

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX; Chant, Jon GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: New Finals for Approval - TRAN NR - Intersection improvements coming to Highway 14

Thanks Linda, looks great!

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX; Chant, Jon GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: New Finals for Approval - TRAN NR - Intersection improvements coming to Highway 14

This is Leanne's Sooke Special for 12 noon.

Please have a look at the part about the webcam at Kangaroo Road to be sure it's what you want.

Linda Stagg
Editor, Government Communications and Public Engagement
250 387-4534 | Mobile: 250 882-8673

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

From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX [<mailto:Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Subject: Intersection improvements coming to Highway 14

Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

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Lead Organization: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Headline: Intersection improvements coming to Highway 14

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April 5, 2017

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Intersection improvements coming to Highway 14

LANGFORD - The Province has committed to improving safety at the Parkland, Gillespie and Connie road intersections on Highway 14 between Langford and Sooke.

"Highway 14 is a critical link on southern Vancouver Island serving a wide variety of people, and these safety improvements will benefit commuters, commercial drivers, tourists, pedestrians and cyclists," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone.

Safety improvements will include new intersection lighting and enhanced signing and new delineation at Parkland Road and Gillespie Road. Near Parkland Road, there will also be additional clearing and brushing to control vegetation, which will improve visibility and enhance safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$800,000 and work is expected to be completed by fall 2017.

The ministry is also advancing engineering and design for intersection improvements and enhancements for transit users at Connie Road. This plan, along with an estimated cost for the work, is scheduled for completion in early 2018.

In addition to these intersection improvements, this spring, the ministry will be applying new higher-quality reflective glass bead to the paint lines to improve visibility at night. A new highway webcam has been installed at Kangaroo Road, which will go live before the end of April and can be viewed under the Vancouver Island tab here:

<http://www.drivebc.ca/#webcams>

The ministry is implementing these interim improvements while the overall Highway 14 corridor study to identify both short- and long-term improvements for Highway 14 is being completed. The final report expected in late summer 2017.

B.C. on the Move is the B.C. government's 10-year plan for the improvement of the province's transportation network. Over the next three years, the ministry and its partners are investing over \$4.6 billion in priority transportation investments as part of this plan.

Quick Facts:

- * Over a five-year period (2012-16), the Province invested \$7.28 million into improving Highway 14 between Langford and Sooke, including:
 - * the new digital overhead sign on Highway 14 located near Awsworth Road, expected to be operational later this spring (\$250,000);
 - * Highway 14 resurfacing, shoulder widening and roundabout (\$6 million contributed by the Province);
 - * drainage improvements near Impala Road (\$475,000);
 - * shoulder widening in the Metchosin/Sooke area (\$355,000); and

* Highway 14 enhanced delineation (\$200,000).

* The corridor is approximately 22 kilometres in length between Langford and Sooke.

* It has a daily use of approximately 14,000 vehicles and average daily traffic volumes show an increase of about 900 vehicles per day over the last five years.

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Media Relations
Government Communications
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Ministry of Transportation and
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250 356-8241

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Erwin, Janelle A TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Cc: Dinney, Michael TRAN:EX; Evanoff, Ryan TRAN:EX; Lachmuth, Erik TRAN:EX; Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX; TRAN SCR CORR TRAN:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Interview TRAN Media Request: McKenzie Interchange

I can do it by phone

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX <Leanne.Flood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Janelle – as I believe you're in Vancouver today, would you be available for phone or Skype? Let us know and we'll run past the MO. Thanks,

Reporter

Calvin To, Reporter
CHEK TV - Victoria
cto@cheknews.ca
250-889-9245

Deadline ASAP

Request

CHEK would like to get someone on camera or skype interview (or phone if necessary) to discuss the McKenzie Interchange noise complaints -- including how people can make complaints and what the ministry is doing to safeguard against excessive noise for this project.

Interview would need to be before 2:30 PM today.

Background

Recommendation

Suggested response (previously approved messages):

- ? The ministry understands that this construction project is noisy and – at times – disruptive. The work can happen 24 hours a day, but the hours of work for construction activities take into consideration both the need to minimize traffic delays and manage noise impacts.
- ? It is important to us and to the contractor that we respond to the concerns of those who live and go to school in the area. And we encourage the public contact us when they have questions, concerns, or want to complain about noise or other issues. We ask that they call 250-387-8700 or email mckenzieinterchange@gov.bc.ca to leave a message or contact the construction contractor, Jacob Bros, at 250-480-9696.

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- ? The McKenzie interchange project will make travel safer for pedestrians and cyclists, reduce congestion, and save time for the 80,000 drivers who from communities across the Capital Regional District, including people from Saanich, Victoria and the West Shore.

Thanks,

~Leanne

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From: Chawrun, Jessica GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:29 AM
To: GCPE Comm Directors; GCPE Comm Managers
Cc: GCPE Editors; GCPE Media Relations; GCPE Newsroom; GCPE Strategic Planning and Events
Subject: TODAY'S EARLY DRAFT FOR REVIEW: 10 Day Look Ahead
Attachments: TODAY'S EARLY 10 Day Draft.pdf

Hello,

The latest 10 Day Look Ahead is attached. Please review for accuracy.

Thank you,

Jessica Chawrun | Corporate Planning Officer
Corporate Planning & Events
Government Communications & Public Engagement

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Cc: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Approved.

From: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Laura,

Please approve this response to a question about a road near trail. Note that while these seem to be under two names (Pend D'Oreille and Waneta Nelway) this is the same road. Photo attached.

Thanks,
Danielle

Reporter

Sheri Regnier, Reporter
Trail Daily Times
newsroom@trailtimes.ca
250-364-1242 x 208

Deadline ASAP

Request

The reporter asks these questions regarding the washout at the Pend D'Oreille road (upper road from Buckley farm to turn off to go up substation).

- (1) Can you tell me when this happened? And, what exactly happened?
- (2) Who reported it?
- (3) Who uses that road? (where is it, where does it lead to)
- (4) Is there an alternate route available on the interim?
- (5) What section is barricaded? Can you provide a statement advising people to stay away (or whatever you want to say)
- (6) What work is underway?
- (7) When will repairs be done? Or this going to be a long haul? Closed indefinitely?
- (8) Are crews there now (what crews)
- (9) Do you have a picture or two to share to go along with the story?
- (10) Anything else you would like to add, please do.

Background

Recommendation

In the late morning on March 29th, a section of the Waneta Nelway road collapsed bringing a small amount of debris and trees down onto Seven Mile Dam Road. There were no injuries or vehicles involved in this incident, and after an assessment of the area, our road & bridge maintenance contractor Emcon Services was able to clear the debris from the road and reopen it later that afternoon.

As this section of the Waneta Nelway road has very low traffic volumes, is closed in the winter, has access on either end and does not connect to any private property, our ministry is currently considering our options with respect to the final fix.

Concrete barriers and signage have been placed on site to inform the public of the road closure and to keep people safely out of the area. If the public has any questions, please feel free to contact the local ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure representative in the Trail office.

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From: GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:35 AM
To: GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: (Resolved) IT Alert: MS-Outlook Email Connectivity Issues

OCIO is reporting this issue as resolved, If you are unable to connect, please reboot your work station.

If you continue to experience issues, please call the OCIO at 250 387-7000 option 1.

Ryan Franchuk
Service Desk Lead
GDX - Government Digital Experience Division
Government Communications & Public Engagement
Direct: 250 356 5000

From: Franchuk, Ryan GCPE:EX **On Behalf Of** GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:06 AM
To: GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: (Update) IT Alert: MS-Outlook Email Connectivity Issues

UPDATE:

Some users are reporting a restoration of service for Outlook. If you perform a computer restart and try Outlook again, you may be able to gain access at this time.

Thank you for your patience while the issue is worked on.

Ryan Franchuk
Service Desk Lead
GDX - Government Digital Experience Division
Government Communications & Public Engagement
Direct: 250 356 5000

From: Franchuk, Ryan GCPE:EX **On Behalf Of** GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:34 AM
To: GCPE Service Desk GCPE:EX
Subject: IT Alert: MS-Outlook Email Connectivity Issues
Importance: High

To All GCPE Staff:

OCIO has acknowledged that some, but not all users are having difficulty accessing email at 9:15 AM. If you are still affected by this outage, please restart your computer and try again. If this does not fix the issue or you need immediate access to email please try Summer Outlook Web Access which can be accessed from <http://Summer.gov.bc.ca> (might work). DTS/ Citrix may also work for people who have access, or anyone with a government issued smart phone for email.

The problem is being investigated with no ETR (Estimated time of Restoral). Questions? Contact the OCIO Service Desk by email 77000@gov.bc.ca or call 7-7000 (toll-free 1 866 660-0811), option 1.
Note: Not everyone is affected by this either issue reported here, so please pass this message onto any coworkers that may have not received this message with the Summer Outlook Web Access work around.

Ryan Franchuk

Service Desk Lead

GDX - Government Digital Experience Division

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From: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; Chant, Jon GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For final review/approval - Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15 million toward service

Approved.

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

From: Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; Chant, Jon GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Subject: For final review/approval - Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15 million toward service

Hi Craig,

Here is your NR for final review and approval - with edits as discussed.

Once approved we will queue to go at 12:15 p.m. today to Victoria, 100 Mile House, Bella Coola, Port Hardy, Powell River, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Vancouver Island and gallery.

Please call me at 250 953-4339 with any edits.

Thank you,
Dana

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

From: Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX [mailto:Dana.Carruthers@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX
Subject: DRAFT: Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15 million toward service

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Planned Release Date: April 5, 2017 at 12:15 pm Media Distribution Lists: 000.0 - Victoria, 001.0 - 100 Mile House, 005.0 - Bella Coola, 056.0 - Port Hardy, 057.0 - Powell River, 062.0 - Quesnel, 090.0 - Williams Lake, ISLAN_ISLAND, LEGIS_PRESS GALLERY No Lead Organization

Headline: Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15 million toward service

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April 5, 2017

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE

Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15 million toward service

VICTORIA - Following today's approval from the British Columbia Ferries Commissioner for BC Ferries to acquire a used vessel to provide direct-summer service in 2018 between Port Hardy and Bella Coola, the Government of B.C. has announced it will contribute \$15 million to BC Ferries to purchase and operate this vessel.

The vessel, currently named the Aqua Spirit, will also replace the 44-year old Nimpkish, which provides a year-round connector service on route 10S between Bella Coola and other mid-coast ports of Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and Shearwater.

"The Province recognizes that the new service will result in incremental costs to BC Ferries over and above the existing service on route 10S, which is why we are contributing \$15 million to BC Ferries to help ensure that this new direct-summer service has a successful start," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone. "With the upturn in tourism and particular interest in the Great Bear Rainforest, we expect this new route 28 to become an important complement to local tourism initiatives."

"When the Province announced its commitment to the new route last year, BC Ferries launched an international search to secure an appropriate vessel," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' president and CEO. "We looked at numerous ships on the global market using both experienced ship brokers and direct contacts. We believe this vessel, with its' strong sea-keeping ability, size and enhanced amenities, will provide an excellent experience for customers exploring the spectacular Great Bear Rainforest."

The vessel was built in 2000 and will accommodate about 40 vehicles and 150 passengers and crew. BC Ferries will take possession of the ship in August 2017. It will undergo major upgrades from the fall of 2017 through the spring of 2018. All passenger areas will be refurbished including lounges, the galley, washrooms and outer-deck spaces.

"Our investment in this enhanced service will help generate additional interest in tourism along the mid-coast and throughout the Cariboo-Chilcotin," said Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training. "This opens up access for visitors to the unique and unparalleled beauty of the Great Bear Rainforest and other tourism opportunities in the region. I want to thank the hard working group of stakeholders for the constructive approach that allowed us to reach this positive outcome."

"Tourism operators in the Cariboo and Chilcotin are ready to welcome visitors from around the world as a result of this new direct service to Bella Coola," said Minister of State for Rural Economic Development Donna Barnett. "I look forward to working with the local and First Nations tourism industries to help them make the most out of this opportunity."

This new service will provide access for visitors to the unique and unparalleled beauty of the Great Bear Rainforest, and create additional interest in tourism along the mid-coast and through the Cariboo-Chilcotin for years to come.

"The Aboriginal tourism industry and our partners from the Mid Coast Working Group celebrate this increased ferry access on coastal British Columbia announced today by the BC Ferry Commissioner," said Keith Henry, president and CEO of the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada. "The tourism industry continues to grow and the increased access will enable further development for coastal B.C. tourism which offers some of Canada's best authentic Aboriginal tourism experiences. The tourism industry, in partnership with First Nations, have created a new tourism vision and today we can ensure marketing and future product development to build this vision together."

Summer service is scheduled to begin in 2018 and will run from mid-June through mid-September on the direct route between Port Hardy and Bella Coola five times per week. The ship will also provide service to other mid-coast ports of Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and Shearwater in the summer, as well as in the off-season.

The voyage between Port Hardy and Bella Coola will take approximately 10 hours and is planned to be conducted in the daytime to maximize tourism potential. BC Ferries will be engaging with the mid-coast community regarding the sailing schedule and the naming of the vessel.

Contact:

Media Relations

Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
250 356-8241

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From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Gilmore, Dan GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Letter to Mayor Brodie
Attachments: 05Apr17 Letter to Mayor Brodie.pdf; Letter from M. Brodie, Feb_28_2017.pdf

Ryan/Trish – see below and attached from BCH on GMT transmission line.

From: Pillon, Lawrence [<mailto:Lawrence.Pillon@bchydro.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Denniston, Tristan M MEM:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; MacLaren, Les MEM:EX
Cc: Sandve, Chris; Alexis, Greg; Locicero, Sabrina
Subject: Letter to Mayor Brodie

Hi,

Attached please find a response to Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie's letter of February 28 (also attached) regarding the South Fraser Transmission Relocation Project.

The response addresses two resolutions passed by Richmond Council regarding:

- the question of leaving the transmission line in the George Massey Tunnel, and,
- the City's preference for BC Hydro to work within existing rights-of-way.

We are planning to send the letter to Mayor Brodie in advance of the Bridge Replacement Project's construction ceremony planned to take place in Delta today.

Thank you,

Lawrence

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cc: Lawrence.Pillon@bchydro.com

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From: Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Cc: Filmer, Cam A TRAN:EX; Harmon, Linda TRAN:EX; Brownsey, Silas TRAN:EX; Gilmour, Lori TRAN:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: For Deborah's approval - FACTSHEET- Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan
Attachments: FS_Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan_2017.docx

As discussed – I have updated our existing factsheet with the latest information.
Does this work for all? If so, I will get the editors to replace the online version with this one. Thanks!

*Lianne Bowness
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Desk: 250-387-5710
Mobile: 250-889-1336*

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:24 AM
To: TRAN ALL Comm News Releases
Subject: FINAL NR: Last Spike Rest Area improvements
Attachments: FINAL Last Spike Rest Area completion.pdf

The attached release was sent to regional media today at 10:00 a.m.

Sonia Lowe | Public Affairs Officer
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Government Communications and Public Engagement
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From: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:52 AM
To: GCPE Editors
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Fact Sheet update: Investment in Highway 1 between Kamloops and Alberta
Attachments: FS_Highway 1 Kamloops to Alberta 4-laning and avalanche-Apr update.docx

Please replace the FS located at the link below with the updated attachment.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/investment-in-highway-1-between-kamloops-and-alberta>

thanks!

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From: DriveBC <donotreply@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: DriveBC Events

Highway 19 Northbound

Maintenance from Strathcona Parkway turn-off for Mt. Washington to Hamm Road (13.2 km), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tue Apr 11. Traffic will be reduced to single lane. Motorists to watch for reduced posted speed limit. Updated on Wed Apr 5 at 10:13 am PDT. (ID# -62993)

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Cc: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR CONSIDERATION - Media Request: McKenzie Interchange

Hi Laura,

Does MTS want to take this request from CHEK for an interview regarding noise from the McKenzie Interchange? Janelle Erwin is available for this if not. Please approve as soon as you are able, as interview would need to be before 2:30 PM today. Previously approved bullets below.

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Danielle

Reporter

Calvin To, Reporter
CHEK TV - Victoria
cto@cheknews.ca
250-889-9245

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Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: BC Gov News - Funding boost to support children with autism

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE

Funding boost to support children with autism

COURTENAY - On the heels of World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, the Province is announcing \$100,000 to help support the Comox Valley Child Development Association renovate their facility.

"The Comox Valley Child Development Association has been helping families in the Comox Valley for more than 40 years," said MLA Don McRae on behalf of Health Minister Terry Lake. "Their autism program has touched the lives of many children and youth in the community, and this new facility will continue to help people with autism to reach their potential."

The renovation will add on approximately 186 square metres (approximately 2,000 square feet) to an existing building at 237 Third St. in Courtenay. The facility will incorporate a design based on the newest evidence about what environments work best for children and youth with autism. This includes individualized intervention rooms, a gymnasium linked to an outdoor play area, and a kitchen and laundry to build life skills. The facility will use lighting and colours that create a tranquil environment conducive for learning.

"The Child Development Association is deeply appreciative of this support," said Joanne Schroeder, executive director, Comox Valley Child Development Association. "It will allow us to take the next step in creating a Centre of Excellence for Autism in our community and more effectively respond to the needs of our children and families."

The Comox Valley Child Development Association's autism program was established in 2005 to provide evidence-based intervention services for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the Comox Valley. Behaviour consultants develop personalized programs for children and youth to encourage positive behavioural changes. The program also provides opportunities for students to improve social and academic skills and develop friendships through peer groups and summer day camps.

World Autism Awareness Day, is celebrated by organizations around the world to recognize children, youth and families living with ASD, help raise awareness and increase understanding of this complex and prevalent neurological disorder.

Quick Facts:

B.C. supports over 12,700 children and youth diagnosed with ASD and their families through autism funding programs.

Government provides more than \$285 million annually for services that support children and youth with ASD and their families - including assessments, early intervention planning and education for students throughout British Columbia.

Learn More:

For more information about the Comox Valley Child Development Association, please visit: <https://cvcda.ca/>

For more information on ASD and supports for families, please visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/autism-spectrum-disorder>

Contact:

Ministry of Health Communications
250 952-1887 (media line)

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From: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
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Hi Craig,

Here is your NR for final review and approval.

Once approved we will queue to go at 12:15 p.m. today to Victoria, 100 Mile House, Bella Coola, Port Hardy, Powell River, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Vancouver Island and gallery.

Please call me at 250 953-4339 with any edits.

Thank you,
Dana

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FACTSHEET: Investment in Highway 1 between Kamloops and Alberta

Since 2001, the provincial and federal governments have invested or committed more than \$1.5 billion on the Trans-Canada Highway between Kamloops and the Alberta border to improve reliability and to upgrade the highway to a modern, 100 kilometres/h, four-lane standard.

This includes the new remote avalanche control systems being installed at Three Valley Gap that will allow for avalanche control at any time, during any weather conditions.

These improvements mean traffic moves more safely and efficiently, communities are better connected, and businesses can distribute their products efficiently throughout the province, and to ports and borders beyond.

Construction is underway on:

- North Fork Bridge replacement and 3.8 kilometres of 4-laning: Total estimated project cost is \$38 million (BC - \$25 million; Canada – \$13 million).
- The installation of 8 remote avalanche control systems along the south side of Three Valley Lake as well as other additional avalanche control measures: Total estimated cost is \$6 million.

Funding has been committed for:

- Hoffman's Bluff to Jade Mountain (12 kilometres): \$199.2 million (BC - \$144.1 million; Canada \$55.1 million).
- Salmon Arm West (six kilometres): \$162.7 million (BC - \$114.2 million; Canada \$48.5 million).
- Illecillewaet (2.5 kilometres): \$35 million (BC - \$19.5 million; Canada \$15.5 million).
- Donald to Forde Station Rd (2.6 kilometres): \$19.4 million (BC - \$12.1 million; Canada \$7.3 million).
- Kicking Horse Canyon (four kilometres): \$450 million (BC - \$235 million; Canada \$215 million).

Completed projects since 2001 include:

- Monte Creek to Hoffman's Bluff (16.3 kilometres) east of Kamloops.
- Hilltop to Ford east of Sorrento (11.8 kilometres).
- Hospital Road to 97B in Salmon Arm (four kilometres).
- Malakwa Bridge east of Sicamous (three kilometres).
- Woods Overhead and Clanwilliam Bridge near Revelstoke (3.8 kilometres).

- Donald Bridge near Golden (four kilometres).
- 3 out of 4 phases in the Kicking Horse Canyon, east of Golden (22 kilometres).
- These improvements added 65 kilometres of four lanes to the Trans-Canada Highway, increasing four-laning along the corridor by close to 20%.

In total, there are 337 kilometres of Highway 1 between Kamloops and the Alberta Border under provincial control. Parks Canada is responsible for the remaining 103 kilometres.

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The 'Last Spike' of improvements now complete for popular rest area

SICAMOUS – The 'Last Spike' rest area located along the Trans-Canada Highway near Craigellachie has undergone a major upgrade with improved interior and exterior façade complete in addition to upgrades to the washroom facilities; the rest area is now ready for new visitors.

"As part of B.C. on the Move, the province's ten-year transportation plan, we promised to upgrade rest areas throughout B.C. to improve accessibility for persons with limited mobility," said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone. "The improvements made to this popular rest area are extensive, with \$70,000 worth of improvements now complete."

This upgraded rest area now has a new wheelchair-accessible table, new curb letdowns, fresh interior and exterior paint, new high-efficiency toilets, a new Garbage Gobbler, new interior mirrors, soap dispensers and baby-change tables. Final touches will be completed by the end of March. The total cost of these improvements is approximately \$70,000.

"This historic rest area near Craigellachie is a popular one, so that's why it is great to see the interior and exterior of the building modernized and freshened up," said Shuswap MLA Greg Kylo. "These improvements are part of our \$9-million commitment to upgrade and build new rest areas throughout the province, as identified in B.C. on the Move."

The ministry is investing \$9 million over the next three years to construct new rest areas and upgrade existing rest areas around the province.

Learn More:

B.C. on the Move is available online: www.gov.bc.ca/bconthemove

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FACTSHEET: Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan

The B.C. government is implementing the \$6.4-million Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan, to create positive change and safer transportation options for everyone who lives along the Highway 16 corridor.

This is a comprehensive, community driven transportation plan, to fill the transportation gaps along the corridor, addressing community-based needs, as well as the broader Highway 16 recommendation made in the Honourable Wally Oppal's report on missing women. The recommendation was: "To develop and implement an enhanced public transit system to provide a safer travel option connecting the Northern communities, along Highway 16."

Facts:

- **Transit expansion** – On January 30, BC Transit initiated the first expanded transit services running between Smithers and Moricetown – a six days per week bus service. This service is being used by many passengers, and is benefitting local residents in both communities by providing a safe, reliable and affordable transportation service. The next inter-community transit service will start up later this spring, to link Burns Lake to Smithers and Burns Lake to Prince George, on a three days per week schedule. New transit service between Terrace and the Hazeltons will also start later this spring. All BC Transit Highway 16 transit services allow people to travel to their next largest community and return home the same day. The B.C. government has committed to five years of transit funding. The cost of the buses is being fully covered, and the B.C. government is funding two-thirds of the operating costs. Local governments and First Nations partners are working together to share funding for their one-third share of the operating costs.
- **Community vehicle grant program** – 12 northern B.C. communities and organizations are receiving community vehicle grants. In awarding the grants, preference was given to applicants representing First Nations communities or partnered with First Nations communities, as well as to remote communities where no transportation services are currently available. The grant program will pay up to 70%, or more based on individual need, of both the purchase price of a vehicle (such as a van, mini-van, or bus) and its operation. Recipients can purchase their community vehicle upon receipt of the grant and can choose their vehicle based on their community's needs.
- **First Nations driver education program** - Carrier Sekani Family Services has been selected to deliver the First Nations driver education program. Carrier Sekani Family Services has reached out to all of the First Nations communities along the corridor. Progress is being made, and they have started driver training in the Fort St. John area,

and will soon start up the training in the Burns Lake area. Driving instructors provide hands-on training to First Nations community members, to boost the number of Class 4 and Class 5 drivers in First Nations communities. This training will support the community vehicle grant program by enabling First Nations community members to operate the community transportation service, and can lead to other good paying jobs in the transportation sector, such as bus drivers, taxi drivers and ambulance drivers.

- **Webcams and transit shelters** - Six new all-weather bus shelters have been installed along the corridor, in Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Moricetown, Gitau and Kitimat. The bus shelters are protected from rain and snow, and they feature a bench and good visibility from the road. In 2016, the ministry activated five new web camera locations: Highway 16 in Burns Lake at North Francois Highway, Highway 16 in Telkwa at Hankin Road, Highway 16 at Nautly Road in Fort George - Nechako, Highway 16 at Highway 27 in Fort George, Highway 16 at Main Street in Smithers. The webcams help to increase the safety and visibility of pedestrians and motorists along Highway 16. More webcams will be installed and activated in the spring and summer.
- **Collaboration to increase interconnectivity** - The ministry is working closely with BC Transit, Northern Health Authority (NHA), First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), not-for-profit organizations and private service providers to increase coordination of existing transportation services along the corridor. This included a significant mapping exercise with GeoBC to outline gaps, identify duplications, and potential for services to connect or to be improved. The working group is also working to increase public awareness about existing transportation services such as the Northern Health Connections bus, VIA Rail, and BC Transit. More work will be ongoing this summer and fall to further maximize transportation access and opportunities.

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Malcolm D. Brodie
Mayor, City of Richmond

Sent Via E-Mail

Re: BC Hydro Requested Licenses – George Massey Tunnel Replacement

Mayor Brodie,

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2017 where you informed BC Hydro of the City of Richmond's adopted resolutions regarding our South Fraser Transmission Relocation Project (formerly called the George Massey Tunnel Transmission Relocation Project).

I recognize that this is the third letter you've sent to inform us of the City of Richmond's position on the transmission relocation project. Previous letters were received on July 30, 2015 and June 9, 2016. BC Hydro has been consulting with the City of Richmond on this project since March 2015 and all input provided by you, Richmond City Council, and Richmond City staff have been reviewed by BC Hydro and used to inform our decisions.

I want to confirm that the South Fraser Transmission Relocation project is moving forward at the direction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI). In accordance with a 1995 agreement with MoTI, BC Hydro must relocate structures within MoTI rights-of-way when requested by the Ministry. As the transmission line in the George Massey Tunnel is within a MoTI right-of-way, it is subject to this agreement. MoTI requires us to move this transmission line and its structures by the end of 2017. BC Hydro is now proceeding with the necessary work to meet the Ministry's request.

BC Hydro has spoken with MOTI regarding the option to leave the existing cable in its current location to the end of its life instead of building a new transmission line across the Fraser River. The Ministry has informed BC Hydro that leaving the cable in place is not an option. I have enclosed a copy of recent correspondence with Geoff Freer, Executive Project Director, MOTI, where he advises that the George Massey Tunnel will be removed from the Fraser River and that BC Hydro will not be able to operate the existing cable.

This transmission line is a critical part of our network, supplying power to tens of thousands of customers in Richmond, Delta and other parts of the Lower Mainland. As our work to relocate this transmission line progresses, we have an obligation to continue to serve these customers with reliable power.

In accordance with the Council's resolution, BC Hydro continues to assess the options available to complete our project work within existing rights-of way. We are currently working with City of Richmond staff to inform them of our revised access plans, including additional impacts that may result from finding new access points. Potential impacts include longer access roads, the removal of additional vegetation, increased work in Riparian Management Areas and additional power outages so that work can be completed safely.

Our project team will continue to work with Richmond Council and staff to keep you informed of our updated interim access plans as we move this project forward. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have additional questions or if you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter further.

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Sincerely,

Chris O'Riley
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Jessica McDonald, President and CEO, BC Hydro

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Subject: Tunnel Decommissioning

George Massey Tunnel Decommissioning

As clearly stated in the Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate and reviewed with key interested parties including Metro Vancouver and the City of Richmond over the past 4 years there are a number of important reasons for decommissioning and removing parts of the Tunnel. These are:

1. Managing risks associated with the Tunnel's seismic vulnerability
2. Removal of contaminants from the environment
3. Restoration of the river bed to a more natural condition
4. Best practice
5. Less cost

These reasons are discussed in more detail in the following:

1. Managing Seismic Risk

During an earthquake, the Tunnel is subject to a very complex combination of loads and deformations including:

- Longitudinal, transverse and vertical ground deformations caused by the passage of seismic waves,
- Buoyancy caused by liquefaction of the upper 20 to 30 metres of sands,
- Very significant axial and transverse load effects induced in the Tunnel from failure of the river banks and downstream flow of liquefied river bed, and
- Post-liquefaction differential settlements.

Because the inertia of the Tunnel is significantly less than that of the surrounding soils, the Tunnel will follow the ground motions created by an earthquake. This means that the Tunnel will deform to be compatible with the free field soil deformations and strengthening of the Tunnel or changing its mass will not significantly change its behavior. Most energy is transmitted during an earthquake in the form of sinusoidal shear waves with the direction of ground movement being perpendicular to the direction of the wave propagation. As such a wave travelling parallel to the Tunnel will tend to distort the Tunnel in a sinusoidal manner, a wave travelling perpendicular to the Tunnel will cause the Tunnel to move up and down and a wave propagated at a diagonal to the Tunnel can cause alternating "pulses" of tension and compression in the Tunnel.

The Tunnel is much more flexible than the ventilation building and therefore large, potentially unmanageable forces are expected to be generated at the joint between the two structures. Disconnecting the in stream elements of the Tunnel from the ventilation building will help manage this issue.

In its current configuration the Tunnel is vulnerable to the following during an earthquake:

- Liquefaction of the top 20 m and 30 m soils will cause the Tunnel to become buoyant and result in large differential lateral and vertical displacements along the length of the Tunnel and post-liquefaction consolidation settlements.
- Ground deformations will cause cracking of the tunnel walls and slabs. The rate of flooding of the Tunnel will depend on the resulting crack pattern.
- Stiff joints between the Tunnel and the ventilation buildings will attract excessive tensile and compressive forces that could fail the tunnel.

This Tunnel behavior could result in excessive cracking with the potential for water leakage of sufficient magnitude to create a life hazard as well as shifting of the Tunnel resulting in significant safety issues for marine users and, once the new bridge is completed, very expensive damage to the new bridge foundations.

The Tunnel is currently expected to suffer significant damage with a 1:275 year earthquake and, with extensive and expensive ground improvement in the Fraser River with accompanying significant environmental impacts, it could be made to withstand a 1:475 year earthquake. Modern seismic codes require critical structures to be able to withstand 1:2475 year earthquakes and as such the Tunnel is not considered to be appropriate for Highway 99 or critically important utilities such as BC Hydro.

Removing the in-stream segments of the Tunnel addresses the risks that an earthquake may cause the Tunnel to shift, creating an obstruction in the shipping channel and/or damaging the Fraser River shoreline and the new bridge. Given the importance of Highway 99 and the Fraser River as a transportation corridor that supports the national and provincial economies and as a diverse marine ecosystem, the impact of such an occurrence would be significant. As such, leaving the in-stream segments in place presents a long-term liability to the Province. Removing the four central segments of the Tunnel will help manage these concerns.

2. Removal of Contaminated Materials

The Tunnel was recently inspected for the presence of potentially contaminated materials. A number of materials within the Tunnel that could contain asbestos were identified including asphalt, waterproofing membranes, floor tiles, insulation and pipes. In addition it is also noted that the concrete in the Tunnel has been exposed to decades of car emissions. For much of this time, car exhaust included lead and other heavy metals that are known to cause health concerns. While the Tunnel is regularly cleaned, it is not known if any of this contamination has become embedded in the Tunnel's concrete.

It is not the Ministry's policy to abandon this type contamination and decommissioning including removal of Tunnel segments is key in this regard.

3. Restoration of the river bed to a more natural condition

Obsolete infrastructure degrades over time, so it is standard practice to remove redundant facilities and man-made materials when new infrastructure replaces it. Removing the in-stream segments of the Tunnel will return the river bottom to its natural condition. This also provides the opportunity to backfill the south portal, reconnect the two sides of Deas Island that are currently bisected by the Highway 99 roadway, and re-establish riparian habitat in this area.

The bed of the Fraser River is naturally very dynamic. Periodic heavy sediment transport in the river is an important characteristic of the river and its ecology systems and includes, for example, the downstream movement of underwater sand dunes that can be as high as three meters. Man-made artefacts such as the Tunnel create hard spots in the riverbed that interfere with these natural processes.

As such, leaving the Tunnel in place when no it is longer required would be a missed opportunity to restore previously disturbed areas to a more natural condition.

4. Best practice

The Ministry is responsible for safety associated with all its assets including those that are abandoned. The Ministry is also responsible for ensuring that its assets, including those that are no longer required, comply with relevant legislation. For the Tunnel, this includes the Navigation Protection Act. As a steward of the environment, the Ministry also ensures that its assets are decommissioned in a manner that minimizes short- and long-term environmental disturbance, and that a net environmental benefit is achieved where possible.

To comply with these responsibilities and commitments, the Ministry develops decommissioning plans that require full or partial removal, disposal and recycling. The Ministry is consistent in its approach to

decommissioning because it represents a “best practices” approach as illustrated by the following significant previous decommissioning efforts:

- Removal and disposal of almost two kilometers of a two-lane bridge over the Pitt River
- Removal and disposal of more than two kilometers of five lane bridge over the Fraser River as part of the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project.
- Removal and disposal of the original floating bridge in Kelowna as part of the William Bennett Bridge Project.



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Dear Premier Clark and Mr. Bennett:

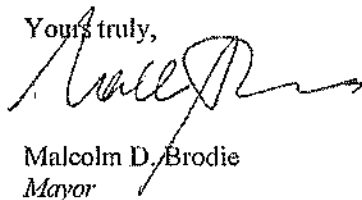
Re: BC Hydro Requested Licenses – George Massey Tunnel Replacement

At its Regular (Closed) Council meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2017, Richmond City Council considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

- (1) *That BC Hydro be advised that the City preference is BC Hydro utilize available options that do not require City land outside of the existing BC Hydro statutory right of way; and*
- (2) *That the Mayor write a letter to the Province of BC and BC Hydro regarding the George Massey Tunnel Transmission Line Relocation Project, requesting information on the rationale for not leaving transmission lines in place thereby avoiding significant costs to relocate the BC Hydro transmission lines and avoiding impacts on the City park.*

Thank you in advance for your review and consideration of the above City of Richmond requests. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Irving, Director, Engineering at 604-276-4140.

Yours truly,



Malcolm D. Brodie
Mayor

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
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[Date]

Ministry of Transportation and
Infrastructure

Bella Coola ship approved; Province provides \$15M toward service

VICTORIA – Following today's approval from the BC Ferry Commissioner for BC Ferries to acquire a used vessel to provide direct summer service in 2018 between Port Hardy and Bella Coola, the Government of B.C. has announced it will contribute \$15 million to BC Ferries to purchase and operate this vessel.

The vessel, currently named the Aqua Spirit, will also replace the 44-year old Nimpkish, which provides a year-round connector service on route 10S between Bella Coola and other mid-coast ports of Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and Shearwater.

"The Province recognizes that the new service will result in incremental costs to BC Ferries over and above the existing service on route 10S, which is why we are contributing \$15 million to BC Ferries to help ensure that this new direct summer service has a successful start," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone. "With the upturn in tourism and particular interest in the Great Bear Rainforest, we expect this new route 28 to become an important complement to local tourism initiatives."

"When the Province announced its commitment to the new route last year, BC Ferries launched an international search to secure an appropriate vessel," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' President and CEO. "We looked at numerous ships on the global market using both experienced ship brokers and direct contacts. We believe this vessel, with its strong sea-keeping ability, size and enhanced amenities, will provide an excellent experience for customers exploring the spectacular Great Bear Rainforest."

The vessel was built in 2000 and will accommodate about 40 vehicles and 150 passengers and crew. BC Ferries will take possession of the ship in August 2017. It will undergo major upgrades from the fall of 2017 through the spring of 2018. All passenger areas will be refurbished including lounges, the galley, washrooms and outer deck spaces.

"Our investment in this enhanced service will help generate additional interest in tourism along the mid-coast and throughout the Cariboo-Chilcotin," said Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Development Shirley Bond. "This opens up access for visitors to the unique and unparalleled beauty of the Great Bear Rainforest and other tourism opportunities in the region. I want to thank the hard working group of stakeholders for the constructive approach that allowed us to reach this positive outcome."

"Tourism operators in the Cariboo and Chilcotin are ready to welcome visitors from around the world as a result of this new direct service to Bella Coola," said Minister of State for Rural

Economic Development Donna Barnett. "I look forward to working with the local and First Nations tourism industries to help them make the most out of this opportunity."

This new service will provide access for visitors to the unique and unparalleled beauty of the Great Bear Rainforest, and create additional interest in tourism along the mid-coast and through the Cariboo-Chilcotin for years to come.

"The Aboriginal tourism industry and our partners from the Mid Coast Working Group celebrate this increased ferry access on coastal British Columbia announced today by the BC Ferry Commissioner," said Keith Henry, President and CEO of the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada. "The tourism industry continues to grow and the increased access will enable further development for coastal BC tourism which offers some of Canada's best authentic Aboriginal tourism experiences. The tourism industry, in partnership with First Nations, have created a new tourism vision and today we can ensure marketing and future product development to build this vision together.

Summer service is scheduled to begin in 2018 and will run from mid-June through mid-September on the direct route between Port Hardy and Bella Coola five times per week. The ship will also provide service to other mid-coast ports of Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and Shearwater in the summer, as well as in the off-season.

The voyage between Port Hardy and Bella Coola will take approximately 10 hours and is planned to be conducted in the daytime to maximize tourism potential. BC Ferries will be engaging with the mid-coast community regarding the sailing schedule and the naming of the vessel.

Media contact: Media Relations
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
250 356-8241

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For Immediate Release
17-025

April 5, 2017

**COMMISSIONER APPROVES PURCHASE OF USED VESSEL FOR NEW
PORT HARDY – BELLA COOLA SERVICE
New ferry route to start in the summer of 2018**

VICTORIA – The BC Ferries Commissioner has approved BC Ferries' application to acquire a suitable used vessel to start a seasonal direct ferry service between Port Hardy and Bella Coola to support Aboriginal tourism and the mid-coast economy. BC Ferries is now finalizing an agreement to buy a 75-metre vessel that is operating in Greece.

"When the Province announced its commitment to the new route last year, BC Ferries launched an international search to secure an appropriate vessel," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' President and CEO. "We looked at numerous ships on the global market using both experienced ship brokers and direct contacts. We believe this vessel, with its strong sea-keeping ability, size and enhanced amenities, will provide an excellent experience for customers exploring the spectacular Great Bear Rainforest."

The vessel, currently named Aqua Spirit, was built in 2000 and will accommodate a minimum of 35 vehicles and 150 passengers and crew. BC Ferries takes possession of the ship in August 2017. The purchase price for the vessel was \$13.5 million CAD. It will undergo major upgrades from the fall of 2017 through the spring of 2018. All passenger areas will be refurbished including lounges, the galley, washrooms and outer deck spaces.

Mechanical modifications will include overhauling the main engines and generators; regulatory surveys; upgrading machinery and navigation equipment; and replacement of lifesaving equipment. The vessel already fits BC Ferries' northern berths. Several smaller terminals will be modified to the northern configuration to accommodate the new ship.

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The voyage between Port Hardy and Bella Coola will take approximately 10 hours and will be conducted in the daytime to maximize tourism potential. BC Ferries will be engaging with the mid-coast community regarding the exact sailing schedule, naming of the vessel and onboard amenities. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc., 500-1321 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Tel (250) 978-1267 Fax (250) 978-1119 bcferries.com/bcfnews/

Note to newsrooms: For urgent media inquiries off-hours, call our emergency line at (250) 516-7211.

Partial funding for the project will be provided by the federal government through the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects.

Under Section 55(1) of the *Coastal Ferry Act*, BC Ferries may apply to the BC Ferries Commissioner for a determination that a proposed capital expenditure is reasonably required. The BC Ferries Commissioner's decision may be found at www.bcferrycommission.com.

Under contract to the Province of British Columbia, BC Ferries is the service provider responsible for the delivery of safe, efficient and dependable ferry service along coastal British Columbia.

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Vessel information attached

Media Contact:
BC Ferries, Communications
Victoria: (250) 978-1267

Customer Contact:
Victoria: (250) 386-3431
Toll-free: 1-888-BCFERRY (1-888-223-3779)

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For approval: Interview TRAN Media Request: McKenzie Interchange noise complaints

Good to send up to the MO.

From: Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: For approval: Interview TRAN Media Request: McKenzie Interchange noise complaints

For MO consideration – thanks!

Janelle Erwin is available by phone for this interview on McKenzie interchange noise complaints, for your consideration. Thanks,

Reporter

Calvin To, Reporter
CHEK TV - Victoria
cto@cheknews.ca
250-889-9245

Deadline ASAP

Request

CHEK would like to get someone on camera or skype interview (or phone if necessary) to discuss the McKenzie Interchange noise complaints -- including how people can make complaints and what the ministry is doing to safeguard against excessive noise for this project.

Interview would need to be before 2:30 PM today.

Background

Recommendation Janelle Erwin to provide phone interview

Suggested response (previously approved messages):

- The ministry understands that this construction project is noisy and – at times – disruptive. The work can happen 24 hours a day, but the hours of work for construction activities take into consideration both the need to minimize traffic delays and manage noise impacts.
- It is important to us and to the contractor that we respond to the concerns of those who live and go to school in the area. And we encourage the public contact us when they have questions, concerns,

or want to complain about noise or other issues. We ask that they call 250-387-8700 or email mckenzieinterchange@gov.bc.ca to leave a message or contact the construction contractor, Jacob Bros, at 250-480-9696.

- Night-time work has been happening periodically throughout the site since the beginning of the construction. The noisier work (drilling or blasting) is scheduled to occur at specific times and never past 10 p.m.
- Having the work occur at night helps reduce impact to traffic during construction and is common practice on Ministry projects on high volume corridors like the McKenzie Interchange project. This is in response to the concerns we heard about traffic delays --- including cyclists and pedestrians on the Galloping Goose Trail --- during construction from early on in our engagement in this project.
- The McKenzie interchange project will make travel safer for pedestrians and cyclists, reduce congestion, and save time for the 80,000 drivers who from communities across the Capital Regional District, including people from Saanich, Victoria and the West Shore.

Thanks,

~Leanne

Leanne Flood | Public Affairs Officer
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:24 AM
To: 'vpalmer@postmedia.com'
Subject: Audio - GMT scrum
Attachments: Scrum GMT.m4a

Hi Vaughn,

We're waiting on the audio from the announcement today, but here's the scrum audio if you're interested.

Number of questions around the port.

Thanks,

Ryan
250-413-7121

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:22 AM
To: 'Sheehan, Maureen'; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX
Cc: XT:Dyck, Jonathon GCPE:IN; XT:Barry, John GCPE:IN; Lutek, Hayden
Subject: RE: 1000hr in Kamloops for 2018

Thank you

From: Sheehan, Maureen [mailto:Maureen_Sheehan@BCTransit.Com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX
Cc: XT:Dyck, Jonathon GCPE:IN; XT:Barry, John GCPE:IN; Lutek, Hayden
Subject: RE: 1000hr in Kamloops for 2018

Ryan, Trish and Alex, We're drafting a NR for review just in case the MO wants to go. Maureen

From: Sheehan, Maureen
Sent: April-05-17 9:33 AM
To: 'Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX'; trish.rorison@gov.bc.ca; Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Dyck, Jonathon; Barry, John
Subject: 1000hr in Kamloops for 2018

Ryan, Trish, Alex,
This one got away from us, none of us realized it was being presented at council last night.
Do you want to send a release after the fact, or let it ride now as Peter Milobar is covering it in the media already?
Apologies from the team
Maureen

Extra hours mean New Year's, Easter bus service in Kamloops in 2018

Kamloops This Week
April 4, 2017
By Andrea Klassen

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From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Marshall, Deborah
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: Final release - 12:15 PM
Attachments: NR Route 28 funding vessel 1100 AM.DOCX

Hi Deborah,

Here's the final. We've got a quote in it from Keith Henry of the Aboriginal Tourism Group of Canada. We've lined it up to go out at 12:15 PM.

Thanks

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Government Communications & Public Engagement
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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: FINAL release - Route 28 funding and vessel
Attachments: NR Route 28 funding vessel 1100 AM.docx; 17-025 Commissioner Approves Acquisition of Used Vessel for Bella Coolapdf

Morning,

Here's the final news release with a quote from Keith Henry of the Aboriginal Tourism group of Canada. We've lined it up to go out at 12:15 PM. Ferries will issue their own release on the vessel at 1:00 PM (Same CEO quote).

Thanks,

Ryan Jabs
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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Route 28 Quote as requested
Attachments: NR Route 28 funding vessel 1100 AM.docx

Great. Here's the final. Going at 12:15 PM.

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Route 28 Quote as requested

Yes, thank you, he was promoted and now works out of Ottawa.

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Route 28 Quote as requested

And assuming he's quoted as President and CEO, Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Route 28 Quote as requested
Importance: High

From: Keith Henry [<mailto:k.henry@aboriginalcanada.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Subject: Quote as requested
Importance: High

Morning Deborah,

Thank you for the call and we are thrilled. I was able to connect with Pat and we both feel this is a great step forward.

Here is my quote:

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Keith Henry
President and CEO, Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Route 28 Quote as requested

Awesome. We'll get it teed up.

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Route 28 Quote as requested
Importance: High

From: Keith Henry [mailto:k.henry@aboriginalcanada.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Subject: Quote as requested
Importance: High

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Construction on Beasley Bluff, west of Nelson

Good to go. Thank you.

From: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Construction on Beasley Bluff, west of Nelson

Should read rock fill.

Revised below:

- The South Slokan project involves design, tender and construction to replace the existing South Slokan Overhead with rock fill and pedestrian tunnel to create future trail connectivity in the area.
- The Ministry is partnering with Regional District of Central Kootenay, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Slokan Valley Heritage Trail Society.
- The Project scope also includes a rock cut of approx. 10,000m3 in the Beasley Bluffs to increase sight lines and snow storage, as well as generate rock fill for South Slokan Overhead Removal.
- The ministry has already tendered the project with the closing tender date of March 28th. We will be going through our ministry process shortly to verify the successful bidder will results likely being released in the next two weeks.
- RDCK and MoFLNRO are cost sharing with the Ministry on the new underpass.
- MoFLNRO/Trail Society are also making improvements such as a new trailhead at the end of South Slokan Station Road, asphalt paving the rail trail from South Slokan to Pass Creek Road and signage.

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Construction on Beasley Bluff, west of Nelson

Some edits... What's a road fill?

The project involves design, tender and construction to replace the existing South Slokan Overhead with a road fill, including an underpass on a similar alignment.

From: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Sent: April-05-17 9:47 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

Cc: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX

Subject: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Construction on Beasley Bluff, west of Nelson

Trish and Ryan,

Please approve the following response. The reporter asked for info about both the South Slokan Overhead Removal and Beasley Bluff; but we won't have info on Beasley until tomorrow when the project manager gets back. Suggestion to flip him this info on the South Slokan in the meantime and let him know we'll get back to him on the other. Let me know if you have any concerns.

Danielle

Reporter

John Boivin, Reporter

Nelson Daily

boivinnews@gmail.com

250-226-7067 c: 250-777-3229

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter would like to know about the construction and clean up regarding Beasley Bluff, west of Nelson. Would like to know the magnitude of the project, any estimated outlines for time, etc.

Background

Recommendation

Proposed response:

- The Ministry is partnering with Regional District of Central Kootenay, MoFLNRO and Slokan Valley Heritage Trail Society.

The project involves design, tender and construction to replace the existing South Slokan Overhead with a road fill, including an underpass on a similar alignment.

- The Project scope also includes a rock cut of approx. 10,000m³ in the Beasley Bluffs to increase sight lines and snow storage, as well as generate rock fill for South Slokan Overhead Removal.
- The ministry will tender the project in early 2017 with construction anticipated to start in the spring.
- RDCK and MoFLNRO are cost sharing with the Ministry on the new underpass.
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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Scrum GMT
Attachments: Scrum GMT.m4a; ATT00001.txt

Did you share this with Vaughn?

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From: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX
Subject: Scrum GMT

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Follow-up Media Request: Port Mann Bridge "by the numbers"

Yup.

From: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Cc: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Follow-up Media Request: Port Mann Bridge "by the numbers"

Trish and Ryan,

For your approval on this follow-up request about Port Mann Bridge "by the numbers."

Thanks,
Danielle

Reporter

Jennifer Saltman, Reporter
Province
jensaltman@postmedia.com
604-317-5812

Deadline ASAP

Request

Any idea when the results will be evaluated? I'm interested in following up.

Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from April 3, 2017.

REQUEST:

Are there any changes coming for how the two bridges are monitored during the winter?

RESPONSE:

Provided Background

Cable-stayed bridges are used around the world in many jurisdictions that experience more snow than B.C. gets. (For example, Boston, Ohio, Sweden, Denmark). In these other jurisdictions, when ice and snow builds up on the cables, officials will shut the bridge down to traffic to maintain public safety. On the Lower Mainland, our bridges are essential for the movement of goods and people. That's why TI Corp and the ministry are taking extraordinary measures to keep the bridges open in winter conditions.

The Port Mann Bridge is the only bridge in the world with a system to clear snow and ice from the cables. This system was used several times this winter to keep the bridge open. On the Alex Fraser Bridge, because the cables do

not cross over the traveling lanes, it's rare that snow or ice can fall from them onto vehicles crossing the bridge. Prior to Dec 2016, never before had the bridge been completely closed to traffic as a result of a weather event.

However, The ministry is now turning our attention towards finding a long-term solution for the Alex Fraser to keep people and goods moving safely and efficiently during future winter storms. This is why we have been out testing the cable collar drop system (like the system on the Port Mann Bridge), to see if this system would be feasible on the Alex Fraser.

Ministry engineers are evaluating the results, which will tell if this system would be feasible. If deemed feasible, the ministry will look at implementing this snow-clearing measure on the Alex Fraser.

Recommendation

- **The test of the cable collar system for snow clearing showed promise. The ministry will review these results, along with other possible options, and expects to have a recommendation for government this June.**

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX
Subject: BC Transit: 1000hr in Kamloops for 2018

See below... This one slipped through BC Transit's radar, and the mayor has been out on it this morning already. Okay to leave it, as media have already covered or do we want BC Transit to issue a release?

From: Sheehan, Maureen [mailto:Maureen_Sheehan@BCTransit.Com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX
Cc: XT:Dyck, Jonathon GCPE:IN; XT:Barry, John GCPE:IN
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Apologies from the team

Maureen

Extra hours mean New Year's, Easter bus service in Kamloops in 2018

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April 4, 2017

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Good to go. Thank you.

From: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Edits below and photo attached.

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Thanks. Sonia, where you've noted the road "failed," did it slide or wash away? that's a bit too much of an engineering term.

Otherwise good to go.

From: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Sent: April-05-17 9:57 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Cc: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL - Media Request: Pend D'Oreille Road near Trail

Trish and Ryan,

Please approve this response to a question about a road near trail. Note that while these seem to be under two names (Pend D'Oreille and Waneta Nelway) this is the same road.

Thanks,
Danielle

Reporter
Sheri Regnier, Reporter
Trail Daily Times
newsroom@trailtimes.ca
250-364-1242 x 208

Deadline ASAP

Request

The reporter asks these questions regarding the washout at the Pend D'Oreille road (upper road from Buckley farm to turn off to go up substation).

- (1) Can you tell me when this happened? And, what exactly happened?
- (2) Who reported it?
- (3) Who uses that road? (where is it, where does it lead to)
- (4) Is there an alternate route available on the interim?
- (5) What section is barricaded? Can you provide a statement advising people to stay away (or whatever you want to say)
- (6) What work is underway?
- (7) When will repairs be done? Or this going to be a long haul? Closed indefinitely?
- (8) Are crews there now (what crews)
- (9) Do you have a picture or two to share to go along with the story?
- (10) Anything else you would like to add, please do.

Background

Recommendation

In the late morning on March 29th, a section of the Waneta Nelway road collapsed bringing a small amount of debris and trees down onto Seven Mile Dam Road. There were no injuries or vehicles involved in this incident, and after an assessment of the area, our road & bridge maintenance contractor Emcon Services was able to clear the debris from the road and reopen it later that afternoon.

As this section of the Waneta Nelway road has very low traffic volumes, is closed in the winter, has access on either end and does not connect to any private property, our ministry is currently considering our options with respect to the final fix.

Concrete barriers and signage have been placed on site to inform the public of the road closure and to keep people safely out of the area. If the public has any questions, please feel free to contact the local ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure representative in the Trail office.