, places and costs for all food and beverage purchases; The dates, names, places and costs for all hospitality events. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 03/31/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 205 pages containing travel vouchers, itineraries, invoices and receipts, SMARTTEC Travel Confirmations and brief staff emails related to MTS travel.

**FIN-2016-64987- XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: One-page table listing 10 briefing note titles. Topics include status of CCMR project, school tax OIC, fuel refund for persons with disabilities and proposed amendments for the Insurance Council of BC.

GCP-2016-64844 - Regarding the Nov. 24, 2016 event in Burnaby and announcement about 3755 Banff Avenue - Province invests \$2 million for new housing project in Burnaby: Records about the strategic communications plan including the planning, production and execution of the event and interviews; How the announcement and news release date and time were chosen; Creation of quotes contained in the news release and other content of the release; The list of invitees and attendees to the event and the cost of the event; A document showing whether permission was sought from the senior citizens and people with developmental disabilities - their relatives or legal guardians - who were involved in the photo op. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2016 To 11/25/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: Media advisory and Draft NR.

HTH-2016-63770 - Regarding the report from The Centre for Addictions Research of BC on its needs-based planning model to assess potential demand for substance use services in British Columbia: All records pertaining to this report excluding drafts including the final report submitted to government last fall; All media briefing notes and records relating to CBC's request for this document to Kristy Anderson at the Health Communications Office. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/19/2015 To 09/19/2016)
Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: Report from Centre for Addictions Research of BC. GCPE Health's concern are with Tables 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 - could suggest very high capacities for withdrawal management services, community services and residential services. Concern is applicant will suggest that it is a recommendation to government for that particular number of beds. GCPE received media call on this package. Note: the outlet dropped the story when the context of the report was explained.

**JTI-2016-64822** - A copy of all records referring to or discussing the impact of the newly introduced foreign buyers' tax on new immigrants to BC. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/15/2016 To 08/15/2016. Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: 110 pages containing email from the public complaining about a 'copy and paste' response to an inquiry to Hon. de Jong about PTT, the written response, an email newsletter 'Facts by Email #31 – August 1-8, 2016 which calls the FBT unfair and 'UnCanadian,' a letter from the public to PCC discussing the FBT, a letter from the public to PCC and de Jong lamenting the FBT, acknowledgement and thank you from government for the letter and other similar letters from members of the public to cabinet.

**OOP-2016-63909** - All records - excluding public correspondence, media clippings, and cabinet documents - involving the foreign buyers tax announced on July 25, 2016. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2016 To 07/25/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 112 pages - KMs, comparison taxes in other jurisdictions, SNs for First and Second Reading, FIN Tax Information Sheet, MLA KMs, Event Itinerary, NR, Event transcript.

**OOP-2016-64842** - Regarding the Nov. 24, 2016 event in Burnaby and announcement about 3755 Banff Avenue - Province invests \$2 million for new housing project in Burnaby: Records about the strategic communications plan including the planning, production and execution of the event and interviews; How the announcement and news release date and time were chosen; Creation of quotes contained in the news release and other content of the release; The list of invitees and attendees to the event and the cost of the event; A document showing whether permission was sought from the senior citizens and people with developmental disabilities - their relatives or legal guardians - who were involved in the photo op. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2016 To 11/25/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Clippings

## Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 4:57 PM

**Subject:** UPDATED TIME: Talk Radio Calendar - Thursday, February 9

#### **LOOK AHEAD**

#### NEW Friday, February 10 (rescheduled time)

KRPI with Harjit Gill- 12:10 p.m.

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender

Topic: trucking industry

#### Thursday, February 9

CHNL with Jim Harrison – 9:00 a.m. Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

#### Thursday, February 9

SHAW - Voice of BC - 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

#### **NEW Tuesday, February 14**

CKNW - 8:15 a.m.

Guest: Margaret Trudeau

Topic: Stigma around mental illness (promoting her keynote address at New Horizons in Responsible Gaming

conference)

#### Thursday, February 16

CHNL - 8:30 a.m.

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

#### Thursday, February 16

SHAW - Voice of BC - 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

#### Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (wed pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# Daily Today's News Online Media Overview

Thursday, February 09, 2017

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	CHAN - Global BC Early News with Chris Gailus 17:00 hr		
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Poor weather & avalanche risk prompt BC highway closures Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service	
Top Story	1700	Poor weather & avalanche risk prompt BC highway closures	
2/13	1701	Poor weather creates poor Metro Vancouver driving conditions	
3/13	1701	SUV & seniors' care home shuttle collide in Vancouver	
4/13	1702	Poor weather creates poor driving conditions along BC's south coast	
5/13	1704	Fraser Valley hit by extreme weather conditions	
6/13	1705	Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service	
7/13	1706	Weather report	
8/13	1707	BC Hydro restoring power to thousands of clients	
9/13	1708	Surrey School District defends class cancellations	
10/13	1709	Police investigating Vancouver's third murder of 2017	
11/13	1709	VPD officers will not face criminal charges for fatal shooting	
12/13	1710	Doctor awarded a VPD Award of Merit	
13/13	1711	Traffic report	
	1712	First commercial break	

	CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Chris Gailus & Sophie Lui 18:00 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Poor weather & avalanche risk prompt BC highway closures BC's south coast hit by extreme weather conditions Criminal baffled by BC foster home vetting process		
Top Story	1800	Poor weather & avalanche risk prompt BC highway closures		
2/16	1801	Fraser Valley hit by extreme weather conditions		
3/16	1804	Global BC worker involved in TransLink shuttle bus collision		
4/16	1805	Vancouver Island hit by extreme weather conditions		
5/16	1805	Whistler hit by heavy snowfall		
6/16	1805	Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service		
7/16	1807	Surrey School District defends class cancellations		
8/16	1809	SUV & seniors' care home shuttle collide in Vancouver		
9/16	1810	Police investigating Vancouver's third murder of 2017		
10/16	1810	VPD officers will not face criminal charges for fatal shooting		

11/16	1812	Criminal baffled by BC foster home vetting process
	1814	First commercial break
12/16	1816	Premier refusing to issue website hacking apology to NDP
13/16	1818	UVic study critical of lowered minimum wage for alcohol servers
14/16	1821	Traffic report
	1821	Second commercial break
15/16	1823	2016 census discloses number of under-utilized homes in Vancouver
16/16	1826	Weather report
	1827	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Community rallies for Duncan couple trapped in their home Empty home tax proposed for city of Victoria Vancouver Island hit by extreme weather conditions		
Top Story	1700	Community rallies for Duncan couple trapped in their home		
2/11	1705	Vancouver Island hit by extreme weather conditions		
3/11	1708	BC Hydro crews repair fallen power line in North Saanich		
4/11	1708	Greater Victoria hit by extreme weather conditions		
5/11	1712	CRD sewage treatment board members receive generous salaries		
6/11	1713	Empty home tax proposed for city of Victoria		
7/11	1715	Langford residents snowboard along local streets		
8/11	1716	UVic students roll massive snowballs		
9/11	1717	Sports news preview		
10/11	1717	Weather report		
11/11	1718	Road conditions report		
	1718	First commercial break		

CIVT - CTV News at Five with Mi-Jung Lee 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Fraser Valley hit by poor weather conditions Metro Vancouver homes damaged by heavy snowfall BC Premier backpedals from hacking scandal	
Top Story	1700	Treacherous conditions prompt BC highway closures	
2/9	1702	Metro Vancouver hit by extreme weather conditions	
3/9	1704	Poor weather prompts Port Mann Bridge closure	
4/9	1705	Poor weather prompts BC school closures	
5/9	1705	Metro Vancouver homes damaged by heavy snowfall	
6/9	1706	BC Hydro restoring power to thousands of clients	

7/9	1708	Poor weather disrupts flights at YVR
8/9	1708	Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service
9/9	1709	US appeals court upholds suspension of President's travel ban
	1710	First commercial break

		CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Tamara Taggart 1800 hr
Placement	Time	Story
Intro		Southwestern BC hit by extreme weather conditions BC Premier's credibility tarnished by hacking allegations Doctor awarded a VPD Award of Merit
Top Story	1800	Southwestern BC hit by extreme weather conditions
2/8	1804	Poor weather prompts Port Mann Bridge closure
3/8	1805	Treacherous conditions prompt BC highway closures
4/8	1807	Metro Vancouver homes damaged by heavy snowfall
5/8	1809	Weather report
6/8	1810	BC Hydro restoring power to thousands of clients
7/8	1811	Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service
8/8	1812	BC Hydro crews repair fallen power line in Victoria
	1813	First commercial break

	CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Fraser Valley hit by extreme weather conditions Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service CBC Vancouver lists bugs that live in Canadian homes		
Top Story	1800	Fraser Valley hit by extreme weather conditions		
2/6	1802	Metro Vancouver hit by extreme weather conditions		
3/6	1806	Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service		
4/6	1809	Weather report		
5/6	1810	BC Premier's hacking allegations may prompt lawsuit		
6/6	1815	BC mother attends trial of Dutch man linked to daughter's suicide		
	1820	First commercial break		

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story	
Intro		Vancouver Island hit by extreme weather conditions CTV scrutinizes CRD's heavy snowfall response BC government urged to cover cost of Duodopa	
Top Story	1700	BC Hydro restoring power to thousands of clients	
2/8	1703	CTV scrutinizes CRD's heavy snowfall response	

3/8	1705	Pot dispensary opens next door to a day care in Nanaimo
4/8	1706	RCMP orders review of Canadian sex assault complaints deemed unfounded
5/8	1707	Attempted murder charges stayed against suspect in Sooke
6/8	1708	BC Premier's credibility tarnished by hacking allegations
7/8	1709	BC government urged to cover cost of Duodopa
8/8	1713	Weather report
	1714	First commercial break

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From: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2017 6:07 AM

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**Subject:** Morning report (Feb 9)

February 9, 2017

Major Media Coverage

<u>Television</u>: (Global) BC's south coast hit by heavy snowfall; Heavy snowfall prompts SFU class cancellations; Fraser Valley hit by heavy snowfall; City of Victoria hit by heavy snowfall; City of Vancouver wants to ticket vehicles without snow tires; Traffic report; Weather report; Two attacks in Stanley Park prompt public warning.

## **Mainstream Print:**

Vancouver Sun: \$102-million expansion will add 16 ORs to Vancouver General.; 'Dear Mike' email urged removal of school board. Province: Census: Suburban boom. Globe & Mail: Clark accuses NDP of hacking attempt; winter: ice-road trucker (photo); Lack of foster care homes spurs rise in costly contract care for province; empty or underused home rise again in Metro Vancouver; Musicians look to cover ground with provincial touring funds.

#### **Social Media:**

**Mason:** Exactly. They are not the employer of the people whose computers they are scouring. Has to be a legal breach; **Mike Smyth:** NDP leader John Horgan demands apology, threatens legal action, after Premier Christy Clark's website-hacking allegations; **gov.bc.ca:** Stephanie Cadieux mandate letter; **BC NDP:** BCLibs privatized child welfare, cut MCFD frontline workers & gave the wealthy tax breaks. We need govt that cares.

## **Chinese Media:**

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: MTL said the additional funding for the BC Centre on Substance Use will help boost the efforts in combating the overdose crisis. NDP MLA Selina Robinson says help from the provincial government has not come soon enough and it's unfortunate that it's taken a crisis like this to get PCC's attention; A joint federal-provincial investigation has been launched after more than 200 gastrointestinal illnesses across Canada were linked to consumption of raw or undercooked B.C. oysters; Sing Tao reporters said they have encountered some obstructions when they reached out to school trustees for comment on the code of conduct amendment. Richmond school district communication manager David Sadler said in an email that the school board has not set any restriction and school trustees are free to make comment.

**Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio**: VGH will have the capability to perform 2,200 more surgeries per year, following \$102 million in funding by the B.C. government and hospital foundation. MTL says the money will fund 16 new state-of-the-art operating rooms, a 40-bed hospital unit for care before and after surgery, as well as new communication systems; ICBC says customers who purchase optional comprehensive coverage will receive free windshield chips repairs. MTS says the new windshield repair program is estimated to save \$8-million a year; Jerry Dobrovolny with the City of Vancouver notes that during the previous snow storms, the

roads were blocked by many vehicles without snow tires. He says the city is working with Vancouver Police to see if what the city can do within the Motor Vehicle Act to prohibit these vehicles to be on the roads; BCTF is calling on the province to finally deliver the funding in its upcoming budget to implement last year's Supreme Court ruling on class sizes.

## **South Asian Media:**

**RED FM**: According to the weather department, Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley are expecting another round of heavy snowfall; MoT advisory says Trans-Canada Highway in south-eastern BC has been closed due to avalanche (MoT is mentioned); United Truckers Association, Unifor, and BC Drayage Association say they will be going on a strike if the Port Metro Vancouver doesn't listen to them - Gagan Singh with UTA says only a few of their 14 demands were adopted; BC Liberal Party donors reportedly paid \$1,000 a ticket to hear PCC at a fundraiser - outside protestors demanded welfare rates in the province be increased (PCC is mentioned); MTS announced Wednesday that people won't have to pay their deductible if the windshield on their vehicle gets damaged by a rock or other debris (MTS is mentioned)

SPICE Radio: Environment Canada has issued a winter storm warning for BC's south coast;

**OMNI Punjabi**: Meteorologist Russ Lacate is predicting another round of heavy snow for Metro Vancouver; Canada Line service was shut down for hours Monday afternoon because of snow on the track, affecting hundreds of commuters; ICBC claim numbers are rising due to snowfall in the province; City of Surrey has used 20,000 tonne salt to keep the streets clean.

#### Positive Coverage

'VGH operating rooms' - The province has announced plans to increase the number of ORs at Vancouver General Hospital. The VGH getting 16 new operating rooms at a cost of about \$102m. It also includes a new 40-bed unit to care for patients after surgery. The money coming from the province, the local health authority, as well as the local hospital foundation. AGSA represented the provincial government at a hospital news conference on Wednesday. Asked about announcement's timing - three months before a provincial election - Anton said the province is in good shape financially and the VGH project is one of several capital priorities. She also said the government will have more such announcements in coming weeks. Barbara Grantham, CEO of the foundation, said its Future of Surgery Campaign has also committed to funding an additional \$40 million in renovations at UBC Hospital because it is absorbing many more non-emergency and non-urgent operations— CBC PG & Vancouver, Global, CTV, VS-A01, Prov-A04.

'ICBC coverage' – MTS announced motorists will be able to get chips fixed on their windshields starting in the spring at no additional cost as part of ICBC's optional comprehensive coverage. The corporation estimates this service will save ICBC \$8m in complete windshield replacement costs. MTS (clipped) "In 2016 the average total cost of a windshield replacement was about \$820, whereas replacing that rock chip would cost about \$70. When you consider that this program will benefit more than 2.5 (million) British Columbians, this adds up to significant savings" - CFJC, CFAX, CJCI, CHNL, CBC online, Global, VS-A07, Prov-A04.

• MLA Adrian Dix says the Liberals were the one who cancelled the NDP program in 2001 and are now bringing it back. Dix (clipped) "It was doubly bad policy and for 15 years the Liberal party, through multiple reviews, continued to stick it to interior drivers. And so finally today, a couple of months before an election, they decide to change course and to stop doing that. I don't think people are going to... Of course it's a good idea, but it's of course an NDP idea and one that the Liberal party shouldn't have taken away" – CHNL, VS-A07.

## Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

'NDP hacking allegations' - CKNW reporter **Liza Yuzda** reports Tuesday the Premier accused the NDP of engineering a hack of the BC Liberal website. Yuzda says the Premier is doing a lot of "back-pedalling" Wednesday, adding while the Liberals say they have gone to the privacy commissioner the Premier did not provide any details. **PCC** (clipped) "Whether or not they would admit to doing it, I don't know. I am not spending a whole lot of time thinking about

whether or not and how these, you know -- the NDP is going to conduct a campaign to be, I mean, honestly". Yuzda is frustrated more attention is being given to this issue than to the case of Alex Gervais. Reporters Vaughan Palmer, Mike Smyth, Les Leyne and Ian Bailey allege PCC has no evidence of the hacking. NDP leader **John Horgan** is demanding an apology from PCC over what he says is a false hacking allegation. Horgan says the NDP has sought legal advice but wants a public apology from PCC threatening legal action if it is not provided, and adds the New Democrats do not hack their opponents' websites. The BC Liberals have contacted the IPC to investigate the alleged hacking of non-sensitive documents on the party website. A police report is also in the works. A statement from the BC Liberal Party that one of the IP addresses linked to attempts to hack the party's website, is traced to the Legislative Assembly – CP, CKNW, CFAX, CBC PG & Vancouver, Castanet, CTV, CHEK, CHNL, VS-A03, Prov-A06, G&M-S01, TC-A01 &A10.

'Party fundraiser' - is defending last night's BCLP \$1,000/plate fundraiser in Vancouver, saying these were a group of women who were all concerned about making sure that our province is led by people who really care about women being involved in politics. Tamara Herman says welfare rates in BC are basically at starvation levels. Herman organized a rally in response to last night's event. The protesters say welfare rates have been frozen at \$610 a month for the last ten years and that the Premier has refused a meeting with them to address their concerns— CTV.

'Nanaimo carfentanil' - Gary O'Brien and Nanaimo RCMP have found carfentanil in drugs seized in their community. The Nanaimo RCMP Cst warns the public the substance is lethal – CP, CHEK, CKNW, TC-A04. Related, Dr Trevor Corneil says Interior Health is moving ahead with mobile overdose prevention sites, which will provide multiple services. The IH official says they aren't waiting to determine if carfentanyl has entered the illicit street drug scene in the Okanagan, saying they are throwing everything they can at the issue – BC1.

'Opioid addiction treatment should be made a priority' - In his letter to the editor, **Dr. Scott MacDonald** of the Providence Health Care Crosstown Clinic says we cannot "enforce or educate our way out of this opioid crisis" and calls for treatment on demand, including supervised injectable opioid-assisted treatment – Prov-A14.

'Dear Mike' email urged removal of school board' – through an FOI request, the VS received partially redacted documents that show one initial request to MMB to remove the Vancouver School Board. While the sender name is redacted, former board chair Mike Lombardi said he was "uncomfortable with the familiarity of the "Dear Mike" line at the beginning. He also says concerns like those in the email should have been brought directly to the superintendent or the board so they could deal with them, rather than being expressed second-hand to the minister. He calls upon MMB to call a byelection – VS-A01.

'Deep cuts to contracted care for kids short-sighted, says federation director' - Richard FitzZaland, executive director of the Federation of Community Social Services of B.C. says MSC's promised crackdown is disappointing, shortsighted and fails to recognize the good work non-profit community groups do for children across the province. FitzZaland said the system needs more money and more staff, and that cutting back non-profit community groups doing contracted work with government will be a disaster for the system. FitzZaland said the rise in contracted care is because community agencies are filling a need in B.C.'s under-funded child welfare system. Many groups have multiple contracts with ministries to provide not only beds for kids but also services like employment programs, anti-domestic violence and family support groups, he said. MLA Melanie Mark called the government reforms "crisis management" and said MSC should instead enact the 2012 "Residential Review" report by the community social services federation, which outlined a path to improve permanent placements for kids, enhance foster care and improve oversight of contractors – VS-A06. Ingrid Kastens, executive director of Pacific Community Resources Society, said B.C.'s network of certified contract-care providers was gutted by funding cuts to the Children's Ministry in the early 2000s, and now is "finding itself in a treacherous position with unqualified child providers as a result of earlier cuts". She notes how group homes were closed, while youth in care populations have not decreased and that the "network of quality resources was decimated and hasn't been replicated" – G&M-S01.

Related, in his letter to the editor, FitzZaland calls for a registry of registered social workers in order to "create a level of government accountability that is currently lacking". He adds an investment in the social care system is essential and overdue – VS-A11. TC editorial says government promises of action are repeated and hopefully "will make a difference"

along with the need for better oversight of contracted services – TC-A10. Also related, **Valerie McMurtry**, CEO of the Children's Aid Foundation promotes programs of the foundation and says "While governments need to be held accountable for their important responsibilities for the safety and well-being of these vulnerable children and youth, a government is never going to be an adequate parent, and so we all have a role to play and a collective responsibility to fill the gaps" – G&M-A10.

'Census population data' - The 2016 census reports there are more than 25,000 empty homes in Vancouver, 15% higher than the last census in 2011. But data gathered by the city last March says there are only about 11,000 homes sitting vacant. The census counts total private homes and private homes with regular residents - CKNW. Related, the new census data shows the population of the metropolitan area of Victoria outpaced the national growth rate over the last five years, growing 6.7%. The area's growth rate was above the national growth rate of 5.0%, while the population of BC increased by 5.6%. The population of Kamloops has increased 5.4%; Prince George has seen a slight increase with decreases in nearby Burns Lake and other small communities. Tumbler Ridge and Port Clements have seen a 25% decrease. A third of Canada's 35.1m people live in three urban areas - Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto - which is something of an alarm bell for MP Cathy McLeod, fearing that may prompt the federal government to lose focus on the needs of smaller communities and rural Canada – CKNW, CFAX, CFJC, CHNL, CJCI, CKPG, CBC PG, Global, CHBC, VS-A04, G&M-S01&02, Prov-a03.

- Vancouver councillor (Geoff Meggs) says he is not concerned the number of empty homes revealed in the latest
  census are much higher than previously thought and hopes the empty homes tax will encourage homeowners
  to move what's empty into use CKNW.
- UBC economist (**Tom Davidoff**) says the City of Vancouver has a strict definition of "empty home" that pretty much guarantees a low number, and isn't surprised that Census data has the number of vacant homes at more than double the city's estimate CKNW.
- Andy Yan, director of SFU's City Program says the past six published censuses showed the percentage of these homes in and around Vancouver hovered around 3-4% until 2006, when that jumped to just over 6% and remained at that level until last year's census. "I didn't expect it to go up [in 2016], I had actually thought it would remain stable or the same or even possibly go down," Mr. Yan said. "It really shows the challenges in trying to house the region." G&M-S01.

'Snow preparations' — Wednesday, Environment Canada says winter storm warnings are in effect for the Coquihalla from Hope to Merritt and Highway 3 Hope to Princeton, with up to 30cm of snow expected. A snowfall warning has also been issued for the Southern Interior from the North Thompson to the Shuswap and down to the Vernon area. TransLink planning to increase the number of trains on the SkyTrain system beginning at two. There will also be extra staff on hand to de-ice rails and drive trains manually if necessary. Transit in Victoria is also being affected by the snow; BC Ferries are running but urging drivers to give themselves extra time to arrive at the terminal. BC Hydro previously saying it would have crews on standby to ensure power lines aren't impacted. SFU will close its Burnaby campus from 1:30 onwards and BCIT will close its campuses from 2:30 onwards. Kwantlen University also closed its doors at 4:00. Many students found themselves stranded today after poor weather prompted class cancellations at SFU. Public transit was overwhelmed as students rushed to catch a bus. Crews are working to prevent snow bombs along the Port Mann Bridge. For Thursday, heavy rains in many parts of the Lower Mainland and South Coast are expected leading to freezing roads and flooding — CKNW, CHNL, CTV, Global, CFAX, CTV, CHEK, CBC TV Vancouver, VS-A05, Prov-A02, TC-A03.

Related, MTS urges drivers to be particularly cautious in this winter weather. MTS (clipped) "My plea to the folks of the lower mainland would be this: if you don't need to drive over the next few days please don't. Consider alternative forms of transportation or work at home if that's at all possible. If you do have to drive please make sure that you've got the best possible winter tires that you can put on your vehicle" – CBC PG. City engineer Jerry Dobrovolny and the city of Vancouver want to ticket motorists who drive in the snow without snow tires. A large percentage of the vehicles involved in crashes as of late were not equipped with the proper tires – Global.

Also related, Gateway SkyTrain station shut down because of a medical emergency. No trains stopping in the Surrey station. Buses are being re-routed away from the transit hub and other buses will shuttle passengers to other stations – CKNW.

#### Other Issues

## Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:

'Slocan fuel spill trial' - The province of British Columbia has pleaded not guilty for its alleged role in a tanker spill that dumped more than 30,000 litres of fuel into Lemon Creek and the Slocan River. The fuel company and its driver haven't entered a plea yet, which angered the judge hearing the case. They're expected to plead not guilty when it's back in court in late March. The trial is expected to take at least six weeks, then there's the civil claims. – CBC PG.

'Kinder Morgan lawsuit' - Vancouver council is voting Wednesday on whether the city will take the provincial government to court over the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion. City councillor Adriane Carr says "If we take this to court, it will be a court case that examines whether or not the province acted appropriately in issuing an environmental permit". Carr says the BC Liberals failed to consult with the public or First Nations prior to the project's approval, and that BC's world-leading spill response strategy is lacklustre. If the courts agree, the province's environmental permit could be revoked. First, Carr's motion will have to make it through city council – CBC PG.

'Court orders MLA to release communications' — **MLA Jackie Tegart** has been ordered to hand over copies of communications, including emails, with her constituents in connection with a controversy over the Botanie Valley composting facility near Lytton. Northwest Organics, the company running the facility, is suing a number of individuals for defamation in relation to the facility, which has generated some local opposition over concerns it has or will have odours and will encourage rats and pests. They argued that Tegart's documents were necessary to establish whether defamatory words were communicated to either Tegart, who represents the area in the B.C. legislature, or her assistant, what those words were, who communicated them and when the communications were made. In response, Tegart argued that parliamentary privilege prevented release of the documents and that the demand was "overly broad", and that she must be free to discuss matters of concern with her constituents and obtain their views and perspectives without fear of having those discussions exposed to public scrutiny —VS-A09, Prov-A08.

'Landfill plan unearthed' - A proposed final closure plan is complete for the former Westside Landfill, located off Asquith Road in West Kelowna. The proposed 2015 final closure plan provides an update to the landfill closure plan prepared in 2011. This plan has been submitted to MoE for review and approval. If it's approved by the ministry in the spring of 2017, the regional district plans to proceed with the closure before the end of the 2017 – Castanet.

'Landfill leachate' - Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen rep (**Bill Newell**) says there will be leachate from the Campbell Mountain Landfill, which was built in 1972. Newell says they have been testing around the landfill for years waiting to see if it was going to start moving down toward the lake. The region recently had to compensate a homeowner because pollution from the landfill was leaching into the drinking water – BC1.

#### **Education / Health / Social Services:**

'Education funding' – the BCTF is calling on the province to finally deliver the funding in its upcoming budget to implement last year's Supreme Court ruling on class sizes, requesting an injection of \$300m. BCTF president Glen Hansman says the union is continuing discussions with the province in the wake of the ruling last November, and says it will see in the February 21st budget whether the Liberal government is providing the money needed to get the job done. At the same time, BCTF is calling for a four-year plan that would completely abolish public funding of independent schools. Private schools in this province currently receive operating grants valued at between 35-50% of the per-student funding given to public schools. The union's funding list also includes new funding for seismic upgrades, student mental health, tuition-free adult education, development of learning resources reflective of every B.C. First Nation, and early identification, designation and educational support for students with special needs— CFAX, VS-A06.

'It's not an opinion, it's a fact' – Testifying at the B.C. Supreme Court at the constitutional challenge of the Medicare Protection Act, Patrick McGeer says government budgeting rules idle surgical facilities, causing harmful waiting lists. McGeer said the transformation from a procedure-based system to one based on global funding, prompted hospital administrators to close expensive operating rooms to control spending and surgeons were prevented from treating patients. He says with operating theatres now closing at 4 p.m. and not open on

weekends, those resources are now left idle. While the crown challenged this information as opinion, McGeer insisted through his personal observation, it was a fact – VS-A03.

'Housing shortage' - Bill Routley is concerned about Cowichan Valley's tight rental market as a Duncan couple is appealing for help in finding a new place to live. The Cowichan Valley MLA says an epidemic housing shortage has people walking into his office daily seeking affordable housing. Duncan resident Lin Hanley and her husband are snowed in at the end of a kilometre long driveway – CHEK.

'Assisted dying' - Sheila Malcolmson thinks the rules on physician assisted suicide is too restrictive. The NDP MP finds the imminent death requirement to be too stringent and wants greater protections and clarity for patients having to deal with degenerative diseases – CFAX.

'Ridge Meadows Hospital asks moms in labour to stay away for the next few days' - Starting Wednesday, pregnant women planning to deliver at Ridge Meadows Hospital are being asked to instead go to Langley Memorial Hospital to have their baby. The diversion will be in place for six days, ending Feb. 14. Fraser Health spokeswoman Jacqueline Blackwell says the two obstetricians who usually work out of Ridge Meadows are both away unexpectedly – CBC online.

#### Justice / Public Safety:

'Highway avalanche' - the Trans Canada Highway was closed in both directions near the BC-Alberta border for part of Wednesday due an avalanche. Parks Canada rep (**Lindsay McPherson**) is relieved no one was injured when the slide came down and crossed the highway. The highway was opened in the afternoon – Global, CHBC, Tc-a02.

'Dangerous dog registry' - Pitt Meadows councillor **Janis Elkerton** says there needs to be a province-wide registry. She says the current system makes it very difficult to track aggressive dogs. **Elkerton** (clipped) "Two of the fatal attacks here in Pitt Meadows, one was Tucker and one was Buttons, those people have now moved from our municipality. We have no means of informing the next municipality because there is not a province-wide registry" — CKNW.

'RCMP shooting incident' - Multiple charges have been laid against Kaymen Winter. The 22-year-old man was shot by Mounties during an alleged break and enter in Salmon Arm. The IIO is investigating – CHEK.

'Schoenborn court delays' - Peter Wilson, who was the constitutional expert on the Schoenborn case, had to withdraw from the case, resulting in yet more delays – CHNL.

Continued coverage — 'Police investigators can't rule out link between two attacks in Stanley Park' - Age, gender or sexual orientation are not believed to have played a role in two recent Stanley Park attacks, say Vancouver police. Police cannot rule out the possibility the two attacks were connected, said Vancouver police spokesman **Const. Jason Doucette. MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert** said Stanley Park is generally safe and does not need measures such as extra lighting at night. He urged people to use a buddy and said people should not to avoid the park either, saying more eyes means more safety — Global, VS-A02, Prov-A10.

Continued coverage- 'Drug charges laid after \$1.1 million cash seizure' - Two people from Shawnigan Lake each face almost two dozen charges of producing, trafficking and transporting illicit drugs in after police searched homes in Saanich and Shawnigan Lake last year. Police say they found over \$1.1 million in Canadian cash, a variety of drugs and a laboratory where someone had been brewing anabolic steroids and GHB. Two other Saanich residents also face drug-related charges including trafficking – Prov-A08.

#### Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:

'Tugboat death investigation' - TSB investigators have examined the tugboat that sank in Okanagan Lake near Tolko Mill last month. The body of longtime operator Ivor Lundin was recovered inside the vessel. Operations manager with the TSB's marine division **Mohan Raman** says investigators have also interviewed a second crew that worked on the boat

and some Tolko managers. BC coroner **Barb McLintock** says her office also has no new details other than the investigation is ongoing. The RCMP and WorkSafeBC are also involved in the investigation – CKFR, Tc-A06.

'EU joins U.S. challenge against 'discriminatory' BC liquor laws' - The European Union has joined the United States in challenging B.C.'s liquor laws, saying the rules violate international trade principles. The EU said it wants to join the American challenge because of its "substantial trade" relationship with Canada. In a request to formally join the debate, the EU said B.C.'s rules "may have a substantial impact on the sale and therefore on the importation of EU wine" into the province. It added that over half of the wines imported to Canada "in recent years" came from countries in the union – CBC online.

## **Government / Politics:**

'Greens are running to win vote, says Weaver'- Andrew Weaver is brushing off any suggestion that the B.C. Greens threaten to split the left-leaning vote in the spring election, saying the party is in this race to win it. In a Facebook Live session with Vaughn Palmer, Weaver said he wants to be seen as a legitimate contender to win the legislature and has grown weary of the argument that his party is stealing votes from the NDP. The Greens will be running a candidate in every riding on May 9. The Green party has yet to roll out its platform for the campaign, but Weaver made it clear that the environment and climate change will be key components. He scoffed at the NDP's climate plan, describing the emissions reduction targets as "meaningless" and saying that his platform will focus more on building a sustainable, green economy. On Site C, Weaver said his view has changed because the cost of the project keeps increasing while the cost of solar and wind power goes down. Weaver also talked about his desire to implement a basic income, change the provincial electoral system, and eliminate MSP premiums–VS-A07, Prov-A06. Related, NDP leader John Horgan will do his Facebook Live interview on Thursday – VS-A02, Prov-A02.

'Green Party candidates' - Donovan Cavers and Dan Hines officially kicked off their campaigns Wednesday morning. The Green party candidates for the Kamloops-South Thompson and Kamloops-North Thompson ridings, respectively, assert they will not be accepting corporate donations to fund their campaigns – CFJC.

'Councillors lambaste \$100,000 boosts for sewage-panel chiefs' - Increases of \$100,000 each in compensation paid the chair and vice-chair of the Capital Regional District's sewage treatment project board are too rich and out of proportion with what the average Victorian makes, says Victoria Coun. **Ben Isitt**. CRD directors last month approved a recommendation from the project board that chairwoman Jane Bird and vice-chairman Don Fairbairn each be paid \$20,000 a month until March in lieu of negotiated per diem and meeting preparation fees. This week CRD directors received a report which showed the compensation that will be paid to Bird and Fairbairn from June last year until March 31 is expected to be \$225,000 and \$210,000 respectively - up \$100,000 each. Staff said the funding arrangement was simply an extension of existing funding policy and that the \$20,000 monthly flat fee was considered warranted for additional time spent dealing with funding agreements with senior governments and land-use issues – TC-A01.

Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Thu Feb 9	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
8:30 am	EDUC	Vancouver - Minister Bernier speaks at the Catholic Educator's Conference (CEC): The CEC is held each year to provide an opportunity for the spiritual and professional growth of Catholic educators, for the development of Christian community, and to provide leadership in the development of a dynamic, evangelistic school system. This year's theme is "Catholic Education: A Vision for Learning"	\$	EDUC- 78392
9:00 am	PSSG	News You Can Use only, provincewide - Family Day: Reminding drivers more people enjoying local Staycations and the great outdoors means more people on the roads. There are a number of precautions drivers and pedestrians can take to stay safe	BCGov NYCU	PSSG- 78524
9:40 am	ARR	Vancouver - Minister Rustad participates on Panel for Indigenous Issues at the First Nations Summit Meeting. Leader of the opposition and Andrew Weaver will also speak for thirty minutes each. This will be webcast Aboriginal	8	ARR- 78680
10:00 am	HLTH	North Vancouver - MLA Thornthwaite, on behalf of Minister Lake, speaks at event to launch North Shore Youth Service Centre: Event to officially launch the North Shore's youth service centre as part of the 5 youth centres announced last year.  Minister Yamamoto will serve as emcee - MLA Sturdy and MLA Sultan also attending. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Mental Health	BCGov NR 10:15 am	HLTH- 76877
10:00 am	MNGD	Langley - Minister Coleman speaks at event announcing housing funds for youth atrisk of homelessness: Project includes programming space and five beds for at-risk youth	BCGov NR 10:20 am	MNGD- 78278
10:00 am	MTICS	Surrey - Minister Virk speaks at the Launch of Health and Technology District on Innovation Boulevard Jobs Plan, #BCTECH	*	MTICS- 78515
10:00 am	SDSI	Vancouver - Ministers Stilwell, de Jong and Cadieux announce funding for the Rick Hansen Foundation: Funding to support Accessibility 2024 goals. EVENT LEAD: Emily Young Photo/Video: Jordan Grimsrud Accessibility	BCGov NR 10:10 am	SDSI- 78594
10:30 am	CSCD	Opinion Editorial only, provincewide - BC Family Day: Minister Fassbender issues Op- Ed focused on the value of BC Family Day and events happening throughout the province supported by the B.C. government	BCGov OpEd	CSCD- 78652
11:00 am CHANGED	FLNR	News release only, provincewide - Celebrating Heritage Week, February 13 -19. This year's theme is My Canada	BCGov NR	FLNR- 75811
11:30 am	JTST	Surrey - Minister Fassbender and Minister Virk, on behalf of Minister Bond, join the ITA to sign an MOU with the Surrey Board of Trade: MOU to share info about the trades and the apprenticeship system Jobs Plan, Skills	*	JTST- 78151
12:00 pm	TSTL	Vancouver - Minister Bond announces funding for the HSBC Sevens Series Men's Rugby in Vancouver: This is the second year this tourney is being held at Vancouver's BC Place Stadium. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photo/Video: Riel McGuire	Joint NR 12:15 pm	JTST- 78537
1:00 pm CHANGED	HLTH	Vancouver - Minister Lake, on behalf of Minister Lake, announces Surgical Services Funding & New MRIs EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis	BCGov NR 1:15 pm	HLTH- 78645
1:30 pm CHANGED	AVED	Kamloops - Government Rep (TBD), Minister Stone and Minister Lake announce groundbreaking of Thompson Rivers University trades building: Project includes a new Industrial Training and Technology Centre and renovation of the existing School of Trades. The new centre will increase capacity to meet student and labour market demand with 550 additional full-time equivalent spaces. EVENT LEAD: Tim Wong. Photo/Video: Kyle Surovy Jobs Plan, BuildingBC, Skills	BCGov NR 1:45 pm	AVED- 76125
2:30 pm NEW	ENV	Information bulletin only, webpost - Quarterly Environmental Enforcement for First Quarter 2016	BCGov IB	ENV- 78648
5:45 pm	MIT	Vancouver - Minister Wat speaks at the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association Chinese New Year Gala: The HKCBA is one of the largest bilateral trade associations in Canada and approximately 1500 members. Over 400 guests are expected to attend the event Jobs Plan, #BCTECH	8	MIT- 77665

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6:00 pm	MIT	Richmond - Minister Wat speaks at Richmond Chamber of Commerce Chinese New Year Dinner		MIT- 78630
6:30 pm	AVED	Vancouver - Minister Wilkinson speaks at BCSCAN Networking Event: Minister of Advanced Education delivers welcoming remarks at the BC Studies in China Alumni Network evening	-	AVED- 78132

## In the News

Thu Feb 9	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	RIs
Today	TRAN- 78496	Slow Down Move Over: Roadside enforcement check with multi agencies and CHEK News on the North Island. Reminding commercial vehicles and drivers to slow down and move over when they see flashing lights	FYI	100
8:00 am	TRAN- 78690	Enhanced Transit Services Moving Closer to Reality for Sea to Sky Corridor: Release announcing BC Transit and its partners are moving forward with an engagement to review possible concepts for proposed transit services along the Sea to Sky corridor that will include further engagement about routing and timing. Additional work follows positive support for proposed Sea to Sky inter-community transit options during an engagement campaign in the Fall of 2016	FYI	3rd party NR
9:00 am	CSCD- 78578	Joy TV - Harpreet Singh Show - pre-tape Guest: Minister Fassbender Topic: TranksLink Phase 1, Evergreen extension and ride sourcing	TV / Radio	0.40
9:35 am NEW	CSCD- 78734	RED FM - Harjinder Thind Guest: Minister Fassbender Topic: Trucking Industry	TV / Radio	
10:00 am	TRAN- 78086	ICBC release for Family Day long weekend - Drive Safely	FYI	3rd party IB
10:00 am NEW	HLTH- 78490	Interior Health Release - Pediatric Improvements at East Kootenay Regional Hospital: Update on progress of pediatric improvements at East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook	FYI	3rd party NR
11:00 am	TRAN- 76219	BC Ferries unveils First Nations artwork for new Salish Raven ferry: Media event will be held to announce the artist and unveil artwork for the new ferry, which will augment peak and shoulder season service from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands, and provide relief around the fleet	FYI	3rd party NR
11:00 am	HQ-78703	Auditor General releases report "Progress Audit: Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project"	FYI	85
11:30 am	FIN-77984	Metro Vancouver Chair addresses Vancouver Board of Trade: He will discuss Regional Prosperity Initiative, Metro 2040, the Industrial Lands Strategy, Affordable Rental Housing Strategy, National Zero Waste Council and many others	Issue	0.50
12:00 pm	CSCD- 78615	TransLink Transit Network Consultation Open House in Port Coquitlam: Transit Network Consultation includes consultation on new service areas approved in Phase One of the 10-Year Vision; proposed with implementation starting fall 2017. The consultation will also look at improvements to existing routes to better connect to key destinations - Port Coquitlam, South Coquitlam	FYI	(16)
1:30 pm CHANGED	HLTH- 78513	Northern Health Release - Mobile MRI for Prince George: University Hospital of Northern BC (UHNBC) has welcomed the arrival of a mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit to support diagnostic imaging needs	FYI	3rd party NR
1:40 pm NEW		KRPI with Harjit Gill Guest: Minister Fassbender Topic: Trucking Industry	TV / Radio	120
3:00 pm	AVED- 75830	College of the Rockies Board Meeting	FYI	(S#)

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3:00 pm	AVED- 75887	Emily Carr University of Art + Design Board Meeting	FYI	
3:00 pm	FIN-78360	Hold for FIN matter	Issue	
6:00 pm	EDUC- 77815	s.13	FYI	1151
7:00 pm	HQ-78637	SHAW – Voice of BC Guest: Jordan Bateman and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives) Topic: Policy and tax panel	TV / Radio	٠
Feb 3-11	JTST- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	1150
Feb 8-9	MIT- 76766	Vancouver - 4th annual Cargo and Logistics Canada Conference: Canada's largest and most diverse gathering of transport, supply chain and logistics industry professionals. Minister unable to attend Jobs Plan	FYI	10
Feb 8-10	ARR- 78063	First Nations Summit Meeting: Quarterly meeting of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations, taking place in Musqueam	Issue	٠
Feb 8-9	MTICS- 77799	18th annual Annual Privacy and Security Conference in Victoria	FYI	1920

#### Talk Radio Calendar

## Thursday, February 9

RedFM - 9:35 a.m.

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Topic: trucking industry

## NEW Thursday, February 9

KRPI with Harjit Gill- 1:40 p.m.

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender

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## Thursday, February 9

CHNL with Jim Harrison – 9:00 a.m.

Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

## Thursday, February 9

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy

Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

## Thursday, February 16

CHNL - Time TBD

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

## Thursday, February 16

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

## Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (wed pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

Phil Johnson - AM 1150 (Okanagan)

ISSUE: Aboriginal Community Based Partnerships

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Minister Wilkinson has confirmed to speak on show tomorrow morning at 7:50 a.m.

Calyn Shaw - cbc

ISSUE: Greenhouse Carbon tax relief grant recipients

STATUS: With Program Area

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: RCY report / contracted agencies (& hotel stays)

STATUS: With Program Area

**Rob Shaw - PRESS GALLERY** 

ISSUE: RCY report / contracted agencies

STATUS: With Program Area

Name Not known - Punjab Times ISSUE: Ministry funding for sport STATUS: With Program Area

Megan Lalonde - Whistler Question

ISSUE: Rural Consultation STATUS: With Program Area

Michael Harris - iPolitics

ISSUE: Site C and New Prosperity

STATUS: With GCPE

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With GCPE

Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG leachate spilling

STATUS: With Program Area

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Throne speech, elections act, and PST - interview request

STATUS: with GCPE

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Pre-session/prebudget interview

STATUS: With Minister's Office

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries

STATUS: With Program Area

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

STATUS: With GCPE

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STATUS: With GCPE

Dan Mesec - Northword Magazine ISSUE: Grizzly Bear Populations STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• FLRNO Wildlife Biologist Bill Jex will be speaking with the reporter tomorrow.

Carole Rooney - 100 Mile House Free Press

ISSUE: Softwood Lumber STATUS: With Minister's Office

Yvette Brend - CBC - Vancouver ISSUE: Surgical Wait Times STATUS: With GCPE

Andrea Woo - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: methadone costs STATUS: With GCPE

Catherine Porter - New York Times

ISSUE: MaiD

STATUS: With GCPE

Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION DATA - Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun - 604-605-2139

STATUS: With GCPE

Brittany Spencer - Ryerson University

ISSUE: Fentanyl impact on the Vancouver Downtown East Side

STATUS: With GCPE

Pamela Fayerman - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Patient Quality Report

STATUS: With GCPE

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions

STATUS: With GCPE

Amrit Gill - Pulse FM 107.7

ISSUE: MEDIA REQUEST - FENTANYL CRISIS

STATUS: Declined to Comment

MTL not available.

Johann Chang - Fairchild AM 1470 ISSUE: Budget and latest trade issues

STATUS: Unknown

Vaughn Palmer - Shaw TV - Victoria

ISSUE: Minister's Portfolio STATUS: With GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: PNP Allocations STATUS: Scheduled Interview

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- We have the best economy in the country, we are growing jobs faster than anyone else, and we want to continue that trend. That's because of the effort we put in to grow and diversify the economy.
- Technology is becoming an emerging factor in every industry, in one form or another including our resource industries.

Nadia Stewart - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Sequel 138 STATUS: with GCPE

John Colebourn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: West Hotel Vancouver STATUS: With Program Area

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Monica Lamb-Yorski - Williams Lake Tribune

ISSUE: Cariboo-Chilcotin receives public safety funding boost

STATUS: With GCPE

Anna Mehler Paperny - Reuters

ISSUE: Corrections data STATUS: With Program Area

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Mike Bow - CTV News (BC)

ISSUE: Alex Fraser Bridge - De-Icing

STATUS: With Program Area

St. John Alexander - CTV News (BC)
ISSUE: Snow tire penalties in Vancouver

STATUS: With Program Area

Elaine Macdonald Meisner - Opinion 250

ISSUE: Nine-axle logging truck trailers - impact on public roads

STATUS: With Program Area

Sarah Macdonald - CTV News (BC)
ISSUE: Lighting the Olympic Cauldron

STATUS: With Program Area

Tanya F - CBC Vancouver ISSUE: Update on AFB

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Norm Parkes, Executive Director of Highway Operations, to take interview.

Ted Field - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Seeking interview to discuss results of Alex Fraser work

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Norm Parkes, Executive Director Highway Operations, to perform interview.

Glen Schaefer - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Sea to Sky snow protocol STATUS: Scheduled Interview

Norm Parkes, Executive Director Highway Operations, performed interview.

Cindy White - 660 Calgary ISSUE: Avalanche protocol STATUS: Referred to Third Party

Referred to Parks Canada as first stop in protocol.

#### FOIs of Note

GCP-2017-70653 – Has received a request for: A recording – as a digital audio file and transcript of Minister de Jong's Jan. 9, 2017 telephone town hall on 2017 provincial budget input. Date range is January 9-10,2017 Applicant: Media

**EDU-2016-64046** - Copies of any letters, emails and all correspondence received by the Ministry concerning the Vancouver School Board or its trustees as mentioned by the Minister at a news conference on Oct. 17 that letters of concern had been received by his ministry and that the letters contributed to his decision to fire the VSB trustees.

Applicant type: Media

Responsive records include: 396 pages. Begins with a letter sent by BCPVPA President, Kevin Reimer. In the letter Mr. Reimer asks the Ministry to support stability in SD 39. Another letter sent by BCSSA President, Sherry Elwood outlines concerns about the working conditions at the VSB, and she called for steps to be taken immediately to rectify the situation. The release includes WorkSafe BC's response to DM Byng's request for an investigation into the allegations of bullying and toxic work environments at the VSB. An email sent by an executive assistant at the VSB, Donna Wong, informs the ministry that two senior staff had taken medial leave effective immediately. An email sent by Peter Milburn requests an extension of seven days to submit his report into the Ministry. A letter sent by Mike Lombardi to the ministry requests a meeting with MMB to discuss the Special Advisor's report before it was published. There are several emails between MED staff and E&Y's Senior Manager, Eleena Marley – they discuss some of MED's comments on the report (comments are redacted). Mike Robert's from the BCSTA emailed a news release that was going out on Oct. 17, the NR comments on the firing of the board at the VSB. A full version of E&Y's report is included. Also included is an email into the Ministry (Oct. 4) from a retired VSB administrator calling on MMB to remove the board at VSB.

FNR-2016-64924 - All documents and correspondence in the possession or control of the Ministry relating to file 0208197, crown lease #332635 located at 288 Alder Avenue, Kaleden, including any new file or lease numbers assigned to this property location.

Responsive records include: 103 pages of emails, lease applications, survey, photos, management and rental plans.

**FNR-2016-65153** - Copy of Briefing Note as referenced by Cliff number 224926 regarding Nanwakolas Forestry Licence to cut A94386.

Responsive records include: Seven page BN.

**HYDRO-2017-049** – Phase Two – Briefing notes prepared for the Ministry of Energy 2016.17 estimates debate – 5th session. 40th Parliament

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: Part Two – Estimate notes – included in earlier release of ministry estimates binder.

**Hydro-2017-144** – Request for the business case and cost/benefit analysis for the eDrive program for LNG plants that agree to connect to the BC Hydro grid and use electricity for the liquefaction process, as announced on 04 Nov 2016.

Applicant type: media

Responsive records include: BC Hydro has identified an 11 page document that is responsive to this request.

KMs available.

#### **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

**FIN-2016-64740- XGR-2016-64453** - Correspondence, emails, memos, briefing notes, meeting schedules, meeting notes and minutes, lists of delegates/representatives, speeches, presentations, budget records, expense claims and approvals, travel and accommodation records/information: Regarding the 2015 Forestry Asia Trade Mission in Japan and China, November - December trip or relating to Rick Jeffery and/or Coast Forest Products Association.

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: 67 pages – travel vouchers, receipts, invoices, itineraries, travel authorization, hotel statement, credit card transactions, SMAERTTEC form, table showing per diem rates, Out-of\_Canada guidelines and advice on exchange rates for the trade mission.

Clippings

## Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 5:08 PM

**Subject:** Talk Radio Calendar - Friday, February 10

#### **LOOK AHEAD**

#### Tuesday, February 14

CKNW - 8:15 a.m.

Guest: Margaret Trudeau

Topic: Stigma around mental illness (promoting her keynote address at New Horizons in Responsible Gaming

conference)

#### **NEW Wednesday February 15**

Roundhouse Radio (pretape) - air time TBD

Guest: Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Minister Amrik Virk

Topic: Innovation in B.C.

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## **Daily Today's News Online Media Overview**

Friday, February 10, 2017

	CHAN - Global BC Early News with Chris Gailus 17:00 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway		
Top Story	1700	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations		
2/8	1703	Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway		
3/8	1705	Todd Stone defends Coquihalla Highway closure		
4/8	1707	Multiple BC highways impacted by poor weather		
5/8	1707	Man sentenced for arranging murders in Mission		
6/8	1708	New charges laid against Vancouver murder suspect		
7/8	1708	VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle		
8/8	1710	Traffic report		
	1710	First commercial break		

CHAN - Global BC News Hour with Chris Gailus & Sophie Lui 18:00 hr				
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Top Story	1800	Todd Stone defends Coquihalla Highway closure		
2/14	1804	Todd Stone defends Coquihalla maintenance crews		
3/14	1806	BC Hydro offers special payment plan for clients affected by cold weather		
4/14	1807	FortisBC issues warning about fraudster		
5/14	1807	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations		
6/14	1810	Premier hacking allegations may have energized BC NDP		
7/14	1811	Man sentenced for arranging murders in Mission		
8/14	1812	New charges laid against Vancouver murder suspect		
9/14	1813	VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle		
	1815	First commercial break		
10/14	1816	Victoria councillors propose empty home tax		
11/14	1817	RCY troubled by criminal working as BC foster child caregiver		
12/14	1819	Traffic report		
	1820	Second commercial break		
13/14	1822	BC conservationists trying to protect endangered seahorse population		

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14/14	1825	Weather report
	1826	Third commercial break

	CHEK - CHEK News at Five with Stacy Ross 1700 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle Man killed in Parksville workplace accident BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations		
Top Story	1700	VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle		
2/13	1703	Man killed in Parksville workplace accident		
3/13	1706	Woman sexually assaulted at Victoria bus stop		
4/13	1707	RCMP release composite sketch of Langford stalking suspect		
5/13	1707	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations		
6/13	1710	BC Ferries introduces new CEO		
7/13	1711	CHEK asks streeters for opinions about BC Ferries CEO's compensation package		
8/13	1711	Community rallies for Duncan couple in search of new home		
9/13	1713	Victoria's Our Place Society hosts event for low-income women		
10/13	1715	Mid-Vancouver Island communities removing snow from roadways		
11/13	1716	Weather report		
12/13	1717	Sports news preview		
13/13	1818	Road conditions report		
	1818	First commercial break		

		CIVT - CTV News at Five with Mi-Jung Lee 1700 hr
Placement	Time	Story
Intro		Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations Demand rising for Metro Vancouver condos
Top Story	1700	Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway
2/9	1702	Avalanche threat prompts BC highway closures
3/9	1703	Kamloops woman struck by vehicle succumbs to injuries
4/9	1704	ICBC issues warning ahead of long weekend
5/9	1704	Parents frustrated by slippery sidewalks outside Langley schools
6/9	1706	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations
7/9	1707	High risk sex offender possibly hiding in Vancouver
8/9	1708	Man sentenced for arranging murders in Mission
9/9	1709	New charges laid against Vancouver murder suspect
	1710	First commercial break

	CIVT - CTV News at Six with Mike Killeen & Tamara Taggart 1800 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations Couple convicted of BC Legislature bombing plot critical of investigators		
Top Story	1800	Coast guard helping boaters in distress off coast of Vancouver		
2/11	1801	Avalanche forces closure of Highway 1 near Chase		
3/11	1802	Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway		
4/11	1805	Avalanche threat prompts BC highway closures		
5/11	1806	Kamloops woman struck by vehicle succumbs to injuries		
6/11	1807	BC Hydro crews restoring power to Fraser Valley residents		
7/11	1809	Weather report		
8/11	1809	Parents frustrated by slippery sidewalks outside Langley schools		
9/11	1811	High risk sex offender possibly hiding in Vancouver		
10/11	1812	Man sentenced for arranging murders in Mission		
11/11	1812	New charges laid against Vancouver murder suspect		
	1813	First commercial break		

	CBUT - CBC News Vancouver with Andrew Chang 1800 hr			
Placement	Time	Story		
Intro		Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations Federal Conservative party leadership candidate coming to Vancouver		
Top Story	1800	Motorists stranded overnight on Coquihalla Highway		
2/10	1803	Motorists frustrated by Coquihalla Highway conditions		
3/10	1805	Ministry of Transportation defends BC highway closures		
4/10	1809	Northern BC hit by heavy snowfall		
5/10	1810	Road salt entering Metro Vancouver salmon streams		
6/10	1814	Weather report		
7/10	1815	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations		
8/10	1817	Vicki Huntington unimpressed by Premier's hacking allegations		
9/10	1821	BC Liberals order internal review of sensitive info on its website		
10/10	1822	Black Lives Matters want VPD excluded from Pride Parade		
	1827	First commercial break		

CIVI - CTV News Live @ 5 with Joe Perkins 1700 hr		
Placement Time	Story	

Intro		VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle RCMP search for Langford stalking suspect Business owners frustrated by downtown Victoria bike lane BC grocery stores encouraged to adopted relaxed checkout lanes
Top Story	1700	VicPD arrests woman accused of impaired driving with child in vehicle
2/7	1703	Woman sexually assaulted at Victoria bus stop
3/7	1704	RCMP release composite sketch of Langford stalking suspect
4/7	1705	BC government urged to cover cost of Duodopa
5/7	1708	BC Premier apologizes for unfounded hacking allegations
6/7	1710	Business owners frustrated by downtown Victoria bike lane
7/7	1713	Weather report
	1714	First commercial break

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# Major Media Coverage

<u>Television</u>: (Global) Poor weather & avalanche risk prompt BC highway closures; Fraser Valley hit by extreme weather conditions; Global BC worker involved in TransLink shuttle bus collision; Vancouver Island hit by extreme weather conditions; Whistler hit by heavy snowfall; Poor weather disrupts Canada Line service; Surrey School District defends class cancellations; SUV & seniors' care home shuttle collide in Vancouver; Police investigating Vancouver's third murder of 2017; VPD officers will not face criminal charges for fatal shooting; Criminal baffled by BC foster home vetting process.

### **Mainstream Print:**

Vancouver Sun: Numbers of kids-in-care deaths, critical injuries see 'startling' rise; chill folks, warm weather on way (photo). **Province:** Vicki Huntington: 'I am not a hacker'. **Globe & Mail:** Premier accelerates hacking claims; Rock on, Vancouver (photo); Minister proposes transit-supporting levy; Immigration limits hurt growth, Jobs Minister says.

#### Social Media:

**BC NDP:** One province has no Human Rights Commission the BC Liberals scrapped BC's in 2002; **Policy Note:** BC's natural gas giveaway: Production soars, revenues plummet; **The Council of Canadians:** Economist links Site C dam to NAFTA and bulk water exports; **BC NDP Caucus:** Human Rights Commission needed now for British Columbians, says Horgan; **Alan Chaffe:** BC Greens to eliminate MSP-a regresive tax that should have been ablosished long ago!; **vancouver.craigslist.ca:** New Suite Available \$1,800/month; **StumpyJoChilds:** Say Anything Christy; **Georgia Straight:** B.C. NDP Leader John Horgan framed by his opponents.

#### **Chinese Media:**

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: NDP leader John Horgan is demanding an apology from PCC over the false allegations that the NDP illegally hacked the Liberal party's website. Premier said she heard the NDP would run a dirty campaign this time; VCH has received \$102 million to build 16 new state-of-the-art operating rooms, a hospital unit for care and upgrade infrastructure. AGSA said the new VGH operating room suite will bring high-quality surgical care for British Columbians; MTS said the new windshield repair program shows ICBC is listening to feedback from its customers and business partners.

**Fairchild TV:** VGH OR funding; Dozens of increase welfare advocates gathered outside of the Century Plaza Hotel to make their voices heard by PCC. The protestors say welfare rates have been frozen for the last ten years and that the Premier has refused a meeting with them to address their concerns; Over 30 members of environmental groups and First Nations rallied outside Vancouver city hall to show support for the city's

motion to file an application for a judicial review of B.C.'s environmental approval of KM Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project.

**Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio**: Hacking allegations – please see below; NDP leader John Horgan says it is time to re-establish the B.C. Human Rights Commission with hate speech and racist-flyer incidents rising in B.C. Horgan says B.C. is currently the only province in Canada without it because it was scrapped by the liberal government in 2002; BCTF outline key funding priorities for government with two weeks until Budget Day. Hansman says this is the budget that must deliver on the necessary funds for class size, class composition and ratios for specialist teachers

#### **South Asian Media:**

**RED FM**: Harjinder Thind reports heavy rain, snow slush, flooding and potholes are causing troubles for motorists, urging drivers to take extra precautions while driving; Thind reports Opposition Leader John Horgan is slamming PCC over 'false' website hacking allegations – Horgan said PCC made a statement without any evidence (PCC & Horgan are mentioned); Thind wonders how the BC government will be handling the new app based taxi service Ripe Ride - the new service is willing to operate under the PTB regulations; Gagan Singh with the United Truckers Association calls MST's letters regarding the Port Metro Vancouver truckers 'useless' and 'political tactics' (MTS is mentioned); One man is dead following a head-on collision 200 Street between 80 and 72 Avenues in Langley; BCTF president Glen Hansman is calling on the province to deliver taxpayer money to public schools instead of giving it to elite private schools (Hansman is mentioned); Starting this spring, drivers who buy comprehensive insurance from ICBC can have glass chips repaired for free

**SPICE Radio**: One person is dead after a head-on collision near 200 Street and 88 Avenue in Langley; VPD is investigating Vancouver's third homicide of the year; BCTF is putting pressure on PCC again for school funding, asking the province to fulfil the promises made about class size and composition - BCTF president Glen Hansman says the government needs to hand over \$300m (PCC & Hansman mentioned)

**OMNI Punjabi**: Trans-Canada Highway near BC-Alberta border has been closed due to avalanche; Meteorologist Russ Lacate explains about the Environment Canada warning regarding a winter storm; TransLink is busy to keep the Canada Line service up and running after a snow buildup on a bridge between Vancouver and Richmond; ICBC claim numbers have risen by 20% due to snowfall in the province

# Positive Coverage

'TRU Centre' – **MTS** celebrates the start of construction on a brand new Trades and Technology Centre at TRU. MTS says the centre will ensure the facilities and spaces are available to provide students with the skills they need for jobs today and in the future. Cloverdale-Langley City MP John Aldag also attended Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony – CFJC, Castanet.

'VGH expansion' - Vanessa Brcic is cautioning not to overlook the bigger health care picture following an announced \$102m for new operating rooms at Vancouver General Hospital. The physician calls the recent expansion announcement a piece of the puzzle to lowering surgical wait times – CBC Vancouver.

'VPD merit award' - Clifford Chase is among the latest recipients of a VPD Award of Merit. The Vancouver doctor quickly came to the aid of a shooting victim in Yaletown. Bronson Norton was also presented an award for saving a woman who was being assaulted inside a Strathcona home. Bronson, Chase and 11 others received the award this year for acts of heroism – Global, CKNW, CBC TV Vancouver, Prov-A03.

Continued coverage – 'Second never enough for retiring Stilwell' – details **MMS** Paralympic career with mention of her focus on the upcoming election – G&M-S04.

# Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

Friday content: 'Hacking claims obscure real issue, MLA says' – MLA Vicki Huntington has revealed that she was the original source for a reported on a privacy breach from the B.C. Liberal party website. Huntington revealed she contacted Postmedia last week after a member of her staff stumbled across the private information of B.C. citizens publicly displayed on the B.C. Liberal party website. Huntington directed Postmedia to the "uploads" section of the website containing a spreadsheet showing the private email addresses of about 100 Vancouver Island residents who responded to a Liberal party survey. "It was publicly available for anyone in the world to look at," Huntington said. "I felt very strongly it was a breach of B.C.'s privacy laws." Huntington said she decided to step forward after PCC accused the NDP of criminally hacking the Liberal website and that the hack was traced to a computer at the B.C. legislature. Huntington doesn't know why the Liberals would claim evidence of "hacking" from the legislature when all she and her staff did was look at information openly available on the Liberal site and says "It's outrageous she would accuse other people at the legislature when her own government was caught triple-deleting emails and other scandals". Huntington adds "it is time to get back to the real issues" – VS-A03, Prov-A04.

Thursday content: 'Hacking allegations' - BC NDP leader John Horgan is demanding an apology from PCC for accusing the NDP of hacking the BC Liberals' website. Horgan alleges PCC made the allegations in order to distract from the Gervais report. Horgan says more critical issues are now at play. Horgan (clipped) "The more important issue is not the libel. The more important issue is her character and her inability to distinguish between good government working for the people of BC and working to protect her job, which is clearly her only motivation at this point". PCC admits she jumped to conclusions too quickly, adding Horgan should be focused on more important issues. PCC (clipped) "You're right if you think that I shouldn't have jumped to those conclusions so quickly. Let's make sure an investigation, I'm sure will be underway. Let's wait for the results of the investigation. I'm sure they will uncover the individual that did it in the Legislature". In reference to apologizing Horgan, PCC said if he felt like he needed one, it could be discussed when she sees him next Tuesday for the throne speech in Victoria. — CKNW, Global, CBC PG, BC1, CHNL, CTV, G&M-SO1, TC-A01.

- **Keith Baldrey** doesn't believe PCC's hacking allegations were necessarily meant as a distraction. Baldrey questions what exactly an investigation would consist of, noting there is no indication that the RCMP has been contacted or that an investigation has been launched. Baldrey thinks PCC has just presented the NDP with an issue to attack the Liberals on going into the election CKNW, BC1, Global.
- CKNW reporter **Drex** questions how PCC doesn't know who is investigating the alleged hacking of the BC Liberal
  website. He believes the accusations are a distraction so the public won't focus on the deaths of children in the
  care of MCFD CKNW.
- Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Drew McArthur confirms he is investigating the alleged breach –
   CHEK.
- Political scientist James Lawson says "I think we shouldn't deceive ourselves in Canada on the basis that somehow Canadians are too nice for this kind of politics" – CTV.
- Media lawyer (David Sutherland) thinks there would be challenges with a lawsuit if the NDP sued the Liberals
  for the accusation, including a limit to group libel and that it would be difficult to determine damages.
   Sutherland also notes courts do not supervise Legislatures CBC TV Vancouver.

'Numbers of kids-in-care deaths, critical injuries see 'startling' rise' – 120 children in care or receiving services from the B.C. government died last year and more than 740 received "critical injuries," according to a new tally by the children's advocate. And while the number of children in care in the province has declined over the last decade, the number of reported deaths and critical injuries has risen at a dramatic pace: Deaths jumped from 72 in 2008 to 120 last year, while critical injuries skyrocketed from 120 to 741. "It's too early to jump to the conclusion that there are more cases, but just the sheer numbers are startling," RCY Bernard Richard said in an interview. "We see a pretty alarming number of suicide attempts, overdoses, sexual abuse and physical abuse. It really is unpleasant to know that so many kids are going through these kinds of experiences ... and often it is the result of actions by someone caring for them." MCFD said the cases are up because the criteria for reporting a critical injury or death started to change in 2011, as did the computer system used to track them in 2014. MCFD said "This does not necessarily mean that the number or severity of incidents has increased, just that the criteria of what is reported has been expanded". MLA Melanie Mark called the numbers "shocking," and hopes the

rising tally of injuries and deaths will force the ministry to follow some of the advocate's recommendations, such as hiring more social workers. **Mark** said "The number (of deaths and injuries) is going up and as more information is going to the advocate, there is more pressure (on the ministry) to do something about it. We shouldn't get comfortable with the numbers. We shouldn't accept that a whole bunch of children removed from their own families are experiencing harm." – VS-A01.

'Children in care' - Reporter **Rumina Daya** is reporting a former government child care worker has come forward claiming he had only six hours of training. **Andy Bhatti** is baffled by the vetting process for foster home operators in BC. The 38-year-old has a lengthy list of criminal convictions and spent over eight years in prison, yet he was cleared to work with vulnerable children in government care. He notes the caregiver in charge of Alex Gervais had a history of gun violence and drug dealing. – Global, CKNW

'Gervais report' - Peter Lang is saddened by the Alex Gervais case, saying he sees a lot of similarities between the Gervais report and what happened with his son, Nick Lang. The father of Nick Lang is frustrated such situations are still ongoing and blames the MCFD for the loss of his son. Lang adds "The Premier is now inventing new crises for the media to report on that don't even exist in order to knock out this story off the front page of the news". Lang says even a year-and-a-half removed, he has still yet to receive any correspondence from anyone with the Clark government, though he has had regular contact with the NDP and hasn't ruled out getting involved with provincial politics — CKNW.

'Driving conditions' - The Port Mann Bridge was shut down Thursday morning between 10:30 and 11:00 as crews cleared ice from the cables. Drivers were re-routed. A combination of snow and slush renewed fears that so-called ice bombs would fall on cars and cause damage. Affected drivers will be reimbursed their tolls – CTV, Global, BC1, CKNW, VS-A01.

'Seniors' bus crash' - Thirteen people have been injured in a bus crash in Vancouver. BCAS says in a tweet that one person is in serious condition while the other 12 are stable. The crash occurred this morning in South Vancouver near the intersection of Oak Street and 57th Avenue between an SUV and a seniors' care home vehicle. Several recent snow storms and freezing rain today have made road conditions in Metro Vancouver treacherous – Global, CP, CKNW, CBC PG, VS-A01.

#### Snow impact - various coverage-

- Thursday the Coquihalla Highway between Hope and Merritt was closed for several hours because of vehicle collisions. MTS said Thursday was extraordinary as all the major highways into Kamloops from the Lower Mainland were closed. Other highways in the Interior are still closed however. Highway 1 from Yale to Jackass Mountain north of Hope is shut because the avalanche risk, and Highway 3 between Hope and Princeton is also closed. A fatal collision involving three logging trucks and a passenger vehicle has completely closed Highway 27 just south of Fort St James CBC PG, CJCI, Global, CFJC, CKPG, CP, CTV, BC1, CKFR, CHNL.
- About a dozen people living in a homeless camp in Chilliwack were trapped in their shelters Thursday when ice
  and heavy snow caused the trees around their homes to snap. One senior had to be carried out so that she
  could get medical attention CBC Vancouver.
- the latest winter storm to batter Vancouver Island and southern BC has left more than 40,000 BC Hydro customers in the dark Thursday CFAX, CHEK, CHNL, CBC PG, CP, Global.
- Abbotsford and Langley were particularly hard hit with snow and ice from the latest storm to hit Metro
  Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Schools in the valley and Surrey were closed, along with those in Alberni,
  Campbell River and the Sunshine Coast. BC Hydro cautions people to call 9-1-1 if they come across downed or
  damaged power lines. A head-on car crash in Langley last night left a 24-year-old man dead CTV, Global, BC1,
  CKNW, VS-A01
- Mission or Chilliwack, bus service has been suspended until road conditions are deemed safe CKNW.
- TransLink is blaming ice on the power rails for the latest disruptions along the Canada Line. Shuttle buses were eventually put into service, but they were unable to meet the demand of the busy Thursday commute Global, CBC TV Vancouver, CTV.

- **Mike Williamson** is concerned by the challenges faced by ambulances and fire trucks trying to respond to emergencies. The Cumberland fire chief recognizes there hasn't been a snow storm like this in years CTV.
- Avalanche forecaster James Floyer says human triggered avalanches are very likely right now in the South
  Columbia Mountains so people should stick to simple terrain. A special public warning has been issued for the
  South Rockies, Purcells, and Kootenay Boundary regions CHNL, CBC PG, CP, CTV, CHBC. Patrick Davie is
  warning employers they must take avalanche safety into account if their workers are in the backcountry. The
  WorkSafeBC rep recommends having a risk assessment done by a professional and coming up with an avalanche
  plan before workers are sent out CFJC.

## Other Issues

# Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:

'Clark put the 'con' in conditions for Trans Mountain' - **Chris Genovali**, executive director of Raincoast Conservation Foundation says the five conditions for the TMP project "allowed PCC to mask her Liberal government's support for Trans Mountain via a combination of faux fence-sitting and feel-good rhetoric, at least until the federal Liberal government took the brunt of the criticism for approving the project". He feels the thresholds for satisfying those requirements would either be conveniently fungible or realistically unattainable – VS-A15.

#### Education / Health / Social Services:

'Emergency helicopter service' - The Helicopter Emergency Rescue Operations Society, HEROS, supports a recent report calling for better pre-hospital care from the province. BC Forest Safety Council Ombudsman Roger Harris has three recommendations for Victoria. The biggest one is ensuring that all British Columbians are within one hour of a trauma centre. This could mean ten new provincially funded bases. HEROS VP **Ted Clarke** says it's time that those living and working in remote areas have guaranteed security. **Clarke** (clipped) "Alaska has 700,000 people. They have 31 emergency helicopters. We have 4.6m people. We have four. So, tell me that's the way to run pre-hospital care. There's no way they can provide the service". The other recommendations include making ambulance laws more flexible and installing better lift gear – CJCI

'University Hospital' - **William Simpson** is furious the provincial government has announced hospital upgrades around the province this week while the state of PG's University Hospital has been the focus of a campaign for two years without any major gains. The Northern Medical Program doctor questions why Kamloops needs a new hospital, adding the city has more facilities than PG with one third less of the population. Northern Health CEO **Cathy Ulrich** assures the issue of new ORs at University Hospital has been on the radar for five years. **MSB** is aware the hospital needs a major investment – CKPG.

Continued coverage' – 'Parkinson's drug' - **Paddi Wood** is stressing the lack of freedom caused by her daily battle with Parkinson's disease. The Parkinson's sufferer is calling on the province to approve Duodopa. Pacific Parkinson's Research Centre doctor **Martin McKeown** notes the drug may be a cheaper option than care homes. PCC confirms MoH is currently looking into the issue. MLA Gary Holman is pledging to raise the issue in the Legislature – CTV.

'New Westminster School District to vote on sanctuary school policy' - A sanctuary school policy for students with uncertain immigration status is expected to be approved by the New Westminster School District next month. Mark Gifford, school trustee, said Thursday that the district's education committee had voted unanimously in favour of adopting the new policy. The board will vote on the policy Tuesday, Feb. 28. **Harsha Walia**, co-founder of the B.C. chapter of No One Is Illegal, said all that the School Act, which governs public education in B.C., requires is that a student be "ordinarily resident" in B.C. Walia said that in the absence of direction from Victoria or a policy or set of guidelines in every district, each school can determine how it will treat students or parents with a questionable or nonexistent immigrant status. "Absolutely for us, it requires clarity from the province that the spirit of the law is that a student only needs to be ordinarily resident," she said – VS-A04

'French immersion teachers' - Glyn Lewis is recognizing the popularity of French immersion programs in schools comes with its own challenges. The Canadian Parents for French executive director is concerned about the shortage of French-language teachers in BC – BC1.

#### Justice / Public Safety:

'Police probe city's third homicide of the year' - Vancouver police are investigating the city's third homicide of 2017 after police responded to a report of an injured man at a home near Prince Albert Street and East 49th Avenue Wednesday. The victim was taken to hospital and died shortly after. Police said no arrests have been made but, based on the investigation, don't believe the public is at risk – VS-A06, Global.

'Police shooting update' - Charges will not be laid against the Vancouver police officer responsible for the shooting death of Tony Du. Deadly force was used when the mentally ill man started approaching officers while wielding a 2X4. The victim's family and the Pivot Legal Society have launched a civil lawsuit – CTV, Global, CKNW, BC1, CP, VS-A13.

'Winter charges' - Kaymen Winter is being charged with carrying a weapon, resisting arrest, dangerous driving, theft and possession of stolen property for a thwarted robbery at a Salmon Arm car wash. The IIO is investigating because the thief was shot by police during his takedown – CFJC.

'Courts approve distribution protocol for \$30M air cargo price fixing settlement' - Courts in Ontario, B.C. and Quebec have approved a plan for distributing \$29.6 million obtained from settlements in a class-action lawsuit related to the price-fixing of air cargo shipping services between 2000 and 2006. Eligible individuals must apply online atwww.aircargosettlement2.com by May 11 – CP.

'Dutch seek 11-year term for alleged cyber bully' - Dutch prosecutors on Thursday sought the maximum possible sentence - nearly 11 years - for a man charged with cyberbullying dozens of young girls and gay men and who is also accused in Canada of sexually extorting Amanda Todd – VS-N05.

'B.C. aircraft accidents jump by almost 30 per cent in 2016' - B.C. has bucked the national trend by recording almost a 30% increase in aircraft accidents in 2016 over the previous year. The federal transportation safety board reports 54 accidents involving all types of aircraft in B.C. in 2016, up from 42 in 2015 and a five-year average of 44. Planes were involved in 35 of the accidents last year, helicopters 12 and ultralights seven. Bill Yearwood, the board's regional manager, said Thursday that private rather than commercial planes are mostly responsible for the increase in accidents. – VS-A05.

'Man pleads guilty to manslaughter in kidnapping death' - **Tian Yi Eddie Zhang** has pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of manslaughter in connection with a high-profile abduction and slaying of Peng Sun in North Vancouver. Zhang, who has been in custody since his arrest, also pleaded guilty to the unlawful confinement of the victim and to the extortion of Cang Sun and Hau Li, the parents of Sun – Prov-A14.

### Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:

'Alcohol servers harassed' - **Kaitlyn Matulewicz** is blaming the BC government for appalling work environments for alcohol servers in BC. The BC Liberals lowered the minimum wage for alcohol servers in 2011, which has allegedly resulted in increased harassment by intoxicated patrons in bars, pubs, and restaurants – Global.

#### **Government / Politics:**

'Weaver – VS online interview' – in his Facebook Live interview Green Party Leader **Andrew Weaver** addresses:

• On representing the Green party, he feels it is important for healthy democracy to have alternative views. He also emphasises his party's commitment to run a strong campaign and announced Aleksandra Muniak in Surrey-Cloverdale as a candidate.

- On the NDP's climate plan, he reiterates it is not really a plan, just a delay of action and says the Greens "own this file".
- On taxes Weaver says their platform will move from a regressive system of taxation to a more progressive system, will eliminate MSP as well as curbing ferry fares, hydro rates and park fees.
- On public funds supporting private schools, he emphasises the importance of government holding independent schools to provincial standards, especially in regards to human rights.
- Weaver says the Greens are not intending to split the vote and agrees with proportional representation.
- On a GP for every British Columbian, Weaver supports more team based care and cites the need to decrease administrative work for doctors.
- On opposing Site C, he says it doesn't make sense economically. On LNG, he feels PCC needs to be personally responsible.
- Weaver closes by challenging voters to ask themselves "who do you trust to put your interests first ahead of vested corporate and union interests" – VS-online.

'Civil servant's side job points to ethical grey area'- Media highlight that **Kirsten Hamilton** hired in January as an events coordinator in GCPE, after a three-year stint as events planner for the B.C. Liberal party, has taken a day off "so she could return to her old party position and volunteer to help organize a noon-hour B.C. Liberal press conference in downtown Victoria, where Premier Christy Clark unveiled her Vancouver Island candidates in a campaign-style rally". While allowed under government rules, Political scientist **Norman Ruff** said "It shows just how fine the line has become between political communications and government communications. The thing that leaves me flabbergasted is the notion you can take a day off and what you do on your day off doesn't affect your new job." ADM **Matt Gordon** said "Like in any large organization, there are often employees that are active in various causes outside of their profession, including politics. As is standard practice, GCPE staff members can only participate in these activities outside business hours, unless they take an official leave of absence without pay to do so." Media note all parties have members who share this practice. UVic professor (**Michael Prince**) feels "it's tempting for the party in power to exploit the massive public resources and people at its disposal to boost its re-election chances" – VS-A03.

'Desjardins nomination' – legal expert **Michael Mulligan** questions what baggage Barb Desjardins will bring to her BC Liberal nomination from the Frank Elsner suspension. Mulligan says the results of the report on the suspension will have implications for the police board, of which Desjardins was a chair. **Mona Brash** is not surprised that Barb Desjardins is running to be an MLA for the BC Liberal Party in Esquimalt-Royal Roads. The Camosun instructor also does not see a conflict of interest with the nomination, despite Desjardins' involvement as CRD Chair and her involvement with the sewage treatment facility – CFAX.

Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Fri Feb 10	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
8:30 am	SBRT	Statement only, provincewide - Minister Oakes statement on the Vancouver International Wine Festival	BCGov STMT	SBRT- 77922
10:00 am	CSCD	Surrey - Minister Fassbender and TransLink announce increase in HandyDART service: HandyDART service will see larger increases than the conventional bus fleet, and the new service will roll out faster	3rd party NR	CSCD- 77890
10:00 am	MNGD	Surrey - MLAs Hunt and Virk, on behalf of Minister Coleman, speak at the opening of a new forty-bed shelter	BCGov NR 10:15 am	MNGD- 78275
10:30 am	SDSI	News You Can Use only, provincewide - Surrey SPEI client profile: Profile on Surrey SPEI client as well as highlights of latest provincial SPEI statistics Jobs Plan	BCGov NYCU	SDSI- 78641
11:00 am	AVED	Surrey - Minister Cadieux, on behalf of Minister Wilkinson, announces refit / renovation of Spruce building at Kwantlen Polytechnic University: approval for the replacement of the Spruce Building (lab building) at KPU.  EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photos: Kyle Surovy BuildingBC, Skills	BCGov NR 11:15 am	AVED- 71715
11:00 am	MNGD	Chilliwack - MLAs Martin and Throness, on behalf of Minister Coleman, attend the Aboriginal society affordable housing project celebration: Mamele' Awt Qweesome Housing Society is hosting an event to celebrate a new eighty-unit affordable housing project for low-income families and youth at-risk of homelessness. There will be a traditional blessing of the land and groundbreaking ceremony (construction won't officially start until June or July)	BCGov NR 11:15 am	MNGD- 78344
11:00 am NEW	TRAN	s.13	BCGov NR	TRAN- 78760
11:30 am	AVED	News release only, provincewide - Funding to support First Nations Language degree: AVED is providing funding to support the development of a framework for an Indigenous Language Fluency Degree Aboriginal	BCGov NR	AVED- 77626
11:30 am	MTICS	Kamloops - MLAs Stone and Lake, on behalf of Minister Virk, speak at Streamline Transportation Ribbon Cutting event #BCTECH	3rd party NR	MTICS- 77641
12:00 pm	MTICS	Kamloops - MLAs Lake and Stone, on behalf of Minister Virk, speak at BC Innovation Council Regional Innovation Challenge: BCIC to host regional events in select cities throughout the province where industry, government and regional innovation challenges are presented and solutions showcased to drive provincial innovation opportunities. Jobs Plan, #BCTECH	3rd party NR	MTICS- 77407
3:00 pm	AVED	Vancouver - Minister Wilkinson speaks at event highlighting open textbooks at UBC: Event to profile open textbooks and how they are being used at UBC in a social psychology class Skills	BCGov NR 3:15 pm	AVED- 72310
5:30 pm	MIT	Vancouver - Minister Wat speaks at Lanterns in the Garden 2017: The Lanterns in the Garden 2017 sets during the period of the Chinese Yuanxiao Festival (also known as the Lantern Festival), the end of the Chinese New Year	ın	MIT- 78212

Fri Feb 10	Source	In the News & Issues Summary	Category	Rls
Time TBD	TRAN- 78644	Hold for BC Ferries matter	FYI	3rd party NR
Today	JTST- 76156	Statistics Canada Release: Labour Force Survey (January 2017)	FYI	
8:30 am	HQ-78479	Select Standing Committee on Health Meeting	FYI	
9:30 am CHANGED	HLTH- 78490	Interior Health Release - Pediatric Improvements at East Kootenay Regional Hospital: Update on progress of pediatric improvements at East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook	FYI	3rd party NR
10:00 am	JAG- 73624	Hold for JAG matter	FYI	1000
11:30 am	FIN-77982	Opposition leader addresses Vancouver Board of Trade	Issue	
12:00 pm	CSCD- 78616	TransLink Transit Network Consultation Open House in Surrey: Transit Network Consultation includes consultation on new service areas approved in Phase One of the 10-Year Vision, proposed with implementation starting fall 2017. The consultation will also look at improvements to existing routes to better connect to key destinations - Port Coquitlam, South Coquitlam	FYI	323
12:10 pm CHANGED	GCPEMED IA-78746	KRPI with Harjit Gill Guest: Minister Fassbender Topic: Trucking Industry	TV / Radio	107/1
Feb 3-11	JTST- 77557	Prince George Cold Snap Music Festival: Annual music festival	FYI	
Feb 8-10	ARR- 78063	First Nations Summit Meeting: Quarterly meeting of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations, taking place in Musqueam	Issue	*

### Talk Radio Calendar

# NEW Friday, February 10 (rescheduled time)

KRPI with Harjit Gill-12:10 p.m.

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender

Topic: trucking industry

## Thursday, February 9

CHNL with Jim Harrison - 9:00 a.m.

Guest: Premier Christy Clark

Topic: various

# Thursday, February 9

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Jordan Bateman (Canadian Taxpayers Federation) and Alex Hemingway (Canadian Centre for Policy

Alternatives)

Topic: Policy and tax panel

# NEW Tuesday, February 14

CKNW – 8:15 a.m.

Guest: Margaret Trudeau

Topic: Stigma around mental illness (promoting her keynote address at New Horizons in Responsible Gaming

conference)

## Thursday, February 16

CHNL – 8:30 a.m.

Guest: Bud Smith, BC Lottery Corporation Chair

Topic: New Horizons in Responsible Gaming (Feb 20-21 in Vancouver)

### Thursday, February 16

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: NDP House Leader Mike Farnworth Topic: issues leading up to the May election

### Thursday, February 23

SHAW – Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m. (wed pre-tape)

Guest: Finance Minister Michael de Jong Topic: Budget/portfolio related issues

# Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

Kyle Balzer - VISTA (Prince George) - Country 97 FM | CJCI 97.3 | 94.3 The Goat

ISSUE: Moosehide Campaign STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Minister will provide interview on Friday, Feb 10, 10AM.
A Moose Hide representative has contacted the reporter and provided an interview.

Calyn Shaw - cbc

ISSUE: Greenhouse Carbon tax relief grant recipients

STATUS: With Program Area

Dustin Godfrey - Castanet (Kelowna)
ISSUE: Penticton youth centre / CYMH

STATUS: With Program Area

Jumy Ogun - Roundhouse Radio 98.3 FM

ISSUE: Request for an interview with Minister Cadieux re: RCY interview

STATUS: With Program Area

Ian Mulgrew - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: Aboriginal adoptions STATUS: With Minister's Office

Name Not known - Punjab Times ISSUE: Ministry funding for sport STATUS: With Program Area

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: BCTF negotiaions STATUS: With Program Area

Rebecca Dyok - Vista (Williams Lake) 97.5 The Goat

ISSUE: Williams Lake - rural consultation

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Elizabeth Young - VISTA (Courtenay) - The Goat 98.9 ISSUE: Open house on rural education - Comox Valley

STATUS: With Program Area

Megan Lalonde - Whistler Question

ISSUE: Rural Consultation STATUS: With Minister's Office

Michael Harris - iPolitics

ISSUE: Site C and New Prosperity

STATUS: With GCPE

Laura Brangwin - Global Business Reports ISSUE: British Columbia mining sector

STATUS: With GCPE

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)
ISSUE: Spill response implementation to do list

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG leachate spilling

STATUS: With Program Area

Jacques Marcoux - CBC Radio-Canada

ISSUE: Gaming Policy and Enforcement branch incident reports

STATUS: With Program Area

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Throne speech, elections act, and PST - interview request

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Angelo Iacobucci - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Pre-session/prebudget interview

STATUS: With Minister's Office

David Nixon - Globe and Mail ISSUE: Post-secondary subsidiaries

STATUS: With GCPE

Darryl Greer - Business in Vancouver

ISSUE: bare trust/other non-taxable property transfers

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STATUS: With GCPE

Lien Yeung - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Lower Mainland River Levels with Snow Melt

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• The River Forecast Centre has completed an interview with the reporter.

Messaging included:

We do not have any flood concerns with the upcoming rain and snow melt for any of the river systems on the south coast. Issues are more related to urban drainage and potential water in low-lying areas where water can't runoff quickly rather than river flooding.

Carole Rooney - 100 Mile House Free Press

ISSUE: Softwood Lumber STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- There is no question that duties imposed by the U.S. have the potential to negatively impact lumber producers, most of which are located in rural BC.
- The best defence against any impact on a particular sector is to have good hosting conditions to support new investment, access to new opportunities, and an educated work force to take advantage of those opportunities.
- Those are the pillars of this strategy which, when implemented will create more diversification and resilience in rural economies.
- This strategy builds on our commitment to stand up for the men and women whose jobs depend on the strength of B.C.'s lumber industry.

Brenna Rose - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: PharmaNet STATUS: with GCPE

Sharon Vanhouwe - VISTA The Coast (Sechelt) CKAY 91.7

ISSUE: Surgery/MRI Event

STATUS: With GCPE

Mike MacDonald - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Pharmanet Breach

STATUS: With GCPE

Laura Kane - Canadian Press (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Northern Health care

STATUS: With GCPE

Andrea Woo - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: methadone costs STATUS: With GCPE

Daphne Bramham - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: OPIOID PRESCRIPTION DATA

STATUS: With GCPE

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Opioid prescriptions

STATUS: With GCPE

Bob Mackin - Freelancer ISSUE: Foundry North Shore STATUS: Referred to Third Party

VCH following up.

Brittany Spencer - Ryerson University

ISSUE: Fentanyl impact on the Vancouver Downtown East Side

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

VCH responding.

Johann Chang - Fairchild AM 1470 ISSUE: Budget and latest trade issues

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• MTW will do the interview on Mar 11 @11am.@Fairchild Radio Studio.

Vaughn Palmer - Shaw TV - Victoria

ISSUE: Minister's Portfolio

STATUS: With GCPE

Neetu Garcha - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Minimum Wage / Sexual Harassment / BC Restaurants

STATUS: Declined to Comment

Minister unavailable before deadline.

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)
ISSUE: BC Oil and Gas Commission's Incident Map

STATUS: With Minister's Office

John Colebourn - Vancouver Sun ISSUE: West Hotel Vancouver STATUS: With Minister's Office

Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News

ISSUE: Number of People Housed in Maple Ridge

STATUS: With Program Area

Bal Brach - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Guide and service dog regulations

STATUS: with GCPE

Anna Mehler Paperny - Reuters

ISSUE: Corrections data STATUS: With Program Area

Andrew MacLeod - The Tyee
ISSUE: Disability Assistance Rates
STATUS: With Minister's Office

Laurie Hoogstraten - CBC - Winnipeg ISSUE: Minister Stilwell/Paralympics

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

Live interview 250pm PST.

Jonathan Grand Pierre - Freelancer

ISSUE: Tech in B.C. STATUS: With GCPE

Katie Engqvist - Goldstream Gazette (West Shore - Victoria)

ISSUE: Malahat chain ups

STATUS: Unknown

Elaine Macdonald Meisner - Opinion 250

ISSUE: Nine-axle logging truck trailers - impact on public roads

STATUS: With Program Area

Sarah Macdonald - CTV News (BC)
ISSUE: Lighting the Olympic Cauldron

STATUS: With Program Area

Jesse McGowan - BCIT journalism student

ISSUE: Port Mann closure STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• Greg Johnson from TI Corp took interview.

Tyler Dietrich - VISTA (100 Mile House) Country 840 AM Radio

ISSUE: Road closures in the interior STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Mike Lorimer, Regional Director, Southern Interior Region, to do interview.

Ted Field - Global TV | BC

ISSUE: Highway update for interior STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Norm Parkes, Executive Director of Highway Operations, will do interview.

Rachel Sanders - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Update on AFB and PMB bridges as well as provincial highway road conditions

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Mike Lorimer, Regional Director, Southern Interior Region, to do interview at 4:10 PM.

Greg Grisolano - Land Line Magazine

ISSUE: Avalanches on the Trans-Canada Highway

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

• Turned reporter towards Parks Canada.

Megan Thomas - CBC - Victoria

ISSUE: Tree maintenance on the Malahat

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

• Regional Deputy Director Janelle Erwin available for this.

#### FOIs of Note

**OOP-2016-65275** – All correspondence received by the Office of the Premier related to the Dec 15 announced BC Home Owner Mortgage and Equity Partnership program – BC HOME Partnership Program – ad loans for first-time buyers.

Applicant: Media

Responsive record include: 82 pages – public correspondence, letter to PCC from BC Real Estate Association and NR.

**FIN-2016-61461** - Regarding the report prepared by Ecotagious and released by Vancouver City Hall on March 8, 2016 pertaining to the number of vacant properties in Vancouver: Records in anticipation of and in response to this report including analysis and discussion of its accuracy, impacts, suggested responses, briefing notes, reports, correspondence, etc.; Regarding the Globe and Mail article by Kathy Tomlinson, March 17, 2016 pertaining to the Vancouver housing market being vulnerable to money laundering: Records in anticipation of and in response to the story including analysis and discussion of its accuracy, impacts, suggested responses, briefing notes, reports, correspondence, etc. Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: 42 pages containing emails between GCPE and tax policy discussing Vancouver home vacancies as per BC Hydro consumption data. Some discussion of talking points for messaging, media clips, key messages 'Vancouver Report on Vacancies' dated March 3 and March 8, and a briefing note from tax policy to the minister dated March 3 covering BC Housing Affordability Fund Proposal with some hand-written notes.

**FIN-2016-60373** - Any and all records of final briefing notes, reports or audits created by any member of the Public Sector Employers Secretariat regarding executive compensation. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/04/2015 To 01/18/2016)

Applicant: Political party

Responsive records include: 91 pages containing a memo to Crown CEOs regarding BC Public Sector Compensation Review – Implementation, a PSEC briefing note on Local Government Compensation Update – BC Compensation Review, a letter from UBCM to Hon. Fassbender, a PSEC briefing note on K-12 Executive Compensation Disclosure for 2014/15, a table showing the highest paid executives in K-12 sector, a PSEC briefing note on 2014/15 Executive Compensation Disclosure, tables showing top compensation recipients and year-over-year totals from PSEC, a table showing top 20 in compensation, Public Sector Executive Compensation Reporting Form BC Hydro Power Authority – Statement of Executive Compensation, a letter from UBC to PSEC regarding 2014/15 executive compensation, a letter and attachments from Provincial Health Services to PSEC regarding 2014/15 compensation disclosure, a letter on compensation from BCSC to PSEC, as well as ICBC, a PSEC briefing note on K-12 sector-wide proposal for implementing recommendations of the BC Public Sector Compensation Review and wage freeze flexibility, a PSEC decision note on an Executive Compensation Request from Royal Roads University, a decision note on the compensation plan for interim UBC president, a decision note on Forestry Innovation Investment CEO compensation, a decision note on ICBC vice president of insurance and driver licencing compensation, decision note on implementation of a public sector compensation philosophy for all sectors and tables giving the different sectors a letter classification.

#### **OPEN GOVERNMENT POSTINGS:**

FIN-2016-61459 - All records on financial concerns, wrongdoing and transparency in B.C. student societies and student unions; Records on student society transparency within the Society Act; Regarding the November 18, 2015 presentation from Langara College students to the BC Special Committee of the Legislature reviewing the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to complain of financial secrecy at the Langara Students Union and other B.C. student societies: All notes on that presentation and other such complaints and statements that student societies should or could be covered by the FOIPP Act. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 03/29/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 83 pages – CSAE BC 2014 Society Act White Paper Consultation Process Feedback Report and emailed submissions from the Sun Peaks senior sales manager, The Alliance of BC Students, Student Society of UBC Vancouver, BCIT Student Association, Alma Mater Society of UBC, Simon Fraser Student Society, UBC Graduate Student Society, SFU Graduate Student Society, Canadian Federation of Students BC and Research Universities Council of BC, as well as a heavily severed QA document on the Societies Act.

GCP-2016-64840 - Regarding the Our Opportunity is Here - aka B.C. Services Campaign and Climate Leadership ad campaigns: A copy of the Invoice Detail by Supplier and Service Category which lists vendor, invoice number, client services, creative services, production services, media buying and new media buying, by individual transactions, including dates of transactions and the individual and total dollar amounts for St. Bernadine Communications, Vizeum, Kimbo Design and Response Advertising. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/04/2016 To 11/25/2016)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: Invoice chart – showing vendor, invoice number, type of service and total. Kimbo had four invoices totaling \$399,987 for new media buying. Response had one invoice totalling \$4,875 for client services and creative services. St. Bernadine had eight invoices totalling \$179,327 for client services, creative services and production services. Vizeum had 19 invoices totalling \$1,443,162 for media buying.

**JAG-2016-64995 - XGR-2016-64960** - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between November 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of BN titles for November – subjects include: national benchmarks for public legal assistance services; Independent Investigations Office on the police involved shooting of Peter De Groot; the IIO annual report; appointments to the Supreme Court Rules Committee; and Mental Health Review Board; OAG report on the province's response to the report on Murdered and Missing Women; update on the Virtual Initial Needs Determination Project.

**LBR-2016-64873** - A summary document generated by the Employment Standards Branch indicating the number of complaints filed against Nitrogen Studios, the nature of the complaints and how these complaints were resolved. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2011 To 11/29/2016)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: One complaint about overtime pay. IN available.

**LBR-2016-64886** - A summary document generated by the Employment Standards Branch indicating the number of complaints filed against Moving Pictures Company, the nature of the complaints, whether employment standards investigated or not, and how these complaints were resolved. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 11/29/2016)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: Two complaints – one about regular wages and one about overtime wages. See IN above, available.

**LBR-2016-64893** - A summary document generated by the Employment Standards Branch indicating the number of complaints filed against Image Engine Design, the nature of the complaints, whether the Employment Standards Branch investigated or not, and how these complaints were resolved. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 11/29/2016)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: Two complaints – one on overtime wages; one on vacation pay, overtime and stat holiday pay. See IN above, available.

**LBR-2016-64896** - A summary document generated by the Employment Standards Branch indicating the number of complaints filed against Atomic Cartoons, the nature of the complaints, whether the Employment Standards Branch investigated or not, and how these complaints were resolved. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 11/29/2016)

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Responsive records include: Two complaints – one about vacation pay and one about wages and expenses. See IN above, available.

NGD-2015-54303 - The following briefing notes done for the Minister: all the records included in the Minister's Estimates briefing binder, prepared for the 4th Session, 40th Parliament Ministry debates, including any documents regarding the Oil and Gas Commission. (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/02/2015 To 05/28/2015)

Responsive records include: 39 pages from Corporate Initiatives Branch; 61 pages from Corporate Service Natural Resources; 133 pages from LNG Task Force; 28 pages from Oil and Strategic Initiatives Division; and 698 pages from Upstream Development Division.

Clippings