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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:42 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

It's for an issues scan due to the Premier at 3. We will have to do with just the total applications number.

Thanks for your help.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:40 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Hi again s.15;s.19

LCRB says:

Two things:

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2.

Do you have time for this? It may take a few days.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:08 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Yes I don't want to name specific LGs. I just want to write a key message that says:
We've received more than XX applications for retail locations in communities across the province.
XX applications are in latter stages of approval and in communities in which the local government has said it is ready to consider retail applications.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:07 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Hi s.15;s.19

Please note from LCRB: We are looking into this. What had been provided is not something the system can do, and so it took a person a day to gather this info. We'll get back to you. I must note that if this is what I think we are talking about, then we did not name specific LGs. It was very generalized. It would be helpful to know what exactly is being referred to.

Thanks,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:46 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Public. This has been part of Premier's and Minister Farnworth's messaging in the past few weeks

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:45 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan
s.15;s.19 is this to be kept internal or for public information?

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:38 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Thank you. A couple weeks ago, we were provided with a number of applications in the latter stages of approval and in communities which have indicated they are willing to accept cannabis retail stores. Would it be possible to track down an updated number for these applications?

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Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:35 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
s.15;s.19
Subject: FW: Wed AM Issues Scan
Importance: High

Hi s.15;s.19

The Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch just provided answers to your questions below.

Sincerely,

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Are the paid but incomplete applications part of the 255 number? Yes. And so are the applications referred to LG or Indigenous nation, applications approved with conditions and licences issued (when we have some). All the columns to the right of the apps paid column should add up to equal the apps paid column.

Or are those two separate groups? No. See above.

And the 90 applications referred to local government or indigenous nation, can that be broken down into municipal or First Nation? The system does not do this. But, the information could be requested. It would have to be done by hand. Currently there are none yet referred to an Indigenous nation.

Also are those considered to be complete and in latter stages of approval? A 'complete' application is one in which the applicant has uploaded or provided to the LCRB everything asked for. This is not the same as 'correct' and does not mean that the LCRB is done with it. Therefore, those considered complete are in fact at the beginning stages of approval. Once the LCRB deems an application complete a basic check is done of it, and provided the documentation looks ok, the LG or Indigenous nation is notified so that they can begin their recommendation process.

While the LG or Indigenous nation conducts their process, the province conducts the security screening and financial background checks of the applicant and partners/key shareholders/associates. Also, the LCRB checks things like floor plans, etc. If the application looks ok to move forward after this, and the LG or Indigenous nation provides a positive recommendation about the application back to the LCRB, the licence application becomes 'approved in principle.' At this point the licensee prepares their store for a final inspection (this can take any amount of time. For instance, they could be ready then, or maybe still building.). If the final inspection shows that the store is set up as put forward in the application materials, the licence can be issued.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:59 AM

To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19

Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19

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Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Hi s.15;s.19

We have the latest stats on our website (they may be updated later today):

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/cannabislicensing/policy-document/application-stats>

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:07 AM

To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX

Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 J GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Wed AM Issues Scan

Hi there: can you help ^{s.15;s.}₁₉ with this info? Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX"s.15;s.19
Date: October 31, 2018 at 9:05:45 AM PDT
To:s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX" s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: Wed AM Issues Scan

Regarding applications for cannabis stores, do you have updated numbers for the number of paid applications received and which are in the latter stages of approval?

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Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 8:51 AM
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s.15;s.19
Subject: Wed AM Issues Scan

Happy Halloween all! Front page story re: indigenous communities and cannabis law, MMF quoted, focus is more feds and lack of reconciliation tone to cannabis law.

CANNABIS - coverage expanded on teens getting tickets, MMF speaks to importance of education campaigns and knowing the law, Saanich PD on Global this AM running through rules in vehicles. License updates: 2 private retails approved by Kamloops council, Nanaimo council has 2 govt cannabis store apps, IB going out today from AG/LDB re: first private retail license approved, location in Kimberley.

OTHER - Heads up that new driver penalties go up Nov 1st. Body found behind Saanich Plaza, police investigating. Fed Corrections watchdog wants to see more healing lodges in fed facilities, there are 9 to date.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 7:52 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Issues scan

We're working on a provincial scan for this afternoon. I'll include the usual cannabis issues. Let me know if you think there's something new that should be added.

Thanks!

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 3:24 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 TAC:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 TAC:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;
s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: INs and QP note requests
Attachments: 2018.10.10 QP Note Film industry support - draft.docx

This is what we have for film support thus far. Let me know if there are additional supports that can be added.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 8:44 AM
To: s.15;s.19 TAC:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19
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s.15;s.19 TAC:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: INs and QP note requests

Hi s.15;s.19 – In response, attached are the updated/ most recent notes including:

Repatriation Grants are currently titled RBCM Indig. Cultural Belongings and has been included and I can update to repatriation if that works better. The \$\$ support and updates for latest ceremony included.

RMI/ Tsilquotin/ Cannabis included

Getting KMs together for general film support and hope to have that to you this afternoon. This will go beyond the tax incentives which we do have an updated IN for.

Hope this helps.

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From: s.15;s.19 TAC:EX
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 8:01 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: INs and QP note requests

Hey team,

MLB has a few requests for IN and QP notes:

Repatriation grants (currently, it's an IN as RBCM Indigenous Cultural Belongings) – need an updated IN with the grants our government as awarded and a QP note as well.

Resort Municipality Initiative – Need a QP note for it.

Tsilquotin – I think this one was being worked on? We'll need an updated QP note for it.

General Film Support – akin to the General Tourism Support note – QP note.

Cannabis Tourism – Need an IN and QP note. s.13


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Hon. Minister Lisa Beare's Office

Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Responsible for
Sport and Multiculturalism

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Film Industry Support

Background:

- Media has reported on 2017-18 statistics released by Creative BC on the film industry in B.C.
- The numbers show the 2017-18 fiscal year saw over 450 productions generate \$3.4 billion for the BC economy – up from \$2.6 billion in 2016-17 – while supporting the employment of over 60,000 workers.
- The opposition and media may ask what supports our government is providing to the film industry.

Connect:

- Our province is home to a vibrant film industry and talented arts community.
- The sector employs tens of thousands of British Columbians provides support for B.C. talent and related businesses in trades, technology and arts.
- British Columbians should be able to get the most benefit from these industries through good, family-supporting jobs and economic growth in communities.

Solution:

- We're working to boost B.C.'s rich film and arts scene, and we're talking to people in all facets of the sector to see how we can support them.
- I've toured film studios in the province and met with stakeholders in the film industry to hear about the unique challenges and opportunities in this sector.
- Last fall I travelled to Los Angeles to meet with industry leaders and learn more about how we can build up the industry further in our province.
- With a talented workforce, a high quality of living and a beautiful landscape, B.C. has a lot to offer to film producers.
- This government is working with those in the industry to maximize benefits for British Columbians, and attract more productions.
- We will be working with the industry to make sure the film tax credits are sustainable and affordable into the future.
- These steps will support our talented B.C. film-makers and artists, and create good, family-supporting jobs.

Background:

- While the Ministry of Finance is the lead for all film, television, book publishing and interactive digital media tax credit programs, the Canada Revenue Agency and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture – on the advice of Creative BC – administers the Film and Television tax credit programs on behalf of the Province.
- Over the last five years, British Columbia has grown to become one of the world's largest centres for visual effects and digital animation.
- The province is home to over 60 domestic and foreign-owned visual effects and animation studios that generate a significant portion of the province's \$2.6 billion dollar film and television production expenditures.
- The Province has two labour-based tax incentives that provide refundable tax credits to Canadian or international film and television production corporations that have incurred eligible labour costs in British Columbia.
- These tax credits act as key drivers of film and television production in the province and contribute to B.C.'s ability to attract and sustain foreign interest in an increasingly competitive global market.
- Accommodating this growth industry requires Community & Industry Relations services that respond to issues and support collaborative policy-making related to physical production impacts in both public and private locations.
- Both the Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC) for international productions and the Film Incentive BC (FIBC) for Canadian productions include four components: Basic, Regional, Distant Location and Digital Animation, Visual Effects and Post-Production (DAVE).
- PSTC (Production Services Tax Credit) provides refundable tax credits to Canadian or international film and television production corporations that have incurred eligible labour costs in B.C. The 2016-

17 actual costs for the PSTC credit was \$310M (Source: Public Accounts Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules).

- FIBC (Film Incentive BC) provides refundable tax credits to Canadian-controlled production companies based on eligible B.C. labour costs. The 2016-17 actual costs for the FIBC credit was \$90M (Source: Public Accounts Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules).
- The DAVE (Digital Animation and Visual Effects) tax credit provides refundable tax credits on a corporation's digital animation, visual effects or post-production activities that qualify for the basic film and television tax credit or the production services tax credit. (Budget 2015 expanded the Digital Animation or Visual Effects tax credit to include post-production activities). The cost of the DAVE credit is included in the PSTC and FIBC estimated tax credit costs above.
- Additional Regional (6%) and Distant Location Tax Credits (6%) are available for productions that undertake principal photography substantially outside of the designated Vancouver area.

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Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 7:11 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Seeds

Hello,

I saw the front page story about lack of cannabis seeds in B.C. Minister would be prepared for Qs on this today. Do you know what our response would be?

Thanks,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 7:36 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Updated QA needed

I think the Canada Post Q needs to be changed to something like this:

How is the Canada Post strike action affecting distribution of cannabis?

- There are 24-hour rotating strikes underway in certain cities.
- This may mean a delay of delivery in some areas.

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 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19
Subject: Re: Updated QA needed

Mainly looks ok, checking with AG on #'s and last bullet.

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On Oct 23, 2018, at 7:15 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

Good morning,

I'm hoping to add updated information into the QP note for today. Do you have updated answers to these questions?

When will more stores open?

- The government's first B.C. Cannabis store is now open in Kamloops.
- A website has also launched to ensure British Columbians can purchase Cannabis no matter where they live. (www.bccannabisstores.com)
- We've received more than 170 applications for retail locations in communities across the province.
- 35 applications are in latter stages of approval and in communities in which the local government has said it is ready to consider retail applications.
- We're not prepared to rush stores without the approval of local governments.

How will the Canada Post strike action affect distribution of cannabis?

- This is a notice that has been served.
- We have seen this numerous times in previous negotiations, and negotiations do usually end up with a contract in place.
- The liquor control and cannabis branch is reaching out to Canada Post to get a better understanding of what they're looking at in terms of rotating strikes and potential impacts.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 4:00 PM
To: s.15;s.19 MCF:EX
Subject: RE: Notes
Attachments: 2018.10.19 QP Note - Cannabis and MCFD - draft.docx

I noticed the headline on this was wrong. This one is fixed.

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From: s.15;s.19 MCF:EX
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 3:54 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Notes

Look good, thanksS.15;s.19

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On Oct 19, 2018, at 3:27 PM,s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

I added the updated foster website numbers and also drafted a cannabis note based on the issue note provided. Let me know if you have any comments or concerns.

Thanks.

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<2018.10.19 QP Note - Cannabis and MCFD - draft.docx>

<2018.09.27 QP Note - Foster Parents - update Oct 19.docx>

Cannabis - MCFD

Background:

- Cannabis was legalized for non-medical use by adults on October 17.
- Media and opposition may ask what MCFD policies exist related to cannabis, and if foster parents, adoptive parents and child care facilities can have cannabis present.

Main Message:

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If asked about RLNR daycares:

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If asked about LNR daycares:

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Background:

- Non-medical cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018.
- The minimum age to possess, purchase, grow and consume cannabis in B.C. is 19 years old.
- Those under 19 years will be prohibited from possessing any amount of non-medical cannabis; however under federal law, youth ages 12 to 18 would not face criminal prosecution for possessing small amounts of Cannabis (up to 5 grams).
- Smoking cannabis in parks, playgrounds, and other public areas commonly used by children is banned.
- Drug impaired driving is illegal in B.C. and the province will toughen provincial regulations and give police more tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road to deter drug impaired driving.
- Edible cannabis products are not legally available to purchase in B.C at this time.
- Cannabis and cannabis products are treated like alcohol and tobacco in terms of guarding against access and use by children/youth in care. If caregivers choose to make their own edible cannabis products, then the products must be safely and securely stored in a manner that is inaccessible to children/youth in the home.
- It is anticipated that federal legislation regarding edibles will be available a year after legalization of non-medical cannabis.
- The Ministry of Children and Family Development recognizes that edibles may pose a risk to children and youth given that food items made with cannabis (i.e. baked goods; candy) are often indistinguishable from non-cannabis based food products.
- Delegated workers who are responsible for assessing caregivers in foster homes and sub-contracted family care homes will confirm that caregivers are storing cannabis plants and cannabis products (including but not limited to cannabis in form of fresh or dried leaf, oil, food, or drinks) in such a way that they are inaccessible to children/youth in the home.

- Media Interest: To date, there has been no specific media requests to MCFD related to how the legalization of cannabis will be handled in the carrying out of MCFD responsibilities towards B.C. children, youth and families.

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Foster Parents

Highlights:

- Foster parents did not receive a pay increase in Budget 2018.
- In a Feb. 15 letter to Minister Conroy, the BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations (BCFFPA) says foster parents have not seen an increase to their maintenance rates for over 10 years.
- The Ministry is reviewing the child protection system and expect it will be wrapped up in Spring 2019 to inform decisions on rates for foster parents.

Main Message:

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If asked what we are doing to recruit foster parents:

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Background:

- Calls from the sector for caregiver rate increases and rate harmonization have been ongoing for many years, including during consultation from the 2010 MCFD/Federation of Community Social Services of BC residential redesign project.
- In a Feb. 15 letter to Minister Conroy, the BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations (BCFFPA) claims that foster parents have not seen an increase to their maintenance rates for over 10 years. The letter cites a joint study between the BCFFPA and the University of British Columbia which concluded that:
 - The cost of raising children in foster care is, on average, 25% higher than raising children out of care.
 - Household purchasing power has declined by 22% between 2002-2016.
 - Since the last maintenance rate increase, prices have seen an increase of 9%.
 - 75% of foster parents have paid out of pocket for a health related expense for children in care
 - 93% of foster parents have paid out of pocket for non-health related expenses for children in care

- ‘Increase in care rates’ was identified as a top priority for 47% of survey respondents.

Rate harmonization

- In his 2017 report, Grand Chief Ed John pointed out the disparity between the rates of pay for various caregiver types, pointing to a disparity between foster caregiver rates and the rates paid for out-of-care options and post-adoption assistance. He identifies this as a potential barrier to permanency for Indigenous children. His report includes 3 recommendations re: financial compensation for caregivers:
 - Recommendation 31
 - MCFD take immediate steps to harmonize the financial assistance to families who have permanent care of children in order to promote permanency opportunities for Indigenous children.
 - Recommendation 32
 - MCFD should ensure that the payments for permanent legal out-of-care options are flexible to accommodate foster families who need the financial income that a levelled foster home provides.
 - Recommendation 33
 - The Province should undertake a legislative review and financial policy review to determine the necessary changes that would see those families under the “Extended Family Program” to receive the Canada Child Benefit and ensure the Canada Child Benefit amount is not deducted from MCFD payments for permanency placements.
- Family care rates (also known as the ‘maintenance rate’) are the main component of the overall payment to family-based caregivers.
- These rates have been static for 10 years.
- More than 2,660 family-based caregivers in B.C. provide homes for more than 4,700 children and youth in care.
- Additionally, there are more than 2,600 children and youth who aren’t in care but are served by the ministry through an ‘out of care agreement’ or ‘transfer of guardianship’ (often with members of the child’s extended family).

- Current monthly rates paid to caregivers for one child/youth, not including discretionary supplemental payments, is comprised of:
- \$800 - \$900 to cover basic costs of living for the child/youth.
- \$0 - \$1,800 to compensate caregivers depending on the level of care they are able to provide.
- The total monthly payment for one child/youth can range from \$800 - \$2,700.

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Subject: RE: Sales

From the Ministry: LDB is not reporting this out for business reasons, so we aren't able to get that info.

I'll let you know if I receive more information.

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From: s.15;s.19 PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 4:36 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Sales

Thank! I know it's a long shot....do we have a dollar value of total sales?

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 4:30 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PREM:EX;s.15;s.19 PREM:EX
Subject: Sales

Here are the numbers for the first day:

The online store recorded 9,137 orders by midnight.

The BC Cannabis Store in Kamloops recorded 795 transactions, on 2,656 units.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject: RE: Sales #s

Do we have sales dollar figures?

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From:s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 4:28 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Sales #s

No problem, see below.

Yesterday total:

The online store recorded 9,137 orders by midnight.

The BC Cannabis Store in Kamloops recorded 795 transactions, on 2,656 units.

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Subject: Sales #s
Importance: High

Hello,
Premier's office is asking for the sales numbers for the first day. Are these available?

Thanks,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 6:08 AM
To: s.15;s.19 MCF:EX
Subject: Release

Is there an issue note on this yet?

Caregivers banned from smoking, growing cannabis around children-in-care- MCFD

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Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Media request

Hi s.15;s.19

I saw a Global Okanagan request in the hub (below). Can you loop me in on the potential response to this? Also – MIRR needs to be looped into these requests as well. It should include that we have been discussing cannabis regulations with Indigenous communities and will continue to do so.

Thanks,

“Does BC or Federal Law trump indigenous law?

Has Little Kingdom Gas and Store on Okanagan Band Land applied for a licence? Are they illegal now if not? What if they say they don't need a licence because of okanagan band law?

How many applications are in the province now? How many forwarded to local munis/FNs?”

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:58 PM
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Subject: RE: QA for today

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Subject: RE: QA for today

This is great. Thank you.

Do you happen to have a version that is narrowed down to 1 or 2 QAs.

It is for PJH for a QA portion after an economy speech. Just in case it comes up.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:00 PM
To: S.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
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To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: QA for VIEA Speech - October 24th
Attachments: 2018.10.17 QP Note Cannabis - FINAL.DOCX

This is the most up to date document. Is there a certain format their shop normally prefers?

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:42 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: QA for VIEA Speech - October 24th

Do you have some cannabis materials that could be included in this QA for the Premier's event with the Vancouver Island Economic Association?

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:24 AM
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Subject: RE: QA for VIEA Speech - October 24th

Just a reminder to send me any Island-issue QAs to add to this by 12 noon today.

I need to have it to PO by 3pm. Sage wants the following topics.

Many thanks!

- pipeline
- cannabis
- referendum

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Subject: QA for VIEA Speech - October 24th

Hello s.15;s.19

PJH has a speech and QA for the “State of the Island Summit”, an economy-focused conference in Victoria on October 24th.

Can your team send any additional Qs to me by 12 noon Wednesday?

We will use an updated version of the QA attached, which is now with JTT and FIN for fact-updating (see below).

I will also track down the latest info on the Island Corridor, Belville terminal and any other Island-oriented issues from TRAN.

Any Qs you think may come from that audience would be great.

Feel free to send in the body of an email, and I will add to the document attached.

Many thanks!

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Subject: Vancouver Island - Latest Economic Stats

Hello,

Two things:

1. I wasn't sure who would be the keeper of this info, but I need the latest high level economic stats for Vancouver Island:
 - Labour market/largest employers
 - Export/import
 - What sectors are experience growth (tech/agriculture etc.)?
2. I will add this info the attached DRAFT QA attached, could your respective shops also please check that document for any outdated info?

It was last update on September 15th.

Many thanks,
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Cannabis

Highlights:

- Non-medical cannabis became legal to purchase through licensed stores and the government website www.bccannabisstores.com on October 17.
- On the day of legalization, one BC Cannabis store opened in Kamloops.
- The opposition has focused on the number of cannabis stores opening at the start, as well as whether unlicensed dispensaries would continue to operate.

Contrast:

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Dispensary owner on shutting down and waiting for a license:

“Cutting corners isn't going to get you there faster. Our intention is not to turn our nose up at the regulatory practises – we want to be a part of it.” (Vanessa Dandurand, Manager, Eden Medicinal Society, October 15, 2018)

"Every situation is quite different and we've got to kind of feel out the landscape as we go forward because it is not a black-and-white thing that police are just doing this, the community safety units are doing this, the bylaw officers are doing that. We have to all get used to how this new regime is going to work." (Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer, October 15, 2018)

"October 17 is going to come, then October 18, and then October 19. You are probably not going to see a whole big change with regard to what the police are doing or anyone else is doing." (Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer, October 15, 2018)

"As far as cannabis dispensaries or stores, that is going to be an interesting one and that will vary across the country. Here in Vancouver, we do have a high percentage of cannabis stores compared to other places in the country. So now that law will actually become clearer and it will assist us in that regard." (Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer, October 15, 2018)

Background:

- Provincial legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia passed the house in Spring session 2018.

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (CCLA)

- The Cannabis Control and Licensing Act is guided by the Province's priorities of protecting children and youth, promoting health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping B.C. roads safe, and supporting economic development.
- The Act:
 - Sets 19 as the provincial minimum age to purchase sell or consume cannabis;
 - Allows adults to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis in a public place;
 - Prohibits cannabis smoking and vaping everywhere tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, as well as at playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks, and other places where children commonly gather;
 - Prohibits the use of cannabis on school properties and in vehicles;
 - Authorizes adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but the plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property, and home cultivation will be banned in homes used as day-cares;
 - Establishes a cannabis retail licensing regime similar to the current licensing regime for liquor;
 - Provides enforcement authority to deal with illegal sales;
 - Creates a number of provincial cannabis offences which may result in a fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$100,000, imprisonment of three to 12 months, or both; and
 - Where necessary, to comply with Charter Rights and human rights law, exemptions will be provided to individuals who are federally authorized to purchase, possess and consume medical cannabis.
- The CCLA also includes consequential amendments to various statutes, including:

- Liquor Control and Licensing Act to ensure administrative consistency between that Act and the CCLA;
- Residential Tenancy Act and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act to prohibit cannabis smoking under existing leases that prohibit smoking tobacco and to prohibit the personal cultivation of cannabis under existing leases, except for federally authorized medical cannabis. For new leases, the existing provisions of each Act that allow landlords and tenants to negotiate the terms of leases will apply;
- Police Act to set provincial priorities for policing and require municipal police boards to take provincial priorities and the priorities of the municipal council into account as they develop their own priorities;
- Community Safety Act to reflect that with legalization cannabis will no longer be a controlled substance under the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
- Provincial Sales Tax Act to add a reference to cannabis in the definition of “small seller” consistent with liquor; and
- Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act to recognize that the CCLA is a complete licensing scheme.

Cannabis Distribution Act (CDA)

- As previously announced, the Province has decided that the Liquor Distribution Branch will be the wholesale distributor of non-medical cannabis in B.C. and will run provincial cannabis retail stores.
- The Cannabis Distribution Act establishes:
 - A public wholesale distribution monopoly; and
 - Public (government-run) retail sales, both in stores and online.

Motor Vehicle Act amendments

- B.C. has increased training for law enforcement and has toughened provincial regulations by amending the Motor Vehicle Act to give police more tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road and deter drug-affected driving, including:
- A new 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition (ADP) for any driver whom police reasonably believe operated a motor vehicle while affected

by a drug or by a combination of a drug and alcohol, based on analysis of a bodily substance or an evaluation by a specially trained police drug recognition expert (DRE); and,

- New drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) will be subject to a zero-tolerance restriction for the presence of THC (the psycho active ingredient in cannabis).
- Additionally, government announced that once legalized, public cannabis stores, and the online retail store for non-medical cannabis, will operate under the brand BC Cannabis Stores. The name and brand align with the BC Liquor Stores brand, and will be featured on store signage and printed materials. Developed in-house, the brand will be used as the LDB creates a new and separate business operation to support the wholesale distribution and sale of non-medical cannabis.
- The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will apply a 15% mark-up on the landed cost of cannabis distributed throughout the province to retail stores and the LDB's online store, when non-medical cannabis is legalized on Oct. 17.
- The landed cost includes the original price of the product, transportation fees, duties, taxes, packaging and handling.
- All cannabis retailers, including LDB-operated BC Cannabis Stores, will purchase cannabis at a common wholesale price. Retailers will be prohibited from pricing cannabis products below the wholesale price.
- On July 11, 2018, government announced that the LDB announced it secured a location for its first BC Cannabis Store (BCCS) within Kamloops' Columbia Place Shopping Centre.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:15 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Will B.C.'s legal weed prices be low enough? - Derrick Penner - Vancouver Sun

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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 4:58 AM
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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 4:46 PM
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Subject: FW: Media Request: FN laws + Retail Applications

Looping you in on this request.

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Hi,

Here is the official email looking for approval on these media requests. These answers are good by CP, legal and s.15;s.19

Let me know if they are good to go to reporters.

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Reporter

Angela Sterritt, Producer
CBC - Vancouver
angela.sterritt@cbc.ca
778-837-1470 c: 604-662-6822
Deadline ASAP

Request

"The BC government has received 173 cannabis retail licenses so far.

And while 62 have been referred to local governments to review and approve...0 have been referred to Indigenous nations to approve."

And my question in part is if there are 0 referred to Indigenous nations for approval, does that mean they are in essence operating an illegal operation, even if the nations I have spoken to have said they have drafted their own cannabis laws and their own delegated authority and land code?

Will the province recognize Indigenous people's own cannabis laws?

On Background:

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- At this point the application is a completely private business matter and we will not report out on it statistically.
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Reporter

Cassidy Olivier, Reporter
 Province
colivier@postmedia.com
 604-605-2028 c: 778-877-9471

Deadline ASAP

Request

Do the same provincial laws apply to FN reserves/bands? Do they have to apply for licences same as others?

Background

Recommendation

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Subject: Cannabis request

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Subject: Updated QP Note
Attachments: 2018.10.16 QP Note Cannabis - FINAL.docx

Good morning,
Here's the QP note – I've added some quotes from media articles which may be useful.

Thanks!

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Cannabis

Highlights:

- On June 20, 2018, the federal government passed its Cannabis Act legislation to legalize non-medical cannabis and confirmed the date of legalization as October 17, 2018.
- Provincial legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia passed the house in Spring session 2018.
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To: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Pricing

Good morning,
What would be your suggested response to questions around the pricing of cannabis?

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Subject: Message note
Attachments: 2018.10.15 Cannabis - draft.docx

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Looks good to me. Do you want s.15;s.19 eyes on it?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2018, at 5:47 PM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

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Subject: RE: drug affected driving

I need to shorten it for the issues scan. Does this work?

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Drug-Affected Driving

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- The Province has developed and implemented a training plan to increase the number of officers trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and certified as Drug Recognition Experts.

- In fact, this immediate past fiscal year (ending March 31, 2018) we delegated \$500 thousand to the Justice Institute of BC to get this training underway while we continue to work on securing further funds from the federal government through Public Safety Canada as they have promised. We are also supporting RCMP jurisdictions through our provincial policing contract.
- Canada has committed \$161 million to fund training of frontline officers, build law enforcement capacity across the country, provide access to screening devices, develop policy, support research, and raise public awareness about drug-impaired driving.
- Of these funds, \$81 million over the next five years will be allocated to provinces and territories and we are working with Public Safety Canada to secure B.C.'s share of the funding.

Oral screening devices:

- On Thursday July 19, the federal government published the Approved Drug Screening Equipment regulation in Part 1 of the Gazette, the official newspaper of the Government of Canada.
- The device that the federal government approved is the Dräger DrugTest® 5000 (reader) to be used together with the Dräger DrugTest® 5000 STK-CA (collection kit).
- The device will be for the use of detecting the presence of THC and cocaine in a person's saliva.
- We want to be clear that we are not endorsing this device - police will need to test the functionality of the device and until then, will not be able to provide a view of its potential effectiveness.
- There is still work to be done and we continue to work with our federal counterparts to ensure police have the tools they need to protect road users and ensure public safety as non-medical cannabis is legalized in this country.

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:04 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Cannabis "grey market"

Thank you!

s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:03 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Cannabis "grey market"

KM's I just sent will cover this.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:47 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Cannabis "grey market"

Hello,
Could you send me the full KMs or statement on this issue?

Thanks!

Pot shops could persist in 'grey market' after legalization, retailer says
CBC Online
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

By CBC News-1

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:54 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Cannabis messaging

Hello,

I see in the media hub that you provided key messages and an Op-Ed attributed to the Minister on unlicensed dispensaries. Would you be able to send those to me? I'm including them in the issues scan for the Premier.

Thanks!

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:26 PM
To: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: REVISED: FOI Request GCP-2018-86691 Due October 10
Attachments: FOI GCP-2018-86691 Harms.pdf; FOI GCP-2018-86691 Clean.pdf

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From: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 8:18 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Subject: REVISED: FOI Request GCP-2018-86691 Due October 10

Hi s.15;s.19

The applicant has agreed to narrow their request.

The revised request is for: *Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages - excluding attachments - sent from Aileen Machell. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 02/28/2018)*

Please provide your records and harms assessment to us by **Wednesday, October 10, 2018.**

Thanks,
s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 9:50 AM
To: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: FOI Request GCP-2018-86691 Due October 3

Hello,
For all of my sent messages for the full time period it will take 10 hours.

For just January, 1.5 hours.

Thanks.

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From: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:35 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FOI Request GCP-2018-86691 Due October 3

Good afternoon,

GCPE has received a request for information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA).

Scope:

Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages - excluding attachments - sent from Aileen Machell (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 (January 1st) To 04/30/2018) (April 30th)

Applicant Type: Political Party

Instructions and Due Dates:

If you believe that your search will take more than 3 hours, please hold your search and provide a time estimate to produce the records for January 1st to April 30th, 2018 and also provide a time estimate to produce the records for the month of January only. However, if you believe that your records can be retrieved within the 3hr-window, then please do so.

Due Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

- All records should be provided in one combined PDF ([Instructions](#))
- Submit one clean copy and one marked copy indicating specific harms recommendations ([guide to harms](#))
- Records should be inclusive of everyone in your department
- Need to indicate that the Director of your department/shop agrees with the harms recommendations
- Whether or not you have records please complete the following:

The following areas were searched: (indicate Yes/No for each line below)

1. Emails:
2. LAN:
3. Workstation for hardcopies:
4. Issues Prep (Yes or N/A):

Fee Estimate Due Date: Monday, October 1, 2018

- Please discontinue your search and notify GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca
- Copy and paste the following information into your response:

Fee Estimate Recommended:

1. Time (hours):

- Should include time to search, gather, review and provide records

- must exceed 3 hours

2. Reason:

If you wish to contact the IAO FOI Analyst assigned to this request, please let me know and I will provide you with their contact information.

Should you have any questions, concerns or anticipate any delay in processing this request please contact the FOI Coordinator at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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From: s.15;s.19 i GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 10:14 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Re: Cannabis at the border

Hello,

Premier is doing media with Governor Inslee tomorrow. I'll need to include this as part of the issues scan, along with other cannabis topics. Please let me know if there is anything else that should be included by 1pm today.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2018, at 10:39 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

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So leaving it to s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:37 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Cannabis at the border

Do these lines work for this topic?

Message:

- It's crucial that the federal government takes this issue seriously.
- They must get assurances from our neighbours to the south that people who are doing something legal here in Canada are not going to face problems at the border.
- We're talking to the federal government about this to express our concerns and get clarity on the issue.

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:34 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: News release

Ok, thanks. Do you have KMs on the new regulations?

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:11 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: News release

MDE still has it

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 10:03 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: News release

Hi s.15;s.19

Can you send me the Cannabis regulations IB going out today? I'd like to write up some points in case Premier is asked about it tomorrow.

Thanks,
s.15;s.19

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:27 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 | CITZ:EX;s.15;s.19 CITZ:EX
Subject: Issues scan - Kitimat

Importance: High

Hello,

Premier is doing media in Kitimat on Saturday. Can you please flag any Kitimat area issues, or new developments on major provincial issues by noon tomorrow?

We will include the regular cannabis issues, although he was clipped on the cannabis stores and supply already today.

Thank you!

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:26 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 TAC:EX
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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:26 PM
To: s.15;s.19 MCF:EX;s.15;s.19 MCF:EX;s.15;s.19 MCF:EX;s.15;s.19 MCF:EX;s.15;s.19
s.15;s.1 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Issues scan - Kitimat
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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 3:25 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Issues scan - Kitimat

Importance: High

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:07 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;
s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

Ok, thanks. The questions from CTV are about if there should be a registry that is accessible to the public, not just police.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 8:03 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19
s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Issues scan

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2018, at 7:32 AM,s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

I noticed a story about the sex offender in Surrey in the clips, and I'd like to add it into the scan.
Is this accurate and is the messaging ok?

Sex Offender in Surrey

Background:

- On October 2, the province put out a warning about a violent sex offender being released with conditions in Surrey.
- 28-year-old Jeffrey Goddard has an extensive criminal history: sex assault, invitation to sexual touching, luring under 16, and impersonating a police officer and firefighter.
- CTV News reported that some people in Surrey would like to see a public sex offender registry.
- The story included clips from Minister Farnworth.

Message:

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- If they break those conditions, they need to be back in custody immediately.

Are you in favour of a public sex offender registry?

- We'd have to have a look at what kind of work would be required to do something like that.
- There are mandatory privacy issues which the courts have ruled on, and constitutional issues as well.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:40 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

I think the cannabis stores is the big one, working on that issue now, as new messaging is being developed given a possible story tonite or tomorrow.

Also note Bob Mackin request below.

Issue: Reporter has specific questions about the Esquimalt appointment of Evan Southern, including: whether the S-G and A-G had the option of not signing the OIC or otherwise rejecting the recommendation from the Township. Mr. Southern was among several people in the office of the former premier who had breached the Freedom of Information law.

Key Messages:

- Under the Police Act, independent municipal police boards are governed by mayor as chair, a person appointed by municipal council and up to seven appointed provincially (Lieutenant Governor in Council).
- Unlike the provincial appointments, council appointments to police boards are made under the Police Act and are the sole purview of the municipal council.
- When a council appointed board position is identified as vacant due to a resignation, member reaching maximum term or appointment not renewed, the municipality advertises the vacancy on their City's website, local newspaper, social media, or other means they deem appropriate.

- The municipality is solely responsible for conducting interviews and candidate reference checks if deemed appropriate.
- When the municipal council endorses the appointment of a candidate they provide a council resolution to the Police Services Branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General which conducts supplemental conflict of interest and police record checks then liaises with the Crown Agency and Board Resourcing Office and Office of Legislative Counsel to draft an Order-in-Council for the Minister's signature.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 8:41 AM
To: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Issues scan

Hello,

We are working on an issues scan today for the Premier's media availability tomorrow. We will include cannabis stores, but let me know if there are any other pressing issues we should add.

Thanks!

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 8:53 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

Hi s.15;s.19, yes it will be at the legislature.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 8:47 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Issues scan

Hi s.15;s.19: is that in Victoria?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2018, at 8:40 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EXs.15;s.19 wrote:

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Thanks!

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 10:06 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

Hi s.15;s.19

Yes, I'm aware of cannabis, red light cameras and Surrey crime as being top issues currently.

If you have no new issues to share, you can reply with – no new issues other than the top issues.

I always like to loop in the CDs on issues scans in case there's something new that they are aware of, including a new angle on any of the top issues I may have missed.

Open to your ideas on a new system if this doesn't work for you anymore.

Thanks,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 9:56 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

s.15;s
Thanks, s.15;s : do you have a sense of the issues for PSSG? Cannabis stores/border, ISC/red light cameras etc. and you just need what's new?

I feel the process of us reporting up the same issues, a couple of times a week, seems repetitive.

Maybe you could let me know what you are aware of, and then we can confirm and add to.

Thoughts?

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 9:29 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Issues scan

Hello,

Premier is doing a media scrum tomorrow in New Westminster. Please flag any province-wide or local issues by 1pm today.

Thanks!

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:18 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: QP notes list

Hello,

I just wanted to check on these issues notes. I'm drafting the QP notes this week.

Cannabis – all

Surrey violence

Gun violence

Red Light Cameras

Earthquake Preparedness

Emergency Alert

Wildfire Season

Flooding Support

Fire Safety Act

Thanks!

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 3:13 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: QP notes list

Hi: our team is putting together all the binders this week. Cc:ing s.15;s.19 here in case you need anything asap.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2018, at 12:23 PM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

Hi s.15;s.19

Do you have the issue note binder for session available for me to pull from for my QP notes?

Thanks, have a great day!

s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:44 PM

To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: QP notes list

s.15;s.
Hi19 we will be submitting our IN binder to the MO by the end of next week. We have almost all our IN's back in.
We have shared our new draft index with s.15;s.19 – attached – and they were good with us moving forward with this draft.
Let me know if you have any questions. (noting the Cannabis one is broken out into subsections)
Thanks!
s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:28 PM

To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX

Subject: QP notes list

Hi s.15;s.19
I'm working to create the list of issues notes which would be most likely needed for QP notes for the Minister. Let me know if you can think of additional ones:

Cannabis – overarching
Cannabis – safety
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Thank you!
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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 8:58 AM
To: s.15;s.19 : GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issues scan

Thank you!

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 8:58 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX;s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: Re: Issues scan

s.15;s.19
Hi¹⁹ Ours would be cannabis, which you have info for, but will send over any late breaking issues should they occur between now and tomorrow noon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2018, at 8:55 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

Hello!

We are doing a province-wide issues scan for the Premier for his media availability on Friday. Please flag any issues in your Ministry by noon tomorrow (Thursday).

Thank you and have a good day!

s.15;s.19

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 12:24 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: QP notes list

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s.15;s.19

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 3:52 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Question from Globe and Mail

Hi s.15;s.19

This looks good. Would you be able to provide this response to the reporter?

Thank you.

s.15;s.19

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 3:35 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Question from Globe and Mail

Hi s.15;s.19

Here are four bullets suggested. Let us know if PO need changes/more info, etc.

Thanks

s.15;s.19

- Supporting economic development is one of the priorities that guides the B.C. regulatory framework, however B.C. is currently focussed on implementation of the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* and *Cannabis Distribution Act*, including implementation of legal private and public retail sales.
- B.C. will be monitoring implementation and make adjustments as necessary to meet the priorities of protecting of children and youth; promoting health and safety; keeping the criminal element out of cannabis; keeping our roads safe; and supporting economic development.
- The legalization of cannabis is a complex change in public policy and as such, the date set by the federal government is just be the beginning.
- In addition, it is important to note that the federal *Cannabis Act* imposes significant restrictions on the advertising and promotion of cannabis.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:59 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19
Subject: Re: Question from Globe and Mail

Sure thing!

Thanks s.15;s.19

s.15;s.19

On Aug 30, 2018, at 9:57 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

Hello,
Please see the media request to the PO below. Are you able to assist in providing a suggested response?

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.15;s.19 PREM:EX" s.15;s.19
Date: August 30, 2018 at 9:41:57 AM PDT
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX" s.15;s.19
Subject: FW: Question from Globe and Mail

From: Ebner, David [<mailto:DEbner@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:40 AM
To: s.15;s.19 PREM:EX
Subject: Question from Globe and Mail

Hi s.15;s.19

David Ebner here from The Globe and Mail. I am based in Vancouver and write for our Report on Business. I am working on a feature about "BC bud, past, present, and future." I am wondering what the provincial government is thinking in terms of promoting cannabis production in the province, a long-time mainstay of the economy here. Are there any plans to pursue something like the provincially administered VQA appellation program for wine? What other ideas or plans does the government have?

I am chipping away at this story so I do not have a deadline today.
Thank you,
David

<image001.jpg>
David Ebner
National correspondent
The Globe and Mail
778-847-6630

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 12:30 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Issue note - cannabis
Attachments: IN - Cannabis - General Legalization.docx; IN - Cannabis - Public Education.docx

These don't have anything about upcoming AGRI decisions. You may need to get that from the AGRI Ministry.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 12:22 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
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Hi s.15;s.19

Attached are our INs on Cannabis which include the most recent announcement information.

Let me know if you require anything further.

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Hi!

Do you have any recent issue notes or BNs on cannabis? Just trying to get a sense of where we are at in the process, and if any steps are coming up.

Thanks!

s.15;s.19

CANNABIS – Legalization General

SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

KEY Points:

B.C.'s focus remains on:

- **Protecting children and youth.**
- **Prioritizing the health and wellness of British Columbians.**
- **Keeping the criminal element out of cannabis to reduce crime and to ensure consumers get a product they can trust.**
- **Educating drivers and supporting the enforcement of drug-impaired driving laws that keep roads safe.**
- **Supporting B.C.'s economic development**

- The decision to legalize cannabis, and the timeframe to do so, has been dictated by the federal government. In B.C., our goal is to ensure the implementation of legalized non-medical cannabis is as safe as possible.
- Our provincial legislation provides a sound foundation for the regulation and safe implementation of legalized cannabis and reflects our government's goal of prioritizing public health and safety.
- The Cannabis Distribution Act (CDA) establishes the Province's exclusive jurisdiction over wholesale distribution of cannabis and provide authority for public retail sales.
- While the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (CCLA) establishes provincial control over the sale, supply and possession of non-medical cannabis and establishes licensing of private cannabis retailers, including an extensive compliance and enforcement regime.
- Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) will increase training for law enforcement and provide police with additional tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road.

- We will continue to engage with local governments, and Indigenous governments and organizations beyond legalization to ensure specific interests and concerns are addressed.
- We fully anticipate all levels of government will need to continue to assess and refine cannabis policy and regulation in the months and years to come.

ON TIMELINE:

- As I've said before, the date set by the federal government for cannabis legalization will just be the beginning. The Province will be prepared to monitor implementation and make any adjustments necessary to meet our provincial goals.
- We asked the federal government to ensure a minimum transition period of 12 weeks between the date Bill C-45 receives Royal Assent and the date of legalization –and we are pleased that they listened and responded to our feedback.
- We're doing all we can to meet federal timelines and ensure we have a reliable supply-chain ready.
- In order to facilitate the safe implementation of legalized cannabis, there are a number of steps that must be taken before the Province will be ready for cannabis sales in B.C.
- In the meantime, we'll continue to develop policies and make the operational arrangements necessary to prepare for the legalization of non-medical cannabis in B.C.
- We'll also launch public awareness and education campaigns to complement federal efforts and ensure broad public awareness of the provincial rules before they come into force.
- It's important to remember that that this is a complex process and changes will not happen overnight, and until laws change, the use of non-medical cannabis is still illegal in British Columbia.

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

Update August 10, 2018:

On August 10, 2018 Government announced that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) is now accepting private cannabis retail store licence applications, which will allow for the sale of non-medical cannabis in the province. The LCRB posted a complete suite of application materials and guidelines on its website.

Government also announced it was issuing a second product call as part of a continuing effort to expand its wholesale product assortment for non-medical cannabis. The product call opens on Aug. 13 and closes on Aug. 31, 2018. Product calls will be issued on a regular basis going forward.

Furthermore, government announced that the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will apply a 15% mark-up on the landed cost of cannabis distributed throughout the province to retail stores and the LDB's online store, when non-medical cannabis is legalized on Oct. 17. The landed cost includes the original price of the product, transportation fees, duties, taxes, packaging and handling. All cannabis retailers, including LDB-operated BC Cannabis Stores, will purchase cannabis at a common wholesale price. Retailers will be prohibited from pricing cannabis products below the wholesale price.

Update July 11, 2018:

On July 11, 2018, government announced that the LDB announced it secured a location for its first BC Cannabis Store (BCCS) within Kamloops' Columbia Place Shopping Centre. The selection of this location was based on a number of factors, including municipal readiness for the zoning of cannabis retail operations and site suitability. The LDB will apply for municipal approval of the store site when the City of Kamloops begins accepting applications for non-medical cannabis retail outlets in September 2018. The store will be staffed by about 20 employees, including managers and knowledgeable cannabis consultants. All BCCS employees will receive extensive training concentrating on social responsibility practices related to safety and responsible adult use, comprehensive product knowledge and customer service skills.

Furthermore, it was announced that the LDB also signed memorandums of understanding with 31 licensed producers of non-medical cannabis to form an extensive and competitive wholesale product assortment. The initial product assortment will feature more than 150 strains, ranging in quality, from value to ultra-premium product, at competitive prices. The LDB has also secured an array of cannabis accessories for retail sale in BC Cannabis Stores and is working to implement an e-commerce solution to offer online sales to the public.

Update June 22, 2018:

On June 22, 2018 government announced that the LDB secured a location for its distribution centre to accommodate the wholesale supply of non-medical cannabis. The 6,500 square-metre (70,000 square-foot) facility, located on No. 6 Road in Richmond, will include a dedicated customer care call-in centre that caters to private retail store operators, BC Cannabis Stores and the provincial online store. The LDB expects to employ about 130 staff in its distribution centre, across its logistics, shipping and receiving, customer-care and maintenance departments.

It was also announced that LDB selected Shopify Inc. to provide an ecommerce platform for the online sale of non-medical cannabis to the public. LDB's online store is expected to launch in early fall, to provide British Columbians with access to non-medical cannabis, once legalized on Oct. 17, 2018.

Update, June 20, 2018:

On June 20, 2018, the federal government announced that Bill C-45, the Cannabis Act, will be moving towards Royal Assent and confirmed the legalization date of October 17, 2018. The Cannabis Act creates a new national framework that provides access to a regulated supply of cannabis, while implementing restrictions to minimize the harms associated with cannabis use. A companion Bill, C-46, that tightens impaired driving laws also received Royal Assent.

The Province is now focused on developing the regulations and supporting policies for the implementation of B.C.'s regulatory regime.

Update April 26, 2018:

The Province has now passed legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia. The legislation and the consequential legislative amendments will ensure a regulatory framework is in place in time for federal legalization of non-medical cannabis. The following regulatory decisions are included in the legislation and amendments:

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- New drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) will be subject to a zero-tolerance restriction for the presence of THC (the psycho active ingredient in cannabis).

Additionally, government announced that once legalized, public cannabis stores, and the online retail store for non-medical cannabis, will operate under the brand BC Cannabis Stores. The name and brand align with the BC Liquor Stores brand, and will be featured on store signage and printed materials. Developed in-house, the brand will be used as the LDB creates a new and separate business operation to support the wholesale distribution and sale of non-medical cannabis.

Update February 5, 2018:

On February 5, 2018, the Province announced the following decisions regarding non-medical cannabis legalization in B.C.:

- A retail model that includes privately run retail stores or government-operated retail stores and online sales. The Liquor Distribution Branch will operate the public retail stores, and Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) will be responsible for licensing private stores and monitoring the retail sector.
- Adults aged 19 and above, will be allowed to possess up to 30 grams of non-medical cannabis in a public place.
- B.C. will generally allow adults to use non-medical cannabis in public spaces where tobacco smoking and vaping are permitted. However, to minimize child and youth

exposure, smoking and vaping of non-medical cannabis will be banned in areas frequented by children, including community beaches, parks and playgrounds.

- Use of cannabis, in any form will also be banned for all occupants in vehicles.
- B.C. will align with the proposed federal legislation and allow adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but the plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property.
- Personal cannabis cultivation will be banned in dwellings used as a daycare;
- Landlords and strata councils will be able restrict or prohibit cannabis cultivation and consumption at tenanted and strata properties.
- B.C. will increase training for law enforcement to recognize drug-impaired driving and will toughen provincial regulations to give police more tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road and deter drug-affected driving, including:
 - A new 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition (ADP) for drug affected driving; and,
 - The current zero tolerance restrictions for the presence of alcohol for drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) will be expanded to include zero tolerance for the presence of THC.

Update December 5, 2017:

After a month-long engagement period, the Province received input from 48,951 British Columbians as well as submissions from 141 local and Indigenous governments and other interested stakeholders. This input helped inform the first key policy decisions related to the anticipated legalization of non-medical cannabis in July 2018 that were announced on December 5, 2017. These included:

- Minimum age
 - British Columbia will set the minimum age to possess, purchase and consume cannabis at 19 years old. A minimum age of 19 is consistent with B.C.'s minimum age for alcohol and tobacco and with the age of majority in B.C.
- Wholesale distribution of cannabis
 - Like other provinces, B.C. will have a government-run wholesale distribution model. The BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will be the wholesale distributor of non-medical cannabis in B.C.
- Retail of cannabis
 - The Province anticipates establishing a retail model that includes both public and private retail opportunities and will share details regarding the model in early 2018.

These decisions also reflect the feedback received from the local government members of the Joint Provincial-Local Government Committee on Cannabis Regulation (JCCR) and are endorsed by the Union of B.C. Municipalities executive.

Update October 31, 2017:

The Government of Canada committed to investing an additional \$36.4M over five years in cannabis public education and awareness. This new investment is in addition to the initial \$9.6M over five years for a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign and surveillance activities announced in Budget 2017, which brings total investment in public education, awareness and surveillance to \$46M.

The funding will be used to inform Canadians, including youth and other priority populations such as Indigenous peoples, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and Canadians with a history of mental illness, of the health and safety risks of cannabis use and drug-impaired driving.

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The Government is already working with creative agencies to launch advertising campaigns on drug-impaired driving and the health and safety risks of cannabis use. With the additional investments, Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada and Public Safety Canada will build on existing efforts and will help strengthen partnerships with professional communities including health professionals and law enforcement, as well as organizations working directly with youth and other priority populations.

Update September 2017: The Government of Canada announced up to \$274.5 million over the next 5 years to support law enforcement and border efforts to detect and deter drug-impaired driving and enforce the proposed cannabis legalization and regulation.

\$161 million is for:

- training frontline officers in how to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug-impaired driving,
- building law enforcement capacity across the country,
- providing access to drug screening devices,
- developing policy, bolstering research, and
- raising public awareness about the dangers of drug-impaired driving.

\$81 million of the \$161 million will be available to provinces and territories for new law enforcement training and to build capacity to enforce new laws related to drug-impaired driving.

\$113.5 million will be given to Public Safety Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to develop policy to ensure organized crime does not infiltrate the legalized system and keep cannabis from crossing international borders.

In Budget 2017, the federal government also committed \$9.6 million over five years to a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign and surveillance activities. As health is a shared responsibility between the federal and provincial and territorial governments, provinces and territories complement federal public health programming, including management of public health and safety issues, and school-based education and counselling.

Background:

On June 20, 2018 the federal government passed its Cannabis Act legislation to legalize non-medical cannabis and confirmed the date of legalization as October 17, 2018. This federal legislation creates a corresponding need for provincial and territorial governments to establish cannabis-related laws and regulations.

Provincial responsibilities under the federal legislation include:

- Provinces have the authority to develop their own distribution and retail regulations, set a minimum age higher than 18, regulate public consumption of cannabis products, further restrict possession limits, and change provincial traffic safety laws as they deem necessary.
- Provinces, territories and for some matters, municipalities, would also be able to enact regulations within their jurisdictions, enforcing them through mechanisms such as administrative ticketing schemes

The new federal legislation reflects the information gathered by the Federal Task Force on Cannabis Legalization in their final report issued Dec. 13, 2016 and in their discussion paper

issued earlier in 2016.

B.C. led a delegation to Washington (in 2016) and Colorado (in July 2017) to meet with local officials and stakeholder groups and learn from their experiences with the legalization of non-medical cannabis.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) also issued a discussion paper in April, 2017 just after the new federal legislation. Their key areas of concerns are: personal cultivation (they would prefer this reviewed and considered at a later date), cannabis-impaired driving, impacts on organized crime and the impact to public safety, limiting youth access and the need for public education beginning immediately.

On Federal pricing and taxation:

On December 11, 2017 the federal and provincial governments agreed on a 75/25 tax revenue split that will see 75% of the revenue flow to the provinces, and 25% to the federal government (to a cap of \$100 million). Any revenue collected by the federal government above the \$100 million cap would be returned to the provinces.

The federal government had originally proposed a 50/50 revenue split with the provinces, which did not acknowledge the fact that the provinces would bear the majority of the costs of legalization.

The proposed cannabis-specific tax will not exceed \$1 per gram or 10% of the final producer's selling price, whichever is higher. This agreement is only for the first two years of legalization.

The tax would be applied upstream as an excise tax (an indirect tax on producers similar to the federal excise taxes on liquor and tobacco), be based on the price of the product, have a unified tax base across the country, and would apply equally to medical and recreational cannabis products as recommended by the Task Force.

Canada indicated the cannabis-specific tax would be in addition to sales taxes of general application such as GST/HST or provincial retail sales taxes. Currently, the B.C. provincial sales tax provides a number of exemptions that would apply to cannabis, including the exemption for substances sold on prescription. Amendments to the exemptions would be required to apply provincial sales tax more consistently with the federal GST/HST or the retail sales taxes in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Other issues to consider include whether to impose a proprietary charge (i.e. mark-up), revenue sharing with local governments, and revenue allocation. The B.C. Ministry of Finance has yet to develop B.C.'s taxation framework, but this will need to follow development of the regulatory framework. The primary taxation issue is the sales-tax treatment of cannabis.

On Public Education

The Government of Canada is currently leading efforts to inform Canadians on the health and safety risks associated with non-medical cannabis use and has committed \$46 million over five years for public education and awareness. It is developing a number of public awareness campaigns, including with respect to youth consumption. In November, Public Safety Canada launched a new national public awareness campaign, "Don't Drive High." The goal of this campaign is to educate Canadians about the safety and legal risks of drug-impaired driving. The province will be undertaking a public education campaign to supplement the federal campaigns to ensure British Columbians are familiar with our provincial regulations when they

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come into force. Details and budget are still to be determined as we await further direction from the federal government.

On Enforcement

To support the Bill C-46 amendments to the Criminal Code, the Government of Canada has announced \$161 million in funding for training frontline officers in how to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug-impaired driving, building law enforcement capacity across the country, providing access to drug screening devices, developing policy, bolstering research, and raising public awareness about the dangers of drug-impaired driving. Of these funds, \$81 million over the next five years will be allocated to provinces and territories.

B.C. has developed and implemented a training plan to increase the number of officers trained in Standard Field Sobriety Testing and certified as Drug Recognition Experts. Until Public Safety Canada confirms the amount to be provided to B.C., it is not known if additional provincial funding for these training activities will need to be considered.

CANNABIS – Public Education

SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

- The Government of Canada is currently leading efforts to inform Canadians on the health and safety risks associated with non-medical cannabis use and have committed \$62.5 million over 5 years for national public education initiatives.
- Our government is focused on responsibly managing this significant change in public policy which is why, to complement the Federal campaigns, we will develop our own public education and awareness initiatives that are tailored to the needs of British Columbians.
- B.C.'s public education campaigns will be the most effective tool in:
 - Ensuring British Columbians are familiar with our provincial regulations when they come into force,
 - Raising awareness in youth and parents of the health and safety risk of cannabis use,
 - Providing clarity of current laws and when changes to those laws will take place, and;
 - Raising awareness about the risks and consequences of drug-impaired driving, especially in youth.

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

On Provincial Public Education:

The provincial public education and awareness strategy will be comprised of the following:

- Public education and awareness campaign targeting all British Columbians; and
- Education and awareness activities targeting specific stakeholder groups.

GCPE marketing and advertising, GCPE Public Safety and Solicitor General Communications and the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat (the Secretariat) are currently working with an advertising agency to develop, implement and manage a multi-pronged public education and awareness campaign to educate British Columbians—including youth and other priority populations—about health impacts, changes to the law and regulations specific to B.C. such as possession and age limits, personal cultivation, public consumption, distribution and retail, changes to the Criminal Code, as well as responsible use and the dangers of impaired driving.

The agency also conducted exploratory qualitative research with British Columbians in advance of the legalization of non-medical cannabis to better understand:

- Attitudes surrounding legalization – How do they feel about legalization and barriers to accepting it? What are their concerns about the effects on their lives and community?
- Understanding of proposed laws – Do they understand the proposed legislation and how it will affect them and their community?
- Knowledge and understanding of the effects of cannabis usage on their health and safety (effects of consumption, motor vehicle usage).

The agency held 10 different focus groups the week of Apr. 16th, 2018.

The agency presented government with a campaign proposal in mid-March and the provincial public education and awareness campaign is expected to launch in October 2018.

As well, under the Secretariat, an Inter-Ministry Working Group (IMWG) has been established to track, coordinate and monitor provincial cannabis public education and awareness outreach activities.

A Public Education and Awareness Sub-Working Group has also been created to report to the Inter-Ministry Working Group and bring together provincial ministries and agencies to coordinate provincial cannabis public education and awareness efforts, specifically to:

- Identify potential gaps in the federal government public awareness and education campaign to identify what B.C. needs to supplement and target locally.
- Identify and prioritize areas where additional cannabis public education and awareness should be focussed across British Columbia and which ministry/organization is the lead.
- Make recommendations to the Inter-Ministry Working Group on how the provincial government should deliver cannabis public education and awareness in the short to medium term.

The Sub-Working Group is co-chaired by the Secretariat and GCPE and currently includes representation from the following ministries and agencies:

- Cannabis Legalization Secretariat
- RoadSafety BC
- Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Ministry of Education
- GCPE - Marketing and Advertising
- GCPE - Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Labour - WorkSafe BC

The Inter-Ministry sub-working group completed a cross-government scan to identify Ministries' needs for public education and engagement activities. The timing for these engagement activities will vary by ministry and are expected to run from June/July 2018 to June/July 2019 and beyond, with an estimated budget of \$250,000.00.

On Federal Public Education:

The Government of Canada is currently leading efforts to inform Canadians about the health and safety risks associated with non-medical cannabis use. Although the federal government is not providing funding towards provincial public education and awareness activities they have agreed to share their campaigns with provinces and territories, including messaging, ads and education materials.

In addition, an F/P/T Working Group on Cannabis Communications led by the federal government meets on a monthly basis to share information about federal public education and awareness activities. BC representatives include GCPE and the Secretariat.

Funding:

In its Budget 2018, the federal government proposes to provide \$62.5 million over five years, starting in 2018–19, for public education initiatives regarding cannabis. This funding will support the involvement of community-based organizations and Indigenous organizations that are educating their communities on the risks associated with cannabis use and will help inform future policy development. With these investments, Canada's spending on public education related to cannabis will be on par with the per-capita amounts spent by the State of Washington in its own experience with the legalization and strict regulation of cannabis.

Campaigns:

Public Safety Canada launched its drug-impaired driving awareness campaign, "Don't Drive High" last November 2017. The ads ended in early Mar 2018 and post-campaign survey found that 62% of the campaign's target audience had seen, read or heard a Government of Canada ad about driving while under the influence of cannabis.

Health Canada also launched its "Honest cannabis questions, honest cannabis answers" campaign, which ran from April to June 2018, targeting all ages the campaign includes real people asking questions about cannabis and scientific experts answering them.

Health Canada's Canada.ca/cannabis website layout, linking structure and look and feel has also been updated to support the launch of the Health Facts public education advertising campaign.

The federal government is also expected to run an "experiential" public education national tour targeting audiences 13-17 and 18-24 from May through summer. Centered on the theme "Find your #naturalhigh", events will be run by "youth ambassadors" and use virtual reality to encourage young people to find healthy alternatives to handling stress and avoidance of cannabis.

To date, Health Canada has shipped more than 210,00 copies of the Cannabis Talk Kit – this includes 71,964 through an initial mail-out to schools, physicians and youth organizations, and 13,610 copies through a second mail-out to health professionals, including mental health practitioners, and parent organizations. The remainder were mailed out in response to requests.

Health Canada has also struck a partnership with the Canadian Hockey League where Health Canada information will be incorporated into CHL drug education programming and disseminated using star players and other league representatives. Work has begun on content to be disseminated in April. A ministerial event featuring CHL player-ambassadors, coaches,

billet parents and commissioners has been proposed for the week of April 16.

Health Canada also signed a collaborative agreement with the Canadian Centre for Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA). The agreement includes supporting the CCSA in the development and dissemination of a tool for youth allies and potentially extending the tool into a suite of resources for those who work closely with youth. Work is underway to launch the tool this spring.

Post-royal assent, Health Canada and Public Safety Canada's public education and advertising has now shifted to focusing on legal regime and responsible use.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:02 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Cannabis high level key messages

Thanks s.15;s.19

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From: s.15;s.19 : GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:52 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Cannabis high level key messages

FYI, these high level cannabis KM's have been prepared by the Secretariat and shared with our public education working group, which includes the key ministries in the file. The attached document is intended to assist them with crafting detailed messages tailored to their specific stakeholder groups.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:32 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA: Globe and Mail - Cannabis supply shortage?

From: s.15;s.19 AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:28 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA: Globe and Mail - Cannabis supply shortage?

From: s.15;s.19 LDB:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 4:52 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AG:EX s.15;s.19
Cc: s.15;s.19 LDB:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: RE: MEDIA: Globe and Mail - Cannabis supply shortage?

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Mark's email address: MRendell@globeandmail.com

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From: s.15;s.19 LDB:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:48 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AG:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 LDB:EX; s.15;s.19 LDB:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA: Globe and Mail - Cannabis supply shortage?

Hi s.15;s.19

Below is the email that went to The Globe & Mail.

Reporter contact :



Report on Business
Cannabis
PROFESSIONAL

Mark Rendell
Reporter
m: 416-434-9295

Regards,

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From: s.15;s.19 LDB:EX s.15;s.19
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Rendell, Mark
Subject: RE: MEDIA: Globe and Mail - Cannabis supply shortage?

Hi Mark,

Sorry for the tardiness in this reply. The short answer is yes, Licensed Producers have also been in touch with us to expect less product. The points below are attributable to the BC Liquor Distribution Branch, not to me personally (please and thanks).

The BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will be the sole, wholesale distributor of non-medical cannabis for the province and will operate standalone, public retail stores and provide online sales when cannabis is legal on October 17th. BC

residents who are over the age of 19 will be able to legally purchase non-medical cannabis when our online sales platform will launch shortly after 12am on October 17. Our first BC Cannabis Store will open later that day, at 10am, in Kamloops. We expect to offer exception customer service, online and in person.

The LDB is expecting to receive reduced volumes and assortment of non-medical cannabis as it prepares for legalization on October 17. The volume of product will be considerably lower than what licensed producers (LPs) originally committed to providing. To date, all four of the largest producers have confirmed they will not be shipping us their full product commitments by the deadlines set out in their supply agreements. That said, the LDB will have sufficient product on hand to meet demand through our online sales portal and at the our first BC Cannabis Store in Kamloops.

BC is not alone in this situation; shortages are expected to impact all jurisdictions across Canada, as some LPs look to opportunities in overseas markets. That said we know that we're doing better than our counterparts in terms of product delivered, and are confident supply will increase in the weeks after October 17th.

LPs have told us that many aspects are contributing to reduced product volume and assortment, including:

- Insufficient supply of packaging materials (including excise stamps) and processing delays due to manual packaging and labeling processes
- LPs still awaiting their appropriate Health Canada sales license
- LPs experiencing issues with their supply chain and distribution of products
- Lower than expected crop yields
- Higher than expected levels of inventory sold to other channels, including the medical market and other LPs

At this point, it's unknown how quickly LPs can resolve these issues. The LDB is working on a number of fronts to address this matter:

- We are continuing to work closely with each LP to identify the status of purchase orders and prioritize orders over a few weeks to ease the pressure.
- Our buying team is in continuous communication with all producers to determine if they have additional assortment on hand to supplement orders that the large LPs are unable to fulfill on time.
- The LDB has already cut a second set of orders with LPs with whom we have existing agreements.
- The LDB continues to procure product from new licensed producers entering the marketplace; our latest product call closed on Sept. 14, as we continue to build a comprehensive and quality assortment for our customers.

In July, when the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) announced it had signed memorandums of understanding with 31 licensed producers, we revealed that the initial product assortment would feature more than 150 strains, ranging in quality from value to ultra-premium product, at competitive prices. We are on track to deliver 50% of that variety of product through our online BC Cannabis Store and our bricks and mortar store in Kamloops on opening day, and working with 40 LPs to secure ongoing product supply for the BC market.

Since the LDB was named as the wholesale distributor and public retailer of cannabis, we've stated repeatedly that creating a new line of business – and the required processes and systems – would not happen overnight. The retail model for cannabis will mature over the coming months and years, and develop over time.

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Thanks,

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 3:51 PM
To: s.15;s.19 FIN:EX
Subject: QP note
Attachments: 2018.09.18 QP Note Cannabis - Final.docx

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Cannabis

Highlights:

- On June 20, 2018, the federal government passed its Cannabis Act legislation to legalize non-medical cannabis and confirmed the date of legalization as October 17, 2018.
- Provincial legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia passed the house in Spring session 2018.
- The B.C. Ministry of Finance has yet to finalize B.C.'s taxation framework, but this will need to follow completion of the regulatory framework. The primary taxation issue is the sales-tax treatment of cannabis.
- Media coverage has focused on the revenue-sharing ask from municipalities, the fact that only one store is set to be open in BC on legalization day, and that government cannabis workers may have issues at the U.S. border.

Contrast:

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- We are working hard to make sure this is done right.

Solution:

- Our priority continues to be protecting the health and safety of people in our province, keeping marijuana out of the hands of kids and getting organized crime out of the business.
- Our legislation provides a sound foundation for the regulation and safe implementation of legalized cannabis.
- The actions we've taken reflect the feedback we received during extensive engagement with the public, stakeholders and municipalities.
- We will continue to engage with local governments, First Nations and organizations beyond legalization to ensure interests and concerns are addressed.

Why is there only one store opening on legalization day?

- Moving to a legal regime for a product that has been banned for a century will take some time.
- This is a complex file with many moving pieces, and we have been working towards a very tight timeline.
- Had the previous government started on this file earlier, we would not have been in such a pinch to get the stores in place.
- On October 17, the government's first B.C. Cannabis store will open in Kamloops.
- Also on this day, an online sales platform will be launched to ensure British Columbians can purchase Cannabis no matter where they live.
- We've received more than 100 paid applications for retail locations coming in from the North, to the Cariboo and Vancouver Island.
- We will see more locations open up in the coming months.

What are you doing to ensure cannabis workers do not facing problems at the U.S. border?

- It's crucial that the federal government takes this issue seriously.
- They must get assurances from our neighbours to the south that people who are doing something legal here in Canada are not going to face problems at the border.
- We're talking to the federal government about this to express our concerns and get clarity on the issue.

Will you be giving tax revenue from cannabis to municipalities?

- We know this issue is important to local government and it's one we are looking at closely.
- The province is not anticipating significant revenues from cannabis and we are looking at substantial costs associated with legalization.
- Our government is discussing the issue with municipalities.

What are you doing to protect agricultural land from cannabis production facilities?

- We've heard from people that they are concerned about protecting agricultural land in their communities - and we listened.
- In July we gave municipalities more decision-making power on cannabis production, allowing them to prohibit concrete-based cannabis facilities on ALR land.
- We want ensure we aren't losing access to agricultural soil.
- Local governments are free to regulate or prohibit cannabis production on land outside of the ALR as they see fit.

Background:

- Provincial legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia passed the house in Spring session 2018.

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act (CCLA)

- The Cannabis Control and Licensing Act is guided by the Province's priorities of protecting children and youth, promoting health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping B.C. roads safe, and supporting economic development.
- The Act:
 - Sets 19 as the provincial minimum age to purchase sell or consume cannabis;
 - Allows adults to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis in a public place;
 - Prohibits cannabis smoking and vaping everywhere tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, as well as at playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks, and other places where children commonly gather;
 - Prohibits the use of cannabis on school properties and in vehicles;
 - Authorizes adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but the plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property, and home cultivation will be banned in homes used as day-cares;
 - Establishes a cannabis retail licensing regime similar to the current licensing regime for liquor;
 - Provides enforcement authority to deal with illegal sales;
 - Creates a number of provincial cannabis offences which may result in a fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$100,000, imprisonment of three to 12 months, or both; and
 - Where necessary, to comply with Charter Rights and human rights law, exemptions will be provided to individuals who are federally authorized to purchase, possess and consume medical cannabis.

- The CCLA also includes consequential amendments to various statutes, including:
 - Liquor Control and Licensing Act to ensure administrative consistency between that Act and the CCLA;
 - Residential Tenancy Act and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act to prohibit cannabis smoking under existing leases that prohibit smoking tobacco and to prohibit the personal cultivation of cannabis under existing leases, except for federally authorized medical cannabis. For new leases, the existing provisions of each Act that allow landlords and tenants to negotiate the terms of leases will apply;
 - Police Act to set provincial priorities for policing and require municipal police boards to take provincial priorities and the priorities of the municipal council into account as they develop their own priorities;
 - Community Safety Act to reflect that with legalization cannabis will no longer be a controlled substance under the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
 - Provincial Sales Tax Act to add a reference to cannabis in the definition of “small seller” consistent with liquor; and
 - Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act to recognize that the CCLA is a complete licensing scheme.

Cannabis Distribution Act (CDA)

- As previously announced, the Province has decided that the Liquor Distribution Branch will be the wholesale distributor of non-medical cannabis in B.C. and will run provincial cannabis retail stores.
- The Cannabis Distribution Act establishes:
 - A public wholesale distribution monopoly; and
 - Public (government-run) retail sales, both in stores and online.

Motor Vehicle Act amendments

- B.C. has increased training for law enforcement and has toughened provincial regulations by amending the Motor Vehicle Act to give police more tools to remove drug-impaired drivers from the road and deter drug-affected driving, including:

- A new 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition (ADP) for any driver whom police reasonably believe operated a motor vehicle while affected by a drug or by a combination of a drug and alcohol, based on analysis of a bodily substance or an evaluation by a specially trained police drug recognition expert (DRE); and,
 - New drivers in the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) will be subject to a zero-tolerance restriction for the presence of THC (the psycho active ingredient in cannabis).
- Additionally, government announced that once legalized, public cannabis stores, and the online retail store for non-medical cannabis, will operate under the brand BC Cannabis Stores. The name and brand align with the BC Liquor Stores brand, and will be featured on store signage and printed materials. Developed in-house, the brand will be used as the LDB creates a new and separate business operation to support the wholesale distribution and sale of non-medical cannabis.
 - The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will apply a 15% mark-up on the landed cost of cannabis distributed throughout the province to retail stores and the LDB's online store, when non-medical cannabis is legalized on Oct. 17.
 - The landed cost includes the original price of the product, transportation fees, duties, taxes, packaging and handling.
 - All cannabis retailers, including LDB-operated BC Cannabis Stores, will purchase cannabis at a common wholesale price. Retailers will be prohibited from pricing cannabis products below the wholesale price.
 - On July 11, 2018, government announced that the LDB announced it secured a location for its first BC Cannabis Store (BCCS) within Kamloops' Columbia Place Shopping Centre.

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 1:39 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AG:EX
Subject: CP story on cannabis distribution

B.C. not worried about only having 1 pot shop on Oct. 17: spokeswoman

Only provincially-run store will be in Kamloops

- THE CANADIAN PRESS
- Sep. 17, 2018 1:25 p.m.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:28 PM
To: s.15;s.19 FIN:EX; s.15;s.19 FIN:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: QP Notes list

Hi gang,

I've been meaning to find time to sit down to brainstorm a list of QP notes we will need for the fall session. Thought I would start the ball rolling with an email thread.

I think the priority is identifying any that will require new or updated Issues Notes. For many of the issues we have recent ones already.

QP Note list:

- Speculation Tax
- EHT
- Wildfire budget
- Cannabis Revenues
- Housing Market (incl PTT revenues)
- Cumulative impacts on businesses
- Economy Highlights
- Jobs / LFS data
- Bargaining

Thoughts on additions/subtractions?

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:17 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops
Attachments: Cannabis - Retail - IN - 28AUG18 DRAFT.DOCX

Hi s.15;s.19

I just got a late note from AG.

Not sure if you want to include it now or leave for updates

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:02 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops

Hi s.15;s.19

Missing note attached.

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

**CONFIDENTIAL
ISSUES NOTE**

Ministry of Attorney General
Date: August, 28, 2018
Minister Responsible: David Eby

Cannabis Retail / E-Commerce

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The Liquor Distribution Branch is currently looking for additional appropriate locations to establish BC Cannabis Stores throughout the province and will continue to do so in the weeks, months, and years following legalization.
- Government is also accepting applications for private retail stores. No private or public cannabis retail stores will be able to open without input from local governments or Indigenous nations.
- In the meantime, online cannabis sales, offered exclusively by the LDB, will be available to the public in every corner of the province upon legalization.

If asked about privacy concerns with online sales:

- The Liquor Distribution Branch is the sole online retailer for non-medical cannabis.
- Shopify was chosen because it met the privacy and security requirements under the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All customer data will be stored in Canada.
- Cybersecurity is a concern with online sales of any kind and we will work closely with Shopify to ensure that our customers' data is secure.

If asked about minors buying cannabis online:

- The LDB will take a multi-step approach to age verification.
- It intends to include prominent notification on the online store stating that all sales are conditional on the purchaser being 19, or older, and

that it is illegal for a person under the age of 19 to purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis, or for a person to assist a person under the age of 19 to purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis.

- **Additionally, the consumer will have to declare their full birthdate to verify age prior to the system allowing them to continue to the full ecommerce site.**
- **Finally, the consumer will be required to show proof of age at point of delivery. If age verification fails, product will be returned to the LDB and full purchase price and associated taxes would be refunded.**

ADVICE TO MINISTER

KEY FACTS:

The LDB is the sole distributor of non-medical cannabis in British Columbia.

The LDB has currently confirmed one store to open on Oct. 17 in Kamloops.

To ensure that all British Columbians have access to cannabis at the time of legalization, the LDB will launch online sales province-wide immediately upon legalization.

While information from retail websites has been hacked before, there is concern that if a breach or an attack were to happen, it could cause more far-reaching issues for consumers such as problems at the Canada-USA border.

Media Interest: There have been concerns in the media about the potential threat to the private information of online consumers in the event of a security breach or cyberattack.

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Program:	s.15;s.19	s.15;s.19

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: October 22, 2018 8:26 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX;s.15;s.19 AEST:EX
Subject: RE: AEST - Issues of the Day - Oct. 22

Nothing in our shop yet – suggest you connect with s.15;s.19

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: October 22, 2018 8:11 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19
Cc: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX s.15;s.19 AEST:EX s.15;s.19
Subject: Re: AEST - Issues of the Day - Oct. 22

Do you have any key messages yet?

Respectfully,

s.15;s.19

On Oct 22, 2018, at 8:10 AM, s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 wrote:

Morning.s.13
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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: October 22, 2018 7:32 AM
To: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX s.15;s.19 AEST:EX s.15;s.19
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Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
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Subject: AEST - Issues of the Day - Oct. 22

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: October 17, 2018 7:37 PM
To: s.15;s.19 MMHA:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 MMHA:EX
Subject: Re: article

If you don't have anything from your comms shop, could you get something we could consider for hallways tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2018, at 6:00 PM, s.15;s.19 | MMHA:EX s.15;s.19 · wrote:

FYI

https://theconversation.com/now-that-cannabis-is-legal-lets-use-it-to-tackle-the-opioid-crisis-105114?fbclid=IwAR0sGbbUjvQinPf8u9V0_sqrogIleGUHbEZCJmLC-QDjWpME1eH1SYt9jfk

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: September 14, 2018 10:51 AM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Q for Premier's Issues Scan

Belated thanks for this – they did make it in!

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 12:22 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: Q for Premier's Issues Scan

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Hi 19 suggestions from the program ED on this one.

What are you doing to protect agricultural land from cannabis production facilities?

- We heard from municipalities that they were concerned about protecting agricultural land in their communities - and we listened.
- In July we gave municipalities more decision-making power on cannabis production methods, allowing them to prohibit concrete-based cannabis facilities on ALR land.
- We want to preserve the productive capacity of the agricultural land and the soil.
- Local governments can regulate or prohibit cannabis production on land outside of the ALR as they see fit.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2018 3:40 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX
Subject: RE: PLS REVIEW: AEST Media Request: Cannabis policy for post-sec institutions

Never mind, given that it's going out on background, we're fine with it. I made one editorial change below.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2018 3:01 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 AEST:EX; s.15;s.19 AEST:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: PLS REVIEW: AEST Media Request: Cannabis policy for post-sec institutions
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Hi 19 our program areas and PSSG have reviewed. We would provide the following background information upon your approval.

Thanks,
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Reporter

Randy Shore, Reporter
Vancouver Sun
rshore@postmedia.com
604-812-6567

Deadline Thursday, September 6, 2018 3:00 PM

Request

Reporter would like to know how is the Minister advising post-secondary institutions as they develop policy for the use of legal recreational cannabis. How is the material being developed and can he see the material. What are the key issues that universities and colleges grapple with? Is it health & safety, personal rights and freedom, others?

Background

Recommendation

The legalization of Cannabis is an important issue for post-secondary institutions. B.C. universities, colleges and institutes are actively reviewing potential policy implications of the impending legislation.

Our public colleges and universities are autonomous institutions and each administration will make choices for cannabis policies that best suits their needs – exactly as they have done with alcohol. Developing cannabis policies will also affect policies in other areas such as human resources and health and safety. Just as B.C.'s legislation reflects the Province's goal of prioritizing public health and safety, we expect cannabis policies on B.C. campuses to put the health and safety of students, faculty and staff first. Each Post Secondary Institution

(PSI) will also need to be in full compliance with federal, provincial and municipal regulatory frameworks: ~~federal, provincial and municipal.~~

We are encouraging collaboration between Public PSIs to share best practices.

While the drafting of on-campus policies for cannabis use are the responsibility of each individual institution, the Province and the federal government are creating multiple public education resources on cannabis use, many of which will apply to B.C. campuses.

The Government of Canada is currently leading national cannabis public education and awareness efforts. To complement the federal campaigns, B.C. is developing its own provincial public education and awareness initiatives to ensure British Columbians are familiar with provincial laws and regulations, raise awareness amongst youth and parents about the health and safety risks of cannabis use, and increase awareness about the risks and consequences of drug-impaired driving. The B.C. website and information campaign is scheduled to begin in late September.

Examples of some of the federal resources applicable to B.C. Public Post-Secondary Institutions:

- The nationwide Don't Drive High campaign, which aims to educate Canadians about the safety and legal risks of drug-impaired driving.
- The federal web portal is a one-stop shop for all Canadians looking for evidence-based cannabis information about health and safety facts, talking with teens about drugs and up-to-date information about the proposed legislation. www.canada.ca/cannabis.
- Health Canada, RCMP, Justice Canada and Public Safety Canada have developed a number of infographics and videos about cannabis.
 - <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/themes/health/campaigns/marijuana-cannabis/Cannabis-Production-Infographic-B-EN.pdf>
 - <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/cannabis/>
 - <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/marijuana-wed-know>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/police/community-safety-policing/impaired-driving/drug-impaired-driving.html>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/police/community-safety-policing/impaired-driving/drug-impaired-driving/infographic-01.htm>
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZLUUId654M&list=PLY8Je3iLWYrFvH2WBJbYFnsL_ZBuuJ

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: August 15, 2018 1:53 PM
To: s.15;s.19 AGRI:EX;s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA RESPONSE: SAANICH NEWS-Cannabis on ALR

My only thought - given the angle of the questions, I might remove the second bullet in the first response and move the fourth bullet up?

Otherwise looks great.

(One tiny typo I think in the third bullet?)

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- No, the recent regulatory change allows individual local and First Nation governments to make decisions regarding cannabis production on the ALR that align with local planning and priorities in their communities.

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- The policy balances economic opportunities for cannabis producers with the preservation of farm land in the ALR by recognizing existing licensed cement bunker style facilities and opening up new economic opportunities for soil bottomed facilities and open air production.

- The policy also recognizes the federal government's plans to license cannabis production in open fields, greenhouses and bunker style facilities, and this provides a variety of options for the communities that regulate them, and prohibits local governments from banning commercial cannabis production in structures of existing licensed operations (as long as their foundation remains unchanged) or in open fields or in soil based structures in the ALR moving forward.

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- This policy also allows certain aspects of decisions about economic growth to be made at the local level. For example, a local government may choose not to prohibit cannabis production in concrete facilities in order to support economic growth arising from this new legal industry.

- Existing greenhouse operations will also be allowed to transition to cannabis production within the existing footprint.

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

From: s.15;s.19 AGRI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 1:47 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MEDIA RESPONSE: SAANICH NEWS-Cannabis on ALR

I don't have any issues - s.15;s.19 do you see any edits
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 15, 2018, at 12:20 PM,s.15;s.19

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· wrote:

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GCPE:EX

From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: August 13, 2018 1:02 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Issue note - cannabis

That's perfect. Was looking for that broad stuff.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 12:30 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Issue note - cannabis

These don't have anything about upcoming AGRI decisions. You may need to get that from the AGRI Ministry.

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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 12:22 PM
To: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX; s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Cc: s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX; s.15;s.19 PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Issue note - cannabis

Hi, s.15;s.19

Attached are our INs on Cannabis which include the most recent announcement information.

Let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks,
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From: s.15;s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:08 AM
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Hi!
Do you have any recent issue notes or BNs on cannabis? Just trying to get a sense of where we are at in the process, and if any steps are coming up.
Thanks!

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Ministry of Agriculture

Protecting land in the ALR guides cannabis production regulation

VICTORIA – Local and First Nations governments now are able to prohibit cannabis production in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) within their communities, unless it is grown in ways that preserve the productive capacity of agricultural land.

This regulatory change, effective immediately, gives authority to local and Indigenous governments to prohibit cement-based, industrial-style, cannabis-production bunkers on ALR land in their communities, while clarifying that cannabis production in the ALR cannot be prohibited if grown lawfully:

- in an open field;
- in a structure that has a soil base;
- in a structure that was either fully constructed or under construction, with required permits in place, prior to July 13, 2018; or
- in an existing licensed operation.

The regulation allows local governments and First Nations to prohibit the altering of existing structures to increase the size or material used as the base of the structure, and applies, or will apply, to licensed medical and non-medical cannabis facilities in the ALR.

The new framework allows local and First Nations governments to make decisions regarding cannabis production that align with local planning and priorities in their communities.

The regulatory change pertains only to land in the ALR. Local and First Nations governments can regulate or prohibit cannabis production on lands outside of the ALR.

Quick Facts:

- Once the federal Cannabis Act comes into force on Oct. 17, 2018, the federal government has announced it will allow cannabis producers to grow cannabis in open fields, greenhouses and industrial bunkers.
- There is no biological difference between a cannabis plant grown for medical or for non-medical purposes.

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