From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:55 PM

To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: 100 housing announcements

Clearly we need to pick up the pace;)

From: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:53 PM

To: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Subject: 100 housing announcements

100 since last September! I make no comment on whether I believe that is good, bad or neutral.

From: Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:46 PM

To: Mortimer, David JTT:EX

Cc: Wilson, Shawna M MAH:EX; Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW -- draft materials for Kitimat women's housing event - Aug. 1

Hi David, the housing file is fairy busy and we don't always get a lot of advance notice.

Since last September, we've done about 100 housing announcements.

Thanks Darren

From: Mortimer, David JTT:EX
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX
Cc: Wilson, Shawna M MAH:EX

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW -- draft materials for Kitimat women's housing event - Aug. 1

Hi Darren – how many more of these announcements are coming? I this is going to be ongoing perhaps we can get a schedule of what is being announced when in order to advise TBS?

From: Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 2:51 PM

To: Mortimer, David JTT:EX **Cc:** Wilson, Shawna M MAH:EX

Subject: FOR REVIEW -- draft materials for Kitimat women's housing event - Aug. 1

Hi David, sending the attached draft NR to you in Tracy's absence.

It's for an announcement in Kitimat on Wednesday.

Thanks

Darren Harbord

Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 250 952-0152 250 882-8518 (cell)

From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 3:16 PM

To: Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Vancouver pride statement: can you take a look at this/do an edit?

Attachments: 20180805_STM_Vancouver Pride_DRAFT_SH_ST_JJ.docx

I replaced some instances of the alphabet soup with "queer and trans" etc... I find the alphabet soup a bit much to repeat so frequently. Also added a specific line about trans folk s.22 s.22

Hope this helps

From: Thaw, Sara GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:42 PM

To: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Subject: Vancouver pride statement: can you take a look at this/do an edit?

Importance: High

Hi JJ,

Sorry to toss this to you on a Friday afternoon. Can you look at the Vancouver pride statement? Your statement from last year was great, and light-hearted.

The question is: should we have a lighter tone this year? Is it more about strengthening LGBTQ2S+ rights, tackling discrimination and prejudice, etc.

Do you have time to look at this and work some magic? Alternatively, maybe you can come by and give me some verbal feedback?

Thank you kindly!

Warmly,

Sara Thaw

Manager | Writing and Content Strategy Government Communications and Public Engagement Sara.Thaw@gov.bc.ca | cell: s.17

From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 12:44 PM

To: Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX; Zaharia, Sarah GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; Gardea,

Daniela MAH:EX; Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX; Aaron,

Sage PREM:EX

Cc: Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX
Subject: Themes for town halls

Here are the broad themes – (titles and ministers not finalized) for UBCM Cabinet Town Halls, that we agreed to move forward with today.

We went with 4 town halls instead of three because the rooms are smaller and in order to fit a public safety themed town hall in.

MO and Marlene confirmed these buckets fit the kind of requests that are coming in from communities, and the group as a whole agreed that the goal here is primarily to <u>offer communities an opportunity to discuss items that are top of mind for them.</u>

I understand Robb Gibbs didn't want to finalize the approach to these without considering a strategic communications plan for the event as a whole.

I'm working on that right now, and expect to have something for folks to discuss on Monday.

Overall, the group as a whole agreed that we need to firm up the names of the town halls and their composition by end of next week.

- **Growing Prosperity.** Suggested ministers: Agriculture, Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Environment.
- Investing in People. Suggested ministers: Health, Advanced Education, Children and Families.
- Building a Better B.C. Suggested ministers: Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure, Jobs, Trade and Technology.
- Safe communities. Suggested ministers: Attorney General, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness.

From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Saturday, July 14, 2018 9:55 AM

> From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX [mailto:Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca]

To: Robb, Katie GCPE:EX

Cc: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX; Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant

GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: For Final review/Approval - PREM/TRAN NR + 2 BGs - DRAFT: New framework ties

major projects to benefits for workers and communities

This is approved

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> On Jul 14, 2018, at 9:52 AM, Robb, Katie GCPE:EX <Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
> JJ can you please advise if approved as I have to send this off for printing this morning.
> Katie Robb
> Communications Director | Ministry of Transportation and
> Infrastructure Government Communications & Public Engagement
> O: 250.953.4865 | M: 250.920.8371
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
> Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:57 PM
> To: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
> Cc: Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Jones, JJ GCPE:EX;
> Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
> Subject: FW: For Final review/Approval - PREM/TRAN NR + 2 BGs - DRAFT:
> New framework ties major projects to benefits for workers and
> communities
> Thanks for waiting - your release is important to us ...
> This one will be a hair-trigger release on Monday - sometime around 10:15ish.
> Grant and I will be shutting our shop soon - but we'll be back about 7:30 Monday morning. Shannon is your editor on
call.
> Somebody will likely want to get this finalized and printed for handouts.
> We're getting the MA ready to auto-magically appear on Monday at 6 AM.
> Linda Stagg
> Senior Editor, Editorial Services
> Government Communications and Public Engagement
> 250 387-4534 | Mobile: 250 882-8673
>
> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:51 PM
> To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
> Subject: DRAFT: New framework ties major projects to benefits for
> workers and communities
> Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the
> summary of the News Release
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> State: Planned
> Planned Release Date: July 16, 2018 at 10:15 am
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> and communities
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> July 16, 2018
> Office of the Premier
> Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
> NEWS RELEASE
> New framework ties major projects to benefits for workers and
> communities
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> BURNABY - A new, landmark framework for major infrastructure projects in B.C. will deliver good-paying jobs, better
training and apprenticeships, and more trades opportunities for Indigenous peoples, women and youth around the
province.
> "British Columbians rightfully expect B.C. projects to benefit B.C. workers, families and communities. Our new
Community Benefits Agreement will help deliver those benefits," said Premier John Horgan.
> "With this agreement, we're not just investing in roads, bridges and other infrastructure, we're investing in good jobs
and new opportunities for people who live in British Columbia. And with our focus on expanding apprenticeships for
young British Columbians, we're helping to build B.C.'s next generation of construction workers."
>
> Highlights of the agreement include:
> * A targeted approach to maximizing apprenticeship opportunities on government projects.
> * Focus on priority hiring and training of Indigenous peoples, and women.
> * Co-ordinated access to existing training programs, while identifying and addressing skills gaps.
> * Priority hiring for qualified individuals who live within close proximity of the projects.
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> * Hiring flexibility for contractors.
> * Wage alignment with prevailing industry rates to promote good wages for all employees.
> The first projects to be delivered under the new community benefits framework are the new Pattullo Bridge and projects within the four-laning the Trans-Canada Highway from Kamloops to the Alberta border. The request for qualifications (RFQ) for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project has been released.
> "British Columbians deserve the opportunity to work on major government projects being built in and near their communities," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "This Community Benefits Agreement will put local people first in line for good jobs building the roads, bridges and other infrastructure we need."
> Under government's new Community Benefits Agreement, a diverse and qualified workforce will be supplied for select major public infrastructure projects through a newly created Crown corporation, BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc. (BCIB). BCIB will hire the project's construction workers, and will work with unions and contractors to dispatch labour, as well as manage payroll and benefits.
> "We continue to work with Indigenous groups and women in trades to expand apprenticeship and employment opportunities," said Tom Sigurdson, executive director, BC Building Trades. "Under a Community Benefits Agreement, these initiatives will translate directly into apprenticeship completions which, in turn, will allow B.C. residents to support their families, to invest in their communities, and to build the B.C. economy."
> Signatories to the Community Benefits Agreement are BCIB, and the Allied Infrastructure and Related Construction Council (AIRCC), which represent many of B.C.'s building trades. Contractors representing B.C.'s construction industry played an important advisory role as the agreement was developed.
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- > * The development of construction skills for persons other than the Red Seal apprentices is essential to the development of British Columbia's workforce. > * Wherever possible, existing government training programs and services will be leveraged. Training needs will be assessed for each project, and a process will be established to co-ordinate the development of new training where gaps exist, in collaboration with training partners and building trades councils, as required. > Indigenous and under-represented groups: > * This agreement provides incremental and prioritized opportunities for the participation of Indigenous peoples and other traditionally under-represented groups on government infrastructure projects, in a safe environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. > * Government has an existing consultation and accommodation process to address impacted Indigenous considerations on projects. This process will continue and not be impacted by the implementation of a labour agreement. > * In addition, Indigenous peoples, women, and other traditionally under-represented groups will have priority access to employment and training opportunities. > Local people and businesses: > > * When local workers have greater access to work opportunities in their communities, local people can, in turn, build, invest, and stay in their communities. > Wages: > > * Wages have been negotiated to align with industry wages, based on prevailing construction rates. > * This provides good-paying jobs to workers on these projects, and provides cost certainty to government. > Contact:
- > Media Relations
- > Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of
- > Transportation and Infrastructure
- > 250 356-8241
- > BACKGROUNDER 2
- > New Crown agency to help build B.C. infrastructure
- > A new Crown corporation called BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc. (BCIB) has been created under the Business Corporations Act.
- > It will act as signatory, and the employer entity, for the Community Benefits Agreement. The minister responsible is Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- > A full governance body will be established as a priority for the new organization. The organization is expected to be fully operational in fall 2018.
- > The broader Community Benefits Framework will remain with core government.

> The mandate of BCIB is to provide the labour workforce for the construction of select public-sector infrastructure projects, delivered in accordance with terms and conditions of an owner-negotiated labour agreement.
> Contact:
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> Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of
> Transportation and Infrastructure
> 250 356-8241

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:54 PM

To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX

Cc: Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: The Sequel - For Final review/Approval - DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the

Premier – Burnaby; teleconference

Looks good!

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

From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:48 PM To: Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX

Cc: Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX; Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: The Sequel - For Final review/Approval - DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier - Burnaby;

teleconference

And this is the clone for Monday morning at 6.

Going to all the same folk who got the original at 3:30.

Linda Stagg

Senior Editor, Editorial Services

Government Communications and Public Engagement

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX [mailto:Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:46 PM

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Office of the Premier

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

MEDIA ADVISORY - EVENT REMINDER

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Event Date: Monday, July 16, 2018

Time: 10:15 a.m. (Pacific time)

Location:

British Columbia Institute of Technology Ironworkers Training Facility 3700 Willingdon Ave.

Burnaby

Special Instructions:

For media who cannot attend in person, a dial-in line (listen only) will be provided.

Dial-in Information:

From Greater Vancouver: s.15,s.17

Toll-free from elsewhere in B.C.: s.15,s.17 Participant Pass Code: s.15,s.1

Due to the high volume of participants anticipated, media are encouraged to dial in at their earliest convenience, as the call will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m.

Contacts:

Jen Holmwood Deputy Communications Director Office of the Premier 250 818-4881

Media Relations

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

From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:17 PM

To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX

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Subject: RE: For Final review/Approval - PREM/TRAN MA for asap - DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY -

Office of the Premier – Burnaby; teleconference

Good to go from me - Holmwood in PO signed off

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Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:16 PM
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Subject: FW: For Final review/Approval - PREM/TRAN MA for asap - DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier -

Burnaby; teleconference

Hi, Lisanne and Everyone -

Here is the draft of your MA to go ASAP - Provincewide, the business editors, and the local code for Burnaby, and the usual Lower Mainlanders.

Then the same news crews will get the sequel on Monday morning.

Linda Stagg

Senior Editor, Editorial Services

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From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX [mailto:Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:14 PM

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 5:01 PM **To:** Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Cc: McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX; Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX; Badger,

Joleen GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Revised (3) - PREM/HLTH NR - DRAFT: New hospital will help people in the

Cowichan Valley access quality health care

PO has approved of this V5 - good to go

----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:39 PM

To: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Cc: McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX; Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX; Badger, Joleen GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Revised (3) - PREM/HLTH NR - DRAFT: New hospital will help people in the Cowichan Valley access quality

health care

V5 for PO approval please and thanks and then I will get a final for Joleen to print.

----Original Message-----

From: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX [mailto:Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:34 PM

To: Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX

Subject: DRAFT: New hospital will help people in the Cowichan Valley access quality health care

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Headline: New hospital will help people in the Cowichan Valley access quality health care

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Office of the Premier Ministry of Health Island Health

NEWS RELEASE

New hospital will help people in the Cowichan Valley access quality health care

NORTH COWICHAN - To provide better health care for a growing region of the province, the B.C. government has greenlit a new hospital for the Cowichan Valley.

"People who live in the Cowichan Valley have waited a long time for the hospital they deserve, and that wait will soon be over," said Premier John Horgan. "The new hospital we're announcing today will serve people in the valley for decades to come, meaning better health care in their own backyard."

The existing Cowichan District Hospital was opened in 1967, and has 134 beds. Since the hospital's opening, the valley's population has more than doubled, and is expected to grow by another 20% over the next few decades.

"Cowichan District Hospital is 50 years old. The capacity issues it faces on a daily basis are frustrating for patients and the hospital's dedicated health professionals. It was critical that we take action," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "We received a concept plan, and approved it within months, so work could get going as soon as possible, and people could have a new hospital."

In February 2018, a concept plan for the new hospital was submitted to the Ministry of Health. It was approved in June 2018, clearing the way for further work.

Construction of the new hospital is expected to begin in 2021, and is expected to be nearly triple the size of the current one.

The details, such as scope, budget and procurement method, will be finalized in the business plan stage. This stage will take approximately 12 to 18 months. Upon approval of the business plan, the project will proceed to procurement, and then to construction.

The planning for a replacement hospital has been a collaborative effort between the Government of B.C., Island Health, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District, the municipalities of Duncan and North Cowichan, local First Nations and local stakeholder groups.

Quotes:

Doug Routley, MLA for Nanaimo-North Cowichan -

"Cowichan District Hospital holds a special place in my heart, as well as many other people and health-care workers throughout the region. The new, modern hospital will continue the tradition of providing quality care for generations to come."

Jon Lefebure, chair, Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District -

"We are pleased to see this important project move forward and will continue to work with the Province and Island Health to see it come to fruition. A new hospital is a major investment, by both the Province and local taxpayers, in the long-term sustainability and resiliency of our region."

Leah Hollins, board chair, Island Health -

"Having a new hospital, with modern technology and advancements, will do a great deal to support patients and their families in the Cowichan Valley. It will also help attract quality medical professionals, who are in high demand across the province and the country."

Quick Facts:

- * Opened in 1967, the current Cowichan District Hospital has 134 beds, and provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services: emergency care, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, medical imaging, acute psychiatric services, Indigenous health services.
- * All new hospitals in B.C. are planned to a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold standard.

Contacts:

Jen Holmwood Deputy Communications Director Office of the Premier 250 818-4881

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

Cheryl Bloxham Island Health Media Relations 250 370-8878

From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 12:45 PM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Singh, Jasmyn HLTH:EX
Cc: Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: quote approval

These changes are fine and don't need to go back to PO – thank you!

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX **Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 12:26 PM

To: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; Singh, Jasmyn HLTH:EX

Cc: Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: quote approval

Small tweak on the stakeholders piece - in tracked changes attached here,

Kristy Anderson

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 12:10 PM

To: Singh, Jasmyn HLTH:EX <Jasmyn.Singh@gov.bc.ca>; Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX <Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: quote approval

Thank you – Sage has approved this version of the NR

From: Singh, Jasmyn HLTH:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 12:09 PM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: quote approval

MLA Routley has approved his quote

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:58 AM

To: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX

Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX; Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Lawrie,

Hannah GCPE:EX; Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX; May, Stephen GCPE:EX; Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX; Forbes, Brooke GCPE:EX; GCPE Writing & Editorial Services; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX;

Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: For approval - MA/PO - FW: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier -

Duncan; teleconference

It's approved from PO - ty

-----Original Message-----From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:57 AM

To: Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX

Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX; Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX; Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX; May, Stephen GCPE:EX; Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX; Forbes, Brooke GCPE:EX; GCPE Writing & Editorial Services; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX Subject: For approval - MA/PO - FW: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Duncan; teleconference

Hello Brent,

The draft copy for today's media advisory is attached. On approval from both Health and the Premier's office (some folks cc'd here), we'll have it out to Victoria, Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan and Nanaimo media at 11:40 a.m.

Thank you,

Colin McKill 250 893-0294

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From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX [mailto:Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:55 AM

To: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX

Subject: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Duncan; teleconference

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

News ID: Not Approved NR Type: Media Advisory

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Planned Release Date: July 5, 2018 at 11:40 am

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July 5, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

DUNCAN - Media are invited to Join Premier John Horgan, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, representatives from Island Health and community stakeholders for an announcement that will benefit people and public health care in the Cowichan Valley.

Event date: Friday, July 6, 2018

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Location:

Cowichan District Hospital

3045 Gibbins Rd.

Duncan

Special instructions:

A teleconference line is available to media who cannot attend in person. The line is listen-only.

Dial-in information:

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:40 AM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX

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Subject: RE: MA for approval - Cowichan

PO has approved.

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX **Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:32 AM

To: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX

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This is approved by our MO over to you now for PO approval.

Please let me know when this is good to go out and we will get it lined up with the editors.

Kristy Anderson

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From: Jones, JJ GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 5:55 PM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

Subject: hospital NR and SN for review

Attachments: NR_Cowichan Hospital concept plan_JJ.docx; SN PJH Cowichan Hospital_CMJJ.docx

Let me know what if anything needs to change.

Best,

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Director, Cabinet Priorities Strategic Communications Division Government Communications and Public Engagement

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