
NEWS RELEASE

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March 16, 2018

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
First Peoples' Cultural Council

B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action

VICTORIA – First Peoples' Cultural Council will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans for each of the living Indigenous languages in B.C., to reverse the disruption to Indigenous languages from Canada's history of colonization and residential schools.

"Language is critical for connecting Indigenous peoples to their culture, spirituality, identity and land," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. "For too long, Indigenous language has been under threat. The time has come for us to support First Nations in exercising their human right to speak and pass on their language and culture."

In Budget 2018, B.C. allocated a \$50-million grant to the First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) to help revitalize Indigenous languages in British Columbia, and address the current language crisis. Fewer than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in B.C.

"We are taking action now to support Indigenous communities' work to preserve and revitalize endangered languages – languages that are cornerstones of cultural and social identities across our province," said Carole James, Minister of Finance. "By investing in Indigenous languages, we invest in the future of Indigenous communities. I am proud our government is making this historic commitment."

As a result of the funding, the First Peoples' Cultural Council will expand community immersion programs that support the development of fluent speakers of Indigenous languages. These include the Mentor-Apprentice program, which pairs fluent speakers with apprentices for one-on-one immersion training, and the Pre-school Language Nest program, which supports the creation of language and culture immersion environments for children and their parents. The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent. Silent Speakers helps those who understand, but do not speak their language, overcome challenges with using it in their communities.

"We sincerely thank the B.C. government for its strong leadership and new investment in the revitalization of Indigenous languages across B.C., and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous languages to the well-being of Indigenous peoples," said Cynthia Callison, FPCC board chair. "This funding is essential to restore and continue the unique diversity of Indigenous languages in B.C. It is a concrete example of implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action toward reconciliation."

The language revitalization plans will be developed with Indigenous communities and tailored to their individual needs. The First Peoples' Cultural Council will also provide funding to increase the number of words and phrases uploaded to the FirstVoices online oral dictionary,

and expand the online resources available for language learners and speakers.

“Urgent action is needed as many Indigenous languages are in danger of becoming extinct,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. “One of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s key priorities is revitalizing language. That’s what this work is about — not just giving lip service to reconciliation, but taking action.”

FPCC will work in collaboration with communities and partners to support additional priority actions to revitalize languages. These include creating new speakers and developing new language resources that will support communities to build skills and capacity for language mobilization.

“The First Nations communities we have been working with are seeing clear and measurable results, creating fluent language speakers as new knowledge keepers and documenting languages for future generations,” said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the FPCC. “This new funding will help us to build on our strong track record of success, and expand our work to all Indigenous communities in B.C., to help their mother-tongue languages flourish again.”

Quick Facts:

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in B.C.
- British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages, and over 90 dialects, represent 60% of all Indigenous languages in the country.
- Investing in languages aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s calls to action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognize that knowing and being able to speak one’s language is a human right.

Learn More:

First Peoples’ Cultural Council: www.fpcc.ca

FirstVoices: www.firstvoices.com/en

Map of Indigenous languages in B.C.: ow.ly/rOub30iYgmq

B.C. Budget 2018: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUND

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First Peoples' Cultural Council

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The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a unique organization in Canada. As a First Nations-run Crown corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia, First Peoples' Cultural Council provides funding and resources to communities, monitors the status of Indigenous languages and develops policy recommendations for First Nations and government.

New funding

The B.C. government has committed a significant investment of \$50 million to support Indigenous language. This funding is the result of many years of advocacy, educating policy makers, and developing investment models by First Peoples' Cultural Council and community partners.

Why Indigenous language revitalization matters

Restoring connections to Indigenous language and culture builds resilience and supports healthy individuals and communities. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report outlines the need to protect and invest in the restoration of Indigenous languages as a concrete step toward reconciliation. Knowing and being able to speak one's language is recognized as a human right for Indigenous peoples. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples identifies that Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons. First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government to advance the recognition and protection of Indigenous language rights in federal law.

How the funding will be used

The new funding will be used for language preservation and revitalization activities, including community grants, community language planning, and documentation and training aimed at rebuilding community-based language supports. The funding will also be used to expand language immersion programs and learning resources to support Indigenous languages in communities throughout the province.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served First Nations in B.C. for 28 years. The First Peoples' Cultural Council has mapped and documented Indigenous languages in B.C.; built tools and programs in community and online that support language learning; created partnerships with communities throughout the province; and worked with leaders in Indigenous languages around the globe to share their pioneering and proven approaches to language reclamation,

documentation and revitalization.

Their efforts have been recognized as establishing British Columbia and Canada as leaders in Indigenous language revitalization. Limited resources have meant that the First Peoples' Cultural Council were able to touch only a handful (10% or less) of the Indigenous languages in the province. With this new provincial funding, it will work with the Indigenous language groups and communities that belong to the same cultural groups and speak the same language throughout the province. The program will be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the community. First Peoples' Cultural Council works collaboratively with communities, supporting leading language work led by Elders and other knowledge keepers of the land.

Language programs supported in communities include:

- The Mentor-Apprentice program pairs a fluent language speaker (mentor) with a language learner (apprentice) to transfer language knowledge and increase fluency.
- FirstVoices is the internationally recognized online Indigenous language archiving and teaching resource that allows Indigenous communities to document their language for future generations. FirstVoices provides state-of-the-art technologies, training and technical support to community language champions. Teams of fluent Elders and technically savvy youth upload dictionaries, alphabets, songs, stories, words and phrases, as well as audio and video to their community archives. FirstVoices keyboards includes apps for Apple and Android mobile devices, and more.
- The Silent Speaker program is for people who understand, but do not speak, their First Nations language. The course is based on a successful program that was developed in Norway and Sweden for, and by, Indigenous Sami people. The model uses cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) to support silent speakers in overcoming barriers to using their Indigenous language in their communities.
- The Pre-School Language Nest program creates language and cultural immersion environments for pre-school children and their parents. In addition to creating an immersion environment with staff, volunteers and Elders, Language Nests allow young parents to learn the language and bring it back into their homes and daily lives, which is necessary for revitalizing a language.
- First Peoples' Cultural Council partners with Google.org on the Endangered Languages project, whose governance First Peoples' Cultural Council chairs.

To learn about the First Peoples' Cultural Council's language documentation website, visit: www.firstvoices.com

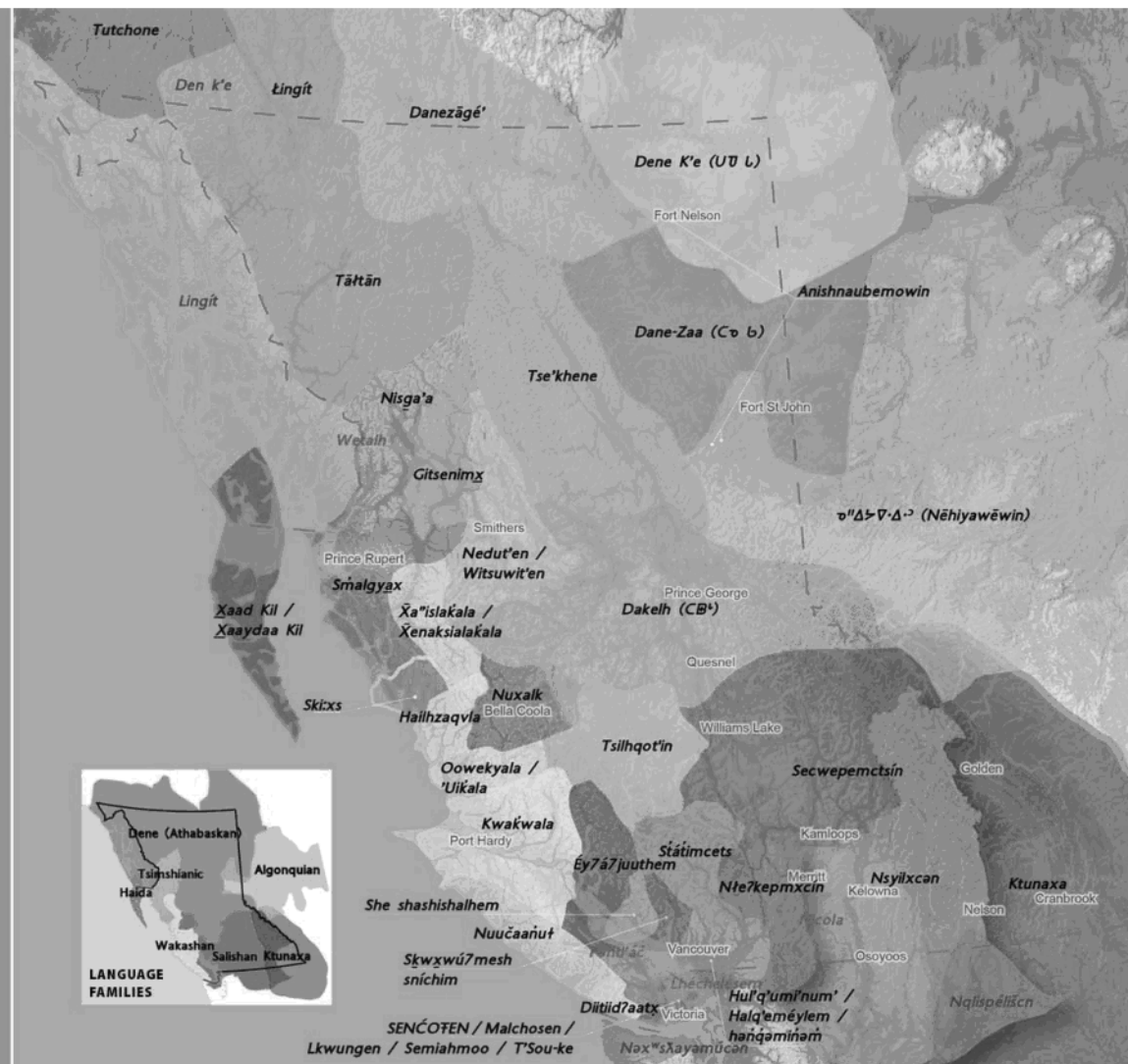
To find out more about Indigenous languages legislation in Canada, visit: www.fpcc.ca/language/Legislation/

To see current calls for language funding, visit: www.fpcc.ca/Grants/Language/

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Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C.





Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

And

Cynthia Callison
Chair of the Board, First Peoples' Cultural Council

Invite you to be part of an event to highlight the provincial government's commitment to Indigenous languages and celebrate the work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and their partners in Indigenous language revitalization.

Friday, March 16, 2018
11:15 am

Location:
Our Living Languages exhibition
Royal BC Museum
675 Belleville Street
Victoria
V8W 9W2

The event will be followed by a luncheon in the museum's Newcombe Conference Hall

Please RSVP by March 13, 2018 to Rick Devereux
Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca.

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

March 15, 2018

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – Victoria; teleconference

VICTORIA – Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Cynthia Callison and Tracey Herbert from the First Peoples' Cultural Council will welcome honoured guests for a celebration of the provincial government's commitment to Indigenous languages.

They will also provide more detail on the work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and their partners on Indigenous language revitalization, made possible by a recent provincial investment.

Speakers and guests will include Carole James, Minister of Finance; Rob Fleming, Minister of Education; Indigenous leaders; community language champions; and supporters and partners of the First Peoples' Cultural Council. Dignitaries will share some thoughts in their own Indigenous languages.

The All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation (ANSWER) drum group will perform in the Royal BC Museum's third-floor lobby prior to the event.

Event Date: Friday, March 16, 2018

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Location:

Our Living Languages exhibit

Third floor

Royal BC Museum

675 Belleville St.

Victoria

Special Instructions:

Media should report to the event registration desk in the main museum lobby.

Dial-in information:

In Vancouver: s.15,s.17

From elsewhere in Canada and the USA: s.15,s.17

Participant passcode: s.15,s.17

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Media Event Plan

Event Title: Celebration of \$50M to First Peoples' Cultural Council for Indigenous languages

Date: March 16, 2018 Time: 11:15 a.m.	Media Market: Provincial, regional, Indigenous
Location: Royal BC Museum, 675 Belleville Street, Victoria	English Media Spokesperson: Minister Fraser, Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples' Cultural Council
	Multicultural Media Spokesperson: Minister Fraser, Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples' Cultural Council
Author: MIRR GCPE	Communications Director Signoff: _____
Version #: 1	Date: March 1, 2018

THE EVENT

PROACTIVE EVENT OR INVITATION

- Proactive event

EVENT (what will the news headline be)

Headline: Investment in Indigenous languages will build stronger communities

The event will have two distinct sections:

1. Media event starting at 11:15 a.m. in the Our Living Languages exhibit in the Royal BC Museum
Event will comprise welcome to the territory, remarks from dignitaries and Indigenous language speakers, photo op and media avail.
2. Separate lunch in RBCM's Newcombe Conference Hall. Ministers are welcome to attend if available, or could use the break as an opportunity to retire.
There may be a short language champion panel and QA following lunch. This is not confirmed, but would be led by FPCC.

WHO'S ORGANIZING? (Specify lead individual and coordinates)

MIRR GCPE and First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC)

BACKGROUND NOTES

- In Budget 2018, B.C. allocated a \$50M three-year funding grant to FPCC to make significant strides to revitalize Indigenous languages in British Columbia and address the current crisis of languages that may disappear forever.
- In British Columbia, 203 First Nations communities have 34 languages, more than any other province in Canada, and 61 dialects.
- There are currently less than 6,000 people who speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in B.C.
- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia.
- There has been recent comment in the media by an opposition MLA questioning whether the funding could have been better targeted towards supporting services to meet the many social challenges facing Indigenous communities.

VENUE DESCRIPTION

Royal BC Museum's award winning Our Living Languages exhibit

EVENT PARTICIPANTS (SPEAKERS) - to be discussed

- Elder Elmer George (Songhees First Nation)
- Minister Scott Fraser
- Minister Carole James (emcee)
- Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council
- John Elliot (Community language champion) - tbc
- Giselle Martin (Youth language champion)

Other government ministers attending

- Minister Rob Fleming
- Minister Doug Donaldson (tbc)
- Minister Lisa Beare (tbc)

KEY VALIDATORS & STAKEHOLDERS

- Cynthia Callison, President of the First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Professor Jack Lohman, CEO, Royal BC Museum
- Elder John Elliot, Tsartlip First Nation, co-founder of FirstVoices
- Perry Bellegarde, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations
- Dustin Rivers (Khelsilem), Squamish First Nation councillor & SFU lecturer in Indigenous languages

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Indigenous communities, Indigenous language partners, Academics, British Columbians

Draft Program: tbc

11:00 a.m.		Prebrief
11:15 a.m.		Emcee Minister James welcomes everyone to the event Elder welcomes everyone to the territory /opening prayer
11:15 a.m.		Dignitaries offer remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister Fraser• Tracey Herbert (FPCC)• Giselle Martin• Cynthia Callison (FPCC)• John Elliot
12:00 p.m.		Emcee thanks speakers Photo Op Media Avail
12:15 p.m.		Event ends
12:20 p.m.		Lunch served in Newcombe Conference Hall

VISUAL MESSAGE(S)

DESIRED PICTURE (STILL)

Ministers with FPCC representatives and language champions in front of the Our Living Languages exhibits

Digital (social media) opportunities

DESCRIBE

- Twitter
- Facebook
- You Tube
- Flickr

WRITTEN MESSAGE(S)

DESIRED SOUNDBITE / KEY NEWS RELEASE SOUNDBITE

"Indigenous languages came under state-sponsored attack during the residential school era and Indigenous people have been suffering with the consequences ever since. Not only is language an Indigenous peoples' right under the UN Declaration, the teaching of language strengthens the cultural and social health of a community, and connects children to their heritage, community values and the lands they come from."

DRAFT Key Messages

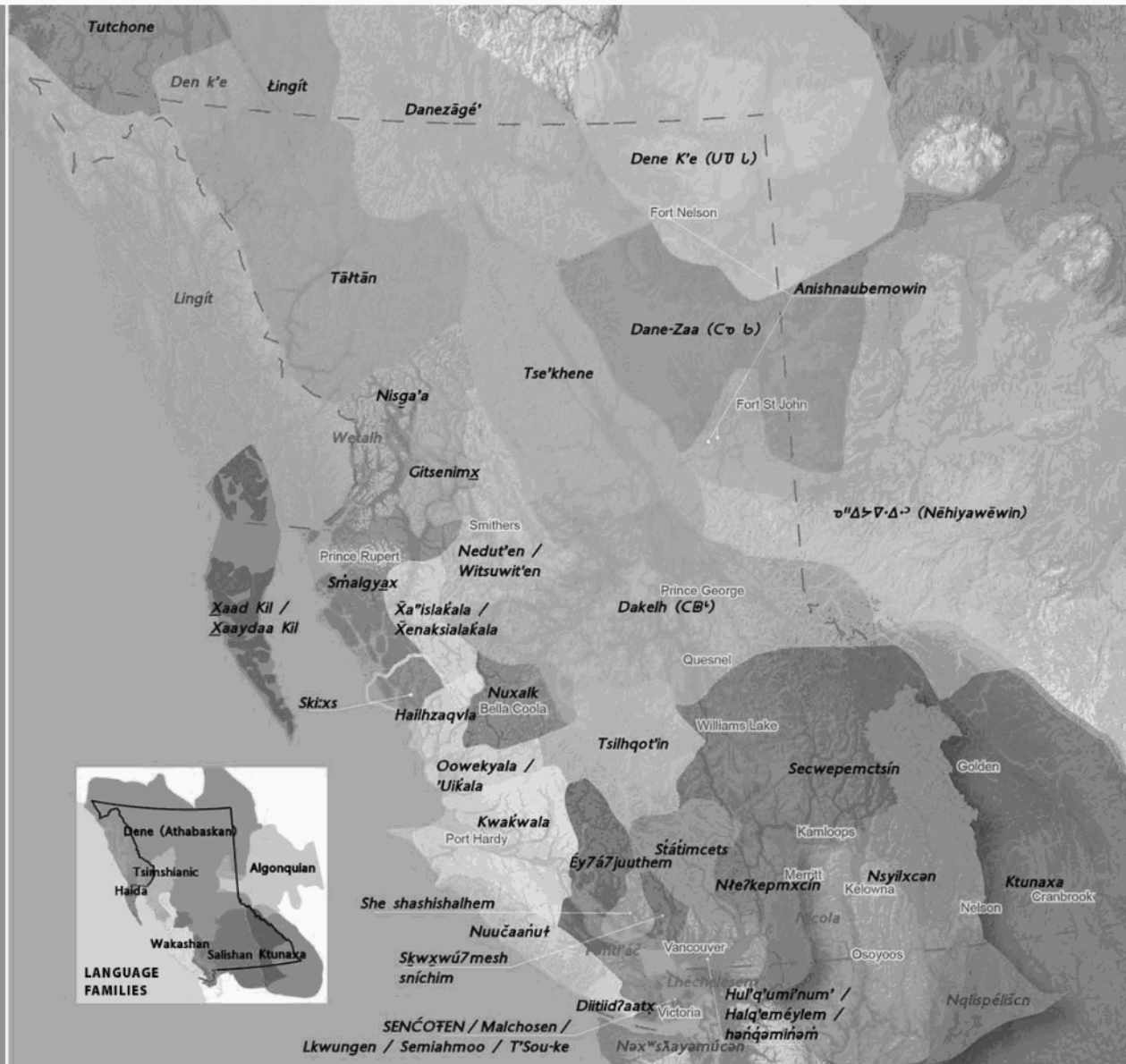
- For too long, support for Indigenous language preservation has been neglected.
- We're supporting the important work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council so that Indigenous communities can reclaim connections to their language and culture.
- All Indigenous languages in B.C. are severely endangered.
- There was a concerted effort by the state to extinguish Indigenous language and culture through the residential school system.
- Investing in language revitalization is an important way to support Indigenous people in connecting with their communities, land and cultures. We see this work as integral to reconciliation.

Indigenous Languages event: Royal BC Museum – March 16, 2018

Media sign in sheet

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Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C.





Emcee Notes
for

**Hon. Carole James
Minister of Finance**

**First Peoples Cultural Council Funding
event**

**Royal BC Museum
Our Living Languages Exhibition
675 Belleville Street
Victoria
March 16, 2018
TIME: 11:15 a.m.
Pre-brief: 11:00 a.m.**

Information for Minister

Event Summary:

- Minister James acts as emcee at a celebratory event to highlight government's commitment to supporting the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages in B.C.
- B.C. is providing First Peoples' Cultural Council with a \$50M three-year funding grant, announced in February 2018 on Budget Day.
- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia.
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Action/Visual: Minister Fraser and Minister James with representatives of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and community language champions.

Venue: Royal BC Museum, Our Living Languages exhibit (third floor)

Audience: Indigenous language champions, members of First Peoples' Cultural Council Board, language partners, community members

Podium/microphone: Yes

Event Start Time: 11:15 a.m. (Pre-brief at 11:00 a.m.)

Attire: Business

Emcee: Minister James

Media attendance: Media will be invited.

Other speakers:

- Elder Butch Dick, Songhees Nation
- Minister Fraser
- Cynthia Callison, Chair First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Ray Harris, First Nations Summit (Chemanius First Nation)
- Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Giselle Martin, youth language champion (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation)
- STOLŹEŁ [Stol-quitz] John Elliott, Tsartlip First Nation

Minister Fleming will also be present

Logistics:

- A registration desk will be set up in the museum lobby.
- Pre-brief will take place in the Newcombe Conference Hall (ground floor) at 11.00 am.
- A drum group – ANSWER (All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation) will play in the third floor lobby prior to the event starting.

Emergency contact: Events Director, Rick Devereux # (250) 812-1207

Key messages:

- The Province is providing \$50 million to the First Peoples' Cultural Council, and is working with the First Peoples on a plan to manage and allocate that funding in ways to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- Canada's colonial history had devastating outcomes for Indigenous communities across the province.
- If you take away someone's language, you take away their voice.
- Language is critical for connecting Indigenous people to their culture, spirituality, identity and land. The time has come for us to support First Nations in exercising their human right to speak and pass on their language and culture.

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12:10 p.m.	Lunch: Newcombe Conference Hall Cultural Performance during lunch
1:10 p.m.	Close

SPEAKING NOTES:

- Good morning everyone.
- My name is Carole James and I have the dual honour of being the Minister of Finance for the B.C. provincial government and the MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill.
- Thank you for being here today, gathered on the territory of the Lekwungen [La-kwung-en] people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.
- I also want to thank the drum group for their wonderful performance today. Their name is ANSWER, which stands for All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation.
- I think it's a wonderful name.
- Before I say anything else, I'd like to ask Elder Butch Dick of the Songhees Nation to open our proceedings.

[Elder Butch Dick speaks – welcome and prayer]

- Thank you Butch for your wise words. I know everyone here appreciates them, and you for joining us today.
- I'd also like to thank the Royal BC Museum for hosting our event.

- It's fitting that we are doing it here in the 'Our Living Languages' exhibit, a partnership between the museum and the First Peoples' Cultural Council.
- It's fitting because we're here to celebrate the richness of Indigenous languages in British Columbia...
- And to acknowledge that revitalization of these languages is vitally important, to Indigenous communities and to the social well-being of our province.
- There is a strong link between linguistic and cultural identity and wellness.
- Teaching language to new generations supports well-being and strengthens that cultural identity.
- That's why I was delighted to be able to announce in this year's budget speech that we're investing \$50 million into this important revitalization work through the First Peoples' Cultural Council.
- It's a priority that has been neglected for too long, and it was a privilege to stand in the Legislature on budget day and announce this investment.
- Also with me are today are:

- Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 - Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council
 - Tracey Herbert, CEO, First Peoples' Cultural Council
 - Ray Harris, Chemanius First Nation, and representing the First Nations Summit
 - Giselle Martin, Tla-o-qui-aht [Tu-low-qui-at] First Nation
 - STOLꞌEŁ [Stol-quit] John Elliot, Tsartlip [Sart-lip] First Nation
- I'd like to ask my friend and colleague Scott Fraser to say a few words.

[Minister Fraser speaks]

- Thank you, Scott.
- Cynthia Callison is Chair of the Board of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and I know she has some thoughts she'd like to share.

[Cynthia Callison speaks]

- Thank you Cynthia.
- Now, I'd like to welcome Ray Harris, of the Chemanius First Nation and representing the First Nations Summit to say a few words.

[Ray Harris speaks]

- Thank you Ray.

- It's my pleasure to ask Tracey Herbert, CEO of the First Peoples' Cultural Council to share her thoughts with us.

[Tracey Herbert speaks]

- Thank you Tracey.
- Indigenous youth is the fastest growing demographic in the province.
- For Indigenous language to flourish, it is vital that youth are integral to this revitalization process.
- I'm delighted to ask Giselle Martin of the Tla-o-qui-aht [Tu-low-qui-at] First Nation to talk about her experiences and what learning her language means to her.

[Giselle Martin speaks]

- Thank you Giselle.
- Now we have a special video greeting. The National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Perry Bellegarde was unable to be here today, but as a great champion of Indigenous languages, he wanted to share a few words.

[Run video of Perry Bellegarde's greeting]

- We're just about at the end of our event and in a short while we'll be doing some photos and will be available to take questions from media.
- But before that, I'm delighted to ask STOLØEL [Stol-quit] John Elliot of the Tsartlip [Sart-lip] First Nation to share a song with us.

[John Elliot song]

- Thank you, John.
- Thank you all for coming. Don't forget that the First Peoples' Cultural Council will be hosting a lunch in the Newcombe Conference Hall down on the ground floor.
- But before that, I'd like to ask all our speakers to come together so we can get some photos in memory of this wonderful gathering.
- Then we will open the floor for questions from media in the room and on the line.
- Thank-you.

Photo Op and media avail

Event ends

Guests proceed to the Newcombe Conference Hall on the Ground Floor for lunch



Speaking Notes
for

Hon. Scott Fraser
**Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation**

First Peoples Cultural Council Funding

**Royal BC Museum
Our Living Languages Exhibit
675 Belleville Street
Victoria
March 16, 2018
TIME: 11:15 a.m.**

Pre-brief: 11:00 a.m.

Information for Minister

Event Summary:

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Venue: Royal BC Museum, Our Living Languages exhibit (third floor)

Audience: Indigenous language champions, members of First Peoples' Cultural Council Board, language partners, community members

Podium/microphone: Yes

Event Start Time: 11:15 a.m. (Pre-brief at 11:00 a.m.)

Length of speech: 3 minutes

Attire: Business

Emcee: Minister James

Media attendance: Media will be invited.

Other speakers:

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- Minister James, emcee
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- Good morning
- I'm delighted to be here on the territory of the Lekwungen [Lakwung-en] people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.
- Thank you to Elder, Butch Dick for your welcome to this wonderful territory and to this magnificent museum.
- Thank you to Tracey and Cynthia and all the representatives of the First Peoples' Cultural Council for being here today...
- And to the elected and hereditary chiefs, Elders and youth.
- I am honoured to be in your company this morning.
- I bring greetings from Premier Horgan and my colleague Minister Mark, who are unable to be here.
- I'd also like to acknowledge Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, who has joined us today for this important event.

- We're here today to highlight our commitment to Indigenous languages – through our recent \$50 million commitment to the First Peoples' Cultural Council.
- It's a significant investment.
- I'll add my voice to Carole's...
- I'm proud to be part of a government that recognizes that Indigenous languages have been under-funded for far too long.
- I'm very happy we are taking steps to address that.
- And I'm proud to work in partnership with the First Peoples' Cultural Council...
- Because partnership and collaboration is the best way to move forward to ensure the needed supports are there.
- This funding will build on the current work of the Council – which you'll hear more about shortly – and other parts of government.

- Like the work of the Ministry of Education and the First Nations Education Steering Committee.
- They are developing an Indigenous Learning policy for K-12, and curriculum for First Nations languages.
- 17 First Nations languages now have an approved curriculum for being taught in B.C. schools.
- And six more are in development.
- There's also great work going on at the post-secondary level.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training is currently working with academic and Indigenous partners to develop an Indigenous Language Fluency Degree.
- But more importantly, I want to talk about the 'why' of this new funding...
- Why this funding is so critical.

- Our colonial history tells us that when settlers arrived, there were calculated, state-sponsored attacks on Indigenous peoples and their cultures.
- It was done through government, the residential school system and the Indian Act.
- Language and culture were suppressed.
- Children were removed from their homes and lands.
- There were severe punishments – physical and mental – for Indigenous children and adults who tried to stay connected with their heritage...
- **All of these actions had devastating outcomes for Indigenous communities.**
- **If you take away someone's language, you take away their voice.**
- Many Indigenous languages have words that cannot be expressed in the English language.

- And when you take away a person's ability to express concepts, you take away their identity.
- Many years ago, I learned an important phrase from Ahousaht Hereditary Chief Earl Maquinna George.
- He passed a few years ago, but this teaching has never left me.
- 'Hishuk ish tsawalk' – 'all things are one – everything is connected.'
- This phrase has shaped my world view.
- But I am aware that it is a translation into my own vocabulary.
- It is constrained by the English language.
- My words cannot express the richness of the original phrase.
- It is a phrase that speaks to the depth of interconnection known to Ahousaht chiefs – whose people have lived on the land for millennia.
- 'Isaak' is another example.

- It is the Nuu-chah-nulth word for respect, but its meaning is so much deeper.
- “Respect” in English is the closest we can come.
- We are committed to supporting communities to ensure their languages thrive.
- They are too important to lose.
- Indigenous languages are a cause for celebration and pride – never for shame.
- **By investing in culture, in identity and pride, communities can begin to heal together...**
- **To address the fundamental social issues stemming from Canada’s history of colonization, residential schools and cultural extermination..**
- There’s a reason both the TRC’s Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples highlight the importance of language.

- If we want to pursue true reconciliation, this happens through strong partnerships with Indigenous communities...
- So that communities themselves are leaders in finding solutions to language preservation – to taking their languages back.
- This is powerful work and I look forward to working with the First Peoples' Cultural Council and with communities on this.
- 'Hishuk ish tsawalk.'
- It's an honour to be with you all today. Thank you for listening.
- Klecko, klecko.

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I am so proud to be here in our Living Languages Exhibition and in the presence of so many Indigenous language leaders and learners, and other champions.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served B.C.'s First Nations for 28 years. During my time with the organization, I've had the great honour of working with many brilliant Indigenous people whose commitment to re-building our culture through language inspires me every day.

First Peoples' Cultural Council has achieved a lot with limited resources because we work in partnership with our indigenous experts and communities, respecting the knowledge of our own people. This has strengthened and directed us as an organization.

Many of the leaders in this work are here today to celebrate. I thank you all of you for your generosity, optimism and encouragement over the many years we have worked together.

Together, we have mapped and documented some of B.C.'s Indigenous languages. Leveraging both technology and traditional knowledge, we've piloted innovative new tools and programs, in-community and on-line, that strongly support language learning.

Now, thanks to these concerted efforts, British Columbia is seen as a leader in Indigenous language revitalization in Canada and around the world.

But our limited resources have meant that we have been able to provide limited opportunities; one-off grants and project-based funding was all we could offer.

This is why we are so excited about the next phase that begins now.

You see, research shows that knowing an Indigenous language can also improve health and wellness for individuals and communities with, for examples, lower rates of diabetes and suicide and better education and employment outcomes.

We know, first hand, that language connects Indigenous peoples to their culture, spirituality, identity and land.

Many of the young and elder members of our community tell us that their involvement in language revitalization has enriched and transformed their personal lives.

This new funding will make a difference. It will mean that all 34 of B.C.'s Indigenous languages will have a chance to receive the support they deserve.

We will expand our existing programs, making them available to more Indigenous communities around the province. We'll work closely with First Nations to develop strategic language revitalization plans and immersion programs that meet each community's unique needs.

And we will support the documentation of all of the languages and make them accessible using technology.

The grants we award will be larger and multi-year, and we'll transition from funding one-off projects. This will lay the groundwork for the sustained effort that is needed to make real progress in revitalizing language in this Province.

Meanwhile, all of this will allow us to create more opportunities for Indigenous people of all ages to learn their languages. The program will be flexible and respond to the needs of the community.

Today is a day to celebrate. This Government's leadership and demonstrated commitment to Indigenous peoples allows us to build the language leaders of tomorrow and

help Indigenous languages survive and thrive into the future.

dZen'ath hoti'a, Good Day – the Tahltan greeting recorded by Rosie Dennis here in Our Living Languages exhibit & Tahltan Introduction (if desired).

I acknowledge & appreciate the welcome from Songhees & Lekwungen whose land we are gathered on today.

On behalf of the First Peoples' Cultural Council, we **sincerely** thank the government of British Columbia for its **strong** leadership by making this **significant** and **new** investment in the **revitalization** of Indigenous languages.

In particular, First Peoples' Cultural Council is **grateful** to both Minister James and Minister Fraser who have demonstrated their **understanding of the importance** of and support for Indigenous languages.

Indigenous languages are **critical** for connecting Indigenous peoples to our cultures, identities and lands. Restoring those connections to our **languages** supports the well-being of Indigenous individuals and healthy communities.

Remarks by Cynthia Callison, Chair, FPCC, on March 16, 2018

Revitalization of Indigenous languages is important for all British Columbians. Our history is rich with 34 unique and original languages. These languages are not spoken anywhere else in the world.

However, Indigenous languages are endangered in this province. As many of the fluent speakers are elders, time is of the essence. We must act now to sure Indigenous languages survive and thrive.

This provincial government funding is a concrete example of reconciliation as it responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

The recommendations for revitalization of our languages come directly from residential school survivors who were punished and shamed as children for speaking their languages. Personally, my family's transmission of the Tahltan language was disrupted because my father and his siblings attended residential school.

The survivors of residential school have put their faith in Canadians and created a sacred trust in government to address the harms created by the residential school system, including the loss of Indigenous language speakers.

The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action for the revitalization of Indigenous languages includes the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Knowing and being able to speak our languages is a human right for Indigenous peoples.

We applaud the government of British Columbia for acting on its commitments to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Recommendations and the Principles in the UN Declaration.

It will take sustained effort and investment over the long term to redress more than 150 years of systemic government policies, including the residential school system, that aimed to extinguish our voices, and our languages.

In addition to provincial funding, First Peoples' Cultural Council looks forward to federal government funding that recognizes and supports the diversity of Indigenous languages in British Columbia.

Meduh – Thank you.

MIRR ANNOUNCEMENT

Those marked in yellow - FPCC have sent out save the date emails already

Guest Name	Affiliation
Minister Fraser	Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Minister James	Minister of Finance
Minister Fleming	Minister of Education
Dr. Andrew Weaver	BC Green Party
Gary Manson	Snuneymuxw Elder
Gisele Martin	Language champion
Bernice Touchie	Ucluelet Elder
Anna Kazantseva	National Research Council
Laurel Nash	MIRR
Jodi Newnham	Ministry of Transportation
Stephanie Gabel	MIRR
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Lorna Williams	UVic
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Peter Brand	FPCC
Ashley Johnston	AVED
Dr. Ron Ignace	CCOL
Jeannette Armstrong	En'owkin Centre
Marlene Erickson	Former Board Chair
Gillian Wood	BCAC - Executive Director
Sarah Durno	BCAC - Director
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Tania Muir	UVic
Janna Wilson	UVic
Michelle Washington	Former FPCC staff
Anders Ouram	FPCF - Lawyer
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Annie Jack	Aboriginal Headstart Association of BC
Carla Jack	Aboriginal Headstart Association of BC
Ray Harris	First Nations Summit Co-Chair
Sharon Pocock	MIRR

Butch Dick	Songhees Nation
Cliff Fregin	CEO, New Relationship Trust

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FPCC STAFF ATTENDING - 14	YES
Megan Lappi	YES
Doug Hamilton-Evans	YES
Tracey Herbert	YES
Aliana Parker	YES
Britt Dunlop	YES
Susan De Stephanis	YES
Kevin Perkins	YES
Alex Wadsworth ?	YES
Shay Boechler	YES
Angela Marston	YES
Sarah Pocklington	YES
Rachel Perkins	YES
Nancy McHarg	YES
Alex Russell	YES

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FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL COUNCIL

**First Peoples' Cultural Council
Lunch Event Plan
March 16, 2018 12:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.**

Event Title: Celebration of \$50M to First Peoples' Cultural Council for Indigenous languages

Date: March 16, 2018 Time: 12:10 p.m.

Media Market: media are invited to attend as guests, but as this is not a media event, they will be asked to keep a low profile (i.e. respectful use of cameras). Media interviews will be handled by Russell Communications.

Location: Royal B.C. Museum, 675 Belleville Street (Newcombe Conference Hall)

EVENT PARTICIPANTS (SPEAKERS)

- Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council; Member, Tahltan Nation
- Dr. Ronald E. Ignace, Chief, Skeetchestn Band, Secwepemc Nation; Chair, Chiefs' Committee on Languages, Assembly of First Nations
- Jessica Sault, Indigenous Drumming Group – All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation (ANSWER); Member, Tseshah First Nation

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & NOTEWORTHY GUESTS

- Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Angela Williams, Vice President, Royal BC Museum
- Cliff Fregin, Chair of the New Relationship Trust
- Chief Ray Harris, Co-Chair, First Nations Summit
- Elder John Elliott, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Foundation; Member, Tsartlip First Nation; co-founder of FirstVoices
- Giselle Martin, Mentee in First Peoples' Cultural Council Mentor-Apprentice program and Indigenous language activist; Member of the Tla-o-qui-aht community of the Nuu-cha-nulth Nation
- Gary Manson, mentor in FPCC Mentor-Apprentice program, Snuneymuxw First Nation
- Other key stakeholders that need to be acknowledged

Event Program:

12:00 p.m.	<p>Guests make way to Newcombe Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous drummers drum as guests enter
12:15 p.m.	<p>Welcome (Cynthia Callison, Chair, FPCC) (1 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomes guests Acknowledges key stakeholders present (see list) Reviews program for lunch Introduces Jessica Sault of the ANSWER drumming group and invites to podium Drumming group representative to introduce round dance – Jessica Sault leader of drum group Jessica explains and invites guests to participate in dance Late guests to be invited into dance
12:20 p.m.	Round Dance (5 mins)
12:25 p.m.	<p>Cynthia Callison returns to podium (2 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank drumming group and everyone for participating. Extend thanks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FPCC staff, volunteers, mentors, mentees Partners (Royal BC Museum) Describes the impact the funding will have on the FPCC's work and benefit to Indigenous communities across B.C. Invites John Elliott to say traditional blessing over the meal
12:28 p.m.	John Elliott to give blessing over meal (2 mins)
12:30 p.m.	<p>Buffet lunch</p> <p>Cynthia returns to podium. (less than 1 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks John. Invites guests to enjoy lunch. Calls elders to serve themselves first, then by table, starting with Table 1.
12:45 p.m.	<p>Cynthia returns to podium, invites Chief Ron Ignace to provide a short update on the Federal language legislation initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Ron Ignace to speak (5 mins) Cynthia returns to podium for a quick thank you to Ron <p>No closing</p>

EVENT LOGISTICS

- FPCC to staff check-in table to greet guests.
 - Name tags will be laid out at sign-in table. Guests will not need to sign-in but will pick up name tags. Anyone without name tag will be confirmed against RSVP list.
 - Sign on check-in table will indicate event being recorded and photos may be used in FPCC's promotional material.
- FPCC to provide small gift to each guest at each table: printed map of all the different languages
- photography – Russell Communications
- videography – Russell Communications
- Consent signage posted in room – this event is being recorded.
- Media sign-in on separate sheet; media interview requests through Nancy McHarg and Alex Russell.

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
First Peoples' Cultural Council

B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action

VICTORIA – First Peoples' Cultural Council will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans for each of the living Indigenous languages in B.C., to reverse the disruption to Indigenous languages from Canada's history of colonization and residential schools.

"Language is critical for connecting Indigenous peoples to their culture, spirituality, identity and land," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. "For too long, Indigenous language has been under threat. The time has come for us to support First Nations in exercising their human right to speak and pass on their language and culture."

In Budget 2018, B.C. allocated a \$50-million grant to the First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) to help revitalize Indigenous languages in British Columbia, and address the current language crisis. Fewer than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in B.C.

"We are taking action now to support Indigenous communities' work to preserve and revitalize endangered languages – languages that are cornerstones of cultural and social identities across our province," said Carole James, Minister of Finance. "By investing in Indigenous languages, we invest in the future of Indigenous communities. I am proud our government is making this historic commitment."

As a result of the funding, the First Peoples' Cultural Council will expand community immersion programs that support the development of fluent speakers of Indigenous languages. These include the Mentor-Apprentice program, which pairs fluent speakers with apprentices for one-on-one immersion training, and the Pre-school Language Nest program, which supports the creation of language and culture immersion environments for children and their parents. The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent, helping those who understand, but do not speak their language, overcome challenges with using it in their communities.

"We sincerely thank the B.C. government for its strong leadership and new investment in the revitalization of Indigenous languages across B.C., and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous languages to the well-being of Indigenous peoples," said Cynthia Callison, FPCC board chair. "This funding is essential to restore and continue the unique diversity of Indigenous languages in B.C. It is a concrete example of implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action toward reconciliation."

The language revitalization plans will be developed with Indigenous communities and tailored to their individual needs. The First Peoples' Cultural Council will also provide funding to increase the number of words and phrases uploaded to the FirstVoices online oral dictionary, and expand the online resources available for language learners and speakers.

“Urgent action is needed as many Indigenous languages are in danger of becoming extinct,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. “One of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s key priorities is revitalizing language. That’s what this work is about — not just giving lip service to reconciliation, but taking action.”

FPCC will work in collaboration with communities and partners to support additional priority actions to revitalize languages, including creating new speakers and developing new language resources that will support communities to build skills and capacity for language mobilization.

“The First Nations communities we have been working with are seeing clear and measurable results, creating fluent language speakers as new knowledge keepers and documenting languages for future generations,” said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the FPCC. “This new funding will help us to build on our strong track record of success, and expand our work to all Indigenous communities in B.C., to help their mother-tongue languages flourish again.”

Quick Facts:

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in B.C.
- British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages, and over 90 dialects, represent 60% of all Indigenous languages in the country.
- Investing in languages aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s calls to action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognize that knowing and being able to speak one’s language is a human right.

Learn More:

First Peoples’ Cultural Council: www.fpcc.ca

FirstVoices: www.firstvoices.com/en

Map of Indigenous languages in B.C.: ow.ly/rOub30iYgmq

B.C. Budget 2018: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUND

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First Peoples' Cultural Council

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The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a unique organization in Canada. As a First Nations-run Crown corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia, First Peoples' Cultural Council provides funding and resources to communities, monitors the status of Indigenous languages and develops policy recommendations for First Nations and government.

New funding

The B.C. government has committed a significant investment of \$50 million to support Indigenous language. This funding is the result of many years of advocacy, educating policy makers, and the developing investment models by First Peoples' Cultural Council and community partners.

Why Indigenous language revitalization matters

Restoring connections to Indigenous language and culture builds resilience and supports healthy individuals and communities. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report outlines the need to protect and invest in the restoration of Indigenous languages as a concrete step toward reconciliation. Knowing and being able to speak one's language is recognized as a human right for Indigenous peoples. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples identifies that Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons. First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government to advance the recognition and protection of Indigenous language rights in federal law.

How the funding will be used

The new funding will be used for language preservation and revitalization activities, including community grants, community language planning, and documentation and training aimed at rebuilding community-based language supports. The funding will also be used to expand language immersion programs and learning resources to support Indigenous languages in communities throughout the province.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served First Nations in B.C. for 28 years. The First Peoples' Cultural Council has mapped and documented Indigenous languages in B.C.; built tools and programs in community and online that support language learning; created partnerships with communities throughout the province; and worked with leaders in Indigenous languages around the globe to share their pioneering and proven approaches to language reclamation, documentation and revitalization.

Their efforts have been recognized as establishing British Columbia and Canada as leaders in Indigenous language revitalization. Limited resources have meant that the First Peoples' Cultural Council were able to touch only a handful (10% or less) of the Indigenous languages in the province. With this new provincial funding, it will work with the Indigenous language groups and communities that belong to the same cultural groups and speak the same language throughout the province. The program will be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the community. First Peoples' Cultural Council works collaboratively with communities, supporting leading language work led by Elders and other knowledge keepers of the land.

Language programs supported in communities include:

- The Mentor-Apprentice program pairs a fluent language speaker (mentor) with a language learner (apprentice) to transfer language knowledge and increase fluency.
- FirstVoices is the internationally recognized online Indigenous language archiving and teaching resource that allows Indigenous communities to document their language for future generations. FirstVoices provides state-of-the-art technologies, training and technical support to community language champions. Teams of fluent Elders and technically savvy youth upload dictionaries, alphabets, songs, stories, words and phrases, as well as audio and video to their community archives. FirstVoices keyboards includes apps for Apple and Android mobile devices, and more.
- The Silent Speaker program is for people who understand, but do not speak, their First Nations language. The course is based on a successful program that was developed in Norway and Sweden for, and by, Indigenous Sami people. The model uses cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) to support silent speakers in overcoming barriers to using their Indigenous language in their communities.
- The Pre-School Language Nest program creates language and cultural immersion environments for pre-school children and their parents. In addition to creating an immersion environment with staff, volunteers and elders, Language Nests allow young parents to learn the language and bring it back into their homes and daily lives, which is necessary for revitalizing a language.
- First People's Cultural Council partners with Google.org on the Endangered Languages project, whose governance First People's Cultural Council chairs.

To learn about the First Peoples' Cultural Council's language documentation website, visit: www.firstvoices.com

To find out more about Indigenous languages legislation in Canada, visit: www.fpcc.ca/language/Legislation/

To see current calls for language funding, visit: www.fpcc.ca/Grants/Language/

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Social media – FPCC language event

<http://www.fpcc.ca/>

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March 15

Looking forward to celebrating the richness of Indigenous languages in #BC tomorrow @RoyalBCMuseum with our partners @_FPCC #LanguageRevitalization

Coming together with @_FPCC tomorrow to highlight great work in language revitalization. Helping people take back their voice is the first step to righting past wrongs & addressing social challenges facing Indigenous communities. #LanguageRevitalization

March 16

Wonderful to be with our partners @_FPCC celebrating government's \$50M investment in Indigenous language revitalization. Investing in Indigenous language and culture strengthens communities. [link to news release] #LanguageRevitalization

Thanks to @RoyalBCMuseum for hosting our celebration of Indigenous languages today. It was great to join with @_FPCC to highlight the importance of Indigenous language revitalization to healing the generational wounds left by the residential school system [link to news release] #LanguageRevitalization

Draft Facebook

I was proud to stand with our partners at the [First Peoples' Cultural Council](#) today to highlight the importance of Indigenous language revitalization to the health of Indigenous communities. That's why our government has invested \$50M to support FPCC's great work in this vital area. Thanks to the Royal BC Museum for being great hosts and to FPCC for allowing us to use their amazing [Our Living Languages](#) exhibit as a wonderful backdrop to our gathering.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

First Peoples' Cultural Council Funding event March 16, 2018

1. Why is B.C. giving the First Peoples' Cultural Council this funding?

- Indigenous languages are in a state of emergency – less than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in British Columbia.
- We're working with the First Peoples' Cultural Council on a plan to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- Language is a right under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The teaching of language strengthens the cultural and social health of a community, and connects children to their heritage, community values and the lands they come from.

2. Is \$50M for languages annual, ongoing funding?

- The \$50 million to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages is three-year funding to address the current crisis of languages that may disappear forever.
- B.C. and the First Peoples' Cultural Council are also seeking federal support for this effort.

3. How much funding did Province provide the FPCC this year?

- In 2017/18, the Province is contributing \$1.75 million in annual operating funding to the First Peoples Cultural Council.
- The Province will continue to provide First Peoples' Cultural Council annual operating funding over and above \$50 million announced in budget 2018.

4. This is a significant budget increase the FPCC. Does the FPCC have the capacity to manage this budget increase?

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with Indigenous language experts throughout Canada and internationally for over 25 years, and is well-placed to undertake this work.
- First Peoples will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan on revitalizing Indigenous languages across B.C.

5. Are organizations other than the FPCC receiving funding for language revitalization?

- The Province is providing \$50 million to the First Peoples' Cultural Council, and is working with the First Peoples on a plan to manage and allocate that funding in ways to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council will be seeking to co-ordinate this work through partnerships with Indigenous communities and organizations, and other provincial ministries to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- FPCC will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan on revitalizing Indigenous languages across B.C.

6. How will Indigenous language support from the FPCC intersect with work underway with other BC government ministries?

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council will co-ordinate their work through partnerships with Indigenous communities and organizations, and other provincial ministries to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- This will ensure that the council's work will complement and build from current work underway on Indigenous language revitalization.

7. Will any of this new funding go directly to First Nations who are working on revitalizing their languages?

- Many individual First Nations have taken a lead role in teaching and preserving their respective languages, and we will continue to support those First Nations.
- First Peoples' Cultural Council's existing programming supports First Nations communities implementing language revitalization programs, as well as programs that create fluent speakers of First Nations languages in communities across B.C.
- FPCC will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan and to manage and allocate the \$50 million in funding in ways to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.

8. What other Indigenous language revitalization work does government support?

- Ministry of Education is working closely with First Nations Education Steering Committee to develop an Indigenous Language Learning policy for the K-12 system.
- There are 17 First Nations languages that have developed approved curriculum to be taught in B.C. schools. And there are six more in development.
- Last year, the ministry provided an extra \$190,000 to support resource development for Indigenous language curricula of the 17 languages.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills training is currently working with academic and Indigenous partners to develop and Indigenous Language Fluency Degree.
- Public post-secondary schools in B.C. offer a range of Indigenous language courses and programs, all the way up to Masters level, and the ministry also supports language programs through the Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships Program.

9. How do you answer people who say that the funding could be better used to address the many social challenges facing Indigenous communities such as increasing the level of policing?

- It's not an either/or situation. It's not language support or policing.
- Community safety in Indigenous communities is an important issue. Many of the challenges communities face are systemic and are founded on our colonial past. By investing in Indigenous languages and culture, we start to address those systemic social challenges at community level.
- Having a higher police presence is reactive and doesn't address root problems. By investing in language, culture, in identity and pride, we become part of the solution to these key social issues.

10. What are the priorities for the funding?

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council will be seeking to co-ordinate their work through partnerships with Indigenous communities and organizations, and other provincial ministries to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- FPCC will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan on revitalizing Indigenous languages across B.C.
- The funding will be targeted in a number of priority areas:
 - Programs and projects that will turn new speakers into fluent speakers;
 - Projects for documentation of languages;
 - Language planning across communities; and.
 - Develop high quality resources, tools and training to support language programs.

11. Will the funding be shared with partner organizations?

- FPCC will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan and to manage and allocate the \$50 million in funding in ways to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- This will ensure that the council's work will complement and build from current work underway on Indigenous language revitalization.

12. How many living languages are there?

- British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages and over 90 dialects represent 60 per cent of all Indigenous languages in the country.
- Part of the work will be to map out the number of living Indigenous languages in B.C. and work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans.

13. What does a language revitalization plan entail?

- Every Indigenous language group in B.C. is unique and we will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans that work for their needs.

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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12:15 p.m.

Gathering/welcome

Good afternoon. On behalf of the First Peoples' Cultural Council, I welcome all of you to this wonderful event on this beautiful day. We're here to celebrate and it's our honour to have all of you here with us.

I want to take a moment to recognize a few of our special guests present today:

- Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Angela Williams, Vice President, Royal BC Museum
- Cliff Fregin, Chair of the New Relationship Trust
- Chief Ray Harris, Co-Chair, First Nations Summit
- Elder John Elliott, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Foundation; Member, Tsartlip First Nation; co-founder of FirstVoices

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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- Giselle Martin, apprentice in First Peoples' Cultural Council Mentor-Apprentice program and Indigenous language activist; Member of the Tla-o-qui-aht community of the Nuu-cha-nulth Nation
- Gary Manson, mentor in FPCC Mentor-Apprentice program, Snuneymuxw First Nation
- (Other key stakeholders that need to be acknowledged)

Today is a day for celebration. And in our First Nations cultures we celebrate in many ways, including dance. Today we will begin our celebration with a traditional round dance.

I would like to invite Jessica Sault to the podium. Jessica leads the wonderful drumming group that has been entertaining us this morning. The group's name is ANSWER, which, when spelled out is **All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation.**

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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Jessica, is going to explain how we can all participate in the dance.

Jessica explains and invites guests to participate in dance

AT 12:25 OR ABOUT 5 MINUTES OF DANCING -
Cynthia Callison returns to podium

That was fun! Thank you, Jessica. Thank you all for joining in!

Before we move along, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff of First Peoples' Cultural Council, the many volunteers, mentors and mentees we partner with across the Province. Today would not be happening without all of you.

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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You have worked hard. I know I speak for the Board and everyone in saying that our collaborative approach as an organization has gotten us where we are today. The work you all do together is inspiring and appreciated.

We all look forward to the future with great energy and optimism. This funding will allow us to build on the good work that has been done by so many of you and others in the province.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served B.C.'s First Nations for 28 years. We are immensely proud of what we have achieved with our partners during during this time.

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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Even with limited resources that were available to us, our staff and our partners in communities have we mapped and documented Indigenous languages in B.C.; built tools and programs in community and on-line that support language learning; created partnerships with communities throughout the province; and worked with leaders in Indigenous languages around the globe to share our pioneering and proven approaches to language reclamation, documentation and revitalization.

We embark now to build on this good work and further support all First Nations languages across B.C. to spread and flourish again.

Now, I would like to invite John Elliott to say traditional blessing over the meal.

John Elliott does blessing

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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12:30 p.m. Cynthia returns to podium.

Thank you, John.

Now it's time to eat! I welcome everyone to enjoy a meal together.

I would like to invite our elders to make their way to the buffet table.

Then I ask that each table serve yourselves. We'll begin with Table 1. Elders, please help yourself to a meal!

Buffet lunch on-going during remaining of program

Cynthia Callison, Board Chair, FPCC

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12:45 p.m.

Cynthia returns to podium, invites Chief Ron Ignace to provide a short update on the Federal language legislation initiative

Chief Ron Ignace to speak (5 mins)

12:50

Cynthia returns to podium

Thank you to Ron.

Everyone, that concludes the presentations today.

Please enjoy your meal and your time with one another.

Thank you again for joining us today and being part of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and the revitalizing Indigenous languages in British Columbia.

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Good morning, here is the final NR and backgrounder. We will print hard copies to bring to the event.

Thank you

Sharon

From: [McKill, Colin GCPE:EX](#)
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To: GCPE Writing & Editorial Services
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: For V5 - @IRR 85302 - Indigenous languages news release

Hi folks

For V5 – NR and Backgrounder for our Indigenous languages event tomorrow

Corp Cal #IRR85302

Going out at 11.30 am tomorrow

Distribution – province wide, Indigenous and ethnic

Thank you as always

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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Minister James	
Minister Mark	
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Gisele Martin	Language champion
Bernice Touchie	Ucluelet Elder
Anna Kazantseva, Roland Kuhn	National Research Council
Doug Caul	MIRR
Laurel Nash	MIRR
Jodi Newnham	Ministry of Transportation
Stephanie Gabel	MIRR
Rachel Holmes	MIRR
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Deborah Jeffrey	FNESC
Lorna Williams	UVic
Onowa McIvor	UVic
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Dan Nevin	AVED
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Tamara Davidson	Former Board Member
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Chief Stewart Phillip	UBCIC
Chief Ed John	FN Summit
Regional Chief Terry Teegee	BC AFN
Larry Grant	Elder, Musqueam Nation/UBC
Clyde Tallio	Language champion
Sarah Peterson and her daughter ?	Language champion
Marlene Erickson	Former Board Chair
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Valerie Galley and National Chief Perry Bellegarde	National AFN
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Tracy Monteith	Microsoft
Monique Lacerte	BC Arts Council
Minister Joly	DCH
Erica Tao	DCH
Paul Lorilla	DCH
Tina Jules Yukon language centre and maybe there	AFN chief ?
Chuutsqa Rorick	Language champion
WSANEC Team (via Tye Swallow)	Tsartlip First Nation

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Kevin Borserio, on behalf of SHIP	SHIP
Bill Cohen	Former Board member
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As attached with logos.

FPCC logo resized with locked ratio aspect.

BC and FPCC as book ends of NR, FPCC logo only on backgrounder.

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From: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Direction on language event
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 1:07:42 PM

Hey Sarah,

PO would like language event to be during break weeks, and like the idea of the Museum. Can we work with FPCC, MCJ and MMM office on date that works? Maybe double up with day we do Fresh Voices (MMM is at as well).

Supposed to hear by end of day on tour direction

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation |
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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: DRAFT - Graphics treatment for language map
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:06:56 PM
Attachments: [5967_Slide_16-9_IndigenousLanguages.pptx](#)

FYI Sarah, here is what Tara has done with the map for putting up on screen. I'm going to share with FPCC. I think it looks pretty good.

Thanks
Sharon

From: Kerner, Tara GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Subject: 5967_Slide_16-9_IndigenousLanguages
Hi Sharon and Rick,

Hope the both of you were able to enjoy the sun over the weekend.

Attached is the Power Point slide you requested.

Let me know if there is anything else you might need.

Tara Kerner, CGD

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Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 8:27 AM

To: Tara Kerner <Tara.Kerner@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: #Ticket#5967: New project submitted - Indigenous languages map for event on March 16, 2018 Graphic needed to be

--reply above this line--

New ticket: **Indigenous languages map for event on March 16, 2018**

Graphic needed to be displayed **on screen** at an event to celebrate government investment in Indigenous languages on March 16. Draft ideally required by March 14 as we will need to get sign off from partners

On attached map:

Erase all text at the top of the map ie: 'First Peoples's Language Map of British Columbia' and the explanatory text in black beside it.

Erase the key box on bottom left

Hopefully this should leave just the map with language names and key place names.

Add the BC and First Peoples' Cultural Council logos (FPCC logo attached)

Add the text " Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C."

To be delivered to Sharon and Rick Devereux

<http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Ticket/5967>

NOTE: When replying to this email please leave the subject-line intact.

Insert BC Logo

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Invitation

Hon. Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
and
Cynthia Callison
Chair of the Board, First Peoples Cultural Council

Invite you to be part of an event to highlight the provincial government's commitment to Indigenous languages and celebrate the work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and their partners in Indigenous language preservation and revitalization.

DATE:

Friday, March 16, 2018

TIME:

11:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Our Living Languages exhibition
Royal BC Museum
675 Belleville Street
Victoria
V8W 9W2

The event will be followed by a luncheon in the museum's Newcombe Conference Hall

This invitation is intended for the original addressee. It is not for third party redistribution

Please RSVP to [insert name of event coordinator]
Insert email address

Event to celebrate \$50M funding to First Peoples' Cultural Council
Venue – Royal BC Museum: Our Living Languages Exhibition (3rd floor)
Pre-brief – Royal BC Museum: Newcombe Conference Hall (1st floor)

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11:00 a.m.	Pre-brief with dignitaries: Newcombe Conference Hall Drummers will be performing in lobby outside event space
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11:15 a.m.	Emcee: Minister James opens proceedings, <u>introduces Elder Elmer George</u> Elder Elmer George, Songhees Nation: Offers welcome to territory and opening prayer <u>(English/Lekwungen)</u>
11:25 a.m.	Emcee Minister James thanks Elder Elmer George, offers brief remarks and introduces speakers Remarks by dignitaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Fraser offers remarks (3 mins) Note: Minister Fraser's remarks to include acknowledgement of his colleagues Minister Fleming, Minister Donaldson and Minister Beare (if attending) <u>Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council (1mins)</u> Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples Cultural Council (3 mins) <u>Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, BC AFN (1 min)</u> Giselle Martin, youth speaker – <u>English/Nuu-cha-nulth</u> – (3 mins) Cynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council (3 mins) Cultural performance – the <u>song for the preservation of indigenous languages, performer – TBD/language TBD (2 mins)</u>
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Subject: Draft language event itinerary for March 16
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:57:17 AM
Attachments: [Draft itinerary.docx](#)

Here you go.

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Megan Lappi; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Draft roll out for FPCC event - for discussion
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:25:05 AM
Attachments: [Draft itinerary.docx](#)

Good morning

As promised, I've put down rough thoughts on what an draft roll out could potentially look like for the language event. Draft for discussion.

Megan, at this point, we're looking at March 16 starting at 10.00 – we are checking Minister James and Minister Mark's calendar. Would that work for you. We understand your board will be in town on that date?

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
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Cc: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Draft social media for today's event
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:23:57 AM

Hi Jolleen, here is social media for this morning's event. Link in twitter is to news release which will be live at 11.30.

Twitter

Wonderful to be with our partners @_FPCC celebrating government's \$50M investment in Indigenous language revitalization. Investing in Indigenous language and culture strengthens communities. ow.ly/mWJz30iZmsv #LanguageRevitalization

Thanks to @RoyalBCMuseum for hosting our celebration of Indigenous languages today. It was great to join with @_FPCC to highlight the importance of Indigenous language revitalization to healing the generational wounds left by the residential school system ow.ly/mWJz30iZmsv #LanguageRevitalization

Facebook

I was proud to stand with our partners at the [First Peoples' Cultural Council](#) today to highlight the importance of Indigenous language revitalization to the health of Indigenous communities. That's why our government has invested \$50M to support FPCC's great work in this vital area. Thanks to the Royal BC Museum for being great hosts and to FPCC for allowing us to use their amazing [Our Living Languages](#) exhibit as a wonderful backdrop to our gathering.

Thanks

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: EP_ Event Plan FPCC funding announcement
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 2:39:24 PM
Attachments: [EP_ Event Plan FPCC funding announcement.docx](#)

Event Plan for Rodney. Logistics and speaker details of the event will need to be fleshed out once we have more detail.

Thanks

sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FINAL INVITATION for language event - going out shortly
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:31:30 AM
Attachments: [Invitation Indigenous Languages March 16.doc](#)

Hi folks

This is the final invite that has been signed off by FPCC. We'll get the first wave of invites out the door asap and then if we've forgotten anyone, we can follow up.

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX](#); [Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Final news release - Indigenous languages event
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:46:34 AM
Attachments: [2018IRR0006-000422 with logos.pdf](#)

Hi Rick and Stephanie – here is the final news release with both logos on it. I've printed off 10 hard copies to bring to the event.

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Final news release for today
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:36:15 AM
Attachments: [2018IRR0006-000422 with logos.pdf](#)

Hi there – for your file – final copy of news release for today. Due out at 11.30

Thank you

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Megan Lappi](#); [Nancy McHarg](#); ["Alex Russell"](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Final news release
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:35:16 AM
Attachments: [2018IRR0006-000422 with logos.pdf](#)

Good morning

Here is the final news release/backgrounder with both logos. I have printed out 10 hard copies to bring the museum.

See you shortly

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Final package for Indigenous language event
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 3:52:01 PM
Attachments: [NR-BG FPCC funding event FINAL.docx](#)
[MA NEWS-16610.pdf](#)
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Shaw TV – left message

APTN – left message

Thank you

Sharon
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To: [Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOLLOWING UP: Seeking event support for event at RBCM on March 16 starting at 11.00 am
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 9:50:58 AM
Attachments: [EP Event Plan FPCC funding announcement final.docx](#)

Hi Rick, just following up on my query from last week. Is your team able to support our event next Friday?

If so, I'd like to connect with them re invites, AV etc.

RBCM have their own AV system, but I don't know if you would prefer if we brought in our own.

FYI: Karl has confirmed his team will be supporting us with videography and photography.

Cheers

Sharon

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Seeking event support for event at RBCM on March 16 starting at 11.00 am

Hi Rick

Reaching out to you about engaging the services of your team for an event we're planning on March 16 at the Royal BC Museum. We're partnering with the First Peoples Cultural Council to celebrate the \$50M announced in the budget for FPCC's work on Indigenous language preservation and revitalization.

The plan would be to have a media event from 11.00 – 12.00 in the museum (venue within the museum to be confirmed, but we're hoping for the 'Our Living Languages' exhibit). Media event to be followed by a lunch in another room at the museum, plus a potential stakeholder QA led by FPCC (ministers presence would be welcome but not necessary) – that would take us up to 1.00 pm (ish)

Do you have an event planner that we could work with on this? Our pitch document is attached.

Shout if you need more information at this point.

Thank you

Sharon

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From: Megan Lappi
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); ["Alex Russell"](#); [Nancy McHarg](#)
Subject: Follow-up items
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:11:30 PM

Hi all,

The Media Advisory looks great – you can go ahead with that.

Order of speakers from our side of things:

Cynthia Callison

Ray Harris

Tracey Herbert

Gisele Martin

STOLZEL John Elliott

Thanks,

Megan

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:09:19 AM
Attachments: [Draft Invitation.docx](#)

Hi Jonathan and Ann

For your approval, draft invite for next week's. We would like to get this out this week, so need to confirm the start time. I believe there was some question about changing the start time to 11.30 so that MRF could come. Has that been settled, as obviously it impacts the time on the invite.

Also, Tracey Herbert wants to extend an invite to Minister Donaldson. Do you have any concerns with that?

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOR COMMENT: Rough roll out for FPCC event
Date: Monday, February 26, 2018 10:33:55 AM
Attachments: [Draft itinerary.docx](#)

Here a rough proposed roll out for the FPCC event for your thoughts. Wanted to run it by you before I started chatting further to Megan.

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Materials for Friday's event - speaking notes and QA
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:01:22 PM
Attachments: [SN_FPCC_funding_event_ADM_approved.docx](#)
[QA_FPCC_funding_event_ADM_approved.docx](#)

Hi Jonathan and Anne

Here are the final drafts of MSF's speaking notes and the QA for Friday's language event. They're running a little bit long due to the need to put a few lines about Education in.

We're still working with FPCC on the news release and will get that to you as soon as we can for sign off and quote approval.

Minister James and Minister Mark's quotes are with their GCPE shops for approval, and I'm working on MCJ's emcee notes. We will send those on as soon as we have some loose ends tied down.

I'll resend a complete package later in the week including social media and relevant issues notes.

Thank you

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOR SIGN OFF - Draft invitation for language event
Date: Monday, March 5, 2018 2:45:06 PM
Attachments: [Draft Invitation.docx](#)

Hi Sarah, here's the draft wording for the event invite – are you okay with it. I'd like to flip it over to FPCC so that they can see what we're proposing to say. Leanne has no concerns. We just need to confirm the start time.

I'd like to get these invites out by mid week.

Thanks

Sharon

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FOR SIGN OFF - TAKE 2 - MEDIA ADVISORY
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:27:07 AM
Attachments: [MA_FPCC_funding_event_draft3_lr.docx](#)

Sending this again – I hit send before I was finished.

Thank you

Sharon

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To: [GCPE Writing & Editorial Services](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: For V5 - @IRR 85302 - Indigenous languages news release
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 3:34:28 PM
Attachments: [NR-BG FPCC funding event 15March 330pm.docx](#)

Hi folks

For V5 – NR and Backgrounder for our Indigenous languages event tomorrow

Corp Cal #IRR85302

Going out at 11.30 am tomorrow

Distribution – province wide, Indigenous and ethnic

Thank you as always

Sharon

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Subject: FOR V5 - MA_FPCC funding event_final VS2
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:46:33 AM
Attachments: [MA_FPCC funding event_final VS2.docx](#)

Hi folks, attached for V5 the Media advisory for tomorrow's Indigenous languages event **#IRR85302**

To go out somewhere around 11.30 – 12.00 if possible

Province wide

Thank you

Sharon

From: Alex Russell
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Nancy McHarg](#); [Megan Lappi](#)
Subject: FPCC - LUNCHEON EVENT PLAN - MARCH 16, 2018
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:58:02 PM
Attachments: [FPCC Lunch Event Plan - FINAL.pdf](#)

Hi Sharon, please find attached the luncheon event plan for tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Alex Russell

Principal, Russell Communications

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: FPCC invite list for March 16 - draft
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018 11:16:00 AM
Attachments: Copy of Guest List MIRR Event Draft March 2.xlsx

Hello there, FPCC have shared their draft invite list. s.22 at the moment, so they've not run it by her yet.

Leadership are on there – Grand Chief Ed Joh, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip Chief Chamberlin, Regional Chief Terry Tegee. National Chief Perry Bellegarde Andrew Weaver is also there. Also Judith Sayers for NTC and obviously Jack Lohman for RBCM

Also representatives from FNEESC, UVic, UBC, New Relationship Trust, First Nations Technology Council First Voices and Department of Canadian Heritage

We have capacity to add, so if there are gaps, we can add to this list.

Thanks

Sharon

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 9:18 AM
To: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: March 16 language event
Absolutely Anne! Guest list is under development. It's already fairly long from what FPCC has said about who they'd like to include. The space can hold up to about 200 people I think, so we will make sure all the right people are invited. Thanks for these ones to add to the list if not already there!

S.

Sarah Plank

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On Mar 2, 2018, at 9:15 AM, Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Just wondering if an invite has gone out to FNLC for March 16 ? Leadership would like to be aware of this. And the green caucus ? Adam Olsen said his nation is a example of a good language program would he want to invite his leadership ? And school trustee the aboriginal caucus or school board reps ? Aboriginal child care ? Just to bring this beyond FPCC this should be celebrated far and wide

Anne

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From: Alex Russell
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Nancy McHarg](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Megan Lappi](#)
Subject: FPCC SPEAKING NOTES
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 10:01:07 AM
Attachments: [SN - Cynthia Callison press conference 03.16.2018 - FINAL.pdf](#)
[SN - Tracey Herbert 03.16.2018 - FINAL.pdf](#)

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From: [Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX](#)
To: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Friday event
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:17:10 AM

Hello hello

Should we be doing any kind of social media leading up to the FPCC event Friday?

And is there a comms plan?

Thanks,

Jolleen Dick | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Scott Fraser | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 250-812-5247

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Sharon

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Thank you

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From: [Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Joint provincial/FPCC languages media event
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:29:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Sarah,

We are speaking to Tracey Herbert about this and will revert back to you shortly.

Thanks

Erika

Erika Stenson Head of Marketing, Sales and Business Development | Archives and Museum Operations



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Date: February 21, 2018 at 9:52:45 PM PST
To: "Barnes, Michael RBCM:EX" <MBarnes@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>
Subject: Joint provincial/FPCC languages media event

Hi Michael – good to talk to you yesterday. As discussed, we are turning our minds to organizing a media event to celebrate the \$50 million investment announced by the province as part of the budget this week to support language revitalization.

Our top choice for venue is the museum, either in the Living Languages exhibit or the First People's Gallery, as it's such a nice fit, and has such beautiful visuals.

Participants in the event will be Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, as well as one or both of Carol James, Minister of Finance and Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education. Also participating will be officials from the First People's Cultural Council, other Indigenous dignitaries and elders, and language speakers. It promises to be a really nice event.

We are currently exploring dates in the Ministers' calendars in March. The timing to accommodate media schedules would be ideally sometime between 9am and 2pm on a weekday.

I really appreciate you putting me in touch with your events coordinator, and am keeping my fingers crossed we can make this work, as the museum would be such a great venue for this!

Thanks very much,

Sarah.

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: National Chief Video
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:07:28 PM

Video message from Perry Bellegarde – it's terrific.

From: Megan Lappi [mailto:megan@fpcc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: NC Video
Hi all,
Here is the video. It's great!

s.22

Thanks,
Megan

Megan Lappi
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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Press Release
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:29:08 AM

Any concerns with the changes from Megan below – given their concern, it seems a reasonable work around.

From: Megan Lappi [mailto:megan@fpcc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Alex Russell; Nancy McHarg
Subject: RE: Press Release

Hi all,

See below for requested changes from Tracey. It may not be possible to work with all 34 languages, although that is the goal. We don't want to expose us (and you) to criticism. Cynthia agrees to this change.

Thanks,

Megan

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX [mailto:Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: March 15, 2018 8:33 AM
To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Alex Russell <alex@russellstrategy.com>; Nancy McHarg <nancy@mchargcommunications.com>
Subject: RE: Press Release

Hi Megan, in case you didn't get this last night, here's the final wording for the opening para
VICTORIA – The First Peoples' Cultural Council will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement language revitalization plans for those languages that are Indigenous to B.C., to reverse the disruption to Indigenous languages from Canada's history of colonization and residential schools.

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To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Alex Russell; Nancy McHarg
Subject: Re: Press Release

Hi all,

See Cynthia's input to her quote. Can you send me the final wording for the intro paragraph so I can run it by Tracey?

Thanks,

Megan

Megan Lappi

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Cc: Nancy McHarg <nancy@mchargcommunications.com>, "Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX" <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>, "Megan Lappi " <megan@fpcc.ca>
Subject: FPCC SPEAKING NOTES

Hi Sharon, please find FPCC speaking notes for the press conference attached.

Best regards,

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From: Megan Lappi
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Guest list for event
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:37:29 PM
Attachments: [Guest List MIRR Event Draft March 2 updated.xlsx](#)

Hi Sharon,

Here's the updated guest list. It looks fairly complete to me. Let me know if we are missing anyone. We sent save the date emails (some to be completed tomorrow morning) to those highlighted in yellow.

Best,

Megan

Megan Lappi

Communications Manager

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To: [Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX](#); [Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Indigenous languages materials
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:28:43 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.pdf](#)
[QA_FPCC_funding_event_FINAL.docx](#)
[SM_FPCC_funding_event_draft_2.docx](#)
[IN_First_People's_Cultural_Council_12March2018.docx](#)
[IN_Indigenous_Languages_17Jan2018.docx](#)

Hi Rodney, here is the Indigenous languages NR and QA. Also relevant issues notes. And I've included our social media so you can see what our intentions are.

The V5 is still the draft. We're going to have another read over it this evening and approve first thing in the morning, so we'll send you the link then.

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Language event - guest list
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:02:13 PM
Attachments: [Invitation Indigenous Languages March 16.doc](#)
[Copy of Guest List MIRR Event Draft March7.xlsx](#)

We're good with the amended invite and FPCC have seen it .
Here's also the guest list. Let's get these out the door as soon as we can
Thanks again for all your assistance Rick. It's hugely appreciated.
Cheers
Sharon

From: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Invitation V2
Here you are.
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From: [Hanuman, Heron GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Language event Friday
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 10:40:19 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Sarah,

I am in the process of confirming a videographer for you for Friday, would you have any additional info on the event details, key interviews/b-roll you could share with us?

H

Heron Hanuman

Manager | Digital Communications

Government Communications and Public Engagement

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Glover, Darren RBCM:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Language event info - so far
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:24:26 AM
Attachments: [Draft itinerary update.docx](#)

Hi Darren – as discussed, here's the current info and a couple of questions in bold

As discussed we will be bringing in A/V and a stand alone flat screen for Friday's event. The A/V guys will be at the loading dock door at 9.00. **Is there someone they should phone when they get there?**

Attached is our current draft running order – still a couple of moving pieces there

We'll do the pre-brief as discussed in the Newcombe and then escort the speakers party up to the OLL exhibit.

A drum group will play in the lobby outside OLL while guests are arriving. They'll get changed into regalia in the Newcombe

We will do a media dial in at the end for any QA – our events will organize this

My group will arrive between 9.30 – 10.00. Will we be able to get in the front entrance, or will we have to go through the scene dock? We'll have representatives from both FPCC and government at the registration table in the lobby.

We should have a settled RSVP list by end of day tomorrow, so will have proper numbers then, but at the moment it looks like around 60 guests.

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From: [Cordeiro, Shantel GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Languages event coverage
Date: Monday, March 19, 2018 8:59:15 AM

Good morning Sarah,

I realized after I clicked send that I didn't include the event coverage from Friday in the clips this morning.

Here is what came up:

[http://tno.gov.bc.ca/tno/servlet/tno.otis.servlet?
command=showstory&type=TV+News&publication=CHEK&series=CHEK+News+at+Five&rsn=396342889&alert=yes](http://tno.gov.bc.ca/tno/servlet/tno.otis.servlet?command=showstory&type=TV+News&publication=CHEK&series=CHEK+News+at+Five&rsn=396342889&alert=yes)
[http://tno.gov.bc.ca/tno/servlet/tno.otis.servlet?
command=showstory&type=Radio+News&publication=CFAX&series=CFAX&rsn=396336909&alert=yes](http://tno.gov.bc.ca/tno/servlet/tno.otis.servlet?command=showstory&type=Radio+News&publication=CFAX&series=CFAX&rsn=396336909&alert=yes)
<https://www.burnslakelakesdistrictnews.com/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>

I'll be sure to include them in the send tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

Shantel Cordeiro

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To: [McCrea, Jennifer EDUC:EX](#); [Vasey, Jeff AEST:EX](#); [Sawchuk, Bindi AEST:EX](#); [Avison, Claire TAC:EX](#)
Cc: [Mah-Paulson, May IRR:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Languages
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 8:32:55 AM

Hi everyone.

To begin thank you to you and your teams for participating in the discussion last week on all our initiatives and opportunities to improve our integration and collaboration on language heritage and culture.

As you are aware we are anticipating an announcement on languages as part of the budget.

Sarah and May's teams are working with your staff on the q and A's associated with that announcement as we want to ensure that we are aligned and telling the full story of BCs efforts to revitalize languages.

I would appreciate if you could ensure this is treated as a priority as time is short to get messaging in place. (your teams have been fantastic by the way)

Additionally, we are working on stakeholder and indigenous organization calls so have been working with your staff on that as well.

Our Ministers office is also reaching out to yours on this for the same purpose.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions or concerns. I am reaching out to the FPCC today to continue the discussion around better integration and collaboration.

Thanks

Laurel Nash
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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Megan Lappi](#); ["Nancy McHarg"](#); ["Alex Russell"](#)
Subject: Latest copy NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:20:19 PM
Attachments: [NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved.docx](#)

Hi folks, ahead of our 3.30 call, here's the latest iteration of the news release so we all can see where we are at. I had to shorten the headline because we have to have it on one line and our system can only take so many characters in the headline.

I also took a part of the lead paragraph and used it in our minister's draft quote, as those were the sentiments in it anyway. So that shortened the lead since we try not to go beyond 3 lines.

Speak shortly

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Lunch event plan for tomorrow from FPCC
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:41:51 PM
Attachments: [FPCC Lunch Event Plan - FINAL.pdf](#)

Hello everyone – here is the lunchtime program that has just come through from FPCC. Sending for info

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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March 15, 2018

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – Victoria
First Peoples' Cultural Council

VICTORIA – Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Cynthia Callison and Tracey Herbert of the First Peoples' Cultural Council will welcome honoured guests for a celebration of the provincial government's commitment to Indigenous languages. They will also provide more detail on the work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and their partners on Indigenous language revitalization, made possible from a recent provincial investment.

Speakers and guests will include Carole James, Minister of Finance, Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, Indigenous leaders, community language champions and supporters and partners of the First Peoples' Cultural Council. Dignitaries will share some thoughts in their own Indigenous languages.

The ANSWER -All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation drum group will perform in the museum's third floor lobby prior to the event.

Event Date: Friday, March 16, 2018

Time: 11:15 p.m.

Location:
Our Living Languages exhibit
Third floor
Royal BC Museum
675 Belleville Street
Victoria

Special Instructions:
Media should report to the event registration desk in the main museum lobby

Dial In Numbers:
s.15,s.17 Vancouver
 from Canada and USA

Participant Pass Code: s.15,s.17

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From: [Howie, Matthew IRR:EX](#)
To: [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [French, Shawna IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Howie, Matthew IRR:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Mar 16 FPCC languages event
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:14:16 PM
Attachments: [Invitation Indigenous Languages March 16.doc](#)

Hi Connie,

I see that MSF will attend this event on Mar 16. Just FYI that Laurel is also going to attend the event.

Matthew Howie

A/Senior Executive Assistant to

Doug Caul, Deputy Minister

Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation

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From: [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX](#)
Subject: March 16 language event
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018 9:15:06 AM

Hello,

Just wondering if an invite has gone out to FNLC for March 16 ? Leadership would like to be aware of this. And the green caucus ? Adam Olsen said his nation is a example of a good language program would he want to invite his leadership ? And school trustee the aboriginal caucus or school board reps ? Aboriginal child care ? Just to bring this beyond FPCC this should be celebrated far and wide

Anne

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hill, Edward GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Media - RBCM language event
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:21:17 PM

Note –

- TV news generally decides on story assignments in the morning.
- Federal environment minister Catherine McKenna is making an announcement at 10am and doing a vessel tour at Ship Point in the Inner Harbour. Several outlets are attending and are unsure about doing back to back assignments (despite locations being two blocks separated).

Contacted:

Victoria News/Black Press – Yes

CBC TV - Decide story assignments in AM; very likely to be attended.

CHEK – Decide story assignments in AM; probably

Times Colonist – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM

Canadian Press/Dirk Meissner – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM

CFAX – Maybe

CBC radio – In consideration.

CTV 2 – In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM

Global TV - In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM

Globe and Mail – No. Reporter busy.

Shaw TV – left message

APTN – left message

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From: Alex Russell
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Nancy McHarg](#); [Megan Lappi](#); [Tracey Herbert](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Media coverage - FPCC \$50m funding event 03.16.2018
Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018 5:50:28 PM

Hi Sharon, it was very nice to meet you and to work with you on Friday's event. I hope you were happy with the turnout and how the event unfolded. I thought it was a lovely event with great speakers and compelling stories and testimonials.

I'm following up to see if you are able to share any other media coverage you find in your media monitoring beyond what I've tracked below?

Also, FYI, ^{s.22}

^{s.22} so if there are any follow-ups for FPCC related to Friday's event from a communications perspective, please contact Nancy and copy Tracey Herbert.

Thanks,

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From: Alex Russell
Sent: March 18, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Megan Lappi
Cc: Nancy McHarg; Tracey Herbert; Cynthia Callison
Subject: Re: Media coverage
Hi Megan, one more that I missed in my first email:

<https://www.burnslakelakesdistrictnews.com/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>

In my scan, it appears that several of our key messages made their way into the stories. The Black Press stories carry a quote from Tracey, whereas the CHEK one has a quote from Cynthia. All but one story specifically mentioned FPCC, although the CFAX online story did not but included a picture of Tracey & Cynthia. I don't know if a separate story appeared on CFAX radio and if it carried different messages.

Best regards,

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From: Alex Russell

Sent: March 18, 2018 5:02 PM

To: Megan Lappi

Cc: Nancy McHarg; Tracey Herbert; Cynthia Callison

Subject: Media coverage

Hi Megan, here is some initial media coverage I found for Friday's event:

- <https://www.trailtimes.ca/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>
- <https://www.pentictonwesternnews.com/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>
- <https://www.columbiavalley pioneer.com/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>
- <https://www.albernivalleynews.com/news/province-invests-50m-to-save-b-c-s-34-indigenous-languages/>
- <https://www.cheknews.ca/province-pledges-50-million-to-save-indigenous-languages-in-b-c-429886/>
- <https://www.mycomoxvalleynow.com/33140/province-providing-50-million-to-save-first-nations-languages/>
- <http://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/news/funding-for-first-nations-language-education-celebrated-at-royal-bc-museum-1.3693661>

As promised, I'll follow up with Sharon to see if she can share other coverage if there's more.

Best regards,

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Megan Lappi](#); [Nancy McHarg](#); [Alex Russell](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Media for tomorrow
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:55:16 PM

Hi folks, this is the result of our call arounds. Most of the TV stations as you know make their decisions in the am, but most are likely to attend.

Rob Shaw/Van Sun –definite maybe.

Bhinder Sajan/CTV – not sure. Depends on morning assignments.

Liza Yuzda/CKNW s.22

Victoria News/Black Press – Yes

CFAx – Yes

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Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: MSF Speaking notes for Friday
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 12:50:36 PM
Attachments: [SN_FPCC funding event ADM approved.docx](#)

Hi Sarah, Laurel has signed off on MSF's speaking notes. Are you okay for me to send them up, or do you want to do so? We'll have to send a final once we tie off a few loose ends.

Thanks

Sharon

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-13_11pm FPCC edits
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:39:57 PM
Attachments: [NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-13_11pm FPCC edits.docx](#)

Sarah, these are FPCC edits – I think they're fine. They want their name spelled out in full, and I don't think that's a problem. And I think the wording suggestion change for MSF's quote is fine. If you're okay with these changes I will accept track changes and send you a clean version for sending up.

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-15_920am
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:22:14 AM
Attachments: [NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-15_920am.docx](#)

Updated MSF quote re Don's direction

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation
First Peoples' Cultural Council

B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action

VICTORIA – First Peoples' Cultural Council will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans for each of the living Indigenous languages in B.C., to reverse the disruption to Indigenous languages from Canada's history of colonization and residential schools.

"Language is critical for connecting Indigenous people to their culture, spirituality, identity and land," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. "For too long, Indigenous language has been under threat. The time has come for us to support First Nations in exercising their human right to speak and pass on their language and culture."

In Budget 2018, B.C. allocated a \$50-million grant to the First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) to help revitalize Indigenous languages in British Columbia and address the current language crisis. Fewer than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in B.C.

"We are taking action now to support Indigenous communities' work to preserve and revitalize endangered languages – languages that are cornerstones of cultural and social identities across our province," said Finance Minister Carole James. "By investing in Indigenous languages, we invest in the future of Indigenous communities. I am proud our government is making this historic commitment."

As a result of the funding, the First Peoples' Cultural Council will expand community immersion programs that support the development of fluent speakers of Indigenous languages. These include the Mentor-Apprentice program, which pairs fluent speakers with apprentices for one-on-one immersion training, and the Pre-school Language Nest program which supports the creation of language and culture immersion environments for children and their parents. The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent, helping those who understand but do not speak their language overcome challenges with using it in their communities.

"We thank the B.C. government for its strong leadership and investment in the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages across B.C., and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous languages to the well-being of our first peoples," said FPCC board chair, Cynthia Callison. "This funding is essential to protecting our shared cultural heritage and B.C.'s unique diversity of Indigenous languages and is a concrete example of reconciliation."

The language revitalization plans will be developed with Indigenous communities and tailored to their individual needs. The First Peoples' Cultural Council will also provide funding to increase the number of words and phrases uploaded to the FirstVoices online oral dictionary, and expand the online resources available for language learners and speakers.

“Urgent action is needed as many Indigenous languages are in danger of becoming extinct,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. “One of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s key priorities is revitalizing language. That’s what this work is about; not just giving lip service to reconciliation but taking action.”

FPCC will work in collaboration with communities and partners to support additional priority actions to revitalize languages, including initiatives to create new speakers and new language resources that will support communities to build skills and capacity for language mobilization.

“The First Nations communities we have been working with are seeing clear and measurable results, creating fluent language speakers as new knowledge keepers and documenting languages for future generations,” said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the FPCC. “This new funding will help us to build on our strong track record of success and expand our work to all Indigenous communities in B.C to help their mother tongue languages to flourish again.”

Quick Facts:

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in B.C.
- British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages and over 90 dialects represent 60 per cent of all Indigenous languages in the country.
- Investing in languages aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s calls to action and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognize that knowing and being able to speak one’s language is a human right.

A backgrounder follows.

Learn More:

First Peoples’ Cultural Council: www.fpcc.ca

FirstVoices: www.firstvoices.com/en

Map of Indigenous languages in B.C.: ow.ly/rOub30iYgmg

B.C. Budget 2018: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018

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Nancy McHarg

First Peoples’ Cultural Council

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BACKGROUND

First Peoples' Cultural Council

The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a unique organization in Canada. As a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia, First Peoples' Cultural Council provides funding and resources to communities, monitors the status of Indigenous languages and develops policy recommendations for First Nations and government.

New funding

The B.C. Government has committed a significant investment of \$50 million to support Indigenous language. This funding is the result of many years of advocacy, educating of policy makers, and the development of investment models by First Peoples' Cultural Council and their community partners.

Why Indigenous language revitalization matters

Restoring connections to Indigenous language and culture builds resilience and supports healthy individuals and communities. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report outlines the need to protect and invest in the restoration of Indigenous languages as a concrete step towards reconciliation. Knowing and being able to speak one's language is recognized as a human right for Indigenous peoples. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples identifies that Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons. First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government to advance the recognition to protection of Indigenous language rights in federal law.

How the funding will be used

The new funding will be used for language preservation and revitalization activities, including community grants, community language planning, and documentation and training, aimed at rebuilding community-based language supports, as well as to expand language immersion programs and learning resources to support Indigenous languages in communities throughout the province.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served First Nations in B.C. for 28 years. The First Peoples' Cultural Council has mapped and documented Indigenous languages in B.C.; built tools and programs in community and on-line that support language learning; created partnerships with communities across the province; and worked with leaders in Indigenous languages around the globe to share their pioneering and proven approaches to language reclamation, documentation and revitalization.

Their efforts have been recognized as establishing British Columbia and Canada as leaders in Indigenous language revitalization. Limited resources have meant that they were able to touch only a handful (10% or less) of the Indigenous languages in the province. With this new provincial funding, they will work with the Indigenous language groups and communities that belong to the same cultural groups and speak the same language throughout the province. The program will be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the community. First Peoples' Cultural Council works collaboratively with communities, supporting leading language work led by Elders and other knowledge keepers of the land.

Language programs supported in communities include:

- The Mentor-Apprentice program pairs a fluent language speaker (mentor) with a language learner (apprentice) to transfer language knowledge and increase fluency.
- FirstVoices is the internationally recognized online Indigenous language archiving and teaching resource that allows Indigenous communities to document their language for future generations. FirstVoices provides state-of-the-art technologies, training and technical support to community language champions. Teams of fluent Elders and technically savvy youth upload dictionaries, alphabets, songs, stories, words and phrases as well as audio and video to their community archives. FirstVoices Keyboards includes apps for Apple and android mobile devices, and more.
- The Silent Speaker program is for people who understand but do not speak their First Nations language. The course is based on a successful program that was developed in Norway and Sweden for and by Indigenous Sami people. The model uses Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) to support silent speakers to overcome barriers to using their Indigenous language in their communities.
- The Pre-School Language Nest program creates language and cultural immersion environments for pre-school children and their parents. In addition to creating an immersion environment with staff, volunteers and elders, Language Nests allow young parents to learn the language and bring it back into their homes and daily lives, which is necessary for revitalizing a language.
- First People's Cultural Council partners with Google.org on the Endangered Languages project, whose governance First People's Cultural Council chairs.

To learn about FirstVoices.com, First Peoples' Cultural Council's language documentation website, visit: www.firstvoices.com

To find out more about Indigenous languages legislation in Canada, visit: www.fpcc.ca/language/Legislation/

To see current calls for language funding, visit: www.fpcc.ca/Grants/Language/

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

First Peoples' Cultural Council Funding event March 16, 2018

1. Why is B.C. giving the First Peoples' Cultural Council this funding?

- Indigenous languages are in a state of emergency – less than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in British Columbia.
- We're working with the First Peoples' Cultural Council on a plan to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- Language is a right under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The teaching of language strengthens the cultural and social health of a community, and connects children to their heritage, community values and the lands they come from.

2. Is \$50M for languages annual, ongoing funding?

- The \$50 million to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages is three-year funding to address the current crisis of languages that may disappear forever.
- B.C. and the First Peoples' Cultural Council are also seeking federal support for this effort.

3. How much funding did Province provide the FPCC this year?

- In 2017/18, the Province is contributing \$1.75 million in annual operating funding to the First Peoples Cultural Council.
- The Province will continue to provide First Peoples' Cultural Council annual operating funding over and above \$50 million announced in budget 2018.

4. This is a significant budget increase the FPCC. Does the FPCC have the capacity to manage this budget increase?

- The First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with Indigenous language experts throughout Canada and internationally for over 25 years, and is well-placed to undertake this work.
- First Peoples will work with a range of partners to develop a robust plan on revitalizing Indigenous languages across B.C.

5. Are organizations other than the FPCC receiving funding for language revitalization?

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7. Will any of this new funding go directly to First Nations who are working on revitalizing their languages?

- Many individual First Nations have taken a lead role in teaching and preserving their respective languages, and we will continue to support those First Nations.
- First Peoples' Cultural Council's existing programming supports First Nations communities implementing language revitalization programs, as well as programs that create fluent speakers of First Nations languages in communities across B.C.
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8. What other Indigenous language revitalization work does government support?

- Ministry of Education is working closely with First Nations Education Steering Committee to develop an Indigenous Language Learning policy for the K-12 system.
- There are 17 First Nations languages that have developed approved curriculum to be taught in B.C. schools. And there are six more in development.
- Last year, the ministry provided an extra \$190,000 to support resource development for Indigenous language curricula of the 17 languages.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills training is currently working with academic and Indigenous partners to develop and Indigenous Language Fluency Degree.
- Public post-secondary schools in B.C. offer a range of Indigenous language courses and programs, all the way up to Masters level, and the ministry also supports language programs through the Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships Program.

9. How do you answer people who say that the funding could be better used to address the many social challenges facing Indigenous communities such as increasing the level of policing?

- It's not an either/or situation. It's not language support or policing.
- Community safety in Indigenous communities is an important issue. Many of the challenges communities face are systemic and are founded on our colonial past. By investing in Indigenous languages and culture, we start to address those systemic social challenges at community level.
- Having a higher police presence is reactive and doesn't address root problems. By investing in language, culture, in identity and pride, we become part of the solution to these key social issues.

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 - Projects for documentation of languages;
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To: Megan Lappi
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: Question - travel support
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:12:02 PM

Hi Megan

s.13,s.16

Thanks
Sharon

From: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Invitation to Event

I am guessing the answer to this question is that it is both, but let me know if you have lines or want to respond yourself

From: Tl'akwasikān Khelsilem [mailto:^{s.22}]
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Invitation to Event

Hi Rick.

Would you be able to tell me more about the nature of this event? Is it just a public announcement or is it like a discussion with stakeholders?

s.13,s.16

Thank you!

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 12:22 PM, Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached an invitation to an event being held by the Province of British Columbia and the First Peoples' Cultural Council. Please RSVP if you can attend, details are in the invitation.

Thanks

Rick

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Quick question re language event
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:21:32 AM

Morning Sarah

Just checking – does Minister James know we want her to emcee next week?

Thanks

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To: [Megan Lappi; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; "Alex Russell"; Nancy McHarg; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX; Glover, Darren RBCM:EX](#)
Subject: re call on Wednesday
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:39:52 PM

Hello everyone, you'll recall on Friday's call, we said we'd do another call on Wednesday. Please let me know if there is any time on Wednesday that you are **not** available and we'll see if we can come up with something that works for everyone. This is to discuss outstanding details.

Darren, you may or may not want to be on this – I'll leave it to you.

Thank you

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Subject: re FPCC event timing
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:28:44 PM

Hi folks, I spoke with our contact at FPCC about the 16th for the event. She's checking at her end, but their preference is to go from 11.00 – 12.00 (rather than start at 10.00), so that they could roll things over into a lunch. Apparently they'd always offer lunch to guests. Would starting at 11.00 rather than 10.00 cause problems? If so, I can go back to them, but thought I would check.

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Subject: RE: 11:30 it is - IFF NR + BG - B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
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Thanks all for your help on this epic!

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I have changed it to 11:30 in The System.

Thank you, Sharon for clarifying.

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HI Linda, 11.30 please :)

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To go this morning at 11:15 -

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Wouldn't that be for FPCC to answer?

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Additional Q for QA
That's fine. Thanks.

I wonder if we need also an answer to what a language revitalization plan might entail?

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To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#)
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Subject: RE: Additions
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:09:11 PM

Hmm... let me check in with CASA on E. May
Have Ashton, and the Green MLAs rsvped?

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation |
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Thank you

Sharon

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Their efforts have been recognized as establishing British Columbia and Canada as leaders in Indigenous language revitalization. Limited resources have meant that the First Peoples' Cultural Council were able to touch only a handful (10% or less) of the Indigenous languages in the province. With this new provincial funding, it will work with the Indigenous language groups and communities that belong to the same cultural groups and speak the same language throughout the province. The program will be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the community. First Peoples' Cultural Council works collaboratively with communities, supporting leading language work led by Elders and other knowledge keepers of the land.

Language programs supported in communities include:

- * The Mentor-Apprentice program pairs a fluent language speaker (mentor) with a language learner (apprentice) to transfer language knowledge and increase fluency.

- * FirstVoices is the internationally recognized online Indigenous language archiving and teaching resource that allows Indigenous communities to document their language for future generations. FirstVoices provides state-of-the-art technologies, training and technical support to community language champions. Teams of fluent Elders and technically savvy youth upload dictionaries, alphabets, songs, stories, words and phrases, as well as audio and video to their community archives. FirstVoices keyboards includes apps for Apple and Android mobile devices, and more.

- * The Silent Speaker program is for people who understand, but do not speak, their First Nations language. The course is based on a successful program that was developed in Norway and Sweden for, and by, Indigenous Sami people. The model uses cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) to support silent speakers in overcoming barriers to using their Indigenous language in their communities.

- * The Pre-School Language Nest program creates language and cultural immersion

environments for pre-school children and their parents. In addition to creating an immersion environment with staff, volunteers and Elders, Language Nests allow young parents to learn the language and bring it back into their homes and daily lives, which is necessary for revitalizing a language.

* First Peoples' Cultural Council partners with [Google.org](https://www.google.org) on the Endangered Languages project, whose governance First Peoples' Cultural Council chairs.

To learn about the First Peoples' Cultural Council's language documentation website, visit: www.firstvoices.com

To find out more about Indigenous languages legislation in Canada, visit: www.fpcc.ca/language/Legislation/

To see current calls for language funding, visit: www.fpcc.ca/Grants/Language/

Contact:

Nancy McHarg
First Peoples' Cultural Council
604 760-4366

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/connect>

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Copy with logos
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:31:43 AM

You are awesome, thank you!

From: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Copy with logos
As attached with logos.
FPCC logo resized with locked ratio aspect.
BC and FPCC as book ends of NR, FPCC logo only on backgrounder.
Leanne Ritchie
Communications Manager
Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: DRAFT - Graphics treatment for language map
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:21:32 PM

I've just flipped it over to them. Tara's done a nice job.
Will let you know when I hear back from FPCC

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: DRAFT - Graphics treatment for language map
Looks good to me, as long as FPCC is good with it. Thanks Sharon.

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: DRAFT - Graphics treatment for language map
FYI Sarah, here is what Tara has done with the map for putting up on screen. I'm going to share with FPCC. I think it looks pretty good.

Thanks
Sharon

From: Kerner, Tara GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Subject: 5967_Slide_16-9_IndigenousLanguages
Hi Sharon and Rick,

Hope the both of you were able to enjoy the sun over the weekend.
Attached is the Power Point slide you requested.
Let me know if there is anything else you might need.

Tara Kerner, CGD

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Graphics 411 Information and Resources:

<https://gcpe.gov.bc.ca/411/Pages/Graphic%20Communications%20Division.aspx>

From: GCPE Graphics Request <gcpegrar@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>

Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 8:27 AM

To: Tara Kerner <Tara.Kerner@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: #Ticket#5967: New project submitted - Indigenous languages map for event on March 16, 2018 Graphic needed to be

--reply above this line--

New ticket: Indigenous languages map for event on March 16, 2018

Graphic needed to be displayed **on screen** at an event to celebrate government investment in Indigenous languages on March 16. Draft ideally required by March 14 as we will need to get sign off from partners

On attached map:

Erase all text at the top of the map ie: First Peoples's Language Map of British Columbia' and the explanatory text in black beside it.

Erase the key box on bottom left

Hopefully this should leave just the map with language names and key place names.

Add the BC and First Peoples' Cultural Council logos (FPCC logo attached)

Add the text " Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C."

To be delivered to Sharon and Rick Devereux

<http://gdu.gcpe.gov.bc.ca/Ticket/5967>

NOTE: When replying to this email please leave the subject-line intact.

From: Alex Russell
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Nancy McHarg; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Megan Lappi
Subject: Re: Draft itinerary and background event plan summary
Date: Friday, March 9, 2018 3:38:25 PM
Attachments: [Draft itinerary - RC feedback.docx](#)

Please find attached ROS with suggested amendments for our discussion.

Best regards,

Alex Russell

Principal, Russell Communications

604.562.9262 | alex@russellstrategy.com

Website: russellstrategy.com

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: March 9, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Nancy McHarg; Alex Russell
Subject: Draft itinerary and background event plan summary

Hi Nancy and Alex

Here's the draft itinerary and our event plan summary – the speaker order is obviously not set in stone and we can talk about that. The minister would normally speak first.

Cheers

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

Communications

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

250 387 1253

250 920 5012 (cell)

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: EP_ Event Plan FPCC funding announcement
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 4:08:00 PM

Perfect, thank you. Good catch re Dustin Rivers

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: EP_ Event Plan FPCC funding announcement

Thanks Sharon. I made a few tweaks, tracked in the attached for your reference. Thank very much for putting this together! I will send it on to him.

Thx,

S.

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 2:39 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: EP_ Event Plan FPCC funding announcement

Event Plan for Rodney. Logistics and speaker details of the event will need to be fleshed out once we have more detail.

Thanks

sharon

From: [Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Event plan - languages funding
Date: Monday, March 5, 2018 9:28:46 AM

M3 cannot make this date due to the indigenous round table.

Suggest your MO connect with AEST MO

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Event plan - languages funding

Hi all,

Just want you to be aware that our MO has invited your ministers to attend this event on Friday, March 16th at 11am at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria. It's a lot of ministers, so haven't finalized roles yet – will need to do that once we know who will attend.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Event plan - languages funding
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 9:26:02 AM

If you have a draft NR, I can work with her on getting you an approved quote.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 9:24 AM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Event plan - languages funding
Should be fine. Anything in particular she'd like to say?

Sarah Plank

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2018, at 8:40 AM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sarah; Can Minister Mark please get a quote in the news release.
Unfortunately, she cannot attend.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 6:21 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Event plan - languages funding
Thanks - that would be excellent if she can be there.

On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:50 PM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Happy to help with the communications – the post-secondary angle. M3 has asked for an inventory of the programs being delivered right now.
I think we're going to try and make it work for m3.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Event plan - languages funding
Thanks.

Sarah Plank

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On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:44 PM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I understand and will let the Minister know.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Event plan - languages funding

Hi Rodney - the whole FPCC board and advisory council are in town on March 16th and we've miraculously secured the museum as the venue, so the date isn't really flexible. Roll out plan discussions occurring. We are putting together some info on how funding will be allocated. Won't have all the answers by Mar 16th, but should have some high level info.
S.

On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:06 PM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sarah;
Any chance you can change the date?
I'm being asked about your roll out plans? And what post-secondary institutions will be doing?
We're literally going over TRC CTA 16 about post secondary degrees and diplomas in Aboriginal languages.
Thx - and let me know if you can.

Rodney Porter
B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Mobile 250 889-7494

On Mar 5, 2018, at 9:43 AM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Have not. We already have four ministers potentially involved... Thanks for flagging.

From: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 9:16 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Event plan - languages funding
Have you flagged with TAC? Minister Beare will have a role in the delivery.

Also, there's a Indigenous round table the same time in Vancouver with PSSG, Mark and Premier speaking.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Event plan - languages funding

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Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Glover, Darren RBCM:EX](#)
To: [Megan Lappi; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX](#)
Cc: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018 2:08:04 PM

Hi Megan,
3:30pm tomorrow works perfectly. We can meet in the glass lobby.
Thanks
Darren

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Thanks, Darren! Would we be able to come by tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 to see the space? Sarah and Sharon from MIRR will be joining us.
Best,
Megan

From: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX [<mailto:DGlover@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>]
Sent: March 1, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX <Estenson@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Megan,
I am happy to help and make this work for you. The event time you are looking for is in our regular hours at Museum so lunch would have to take place in our Newcombe Conference hall. The capacity for this room seated is 80-100. As for the OLL gallery this can hold comfortably 200-250 standing. Our catering company is Truffles catering. Contact Jannine Rossi at 250.544.0200 x 23
<http://www.truffles catering.net/contact/>
I have put a hold on the room for you. Let me know when you would like to come and see the space?
Thanks
Darren
250 387 5745

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Hi Erika,

Yes, it is very exciting! We are thrilled to celebrate at the museum.
Darren – can you let me know if our plan for the celebration is feasible. One of the important things I would like to get sorted out right away is how many people we can invite – both to the OLL and for lunch. We'd like to get our invitations out soon. If we could tour the space with staff from MIRR, that would be great!
Best,
Megan

From: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX [<mailto:Estenson@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>]
Sent: March 1, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>
Cc: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX <DGlover@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Megan,

I only briefing had an email with Sarah a week or so ago. I have it in my notes to follow up, but more on the side of ensuring that anything said about the museum is accurate. This is your very EXCITING announcement and we are happy to be the backdrop. I'm not sure what space you mean for the luncheon, possibly our Newcombe conference hall?

I have include Darren Glover on this email. He is one of our events managers and he can help you with the room, lunch and details of catering, etc. You just need to let them know your budget.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Erika

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 9:47 AM

To: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX

Subject: Re: Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Erika,

Hope all is well! I understand you've been in touch with Sarah at MIRR about an event at the museum to celebrate the new language funding. We would like to have a one-hour media event in the OLL, from 11 am to noon on March 16. We are wondering if it would then be possible to have a lunch from noon to 1 pm catered by Truffles – I've been told that you have a newly renovated space for that purpose?

Let me know if this is possible. Thanks for your help!

Best,

Megan

Megan Lappi

Communications Manager

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Final news release - Indigenous languages event
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:52:54 AM

Ok will do

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2018, at 8:51 AM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sharon, can you please print off a few more copies? Just in case we end up getting a lot of media. I wouldn't want to run out... Thank you!

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On Mar 16, 2018, at 8:46 AM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
<Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Rick and Stephanie – here is the final news release with both logos on it. I've printed off 10 hard copies to bring to the event.

Thanks

Sharon

<2018IRR0006-000422 with logos.pdf>

From: Megan Lappi
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Final news release
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018 11:27:33 AM

Thanks, Sharon. Can you send me the final press release in Word format so I can send to NationTalk for posting.

Thanks,
Megan

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX [mailto:Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: March 16, 2018 8:35 AM

To: Megan Lappi ; Nancy McHarg ; 'Alex Russell'

Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Subject: Final news release

Good morning

Here is the final news release/backgrounder with both logos. I have printed out 10 hard copies to bring the museum.

See you shortly

Sharon

From: [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Final package for Indigenous language event
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 4:43:12 PM

Thank you, everyone!! ☺

Have a great weekend! ☺

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

*Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Room #323, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
Phone: 250-387-0680*

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Final package for Indigenous language event
We will make that happen Connie! Sorry about that.

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Final package for Indigenous language event
Importance: High

Hi Sharon,

Thanks for all this info yesterday!

Previously, I have always been sent all the final materials, and I now seem to be by-passed on them. We (Paula, and, myself when Paula is away) print all the materials for everyone's package here daily and I add all the information to the iPad. When reviewing the materials yesterday to ensure that I had proper locations/room location on-site contact info and attire for the event, I noticed that there was a pre-brief, which was not in the calendar, and I had the luncheon going till 2:00 pm and it finishes earlier than that, and so I rescheduled a meeting that afternoon in the Minister's schedule so that he can go home earlier. I don't need all the back and forth with our office on the drafts, however, I really do need the final materials as I need to input everything properly in the calendar!

So if we could go back to cc'ing me on the FINAL materials, that would be amazing!! Thank you! ☺

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

*Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Scott Fraser*

*Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Room #323, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
Phone: 250-387-0680*

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 3:52 PM

To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX

Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX

Subject: Final package for Indigenous language event

Hello, here is the final package for tomorrow's event

- News release/Backgrounder – **sending you the word version. We are waiting for the V5, but didn't want to delay the package**
- Media advisory
- Speaking notes for Minister Fraser
- Emcee notes for Minister James
- QA
- Itinerary
- Issues Note: FPCC funding
- Issues Note: Indigenous languages

Other assets

- Link to National Chief's video:
s.22
- Graphic to be projected on screen
- Guest List – As of today 85 confirmed attending – YES marked on spreadsheet, plus 15 FPCC Advisory Board

Result of media call arounds:

Rob Shaw/Van Sun –definite maybe.

Bhinder Sajjan/CTV – not sure. Depends on morning assignments.

Liza Yuzda/CKNW – s.22

Victoria News/Black Press – Yes

CFAX – Yes

CBC TV - Decide story assignments in AM; very likely to be attended.

CHEK – Decide story assignments in AM; probably

Times Colonist – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM

Canadian Press/Dirk Meissner – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM

CBC radio – In consideration.

CTV 2 – In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM

Global TV - In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM

Globe and Mail – No. Reporter busy.

Shaw TV – left message

APTN – left message

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:45:04 AM

Thanks Jonathan. I don't see a problem with 11.30. I'll chat to FPCC to check that it doesn't cause them any problems, but I don't envisage that it will.

From: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event
No concerns with Donaldson...

11:30 is when MRF can get there by, so if we can move things back a half hour, please lets do that.

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | s.17

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event
Hi Jonathan and Ann

For your approval, draft invite for next week's. We would like to get this out this week, so need to confirm the start time. I believe there was some question about changing the start time to 11.30 so that MRF could come. Has that been settled, as obviously it impacts the time on the invite.

Also, Tracey Herbert wants to extend an invite to Minister Donaldson. Do you have any concerns with that?

Thanks
Sharon

From: [Nash, Laurel IRR:EX](#)
To: [Hill, Edward GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Leinweber, Rachelle R IRR:EX](#)
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: FPCC language funding QA
Date: Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:56:56 PM

Approved. Thank you.

Laurel Nash
Assistant Deputy Minister
Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Division
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
250 953 4004

s.17

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 16, 2018, at 4:56 PM, Hill, Edward GCPE:EX <Edward.Hill@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Laurel,

Attached is a short QA on the \$50M in language funding for your review and input.

Juanita, May and Sarah Plank have reviewed.

As you'll see in the document, information is still coming in on current Indigenous language support from other ministries.

Thanks,

Ted

Edward (Ted) Hill
Government Communications
and Public Engagement
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation
Tel: 250-356-5831

From: "Nash, Laurel IRR:EX" <Laurel.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Date: February 16, 2018 at 8:32:53 AM PST

To: "McCrea, Jennifer EDUC:EX" <Jennifer.McCrea@gov.bc.ca>, "Vasey, Jeff AEST:EX" <Jeff.Vasey@gov.bc.ca>, "Sawchuk, Bindi AEST:EX"

<Bindi.Sawchuk@gov.bc.ca>, "Avison, Claire TAC:EX"

<Claire.Avison@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Mah-Paulson, May IRR:EX" <May.Mah-Paulson@gov.bc.ca>, "Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX" <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>, "Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX"

<Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Languages

Hi everyone.

To begin thank you to you and your teams for participating in the discussion last week on all our initiatives and opportunities to improve our integration and collaboration on language heritage and culture.

As you are aware we are anticipating an announcement on languages as part of the budget.

Sarah and May's teams are working with your staff on the q and A's associated

with that announcement as we want to ensure that we are aligned and telling the full story of BCs efforts to revitalize languages.

I would appreciate if you could ensure this is treated as a priority as time is short to get messaging in place. (your teams have been fantastic by the way)

Additionally, we are working on stakeholder and indigenous organization calls so have been working with your staff on that as well.

Our Ministers office is also reaching out to yours on this for the same purpose.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions or concerns. I am reaching out to the FPCC today to continue the discussion around better integration and collaboration.

Thanks

Laurel Nash

Assistant Deputy Minister

Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Division

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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From: [Nash, Laurel IRR:EX](#)
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Dickson, Julie IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Materials for Indigenous languages event
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:37:01 AM

Nice..approved thanks Sharon

Respectfully,

Laurel Nash

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX
Cc: Dickson, Julie IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Materials for Indigenous languages event

Hi Laurel, as promised here are the materials for the FPCC event

News release (we're hoping to flesh out a little more detail on what the funding will be used for and how funds can be accessed)

Speaking notes for MSF

QA

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: [Berkhout, Juanita IRR:EX](#)
To: [Nash, Laurel IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: FOR ONE LAST LOOK? News release vetted through FPCC
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 4:57:35 PM

Yes, looks great! Thank you!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 4:52 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Berkhout, Juanita IRR:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FOR ONE LAST LOOK? News release vetted through FPCC

Looks great. Thanks!

Laurel Nash
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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2018, at 4:48 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Laurel and Juanita,
FPCC has signed this off now. Good by you as well? Sorry for the rush, but hoping to hear back from you today...

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW - NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-13_11pm
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:51:02 AM

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2018, at 11:27 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This incorporates Megan's most recent revisions, which were quite minor. It is saved on the LAN.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:27 PM
To: Nash, Laurel IRR:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR REVIEW - NR_FPCC funding_draft_updated_2018-03-13_11pm
Importance: High

Hi Laurel – are you comfortable with this release? We've added some detail on how the funding will be used, as otherwise there is no news in this, but I want to make sure it aligns with your discussions and planning with FPCC as well. Paragraphs 1, 5 and 7 have the newer content. Just want to make sure you are okay with this content before we send this back to FPCC for their sign off. Timelines are getting short as we've been having a lot of backing and forthing with them on materials.

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FOR SIGN OFF - Guest list for language event
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:35:53 AM

Ok, will do. You good with it apart from that. We can always send out a second wave of invites if we think of anyone else.

From: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FOR SIGN OFF - Guest list for language event
Please add our critic Dan Ashton as well

Jonathan Sas I Senior Ministerial Assistant to Minister Scott Fraser I Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

From: Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca
Sent: March 7, 2018 9:41 AM
To: Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca; AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca; Leanne.Ritchie@gov.bc.ca
Subject: FOR SIGN OFF - Guest list for language event

Hi folks

Can you let me know if you have any concerns about the invite list for the language event. FPCC want the invites to go out **today** in order to give people plenty of warning.

Flagging that they have put down representatives from the Green Party and Spencer Chandra Herbert as well as the ministers to be invited.

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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Cc: [Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FOR SIGN OFF - materials for Friday
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:59:37 PM

MA looks great!

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | s.17

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:29 PM
To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR SIGN OFF - materials for Friday
Importance: High

Hi Jonathan and Anne – looking for your sign off of the materials for Friday.

Top of the list is the **media advisory**, to go out tomorrow before noon, and the **Minister's quote** in the news release, as well as the **news release** itself.

For your reference, I have included a copy of the map that will be projected onto a screen beside the podium, and a copy of the guest list (Note: RSVPs are not included in this list, but FPCC has had about 85 RSVPs now – we will get that list to you).

Also this is the video that will be played at the event:

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Thanks!

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR SIGN OFF - Media advisory
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:09:02 AM

Thank you, I will format and resend to you. And bug you as needed 😊

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FOR SIGN OFF - Media advisory
Always bug me if you are not getting a response from me! :)
Suggested edits:

Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Cynthia Callison and Tracey Herbert from the First Peoples' Cultural Council will welcome honoured guests for a celebration of the provincial government's commitment to Indigenous languages. They will also provide more detail on the work of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and their partners on Indigenous language revitalization, made possible from a recent provincial investment.

Speakers and guests will include representatives from the provincial government, Indigenous leaders, community language champions and supporters and partners of the First Peoples' Cultural Council. Can we work in something about the cultural performances (though that probably isn't what we want to call them?) and sharings in a number of Indigenous languages. Something along those lines to flag for media that there will be some good visual and audio footage opportunities. I'd like to have a quick look again please.

Thanks!

Sarah Plank

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On Mar 14, 2018, at 8:54 AM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sarah, happy Wednesday.

Just checking in on when you will get a chance to review the draft media advisory. Attaching it again for convenience. I know FPCC will be waiting to see it.

Sorry to bug you!

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: "Alex Russell"
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Nancy McHarg; Megan Lappi
Subject: RE: FPCC - LUNCHEON EVENT PLAN - MARCH 16, 2018
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:25:26 PM

Absolutely. Thanks Alex.

From: Alex Russell [mailto:alex@russellstrategy.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Nancy McHarg; Megan Lappi
Subject: Re: FPCC - LUNCHEON EVENT PLAN - MARCH 16, 2018

Hi Sharon, of course - and I imagine for any other govt officials as well.

Best,

Alex Russell

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 15, 2018 5:00 PM

To: Alex Russell

Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Nancy McHarg; Megan Lappi

Subject: RE: FPCC - LUNCHEON EVENT PLAN - MARCH 16, 2018

Hi Alex, thanks for this. Just to highlight that any media interviews for the minister will be handled through Sarah

Thank you

Sharon

From: Alex Russell [mailto:alex@russellstrategy.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:58 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Nancy McHarg; Megan Lappi
Subject: FPCC - LUNCHEON EVENT PLAN - MARCH 16, 2018

Hi Sharon, please find attached the luncheon event plan for tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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To: [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:19:53 PM

Ok

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

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From: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates

Hey Connie,

Why don't you and I connect directly as we are now juggling constit week, Fresh Voices, and a whole range of other stuff.

We can do this early next week...

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | s.17

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Hi Connie – direction from the senior MA meeting this morning was to do this during one of the break weeks in March/early April. Would you mind please checking with the other MOs for dates in that three-week window?
Thanks!
Sarah.

From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 10:16 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Thanks, I have put the ask out to the other Minister's for dates, so will let you know.

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:50 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Thanks Connie! 😊

The event is to announce more details about and celebrate the \$50 million investment into language revitalization profiled as part of the budget this week. It will be a joint event with the First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC). I am attaching a document with a few more details.

We have yet to work out the roles, but we understand that both Minister James and Minister Mark have a keen personal interest in language revitalization, so wanted to extend an invitation to participate if they are interested. We will also be inviting key Indigenous dignitaries and elders, as well as language speakers (including youth); and of course officials from FPCC will participate. We expect Minister Fraser would have a speaking role, as the minister responsible for overseeing the funding agreement with FPCC.

We would be looking at a day-time media event during March. If the house is sitting, it would have to be during the lunch hour. If during a break week, sometime between 9am and 2pm (to accommodate media production times). The event would take up to an hour.

Please let me know if you need any more details.

Thanks!

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Looping you in now, Sarah!

Thanks,
Connie Roberts
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From: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates
Looping Sarah in as I'm not entirely sure. Sarah do we have a note on the details ready?
Jolleen Dick | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Scott Fraser | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 250-812-5247 (cell)

From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:04 PM
To: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Subject: RE: FPCC event March dates

Hi Jolleen,

What is the event as the other office will want to know what it's about? Evening, lunch hour, early morning? How long would this event be? Would MSF be speaking? Does Minister James and Minister Mark have a role?

Thanks,

Connie Roberts

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From: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:18 PM

To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX

Subject: FPCC event March dates

Hi Connie

We're looking to do an event with FPCC at the Museum in March.

Can we find some dates that we can propose for MSF.

We will need to coordinate availability with Minister James and Minister Mark as well for this event

I understand that March is busy...

Jolleen Dick | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Scott Fraser | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 250-812-5247 (cell)

From: [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FPCC Mar 16 event - luncheon
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:45:25 PM
Importance: High

Sorry, no, MCJ and MRF are not available to attend the lunch.

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: FPCC Mar 16 event - luncheon

Hi Connie and Jonathan – any word back from the other ministers attending the event whether they will also attend the lunch? Or would you prefer I follow up through the comms shops to find out?

Thanks,
Sarah.

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Alex Russell](#)
Cc: [Nancy McHarg](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Megan Lappi](#)
Subject: Re: FPCC SPEAKING NOTES
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 10:02:36 AM

Thanks Alex

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:01 AM, Alex Russell <alex@russellstrategy.com> wrote:

Hi Sharon, please find FPCC speaking notes for the press conference attached.

Best regards,

Alex Russell

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Alex Russell](#)
Cc: [Nancy McHarg](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Megan Lappi](#)
Subject: Re: FPCC SPEAKING NOTES
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 10:22:28 AM

Great thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:13 AM, Alex Russell <alex@russellstrategy.com> wrote:

In case you're interested, the luncheon speaking notes as well for Board Chair.

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Sent: March 16, 2018 10:02 AM

To: Alex Russell

Cc: Nancy McHarg; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Megan Lappi

Subject: Re: FPCC SPEAKING NOTES

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From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Megan Lappi](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Guest list for event
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:49:12 PM

Super thanks Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2018, at 6:37 PM, Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sharon,

Here's the updated guest list. It looks fairly complete to me. Let me know if we are missing anyone.

We sent save the date emails (some to be completed tomorrow morning) to those highlighted in yellow.

Best,

Megan

Megan Lappi

Communications Manager

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Cc: Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Indigenous languages materials
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:41:12 PM

Hi Rodney, I don't have the link yet. I'm told I can't get the link until we have a final approved. As soon as I have the link I'll send it your way tout suite. Is that okay?

Cheers

Sharon

From: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Indigenous languages materials

Hi Sharon; thank you very much.

Do you mind terribly forwarding the URL for the news release from the editors? So I can write tweets with the actual link?

Rodney Porter

B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

Mobile 250 889-7494

On Mar 15, 2018, at 5:28 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Rodney, here is the Indigenous languages NR and QA. Also relevant issues notes.

And I've included our social media so you can see what our intentions are.

The V5 is still the draft. We're going to have another read over it this evening and approve first thing in the morning, so we'll send you the link then.

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Invitation to Event
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:32:48 PM

FPCC have no problem with them sending Lauren. They've asked if we can deal with similar requests on a case by case basis.

On your previous question - Megan is waiting for Tracey to get out a meeting so she can ask about s.13
Will get back to you as soon as I can.

From: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Invitation to Event

Are senior people in organizations allowed to send others from their org leadership if the invited person can't attend? The VP of the Anelkin Centre (sp?) just called and said she cant go but would like to share the invitation with their Exec Dir, Lauren Terbasket. Is that ok? Ok generally in case I get other such requests?

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Invitation to Event

Hi Rick, we'll need to think about how we answer this one. s.13,s.16
s.13,s.16 Will come back to you when we've discussed.

From: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Invitation to Event

I am guessing the answer to this question is that it is both, but let me know if you have lines or want to respond yourself

From: Tl'akwasikān Khelsilem [mailto:s.22]
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Invitation to Event

Hi Rick.

Would you be able to tell me more about the nature of this event? Is it just a public announcement or is it like a discussion with stakeholders?

s.13,s.16

Thank you!

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 12:22 PM, Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

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Thanks

Rick

Rick Devereux

Director, Event Services | Government Communications and Public Engagement
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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Invitation to Event
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:55:41 PM

Hi Rick, we can say that it's both – it's a celebration of the funding announcement, and it's an opportunity for informal discussions with stakeholders at the lunch

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He should email reception@fpcc.ca as the person on that email

is coordinating this piece.

Just for context Khelsilem is someone our minister phoned on the day of the funding announcement. And he has been quoted in media a lot since, so we'd definitely like him there

Cheers

Sharon

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To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Language event - guest list
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:15:21 PM

I'd take the guest piece out.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
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I will also remove the reference to a guest unless you think that should stay – it was copied from another event.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:12 PM
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Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
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Cheers

Sharon

From: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:29 AM

To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Subject: Invitation V2

Here you are.

Rick Devereux

Director, Event Services | Government Communications and Public Engagement

rick.devereux@gov.bc.ca | 250-812-1207

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Language event - guest list
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:14:38 PM

Brilliant, thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
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Sure thing. Sending now.

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Could you try resaving and resending me the guest list – my computer says the file is corrupted and it wont open.

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Languages event
Date: Friday, March 9, 2018 8:33:41 AM

Hi there, for sure, I will check peoples availability either this afternoon or Monday am.
Re media relations, I plan to reach out to Stephanie this morning to ask if we can have support.
Re podium sign – I thought we weren't doing those any more as a matter of corporate policy?
Re video – Megan is meeting with Tsartlip Elder John Elliot today – I'm going to ask Megan if John would be willing to be interviewed by Stephen. Also the Minister's Advisory Council is in town next week as you know, so I've reached out to Sara Pye to see if anyone there would be a good candidate – waiting to hear from her, so I will chase
The map will go to graphics today for the visual on the screen
I don't think a media dial in line is needed. I think it would be awkward and I'm not sure we'd get anyone dialling in for something that's already well known.
Use of language speakers – Elder Elmer George will speak in Lewgengen. John Elliot's song will be in his language, and our youth speaker Giselle will speak a little in her language
We need to work out the arrangement of people around the podium
Thanks
Sharon

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 9, 2018 7:02 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Languages event

Hi Sharon, wondering if we can set up a coordination call with all of the people involved in organizing this? It would probably be a good idea for all of us to touch base, and make sure nothing is falling through the cracks. I can do anytime today after noon (we can probably move the staff meeting if necessary to accommodate). Alternatively I could do it on Monday morning at about 1030, but it would be better to do it sooner I think if possible. Rick, the guy from the museum, Stephen Hargreaves, Megan and maybe Tracey should all participate. Do we have someone from media relations secured to support as well?

The things I am wondering about in particular right now:

- * podium sign
- * video (have we secured any additional language-speaking contacts for Stephen?)
- * additional speakers at the event - who will they be? In particular the language speakers
- * plan for utilizing any language speakers at event in some way
- * arrangement of people around the podium - eg who will be up there in addition to the listed dignitaries speaking
- * status of visual for screen
- * media dial in line - do we want one? If so, should get arranged.

Thanks!

S.

Sarah Plank

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Megan Lappi
To: [Alex Russell](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: "[Nancy McHarg](#)"
Subject: RE: Latest copy NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:36:54 PM
Attachments: [NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved FPCC edit.docx](#)

Hi all,

Here are our suggested edits. I talked to Tracey and she is quite adamant about Cynthia's quote being moved up.

Thanks,
Megan

From: Alex Russell [<mailto:alex@russellstrategy.com>]
Sent: March 13, 2018 6:29 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX ; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: 'Nancy McHarg' ; Megan Lappi
Subject: Re: Latest copy NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 13, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Megan Lappi; 'Nancy McHarg'; Alex Russell
Subject: Latest copy NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved

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Speak shortly
Thanks
Sharon

From: Nancy McHarg
To: [Alex Russell](#)
Cc: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Megan Lappi](#)
Subject: Re: Latest copy NR_FPCC funding_draft_ADM approved
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:36:21 PM

Hi Alex,

Sharon said we can expect the next draft tomorrow morning. I will keep an eye out and review with Megan and Tracey as soon as it comes in.

Kind regards,
Nancy

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To: "Alex Russell"
Cc: Megan Lappi; Nancy McHarg; ink@susanholis.com; Doug Hamilton-Evans; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Latest itinerary and news release
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:33:23 AM

Hi Alex, thanks for this. I will put it into our news release/backgrounder format

From: Alex Russell [mailto:alex@russellstrategy.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:31 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Megan Lappi; Nancy McHarg; ink@susanholis.com; Doug Hamilton-Evans
Subject: Re: Latest itinerary and news release
Here it is. Thanks for your patience.

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 15, 2018 9:10 AM

To: Megan Lappi; Nancy McHarg; Alex Russell

Subject: Latest itinerary and news release

Hi folks, as requested, here is the itinerary as it stands at the moment. I've put a nominal end time for the lunch for the sake of putting something down.

Also the latest version of the news release so you can do up your social media. I'm using #LanguageRevitalization, which is well used. I know FPCC have used it in the past.

Will send you a final of the MA when I get that, and let you know when it goes out.

Do you have an ETA for the backgrounder?

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Mar 16 event - lunch
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 12:20:16 PM

Ok, I just spoke with his office and they are ok with that time, however, it's going to be very tight for MRF, so they will do their absolute best to have him there by 11:15 am. MCJ is good to go and MMM is not available.

I will confirm if MCJ and MRF are good to stay for the luncheon as well.

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

*Administrative Coordinator to the
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Subject: RE: Mar 16 event - lunch
Hi Connie – we can start as late as 11:15am, but there are concerns about starting any later. Can we make that work? Thanks, Sarah.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 12:06 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
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Subject: RE: Mar 16 event - lunch
Importance: High
MCJ will make herself available for this event. MRF will attend based on if we can shift the timing, so I will wait to hear from you.

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FYI – MMM is not available at all on March 16th. Still waiting to hear from MCJ's office.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:50 AM

To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX

Cc: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX

Subject: RE: Mar 16 event - lunch

Hi Connie – we can definitely do 11:15. 11:30 is a possibility but does push lunch a little late. We will just confirm with FPCC and the museum that that wouldn't create any significant issues, and that the venue is available until a little later. We'll also need to confirm with the central calendar folks at GCPE. Will get back to you shortly.

Thx, S.

From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:48 AM

To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Cc: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX

Subject: RE: Mar 16 event - lunch

Importance: High

Hi Sarah,

MRF, cannot make the 11 am time-slot for this event, as time coming in from a commitment in Langford, 11:30 would be optimal, 11:15 possibly do-able.

MCJ might be available and MMM might be available at 11:00 am, so I've gone back to them to see about 11:15 or 11:30 am start time.

Can you please confirm if it's possible to do this event at perhaps 11:15 or 11:30?

Thanks,

Connie Roberts

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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 6:18 PM

To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX

Cc: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: Mar 16 event - lunch

Maybe, but can we also see whether other ministers have any constraints? Minister James had something in her calendar too, at 11:30 of course... I don't know if it was moveable though.

On Mar 2, 2018, at 6:09 PM, Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX <Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey all,

Just heard MRF can attend if we start 1130... anyway we can push things back half hour?

Jonathan Sas I Senior Ministerial Assistant to Minister Scott Fraser I Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

From: Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca

Sent: March 2, 2018 5:48 PM

To: Connie.Roberts@gov.bc.ca

Cc: Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca; AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca; Jolleen.Dick@gov.bc.ca;

Leanne.Ritchie@gov.bc.ca; Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca

Subject: Mar 16 event - lunch

Hi Connie - can you please hold the minister's calendar for 12:00 - 1:30pm after the languages event to join the luncheon that FPCC is hosting? He indicated to me this afternoon that he would like to attend. It looks like it will work in his calendar.

Also, it's looking more like 11:00 - 12:00 for the actual event. Hold right now is for 10:00 in his calendar. It could possibly shift a bit if other Ministers have calendar issues, but we're close to nailing it down for that time.

Thanks!

Sarah

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Subject: RE: March 16 language event
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018 9:35:15 AM

I've asked FPCC to share the invite list they've already compiled so we can see where the gaps are and if they've already included some of those we'd want to invite. Will share when I receive it.

Thanks

Sharon

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Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: March 16 language event
Absolutely Anne! Guest list is under development. It's already fairly long from what FPCC has said about who they'd like to include. The space can hold up to about 200 people I think, so we will make sure all the right people are invited. Thanks for these ones to add to the list if not already there!

S.

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On Mar 2, 2018, at 9:15 AM, Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Just wondering if an invite has gone out to FNLC for March 16 ? Leadership would like to be aware of this. And the green caucus ? Adam Olsen said his nation is a example of a good language program would he want to invite his leadership ? And school trustee the aboriginal caucus or school board reps ? Aboriginal child care ? Just to bring this beyond FPCC this should be celebrated far and wide

Anne

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Materials for FPCC
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:14:25 AM

No problem, will do.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: Materials for FPCC

Hi Sharon – you can go ahead and send the news release and advisory to the FPCC folks for review now.

Please start copying me on all the back and forth on this, as I would like to stay in the loop.

Thanks!

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From: [Hill, Edward GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media - RBCM language event
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:45:57 PM

s.22
Rob Shaw/Van Sun - ; definite maybe.
Bhinder Sajjan/CTV – not sure. Depends on morning assignments.
Liza Yuzda/CKNW – s.22
Victoria News/Black Press – Yes
CFAX – Yes
CBC TV - Decide story assignments in AM; very likely to be attended.
CHEK – Decide story assignments in AM; probably
Times Colonist – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM
Canadian Press/Dirk Meissner – Attending federal event; might attend RBCM
CBC radio – In consideration.
CTV 2 – In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM
Global TV - In consideration. Decide story assignments in AM
Globe and Mail – No. Reporter busy.
Shaw TV – left message
APTN – left message

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media - RBCM language event
Woo hoo. Never had CFAX come to any event I've ever organized!

From: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:29 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media - RBCM language event
CFAX is a yes. They're sending an intern.

From: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: Media - RBCM language event
Note –

- TV news generally decides on story assignments in the morning.
- Federal environment minister Catherine McKenna is making an announcement at 10am and doing a vessel tour at Ship Point in the Inner Harbour. Several outlets are attending and are unsure about doing back to back assignments (despite locations being two blocks separated).

Contacted:

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Edward (Ted) Hill

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
To: "Megan Lappi"; Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Question - Event to celebrate language funding
Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 12:24:42 PM

Hi all – confirming that we now have a start time of **11.15 am**. This should alleviate concerns of the lunch starting too late, especially for Elders. Apologies for the moving goal posts.

Thank you

Sharon

From: Megan Lappi [mailto:megan@fpcc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Question - Event to celebrate language funding

Hi all,

Thanks – I'm just checking in with Truffles about timing, but that should work.

Best,

Megan

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX [mailto:Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: March 6, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX <DGlover@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>; Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question - Event to celebrate language funding

Thanks Darren, that should be fine. Megan, does 3.00 still work for you?

From: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Megan Lappi
Subject: RE: Question - Event to celebrate language funding
I have the room booked till 3pm for you. This work?

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Megan Lappi
Subject: Question - Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Darren

Quick question – what time do we have the Newcombe Conference Hall until on the 16th? The reason I'm asking is that we may have to push the start the media event back by half an hour to start at 11.30, which by default pushes the lunch start back by half an hour to 12.30. Will that cause you any problems.

Thank you

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX; Megan Lappi; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Look forward to seeing everyone in the lobby at 3.30 tomorrow. Thank you!
Cheers
Sharon

From: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Megan Lappi; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Hi Megan,
3:30pm tomorrow works perfectly. We can meet in the glass lobby.
Thanks
Darren

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Thanks, Darren! Would we be able to come by tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 to see the space? Sarah and Sharon from MIRR will be joining us.
Best,
Megan

From: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX [<mailto:DGlover@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>]
Sent: March 1, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>; Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX <Estenson@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Hi Megan,
I am happy to help and make this work for you. The event time you are looking for is in our regular hours at Museum so lunch would have to take place in our Newcombe Conference hall. The capacity for this room seated is 80-100. As for the OLL gallery this can hold comfortably 200-250 standing. Our catering company is Truffles catering. Contact Jannine Rossi at 250.544.0200 x 23
<http://www.truffles catering.net/contact/>
I have put a hold on the room for you. Let me know when you would like to come and see the space?
Thanks
Darren
250 387 5745

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX
Cc: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX
Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding
Hi Erika,
Yes, it is very exciting! We are thrilled to celebrate at the museum.
Darren – can you let me know if our plan for the celebration is feasible. One of the important things I would like to get sorted out right away is how many people we can invite – both to the OLL and for lunch. We'd like to get our invitations out soon. If we could tour the space with staff from MIRR, that would be great!
Best,
Megan

From: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX [<mailto:ESTenson@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>]

Sent: March 1, 2018 9:54 AM

To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>

Cc: Glover, Darren RBCM:EX <DGlover@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Megan,

I only briefing had an email with Sarah a week or so ago. I have it in my notes to follow up, but more on the side of ensuring that anything said about the museum is accurate. This is your very EXCITING announcement and we are happy to be the backdrop. I'm not sure what space you mean for the luncheon, possibly our Newcombe conference hall?

I have include Darren Glover on this email. He is one of our events managers and he can help you with the room, lunch and details of catering, etc. You just need to let them know your budget.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Erika

From: Megan Lappi [<mailto:megan@fpcc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 9:47 AM

To: Stenson, Erika RBCM:EX

Subject: Re: Event to celebrate language funding

Hi Erika,

Hope all is well! I understand you've been in touch with Sarah at MIRR about an event at the museum to celebrate the new language funding. We would like to have a one-hour media event in the OLL, from 11 am to noon on March 16. We are wondering if it would then be possible to have a lunch from noon to 1 pm catered by Truffles – I've been told that you have a newly renovated space for that purpose?

Let me know if this is possible. Thanks for your help!

Best,

Megan

Megan Lappi

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To: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Question re Invite list for languages event
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:34:41 AM

Thanks Anne, I will have a look

From: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Question re Invite list for languages event

If you google BCSTA there is a aboriginal education committee ask who is the chair of that committee and invite them ? Sorry I have no names since the contacts I have had are no longer listed on the web page

Anne

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anne, do you have names and email addresses that you can identify for us?

From: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:43 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Question re Invite list for languages event

I would invite all the greens

And maybe ask Adam Olsen about his school district reps that can be invited ?when we met he was very excited about the work being done in his community with the school district

On the school district side there is a aboriginal school trustee committee and there are indigenous reps on the school trustee association we should invite them

All for now

Anne

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2018, at 1:28 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi folks – are you good with the guest list, or is there anyone else you want adding? Andrew Weaver is on this list, but FPCC would also like to invite Adam Olsen.

From: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event

No concerns with Donaldson...

11:30 is when MRF can get there by, so if we can move things back a half hour, please lets do that.

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | s.17

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:09 AM

To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX

Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX

Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Draft Invitation for Indigenous languages event
Hi Jonathan and Ann

For your approval, draft invite for next week's. We would like to get this out this week, so need to confirm the start time. I believe there was some question about changing the start time to 11.30 so that MRF could come. Has that been settled, as obviously it impacts the time on the invite.

Also, Tracey Herbert wants to extend an invite to Minister Donaldson. Do you have any concerns with that?

Thanks

Sharon

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: QUOTES FOR APPROVAL - Indigenous languages NR draft
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:01:16 PM

Brilliant thanks Rodney

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On Mar 13, 2018, at 5:46 PM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Here's an approved quote.

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 9:11 AM

To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX; Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX

Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Subject: QUOTES FOR APPROVAL - Indigenous languages NR draft

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Thank you

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Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: QUOTES FOR APPROVAL - Indigenous languages NR draft
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:00:06 AM

Hi again. Once you get a final with the link etc from the editors, do you mind sending me the final so I can prepare tweets for M3.

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From: Megan Lappi
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; nancy@mchargcommunications.com
Subject: RE: RBCM event photos
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018 7:23:39 AM

Thanks, Sarah! Is it OK if we use any of these in our promotion of the event with credit to you?

Best,
Megan

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

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX [<mailto:Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: March 16, 2018 6:45 PM
To: Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca>; nancy@mchargcommunications.com
Subject: Fwd: RBCM event photos

Hi Nancy and Megan - not sure if you got these already from Sharon, but wanted to make sure you had.

Thanks, and have a great weekend s.22

S.

Sarah Plank
Communications Director | Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation Government Communications & Public Engagement
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Craig, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Craig@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Don.Craig@gov.bc.ca>>>
Date: March 16, 2018 at 1:42:04 PM PDT
To: "Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX" <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>>>, "Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX" <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>>>
Subject: RBCM event photos

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskZCEeeq>

Have a great weekend!

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From: [Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX](#)
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: re FPCC event timing
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:35:38 PM

I have canvassed the other Minister's for the 10 am; it's usually a const. day for Ministers, and will already have a challenge getting Minister Mark for that date already. I haven't heard back on MMM/MRF/MCJ on the 10 am slot yet.

Jonathan/Ann Marie let me know if you want me to canvass the 11 am start?

Thanks,

Connie Roberts

*Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Room #323, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
Phone: 250-387-0680*

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: re FPCC event timing

Hi folks, I spoke with our contact at FPCC about the 16th for the event. She's checking at her end, but their preference is to go from 11.00 – 12.00 (rather than start at 10.00), so that they could roll things over into a lunch. Apparently they'd always offer lunch to guests.

Would starting at 11.00 rather than 10.00 cause problems? If so, I can go back to them, but thought I would check.

Thanks

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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From: [Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Request for Dial in for Friday's Indigenous language event
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:26:42 PM

I believe it is Rick who organizes the media events now

On 2018-03-14, at 2:21 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX wrote:

Hi Scott- I seem to recall you helped us set up a dial in before? Are you actually the person we should be putting this request into? Thx, S.

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Cc: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
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Many thanks as always

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Subject: Re: Request for Dial in for Friday's Indigenous language event
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:24:05 PM

I don't set up teleconference lines. That's Rick's team :)
I'm not sure which of my team members will attend Friday - you can send any info to me and i will assure they get it. (It may be me!)

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:29:47 PM

No big deal :)

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On Mar 14, 2018, at 2:27 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Rick. And apologies to Stephanie – I was getting my lines crossed, literally.

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It's me/my team that takes care of this. I'll get you the call in details shortly.

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From: [McKill, Colin GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#); [Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX](#); [Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX](#); [Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Revised for approval - FW: DRAFT: B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:58:40 PM

No problem Sarah! We'll reconnect in the a.m.

Colin
250 893-0294

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2018, at 5:26 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Thanks Colin, we'll have a final read through this evening and do the approval first thing in the morning.
Appreciate your eyes on this.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
> Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:06 PM
> To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
> Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX;
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>
> Hello Sharon and Sarah,
>
> Revised draft for approval, with the restoration of the entire lede and other discussed changes. Please make sure to
reply-all to this email with approval or further revisions, as I will be leaving for the day.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Colin McKill
> 250 893-0294
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX [<mailto:Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>]
> Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:05 PM
> To: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
> Subject: DRAFT: B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
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> Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation First Peoples' Cultural Council
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> NEWS RELEASE
> B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
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> VICTORIA - First Peoples' Cultural Council will work in partnership with First Nations communities to develop and implement revitalization plans for each of the living Indigenous languages in B.C., to reverse the disruption to Indigenous languages from Canada's history of colonization and residential schools.
>
> "Language is critical for connecting Indigenous peoples to their culture, spirituality, identity and land," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. "For too long, Indigenous language has been under threat. The time has come for us to support First Nations in exercising their human right to speak and pass on their language and culture."
>
> In Budget 2018, B.C. allocated a \$50-million grant to the First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) to help revitalize Indigenous languages in British Columbia, and address the current language crisis. Fewer than 6,000 people speak one of the 34 Indigenous languages in B.C.
>
> "We are taking action now to support Indigenous communities' work to preserve and revitalize endangered languages - languages that are cornerstones of cultural and social identities across our province," said Carole James, Minister of Finance. "By investing in Indigenous languages, we invest in the future of Indigenous communities. I am proud our government is making this historic commitment."
>
> As a result of the funding, the First Peoples' Cultural Council will expand community immersion programs that support the development of fluent speakers of Indigenous languages. These include the Mentor-Apprentice program, which pairs fluent speakers with apprentices for one-on-one immersion training, and the Pre-school Language Nest program, which supports the creation of language and culture immersion environments for children and their parents. The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent, helping those who understand, but do not speak their language, overcome challenges with using it in their communities.
>
> "We sincerely thank the B.C. government for its strong leadership and new investment in the revitalization of Indigenous languages across B.C., and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous languages to the well-being of Indigenous peoples," said Cynthia Callison, FPCC board chair. "This funding is essential to restore and continue the unique diversity of Indigenous languages in B.C. It is a concrete example of implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action toward reconciliation."
>
> The language revitalization plans will be developed with Indigenous communities and tailored to their individual needs. The First Peoples' Cultural Council will also provide funding to increase the number of words and phrases uploaded to the FirstVoices online oral dictionary, and expand the online resources available for language learners and speakers.
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> FPCC will work in collaboration with communities and partners to support additional priority actions to revitalize languages, including creating new speakers and developing new language resources that will support communities to build skills and capacity for language mobilization.
>
> "The First Nations communities we have been working with are seeing clear and measurable results, creating

fluent language speakers as new knowledge keepers and documenting languages for future generations," said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the FPCC. "This new funding will help us to build on our strong track record of success, and expand our work to all Indigenous communities in B.C., to help their mother-tongue languages flourish again."

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> Quick Facts:

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> * The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in B.C.

>

> * British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages, and over 90 dialects, represent 60% of all Indigenous languages in the country.

>

> * Investing in languages aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognize that knowing and being able to speak one's language is a human right.

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> Learn More:

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> First Peoples' Cultural Council: www.fpcc.ca

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> FirstVoices: www.firstvoices.com/en

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> Map of Indigenous languages in B.C.: ow.ly/rOub30iYgmq

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> B.C. Budget 2018: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018

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> A backgrounder follows.

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> Contacts:

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> Sarah Plank

> Ministry of Indigenous Relations

> 250 208-9621

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> Nancy McHarg

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To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Revised for approval - FW: DRAFT: B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 7:01:52 AM

Hi there. Agree with all these. Nothing more from me. Happy for you to pass them direct to Colin. See you soon. Sharon

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2018, at 6:49 AM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I have a couple of comments, which I am happy to pass on directly or thru you, whichever you prefer (want to check whether you have any so we can send all at once, either way).

5th paragraph, last sentence. Break up into two sentences.

-The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent. Silent Speakers helps those who understand but do not speak their language to overcome challenges with using it in their communities.

6th paragraph (Cynthia's quote), last sentence

-Should be "calls to action" - need to add an S onto call

9th paragraph (page 2)

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Backgrounder

Under New Funding heading

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Last bullet on page2 under Language Programs Supported heading

-Apostrophe in First People's is in the wrong place. Should be First Peoples'

Thx

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On Mar 15, 2018, at 5:26 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

<Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Colin, we'll have a final read through this evening and do the approval first thing in the morning. Appreciate your eyes on this.

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

From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:06 PM

To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

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Hello Sharon and Sarah,

Revised draft for approval, with the restoration of the entire lede and other discussed changes. Please make sure to reply-all to this email with approval or further revisions, as I will be leaving for the day.

Thank you,

Colin McKill
250 893-0294

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Thanks Linda. At my desk, printing and reading now.
Leanne

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I hate the HTML apostrophes but Linda says those are two hard to fix.

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Got a few things, one missed edit, almost done reading this epic. Two shakes.
I'll call Linda. This is an epic.
Leanne

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To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: SMALL CHANGE - MA_FPCC funding event_final
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:22:02 AM

I'll send as an FYI – I've just changed it from saying representatives of the provincial government to putting the two names in.

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: SMALL CHANGE - MA_FPCC funding event_final
Fine. Thanks. Do we need to run by FPCC?

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: SMALL CHANGE - MA_FPCC funding event_final
I've amended the MA slightly to absorb Don's question about us highlighting which ministers are there. See attached – I've left track changes on. If you're okay with this, I'll get it off to the editors and ask for around 11.30 ish

From: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: SN_FPCC funding event_2018-03-13_11pm
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:51:41 AM

Super thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2018, at 11:16 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sharon – I made some revisions based on going over the speech with the minister today, as well as to incorporate Anne’s feedback. I have saved this on the LAN.

Thanks,

Sarah.

From: [Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Status update re language event
Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 8:49:00 AM

Thank you, this looks great.

Leanne

From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Status update re language event
Status update re language event

- A/V will get access to RBCM at 9.00 through loading dock
- We will have access through main doors when we arrive – 9.30-10.00
- Draft map for screen is with FPCC for approval
- FPCC are proposing a backgrounder to give further detail of what the funding will be used for.
Waiting for sight of that
- Speaking notes and QA are with ED for sign off
- Just got NR back from contractor – headline is too long (goes on to two lines) I'm playing with it to see how we keep the message but get it on one line
- NR will go out to FINANCE and AVED tomorrow for their quote sign off
- Emcee notes will go to Leanne first thing tomorrow
- Looks like most people will not be in Victoria until the Friday morning. Giselle is coming down late on Thursday night.
- I've agreed with FPCC that they will sort the honorarium for the Elder due to our labyrinthine government procedures

Re event video – FPCC contractors are looking to get a couple of people to interview early on Friday before the event for their event video including Giselle. They don't yet know anyone's availability. I've asked Stephen how early our videographer will be available so we could tap into those sessions.

Re language project video – I have leads on four possibles for Thursday and am waiting for call backs

Thanks

Sharon

Sharon Pocock

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Subject: RE: Time check - Approved and the Final - IFF NR + BG - B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:08:54 AM

Hi Linda, 11.30 please :)

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
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Is this going at 11:15 or 11:30?

I'm thinkin' 11:30.

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
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Thank you, Leanne and Sarah -

Here is your Final with its queue number.

To go this morning at 11:15 -
Distribution provincewide, all ethnic media including Indigenous, and the Gallery just across the road.

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To: [Megan Lappi](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); [Alex Russell](#); [Nancy McHarg](#)
Subject: Re: Title for map
Date: Friday, March 9, 2018 7:28:29 PM

Awesome thanks Megan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2018, at 4:59 PM, Megan Lappi <megan@fpcc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sharon,
We have an approved title for the language map:
Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C.
Thanks,
Megan
Megan Lappi
Communications Manager

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Subject: Re: UPDATED - Guest List MIRR Event_Draft March 2 updated.xlsx
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 3:49:06 PM

Good idea - thank you Sarah

Jolleen Dick | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Scott Fraser | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 250-812-5247

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2018, at 3:11 PM, Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jolleen – perhaps the minister wants to mention it to Chastity when he sees her tomorrow, in case they want to shift anything around so they can attend the event...
S.

From: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX
Cc: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
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Thank you - they may not be able to attend as they are presenting a gift during that time

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On Mar 8, 2018, at 1:34 PM, Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

For sure, we can send them a courtesy invite and if anyone of them can make it, that's great.

Cheers

Sharon

From: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: UPDATED - Guest List MIRR Event_Draft March 2 updated.xlsx
We should invite members of MACIW as they are in town for their quarterly meeting. Unfortunately they have a presentation from MHA at that time... Good idea to invite and see if some members can step out without interfering with their agenda
Thanks

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From: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 10:21 AM

To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX

Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

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Thank you

Sharon

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To: [Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Request for media relations support
Date: Friday, March 9, 2018 8:56:41 AM
Attachments: [EP Event Plan FPCC funding announcement final.docx](#)

Hi Stephanie, we have an event at the Royal BC Museum next Friday, March 16, starting at 11.15. It's a celebration of Indigenous language revitalization – government announced \$50M in the budget speech.

Would your team be able to provide media relations support? Attaching our EP so you can get a sense of the event as it currently stands.

Thank you

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Subject: Revised for approval - FW: DRAFT: B.C. investment in Indigenous language revitalization puts reconciliation into action
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:06:31 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT.pdf](#)

Hello Sharon and Sarah,

Revised draft for approval, with the restoration of the entire lede and other discussed changes. Please make sure to reply-all to this email with approval or further revisions, as I will be leaving for the day.

Thank you,

Colin McKill
250 893-0294

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

From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX [<mailto:Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:05 PM
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"We are taking action now to support Indigenous communities' work to preserve and revitalize endangered languages - languages that are cornerstones of cultural and social identities across our province," said Carole James, Minister of Finance. "By investing in Indigenous languages, we invest in the future of Indigenous communities. I am proud our government is making this historic commitment."

As a result of the funding, the First Peoples' Cultural Council will expand community immersion programs that support the development of fluent speakers of Indigenous languages. These include the Mentor-Apprentice program, which pairs fluent speakers with apprentices for one-on-one immersion training, and the Pre-school Language Nest program, which supports the creation of language and culture immersion environments for children and their parents. The pilot Silent Speakers program will become permanent, helping those who understand, but do not speak their language, overcome challenges with using it in their communities.

"We sincerely thank the B.C. government for its strong leadership and new investment in the revitalization of Indigenous languages across B.C., and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous languages to the well-being of Indigenous peoples," said Cynthia Callison, FPCC board chair. "This funding is essential to restore and continue the unique diversity of Indigenous languages in B.C. It is a concrete example of implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action toward reconciliation."

The language revitalization plans will be developed with Indigenous communities and tailored to their individual needs. The First Peoples' Cultural Council will also provide funding to increase the number of words and phrases uploaded to the FirstVoices online oral dictionary, and expand the online resources available for language learners and speakers.

"Urgent action is needed as many Indigenous languages are in danger of becoming extinct," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "One of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's key priorities is revitalizing language. That's what this work is about - not just giving lip service to reconciliation, but taking action."

FPCC will work in collaboration with communities and partners to support additional priority actions to revitalize languages, including creating new speakers and developing new language resources that will support communities to build skills and capacity for language mobilization.

"The First Nations communities we have been working with are seeing clear and measurable results, creating fluent language speakers as new knowledge keepers and documenting languages for future generations," said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the FPCC. "This new funding will help us to build on our strong track record of success, and expand our work to all Indigenous communities in B.C., to help their mother-tongue languages flourish again."

Quick Facts:

- * The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in B.C.

- * British Columbia has the greatest diversity of Indigenous languages in Canada. The 34 unique Indigenous languages, and over 90 dialects, represent 60% of all Indigenous languages in the country.

- * Investing in languages aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognize that knowing and being able to speak one's language is a human right.

Learn More:

First Peoples' Cultural Council: www.fpcc.ca

FirstVoices: www.firstvoices.com/en

Map of Indigenous languages in B.C.: ow.ly/rOub30iYgmq

B.C. Budget 2018: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER

First Peoples' Cultural Council

The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a unique organization in Canada. As a First Nations-run Crown corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia, First Peoples' Cultural Council provides funding and resources to communities, monitors the status of Indigenous languages and develops policy recommendations for First Nations and government.

New funding

The B.C. government has committed a significant investment of \$50 million to support Indigenous language. This funding is the result of many years of advocacy, educating policy makers, and the developing investment models by First Peoples' Cultural Council and community partners.

Why Indigenous language revitalization matters

Restoring connections to Indigenous language and culture builds resilience and supports healthy individuals and communities. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report outlines the need to protect and invest in the restoration of Indigenous languages as a concrete step toward reconciliation. Knowing and being able to speak one's language is recognized as a human right for Indigenous peoples. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples identifies that Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons. First Peoples' Cultural Council has been working with the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government to advance the recognition and protection of Indigenous language rights in federal law.

How the funding will be used

The new funding will be used for language preservation and revitalization activities, including community grants, community language planning, and documentation and training aimed at rebuilding community-based language supports. The funding will also be used to expand language immersion programs and learning resources to support Indigenous languages in communities throughout the province.

The First Peoples' Cultural Council has served First Nations in B.C. for 28 years. The First Peoples' Cultural Council has mapped and documented Indigenous languages in B.C.; built tools and programs in community and online that support language learning; created partnerships with communities throughout the province; and worked with leaders in Indigenous languages around the globe to share their pioneering and proven approaches to language reclamation, documentation and revitalization.

Their efforts have been recognized as establishing British Columbia and Canada as leaders in Indigenous language revitalization. Limited resources have meant that the First Peoples' Cultural Council were able to touch only a handful (10% or less) of the Indigenous languages in the province. With this new provincial funding, it will work with the Indigenous language groups and communities that belong to the same cultural groups and speak the same language throughout the province. The program will be flexible in order to respond to the needs of the community. First Peoples' Cultural Council works collaboratively with communities, supporting leading language work led by Elders and other knowledge keepers of the land.

Language programs supported in communities include:

- * The Mentor-Apprentice program pairs a fluent language speaker (mentor) with a language learner (apprentice) to transfer language knowledge and increase fluency.

- * FirstVoices is the internationally recognized online Indigenous language archiving and teaching resource that allows Indigenous communities to document their language for future generations. FirstVoices provides state-of-the-art technologies, training and technical support to community language champions. Teams of fluent Elders and technically savvy youth upload dictionaries, alphabets, songs, stories, words and phrases, as well as audio and video to their community archives. FirstVoices keyboards includes apps for Apple and Android mobile devices, and more.

- * The Silent Speaker program is for people who understand, but do not speak, their First Nations language. The course is based on a successful program that was developed in Norway and Sweden for, and by, Indigenous Sami people. The model uses cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) to support silent speakers in overcoming barriers to using their Indigenous language in their communities.

- * The Pre-School Language Nest program creates language and cultural immersion environments for pre-school children and their parents. In addition to creating an immersion environment with staff, volunteers and elders, Language Nests allow young parents to learn the language and bring it back into their homes and daily lives, which is necessary for revitalizing a language.

- * First People's Cultural Council partners with Google.org on the Endangered Languages project, whose governance First People's Cultural Council chairs.

To learn about the First Peoples' Cultural Council's language documentation website, visit: www.firstvoices.com

To find out more about Indigenous languages legislation in Canada, visit: www.fpcc.ca/language/Legislation/

To see current calls for language funding, visit: www.fpcc.ca/Grants/Language/

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Hi folks, attached for V5 the Media advisory for tomorrow's Indigenous languages event **#IRR85302**
To go out somewhere around 11.30 – 12.00 if possible
Province wide
Thank you
Sharon

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I've amended the MA slightly to absorb Don's question about us highlighting which ministers are there. See attached – I've left track changes on. If you're okay with this, I'll get it off to the editors and ask for around 11.30 ish



Speaking Notes
for

Hon. Scott Fraser
**Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation**

**First Peoples Cultural Council Funding
event**

**Royal BC Museum
Our Living Languages Exhibition
675 Belleville Street
Victoria
March 16, 2018
TIME: 11:15 a.m.**

Pre-brief: 11:00 a.m.

Information for Minister

Event Summary:

- Minister Fraser offers remarks at a celebratory event to highlight government's commitment to supporting the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages in B.C.
- B.C. is providing First Peoples' Cultural Council with a \$50M three-year funding grant, announced in Budget 2018.
- The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Indigenous languages, arts, culture and heritage in British Columbia.
- In British Columbia, 203 First Nations communities have 34 languages, more than any other province in Canada, and 61 dialects.

Action/Visual: Minister Fraser and Minister James with representatives of the First Peoples' Cultural Council and community language champions.

Venue: Royal BC Museum, Our Living Languages exhibit (third floor)

Audience: Indigenous language champions, members of First Peoples' Cultural Council Board, language partners, community members

Podium/microphone: Yes

Event Start Time: 11:15 a.m. (Pre-brief at 11:00 a.m.)

Length of speech: 3 minutes

Attire: Business

Emcee: Minister James

Media attendance: Media will be invited. CBC reporter Briar Stewart has indicated strong interest in the event.

Other speakers:

- Elder Butch Dick, Songhees Nation – welcome and prayer
- Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Cynthia Callison, Chair First Peoples' Cultural Council
- Giselle Martin, youth language champion

Minister Fleming will also be present

Logistics:

- A registration desk will be set up in the museum lobby.
- Pre-brief will take place in the Newcombe Conference Hall (ground floor) at 11.00 am.
- A drum group – ANSWER (All Nations Strong Women for Education and Reconciliation) will play in the third floor lobby prior to the event starting.

Emergency contact: Events Director, Rick Devereux # (250) 812-1207

Key messages:

- The Province is providing \$50 million to the First Peoples' Cultural Council, and is working with the First Peoples on a plan to manage and allocate that funding in ways to make significant strides to revitalize B.C.'s Indigenous languages.
- Canada's colonial history had devastating outcomes for Indigenous communities across the province.
- If you take away someone's language, you take away their voice.
- By investing in culture, in identity and in pride, people start to care about themselves, about their neighbours and about their communities.
- That is how we start to address the fundamental social issues facing us today.

Time	Draft Event Itinerary
11:00 a.m.	Pre-brief with dignitaries: Newcombe Conference Hall Drummers will be performing in lobby outside event space
11:10 a.m.	Drummers stop their performance Dignitaries assemble in the Our Living Languages exhibit
11:15 a.m.	Emcee: Minister James opens proceedings, introduces Elder Elmer George Elder Butch Dick, Songhees Nation: Offers welcome to territory and opening prayer (English/Lekwungn)
11:25 a.m.	Emcee Minister James thanks Elder Elmer George, offers brief remarks and introduces speakers Remarks by dignitaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Fraser offers remarks (3 mins) Note: Minister Fraser's remarks to include acknowledgement of his colleague Minister FlemingCynthia Callison, Chair, First Peoples' Cultural Council (1mins) Tracey Herbert, CEO First Peoples Cultural Council (3 mins) Giselle Martin, youth speaker – English/Nuu-cha-nulth (3 mins) Possible video message from National Chief Perry Bellegarde - tbc Cultural performance – song for the preservation of indigenous languages, performer – TBD/language TBD (2 mins)
11:45 a.m.	Emcee Minister James thanks dignitaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo op Media avail Dial in available
12:00 p.m.	Event breaks for lunch – dignitaries and guests move to Newcombe Conference Hall Ministers depart if needed
12:10 p.m.	Lunch: Newcombe Conference Hall Cultural Performance during lunch Video message from Perry Bellegarde during lunch
1:10 p.m.	Close

SPEAKING NOTES:

Good morning

I'm delighted to be here on the territory of the Lekwungen [Lakwung-en] people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Thank you to Elder, Butch Dick for your welcome to this wonderful territory and to this magnificent museum.

Thank you to Tracey and Cynthia and all the representatives of the First Peoples' Cultural Council for being here today.

And to the elected and hereditary chiefs, Elders and youth.

I am honoured to be in your company this morning and I bring greetings from Premier Horgan and my colleague Minister Mark, who is unable to be here today.

I'd also like to acknowledge Rob Fleming, Minister of Education who's in the audience.

We're here today for two purposes.

The first is to highlight our commitment to Indigenous languages through the \$50 million commitment to the First Peoples' Cultural Council.

It's a significant investment.

I'll add my voice to Carole's - I'm proud to be part of a government that recognizes that the Indigenous languages have been underfunded for far too long.

I'm very happy we are taking steps to address that.

And I'm proud to work in partnership with the First Peoples' Cultural Council.

Because partnership and collaboration is the best way to move forward to ensure people have the supports they need.

And this funding will build on the current work of the Council and also of other parts of government.

For example, the Ministry of Education is working closely with the First Nations Education Steering Committee on an Indigenous Learning policy for K-12 and on the development of curriculum for First Nations languages.

There are 17 First Nations languages that have developed approved curriculum to be taught in B.C. schools. And there are six more in development.

There's also great work going on at the post-secondary level.

But if the funding supports is about the 'what, it's the second purpose that I really want to talk about.

I want to talk about the 'why'.

I want to talk about 'why' this funding is important.

Our colonial history tells us when settlers arrived, there were premeditated attacks on Indigenous peoples and their cultures.

It was done through government, the residential school system and the Indian Act.

There was suppression of language and culture, and removal of children from their homes...

There were severe punishments – physical and mental – for Indigenous children and adults who tried to stay connected to their heritage...

All of these actions had devastating outcomes for Indigenous communities.

If you take away someone's language, you take away their voice.

Many languages have words that cannot be expressed in the English language.

When you take away a person's ability to express concepts, you take away their identity.

Many years ago, I learned an important phrase from Ahousaht First Nation Hereditary Chief Earl Maquinna George.

'Hishuk ish tsawalk' – 'all things are one – everything is connected.'

This phrase has shaped my world view.

But I am aware that it is a translation into my own vocabulary.

It is constrained by the English language.

My words cannot express the richness of the original phrase.

It is a phrase that speaks to the depth of interconnection known to Ahousaht chiefs, whose people have lived on the land for millenia.

My words fail me.

'Isaak' is another example.

It is the Nuu-chah-nulth word for respect, but its meaning is so much deeper.

But respect is the closest we can come.

If language is the heart of a nation, then by removing it, we kill the organ that pumps the lifeblood of communities.

We are committed to giving communities the help they need to thrive.

By supporting Indigenous languages, we recognize the harm that was done.

We say - we care.

Indigenous languages are a cause for celebration and pride - never for shame.

By investing in culture, in identity and pride, people start to care about themselves, their neighbours and their communities.

That is how we start to address the fundamental social issues facing us.

There's a reason both the TRC's Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples highlight the importance of language.

If we want to pursue true reconciliation we must help people take back their voice...

This is powerful work and I look forward to working with the First Peoples' Cultural Council and with communities on this.

We can make progress.

We can help that lifeblood to flow.

'Hishuk ish tsawalk.'

It's an honour to be with you all today. Thank you for listening.

Klecko, klecko.

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Some changes near the end
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Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 4:31:44 PM

Status update re language event

- A/V will get access to RBCM at 9.00 through loading dock
- We will have access through main doors when we arrive – 9.30-10.00
- Draft map for screen is with FPCC for approval
- FPCC are proposing a backgrounder to give further detail of what the funding will be used for. Waiting for sight of that
- Speaking notes and QA are with ED for sign off
- Just got NR back from contractor – headline is too long (goes on to two lines) I'm playing with it to see how we keep the message but get it on one line
- NR will go out to FINANCE and AVED tomorrow for their quote sign off
- Emcee notes will go to Leanne first thing tomorrow
- Looks like most people will not be in Victoria until the Friday morning. Giselle is coming down late on Thursday night.
- I've agreed with FPCC that they will sort the honorarium for the Elder due to our labyrinthine government procedures

Re event video – FPCC contractors are looking to get a couple of people to interview early on Friday before the event for their event video including Giselle. They don't yet know anyone's availability. I've asked Stephen how early our videographer will be available so we could tap into those sessions.

Re language project video – I have leads on four possibles for Thursday and am waiting for call backs

Thanks

Sharon

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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:37:20 PM

HI folks, ahead of our call at 4.00 – here's what's for discussion. And to highlight that we only have until 4.30, so there's a need to keep the discussion tight.

- Timelines for getting on site
- Who's doing what
- Finalising agenda order
- News release and media advisory
- Any other business or issues

Thanks

Sharon

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Hi Sharon,

We have an approved title for the language map:
Revitalizing Indigenous Languages in B.C.

Thanks,

Megan

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