

From: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 10:34 AM

To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX

Subject: For REVIEW: Media Request: INTERVIEW: Globe and Mail: SRO situation in Vancouver

Suggest sending as statement from MSR.

Reporter Mike Hager, Reporter

Globe and Mail - BC Bureau

mhager@globeandmail.com

604-631-6631 s.22

Deadline May 29 @ 3:00 PM

Request

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From: Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX
Cc: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: i need to find selina robinson today for my colleagues...

Yes!

Marielle Tounsi

Media Relations

Government Communications and Public Engagement

778-584-1255

Marielle.Tounsi@gov.bc.ca

On May 29, 2018, at 11:14 AM, Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

We can do in the hall right after QP – that work?

Craig Ashbourne

Senior Ministerial Assistant

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and responsible for Translink

C: s.17

E: craig.ashbourne@gov.bc.ca

From: Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX
Subject: Fwd: i need to find selina robinson today for my colleagues...

Hi there,

Would MSR be able to speak with Justine on this today?

Lisa, do you want me to leave this with you to follow up with Justine on? Or can MSR speak in the hallway?

Thanks,

Marielle Tounsi

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hunter, Justine" <JHunter@globeandmail.com>

Date: May 29, 2018 at 11:07:01 AM PDT

To: "Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX (Marielle.Tounsi@gov.bc.ca)" <Marielle.Tounsi@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: i need to find selina robinson today for my colleagues...

Any idea where I can catch her? Re: our story today about the SROs.

Justine Hunter | National Correspondent | The Globe and Mail

p: 250.220.2718 | c: 250.857.4779 | t: @Justine_Hunter

From: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
To: "Hager, Mike"
Subject: RE: rental task force
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 10:07:21 AM

Hi Mike,

No problem. I'll look into this and get back to you.

Lindsay

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From: [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Hager, Mike"](#)
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From: [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Media Request: INTERVIEW: Globe and Mail: SRO situation in Vancouver
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 10:16:47 AM

Send as a possible statement. Anything more you can add would be great.

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Wondering if someone can do a phone interview about the SRO situation some time tomorrow (Wednesday)?

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Ill have to check. She is in QP right now so won't have a response for a bit.

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From: Hager, Mike [<mailto:MHager@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: rental task force

Hi Lindsay,

Actually, looks like editors want something today. Is a brief phone interview possible?

Thanks again,

Mike

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Subject: FYI: Media Request: INTERVIEW: Globe and Mail: SRO situation in Vancouver
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:26:16 AM

Craig,

FYI, Justine Hunter may ask the minister the following in the halls for her colleague Mike Hager:

Is the province studying whether to buy the worst of the Sahota SRO hotels?

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From: [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#)
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Subject: RE: rental task force
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 12:43:55 PM

Hi Mike,

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To: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: rental task force

Looks like my colleague Justine is going to try to ask her about this at caucus ins. Main question is: Is the province studying whether to buy the worst of the Sahota SRO hotels?
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Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:13:39 PM

You have as much information as we do!

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To: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
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Yes, sorry we did.

I know she just said that the province is working as quickly as it can to figure out what it will do. Can you provide any more clarity on the timeline?

Thanks,

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To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX
Subject: For low-income residents in Vancouver, a different kind of real estate crisis - The Globe and Mail
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 4:26:43 PM

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For low-income residents in Vancouver, a different kind of real estate crisis

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A woman sits on a window terrace at the Sahota-owned Regal Hotel.

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“This is a Sahota building”

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June 11, 2017: People gather on East Hastings Street to set up a barbecue in support of Balmoral Hotel residents facing eviction.

Rafal Gerszak/The Globe and Mail

Maintenance on the cheap

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Contractor Ben Afful got a closer look at the Sahotas' maintenance practices when he was hired to make repairs at the Regent Hotel in November.

Rafal Gerszak/The Globe and Mail

The Sahota-owned Astoria Hotel. The Astoria was one of the SROs targeted by Vancouver police's Project Haven, in which undercover officers posing as drug users rented rooms with welfare cheques.

BEN NELMS/The Globe and Mail

Problem buildings, troubled tenants

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Jack Gates sits in his room at the Regent Hotel.

DARRYL DYCK/The Globe and Mail

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The Regent Hotel. The city of Vancouver says it will seek more money from the provincial and federal governments for new funds for SRO housing.

DARRYL DYCK/The Globe and Mail

The future of SROs

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From: [Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX](#); [Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: For low-income residents in Vancouver, a different kind of real estate crisis - The Globe and Mail
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 4:27:00 PM

Thanks

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The future of SROs

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From: tno@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Scrum: Robinson - SRO conditions
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:34:08 PM

Scrum
Robinson following AM QP
29-May-2018 11:38

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Vancouver's other housing crisis

Globe and Mail

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

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By Wendy Stueck & Mike Hager

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City assessing structural safety at Downtown Eastside's Regent Hotel, concedes its future uncertain

The Georgia Straight

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

By Travis Lupick

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B.C. welfare payments unaccounted for in Sahota hotel records

Globe and Mail

Friday, June 29, 2018

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Vancouver moves to expropriate shuttered Sahota hotels

Globe and Mail

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

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By Mike Hager

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City aims to seize decrepit Sahota hotels

Vancouver Sun

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

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By Matt Robinson

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Butler, Liam GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: For approval: AG Media Request: Expropriation of Balmoral and Regent hotels

From: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For approval: AG Media Request: Expropriation of Balmoral and Regent hotels

Great – Rob, will you send up to MO?

KJ

From: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX; Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX
Cc: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For approval: AG Media Request: Expropriation of Balmoral and Regent hotels

Yep, me too.

From: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: August 3, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX <Kieran.Joyes@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX <Nicole.Fellinger@gov.bc.ca>; Butler, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: For approval: AG Media Request: Expropriation of Balmoral and Regent hotels

Good by me.

From: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX
Sent: August 3, 2018 9:59 AM
To: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX <Nicole.Fellinger@gov.bc.ca>; Butler, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
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Importance: High

Hi Rob,

Media request here for your review. This is ADM-approved.

KJ

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Reporter

Mike Hager, Reporter
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau

Deadline Friday, August 3, 2018 2:00 PM

Request

The reporter is doing a story on the City of Vancouver expropriating two downtown hotels – the Regent and the Balmoral – after the owners did not respond to an offer from the city to buy the buildings. Before expropriation, the owners can request that the Attorney General appoint an inquiry officer to review the request for an expropriation to determine if it's necessary to achieve the city's objectives.

The reporter would like to know:

- 1) How long would it take for the Attorney General to appoint an inquiry officer?
- 2) How long would it take the inquiry officer to complete the task?

Background

Details on the Expropriation Act: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96125_01
MAH has dealt with previous requests on the Balmoral/Regent hotels.

Recommendation – Provide background

1. How long would it take for the Attorney General to appoint an inquiry officer?
 - Under section 12 of the Expropriation Act, the Minister has 21 days within which to appoint an inquiry officer.
 - The Act was amended in 2012 to extend the minister's appointment window from 7 to 21 days and since that time, attorneys general have taken very close to if not the full 21 days to appoint an inquiry officer.
 - Once an inquiry officer is appointed, the Attorney General has no further control over the inquiry and its timeline.
2. How long would it take the inquiry officer to complete the task?
 - Section 12 of the Act states that an inquiry must occur within 21 days of the appointment of the inquiry officer by the AG.
 - Under Section 17, a report must be issued within 30 days of the first day of an inquiry.
 - Historically it usually takes an inquiry officer close to the full 30 days to complete and deliver their report.
 - Therefore, the entire timeline is a maximum of 72 days from start to finish (21+21+30).

Butler, Liam GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Media requests as of 10:20 a.m.

From: Scott, Samantha AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX; Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media requests as of 10:20 a.m.

Approved.

Samantha Scott | Executive Assistant to the Honourable Minister Eby
Ministry of the Attorney General
PO Box 9044 Stn Prov Gov, Victoria, BC, V8W 9E2 | s.17

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Sent: August 7, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Smith, George AG:EX; Scott, Samantha AG:EX
Cc: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
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1 request:

- **Globe and Mail – Expropriation Act follow up**

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

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- 2) Can either party dispute the inquiry officer's decision? If so, where would that take place and what does that process look like?

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Recommendation – Provide background (follow-up)

1. Where does the other party file its appeal if it wishes to fight the expropriation? In B.C. Provincial Court?
 - Generally, recourse to courts is not permitted, in accordance with subsection 4 (2).
 - The request for an inquiry is the only way to contest an expropriation. In order to request an inquiry, the "party" or person whose property is going to be expropriated must serve such a request (in writing) on the Attorney General. This is set out in section 10 of the Expropriation Act.
2. Can either party dispute the inquiry officer's decision? If so, where would that take place and what does that process look like?
 - With certain limitations, decisions under the Expropriation Act are subject to judicial review. Judicial reviews proceed in BC Supreme Court, and either party can request judicial review.
 - The Judicial Review Procedure Act generally sets out the procedure for requesting a review of an administrative decision. Refer to the following link for further details:
www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/lc/statreg/96241_01

Butler, Liam GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Balmoral and Regent hotels

From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Cc: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Balmoral and Regent hotels

Sounds good, thanks.

From: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Cc: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Balmoral and Regent hotels

Any chance I could see the response before I decide? I'm just not sure of the AG answer and would like to consult with BC Housing after I see proposed response.
Work for you?

Lisa Leslie
s.17

On Aug 2, 2018, at 1:42 PM, Butler, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

We just received a call from Mike Hager at the Globe. He's doing a story on the City of Vancouver expropriating two downtown hotels – the Regent and the Balmoral – after the owners did not respond to an offer from the city to buy the buildings.

Apparently, the owners can request an inquiry before expropriation and the attorney general would then appoint an inquiry officer to review the request. Mike wants to know how long it would take for the AG to appoint an inquiry officer and how long it would take that officer to complete his task. I noticed in the HUB that MAH has responded to all requests concerning these hotels so far. Should MAH continue to run point on this issue? Or would you like us to respond?

Thank you,

Liam Butler
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Butler, Liam GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: AG Media Request: Balmoral and Renent hotels

From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX
Cc: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX; Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: AG Media Request: Balmoral and Renent hotels

Hi Kieran,

Do you know if JSB would be able to answer this? It deals with the Expropriation Act:
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96125_01

I've spoken with Lisa Leslie at MAH, who has dealt with previous Balmoral/Regent hotel requests. However, since expropriation requires the AG to appoint someone, MAH would like us to respond. They would like to see our response before it goes out.

Thanks!

From: Liam Butler [<mailto:Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: AG Media Request: Balmoral and Renent hotels

Reporter

Mike Hager, Reporter
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau
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Deadline Friday, August 3, 2018 2:00 PM

Request

The reporter is doing a story on the City of Vancouver expropriating two downtown hotels – the Regent and the Balmoral – after the owners did not respond to an offer from the city to buy the buildings. Before expropriation, the owners can request that the Attorney General appoint an inquiry officer to review the request for an expropriation to determine if it's necessary to achieve the city's objectives.

The reporter would like to know:

- 1) How long would it take for the Attorney General to appoint an inquiry officer?
- 2) How long would it take the inquiry officer to complete his task?

Background

Recommendation

Butler, Liam GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Outstanding media calls

From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 4:42 PM
To: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Outstanding media calls

Hi Rob and Nicole,

For your reference, here's a list of outstanding media for tomorrow:

- Rob Shaw – Political Party financing. With MO. I've informed Rob of the website where he can find the numbers he is looking for. MO still has background information he might want.
- BC Today – Lobbyists Act. With MO, due ASAP.
- CBC Victoria – Interview with Cannabis inspector. With GCPE. s.13
- Globe and Mail – Balmoral and Regent hotels. With Kieran. Lisa Leslie at MAH would like to see our response before it goes out.

Have a good weekend!

Liam