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Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX

From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 12:06 PM
To: Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: For approval pls - ridehailing

FYI – a couple of changes.

Updated messaging:

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- We're working hard on a plan that protects riders and ensures safety but also opens the door to more modern transportation options that will deliver the convenience and reliability that people are looking for.
- We'll have more to say on government's next steps for taxi and ride hailing later this year.

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Cc: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: For approval pls - ridehailing

Shouldn't we include a line about the Hara report coming out soon and focusing on that?

From: Robb, Katie GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For approval pls - ridehailing

All –

Two requests on the 'Ridesharing Now for BC' (Lyft/Tostenson) rally. Suggest we send responses before the rally begins at 11:30, if you can please review/approve this recommended response:

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MEDIA REQUEST #1:

Reporter

Anita Bathe, Reporter

CBC - Vancouver

anita.bathe@cbc.ca

604-662-6910 c: 778-242-5915

Deadline Thursday, June 28, 2018 12:00 PM

Request

Reporter writes:

I have a news release saying Ride Share for BC is having a news conference today to urge government to bring in ride sharing asap.

These are the members of the group:

- Ian Tostenson - BC Restaurants and Food Services Association
- Nate Sabine - Blueprint, Barwatch, Hospitality Vancouver Association
- Curtis Robinson – Board Chair, Barwatch
- Kerry Gibson - EcoCentury Technologies
- Ken Beattie - BC Craft Brewers Guild
- Anita Huberman - Surrey Board of Trade
- Jeff Guigard –The Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC)
- Chad Wetsch – Harbour Air Group
- Andrea Arnott – Vancouver Pride Society
- Val Litwin – President and CEO – BC Chamber of Commerce

Any chance of putting anyone else up for reax on camera?

MEDIA REQUEST #2:

Reporter

Max Haberstroh, Producer

CBC British Columbia

max.haberstroh@cbc.ca

604-662-6819 c: 778-929-3537

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter writes:

Coming out of the presser today by Rideshare Now for BC, we're hoping to interview the minister for a check-in on the effort to bring those services to this province.

That interview would be pre-taped on-camera, and our calendar is wide open, so let us make it work for you.

Reporter has been informed the minister is unavailable for interview - suggest providing background messaging in response.

Proposed response:

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Katie Robb

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX
Subject: New release
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release 2018.06.18.docx

My latest draft.

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Clark, Layne PREM:EX; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX
Subject: Minor edits
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx

Made two small edits. I will have copies.

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX
Subject: draft news release
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx

Importance: High

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: Updated news release
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx

Hi!

Please review. Tim – can you just look over the ICBC part and see if the MO is good with it?

Thanks.

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 8:05 AM
To: Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX
Subject: Ridesharing News Release.docx
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx; ATT00001.txt

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 6:51 AM
To: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: Ridesharing News Release.docx
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx; ATT00001.txt

My draft release. We can chat about it this morning if you have time.

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Subject: News release
Attachments: Ridesharing News Release.docx

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From: Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Uber?

Hi Sage,

For your reference, this is what the Ministry has provided to reporters over the last week. James is calling you about this specific request shortly.

Response:

We know people want more options for getting around quickly, safely and affordably. The Province is committed to bringing in a safe, fair and accessible, "made in B.C." solution for taxis and other passenger directed vehicles in B.C.

The existing framework for taxi service in B.C. is outdated and needs to be modernized before ride hailing becomes available.

That's why, last fall, government hired industry expert Dr. Dan Hara to consult with stakeholders including the taxi and ride hailing industry, and to make recommendations on how to improve the existing framework for taxi services so that when ride hailing is introduced in B.C. the taxi industry can thrive and compete.

Out of respect for all of the stakeholders that took the time to provide feedback, we will take the necessary time to thoroughly review both Dr. Hara's report and that of the all-party committee, and as promised will publicly report out this spring on this government's next steps for taxi and ride hailing.

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From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Uber?

Sage
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From: Frances Bula [mailto:francesbula@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Uber?

Hi Sage

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Subject: FW: Uber?

See the request from Frances below.

How have we been responding to these over the past week?

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Thanks Sage – we'll have the Ministry follow up with Frances.

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Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX

From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 8:30 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Ridesharing

Categories: Blue category

Message:

- People in our province want modern options to get where they need to go and to protect jobs that currently exist.
- For five years, the previous government refused to act on ridehailing.
- We continue to work on a made in BC solution that ensures a level playing field for all service providers and safety and choice for consumers.
- We'll provide an update soon on our work to improve transportation options for people.

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