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Hi Daisy

Here is our first round of edits for this NR. If you could make your changes/deletions/additions to this version, that would be great.

I scaled back the paragraph that had all the stakeholders in it. Moved up the minister's quote. Took out all the embedded shopping links. Scaled back some of the more commercial sounding parts.

I would also suggest explaining that this year's theme for Emergency Preparedness Week is "Get Good and Ready," otherwise it just seems like a strange turn of phrase that's repeated throughout the release. (At least, that's what I was assuming the phrase meant). Or if it's part of this program's tagline, that should also be in there somewhere.

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Emergency Management BC

NEWS RELEASE
Province partners with major retailers to promote emergency readiness

VANCOUVER - British Columbians will find it easier to "Get Good and Ready" in the event of an emergency, with the new Partners in Preparedness program.

"The new Partners in Preparedness program brings emergency preparedness front and centre, making it easier for British Columbians to purchase the supplies they need to be better prepared," said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness. "Industry, retailers, all levels of government and all citizens have a role to play in emergency readiness - so let's be partners in preparedness, and 'Get Good and Ready' together."

Rice announced the new program along with representatives from London Drugs and Save-On-Foods, the first two B.C. retailers to come on board, during the official kick off for Emergency Preparedness Week.

The program will enlist B.C. retailers to encourage emergency readiness, through the promotion and sale of disaster supplies in participating stores. The theme of the program focuses on five emergency risks: earthquake, wildfire, flood, power outage and severe weather. The goals are to make it easier for people to purchase emergency supplies, to improve community resilience and public safety, and to raise awareness about emergency risks.

London Drugs and Save-On-Foods are the first B.C. retailers to champion the program. London Drugs will promote the program at all 51 of its locations throughout the province.

Information will be on display at all B.C. London Drugs locations, highlighting what British Columbians should have on hand as they prepare their homes, cars and workplaces for an emergency. Displays of emergency kits and complete lists of what to include in personalized kits will be available throughout the store. London Drugs offers ready-made emergency kits, and will be calling out items throughout store shelves, as a reminder to shoppers of

items they should consider including in their own emergency kits.

"London Drugs is pleased to become an inaugural member of the Partners in Preparedness program," said Tony Hunt, manager of loss prevention, London Drugs. "For years, London Drugs has highlighted emergency kits, and encouraged customers to be prepared to support themselves for several days during the event of an emergency. Uniting on this important program provides an opportunity to highlight the items families and individuals should have on hand, while providing our customers with the resources and tools they need to better prepare for an emergency."

Save-On-Foods will share information about the program at all of its B.C. stores during launch week, and help raise awareness through its digital channels, including online at: saveonfoods.com. Customers can visit the website, and in a few easy steps, create their own personal "Good and Ready" shopping list at their convenience. They can even have it delivered right to their home or office using the Save-On-Foods online shopping service.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Emergency Management BC on this important initiative, aimed at making it easier for families to be prepared for an emergency," said Julie Dickson, director of public affairs and corporate services, Save-On-Foods. "We play an active role in supporting communities in times of need, and helping spread the word about this proactive approach seemed like a great way for us to go the extra mile for our neighbours."

PreparedBC is working to recruit more B.C. retailers in the coming months, with a goal of having a Partners in Preparedness presence in every region of the province.

Quick Facts:

* PreparedBC is a public education program dedicated to emergency readiness. It serves as a one-stop shop for preparedness resources and materials, serving the public and local authorities.

* May 6 to 12, 2018, is Emergency Preparedness Week, which aims to encourage people to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

* When disaster strikes, emergency workers may not reach everyone immediately, or even for several days. Families should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours.

* During Emergency Preparedness Week, British Columbians are encouraged to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:
* Know the risks specific to your community

* Develop a family emergency plan and practice it

* Prepare emergency kits for your home and your vehicle

* According to a PreparedBC survey, personal laziness and apathy were cited as primary reasons why people don't have an emergency kit or plan. Lack of knowledge of what to include and a lack of time to prepare are additional challenges that prevent people from establishing an emergency plan and assembling an emergency kit.

Learn More:

For more information about how to join Partners in Preparedness, visit:
www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC/PartnersInPreparedness

For tips about how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit:
www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

Follow PreparedBC on Twitter: www.twitter.com/preparedBC

For information during active provincial emergencies, visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

Or follow on Twitter: www.twitter.com/emergencyinfobc

To view the complete PreparedBC personal preparedness survey, visit: http://bit.ly/2Dzo4Br

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FACTSHEET
Actions to date on rental housing

* The Province will invest more than $7 billion over 10 years, to build the kind of homes people need, in every corner of the province - including urban, suburban and rural.

* The Province is investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing subsidized rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades, and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to : https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing what is known as the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent-increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-

000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental housing task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes, and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

* For actions the Province is taking to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Ministry of Attorney General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
B.C. appoints acting chief judge

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is appointing a new acting chief judge, following Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree's appointment to the B.C. Supreme Court on May 4, 2018.

The new acting chief judge is Melissa Gillespie, who has served the province as an associate judge since 2012. Gillespie was born and grew up in Surrey. She received her law degree from the University of Toronto, and was called to the B.C. bar in 1991. From 2000 until 2003, she served as administrative Crown counsel in Surrey, and then served as regional Crown counsel for the Fraser region. Appointed a Queen's counsel (QC) in 2009, Gillespie was sworn in as a provincial court judge in February 2012.

Since then, she has presided in the Fraser region. In addition to sitting assignments, Gillespie has been active in delivering education programs to judges and judicial justices, as well as to the larger legal community and beyond, including her participation in a Justice Education Society project to strengthen the criminal justice system in Guyana. She was also active as a member of the executive of the B.C. Provincial Court Judges Association for several years.

Crabtree was appointed a judge of the provincial court in February 1999, and was initially assigned to the North Fraser District, before moving to the South Fraser District in 2000. He was appointed chief judge of the provincial court in April 2010.

Government and the public rely on judges for their integrity and impartiality, and trust they will deliver fair, learned decisions. These qualities are essential for maintaining the public's confidence in the courts, and are a vital component of any democratic justice system.

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. continues breaking down barriers for former youth in care

NORTH VANCOUVER - Former youth in care are being given another key to unlocking their full potential, thanks to expanded tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers.

"We're building on our tuition waiver program by providing former youth in care with even more opportunities to pursue a career in the building trades," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "For former youth in care, this tuition waiver program can mean the start down a rewarding new path, whether in trades, business, social work or tech."

In September 2017, Premier John Horgan announced the expansion of the tuition waiver program to all 25 public post-secondary institutions. This new announcement expands the provincial tuition waiver program to include training programs delivered by union trainers in the construction trades.

"Youth in care deserve every opportunity to pursue their dreams, and government has a responsibility to help them reach their goals," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "Not all youth are ready or interested in a college or university degree. I got my start as a power engineer, and I understand the importance of expanding our tuition waiver program to include trades training. This will provide practical, and often faster, ways for youth in care to achieve independence."

The number of former youth in care benefiting from tuition waiver programs has increased by 77%. About 189 youth benefited from bursaries or waivers, between September 2016 and June 2017, compared to 335 former youth in care who benefited from the provincial tuition waiver program, between September 2017 and March 2018.

"Expanding the tuition waiver program to union-based training schools, which are jointly managed by unions and contractors, is great news," said Tom Sigurdson, executive director of the BC Building Trades. "Our members already provide wraparound career and personal supports to help apprentices through their training, and this is a further investment in their continued success."

The Industry Training Authority (ITA), a B.C. Crown corporation, funds trades training programs at 15 public post-

secondary institutions, and 24 non-public training organizations, including nine unions.

Union trainers are accredited by the ITA, which provides union trainers with $2.6 million to provide 1,600 trades training seats.

Expanding the program outside of public post-secondary institutions to union trainers will provide more choice, while ensuring students still receive wraparound supports.

"Skilled trades are a great career option for young people wanting to make a difference in the communities they live in," said Gary Herman, ITA CEO. "With seven out of 10 tradespeople retiring in the next 10 years, this investment is providing all young people, including youth in care, with the necessary trades training to prepare them for a successful career in skilled trades."

The construction sector in B.C. is expected to see more than 59,000 jobs open up by 2027.

The tuition waiver program is being expanded to union-based training providers effective July 1, 2018. Union-based training providers offer continuous on-the-job training and extensive wraparound supports, including job placement, career counselling, mentorship and personal counselling.

The expanded tuition waiver is for former youth in care students, who are either taking a foundation program or apprenticeship training through a union trainer.

Budget 2018 includes $2 million annually for the provincial tuition waiver program, in addition to expansion of the Agreements with Young Adults program, to provide more financial support for rent, child care and health care.

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Tuition waiver program expands to more trades opportunities

Effective July 1, 2018, former youth in care will have the cost of their tuition waived for foundation and apprenticeship program, with 10 union-based training providers.

The 10 providers are:

* Construction & Specialized Worker

* D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society

* Electrical Joint Training Committee

* Floorlayers Union

* IUOE Local 115 Training Association

* Pile Drivers Local 2404

* Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society

* Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board

* Trowel Trades Training Association

* Boilermaker Training Centre

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. supports shift to clean transportation options

VICTORIA - The Province is making clean transportation more affordable and accessible for British Columbians, with incentives and one of Canada's largest networks of charging and fuelling stations, announced Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on Clean Energy Vehicle Day.

"We know that many British Columbians would like to make the switch to a clean-energy vehicle, but are put off because they think it will be too expensive, or that the charging infrastructure isn't in place yet," said Mungall. "Today's event is about letting people know what we are doing to make the shift to clean transportation more affordable, and more accessible for British Columbians."

During the Clean Energy Vehicle Day event, MLAs, reporters and the public had the opportunity to look at (and, in some cases, test drive) new clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), including battery-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

A recent BC Hydro study found that while a third of British Columbians are interested in switching to an electric vehicle, more than half believe electric vehicles are still too expensive. In fact, the report determined, some electric vehicles are less expensive than gas-powered cars over the long term, especially when fuel cost savings are considered. Electric vehicle drivers in B.C. have a built-in cost advantage, since this province has among the lowest electricity rates in North America.

B.C. is already a leader in clean-energy vehicles, with one of the largest public charging-infrastructure networks in Canada, and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country.

To help more drivers make the shift to a clean-energy vehicle, the provincial government is making investments in 2018, along with other partners, to more than double the size of B.C.'s electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites. When the network is expanded, it will be possible to drive from Golden to Tofino in an electric vehicle without running out of power.

In addition, the first public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in Canada will be opening in B.C. this year, with two in

the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District.

To make CEVs more affordable, the Province offers point-of-sale incentives through the CEVforBC program, administered by the New Car Dealers Association of BC. The program offers incentives of up to $5,000 for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, and up to $6,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. BC SCRAP-IT also offers incentives that, when combined with the CEVforBC program, provide total savings of up to $11,000 for a new electric vehicle, or $12,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle.

Increased use of clean-energy vehicles supports the Province's updated greenhouse gas reduction targets, which aim for 40% reduction in carbon emissions, from 2007 levels, by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040.

Quotes:

George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy -

"We can make life more affordable and enjoyable by providing more clean and efficient transportation solutions. It's a top priority for our government. Getting more people into electric vehicles is one of the ways we are going to meet our goals to reduce carbon pollution. Our commitment to cleaner transportation will help improve commutes and reduce costs for everyone, while cutting air and climate pollution."

Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure -

"British Columbia's transportation sector is the largest source of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for about 39% of the province's total. That's why we are committed to making it easier for people to choose cleaner transportation options, like electric vehicles. Building a seamless network of charging stations is a huge step in the right direction, and I'm excited to see our transportation systems catching up with the times."

Keith Anderson, vice-president customer service, BC Hydro -

"B.C. is a great place to drive an electric vehicle. With our electricity rates being among the lowest in North America, British Columbians can save 75% on fuel costs when switching to an electric vehicle. Electricity in B.C. is also clean - about 98% of the electricity BC Hydro generates comes from clean and renewable resources - which means making the switch will help to reduce emissions as well."

Steve Price, chair, Capital Regional District Board -

"The CRD would like to thank the Province for this important investment in clean energy for our region. We are currently utilizing e-bikes and electric vehicles within our corporate fleet, and are excited to move forward with piloting fuel cell vehicles that will further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions."

Quick Facts:

* British Columbians who purchase electric vehicles typically save about 75% on their fuel and maintenance costs, which adds up to about $2,400 per year.

* Increased use of CEVs helps shift spending on imported transportation fuels to locally produced electricity and hydrogen, while stimulating jobs and economic development in the local clean-tech sector.

* In 2015, the CEV sector in British Columbia encompassed 198 companies, employed approximately 3,850 full-time positions, and contributed about $700 million in total direct economic activity.

Learn More:

B.C.'s Clean Energy Vehicle Program: www.gov.bc.ca/cleanenergyvehicleprogram

CEVforBC vehicle point-of-sale incentive program: https://www.cevforbc.ca/

BC SCRAP-IT Program: https://scrapit.ca/

To view a map of electric vehicle charging stations in B.C. (and throughout North America), visit: https://www.plugshare.com/

Plug In BC - Fraser Basin Council is administering the Charging Solutions and Incentives Program, Fleet Champions Program, and Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive Program on behalf of the Province: https://pluginbc.ca/

Emotive: http://www.emotivebc.ca/

Electric vehicles in HOV lane permit program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/routes-and-driving-conditions/hov-lanes/electric

BC Hydro's report, Unplugged: Myths block road to the electric car dream: https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/news-and-features/Report-unplugged-myths-block-road-to-EV-dream_April%202018.pdf

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
B.C.'s support for clean-energy vehicles will benefit province

British Columbia is a leader in clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), with one of the largest charging-infrastructure networks in Canada (approximately 1,300 charging stations), and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country, with about 10,000 CEVs registered in B.C.

The B.C. government encourages British Columbians to choose clean, green vehicles that reduce their transportation greenhouse gas emissions. The CEV Program supports battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, along with hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles. The CEV Program's target is that by 2020, 5% of new light-duty passenger vehicle sales in B.C. will be clean-energy vehicles (also commonly known as zero-emission vehicles, or ZEVs). B.C. has also signed on to the International Zero Emission Vehicle Alliance, in which all members are striving to make all new passenger vehicles in their jurisdictions ZEVs by no later than 2050.

B.C.'s CEV Program has five main program areas:

* vehicle incentives;

* electric charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, incentives and support;

* fleet support;

* public education and awareness; and

* research, training and economic development programs.

B.C. government support for clean energy vehicles includes:

* B.C. is more than doubling the size of its electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites with:
* BC Hydro installations at 21 new sites, which leverage about $1 million in federal funding and $700,000 in

provincial CEV Program funding.

* Accelerate Kootenays' 13 DCFC sites with FortisBC operating five (with $125,000 from the CEV Program), and BC Hydro operating eight.

* $2 million in provincial funding for the next deployment of DCFCs will be leveraged with 2-to-1 federal-to-provincial dollars. Through an agreement with the federal government, the B.C. investment is included in the latest federal call for projects and will be included in future federal calls until the $2 million is fully expended and the target of 80 additional DCFCs is achieved in B.C.

* $1 million from the provincial Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund to help local government and private fleets adopt hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

* Build-out of the first six public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in B.C., starting this year with two stations in the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District, and completion of all stations towards the end of 2020.

* Charging Solutions and Incentives Program administered by the Fraser Basin Council, which provides rebates towards the cost of charging equipment and provides support services for planning and installing electric vehicle chargers. The $1.85-million program, which was funded from the Province's CEV Program, was launched on March 7, 2018.

* $700,000 for an expanded Emotive Program, which will assist communities and other partners provincewide in delivering outreach and education on CEVs, encouraging adoption through "ride-and-drives" and other creative, community-based initiatives.

$1.5 million for a program, still under development, to help support B.C. companies operating in the clean-energy vehicle sector, and to encourage international investment in B.C. technologies and solutions, increasing the province's economic opportunities in this fast-growing field.

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. to engage with residents on Columbia River Treaty negotiations

CASTLEGAR - The Province will host a series of meetings this month to engage with and update communities about the recently launched negotiations on the future of the Columbia River Treaty.

"As we begin negotiations around the future of the Columbia River Treaty, our government is committed to engaging in meaningful consultation," said Katrine Conroy, Minister responsible for the Columbia River Treaty. "We will continue to work closely with First Nations affected by the treaty, to ensure Indigenous interests are reflected in the negotiations. We also want to ensure Columbia Basin communities are consulted, kept informed and have their voices heard."

The upcoming meetings are a continuation of a process that began in 2011, to engage with B.C. Columbia Basin communities about the future of the treaty. The meetings will provide an update on negotiations between Canada and the United States, and host discussions on community interests that should be considered during negotiations.

The meetings will take place in the following communities:

* Meadow Creek: June 11, 2018 - Lardeau Valley Community Club, 13429 Hwy 31

* Jaffray: June 12, 2018 - Jaffray Hall, 7369 Jaffray Village Loop Rd.

* Creston: June 13, 2018 - Creston and District Community Complex, 312 9th Ave. N

* Castlegar: June 14, 2018 - Castlegar and District Community Complex, 2101 6th Ave.

* Nelson: June 15, 2018 - Nelson Rod and Gun Club, 801 Railway St.

* Valemount: June 18, 2018 - Valemount Community Hall, 201 Gorse St.

* Revelstoke: June 19, 2018 - Revelstoke Community Centre, 600 Campbell Ave.

* Golden: June 20, 2018 - Golden Civic Centre, 898 Hwy 95

* Nakusp: June 21, 2018 - Nakusp and District Sports Complex, 200 8th Ave. NW

Each community meeting runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A light meal will be available at 6 p.m.

Quick Facts:

* The first round of negotiations between Canada and the United States regarding the future of the Columbia River Treaty took place in Washington, D.C., on May 29 and 30, 2018.

* First Nations and Columbia Basin communities were not consulted with when the treaty was first ratified. It is a top priority for the Province to ensure they are engaged throughout this negotiation process.

Learn More:

For more information, please visit: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/

Or follow the Columbia River Treaty Review on Facebook and Twitter.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN
BC Bus North to accept more payment options in time for launch

VICTORIA - With BC Bus North preparing to launch on June 4, 2018, the Government of British Columbia is pleased to confirm that more payment options will be available than originally announced.

In addition to payment by credit card, BC Bus North is now equipped to accept payment by debit card, in person, when passengers board the bus. Customers will need to reserve their seats ahead of time by calling the BC Bus North call centre, and customers will then connect with the driver to complete the debit transaction when boarding the bus. Drivers will be aware of the passengers needing to pay by debit.

People can buy BC Bus North tickets online with a credit card at: www.BCBus.ca or by contacting the call centre at 1 844 564-7494, Monday to Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BC Bus North is the interim, long-haul northern bus service that will fill the gap left by Greyhound when it discontinues service on the majority of its northern routes on June 1, 2018.

The service will be affordable, with one-way fares being either $35 or $45, per route, depending on how far people are travelling.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure directed BC Transit to work with one of its service operators to provide a base-level service to help fill the gap left by Greyhound. BC Bus North will be operated by Pacific Western Transportation, using four highway coaches equipped with luggage and washroom facilities.

The Province will fund BC Bus North for 12 months, during which time government will work with local leaders to evaluate the demand for this new service, and develop a long-term transportation solution that works for people in this part of the province.

As BC Bus North gets going, service will be closely monitored by the ministry to identify opportunities for improvement going forward.

Learn More:

To learn more about BC Bus North, visit: https://bcbus.ca/

For BC Bus North's fares and schedule, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC_Bus_North_Map_Schedules_Fares_June_2018.pdf

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Emergency Management BC

INFORMATION BULLETIN
British Columbia tests wireless alerting system

VICTORIA - The new wireless Alert Ready system was tested in British Columbia on May 9, 2018, and across Canada earlier in the week. Although many British Columbians received the alerts, many others did not.

The intent of this test was to ensure that the expanded public alerting system works as intended. Testing provides an opportunity to address issues with the system before a real emergency.

Test results reveal that some compatible phones that were on LTE networks did not receive the alert. Alert Ready wireless testing undertaken this week in other provinces and territories showed similar results.

Officials from participating provinces and Pelmorex, the company that manages the Alert Ready system, will discuss technical issues and determine how best to address them. Next steps will include addressing outstanding issues before the official launch of the expanded alert ready system in June 2018. More information on the findings of the test will be available soon.

On April 6, 2018, the federal government, provinces and wireless carriers launched wireless alert capability through the national Alert Ready program. The sytem was expanded from TV and radio alerts to compatible wireless devices that are connected to LTE networks.

Learn More:

To find out if your wireless device is compatible with the Alert Ready system, visit: www.alertready.ca

Alert Ready frequently asked questions: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/alert-readywireless-public-alerting/

PreparedBC is a one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips on how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

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Ministry of Agriculture

INFORMATION BULLETIN
British Columbians have their say in revitalizing the ALR

VICTORIA - More than 2,300 British Columbians responded with their ideas on how the Province can support the Agricultural Land Commission preserve farmland and encourage farming.

Their input will help guide the Ministry of Agriculture as it strengthens the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

The consultation took place from Feb. 5 to April 30, 2018, and was led by an independent committee made up of volunteers with diverse agricultural backgrounds and experiences. The committee heard from British Columbians at stakeholder meetings in nine communities, and through written submissions and online consultation.

The input the committee received will help frame its recommendations for an ALR that will serve future generations of British Columbians, and will be provided to Agriculture Minister Lana Popham this summer.

The top three themes identified in responses during the consultation were:

* A defensible and defended ALR - identified by 1,203 British Columbians

* Food security and B.C.'s agricultural contribution - identified by 1,146 British Columbians

* Residential uses in the ALR - identified by 866 British Columbians

People from throughout the province participated in the consultation online, including more than 750 farmers, 115 agriculture specialists and more than 1,400 responses from the general public. There were also 240 responses from people representing an agricultural industry or interest group. South Coast residents completed 900 surveys, while submissions from the Island topped 800, with close to 200 from the Okanagan, and more than 100 from each of the North, Kootenay and Interior regions.

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Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Board to audit BCTS operations in Dawson Creek TSA

VICTORIA - The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) program and timber sale licence holders in the Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area (TSA) portion of the Peace-Liard Business Area, during the week of June 4, 2018.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, bridges, silviculture, fire protection activities and associated planning, carried out from June 1, 2016, to June 8, 2018, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Dawson Creek TSA, in the Peace Natural Resource District, and includes the communities of Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Taylor, Hudson's Hope and Pouce Coupe. The TSA covers about 2.3 million hectares in northeastern B.C., with an allowable annual cut of 1.86 million cubic metres. BCTS's allocation is 401,106 cubic metres.

This BCTS program was chosen randomly for audit from among all the BCTS programs in the province. The board normally audits two BCTS programs each year.

Once the audit work is completed, a report will be prepared, and any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have a chance to respond. The board's final report and recommendations will then be released to the public and government.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government.

The board audits forest and range practices on public lands, and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Board to audit BCTS operations near Kootenay area

VICTORIA - The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) program and timber sale licence holders in the Arrow Field Unit portion of the BCTS Kootenay Business Area, during the week of June 11, 2018.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, bridges, silviculture, fire protection activities and associated planning carried out from June 1, 2017, to June 15, 2018, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area starts at the United States boundary, and stretches approximately 230 kilometres north toward Revelstoke. The area covers about 1.35 million hectares, and contains the communities of Trail, Rossland, Castelgar, Fruitvale, Salmo, Nakusp, Hills, Burton and Edgewood.

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Hi Carlene and Alex

Here are your finals with the changes we spoke about. Going tomorrow at 11:15 a.m. provincewide, including ethnic and business media.

If you can just send another note with approval, that would be fabulous. Consider these your finals.

Apologies again for the confusion.

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Farmers' market program expansion to support families, producers

VANCOUVER - To help more lower income British Columbians and expectant mothers gain access to healthy, locally grown food, government is expanding the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, Health Minster Adrian Dix and Agriculture Minister Lana Popham announced.

"Farmers' markets support better nutrition, as well as local entrepreneurs and growers throughout B.C.," said Dix. "On that note, our government is making the most significant provincial increase to the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program since it was introduced, to raise the value and number of coupons provided to people."

"Many communities support this program, and we are thrilled to increase its positive impact on families and local food producers, and to promote our agriculture sector," said Popham. "Residents and municipalities all over the province are united in their praise for this program, and have been eager to see it continue and grow."

The funding provided to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets will increase by $750,000, to expand the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

As a result, the total amount of the coupon will increase by nearly $100, from $240 per participant household, to $336, provided in weekly coupons for four months. The number of expectant mothers participating in the program will also increase by 450 by March 2020, and the number of participating households is expected to rise from 3,708 to over 3,900.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program is delivered by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, and will run from June 11 to Oct. 31, 2018, at participating farmers' markets in 57 communities. The program provides

participants enrolled in the nutrition and skills-building programs, which are offered by community agencies associated with each participating market, with coupons to help them purchase local food including vegetables, fruit, nuts, eggs, dairy, herbs, meat and fish.

"We are excited with the Minister of Health's announcement ahead of farmers' markets reopening in many communities around B.C. this summer," said Wylie Bystedt, president of BC Association of Farmers' Markets and Cariboo rancher. "We know there are significant benefits as a result of this program, ranging from improved population health to economic activity. The program has increased and sustained the customer base for local and regional farmers, which in turn has allowed them to grow and diversify."

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is a provincially registered, non-profit association, which represents over 145 farmers' markets throughout the province. At member markets, the focus is on selling B.C. grown or processed, farm-fresh foods, and vendors must either make, bake or grow the products they sell.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program builds on the work government is doing to reduce poverty in British Columbia. Thousands of people participated in a comprehensive public consultation, where they discussed the challenges and shared their ideas about how to reduce poverty in British Columbia.

Learn More:

For more information on the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program or to locate a farmers' market in your community, visit: www.bcfarmersmarket.org

For a list of farmers' markets and community partners participating in Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2018, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Nutrition_Coupon_Program_Backgrounder.pdf

Find out more about the work to develop B.C.'s First Reduction Strategy:
https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction

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Thanks!

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Emergency Management BC

NEWS RELEASE
Government to review recommendations on 2017 floods, wildfires

VICTORIA - As the Province responds to ongoing flooding, and in advance of the 2018 wildfire season, government is acting on some of the recommendations in the report, Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

"I want to thank George Abbott and Maureen Chapman for their comprehensive report on the 2017 floods and wildfires," said Donaldson. "Their 108 recommendations will take some time to fully consider. There are some recommendations that are being acted on already. For example, as part of Budget 2018, we're committing $50 million over three years to wildfire prevention and wildfire risk reduction around communities."

As a result of internal reviews undertaken by both the BC Wildfire Service and Emergency Management BC, 16 of the 108 recommendations in the report are being implemented. Some of the recommendations also align with work that the Province is doing with the federal government and other provinces, under the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy, and other mitigation and preparedness programming, particularly related to flooding and seismic risks. However, the majority of recommendations are longer term in nature, and may require legislative changes or involve other levels of government.

One of the major themes of the report was to develop closer relationships with First Nations, and that work is already underway with the recent signing of a collaborative emergency management agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Tsilhqot'in National Government. As well, the BC Wildfire Service is hiring more staff to support partnerships with Indigenous communities and stakeholders.

The BC Wildfire Service will also be working with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and First Nations' Emergency Services Society on a review of how the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (a program that provides support to communities for fuel management projects) is funded, and how it can be integrated with other land-based wildfire prevention and wildfire-risk reduction investments.

Another timely recommendation being acted on is the need to make household emergency preparedness easier for British Columbians. To that end, Emergency Management BC has partnered with Save-On-Foods and London Drugs on the new "Get Good and Ready" emergency preparedness program, now available throughout the province. Emergency Management BC and its partners have also developed emergency management toolkits for Indigenous communities, which have been widely distributed.

"Being prepared and planning ahead is paramount to protecting public safety, and ensuring the economic health of our communities," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "Having an independent and comprehensive review of our actions after major events can only help us be better prepared in the future."

Government will develop an action plan to address the report's recommendations by Oct. 31, 2018.

Learn More:

Protect your home for flooding: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/floods

FireSmart your property: www.gov.bc.ca/firesmart

For information during active provincial emergencies, visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

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Download a copy of Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia: www.bcfloodandfirereview.ca

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
Have your say on wildlife management, habitat conservation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is starting a discussion on improving wildlife management and habitat conservation, Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, has announced.

"The diversity of wildlife in British Columbia is one of our province's greatest treasures," said Donaldson. "Working with Indigenous peoples, wildlife stakeholders and the public, we want to build a strategy that more effectively manages our wildlife for future generations. We've dedicated $14 million over three years to do so."

The province's unique landscapes and climate is home to one of the richest wildlife resources in North America. Three-quarters of Canada's mammal species are found in B.C., with 24 of those species exclusive to B.C. In recent decades, alteration of habitat due to expanded human populations, expanded natural resource development and impacts from climate change have placed increasing pressure on certain wildlife populations, some of which are now in decline.

As part of the government's commitment to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, collaboration with Indigenous peoples is an integral part of developing a new provincial wildlife strategy.

The discussion paper, Improving Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation in British Columbia, poses eight questions for discussion. Engagement is the first step in a four-step process to develop the strategy:

1. Hold online engagement and face-to-face sessions with Indigenous communities and key stakeholders.

2. Develop policy options to address priority concerns emerging from the engagement.

3. Release a policy intentions paper for public engagement.

4. Implement a new wildlife management and conservation strategy in 2020.

The comment period will end on July 31, 2018. The public is invited to provide input by visiting: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/wildlifeandhabitat

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Here are your finals, with permalink below. For tomorrow at 9:30, provincewide plus ethnic and business media.

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
Helping B.C.'s small communities advance technology, innovation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is launching the B.C. Smart Communities pilot program, to help local governments use data and connected technology to improve services and address community challenges.

"The B.C. Smart Communities program will help address the unique challenges small communities face when trying to secure funding for smart city projects," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology. "Whether it's tracking cycling habits, to planning bike lanes, offering a mobile app to quickly find services, or tracking air quality to fostering responsible wood burning, the smart city economy offers countless solutions that can benefit people."

A smart community uses technology and data to improve services for the community and its residents. It has the potential to enhance community life, from improving the way people live and move around, to creating a safer and more sustainable environment.

Pilot communities will highlight smart-community themes, such as economic diversity and growth, energy efficiency, citizen engagement, efficient transportation and community safety.

"Technology and data have enormous potential to improve a community's infrastructure and decision making," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The B.C. Smart Communities program gives local governments the opportunity to take targeted action on important issues that can have a lasting positive impact on British Columbians' everyday lives."

A one-year pilot project, B.C. Smart Communities, is open to B.C. municipalities and First Nations communities with populations under 30,000. Grants of up to $40,000 will be provided to as many as four communities, which have until July 13, 2018, to apply. Communities will also have to secure additional in-cash or in-kind funding of $10,000, or 20%, from respective local governments or regional trusts.

"This pilot program is an excellent opportunity for smaller communities to partner with tech innovators, and find creative solutions to complex challenges," said Shirley Vickers, Innovate BC president and CEO. "It will also give

businesses the ability to advance technologies to make B.C. a leader in the trillion-dollar global smart-cities marketplace."

The pilot will run from September 2018 to September 2019. Applications will be judged by a five-person panel, including provincial government representatives and industry experts.

Quick Facts:

* The smart cities global market is predicted to have a value of up to $1.6 trillion by 2020.

* B.C.'s tech sector employs over 106,000 people - an all-time high.

* B.C.'s more than 10,200 technology companies generated $29 billion in annual revenue in 2016 (9% growth) - the highest ever recorded.

Learn More:

To learn more about B.C. smart communities and to apply, visit: http://www.gov.bc.ca/SmartCommunities

To learn more about the federal Smart Cities Challenge, visit: https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities

To learn more about Innovate BC, formerly the BC Innovation Council, visit: bcic.ca (http://www.bcic.ca)

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Highway 8 closed at 10 Mile Bridge

MERRITT - Effective immediately, 10 Mile Bridge on Highway 8, 10 km west of Merritt, has reopened to local traffic, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There is a four-metre width restriction in place, and the bridge remains closed to pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles.

Ministry staff have conducted structural assessments, and continue to monitor the dynamic situation that is unfolding on Guichon Creek. Maintenance crews continue to monitor the area and remove debris from the creek, to protect the structure and motorists crossing the bridge.

Traffic is reduced to single lane alternating, with the possibility of unexpected delays, depending on debris within Guichon Creek. Due to limited visibility through the night, the bridge will be closed between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. At this time, the ministry anticipates 24-hour access for emergency services.

The ministry appreciates the public's patience during this time. Motorists should prepare for potential unexpected delays or closures, and continue to check DriveBC.ca for the most up-to-date highway information.

Significant flooding is taking place across the B.C. Interior, due to a higher than average snow pack, recent temperature increases and the start of spring freshet, which is run-off from melting snow and/or heavy rain.

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Huu-ay-aht First Nations

NEWS RELEASE
Huu-ay-aht power plant will create green cash flow

ANACLA - The Huu-ay-aht First Nations are taking advantage of green technology to generate a new source of revenue for the community with the construction of a clean-energy power plant on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Huu-ay-aht community received $500,000 in equity funding from the B.C. government's First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund, to support construction of a five-megawatt, run-of-river hydroelectric project on the Sarita River. The project will be 100% community-owned.

"The Huu-ay-aht First Nations have seized on an opportunity to lead the way in clean, renewable energy that also provides financial diversification for the community," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund is a tool that can be used to foster ingenuity and imagination, and I can't think of a better example of seeing that put into practice than this project."

The project is within the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' private lands, and could generate 14.8 gigawatt hours of electricity, on average, per year, which is enough to power more than 1,300 homes. The construction phase of the project will create as many as 10 jobs in the community, while its maintenance and operation will create permanent jobs for a plant operator and manager.

The First Nation is negotiating an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro to sell the power to the utility company. That agreement is expected to generate average annual gross revenue of more than $2 million, once the power plant is fully operational.

Once all Huu-ay-aht approvals are received, the full civil construction work on the power plant is expected to begin in the spring of 2019, with commercial operation expected in 2020.

"The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund has been an invaluable tool for our community. It first provided assistance to study the concept, and now provides equity investment in a project that will allow us to be more energy self-sufficient, while creating revenue that we can invest back into our community," said Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Chief Robert J. Dennis Sr.

The Huu-ay-aht received $40,000 capacity funding from the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund in 2012 for project feasibility studies, and $10,000 in 2016 to support the completion of a ground survey for this project.

Applications for the next First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund intake will be accepted until the end of May 2018.

Quick Facts:

* Revenue into the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) has increased from $6.7 million in 2017, to $7.2 million for 2018.

* The FNCEBF provides up to $500,000 in equity funding, and $50,000 for capacity funding that aids First Nations in pursuing clean-energy projects.

* Since 2011, more than 140 First Nations communities have benefited from more than $10.5 million in capacity and equity funding.

* The fund also provides revenue-sharing agreements with First Nations for a portion of water and land rents charged by the Province for new clean-energy projects. If an eligible clean-energy project site is on a traditional territory, First Nations may be eligible for a revenue sharing agreement.

* 40 B.C. First Nations communities benefit from clean-energy revenue-sharing agreements under the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund.

Learn More:

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations agreements: http://ow.ly/Fus8301BTSz

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations are a member of the Maa-nulth First Nations: http://huuayaht.org/

* First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund: http://ow.ly/BtV0301BUaZ

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Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	FINALS: Indigenous early childhood educators to support Cowichan families
Date:	May 30, 2018 12:37:32 PM
Attachments:	2018AEST0069-001078.pdf

With that edit, here are the finals for your records.

Is Duncan, Nanaimo and Ladysmith sufficient? I will add Indigenous media as well, but I could add Parksville too. Up to you.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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June 1, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
Indigenous early childhood educators to support Cowichan families

COWICHAN - Twenty-four Indigenous students in the Cowichan Valley will gain culturally relevant skills and knowledge to provide specialized early childhood care in their community.

The custom-designed program is a partnership between the Cowichan Tribes, the Stz'uminus First Nation and Vancouver Island University (VIU). Over the three-year program, students will receive adult basic education upgrading, Hul'qu'minum language learning and a diploma in early childhood education.

The Snuw'uy'ulh Sqwaluwun Smun'eem (Children of our Community) early childhood education and care (ECEC) program includes working with Elders to connect traditional teachings with classroom learnings, tutoring services and help from employment support co-ordinators in transitioning to employment.

The $815,000 funding for the program is a partnership between the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The funding announced is in addition to the $1-billion child care investment announced by the British Columbia government in Budget 2018, which will go towards boosting training and development supports for child care professionals, and addressing the issues of recruitment and retention in the sector.

Investing in programs like this is consistent with B.C.'s commitment to advancing true, lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

Quotes:

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"We need more Indigenous early childhood educators in Indigenous communities. Investing in spaces for Indigenous learners advances reconciliation, by giving people the tools to further their education and get fulfilling jobs that create a brighter future for their communities. I'm proud to be part of a government that is implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care -

"We are choosing to invest in Indigenous educators to provide culturally appropriate care, as a key element of our Childcare BC plan. We want to support Indigenous communities, to give future generations a strong start that values their communities and cultural origins. This funding is one of many investments under our plan that will help Indigenous communities to deliver quality care that is specific to their needs."

Carey McRae (Clint), child care manager, early childhood education, Nutsumaat Lelum Childcare Center, Stz'uminus First Nation -

"The current early childhood education field is in a crisis, with a lack of qualified early childhood educators to fill the many positions that the B.C. government is creating with the Child Care Major Capital Program. The current students at VIU will have an opportunity to work in a growing field that has endless opportunities, and will soon have many positions to fill. The positive and supportive relationship with VIU will give our students the confidence to succeed and complete the ECEC program."

Char Crocker, director, Quw'utsun Syuw'entst Lelum', Cowichan Tribes -

"Cowichan Tribes Education and Vancouver Island University maintain a positive and successful working relationship. The current need for early childhood educators is growing, as our Cowichan Tribes daycare continues to grow. It is wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to participate in the ECEC program."

Warren Weir, academic administrator, Cowichan campus, Vancouver Island University -

"One of VIU's core values is to work closely with First Nations in the areas we serve, to provide culturally relevant and supportive educational opportunities. This new funding supports that core value, allowing us to create educational opportunities for Indigenous students that will provide participants with the skills to give back and support their community. We are very pleased and honoured to continue our work with Cowichan Tribes and the Stz'uminus First Nation partners in the offering of this early childhood education and care program."

Sonia Furstenau, MLA for Cowichan Valley -

"I am delighted that children in my riding will have access to quality early childhood education that is designed in partnership with the Cowichan Tribes and the Stz'uminus First Nation. This funding will go a long way to ensuring B.C.'s early childhood education advances reconciliation, while also giving children the best possible head start."

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Date:	May 25, 2018 12:23:10 PM
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With the one change we spoke about, here are your approved finals going to Maple Ridge media at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks!

Shannon
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For Immediate Release
2018MAH0060-001027
May 25, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Injunction enables construction of Maple Ridge supportive housing

MAPLE RIDGE - BC Housing and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation have been granted an injunction by the B.C. Supreme Court, to prevent protestors from blocking construction of 55 new supportive homes for homeless people in Maple Ridge.

Last week, BC Housing adjourned an initial injunction application after protestors voluntarily vacated the Royal Crescent site. Protestors have since returned, and were occupying the sidewalk in front of 22534, 22548 and 22566 Royal Cres., preventing excavators and workers from moving on and off the site. As a result, construction work had been halted.

The safety of the protesters was a concern, as there is construction debris and exposed foundation on-site, which poses a safety hazard to anyone trespassing on the property.

BC Housing has hosted public information sessions, and presented on multiple occasions to Maple Ridge city council on the growing issue of homelessness in Maple Ridge and the potential solutions. Provided there are no further delays, residents will be able to move into the new homes at Royal Crescent by fall 2018. This project is part of the Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program that is seeing success in other B.C. communities, including the City of Vancouver.

Quick Facts:

* There is a significant need for supportive housing in Maple Ridge. In the last Metro Vancouver homeless count looking at Ridge Meadows, which encompasses Maple Ridge, 124 homeless people were counted. This is an increase of 48% since 2014.

* Coast Mental Health operations of the modular housing complex will include daily meal services, access to mental-health and addictions treatment, life-skills programming and participation in a community advisory committee, made up of community members and representatives from the municipality, local health authority and

BC Housing.

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Shannon
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For Immediate Release

May 11, 2018

Emergency Management BC

MEDIA ADVISORY

PORT COQUITLAM - Media are invited to attend an in-person media availability with Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister responsible for Emergency Management BC, to discuss the current flooding situation.

Media will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Event Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Location:
Mike Farnworth's Constituency Office
107A 2748 Lougheed Hwy
Port Coquitlam

Emergency Info BC: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

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For Immediate Release

May 23, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

CRANBROOK - Media are invited to join Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, for an announcement to support early childhood education and training in Cranbrook.

Event Date: Friday, May 25, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:
College of the Rockies
2700 College Way
Cranbrook

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Date:	May 25, 2018 3:09:27 PM
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For your records. Going at 12:40 p.m. on Monday to Victoria media and gallery.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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For Immediate Release

May 28, 2018

Ministry of Agriculture

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, and representatives from the BC Honey Producers Association, Feed the Bees, Capital Region Beekeepers Association and 4-H British Columbia for an announcement that will support the health of honeybees in B.C.

Honeybee information booths will be set up, beginning at 11 a.m.

Media are encouraged to come early to capture extra footage of all the displays and projects at the event.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Parliament Buildings
Front steps/lawn
Victoria

Contact:

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For your records.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

For Immediate Release

May 18, 2018

Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

COURTENAY - Media are invited to join Minister of Education Rob Fleming as he makes an announcement on making British Columbia schools safer. Fleming will be joined by Courtenay-Comox MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard, Comox Valley school board representatives, and staff and students from Lake Trail Middle school.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Lake Trail Middle school
805 Willemar Ave.
Courtenay

Note: The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

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For your records.

Thanks!

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

May 24, 2018

Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW WESTMINSTER - Media are invited to join Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, and Judy Darcy, MLA for New Westminster, for a project milestone announcement regarding the replacement of New Westminster Secondary school.

Event Date: Friday, May 25, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
New Westminster Secondary school construction site
835 8th Ave.
New Westminster

Special instructions: The event is located in the construction area directly behind the existing school. To access the site, enter the parking lot located off 8th Avenue, between the Massey Theatre and Moody Park Arena. Then follow the alley to construction trailers and signage for British Columbia government event. Parking is available at the event location.

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Date:	May 31, 2018 3:09:37 PM
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Here are the finals for your files. I'll send this to Maple Ridge media tomorrow morning at 7:40 a.m.

Thanks!

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

June 1, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

MAPLE RIDGE - Media are welcome to attend a Rental Housing Task Force community meeting with Spencer Chandra Herbert, MLA for Vancouver-West End, as a participant or observer.

Many of the people attending will be sharing their personal experience as a renter or a rental-housing provider, and it is important that their privacy be respected.

For this reason, the media are requested that no audio will be recorded, and no photos or video taken during the meeting. Media are welcome to speak with people before and after the meeting has taken place, with their consent.

To register, please visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rental-housing-task-force-community-meeting-maple-ridge-tickets-46424387593

Event Date: Monday, June 4, 2018

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location:
Thomas Haney Secondary school
Rotunda
23000 116 Ave.
Maple Ridge

Contact:

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For Immediate Release

May 23, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER - Premier John Horgan will be joined by Health Minister Adrian Dix to make an announcement that will impact the health care of British Columbians.

Event Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Teck Acute Care Centre
Main lobby
4480 Oak St.
Vancouver

Special Instructions: Media are asked to arrive via the 4500 Oak St. entrance, and turn left to follow the ring road until reaching the new Teck Acute Care Centre building.

A teleconference line is available to media who cannot attend in person. The line will be open to questions.

Dial-in Information:
In Vancouver: s.15,s.17
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Ministry of Health Communications

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For your records.

Thanks!

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

May 17, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

LANGFORD - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan and Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, for an announcement about supporting growing communities.

Event Date: Friday, May 18, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Lakewood Elementary school
2363 Setchfield Ave.
Langford

Special instructions: Parking will be available on-site.

A teleconference line is available to those media who cannot attend in person (listen only).

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For your records. Going asap.

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

May 4, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan for an announcement and tour at a local manufacturer in Kamloops.

Event Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. (tour)
10:30 a.m. (teleconference)

Location:
Horizon North Logistics
Business office
540 Athabasca St. W.
Kamloops

Dial-in information (listen only):
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Finals for your records. Will be out shortly!

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

For Immediate Release

May 29, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will hold a media availability to comment on the federal government's decision on Kinder Morgan.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:
Parliament Buildings
Press Theatre
Victoria

Dial-in information:
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Hi Dave

Here are your approved finals with the revised headline. Going provincewide at 1:45 p.m. (So no call, right?)

Shannon
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2018ENV0028-000954
May 17, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's letter to federal counterpart

VICTORIA - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, has sent the following letter to his federal counterpart, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Heyman's letter, in response to correspondence received from McKenna on April 26, 2018, can be viewed here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/316322_McKenna_FINAL_SIGNED.PDF

Heyman has outlined differences, as well as individual and shared priorities, of both governments related to protecting B.C.'s environment and economy from the effects of a catastrophic oil spill. He has also suggested areas where the federal government needs to do more in areas of its jurisdiction, including improvements to the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Heyman has also proposed ways both governments can co-operate on their respective research regarding the behaviour of spilled heavy oils, as wells as ways to jointly improve environmental protection.

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Subject:	FINALS: Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair
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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair

VICTORIA - Tom Christensen has served as board chair of Community Living B.C. since July 2015, and as his term comes to an end, Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, has issued the following statement:

"I want to thank Tom Christensen for his dedication and thoughtfulness in his work as chair of Community Living B.C.

"Tom put the interests of CLBC, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, first. His advice to me as minister was always considered and helpful. I very much respect and appreciate his significant contribution to CLBC and its work."

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Approved finals for your records.

Thanks!

Shannon
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May 25, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
More East Kootenay learners welcomed into early childhood education

CRANBROOK - More students in the East Kootenay region will be able to train to become early childhood educators (ECEs), with the expansion of the program at College of the Rockies, which will help families access quality child care in the future.

"Families deserve access to quality child care that they can afford, and making sure we have enough care providers is a key part in making that happen," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "Early childhood education funding for programs, like the one at College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, gives students the skills to succeed in a rewarding career."

Through a $130,000 investment, the Province is helping College of the Rockies double the program's capacity, adding 30 new seats to its ECE program at its Cranbrook campus. Twenty of these students will complete a one-year certificate program, and 10 more students will continue for another year to complete their diploma.

"ECEs are the backbone of B.C.'s child care system. Their passion and dedication help families every day," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "The new ECEs graduating from these seats will have a key role to play, as we work to deliver affordable, accessible and quality child care under our Childcare BC plan."

Based on the 2017 B.C. Labour Market Outlook, a total of 9,100 additional early childhood educators are projected to be required in B.C. by 2027. Training quality ECEs is key to ensuring that B.C. children have access to quality early childhood education programs in communities throughout B.C.

"By investing in College of the Rockies' early childhood education program, the Province is investing in the success of children in our region," said David Walls, president, College of the Rockies. "This funding will allow us to better meet local demand for early childhood educators, ensuring those educators are qualified and able to provide the best possible start for our children."

Budget 2018 announced a $1-billion investment to help lay the foundation for a universal child care system that will provide parents with access to affordable, quality child care, when and where they need it. This funding is part of the $7.4 million over three years, which the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has committed toward funding an additional 620 early childhood educator graduates at public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C.

Learn More:

For more information about child care in B.C., visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care)

For more information about the early childhood and care program at College of the Rockies, visit: www.cotr.bc.ca/ECE/

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Approved finals for your records. Going tomorrow at 10 a.m. to all VI and LMain media.

Thanks!

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
More reflective line paint means better visibility

VICTORIA - Crews have started line painting throughout the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, with higher-quality glass beads included in the paint formula, so drivers can see brighter, more reflective road lines.

"Road markings need to not only survive, but shine on B.C.'s West Coast, especially at night and in rainy conditions," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "The ministry's top priority is making sure our roads and highways are as safe as possible. By including larger, higher quality glass beads in our paint mix, it will be easier for people to see our lines when it's dark and the weather is bad."

Painting has begun, and this week, work is taking place in the Pemberton area, Victoria and Duncan. In total, more than 3,000 kilometres of roads and highways will be painted in the region this year.

Adding glass beads to line paint greatly increases reflectivity. The larger and higher-quality beads to be used in second coats this year in the region will provide 20% more reflectivity than the previous formula.

Also, requests for proposal were recently issued through BCBid for the next Pavement Marking Service Agreements, which will go into effect on Dec. 16, 2018. The following changes are being made to improve on the current agreements:

* 20% more lines painted annually throughout the province

* Use of larger glass beads for increased reflectivity and visibility at night, and thicker paint for longer-lasting pavement marking in coastal areas

* Second coat application in areas that experience premature wear

* Enhanced contractor monitoring and auditing, to maintain consistent performance

There are five pavement marking service areas in the province: Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Thompson-Cariboo, Okanagan-Kootenay and Northern Region. Each of the upcoming pavement marking service agreements, which were last tendered in 2013, are for five-year terms, and include an optional two-year extension.

The ministry works closely with contractors to continually test new paint formulations, and products to ensure that high-performing, environmentally friendly formulations are used in B.C.

Private contractors are responsible for repainting more than 20,000 kilometres every year, on highways and provincially owned side roads in B.C., using close to one million litres of paint and 500,000 kilograms of glass beads. This work starts every spring, and continues through the summer and into the fall.

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
New bill updates targets for reducing carbon pollution

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia has introduced legislation to update the Province's greenhouse gas reduction targets, setting the stage for a renewed climate action strategy to be released in the fall.

The Climate Change Accountability Act replaces the 2007 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets Act. It sets new legislated targets of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions from 2007 levels by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040. The current target of an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 remains. The legislation will provide a framework for local governments to develop detailed climate-change adaptation reports. The Province will work with local governments on these requirements. The legislation also enables the minister to set sectoral GHG emission reduction targets.

"The act is the foundation for a credible and achievable climate action strategy in B.C.," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The previous government, after stalling on sustained climate action for several years, admitted they could not meet their 2020 target, and those targets are repealed in this act.

"We aim to remove barriers, and make it attractive and affordable for people, communities and industry to move to lower-carbon alternatives. At the same time, we will grow an economy that's stronger, cleaner, more diverse and more resilient."

Climate action is an important component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus.

"This legislation is another step forward towards making B.C. a leader in climate action once again," said Andrew Weaver, leader of the B.C. Green Party. "This is a huge opportunity to build a thriving 21st-century economy centred around innovation. I look forward to working in partnership with the government to implement a plan to reclaim this leadership, and keep our commitment to younger generations."

The Province's climate action strategy will be released in autumn 2018. Actions to reduce the provincial GHG

emissions will include establishing sectoral plans for buildings and communities, industry and transportation sectors.

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Hi Alison

So here are your final copies for your records with the original wording as discussed. I'm just looping in the CC folks to let them know you are changing the release time from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. when the announcement is being made tonight. Is ther any issue with that on your end, Robin?

This will go provincewide, including ethnic and business media.

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
New board appointed to Province's tech agency, Innovate BC

VANCOUVER - Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, has announced the membership of Innovate BC's new board of directors, to help guide and promote tech sector growth, generating good jobs in the emerging economy, increased revenue and economic development all around British Columbia.

Ralston made the announcement at the #BCTECH Summit. Innovate BC's board of directors is the Province's new innovation commission, and it will review current provincial technology and innovation programs, and make recommendations on how to help grow the sector provincewide.

Alan Shaver, president and vice-chancellor of Thompson Rivers University, has been appointed chair of Innovate BC, where he will help lead the Crown agency's delivery of programs that support innovation, entrepreneurship and business development in the tech sector.

"Alan Shaver brings a wealth of leadership experience, which, combined with his background in technology and knowledge of regional B.C., makes him an outstanding choice to lead the Innovate BC board," said Ralston. "Each member of the board brings distinctive skills that are essential to ensuring B.C. tech entrepreneurs and businesses get the necessary help to grow and create great jobs throughout the province. I'd like to recognize and thank the former BC Innovation Council board of directors for the strategic advice and direction they have provided over the years, in particular board chair Derek Lew."

Shaver is joined by a diverse team of 11 directors, with backgrounds in regional economic development, research and innovation, academia and entrepreneurship. Board members bring a broad range of expertise, including life sciences, software development and applications of clean tech in B.C.'s traditional resource industries.

"Promoting innovative ideas and practices will improve the quality of life for the people of B.C., and promote sustainable economic development," said Shaver. "This requires investment in people, our most valuable assets, and partnerships between communities, governments, industry, business, NGOs and academic institutions. I look forward to serving the people of B.C. as chair of the board of Innovate BC."

The innovation commission is a component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus. Recognizing its potential to boost B.C. tech, the provincial government has adopted the concept as part of its efforts to help B.C. innovators thrive and build a strong, sustainable economy for everyone.

"With a highly qualified board in place, Innovate BC is ready to help entrepreneurs take full advantage of the economic opportunities ahead," said B.C. Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver. "This key B.C. Green platform commitment was developed through consultation with tech sector leaders. I am proud that our caucus has contributed this idea to support them as they drive B.C.'s economy across all sectors, and in every region of our province."

Innovate BC was created in March 2018 following the passing of the British Columbia Innovation Council Amendment Act, which expanded the mandate of the BC Innovation Council, and renamed it Innovate BC.

"Technology is everywhere, in every industry, and is enhancing lives in every corner of B.C. So, I am pleased to begin work with this dynamic group, which is made up of leaders from around the entire province," said Shirley Vickers, president and CEO, Innovate BC. "I'm looking forward to leveraging their leadership and insights to help grow B.C.'s dynamic technology sector, which is powering innovation, creating jobs and growing our economy."

In collaboration with the Innovate BC board, the B.C. government will work with industry stakeholders to review programs that support the tech and innovation sector provincewide. The Crown agency will also provide tech entrepreneurs with tools, resources and expert guidance, and support Indigenous entrepreneurship.

Quick Facts:

* Innovate BC will absorb all the programs and services currently delivered by the BC Innovation Council, in addition to expanding its mandate with a broader range of support and responsibilities.

* Innovate BC will provide a single point of contact for B.C. entrepreneurs looking for business development support at all stages of company growth - whether they are new startups, or long-established firms.

* In February 2018, Alan Winter was appointed B.C.'s first innovation commissioner as an advocate for the tech and innovation sector in Ottawa, the Cascadia Innovation Corridor and abroad.

* Innovate BC and the innovation commissioner are separate entities, but they will work together closely to ensure alignment of efforts.

Learn More:

Innovate BC: https://bcic.ca

B.C. Innovation commissioner: https://news.gov.bc.ca/16319

#BCTECH Summit: https://bctechsummit.ca

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
New Innovate BC board member bios

Alan Shaver (Innovate BC chair), president and vice-chancellor, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) - Shaver was appointed president of TRU in 2010. He previously served as vice-president, academic and provost, at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia from 2006 to 2010, and as dean of science at McGill University from 1995 to 2005. He went to high school in Ottawa and earned a B.Sc. (Hon) in chemistry from Carleton University, and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lesley Esford, president, Life Sciences BC - Esford received her PhD in microbiology and immunology from UBC, and has spent many years in academia, industry and government in positions supporting the growth of the life-sciences sector. She is a Kauffman Fellow, which is a Silicon Valley-based international leadership program for venture capitalists and innovators.

Michael Fergusson, CEO and founder, Ayogo - For his work as a health-tech innovator, Fergusson was Ernst & Young's Social Entrepreneur of the Year, and was recently named to the PharmaVOICE 100, a peer-nominated list of the 100 most inspiring people in life sciences. Agoyo has won many awards for its use of game psychology and social networks to help patients take control of their medical treatments.

Suzanne Gill, executive director, corporate development, Genome BC - Prior to joining Genome BC, Gill was a key member of the senior management team at the Ontario Genomics Institute. She has experience in project management through the planning and implementation of regional economic and business development projects in B.C. She also holds an MSc from UBC, and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.

Joy Johnson, vice-president, research and international, Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Johnson leads SFU's strategic research initiatives, and facilitates international opportunities. She focuses on facilitating research excellence, and helping the university respond to new opportunities. Johnson is a leader for the SFU Innovates initiative,- a university-wide strategy to inspire, develop, and support impact-driven innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dave Krysko, co-founder, Club Penguin, entrepreneur-in-residence, Okanagan College - In 2005, along with two other New Horizon Production staff, Krysko co-founded Club Penguin, an online virtual world for kids. The Walt Disney Company was so impressed with Club Penguin that in 2007, it purchased the company outright for $350 million. He left the company as senior vice-president in 2010, and started Davara Enterprises to focus on developing a wide range of culture-making enterprises.

Gail Murphy, professor and vice-president of research, UBC - A leading researcher on software evolution and tools, Murphy provides extensive experience as a software developer and principal investigator of a large research group. In recognition of her research, she has received several international awards. Murphy was also elected to be a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. This fellowship is the highest academic accolade in the sciences, humanities and arts bestowed in Canada.

Peter Nunoda, president, Vancouver Community College - Prior to joining VCC in 2014, Nunoda was vice-president, academic and research, at Northern Lights College from 2011. He served as dean of the faculty of health at the University College of the North, was director of access programs at the University of Manitoba, and program

director for Indigenous focus programs at the University of Manitoba.

Jennifer Ouano, co-founder and executive producer, Pacific Content - Ouano has spent over 20 years in the digital media and technology sector. She has been a journalist, producer and director in radio, film and TV, but is also known for her work as an award-winning multi-platform producer, web strategist, social media guru and game designer. Ouanao was co-creator and senior producer of ZeD, a flagship interactive program and social media pioneer that received international accolades, including an Emmy nomination.

Tom Roemer, vice-president academic, B.C. Institute of Technology - Roemer was appointed vice-president academic at BCIT in January 2016. He is also adjunct professor in SFU's faculty of education. He was previously vice-president of strategic development at Camosun College. Roemer has a strong interest in trades and technology education, is experienced in economic development and has worked in Brazil, Germany, China and Africa.

Benjamin Sparrow, co-founder and CEO, Saltworks - Sparrow grew desalination company Saltworks from a small machine in his apartment, to a profitable firm with two factories and global customers, including many Fortune 100 companies. He was previously a senior project manager for BC Hydro rebuilding power stations. He completed his MBA at SFU and his BSc in mechanical engineering at the University of Alberta.

Don Stuckert, principal, dstuckert & Associates - A technology executive, Stuckert has more than 35 years of business and technology leadership experience throughout North America. He has held executive positions in a broad range of industries, and worked for Placer Dome, TELUS, Sierra Systems and Systemhouse, and is a former vice-president and chief information officer at BC Hydro.

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

NEWS RELEASE
Northern FanCon brings stars to Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE - Northern FanCon 2018, an internationally recognized entertainment expo and comic convention, will bring Hollywood celebrities, creative geniuses and thousands of visitors together in Prince George May 11-13, 2018, with help from the Province's Tourism Events Program.

Northern FanCon features comic and film artists, creative workshops, costume play (cosplay) contests, live interviews of celebrity guests and a pop culture trade show. Returning for a fourth year, FanCon draws national and international attendance, and is a must-attend event for people in Prince George. The annual event gains huge buzz from media coverage and social media, not only in Canada, but around the world.

"Northern FanCon is becoming an iconic event that attracts thousands of fans. This is great news for Prince George, because it creates significant tourism impact and boosts the local economy," said Lana Popham, acting Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. "Providing support for unique events - like Northern FanCon - is just one way that our government is attracting tourists to our province, and helping British Columbians who earn their living in the tourism industry."

"The positive impacts of Northern FanCon have been felt all over the province, and across the B.C. borders," said Norm Coyne, event director, Northern FanCon. "This year, thanks to support from the Tourism Events Program and other visionary partners, we get to expand the influence our city is having on the screen arts industry of the province. We are showing that this sector has a place in all regions of B.C. At the same time, we are also having an influence on the tourism industry, as we draw people from far and wide into a new and exciting relationship with British Columbia."

Over the past four years, more than 50,000 people have attended the Prince George-based expo, travelling from as far as New Zealand, Japan and Texas, to attend and meet their favourite stars. The line-up this year includes legendary entertainer Nichelle Nichols - best known for her role as Lt. Uhura on Star Trek - as well as renowned Australian actress Gigi Edgley and many others. This year's three-day event is expected to generate about $500,000 in visitor spending.

The Tourism Events Program supports events that raise national and international awareness of B.C.'s many tourism experiences, and inspires people from around the world to travel to and experience British Columbia. These events also generate tourism activity in communities and regions throughout the province.

Quick Facts:

* The Province of British Columbia has provided $24,500 in funding to Northern FanCon 2018, through the Tourism Events Program.

* Northern FanCon is a fan convention/entertainment expo hosted by UNLTD Media & Events, the Prince George Citizen and the Northland Auto Group, and is held at Prince George's CN Centre and Kin 1 arena.

* An estimated 10,340 attendees and participants are expected, with 4,540 attending from outside Prince George.

* Visitors are expected to stay four days, generating 4,420 hotel room nights during Prince George's low tourism season.

* Northern FanCon has won several awards, including the 2017 Prince George Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for tourism and hospitality.

Learn More:

Learn more about Northern FanCon 2018: https://fancon.ca/

On Twitter (hashtag: #fancon2018): https://twitter.com/northernfancon

On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/northernfanconpg/

For more information on the Tourism Events Program, visit: www.destinationbc.ca/BC-Tourism-Industry/Municipal-and-Regional-District-Tax-Program/Tourism-Events-Program.aspx

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Open house on wildfire risk reduction in Borland Valley

150 MILE HOUSE - The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will host a community open house and information meeting about the second phase of ongoing wildfire risk reduction activities in the Borland Valley, about four kilometres east of 150 Mile House.

The meeting will be held at the 150 Mile House firehall (3038 Pigeon Rd.) on May 31, 2018, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting will include an overview of the Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project, and also provide details about wildfire risk reduction activities planned for the area over the next few years.

The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. has contributed $1 million toward this project. This Crown agency's work is focused on wildfire risk reduction, reforestation, forest rehabilitation, wildlife habitat restoration and raising awareness of the FireSmart program in British Columbia.

Staff from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will host the meeting and answer questions about the Borland Valley project. They will also be able to offer advice on using FireSmart principles to reduce wildfire threats on private property.

Second-phase activities:

* The first phase of the Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project began in 2016. The second phase is scheduled to begin in September 2018.

* This project will demonstrate multiple treatment methods within a 340-hectare area, with each one intended to help other land managers in the region decide which types of treatments would be most appropriate for their communities.

* Treatments are scheduled for:
* four areas covering about 78 hectares between Pigeon Road and Borland Creek (roughly from Heinie Place to

Brouse Road)

* two areas covering about 153 hectares between Borland Creek and Redeau Lake Road (2300 Road)

* four areas covering about 105 hectares south of Redeau Lake Road (2300 Road)

* The treatments will create fuel breaks to help reduce wildfire threats to residential properties, enhance the long-term health of tree stands and improve habitat for wild animals (such as mule deer).

* Activities may include:
* removal of hazard trees (while leaving behind some wildlife trees)

* thinning of timber stands

* removal of surface fuels (woody debris)

* removal of flammable shrubs (such as common juniper)

* pruning of tree branches up to three metres above the ground (which could allow flames to spread into the tree canopy)

* Debris and timber will be disposed of through milling, chipping or pile burning. Making use of the resulting wood fibre is a top priority for this project, so burning will only occur if necessary. Any such fires would be closely monitored by trained firefighters.

* The planned treatments will have no negative impact on community trail networks.

* Other important factors, such as recreational use, riparian areas and cultural values are being incorporated into all aspects of this project.

Learn More:

Learn more about wildfire risk reduction strategies: http://gov.bc.ca/wildfireprevention

More information about the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. is available online: http://www.fesbc.ca

Read about the FireSmart Canada program, or download a copy of the FireSmart homeowner's manual: http://gov.bc.ca/firesmart

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
People who build illegal trails face stiff penalties

SQUAMISH - The British Columbia government is reminding everyone that it is illegal to build trails on Crown land without prior authorization.

British Columbians have plenty of opportunities to enjoy recreational activities in the great outdoors. Over the last two years, government staff has noticed an increase in unauthorized trail building in the Sea to Sky Recreation District. In April 2018, staff from BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service joined forces to deactivate an unauthorized trail that began within Garibaldi Provincial Park, and extended to Crown land below the park.

Unauthorized trail construction can result in:

* soil erosion or soil compaction

* negative effects on water quality or water flow

* slope stability concerns

* negative impacts for other resource users

* safety and liability concerns, due to improperly built or maintained trails and structures

* the spread of invasive plants

* disruption of wildlife habitat or sensitive plant ecosystems

Government agencies, forestry licensees and local recreation groups work co-operatively to develop and maintain authorized trails, to minimize negative impacts on the landscape. Before anyone can build a trail on Crown land, they must first apply for permission to do so, and comply with the Forest and Range Practices Act.

Individuals or groups wishing to build or maintain a trail or other outdoor recreational facility must prepare a written

proposal, and obtain provincial approval, before starting any such work. The consultation and referral part of the process ensures that the location of the trail is free of land-use conflicts, and will help build positive relationships with First Nations, user groups and stakeholders.

Natural resource officers from the Ministry Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regularly patrol Crown land and enforce provincial regulations, often acting on tips from the public. Failure to comply with legislation related to trail construction could result in a penalty of up to $10,000, a remediation order to return the area to its original condition, and/or a jail term of up to six months.

Members of the public are encouraged to report illegal trails or suspicious activity by calling call 1 877-952-7277, toll-free (or #7277 on a cellphone). They can also submit a report about a suspected natural resource violation online: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm

Quick Facts:

* The 1,100,000-hectare Sea to Sky District lies in a northerly direction from the City of Vancouver. Highway 99 is the major road through the district, entering near Lions Bay and then winding its way along Howe Sound to Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton.

* In the Sea to Sky Recreation District, mountain biking is recognized as an important recreational pursuit, and of economic value to local communities. The area is well-known as a prime mountain biking destination in Canada.

* Recreation Sites and Trails BC partners with more than 20 recreational groups throughout the Sea to Sky Recreation District to manage, develop and maintain an extensive trail network

* Those partners include the Squamish Off-Road Cycling Association and the Squamish Dirt Bike Association.

* Typically, 10 to 15 applications to construct or maintain trails are submitted to Recreation Sites and Trails BC each year in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

* Since 2011, 55 trails have been authorized in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

Learn More:

More information about the trail-building approval process is available on the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/program/maintenance-development

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Ministry of Attorney General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Peter Kappel appointed as new B.C. Lottery Corporation chair

VICTORIA - Peter Kappel has been appointed chair of the B.C. Lottery Corporation (BCLC), the Province's Crown corporation responsible for the conduct and management of gambling in British Columbia, under the Gaming Control Act.

Kappel joins the board of directors appointed by the B.C. government. Kappel's one-year term as board chair begins May 31, 2018.

Kappel is the former managing director and head of securitization with DVB Bank AG in London. Previously, he was the managing director and co-head of the securitization and transitional debt finance group with Calyon (Credit Agricole); managing director and head of European securitization group with Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein; and director and head of structured finance with Nomura International - all based in London.

Kappel is a former executive committee member of the European Securitisation Forum Bond Market Association. He holds his bachelor of arts (honours) in economics from the University of Victoria, and held his chartered accountant designation through the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C. He has also been a director of Partnerships BC since 2009.

Kappel replaces current chair Bud Smith. Smith joined the BCLC board in May 2012, and was named chair in August 2013. His appointment expires May 31, 2018.

Learn More:

BCLC corporate governance and board of directors: http://corporate.bclc.com/who-we-are/governance-and-oversight/board-of-directors.html

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Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement on the federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation:

"We are standing up for British Columbia's environment, economy and our coast against the threat of a bitumen spill, and we are doing so entirely within our rights.

"The federal finance minister is trying to use our government as an excuse, as the federal government puts taxpayer money on the line to backstop risks to private investors, while completely ignoring the risks to B.C. The fact is, we've been issuing permits in a fair and timely manner, and have proposed new regulations that are now referred to court to confirm our jurisdiction.

"We are acting well within B.C.'s rights to defend our environment, and the tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity that depend on it."

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Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on flood activity in B.C.'s Interior

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement about flood activity in the British Columbia Interior region:

"The spring flood season is upon us. Heavy rainfall, warm weather and rapid snowmelt have triggered flood warnings and evacuations in the Interior. More than 4,000 British Columbians have been forced from their homes, while thousands more anxiously wait to see what rising flood waters will mean for their homes and their livelihoods.

"Our first priority is to help affected communities and make sure everyone is safe. B.C. is already providing disaster financial assistance to affected people in the Cariboo and Thompson Nicola regions. We have activated regional response centres to make sure people have timely information about the latest conditions. We have set up emergency supports and accommodation for evacuees. We have shipped flood mitigation equipment and millions of sandbags to help protect homes and businesses.

"The flood season has only just begun. We are working closely with local governments to protect communities, and we will continue to assist in any way we can.

"May 6 to 12 is Emergency Preparedness Week. I encourage all British Columbians to prepare their homes, and their families, for a natural disaster. Know the risks. Develop a plan and practise it. Prepare kits for your home and your car. We must all work together to prepare for, and respond to, flooding and other natural disasters."

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Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Programs that enhance student well-being receiving $300,000

VICTORIA - Two organizations that help at-risk students improve their physical and mental well-being will each receive grants of $150,000 from the Government of British Columbia.

The funding will help Take a Hike Foundation and Right To Play expand their programs in B.C., so that more students who may be at risk can benefit from the supports provided by these specialized programs.

"I am proud to support innovative programs in our schools that help prevent students from falling through the cracks, and provide them with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in school and beyond," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Both of these programs help students achieve higher levels of physical and mental well-being, as well as academic success."

"Creating social relationships is crucial to the overall well-being, mental health, and development of children and youth," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "Programs like Take a Hike support at-risk students by providing them with an important sense of belonging and connection - to their peers, to the natural environment and to their community."

Take a Hike is a full-time, alternative education program for youth in grades 10-12 that uses a combination of outdoor adventure-based learning, academics, therapy and community involvement to engage students. The program currently serves 80 students, with 20 students per class in four classes. Two classes are in Vancouver, one in Burnaby and one in Trail. It is expanding into Surrey for the next school year, benefiting 20 more students.

The program helps students attain real results. Last year, 92% of Grade 12 students in the program graduated with a high school diploma. There is also a significant increase in school attendance amongst participants - from an average of 2.25 days per week to four days per week (a 77% increase).

"Take a Hike is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to offer this proven and successful program to youth in B.C.," said Gordon Matchett, CEO, Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation. "Over the past 18 years, we have seen hundreds of Take a Hike youth graduate from high school and become resilient young adults. We are confident Surrey youth will see the same benefits".

The funds for Right To Play will be used for the organization to enhance programming that is focused on mental well-being and physical health for Indigenous students, new immigrants and children in care. Right To Play currently operates in 19 communities in B.C., with their presence mainly in Indigenous communities. These funds will be used to develop partnerships with more school districts.

"Right To Play is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to continue our work with children and youth around B.C.," said Rose Lipton, director of Canadian programs at Right To Play. "We have seen incredible results in terms of child and youth engagement, and with our programs also supported by Microsoft, we know that working together with the ministry will lead to even greater results and long-term impact."

Since launching in 2015, Right To Play in B.C. has worked with over 1,500 children and youth. The program uses the power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity. The funding will also help Right To Play work with interested school districts on creating programming that aligns with B.C.'s new curriculum.

Quick Facts:

* The Take a Hike program is designed primarily for students who are between the ages of 15-19, in grades 10-12 and who are at risk of dropping out of school, or who have already dropped out.

* Between one-third to one-half of Take a Hike participants identify as Indigenous, and approximately one-quarter of participants are from new immigrant families.

* 92% of Right To Play program participants said they were excited about school, and developed a more positive attitude toward school.

* Since 2010, Right To Play programming in Canada has expanded from two to more than 85 Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada, engaging approximately 5,000 children and youth.

Learn More:

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Take a Hike: http://www.takeahikefoundation.org

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Office of the Premier

NEWS RELEASE
Province celebrates Rick Hansen Day by investing in accessibility

VICTORIA - A new grant to the Rick Hansen Foundation will support its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive, announced Premier John Horgan.

"Rick Hansen has been blazing a trail in support of people with disabilities in B.C., across the nation and around the globe, for over 30 years," said Premier Horgan. "We are recognizing his efforts with a $10-million grant that will help his foundation continue its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive."

The announcement of the grant for the Rick Hansen Foundation was made together with a proclamation of May 28, 2018, as Rick Hansen Day, in honour and recognition of his contributions to the province and the country. The day also marks the beginning of B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week.

"Our government is committed to making this province better for people living with disabilities," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "That's why we are kicking off B.C.'s first ever AccessAbility Week by committing to work together with organizations like the Rick Hansen Foundation, to bring down barriers and improve accessibility in every part of the province."

The $10-million grant will help the Rick Hansen Foundation further its existing programs, and push forward with new innovations.

"I am grateful to the Province for their continued support and recognition of the foundation, and their commitment to bringing about positive change in the lives of people with disabilities," said Hansen. "Creating the barrier-free B.C., Canada, and the world that we want - and everyone deserves - is more than possible. Premier Horgan's leadership is helping pave the path forward."

Since 1985, the Rick Hansen Foundation has raised awareness, changed attitudes and removed barriers for people with disabilities, as well as funding spinal cord injury research and care.

Quick Facts:

* The Province has proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, AccessAbility Week in B.C., to promote inclusion and accessibility, and recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that actively removing barriers for people with disabilities in their communities.

* More than 500,000 British Columbians ages 15 and older, or 15% of the population, self-identify as having a disability.

* The population of people with disabilities is growing rapidly. One in seven Canadian adults have a disability, and as the population continues to age, this number is expected to grow to one in five by 2036.

* The provincial government provides up to $5 billion annually to fund services and supports that support people with disabilities in B.C.

Learn More:

To learn more about accessibility in B.C., visit: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

If you are living with a disability in B.C., there are programs and services available to you: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

To learn more about the Rick Hansen Foundation, visit: https://www.rickhansen.com/

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Office of the Premier
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Province launches BC Bus North for affordable, safe travel in northern B.C.

VICTORIA - The B.C. government is launching a new, interim long-haul northern bus service to fill the gap Greyhound will leave behind, and help make sure British Columbians living in the north are able to travel safely and affordably from community to community, Premier John Horgan announced.

The new service, called BC Bus North, will begin providing service on June 4, 2018, just days after Greyhound discontinues the majority of its northern bus routes on June 1.

"People in the North rely on transportation for their livelihoods, to access the health and education services they need, and to visit family and friends," said Premier Horgan. "In the face of Greyhound's decision, our job is to make sure northern communities and the people who live there are able to stay connected through safe, reliable and affordable public transportation."

BC Bus North's service will include two round-trips per week, between Prince Rupert and Prince George, Prince George and Valemount, and Prince George to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John. Additionally, BC Bus North will offer one round-trip per week from Fort Nelson to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John.

"BC Bus North will help make sure that people in the North, especially those in rural and remote communities, don't feel stranded and isolated," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "Once the service is up and running, we're going to take the next step by working with northern communities to find a long-term solution that delivers a sustainable, affordable solution for these communities."

The service will be affordable with one-way fares being either $35 or $45, per route, depending on how far people are travelling.

Northern B.C. has unique transportation challenges due to its remote geography and vast distances between communities. Greyhound's move to eliminate service in the North has put people at risk for isolation, such as those without access to personal vehicles, and especially people of low income, Indigenous communities, women, seniors and people with disabilities.

The minister directed BC Transit to work with one of its service operators to provide a base-level service to help fill the gap left by Greyhound. BC Bus North will be operated by Pacific Western Transportation using four highway coaches, equipped with luggage and washroom facilities.

"We're looking forward to delivering a long-haul service for the first time to connect people and communities in northern B.C.," said Erinn Pinkerton, interim president and CEO, BC Transit. "Our team has been working hard to find ways to make this interim solution meet the needs of customers in the North."

The Province will fund BC Bus North for 12 months, during which time government will work with local leaders to evaluate the demand for this new service, and develop a long-term transportation solution that works for people in this part of the province.

Learn More:

To learn more about BC Bus North, visit: https://bcbus.ca/

For BC Bus North's fares and schedule, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC_Bus_North_Map_Schedules_Fares_June_2018.pdf

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
Province, Stellat'en First Nation partner in forestry agreement

FRASER LAKE - Members of the Stellat'en First Nation now have an enhanced voice in local forest stewardship and greater opportunity for economic development through a forestry agreement signed with the Province, moving British Columbia and the Stellat'en further down the path of reconciliation.

"Through this agreement, the Stellat'en First Nation will be able to tap into an additional revenue stream, and will have an opportunity for greater input into local forest stewardship," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The agreement, a 25-year First Nations woodland licence, will provide the Stellat'en with the opportunity to sustainably harvest 32,500 cubic metres of timber per year, for the first five years, with a step down to mid-forecast levels for the remaining years. The area-based licence covers 10,781 hectares of Crown land approximately 60 kilometres west of Vanderhoof, near Fraser Lake. The licence area will be managed by Stellat'en Duchun Forestry Inc., owned by Stellat'en First Nation.

"We are looking to redefine our relationships with First Nations by implementing the principles of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and this agreement is another example of our work towards shared prosperity," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

The agreement aligns with the Province's goal of greater reconciliation with First Nations, and supports the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, by providing enhanced economic opportunity for First Nations communities.

"This agreement will help us continue to ensure that local land and forest resources are managed, protected and developed for the mutual benefit of Stellat'en members and the people of British Columbia. It will also open doors on employment opportunities and another revenue stream for our First Nation," said Stellat'en Chief Archie Patrick.

This is the 12th First Nations woodland licence issued since the Province began the program in 2011. In addition to giving First Nations a stronger role in forest and land stewardship, these long-term, area-based, direct-award forest licences make it easier for First Nations forest companies to secure investment and loans.

Quick Facts:

* First Nations hold 11.8% of the provincial allowable annual cut - a total of 4.6% of the allowable annual cut in competitively held tenures, and 7.2% of the allowable annual cut in direct award tenures.

* First Nations woodland licences have been awarded to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Wei Wai Kum First Nation, Hupacasath First Nation, Tseshaht First Nation, Canim Lake Indian Band, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Lake Babine Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band, K'ómoks and Qualicum First Nations, Esk'etemc First Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation and Stellat'en First Nation.

Learn More:

Stellat'en First Nation: www.stellaten.ca

First Nations forestry agreements: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations-negotiations

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

NEWS RELEASE
Provincial funding will improve accessibility

VICTORIA - To mark B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week, the Government of British Columbia is announcing funding to support projects that will improve accessibility throughout the province.

"People with disabilities often face both physical and social barriers in their day-to-day life, and that needs to change," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "The $500,000 we are announcing today is one way our government is supporting organizations to advance their work, reduce barriers and increase accessibility throughout the province."

The funding will be distributed through a series of grants administered by Disability Alliance BC (DABC). A call for proposals will be issued later in the summer 2018, and the grants will be dispersed by the end of the year.

"There is a lot of great work happening throughout B.C. to enhance accessibility and inclusion," said Sam Turcott, DABC's advocacy access program director. "This funding recognizes these efforts, and will help organizations to move forward on projects and initiatives that will help people with disabilities participate more fully in their communities."

The Province proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, as B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week, to promote inclusion and accessibility, and to recognize the people and organizations who are working to make B.C. a more inclusive and welcoming province for people with disabilities.

Quick Facts:

* More than 500,000 people in B.C. over the age of 15 years identify as having a disability.

* For organizations interested in applying for funding, details on the call for proposals will be available on the Disability Alliance BC website in the coming weeks.

Learn More:

B.C. government accessibility initiatives: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

Disability Alliance BC: www.disabilityalliancebc.org (http://disabilityalliancebc.org/)

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Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

NEWS RELEASE
Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

VICTORIA - People will be supported to move from a cycle of addiction, homelessness and incarceration, with greater opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity and respect, at a new Victoria recovery centre.

The Government of British Columbia is providing $4.7 million in funding to Our Place Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community (TRC) - a recovery-based program that is delivered in a structured environment. Therapeutic recovery communities, like the project being developed by Our Place Society, offer a safe space for people to learn new ways to strengthen themselves, rebuild their lives and address the root causes of their addiction.

"Our government is working to provide a full spectrum of connected and holistic mental health and addiction supports to help all British Columbians live happier, more fulfilling lives," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "I am so proud to support this innovative, therapeutic recovery community, which will help people living with addiction develop the skills they need to thrive in our community."

What makes this therapeutic recovery community unique is the active role clients will have in its operations. In a TRC, work is a key component. It is used both for therapy and education. Residents perform many of the jobs needed to keep the community going. A structured and meaningful work schedule helps to shape behaviour, create a sense of membership, teach job skills and instil attitudes that promote competence.

Our Place Society will work with partners to ensure program supports are culturally appropriate and safe, including holistic integration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous healing approaches that seek to achieve and sustain the well-being of all residents.

"We are grateful to the Government of B.C. for supporting this life-changing program," said Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. "This is an opportunity to not only transform the lives of individuals, but to also transform our community."

The proposed location for the therapeutic recovery community is the former youth custody centre at 94 Talcott Rd. in View Royal. To support this project, BC Housing will be leasing this property to Our Place Society at a nominal rate, providing a grant of approximately $310,000 for site renovations, and covering property tax costs for the next

three years.

"After playing an important role in helping more than 100 people transition to permanent housing, I'm excited that this building will be able to find a new role providing the housing future residents will need to focus on rebuilding their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By combining this stable housing with the necessary wraparound support services, this therapeutic recovery community will support people in their recovery."

The proposed therapeutic recovery community will begin accepting male clients in 2019-20 for between 12 and 24 months at a time. People may be referred to the program through the criminal justice system, or Our Place Society's network of social-support service providers. All admissions to the TRC will be subject to a rigorous application and interview process, which will assess treatment readiness to ensure suitability for admission to the program. Counsellors, case managers, health-care professionals and social workers will guide clients through the program. Clients on medication for opioid-agonist therapy will receive appropriate supports through the program.

"The therapeutic community will be an important addition to the range of treatment options available on the South Island for people living with substance-use challenges," said Dr. Ramm Hering, primary-care substance-use lead, Island Health. "Island Health is pleased to partner with Our Place Society, and support evidence-based, holistic clinical services at the therapeutic community that will help clients' recovery."

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will be working closely with Our Place Society on this project to determine the effectiveness and adaptability of the TRC model in other parts of the province. The goal of the TRC is for everyone who completes the program to be in control of their addiction, have a place to live, a job and all the life skills necessary to thrive in the wider community.

Our Place Society is a non-profit organization with extensive knowledge and experience helping people in need in Greater Victoria access the mental health, addiction, housing and social service supports they need, when they need them. They also work closely with partner agencies, such as BC Housing, Island Health and other not-for-profit community service agencies.

Quick Facts:

* The TRC movement was founded on the principles of respect for life, oneself, others, and the environment, and operate free of charge to all clients.

* The San Patrignano Therapeutic Community in Italy is the model for Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, and reports a 72% full recovery rate for residents who complete the program.

* The evidence-based TRC model's primary approach to treatment is the community as healer, versus individual focus.

* Treatment activities emphasize learning and doing, rather than getting therapy.

* By using a community-as-method approach, all clients have a responsibility to hold both themselves and others accountable, and to learn how to embrace pro-social behaviours and relationships.

Learn More:

To learn more about Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, visit:
https://www.ourplacesociety.com/how-we-help/therapeutic-recovery-community

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INFORMATION BULLETIN
Recreational water safety tips

VICTORIA - With hot weather forecast through the long weekend for much of the province, Emergency Management BC and the BC Coroners Service urge residents and visitors to take extra care in and around rivers and lakes.

Many lakes across the Interior of B.C. are flooding, including Okanagan Lake and Osoyoos Lake. Boaters are asked to keep their wakes low to reduce shoreline and property damage, watch for floating debris, and keep some safety measures in mind while on the water. Regional districts may have regulations in place for lakes; boaters are advised to check first before heading out.

For updated information on flood-affected areas, and tips to help plan your weekend, please visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

Here are some tips for boaters to ensure their safety and minimize damage:

* Wake height should be no more than 30 centimetres.

* Large and heavier boats create damaging waves, even at low speeds, so extra caution is needed when cruising the lake. Keep in the centre, whenever possible.

* Small and light boats should remain 300 metres from the shoreline, whenever possible, or travel in the centre of the lake when approaching shorelines. Travel under 10 kilometres per hour within 300 metres of the shoreline.

* When operating at no-wake speed, trim the drive or outboard to allow the boat to proceed with smallest wake possible.

* Watch for debris and submerged logs.

The most recent data available from the BC Coroners Service shows accidental drowning deaths tend to spike each summer, with the numbers beginning to increase in May and continuing to rise through August. A report for 2016 drowning fatalities shows a total of 47 accidental drownings, with more than one-third of those deaths occurring in the southern Interior region of B.C.

Here are some water-safety best practices to consider over the long weekend:

* All recreational boaters, including paddlers, should wear a properly fitted personal floatation device (PFD). Children, non-swimmers and weak swimmers should wear a PFD anytime they are in or near the water.

* Visitors to B.C. should understand the possible dangers in or near B.C.'s lakes and rivers. These include sudden drop-offs into deep water; unexpected, underwater obstacles; and unstable or slippery rock edges above cliffs and waterfalls. Waters in B.C. are also frequently much colder than in other countries or provinces. If you are hosting, someone from out of town, be sure to warn them of these potential hazards.

* Avoid consuming alcohol when swimming, boating or performing any water-based activity. Impairment greatly increases the chances of an accidental drowning.

* Be aware of the water conditions where you are planning your activities. Check the weather forecast before heading out, and also do a visual inspection of the area. Do not head down a river without being aware of the water conditions further downstream. If there are warning signs posted, obey them.

* Never dive into unknown waters. Unexpectedly shallow water, or hidden obstacles underwater, can easily prove fatal. Diving from cliffs or from other great heights is exceptionally risky.

* Never swim alone. Always have a buddy and keep an eye out for each other.

* Visit the Canadian Red Cross or the Lifesaving Society websites for water safety tips.

Learn More:

PreparedBC is British Columbia's one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips on how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

Flood prevention tips: http://ow.ly/E2JV30bttgr

PreparedBC: Flood Information for Homeowners and Home Buyers guide: http://ow.ly/t4lg30bttjr

Red Cross: http://www.redcross.ca/

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Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Safer school for École Armstrong Elementary students

BURNABY - Almost 400 young students in Burnaby can look forward to having a safer school with the announcement of a $6.7-million seismic upgrade at École Armstrong Elementary.

"Parents are counting on us to deliver safer schools for their kids, and that's why we're fixing schools, like École Armstrong Elementary, right around the province," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "We are very glad to be investing in this community, to ensure students will be safe in the event of an earthquake."

"The safety of children is one of our highest priorities, and I am proud that we are putting them first," said Katrina Chen, MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed. "An upgraded, safer Armstrong elementary will serve the students and this community for many years to come."

The project will upgrade the entire school, to ensure it is safe for students in the event of an earthquake. École Armstrong Elementary was built in 1955, with several additions between 1957 and 1969, and is at high risk of incurring significant damage in a large earthquake.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2018, and to be complete in winter 2019. Six portables will temporarily be brought on-site to accommodate students while construction is underway.

"These improvements to École Armstrong Elementary signify a commitment to student and staff safety," said Ron Burton, chair, Burnaby board of education. "We are excited about the project and look forward to continuing to support the learning needs of our Burnaby families for years to come."

Eight of the 23 Burnaby schools in the Seismic Mitigation Program have had upgrades completed. Two schools - Alpha Secondary and Montecito Elementary - are currently under construction, and four are in the business-case development stage.

Government is addressing the backlog of seismic and capital projects throughout B.C. to ensure students have safer learning environments. This includes encouraging collaboration between the Ministry of Education, school districts and local governments to meet ambitious timelines, and reduce the time it takes to complete projects. Government is

also working to cut wait times for school construction by accelerating the funding approval process.

Since September 2017, government has approved over $229 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace 16 seismic high-risk schools.

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Ministry of Education

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Special advisor appointed to Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

VICTORIA - Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, has appointed Mike McKay as special advisor to the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District (SD 27) to help the district address its challenges, and respond to the recommendations in Dianne Turner's report to ensure student success in the community.

The appointment will begin immediately and run until the end of December 2018. As special advisor, McKay will be responsible for:

* Establishing a detailed action plan, that includes all local partners, for responding to Turner's recommendations.

* Addressing the issues raised in Turner's report regarding governance, finance, budgeting, leadership, morale, culture and district communications.

* Working to establish conditions for healthier relationships between SD 27 staff, the board, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

Under the School Act, a special advisor may enter schools and district offices, and can inspect board records. The board and its employees must assist the special advisor in carrying out their duties.

In fall 2018, Turner was hired by the ministry to conduct a thorough review of the district, including interviews with many stakeholders in the community. She delivered a report to the ministry, identifying some key issues and offering recommendations for a path forward.

Turner's Assessment of Concerns and Recommendations for School District 27 is available here:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/assessment-report-on-sd27.pdf

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

STATEMENT
Statement on upcoming Columbia River Treaty negotiations

VICTORIA - In response to the federal government's announcement that Canada and the United States will launch negotiations to discuss the future of the Columbia River Treaty on May 29, 2018, Katrine Conroy, Minister responsible for the Columbia River Treaty, has issued the following statement:

"We look forward to being at the table with the federal government in the upcoming negotiations with the United States.

"The fundamental principle of the Columbia River Treaty must continue to be maximizing benefits for Canada and the U.S., and sharing them equitably.

"We want to continue our engagement with Columbia Basin Indigenous peoples in B.C., and ensure that local communities are kept informed, as negotiations progress."

Quick Facts:

* The Columbia River Treaty is a trans-boundary, water-management agreement between the United States and Canada, ratified in 1964. The treaty optimizes flood management and power generation, requiring co-ordinated operations of reservoirs and water flows for the Columbia River and Kootenay River, on both sides of the border.

* In March 2014, following extensive Indigenous peoples consultation and community engagement, and after conducting a number of technical studies, the Government of British Columbia announced its decision to continue the treaty, and seek improvements within the existing framework. This decision is supported by the Government of Canada.

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And with that one change, here are your approved finals. This will go at 11:30, provincewide, including ethnic and Indigenous media.

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

NEWS RELEASE
Supporting greater inclusion for people with disabilities

VICTORIA - Two programs that help people with disabilities connect with services and supports in their communities will be expanding through new funding from the Province.

"We know how important it is for people with disabilities to be connected to the services and resources they need," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "This funding will help these organizations reach more people, and create positive changes for people living with a disability and their families."

British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS), Canada's first and only stand-alone organization serving Indigenous peoples with disabilities, is receiving $180,000 to expand its navigation supports for Indigenous peoples with disabilities.

"This new funding will assist the society to expand our urban disability case-management services, enabling us to reach more individuals and families in relation to addressing their disability related needs and priorities," said Neil Belanger, executive director of BCANDS. "This includes housing, accessing disability and health-related services, employment, disability-related equipment and technology."

Inclusion BC is receiving $270,000 to hire community inclusion advocates, to advocate for youth with developmental disabilities and their families.

"We all play a vital part in supporting and empowering people to live good lives in their communities," said Faith Bodnar, executive director of Inclusion BC. "This funding will help us ensure Inclusion BC is working proactively, and that our support systems are empowered to respond to the needs and hopes of those we serve."

As the first AccessAbility Week in B.C. is being celebrated May 27 through June 2, 2018, the provincial government is recognizing disability organizations, like BCANDS and Inclusion BC, and the individuals with disabilities and their families, who work to reduce barriers to give British Columbians of all abilities a better chance to succeed.

Quick Facts:

* The provincial government provides more than $5 billion annually to fund services and supports for people with disabilities in B.C.

* AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to celebrate the work being done to make British Columbia a fully accessible, inclusive province. It is a time to recognize the efforts of people, communities and workplaces that are actively removing barriers so that people of all abilities have a better chance to succeed.

Learn More:

BCANDS' advocacy work includes a focus on the special cultural and practical considerations important and unique to Indigenous peoples with disabilities. To learn more: www.bcands.bc.ca

Inclusion BC is a federation of families, individuals and over 70 member agencies. They provide services throughout the province, and the demand for their services continues to grow. To learn more about Inclusion BC: http://inclusionbc.org/

View the AccessAbility Week proclamation:
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/AccessAbilityWk2018

See what government is doing to build a better B.C. for people with disabilities: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

For more information on support and services, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Three B.C. parks to be renamed as part of Indigenous reconciliation efforts

VICTORIA - Three provincial parks will be renamed to reflect their historic and cultural significance as part of reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples, if proposed legislative amendments introduced are passed.

The bill amends the Protected Areas of British Columbia Act and the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003.The bill proposes to add more than 1,600 hectares of land to 10 parks and one conservancy, as well as improve boundary descriptions and make administrative changes.

"These amendments allow our government to take an important step forward towards our ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples throughout British Columbia, which includes honouring the commitments we made under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The renaming of these parks to traditional Indigenous names, as rooted in history, reflect the significant heritage values recognized by all British Columbians and beyond."

To reflect ancestral connections and support reconciliation efforts, three parks are proposed to be renamed with Indigenous titles:

* Brooks Peninsula Park (a.k.a. Mquqwin Park) on Vancouver Island will be renamed to Mquqwin/Brooks Peninsula Park, which was originally intended when the park name was changed in 2009 (First Nations name appearing before the original park name). The word Mquqwin means "The Queen" in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth language;

* Boya Lake Park near the northwestern B.C. border will be renamed Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), meaning "holes in a blanket," at the request of the Kaska Dena First Nation; and

* Roderick Haig-Brown Park in the Shuswap will be renamed to the traditional Secwepemc name Tsútswecw Park, which translates to "many fish," at the request of the Little Shuswap Indian Band.

The amendments also include several additions to existing parks and a conservancy, the largest being on Haida Gwaii, where more than 1,200 hectares are proposed to be added to Duu Guusd Conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area contributes to an almost contiguous band of protected areas along the west coast of Haida Gwaii, and protects archaeological sites, old growth cedar stands and important Haida cultural and spiritual values.

In the Tumbler Ridge area, 268 hectares are recommended to be added to Monkman Park to protect Slate Falls, a significant waterfall and geographical feature.

Proposed additions to three parks - Cowichan River, Juan de Fuca and Cape Scott parks - on Vancouver Island are the result of private land acquisitions.

Proposed additions also include six hectares of foreshore to Otter Lake Park near Princeton; 3.43 hectares to Syringa Park near Castlegar; 17 hectares to Monashee Park north of Vernon and southwest of Revelstoke; 85 hectares to Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) in the northwestern part of the province; 3.26 hectares to E. C. Manning Park near Princeton; and 4.265 hectares to Kleanza Creek Park near Terrace.

The amendments also make several improvements to boundary descriptions and make administrative corrections.

Learn More:

For the correct presentation of the Indigenous spelling for Mquqwin Park (pronounced "Mook-Queen"), please see the BC Parks website: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/brooks_peninsula/

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Descriptions of proposed amendments

Brooks Peninsula Park (a.k.a. Mquqwin) near Port Alice, will be renamed to place the Maa-nulth name first: Mquqwin/Brooks Peninsula Park. The dual name celebrates the Indigenous connection with the history and culture of the park.

Boya Lake Park will be renamed to Ta Ch'ila Park at the request of the Kaska Dena First Nation. Established in 1965, the park lies within the traditional territory of the Kaska Dene First Nation, who currently live in and around the settlement of Good Hope Lake.

Roderick Haig-Brown Park will be renamed to a traditional Secwepemc name for the area, Tsútswecw Park, at the request of the Little Shuswap Indian Band. Known for its bi-annual run of sockeye salmon in the Adams River, archaeological studies of the area have uncovered evidence of large settlements.

Monkman Park addition (268 hectares) and boundary adjustment: This proposed addition will include Slate Falls, a significant geographical feature. This park in the Tumbler Ridge area covers a diverse range of natural landscapes, including alpine meadows, mountain peaks, forested valleys, waterfalls and lakes. A forest service road was incorrectly included in the park when lands were added in 2000. The error is being corrected now, which results in four hectares being removed from the park.

Cowichan River Park addition (3.7 hectares): The proposed addition is the result of the purchase of two properties from the Nature Conservancy of Canada. These two properties protect streamside habitat with fisheries values, and a maple forest grove with rare wildflowers. This park protects significant stretches of the Cowichan River, known for its wild salmon and steelhead fishery, and is designated as both a B.C. heritage river and a Canadian heritage river.

Juan de Fuca Park addition (5 hectares): Approximately five hectares are proposed to be added to the park, as a result of land purchases by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, as part of treaty negotiations with the Pacheedaht First Nations. These lands have been the subject of historic trespass issues along the Juan de Fuca trail. Situated along the Pacific coastline of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, this park offers spectacular hiking, marine and wildlife viewing.

Cape Scott Park addition (4.848 hectares): The proposed additions to this park are the result of two properties, totalling 4.448 hectares, being acquired by the Province from the Anglican Diocese of Canada. In addition, another 0.4 hectares of land, formerly owned by the Cape Scott Social Club, is proposed to be added to the park. This park is a magnificent area of rugged, coastal wilderness that is located at the northwestern tip of Vancouver Island, and features more than 115 kilometres of scenic ocean frontage.

E. C. Manning Park addition (3.26 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Lands are being added at the Mule Deer campground, where recreation facility development has encroached on the Highway 3 right-of-way. Administrative changes are also being made to reflect a Highway 3 realignment project near the West Gate Entrance that addressed safety concerns. In total, these boundary adjustments will result in 3.26 hectares being added to the park, and 4.7 hectares being removed from the park.

Kleanza Creek Park addition (4.265 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Proposed additions to the park include 4.265 hectares of closed highway right-of-way segments. A segment of the Gold Creek access road is proposed to be removed from the park, to provide access to a proposed subdivision. This boundary modification will result in 0.17 hectares being removed from the park. A second small piece of land (0.01 hectare) also is proposed to be removed from the park to accommodate the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's maintenance needs, as a result of some of the closed right-of-way segments being added to the park.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) addition (85 hectares) and boundary adjustment: The eastern boundary of the park will be extended to the middle of the Dease River, to abut with the boundary of the Ne'ah' Conservancy, which results in 85 hectares being added to the park. The western boundary will align with the recently surveyed right-of-way for Highway 37 north, which results in 15 hectares being removed from the park.

Otter Lake Park addition (6 hectares): The proposed addition of foreshore to this park will help protect sensitive shoreline areas, boost protection for swimmers in high boat traffic areas and preserve conservation values of the lake. Otter Lake is an important and popular recreational fishery, containing rainbow trout.

Monashee Park addition (17 hectares): The proposed addition to this park includes the main parking area and trail head, including the Spectrum Creek Trail, an important access route. Adding this area to the park will help ensure long-term protection of a key trail access and old growth forest area. The park is also home to a herd of mountain caribou, a red-listed species in the province. Indigenous use of the area as a trade route, and seasonal hunting and gathering site dates back thousands of years.

Syringa Park addition (3.43 hectares): The proposed addition is a segment of the Broadwater Road right-of-way that is used to access the park, which will improve efficiency. The right-of-way presently includes facilities owned and operated by BC Parks, including the gatehouse, day-use parking lots and some campsites. This park protects interior Douglas-fir forests, while also preserving one of the few remaining examples of grassland ecosystems in the Kootenay region.

Duu Guusd Conservancy addition (1,220 hectares): The majority of the land proposed to be added is the result of the Haida Gwaii Management Council's unanimous recommendation that the K'aas Gandlaay area be added to the conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area protects archaeological sites, old-growth cedar stands, and important Haida cultural and spiritual values. Two small areas (six hectares), which were covered by forest licences that are no longer active, will also be added to the conservancy.

Fintry Park boundary adjustment: A small piece of land is proposed to be removed from the park for road safety improvement work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), Okeover Arm Park and Chilliwack Lake Park will have written metes and boundary descriptions replaced with official plans.

Sasquatch Park and Okeover Arm Park will have new official plans, which will correct errors in the boundary descriptions.

Downing Park will have a spelling error in the name of a road corrected in the boundary description.

Proposed amendments to the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003:

Graham-Laurier Park: Approximately 1,036 hectares were proposed to be removed from the park to allow for the construction of an access road to facilitate oil and gas exploration. The need for this road never materialized, and the amendment was never brought into force. The amendment is being repealed and the 1,036 hectares will continue to remain in the park.

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Thanks!

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NEWS RELEASE
Tŝilhqot'in community names recognized through Nenqay Deni Accord

WILLIAMS LAKE - The six Tŝilhqot'in community names within the Tŝilhqot'in Nation have been adopted as official names within the Province of British Columbia.

Changing place names within the Tŝilhqot'in territory to reflect the history and culture of the area was identified as one of the priorities within the Nenqay Deni Accord between the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and the B.C. government.

The communities have long been referred to by their non-Tŝilhqot'in names within provincial and federal documents. The communities will now be correctly recognized as:

* Tl'esqox - also known as Toosey

* ʔEsdilagh - also known as Alexandria

* Yuneŝit'in - also known as Stone

* Tl'etinqox - also known as Anaham

* Tŝi Deldel - also known as Redstone and Alexis Creek Indian Band

* Xeni Gwet'in - also known as Nemiah Valley

The Tŝilhqot'in names will now appear on provincial government resources, maps and databases.

Quotes:

Nits'ilʔin (Chief) Joe Alphonse, Tribal Chairman, Tŝilhqot'in National Government -

"The entire Tŝilhqot'in territory has rivers, lakes, mountains and cultural sites that our people have long had names for in the Tŝilhqot'in language. Having our community names adopted by the Province is a small step in gaining recognition of our history, and extensive use of the territory. We look forward to working with the Province to ensure the rich culture of this area is rejuvenated through the process of giving back the true names of our Tŝilhqot'in places and sites."

Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -

"Words in their original language have a richness and depth of meaning that cannot hope to be matched when translated into English. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action highlights the importance of language and culture in our joint efforts to advance reconciliation. It is a vital part of connecting people to their heritage and the lands they come from. The formal recognition of the Tŝilhqot'in communities' proper names is a powerful statement of this important work in action."

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Reclaiming Tŝilhqot'in names for these communities is important and meaningful, because these names demonstrate a deep, direct relationship with the land, and supports recognition of traditional ecological knowledge."

Quick Facts:

* The Nenqay Deni Accord was signed Feb. 11, 2016, as a framework to government to government negotiations between the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and the Province.

* In October 2017, the Province and the Tŝilhqot'in Nation signed a letter of commitment to ensure key components of the accord are turned into action. They reaffirmed the work under the terms of the accord, and that both parties Tŝilhqot'in will work together to make progress on the eight pillars of reconciliation underpinning their work.

* In September 2015, mileage signs displaying distances to the Tŝilhqot'in communities were erected. This was the first time that Tŝilhqot'in communities were listed on any mileage sign in the Tŝilhqot'in territory in the English or Tŝilhqot'in language.

Learn More:

Nenqay Deni Accord: www.tsilhqotin.ca/Portals/0/PDFs/Nenqay_Deni_Accord.pdf

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Volunteers make BC Parks shine

VICTORIA - Every year, hundreds of groups and individuals donate their time and energy to care for the 1,033 provincial parks and protected areas in British Columbia.

BC Parks values the contributions made by volunteers and recognizes those who go above and beyond through the annual achievement awards.

The winners of the 2017 BC Parks Volunteer Awards are:

* Individual volunteer - Brian Moorhead

* Volunteer group - Mitlenatch Island Stewardship Team (MIST)

* Volunteer legacy - Konrad and Gerda Feldmann

"British Columbians are known for their incredible volunteer spirit, and the passion and dedication demonstrated by our 2017 BC Parks volunteer award winners is truly inspiring," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "Congratulations and thank you for protecting and enhancing the spectacular natural environment that British Columbians cherish in our parks and protected areas."

In 2016-17, more than 2,000 volunteers contributed over 30,000 hours with BC Parks. Volunteers are involved in a wide range of activities, including trail maintenance, facility restoration, campground hosting, ecological reserve wardens, educational and interpretive programs, ecological monitoring and inventories, park management and planning.

Since it takes a community to make parks shine, BC Parks also recognizes the contributions made by community partners and park operators. The recipient for Community Partner of the Year is Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - B.C. Chapter (CPAWS-BC), and Sandstorm North Contracting is the recipient for Park Operator of the Year.

Learn More:

To learn more about the recipients of the 2017 BC Parks Volunteer Awards, visit: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/volunteers/recognition/

For more information on BC Parks volunteers, visit: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/volunteers/

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BACKGROUNDER
BC Parks Volunteer Awards recipients

Individual volunteer

He's over 80 years old, but Brian Moorhead still wears a variety of hats. From prolific trail builder, experienced outdoor enthusiast and climbing connoisseur, to mentor and public parks advocate in the Squamish area, Moorhead has spent thousands of hours volunteering with BC Parks.

In the last decade, Moorhead has spearheaded four major projects with BC Parks in the Squamish area: the Murrin Loop Trail, the Murrin Loop Trail Jurassic Park extension, Baseline Trail and Malamute Trail. In addition to developing these popular trails, he also regularly organizes and works with various volunteer groups to maintain and patrol the trails. Instilling a love of natural areas in countless volunteers and trail users, Moorhead is always planning more work to bring the trails within the parks to a high standard. He is currently working on making the Shannon Pools trail safer and more accessible.

Volunteer group

Accessible only by boat, Mitlenatch Island Nature Provincial Park isn't easy to reach, but every year, 70 to 80 volunteers arrange their own transportation to take on a variety of tasks on the small, rocky island located in the Strait of Georgia, off central Vancouver Island. Formally created in 2010, the Mitlenatch Island Stewardship Team (MIST) provides volunteers who participate in a range of activities, such as offering tours of accessible portions of the island, mentoring university students and youth, conducting conservation activities, reporting illegal fishing and maintaining facilities. The volunteers bring their own equipment, food and water for one-week stays on the island, which is home to the largest seabird colony in the Strait of Georgia. From collecting information on birds, creating paintings and drawings, to various carpentry projects and professional photography, the individuals involved in MIST bring a unique set of skills and expertise that have helped expand the profile of Mitlenatch, and BC Parks in general.

Volunteer legacy

With 1.6 million acres of land, Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park is often described as the Serengeti of Canada, and it's also been the part-time home of Konrad and Gerda Feldmann. Now in their seventies, the Feldmanns have been park hosts at Coldfish Lake in Spatsizi Plateau Provincial Park since 2001, but Gerda recently passed away. The pair welcomed visitors, ensured the facilities and cabins were clean, and carried out whatever small maintenance tasks BC Parks staff asked them to do. They also went above and beyond what is required, taking on carpentry projects to fix up facilities and sometimes build new ones, and contributed to the maintenance of existing trails. Getting to Coldfish Lake is a commitment itself. The Feldmanns drove 650 kilometres from their home in Burns Lake to Tatogga Lake, and then either took a 20- to 30-minute flight by float plane, or hiked 50

kilometres.

Community partner

As part of BC Parks 100, which was celebrated in 2011, CPAWS-BC and BC Parks sparked a collaborative youth-engagement project called Get Outside BC. The project is a free, outdoor leadership program that aims to connect youth to parks, and catalyze related youth-led community action projects. Reaching at least 40 youth each year, the legacy of this program has been significant. Numerous youth have credited Get Outside BC for changing the trajectory of their education and career path toward a focus on environmental stewardship and connecting people to nature. More than 500 youth have been impacted throughout the province since the project began.

Park operator

Sandstorm North Contracting has been providing valued service as a park operator in northern B.C. provincial parks since 1996. Currently, they maintain the North and South Peace bundle, for a total of six parks. With a passion for parks and a commitment to constant improvement, the company goes above and beyond their contractual obligations. From helping BC Parks when the 2016 Peace Floods ravaged many areas, to creating the circle-tour map promoting parks in the Omineca and Skeena, to working with a conservation specialist to install bat boxes, Sandstorm North continue to enhance the park experience for all visitors to the area.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Wider, safer bridge ready for Agassiz-Rosedale traffic

AGASSIZ - In time for the summer season, drivers will be back on both lanes, and cyclists and pedestrians will be able to use the wider and safer pathways, when crossing the Rosedale overhead bridge on Highway 9 in the coming days.

Construction started in August 2017, and included upgrading the original bridge built in the 1950s to modern-day safety and seismic standards. Along with a seismic retrofit, the bridge deck was widened to allow two-metre shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists, with steel fencing for added safety.

Crews continue to complete finishing touches, which include final paving and general clean-up, and expect to be finished later this spring.

The ministry appreciates the patience of commuters and residents while crews complete this safety improvement project valued at $9.3 million.

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Hi Darren

Here is your new fact sheet for review. On approval, I can web post only asap.

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
Actions to date on rental housing

* The Province will invest more than $7 billion over 10 years, to build the kind of homes people need, in every corner of the province - including urban, suburban and rural.

* The Province is investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing subsidized rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades, and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to : https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing what is known as the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent-increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental housing task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes, and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

* For actions the Province is taking to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Hi Tiffany

Here is your draft for review. Please note that I've uncapitalized acting chief judge as per CP style (though your MO's objections are noted) and removed all other honourifics as well. The only one that remains is "Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree," as this is the way CP style dictates it's done for the first time the full name of the individual is used with their title preceding. This practice is consistent with all other news releases.

On approval, I'll set this up to go at 11:30 a.m. provincewide.

Shannon
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Ministry of Attorney General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
B.C. appoints acting chief judge

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is appointing a new acting chief judge, following Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree's appointment to the B.C. Supreme Court on May 4, 2018.

The new acting chief judge is Melissa Gillespie, who has served the province as an associate judge since 2012. Gillespie was born and grew up in Surrey. She received her law degree from the University of Toronto, and was called to the B.C. bar in 1991. From 2000 until 2003, she served as administrative Crown counsel in Surrey, and then served as regional Crown counsel for the Fraser region. Appointed a Queen's counsel (QC) in 2009, Gillespie was sworn in as a provincial court judge in February 2012.

Since then, she has presided in the Fraser region. In addition to sitting assignments, Gillespie has been active in delivering education programs to judges and judicial justices, as well as to the larger legal community and beyond, including her participation in a Justice Education Society project to strengthen the criminal justice system in Guyana. She was also active as a member of the executive of the B.C. Provincial Court Judges Association for several years.

Crabtree was appointed a judge of the provincial court in February 1999, and was initially assigned to the North Fraser District, before moving to the South Fraser District in 2000. He was appointed chief judge of the provincial court in April 2010.

Government and the public rely on judges for their integrity and impartiality, and trust they will deliver fair, learned decisions. These qualities are essential for maintaining the public's confidence in the courts, and are a vital component of any democratic justice system.

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Hi Rodney

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up to go provincewide on Monday at 10:45 a.m.

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. continues breaking down barriers for former youth in care

NORTH VANCOUVER - Former youth in care are being given another key to unlocking their full potential, thanks to expanded tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers.

"We're building on our tuition waiver program by providing former youth in care with even more opportunities to pursue a career in the building trades," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "For former youth in care, this tuition waiver program can mean the start down a rewarding new path, whether in trades, business, social work or tech."

In September 2017, Premier John Horgan announced the expansion of the tuition waiver program to all 25 public post-secondary institutions. This new announcement expands the provincial tuition waiver program to include training programs delivered by union trainers in the construction trades.

"Youth in care deserve every opportunity to pursue their dreams, and government has a responsibility to help them reach their goals," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "Not all youth are ready or interested in a college or university degree. I got my start as a power engineer, and I understand the importance of expanding our tuition waiver program to include trades training. This will provide practical, and often faster, ways for youth in care to achieve independence."

The number of former youth in care benefiting from tuition waiver programs has increased by 77%. About 189 youth benefited from bursaries or waivers, between September 2016 and June 2017, compared to 335 former youth in care who benefited from the provincial tuition waiver program, between September 2017 and March 2018.

"Expanding the tuition waiver program to union-based training schools, which are jointly managed by unions and contractors, is great news," said Tom Sigurdson, executive director of the BC Building Trades. "Our members already provide wraparound career and personal supports to help apprentices through their training, and this is a further investment in their continued success."

The Industry Training Authority (ITA), a B.C. Crown corporation, funds trades training programs at 15 public post-secondary institutions, and 24 non-public training organizations, including nine unions.

Union trainers are accredited by the ITA, which provides union trainers with $2.6 million to provide 1,600 trades training seats.

Expanding the program outside of public post-secondary institutions to union trainers will provide more choice, while ensuring students still receive wraparound supports.

"Skilled trades are a great career option for young people wanting to make a difference in the communities they live in," said Gary Herman, ITA CEO. "With seven out of 10 tradespeople retiring in the next 10 years, this investment is providing all young people, including youth in care, with the necessary trades training to prepare them for a successful career in skilled trades."

The construction sector in B.C. is expected to see more than 59,000 jobs open up by 2027.

The tuition waiver program is being expanded to union-based training providers effective July 1, 2018. Union-based training providers offer continuous on-the-job training and extensive wraparound supports, including job placement, career counselling, mentorship and personal counselling.

The expanded tuition waiver is for former youth in care students, who are either taking a foundation program or apprenticeship training through a union trainer.

Budget 2018 includes $2 million annually for the provincial tuition waiver program, in addition to expansion of the Agreements with Young Adults program, to provide more financial support for rent, child care and health care.

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Tuition waiver program expands to more trades opportunities

Effective July 1, 2018, former youth in care will have the cost of their tuition waived for foundation and apprenticeship program, with 10 union-based training providers.

The 10 providers are:

* Construction & Specialized Worker

* D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society

* Electrical Joint Training Committee

* Floorlayers Union

* IUOE Local 115 Training Association

* Pile Drivers Local 2404

* Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society

* Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board

* Trowel Trades Training Association

* Boilermaker Training Centre

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Hi Darren

Thanks again for your patience. Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for release at noon, provincewide (I assume, as you didn't specify).

Of note:
I had to change Minister Heyman's quote a bit as it was a run on sentence. I didn't change the wording, just the punctuation.

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. supports shift to clean transportation options

VICTORIA - The Province is making clean transportation more affordable and accessible for British Columbians, with incentives and one of Canada's largest networks of charging and fuelling stations, announced Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on Clean Energy Vehicle Day.

"We know that many British Columbians would like to make the switch to a clean-energy vehicle, but are put off because they think it will be too expensive, or that the charging infrastructure isn't in place yet," said Mungall. "Today's event is about letting people know what we are doing to make the shift to clean transportation more affordable, and more accessible for British Columbians."

During the Clean Energy Vehicle Day event, MLAs, reporters and the public had the opportunity to look at (and, in some cases, test drive) new clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), including battery-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

A recent BC Hydro study found that while a third of British Columbians are interested in switching to an electric vehicle, more than half believe electric vehicles are still too expensive. In fact, the report determined, some electric vehicles are less expensive than gas-powered cars over the long term, especially when fuel cost savings are considered. Electric vehicle drivers in B.C. have a built-in cost advantage, since this province has among the lowest electricity rates in North America.

B.C. is already a leader in clean-energy vehicles, with one of the largest public charging-infrastructure networks in Canada, and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country.

To help more drivers make the shift to a clean-energy vehicle, the provincial government is making investments in 2018, along with other partners, to more than double the size of B.C.'s electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites. When the network is expanded, it will be possible to drive from Golden to Tofino in an electric vehicle without running out of power.

In addition, the first public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in Canada will be opening in B.C. this year, with two in the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District.

To make CEVs more affordable, the Province offers point-of-sale incentives through the CEVforBC program, administered by the New Car Dealers Association of BC. The program offers incentives of up to $5,000 for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, and up to $6,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. BC SCRAP-IT also offers incentives that, when combined with the CEVforBC program, provide total savings of up to $11,000 for a new electric vehicle, or $12,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle.

Increased use of clean-energy vehicles supports the Province's updated greenhouse gas reduction targets, which aim for 40% reduction in carbon emissions, from 2007 levels, by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040.

Quotes:

George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy -

"We can make life more affordable and enjoyable by providing more clean and efficient transportation solutions. It's a top priority for our government. Getting more people into electric vehicles is one of the ways we are going to meet our goals to reduce carbon pollution. Our commitment to cleaner transportation will help improve commutes and reduce costs for everyone, while cutting air and climate pollution."

Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure -

"British Columbia's transportation sector is the largest source of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for about 39% of the province's total. That's why we are committed to making it easier for people to choose cleaner transportation options, like electric vehicles. Building a seamless network of charging stations is a huge step in the right direction, and I'm excited to see our transportation systems catching up with the times."

Keith Anderson, vice-president customer service, BC Hydro -

"B.C. is a great place to drive an electric vehicle. With our electricity rates being among the lowest in North America, British Columbians can save 75% on fuel costs when switching to an electric vehicle. Electricity in B.C. is also clean - about 98% of the electricity BC Hydro generates comes from clean and renewable resources - which means making the switch will help to reduce emissions as well."

Steve Price, chair, Capital Regional District Board -

The CRD would like to thank the Province for this important investment in clean energy for our region. We are currently utilizing e-bikes and electric vehicles within our corporate fleet, and are excited to move forward with piloting fuel cell vehicles that will further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Quick Facts:

* British Columbians who purchase electric vehicles typically save about 75% on their fuel and maintenance costs, which adds up to about $2,400 per year.

* Increased use of CEVs helps shift spending on imported transportation fuels to locally produced electricity and hydrogen, while stimulating jobs and economic development in the local clean-tech sector.

* In 2015, the CEV sector in British Columbia encompassed 198 companies, employed approximately 3,850 full-time positions, and contributed about $700 million in total direct economic activity.

Learn More:

B.C.'s Clean Energy Vehicle Program: www.gov.bc.ca/cleanenergyvehicleprogram

CEVforBC vehicle point-of-sale incentive program: https://www.cevforbc.ca/

BC SCRAP-IT Program: https://scrapit.ca/

To view a map of electric vehicle charging stations in B.C. (and throughout North America), visit: https://www.plugshare.com/

Plug In BC - Fraser Basin Council is administering the Charging Solutions and Incentives Program, Fleet Champions Program, and Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive Program on behalf of the Province: https://pluginbc.ca/

Emotive: http://www.emotivebc.ca/

Electric vehicles in HOV lane permit program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/routes-and-driving-conditions/hov-lanes/electric

BC Hydro's report, Unplugged: Myths block road to the electric car dream: https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/news-and-features/Report-unplugged-myths-block-road-to-EV-dream_April%202018.pdf

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
B.C.'s support for clean-energy vehicles will benefit province

British Columbia is a leader in clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), with one of the largest charging-infrastructure networks in Canada (approximately 1,300 charging stations), and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country, with about 10,000 CEVs registered in B.C.

The B.C. government encourages British Columbians to choose clean, green vehicles that reduce their transportation greenhouse gas emissions. The CEV Program supports battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, along with hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles. The CEV Program's target is that by 2020, 5% of new light-duty passenger vehicle sales in B.C. will be clean-energy vehicles (also commonly known as zero-emission vehicles, or ZEVs). B.C. has also signed on to the International Zero Emission Vehicle Alliance, in which all members are striving to make all new passenger vehicles in their jurisdictions ZEVs by no later than 2050.

B.C.'s CEV Program has five main program areas:

* vehicle incentives;

* electric charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, incentives and support;

* fleet support;

* public education and awareness; and

* research, training and economic development programs.

B.C. government support for clean energy vehicles includes:

* B.C. is more than doubling the size of its electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites

with:
* BC Hydro installations at 21 new sites, which leverage about $1 million in federal funding and $700,000 in provincial CEV Program funding.

* Accelerate Kootenays' 13 DCFC sites with FortisBC operating five (with $125,000 from the CEV Program), and BC Hydro operating eight.

* $2 million in provincial funding for the next deployment of DCFCs will be leveraged with 2-to-1 federal-to-provincial dollars. Through an agreement with the federal government, the B.C. investment is included in the latest federal call for projects and will be included in future federal calls until the $2 million is fully expended and the target of 80 additional DCFCs is achieved in B.C.

* $1 million from the provincial Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund to help local government and private fleets adopt hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

* Build-out of the first six public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in B.C., starting this year with two stations in the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District, and completion of all stations towards the end of 2020.

* Charging Solutions and Incentives Program administered by the Fraser Basin Council, which provides rebates towards the cost of charging equipment and provides support services for planning and installing electric vehicle chargers. The $1.85-million program, which was funded from the Province's CEV Program, was launched on March 7, 2018.

* $700,000 for an expanded Emotive Program, which will assist communities and other partners provincewide in delivering outreach and education on CEVs, encouraging adoption through "ride-and-drives" and other creative, community-based initiatives.

$1.5 million for a program, still under development, to help support B.C. companies operating in the clean-energy vehicle sector, and to encourage international investment in B.C. technologies and solutions, increasing the province's economic opportunities in this fast-growing field.

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Hi Robin

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at whatever time you and the CC folks settle on. I'll send to the communities specifically mentioned in the release, as well as Kootenay media generally.

Thanks.
Shannon
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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. to engage with residents on Columbia River Treaty negotiations

CASTLEGAR - The Province will host a series of meetings this month to engage with and update communities about the recently launched negotiations on the future of the Columbia River Treaty.

"As we begin negotiations around the future of the Columbia River Treaty, our government is committed to engaging in meaningful consultation," said Katrine Conroy, Minister responsible for the Columbia River Treaty. "We will continue to work closely with First Nations affected by the treaty, to ensure Indigenous interests are reflected in the negotiations. We also want to ensure Columbia Basin communities are consulted, kept informed and have their voices heard."

The upcoming meetings are a continuation of a process that began in 2011, to engage with B.C. Columbia Basin communities about the future of the treaty. The meetings will provide an update on negotiations between Canada and the United States, and host discussions on community interests that should be considered during negotiations.

The meetings will take place in the following communities:

* Meadow Creek: June 11, 2018 - Lardeau Valley Community Club, 13429 Hwy 31

* Jaffray: June 12, 2018 - Jaffray Hall, 7369 Jaffray Village Loop Rd.

* Creston: June 13, 2018 - Creston and District Community Complex, 312 9th Ave. N

* Castlegar: June 14, 2018 - Castlegar and District Community Complex, 2101 6th Ave.

* Nelson: June 15, 2018 - Nelson Rod and Gun Club, 801 Railway St.

* Valemount: June 18, 2018 - Valemount Community Hall, 201 Gorse St.

* Revelstoke: June 19, 2018 - Revelstoke Community Centre, 600 Campbell Ave.

* Golden: June 20, 2018 - Golden Civic Centre, 898 Hwy 95

* Nakusp: June 21, 2018 - Nakusp and District Sports Complex, 200 8th Ave. NW

Each community meeting runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A light meal will be available at 6 p.m.

Quick Facts:

* The first round of negotiations between Canada and the United States regarding the future of the Columbia River Treaty took place in Washington, D.C., on May 29 and 30, 2018.

* First Nations and Columbia Basin communities were not consulted with when the treaty was first ratified. It is a top priority for the Province to ensure they are engaged throughout this negotiation process.

Learn More:

For more information, please visit http://engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/

Or follow the Columbia River Treaty Review on Facebook and Twitter.

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Hi Alex

Here is your draft for review. On approval, we'll send this asap provincewide, as long as the CC folks have no objections.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 31, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

INFORMATION BULLETIN
BC Bus North to accept more payment options in time for launch

VICTORIA - With BC Bus North preparing to launch on June 4, 2018, the Government of British Columbia is pleased to confirm that more payment options will be available than originally announced.

In addition to payment by credit card, BC Bus North is now equipped to accept payment by debit card, in person, when passengers board the bus. Customers will need to reserve their seats ahead of time by calling the BC Bus North call centre, and customers will then connect with the driver to complete the debit transaction when boarding the bus. Drivers will be aware of the passengers needing to pay by debit.

People can buy BC Bus North tickets online with a credit card at: www.BCBus.ca or by contacting the call centre at 1 844 564-7494, Monday to Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BC Bus North is the interim, long-haul northern bus service that will fill the gap left by Greyhound when it discontinues service on the majority of its northern routes on June 1, 2018.

The service will be affordable, with one-way fares being either $35 or $45, per route, depending on how far people are travelling.

The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure directed BC Transit to work with one of its service operators to provide a base-level service to help fill the gap left by Greyhound. BC Bus North will be operated by Pacific Western Transportation, using four highway coaches equipped with luggage and washroom facilities.

The Province will fund BC Bus North for 12 months, during which time government will work with local leaders to evaluate the demand for this new service, and develop a long-term transportation solution that works for people in this part of the province.

As BC Bus North gets going, service will be closely monitored by the ministry to identify opportunities for improvement going forward.

Learn More:

To learn more about BC Bus North, visit: https://bcbus.ca/

For BC Bus North's fares and schedule, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC_Bus_North_Map_Schedules_Fares_June_2018.pdf

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Date:	May 25, 2018 8:56:31 AM
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Hi Kairry

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for Monday, May 28th at 11 a.m. to Dawson and Chetwynd media (we don't have lists for the other cities).

Thanks.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 28, 2018

Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Board to audit BCTS operations in Dawson Creek TSA

VICTORIA - The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) program and timber sale licence holders in the Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area (TSA) portion of the Peace-Liard Business Area, during the week of June 4, 2018.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, bridges, silviculture, fire protection activities and associated planning, carried out from June 1, 2016, to June 8, 2018, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Dawson Creek TSA, in the Peace Natural Resource District, and includes the communities of Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Taylor, Hudson's Hope and Pouce Coupe. The TSA covers about 2.3 million hectares in northeastern B.C., with an allowable annual cut of 1.86 million cubic metres. BCTS's allocation is 401,106 cubic metres.

This BCTS program was chosen randomly for audit from among all the BCTS programs in the province. The board normally audits two BCTS programs each year.

Once the audit work is completed, a report will be prepared, and any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have a chance to respond. The board's final report and recommendations will then be released to the public and government.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government.

The board audits forest and range practices on public lands, and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

Learn More:

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Hi Daisy

Here is your draft for review. Changes of note: I took out references to "Wednesday" as this becomes an archival document upon publication, so I put the actual date in instead.

On approval, this can go provincewide asap.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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May 10, 2018

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Emergency Management BC

INFORMATION BULLETIN
British Columbia tests wireless alerting system

VICTORIA - The new wireless Alert Ready system was tested in British Columbia on May 9, 2018, and across Canada earlier in the week. Although many British Columbians received the alerts, many others did not.

The intent of this test was to ensure that the expanded public alerting system works as intended. Testing provides an opportunity to address issues with the system before a real emergency.

Test results reveal that some compatible phones that were on LTE networks did not receive the alert. Alert Ready wireless testing undertaken this week in other provinces showed similar results.

Officials from participating provinces and Pelmorex, the company that manages the Alert Ready system, will discuss technical issues and determine how best to address them. Next steps will include addressing outstanding issues before the official launch of the expanded alert ready system in June 2018. More information on the findings of the test will be available soon.

On April 6, 2018, the federal government, provinces and wireless carriers launched wireless alert capability through the national Alert Ready program. The sytem was expanded from TV and radio alerts to compatible wireless devices that are connected to LTE networks.

Learn More:

To find out if your wireless device is compatible with the Alert Ready system, visit: www.alertready.ca

Alert Ready frequently asked questions: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/alert-readywireless-public-alerting/

PreparedBC is a one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips on how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

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Hi Ted

Here is your draft for review. I moved MIRR up in the list in the header since it's us releasing this NR. Also, there is a change to the punctuation in Chief Frederick's quote so it's no longer a run-on sentence. The meaning remains the same, but I wanted to flag it all the same.

I updated the quote.

Shannon
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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Lheidli T'enneh First Nation

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
Canada, B.C., Lheidli T'enneh initial treaty

PRINCE GEORGE - Negotiators for the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation initialled the Lheidli T'enneh Treaty today in Prince George. This event is a necessary step before the Lheidli T'enneh ratification vote in June 2018.

The parties have updated the 2006 Final Agreement, including changing the name of the agreement to the Lheidli T'enneh Treaty. The name change reflects evolving federal and provincial approaches to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The treaty maintains all of the original benefits of the 2006 agreement. New wording in the treaty also allows the agreement to evolve along with certain provincial and federal policies related to reconciliation and treaty negotiations.

The Lheidli T'enneh Treaty now provides for a capital transfer of $37.1 million, which represents an additional $20.8 million to Lheidli T'enneh from the 2006 agreement. This increase is based on updated policies that support reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Lheidli T'enneh Treaty exemplifies Canada and British Columbia's commitment to renewing the relationship with Lheidli T'enneh, based on respect, co-operation and partnership.

Quotes:

Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs -

"The Lheidli T'enneh Treaty provides significant economic and development opportunities through the land, cash and fiscal elements. Of equal importance is the relationship this treaty builds between Canada and the Lheidli T'enneh. Canada's commitment to Lheidli T'enneh does not end when negotiations cease. Canada will continue to support Lheidli T'enneh throughout a transition to treaty and beyond."

Scott Fraser, B.C. Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -

"New language in the Lheidli T'enneh Treaty presents a positive path forward to guide our government-to-government relationship into the future, and reflects our interest in advancing treaties beyond the restrictions seen in past decades. We are working together with partners on an approach to treaties and agreements with First Nations that is grounded in recognition and implementation of rights and title, and which supports prosperous, healthy and self-determining Indigenous communities."

Dominic Frederick, Chief of Lheidli T'enneh First Nation -

"Through the treaty, we're going to govern ourselves. Our traditional rights will be protected, and we will own our land. We will build an economy, and stand side by side with our neighbours in our territory. With the treaty, we're moving forward. Without it we're stuck."

Quick Facts:

* Lheidli T'enneh members will be able to vote on the treaty and constitution through an electronic ballot, a mail-in ballot, or in person. Polling stations will be held in Vancouver and Prince George in June 2018.

* Ratifying the Lheidli T'enneh treaty requires approval by 50% plus one of all Lheidli T'enneh eligible voters, followed by approval by the legislative assembly of B.C., and finally by the Parliament of Canada.

* The treaty provides Lheidli T'enneh with rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government. Terms include:
* 4,330 hectares of treaty settlement lands, known as Lheidli T'enneh Lands

* $37.10 million capital transfer

* $502,000 per year for 50 years in resource revenue sharing (indexed to inflation)

* $2.29 million per year in ongoing funding for services such as health, education and social development, and for governance activities (indexed to inflation)

* $15 million in one-time funding for implementation, fisheries and capacity building

* $1.69 million in one-time funding for an economic development fund

* $100,000 annually for a community development officer

* The treaty protects the rights of Lheidli T'enneh citizens to hunt, fish and gather throughout defined traditional harvest areas

* Approximately 1,183 hectares of Lheidli T'enneh Lands would be located within the City of Prince George. Lheidli T'enneh is working with the city and the regional district to develop a planning agreement.

* British Columbia and Canada will continue to consult with neighbouring Indigenous groups.

Learn More:

* For more on the Lheidli T'enneh treaty: yourvoiceourfuture.ca

* Lheidli T'enneh Treaty agreement: ow.ly/SGrb30jMCvL

* Lheidli T'enneh First Nation: lheidli.ca

* Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation: gov.bc.ca/irr

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Hi Carolyn

Here is the draft with our edits. We tightened up the lede and second paragraph so the funding announcement is up front.

Recognizing this still might have changes, I tentatively submit this draft for your approval. The CC entry says it's going at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Is that correct? Also, I would recommend distribution to the lower mainland and ethnic media. Does that work?

Thanks!

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

Not Approved
May 27, 2018

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

NEWS RELEASE
Culinary tourism shines at Vancouver's Craft Beer Week

VANCOUVER - As visitors to Vancouver enjoy samples of more than 300 unique craft beers and ciders during the ninth-annual Vancouver Craft Beer Week, the Province is providing $29,000 in funding to help promote it to draw more tourists to the region.

The popular attraction coincides with BC Tourism Week, May 27 through June 2, 2018, which spotlights the many brands of tourism, including culinary tourism. The Province is providing the funding through the Tourism Event Program.

"We're pleased to support this event that attracts thousands of visitors each year, benefits local businesses and their employees, and contributes to Vancouver's reputation as a world-class culinary tourism destination," said Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. "It's also a great opportunity for residents to explore their city during BC Tourism Week, and find hidden gems in their own backyard. I encourage everyone to explore these great products made right here in B.C."

Vancouver Craft Beer Week runs from May 25 through June 3, 2018, and is expected to attract more than 20,000 participants to downtown Vancouver. It will inject $4 million into the local economy. The event features multiple venues, throughout the city, where people can sample B.C.'s best craft beer and cider. The event culminates with a two-day festival at the Pacific National Exhibition fairgrounds that will showcase hundreds of beers and ciders, food trucks, live music and art installations.

"We were thrilled to receive the government's support to help us grow our annual celebration of B.C.'s thriving craft-beer culture," said Leah Heneghan, Vancouver Craft Beer Week co-founder and festival director. "In addition to increasing our advertising and promotions, we are using the funds to bring in breweries that don't normally have the opportunity to showcase their products in the Lower Mainland. Our festival provides great exposure in a major

market, and helps raise the profile of B.C. as an internationally recognized craft-beer destination."

The Tourism Events Program supports events that raise national and international awareness of B.C.'s tourism experiences, and inspire people from around the world to visit the province. These events also generate tourism and economic activities in communities and regions throughout the province.

Quick Facts:

* Over 100 craft breweries and cideries will pour more than 300 beverage varieties.

* Vancouver Craft Beer Week started in 2010 at a small venue, hosting about 100 beer aficionados and 15 breweries.

* Visitors to British Columbia spend on average 25% of their travel budget on food and beverages, and 65% of that spending is recirculated into the local economy.

* Tourism is an economic driver for B.C., generating more than $17 billion in revenues in 2016.

* Tourism is one of the province's biggest employers. More than 133,000 people work in this industry.

* Tourism is growing in importance for B.C's economy. In 2016, the industry contributed $7.9 billion in added value to the province's GDP. This is an increase of over 5.6% over the previous year.

* The government of British Columbia invests over $113 million in the tourism sector annually.

* In 2017, 5.7 million international visitors came to B.C. - a 3.3% increase (181,700 more visitors) over 2016.

Learn More:

For more information about the Vancouver Beer Craft Festival, visit: https://vancouvercraftbeerweek.com/

For more information on the Tourism Events Program, visit: www.destinationbc.ca/BC-Tourism-Industry/Municipal-and-Regional-District-Tax-Program/Tourism-Events-Program.aspx

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Date:	May 24, 2018 11:43:31 AM
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Hi Angela

Here is your draft for review. Of note: I've shortened your headline and there was some changes to the punctuation in the minsters' and Wall's quotes.

On approval, we'll set this up for tomorrow at 1:30 to the same distribution as the MA.

Shannon
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May 25, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
Early childhood educator program expanding in East Kootenays

CRANBROOK - More students in the East Kootenay region will able to train to become early childhood educators (ECEs), with the expansion of the program at College of the Rockies, which will help families access quality child care.

"Families deserve access to quality child care that they can afford, and making sure we have enough care providers is a key part in to making that happen," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "Early childhood education funding for programs, like the one at College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, gives students the skills to succeed in a rewarding career."

Through a $130,000 investment, the Province is helping College of the Rockies double the program's capacity, adding 30 new seats to its ECE program at its Cranbrook campus. Twenty of these students will complete a one-year certificate program, and 10 more students will continue for another year to complete their diploma.

"ECEs are the backbone of B.C.'s child care system. Their passion and dedication help families every day," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "The new ECEs graduating from these seats will have a key role to play, as we work to deliver affordable, accessible and quality child care under our Childcare BC plan."

Based on the 2017 B.C. Labour Market Outlook, a total of 9,100 additional early childhood educators are projected to be required in B.C. by 2027. Training quality ECEs is key to ensuring that B.C. children have access to quality early childhood education programs in communities throughout B.C.

"By investing in College of the Rockies' early childhood education program, the Province is investing in the success of children in our region," said David Walls, president, College of the Rockies. "This funding will allow us to better meet local demand for early childhood educators, ensuring those educators are qualified and able to provide the best possible start for our children."

Budget 2018 announced a $1-billion investment to help lay the foundation for a universal child care system that will

provide parents with access to affordable, quality child care, when and where they need it. This funding is part of the $7.4 million over three years, which the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has committed toward funding an additional 620 early childhood educator graduates at public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C.

Learn More:

For more information about child care in B.C., visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care)

For more information about the early childhood and care program at College of the Rockies, visit: www.cotr.bc.ca/ECE/

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Hi Alex

Here is your draft for review.
Changes of note:
1. I changed "across B.C." to "throughout" and "around" in the minister's quote and the one from Bystedt.
2. There were two instances where you spelled out dollar figures, so I changed those to numbers ($750,000 and $100).
3. Deleted "B.C." from the 6th paragraph as it seems pretty clear what area we are talking about.
4. Added a lead in for the new BG link. Does this work for you guys?

Just a note about the BG, we normally change times from 7:00 a.m. to just 7 a.m., don't include "B.C." in addresses, and when there's a street number involved, things like "Avenue" or "Street" are abbreviated to "Ave." or "St." Just a heads up for future releases. We won't worry about them for this beast of a BG.

On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 11 a.m. provincewide, including ethnic and business media.

Shannon
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May 5, 2018

Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Farmers' market program expansion to support families, producers

VANCOUVER - To help more lower income British Columbians and expectant mothers gain access to healthy, locally grown food, government is expanding the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, Health Minster Adrian Dix and Agriculture Minister Lana Popham announced.

"Farmers' markets support better nutrition, as well as local entrepreneurs and growers throughout B.C.," said Dix. "On that note, our government is making the most significant provincial increase to the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program since it was introduced, to raise the value and number of coupons provided to people."

"Many communities support this program, and we are thrilled to increase its positive impact on families and local food producers, and to promote our agriculture sector," said Popham. "Residents and municipalities all over the province are united in their praise for this program, and have been eager to see it continue and grow."

The funding provided to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets will increase by $750,000, to expand the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

As a result, the total amount of the coupon will increase by nearly $100, from $240 per participant household, to $336, provided in weekly coupons for four months. The number of expectant mothers participating in the program will also increase by 450 by March 2020, and the number of participating households is expected to rise from 3,708

to over 3,900.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program is delivered by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, and will run from June 11 to Oct. 31, 2018, at participating farmers' markets in 57 communities. The program provides participants enrolled in the nutrition and skills-building programs, which are offered by community agencies associated with each participating market, with coupons to help them purchase local food including vegetables, fruit, nuts, eggs, dairy, herbs, meat and fish.

"We are excited with the Minister of Health's announcement ahead of farmers' markets reopening in many communities around B.C. this summer," said Wylie Bystedt, president of BC Association of Farmers' Markets and Cariboo rancher. "We know there are significant benefits as a result of this program, ranging from improved population health to economic activity. The program has increased and sustained the customer base for local and regional farmers, which in turn has allowed them to grow and diversify."

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is a provincially registered, non-profit association, which represents over 145 farmers' markets throughout the province. At member markets, the focus is on selling B.C. grown or processed, farm-fresh foods, and vendors must either make, bake or grow the products they sell.

Learn More:

For more information on the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program or to locate a farmers' market in your community, visit: www.bcfarmersmarket.org

For a list of farmers' markets and community partners participating in Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2018, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Nutrition_Coupon_Program_Backgrounder.pdf

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Hi Viv

Here is your draft for review. Of note: we changed the punctuation in your minister's quote. I also changed an "and" to a comma to shorten the headline a bit. Everything else was fairly minor.

On approval, I'll set this up to go provincewide at 1:30 p.m. today.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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May 10, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Emergency Management BC

NEWS RELEASE
Government to review recommendations on 2017 floods, wildfires

VICTORIA - As the Province responds to ongoing flooding, and in advance of the 2018 wildfire season, government is acting on some of the recommendations in the report, Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

"I want to thank George Abbott and Maureen Chapman for their comprehensive report on the 2017 floods and wildfires," said Donaldson. "Their 108 recommendations will take some time to fully consider. There are some recommendations that are being acted on already. For example, as part of Budget 2018, we're committing $50 million over three years to wildfire prevention and wildfire risk reduction around communities."

As a result of internal reviews undertaken by both the BC Wildfire Service and Emergency Management BC, 16 of the 108 recommendations in the report are being implemented. Some of the recommendations also align with work that the Province is doing with the federal government and other provinces, under the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy, and other mitigation and preparedness programming, particularly related to flooding and seismic risks. However, the majority of recommendations are longer term in nature, and may require legislative changes or involve other levels of government.

One of the major themes of the report was to develop closer relationships with First Nations, and that work is already underway with the recent signing of a collaborative emergency management agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Tsilhqot'in National Government. As well, the BC Wildfire Service is hiring more staff to support partnerships with Indigenous communities and stakeholders.

The BC Wildfire Service will also be working with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and First Nations' Emergency Services Society on a review of how the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (a program that provides support to communities for fuel management projects) is funded, and how it can be integrated with other land-based wildfire prevention and wildfire-risk reduction investments.

Another timely recommendation being acted on is the need to make household emergency preparedness easier for British Columbians. To that end, Emergency Management BC has partnered with Save-On-Foods and London Drugs on the new "Get Good and Ready" emergency preparedness program, now available throughout the province. Emergency Management BC and its partners have also developed emergency management toolkits for Indigenous communities, which have been widely distributed.

"Being prepared and planning ahead is paramount to protecting public safety, and ensuring the economic health of our communities," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "Having an independent and comprehensive review of our actions after major events can only help us be better prepared in the future."

Government will develop an action plan to address the report's recommendations by Oct. 31, 2018.

Learn More:

Protect your home for flooding: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/floods

FireSmart your property: www.gov.bc.ca/firesmart

For information during active provincial emergencies, visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

On Twitter, follow @EmergencyInfoBC

Download a copy of Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia: www.bcfloodandfirereview.ca

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Hi Viv

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened your headline.
2. I added "Begin" to the first numbered bullet. The rest are all full sentences and the first one wasn't, so I thought they should all be the same.
3. Switched up the sentences in the last paragraph so the link falls at the end.

On approval, I'll set this up provincewide for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 22, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
Have your say on wildlife management, habitat conservation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is starting a discussion on improving wildlife management and habitat conservation, Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, has announced.

"The diversity of wildlife in British Columbia is one of our province's greatest treasures," said Donaldson. "Working with Indigenous peoples, wildlife stakeholders and the public, we want to build a strategy that more effectively manages our wildlife for future generations. We've dedicated $14 million over three years to do so."

The province's unique landscapes and climate is home to one of the richest wildlife resources in North America. Three-quarters of Canada's mammal species are found in B.C., with 24 of those species exclusive to B.C. In recent decades, alteration of habitat due to expanded human populations, expanded natural resource development and impacts from climate change have placed increasing pressure on certain wildlife populations, some of which are now in decline.

As part of the government's commitment to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, collaboration with Indigenous peoples is an integral part of developing a new provincial wildlife strategy.

The discussion paper, Improving Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation in British Columbia, poses eight questions for discussion. Engagement is the first step in a four-step process to develop the strategy:

1. Begin online engagement and face-to-face sessions with Indigenous communities and key stakeholders.

2. Develop policy options to address priority concerns emerging from the engagement.

3. Release a policy intentions paper for public engagement.

4. Implement a new wildlife management and conservation strategy in 2020.

The comment period will end on July 31, 2018. The public is invited to provide input by visiting: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/wildlifeandhabitat

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Hi Carolyn

Apologies for the wait. Here is your draft for review. There was some punctuation changes to the minister's quote, but otherwise, just some small style stuff changed.

On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. provincewide, including ethnic and business media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 29, 2018

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
Helping B.C.'s small communities advance technology, innovation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is launching the B.C. Smart Communities pilot program, to help local governments use data and connected technology to improve services and address community challenges.

"The B.C. Smart Communities program will help address the unique challenges small communities face when trying to secure funding for smart city projects," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology. "Whether it's tracking cycling habits, to planning bike lanes, offering a mobile app to quickly find services, or tracking air quality to fostering responsible wood burning, the smart city economy offers countless solutions that can benefit people."

A smart community uses technology and data to improve services for the community and its residents. It has the potential to enhance community life, from improving the way people live and move around, to creating a safer and more sustainable environment.

Pilot communities will highlight smart-community themes, such as economic diversity and growth, energy efficiency, citizen engagement, efficient transportation and community safety.

"Technology and data have enormous potential to improve a community's infrastructure and decision making," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The B.C. Smart Communities program gives local governments the opportunity to take targeted action on important issues that can have a lasting positive impact on British Columbians' everyday lives."

A one-year pilot project, B.C. Smart Communities, is open to B.C. municipalities and First Nations communities with populations under 30,000. Grants of up to $40,000 will be provided to as many as four communities, which have until July 13, 2018, to apply. Communities will also have to secure additional in-cash or in-kind funding of $10,000, or 20%, from respective local governments or regional trusts.

"This pilot program is an excellent opportunity for smaller communities to partner with tech innovators, and find creative solutions to complex challenges," said Shirley Vickers, Innovate BC president and CEO. "It will also give

businesses the ability to advance technologies to make B.C. a leader in the trillion-dollar global smart-cities marketplace."

The pilot will run from September 2018 to September 2019. Applications will be judged by a five-person panel, including provincial government representatives and industry experts.

Quick Facts:

* The smart cities global market is predicted to have a value of up to $1.6 trillion by 2020.

* B.C.'s tech sector employs 106,430 people - an all-time high.

* B.C.'s 10,236 technology companies generated $29 billion in annual revenue (9% growth) - the highest ever recorded.

Learn More:

To learn more about B.C. smart communities and to apply, visit: http://www.gov.bc.ca/SmartCommunities

To learn more about the federal Smart Cities Challenge, visit: https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities

To learn more about the Innovate BC, formerly the BC Innovation Council, visit: bcic.ca (http://www.bcic.ca)

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Hi Jamie

Here is your draft for review. On approval, we'll send this at 3 p.m. to Merritt media.

Shannon
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Not Approved
May 9, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Highway 8 closed at 10 Mile Bridge

MERRITT - Effective immediately, 10 Mile Bridge on Highway 8, 10 km west of Merritt, has reopened to local traffic, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There is a four-metre width restriction in place, and the bridge remains closed to pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles.

Ministry staff have conducted structural assessments, and continue to monitor the dynamic situation that is unfolding on Guichon Creek. Maintenance crews continue to monitor the area and remove debris from the creek, to protect the structure and motorists crossing the bridge.

Traffic is reduced to single lane alternating, with the possibility of unexpected delays, depending on debris within Guichon Creek. Due to limited visibility through the night, the bridge will be closed between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. At this time, the ministry anticipates 24-hour access for emergency services.

The ministry appreciates the public's patience during this time, and suggest motorists prepare for potential unexpected delays or closures. Please continue to check DriveBC.ca for the most up-to-date highway information.

Significant flooding is taking place across the B.C. Interior, due to a higher than average snow pack, recent temperature increases and the start of spring freshet, which is run-off from melting snow and/or heavy rain.

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Indigenous early childhood educators to support Cowichan families
Date:	May 30, 2018 11:30:48 AM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Angela

Here is your draft for review.

I changed the name of the program in McRae's quote. I went to the gov website to check on the name of the funding program and came up with the "Child Care Major Capital Program" from here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/major-capital-funding What they were using is the title of the webpage rather than the program, I suspect. Let me know if this is correct.

On approval, we'll set this up for release to Duncan, Nanaimo and Ladysmith media on June 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 1, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
Indigenous early childhood educators to support Cowichan families

COWICHAN - Twenty-four Indigenous students in the Cowichan Valley will gain culturally relevant skills and knowledge to provide specialized early childhood care in their community.

The custom-designed program is a partnership between the Cowichan Tribes, the Stz'uminus First Nation and Vancouver Island University (VIU). Over the three-year program, students will receive adult basic education upgrading, Hul'qu'minum language learning and a diploma in early childhood education.

The Snuw'uy'ulh Sqwaluwun Smun'eem (Children of our Community) early childhood education and care (ECEC) program includes working with Elders to connect traditional teachings, with classroom learnings, tutoring services and help from employment support co-ordinators in transitioning to employment.

The $815,000 funding for the program is a partnership between the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The funding announced is in addition to the $1-billion child care investment announced by the British Columbia government in Budget 2018, which will go towards boosting training and development supports for child care professionals, and addressing the issues of recruitment and retention in the sector.

Investing in programs like this is consistent with B.C.'s commitment to advancing true, lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

Quotes:

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"We need more Indigenous early childhood educators in Indigenous communities. Investing in spaces for Indigenous learners advances reconciliation, by giving people the tools to further their education and get fulfilling jobs that create a brighter future for their communities. I'm proud to be part of a government that is implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care -

"We are choosing to invest in Indigenous educators to provide culturally appropriate care, as a key element of our Childcare BC plan. We want to support Indigenous communities, to give future generations a strong start that values their communities and cultural origins. This funding is one of many investments under our plan that will help Indigenous communities to deliver quality care that is specific to their needs."

Carey McRae (Clint), child care manager, early childhood education, Nutsumaat Lelum Childcare Center, Stz'uminus First Nation -

"The current early childhood education field is in a crisis, with a lack of qualified early childhood educators to fill the many positions that the B.C. government is creating with the Child Care Major Capital Program. The current students at VIU will have an opportunity to work in a growing field that has endless opportunities, and will soon have many positions to fill. The positive and supportive relationship with VIU will give our students the confidence to succeed and complete the ECEC program."

Char Crocker, director, Quw'utsun Syuw'entst Lelum', Cowichan Tribes -

"Cowichan Tribes Education and Vancouver Island University maintain a positive and successful working relationship. The current need for early childhood educators is growing, as our Cowichan Tribes daycare continues to grow. It is wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to participate in the ECEC program."

Warren Weir, academic administrator, Cowichan campus, Vancouver Island University -

"One of VIU's core values is to work closely with First Nations in the areas we serve, to provide culturally relevant and supportive educational opportunities. This new funding supports that core value, allowing us to create educational opportunities for Indigenous students that will provide participants with the skills to give back and support their community. We are very pleased and honoured to continue our work with Cowichan Tribes and the Stz'uminus First Nation partners in the offering of this early childhood education and care program."

Sonia Furstenau, MLA for Cowichan Valley -

"I am delighted that children in my riding will have access to quality early childhood education that is designed in partnership with the Cowichan Tribes and the Stz'uminus First Nation. This funding will go a long way to ensuring B.C.'s early childhood education advances reconciliation, while also giving children the best possible head start."

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Date:	May 25, 2018 12:15:32 PM
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Hi Kate

I shortened your headline a smidge and punctuated the lede. Other than a few dashes of punctuation and minor style stuff, this is your draft for review.

On approval, we'll get this out the door as close to 12:30 as possible to Maple Ridge media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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May 25, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Injunction enables construction of Maple Ridge supportive housing

MAPLE RIDGE - BC Housing and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation have been granted an injunction by the B.C. Supreme Court, to prevent protestors from blocking construction of 55 new supportive homes for homeless people in Maple Ridge.

Last week, BC Housing adjourned an initial injunction application after protestors voluntarily vacated the Royal Crescent site. Protestors have since returned, and were occupying the sidewalk in front of 22534, 22548 and 22566 Royal Cres., preventing excavators and workers from moving on and off the site. As a result, construction work had been halted.

The safety of the protesters was a concern, as there is construction debris and exposed foundation on-site, which poses a safety hazard to anyone trespassing on the property.

BC Housing has hosted public information sessions, and presented on multiple occasions to Maple Ridge city council on the growing issue of homelessness in Maple Ridge and the potential solutions. Provided there are no further delays, residents will be able to move into the new homes at Royal Crescent by fall 2018. This project is part of the Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program that is seeing success in other B.C. communities, including the City of Vancouver.

Quick Facts:

* There is a significant need for supportive housing in Maple Ridge. In the last Metro Vancouver homeless count looking at Ridge Meadows, which encompasses Maple Ridge, 124 homeless people were counted. This is an increase of 48% since 2014.

* Coast Mental Health operations of the modular housing complex will include daily meal services, providing access to mental-health and addictions treatment, life-skills programming and participation in a community advisory committee, made up of community members and representatives from the municipality, local health authority and

BC Housing.

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna
Date:	May 17, 2018 12:57:45 PM
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Hi Dave

Here is your draft for review.
A few small things:
1. I shortened your headline.
2. I changed the tense of the rest of the release to be present perfect, same as your lede.
3. I also used your second paragraph as a means to introduce the link to the letter.

I hope this works for you.

On approval, I'll set this as a hair-trigger release this afternoon, provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna

VICTORIA - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, has sent the following letter to his federal counterpart, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Heyman's letter, in response to correspondence received from McKenna on April 26, 2018, can be viewed here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/316322_McKenna_FINAL_SIGNED.PDF

Heyman has outlined differences, as well as individual and shared priorities, of both governments related to protecting B.C.'s environment and economy from the effects of a catastrophic oil spill. He has also suggested areas where the federal government needs to do more in areas of its jurisdiction, including improvements to the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Heyman has also proposed ways both governments can co-operate on their respective research regarding the behaviour of spilled heavy oils, as wells as ways to jointly improve environmental protection.

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Hi Alex

Sorry for the delay. Here is your draft for approval.
Will go on approval to lower mainland, majors and ethnic media asap.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 11, 2018

Emergency Management BC

MEDIA ADVISORY

PORT COQUITLAM - Media are invited to attend an in-person media availability with Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister responsible for Emergency Management BC, to discuss the current flooding situation.

Media will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Event Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Location:
Mike Farnworth's Constituency Office
107A 2748 Lougheed Hwy
Port Coquitlam

Emergency Info BC: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

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Date:	May 25, 2018 2:54:00 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Jill,

Here is your draft for review. We don't normally schedule MAs more than 24 hours in advance of the event start, so I'd recommend this go at 12:40 p.m. on Monday. I realize that you want media to show up earlier, but the actual event doesn't begin until 12:30.

Also, I'd recommend that this just be distributed to Victoria media and the gallery as there is no call-in line for out-of-towners to hear the announcement.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 28, 2018

Ministry of Agriculture

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, and representatives from the BC Honey Producers Association, Feed the Bees, Capital Region Beekeepers Association and 4-H British Columbia for an announcement that will support the health of honeybees in B.C.

Honeybee information booths will be set up, beginning at 11 a.m.

Media are encouraged to come early to capture extra footage of all the displays and projects at the event.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Parliament Buildings
Front steps/lawn
Victoria

Contact:

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Date:	May 24, 2018 9:11:06 AM
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Hi Emily

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up to go at 11:10 a.m. to the lower mainland.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 24, 2018

Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW WESTMINSTER - Media are invited to join Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, and Judy Darcy, MLA for New Westminster, for a project milestone announcement regarding the replacement of New Westminster Secondary school.

Event Date: Friday, May 25, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
New Westminster Secondary school construction site
835 8th Ave.
New Westminster

Special instructions: The event is located in the construction area directly behind the existing school. To access the site, enter the parking lot located off 8th Avenue, between the Massey Theatre and Moody Park Arena. Then follow the alley to construction trailers and signage for British Columbia government event. Parking is available at the event location.

Contact:

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Date:	May 23, 2018 9:21:45 AM
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Hi Angela

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I can send this at 10:40 a.m. this morning to Kootenay, Cranbrook/Kimberley, Creston, Fernie, Golden and Indigenous media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 23, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

CRANBROOK - Media are invited to join Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, for an announcement to support early childhood education and training in Cranbrook.

Event Date: Friday, May 25, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:
College of the Rockies
2700 College Way
Cranbrook

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Date:	May 18, 2018 11:27:28 AM
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Hi Erin

Here is your draft for review. On approval, this will go at 11:40 a.m. today to Courtenay/Comox media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 18, 2018

Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

COURTENAY - Media are invited to join Minister of Education Rob Fleming as he makes an announcement on making British Columbia schools safer. Fleming will be joined by Courtenay-Comox MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard, Comox Valley school board representatives, and staff and students from Lake Trail Middle school.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Lake Trail Middle school
805 Willemar Ave.
Courtenay

Note: The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

Contact:

Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Education
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Hi Lindsay,

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I can ste this up to go to Maple Ridge media tomorrow morning.

Did you have an approximate time in the morning that you were hoping for or just first thing?

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 1, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

MAPLE RIDGE - Media are welcome to attend a Rental Housing Task Force community meeting with Spencer Chandra Herbert, MLA for Vancouver-West End, as a participant or observer.

Many of the people attending will be sharing their personal experience as a renter or a rental-housing provider, and it is important that their privacy be respected.

For this reason, the media are requested that no audio will be recorded, and no photos or video taken during the meeting. Media are welcome to speak with people before and after the meeting has taken place, with their consent.

To register, please visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rental-housing-task-force-community-meeting-maple-ridge-tickets-46424387593

Event Date: Monday, June 4, 2018

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location:
Thomas Haney Secondary school
Rotunda
23000 116 Ave.
Maple Ridge

Contact:

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Hi Jen

Here's your draft for review. On approval, I'll send asap provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 29, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will hold a media availability to comment on the federal government's decision on Kinder Morgan.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:
Parliament Buildings
Press Theatre
Victoria

Dial-in information:
From Greater Vancouver: s.15,s.17
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., toll-free s.15,s.17 Participant passcode: s.15,s.17

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Hi Lisa

Here is your draft for review. On approval from you and the PO, we'll put this out provincewide at 11:20 a.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 23, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER - Premier John Horgan will be joined by Health Minister Adrian Dix to make an announcement that will impact the health care of British Columbians.

Event Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Teck Acute Care Centre
Main lobby
4480 Oak St.
Vancouver

Special nstructions: Media are asked to arrive via the 4500 Oak St. entrance, and turn left to follow the ring road until reaching the new Teck Acute Care Centre building.

A teleconference line is available to media who cannot attend in person. The line will be open to questions.

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Hi Carol

Here is your draft for review. Upon approval from you guys and the PO, I can put this out at 11:20 or 11:40 a.m. to Victoria area media (depending on how fast that approval comes).

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 17, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

LANGFORD - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan and Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, for an announcement about supporting growing communities.

Event Date: Friday, May 18, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Lakewood Elementary school
2363 Setchfield Ave.
Langford

Special instructions: Parking will be available on-site.

A teleconference line is available to those media who cannot attend in person (listen only).

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Hi Jen

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow morning at 7:10 (?) to gallery and Victoria media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria

May 15, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will address the joint chambers of commerce luncheon in Victoria today. Media are invited to attend his speech.

Due to time limitations, the Premier will not be holding a media availability following the speech.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Victoria Conference Centre - Crystal Gardens
713 Douglas St.
Victoria

Contact:

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Hi Michael

Here's your draft for review. On approval from both you and the PO, we'll set this up to go asap provincewide.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

May 4, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan for an announcement and tour at a local manufacturer in Kamloops.

Event Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (teleconference)

Location:
Horizon North Logistics
Business office
540 Athabasca St. W.
Kamloops

Dial-in information (listen only):
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Hi Jen

Here is your draft for review. I deleted "Thursday" from the body since that's the in the event information already.

On approval, it'll go asap to Victoria, gallery and majors. We don't have a separate list for Sooke.

Shannon
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May 30, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will hold an end of session media availability.

Event Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Rose Garden
Parliament Buildings
Victoria

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Hi Carla

Here is your draft for review. I shortened your headline and changed "to" to "in" in the second paragraph.

Ready to post on your approval.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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Not Approved
May 17, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair

VICTORIA - Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, has issued the following statement on Tom Christensen's service as Community Living British Columbia's board chair:

"I want to thank Tom Christensen for his dedication and thoughtfulness in his work as chair of Community Living B.C.

"Tom put the interests of CLBC, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, first. His advice to me as minister was always considered and helpful. I very much respect and appreciate his significant contribution to CLBC and its work."

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: More reflective line paint means better visibility
Date:	May 10, 2018 3:19:18 PM
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Hi Jamie

Here is your draft for review (and potential edits as you mentioned). Just let us know about any changes or if we get approval on this version.

Of note: We reworked your headline so it's under 55 characters. Since the areas are mentioned in the lede, we can get away with not having it in the headline I suspect. Let me know if it works for you.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 11, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
More reflective line paint means better visibility

VICTORIA - Crews have started line painting throughout the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, with higher-quality glass beads included in the paint formula, so drivers can see brighter, more reflective road lines.

"Road markings need to not only survive, but shine on B.C.'s West Coast, especially at night and in rainy conditions," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "The ministry's top priority is making sure our roads and highways are as safe as possible. By including larger, higher quality glass beads in our paint mix, it will be easier for people to see our lines when it's dark and the weather is bad."

Painting has begun, and this week, work is taking place in the Pemberton area, Victoria and Duncan. In total, more than 3,000 kilometres of roads and highways will be painted in the region this year.

Adding glass beads to line paint greatly increases reflectivity. The larger and higher-quality beads to be used in second coats this year in the region will provide 20% more reflectivity than the previous formula.

Also, requests for proposal were recently issued through BCBid for the next Pavement Marking Service Agreements, which will go into effect on Dec. 16, 2018. The following changes are being made to improve on the current agreements:

* 20% more lines painted annually throughout the province

* Use of larger glass beads for increased reflectivity and visibility at night, and thicker paint for longer-lasting pavement marking in coastal areas

* Second coat application in areas that experience premature wear

* Enhanced contractor monitoring and auditing, to maintain consistent performance

There are five pavement marking service areas in the province: Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Thompson-Cariboo, Okanagan-Kootenay and Northern Region. Each of the upcoming pavement marking service agreements, which were last tendered in 2013, are for five-year terms, and include an optional two-year extension.

The ministry works closely with contractors to continually test new paint formulations, and products to ensure that high-performing, environmentally friendly formulations are used in B.C.

Private contractors are responsible for repainting more than 20,000 kilometres every year, on highways and provincially owned side roads in B.C., using close to one million litres of paint and 500,000 kilograms of glass beads. This work starts every spring, and continues through the summer and into the fall.

Learn More:

Follow the work of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure online: http://www.tranbc.ca

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Date:	May 7, 2018 9:31:51 AM
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Hi Dave

Here's your draft for review. Of note: I broke the last sentence of the minister's quote into two sentences, so it is no longer a run-on. Please let me know if what I did works for you.

On approval, we'll hold for your call to release this this afternoon, provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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May 7, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
New bill updates targets for reducing carbon pollution

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia has introduced legislation to update the Province's greenhouse gas reduction targets, setting the stage for a renewed climate action strategy to be released in the fall.

The Climate Change Accountability Act replaces the 2007 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets Act. It sets new legislated targets of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions from 2007 levels by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040. The current target of an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 remains. The legislation will now require detailed climate-change adaptation reports from public-sector organizations, and enables the minister to set sectoral GHG emission reduction targets.

"The act is the foundation for a credible and achievable climate action strategy in B.C.," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The previous government, after stalling on sustained climate action for several years, admitted they could not meet their 2020 target, and those targets are repealed in this act.

"We aim to remove barriers, and make it attractive and affordable for people, communities and industry to move to lower-carbon alternatives. At the same time, we will grow an economy that's stronger, cleaner, more diverse and more resilient."

Climate action is an important component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus.

"This legislation is another step forward towards making B.C. a leader in climate action once again," said Andrew Weaver, leader of the B.C. Green Party. "This is a huge opportunity to build a thriving 21st-century economy centred around innovation. I look forward to working in partnership with the government to implement a plan to reclaim this leadership, and keep our commitment to younger generations."

The Province's climate action strategy will be released in autumn 2018. Actions to reduce the provincial GHG

emissions will include establishing sectoral plans for buildings and communities, industry and transportation sectors.

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Hi Dave

Here is your draft for review. Of note: We changed a couple references to "all across B.C." to "all around."

On approval, I'll set this one up for provincewide release at 4 p.m. and I'll include the business media as well.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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May 14, 2018

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
New board appointed to Province's tech agency, Innovate BC

VANCOUVER - Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, has announced the membership of Innovate BC's new board of directors, to help guide and promote tech sector growth, generating good jobs in the emerging economy, increased revenue and economic development all around British Columbia.

Ralston made the announcement at the #BCTECH Summit. Innovate BC's board of directors is the Province's new innovation commission, and it will review current provincial technology and innovation programs, and make recommendations on how to help grow the sector provincewide.

Alan Shaver, president and vice-chancellor of Thompson Rivers University, has been appointed chair of Innovate BC, where he will help lead the Crown agency's delivery of programs that support innovation, entrepreneurship and business development in the tech sector.

"Alan Shaver brings a wealth of leadership experience, which, combined with his background in technology and knowledge of regional B.C., makes him an outstanding choice to lead the Innovate BC board," said Ralston. "Each member of the board brings distinctive skills that are essential to ensuring B.C. tech entrepreneurs and businesses get the necessary help to grow and create great jobs throughout the province. I'd like to recognize and thank the former BC Innovation Council board of directors for the strategic advice and direction they have provided over the years, in particular board chair Derek Lew."

Shaver is joined by a diverse team of 11 directors, with backgrounds in regional economic development, research and innovation, academia and entrepreneurship. Board members bring a broad range of expertise, including life sciences, software development and applications of clean tech in B.C.'s traditional resource industries.

"Promoting innovative ideas and practices will improve the quality of life for the people of B.C., and promote sustainable economic development," said Shaver. "This requires investment in people, our most valuable assets, and partnerships between communities, governments, industry, business, NGOs and academic institutions. I look forward to serving the people of B.C. as chair of the board of Innovate BC."

The innovation commission is a component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus. Recognizing its potential to boost B.C. tech, the provincial government has adopted the concept as part of its efforts to help B.C. innovators thrive and build a strong, sustainable economy for everyone.

"With a highly qualified board in place, Innovate BC is ready to help entrepreneurs take full advantage of the economic opportunities ahead," said B.C. Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver. "This key B.C. Green platform commitment was developed through consultation with tech sector leaders. I am proud that our caucus has contributed this idea to support them as they drive B.C.'s economy across all sectors, and in every region of our province."

Innovate BC was created in March 2018 following the passing of the British Columbia Innovation Council Amendment Act, which expanded the mandate of the BC Innovation Council, and renamed it Innovate BC.

"Technology is everywhere, in every industry, and is enhancing lives in every corner of B.C. So, I am pleased to begin work with this dynamic group, which is made up of leaders from around the entire province," said Shirley Vickers, president and CEO, Innovate BC. "I'm looking forward to leveraging their leadership and insights to help grow B.C.'s dynamic technology sector, which is powering innovation, creating jobs and growing our economy."

In collaboration with the Innovate BC board, the B.C. government will work with industry stakeholders to review programs that support the tech and innovation sector provincewide. The Crown agency will also provide tech entrepreneurs with tools, resources and expert guidance, and support Indigenous entrepreneurship.

Quick Facts:

* Innovate BC will absorb all the programs and services currently delivered by the BC Innovation Council, in addition to expanding its mandate with a broader range of support and responsibilities.

* Innovate BC will provide a single point of contact for B.C. entrepreneurs looking for business development support at all stages of company growth - whether they are new startups, or long-established firms.

* In February 2018, Alan Winter was appointed B.C.'s first innovation commissioner as an advocate for the tech and innovation sector in Ottawa, the Cascadia Innovation Corridor and abroad.

* Innovate BC and the innovation commissioner are separate entities, but they will work together closely to ensure alignment of efforts.

Learn More:

Innovate BC: https://bcic.ca

B.C. Innovation commissioner: https://news.gov.bc.ca/16319

#BCTECH Summit: https://bctechsummit.ca

A backgrounder follows.

Contact:

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology
250 889-1121

BACKGROUNDER
New Innovate BC board member bios

Alan Shaver (Innovate BC chair), president and vice-chancellor, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) - Shaver was appointed president of TRU in 2010. He previously served as vice-president, academic and provost, at Dalhousie

University in Nova Scotia from 2006 to 2010, and as dean of science at McGill University from 1995 to 2005. He went to high school in Ottawa and earned a B.Sc. (Hon) in chemistry from Carleton University, and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lesley Esford, president, Life Sciences BC - Esford received her PhD in microbiology and immunology from UBC, and has spent many years in academia, industry and government in positions supporting the growth of the life-sciences sector. She is a Kauffman Fellow, which is a Silicon Valley-based international leadership program for venture capitalists and innovators.

Michael Fergusson, CEO and founder, Ayogo - For his work as a health-tech innovator, Fergusson was Ernst & Young's Social Entrepreneur of the Year, and was recently named to the PharmaVOICE 100, a peer-nominated list of the 100 most inspiring people in life sciences. Agoyo has won many awards for its use of game psychology and social networks to help patients take control of their medical treatments.

Suzanne Gill, executive director, corporate development, Genome BC - Prior to joining Genome BC, Gill was a key member of the senior management team at the Ontario Genomics Institute. She has experience in project management through the planning and implementation of regional economic and business development projects in B.C. She also holds an MSc from UBC, and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.

Joy Johnson, vice-president, research and international, Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Johnson leads SFU's strategic research initiatives, and facilitates international opportunities. She focuses on facilitating research excellence, and helping the university respond to new opportunities. Johnson is a leader for the SFU Innovates initiative,- a university-wide strategy to inspire, develop, and support impact-driven innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dave Krysko, co-founder, Club Penguin, entrepreneur-in-residence, Okanagan College - In 2005, along with two other New Horizon Production staff, Krysko co-founded Club Penguin, an online virtual world for kids. The Walt Disney Company was so impressed with Club Penguin that in 2007, it purchased the company outright for $350 million. He left the company as senior vice-president in 2010, and started Davara Enterprises to focus on developing a wide range of culture-making enterprises.

Gail Murphy, professor and vice-president of research, UBC - A leading researcher on software evolution and tools, Murphy provides extensive experience as a software developer and principal investigator of a large research group. In recognition of her research, she has received several international awards. Murphy was also elected to be a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. This fellowship is the highest academic accolade in the sciences, humanities and arts bestowed in Canada.

Peter Nunoda, president, Vancouver Community College - Prior to joining VCC in 2014, Nunoda was vice-president, academic and research, at Northern Lights College from 2011. He served as dean of the faculty of health at the University College of the North, was director of access programs at the University of Manitoba, and program director for Indigenous focus programs at the University of Manitoba.

Jennifer Ouano, co-founder and executive producer, Pacific Content - Ouano has spent over 20 years in the digital media and technology sector. She has been a journalist, producer and director in radio, film and TV, but is also known for her work as an award-winning multi-platform producer, web strategist, social media guru and game designer. Ouanao was co-creator and senior producer of ZeD, a flagship interactive program and social media pioneer that received international accolades, including an Emmy nomination.

Tom Roemer, vice-president academic, B.C. Institute of Technology - Roemer was appointed vice-president academic at BCIT in January 2016. He is also adjunct professor in SFU's faculty of education. He was previously vice-president of strategic development at Camosun College. Roemer has a strong interest in trades and technology education, is experienced in economic development and has worked in Brazil, Germany, China and Africa.

Benjamin Sparrow, co-founder and CEO, Saltworks - Sparrow grew desalination company Saltworks from a small machine in his apartment, to a profitable firm with two factories and global customers, including many Fortune 100 companies. He was previously a senior project manager for BC Hydro rebuilding power stations. He completed his MBA at SFU and his BSc in mechanical engineering at the University of Alberta.

Don Stuckert, principal, dstuckert & Associates - A technology executive, Stuckert has more than 35 years of business and technology leadership experience throughout North America. He has held executive positions in a broad range of industries, and worked for Placer Dome, TELUS, Sierra Systems and Systemhouse, and is a former vice-president and chief information officer at BC Hydro.

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology
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Hi Tania

Here is your draft for review. Just wanted to draw your attention to my shortening/edits of the sentence on Nichelle Nichols and the removal of the work "national" from the bullet on awards, since the example you cite isn't a national award.

On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

-----Original Message-----
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May 11, 2018

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

NEWS RELEASE
Northern FanCon brings stars to Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE - Northern FanCon 2018, an internationally recognized entertainment expo and comic convention, will bring Hollywood celebrities, creative geniuses and thousands of visitors together in Prince George May 11-13, 2018, with help from the Province's Tourism Events Program.

Northern FanCon features comic and film artists, creative workshops, costume play (cosplay) contests, live interviews of celebrity guests and a pop culture trade show. Returning for a fourth year, FanCon draws national and international attendance, and is a must-attend event for people in Prince George. The annual event gains huge buzz from media coverage and social media, not only in Canada, but around the world.

"Northern FanCon is becoming an iconic event that attracts thousands of fans. This is great news for Prince George, because it creates significant tourism impact and boosts the local economy," said Lana Popham, acting Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. "Providing support for unique events - like Northern Fancon - is just one way that our government is attracting tourists to our province, and helping British Columbians who earn their living in the tourism industry."

"The positive impacts of Northern FanCon have been felt all over the province, and across the B.C. borders," said Norm Coyne, event director, Northern FanCon. "This year, thanks to support from the Tourism Events Program and other visionary partners, we get to expand the influence our city is having on the screen arts industry of the province. We are showing that this sector has a place in all regions of B.C. At the same time, we are also having an influence on the tourism industry, as we draw people from far and wide into a new and exciting relationship with British Columbia."

Over the past four years, more than 50,000 people have attended the Prince George-based expo, travelling from as far as New Zealand, Japan and Texas, to attend and meet their favourite stars. The line-up this year includes legendary entertainer Nichelle Nichols - best known for her role as Lt. Uhura on Star Trek - as well as renowned Australian actress Gigi Edgley and many others. This year's three-day event is expected to generate about $500,000 in visitor spending.

The Tourism Events Program supports events that raise national and international awareness of B.C.'s many tourism experiences, and inspires people from around the world to travel to and experience British Columbia. These events also generate tourism activity in communities and regions throughout the province.

Quick Facts:

* The Province of British Columbia has provided $24,500 in funding to Northern FanCon 2018, through the Tourism Events Program.

* Northern FanCon is a fan convention/entertainment expo hosted by UNLTD Media & Events, the Prince George Citizen and the Northland Auto Group, and is held at Prince George's CN Centre and Kin 1 arena.

* An estimated 10,340 attendees and participants are expected, with 4,540 attending from outside Prince George.

* Visitors are expected to stay four days, generating 4,420 hotel room nights during Prince George's low tourism season.

* Northern FanCon has won several awards, including the 2017 Prince George Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for tourism and hospitality.

Learn More:

Learn more about Northern FanCon 2018: https://fancon.ca/

On Twitter (hashtag: #fancon2018): https://twitter.com/northernfancon

On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/northernfanconpg/

For more information on the Tourism Events Program, visit: www.destinationbc.ca/BC-Tourism-Industry/Municipal-and-Regional-District-Tax-Program/Tourism-Events-Program.aspx

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Hi Tom

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up to go tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. to 100 Mile House and Williams Lake.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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May 15, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Open house on wildfire risk reduction in Borland Valley

150 MILE HOUSE - The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will host a community open house and information meeting about the second phase of ongoing wildfire risk reduction activities in the Borland Valley, about four kilometres east of 150 Mile House.

The meeting will be held at the 150 Mile House firehall (3038 Pigeon Rd.) on May 31, 2018, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting will include an overview of the Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project, and also provide details about wildfire risk reduction activities planned for the area over the next few years.

The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. has contributed $1 million toward this project. This Crown agency's work is focused on wildfire risk reduction, reforestation, forest rehabilitation, wildlife habitat restoration and raising awareness of the FireSmart program in British Columbia.

Staff from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will host the meeting and answer questions about the Borland Valley project. They will also be able to offer advice on using FireSmart principles to reduce wildfire threats on private property.

Second-phase activities:

* The first phase of the Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project began in 2016. The second phase is scheduled to begin in September 2018.

* This project will demonstrate multiple treatment methods within a 340-hectare area, with each one intended to help other land managers in the region decide which types of treatments would be most appropriate for their communities.

* Treatments are scheduled for:
* four areas covering about 78 hectares between Pigeon Road and Borland Creek (roughly from Heinie Place to

Brouse Road)

* two areas covering about 153 hectares between Borland Creek and Redeau Lake Road (2300 Road)

* four areas covering about 105 hectares south of Redeau Lake Road (2300 Road)

* The treatments will create fuel breaks to help reduce wildfire threats to residential properties, enhance the long-term health of tree stands and improve habitat for wild animals (such as mule deer).

* Activities may include:
* removal of hazard trees (while leaving behind some wildlife trees)

* thinning of timber stands

* removal of surface fuels (woody debris)

* removal of flammable shrubs (such as common juniper)

* pruning of tree branches up to three metres above the ground (which could allow flames to spread into the tree canopy)

* Debris and timber will be disposed of through milling, chipping or pile burning. Making use of the resulting wood fibre is a top priority for this project, so burning will only occur if necessary. Any such fires would be closely monitored by trained firefighters.

* The planned treatments will have no negative impact on community trail networks.

* Other important factors, such as recreational use, riparian areas and cultural values are being incorporated into all aspects of this project.

Learn More:

Learn more about wildfire risk reduction strategies: http://gov.bc.ca/wildfireprevention

More information about the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. is available online: http://www.fesbc.ca

Read about the FireSmart Canada program, or download a copy of the FireSmart homeowner's manual: http://gov.bc.ca/firesmart

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Hi Brett.

Here is your draft for review.

Of note: Your first sentence was moved to the second paragraph so that the "news" part of the IB is upfront.

On approval, I'll set this up for release tomorrow at noon to Sechelt, Squamish, Whistler and Powell River media.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

Not Approved
May 24, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
People who build illegal trails face stiff penalties

SECHELT - The British Columbia government is reminding everyone that it is illegal to build trails on Crown land without prior authorization.

British Columbians have plenty of opportunities to enjoy recreational activities in the great outdoors. Over the last two years, government staff has noticed an increase in unauthorized trail building in the Sea to Sky Recreation District. In April 2018, staff from BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service joined forces to deactivate an unauthorized trail that began within Garibaldi Provincial Park, and extended to Crown land below the park.

Unauthorized trail construction can result in:

* soil erosion or soil compaction

* negative effects on water quality or water flow

* slope stability concerns

* negative impacts for other resource users

* safety and liability concerns, due to improperly built or maintained trails and structures

* the spread of invasive plants

* disruption of wildlife habitat or sensitive plant ecosystems

Government agencies, forestry licensees and local recreation groups work co-operatively to develop and maintain authorized trails, to minimize negative impacts on the landscape. Before anyone can build a trail on Crown land,

they must first apply for permission to do so, and comply with the Forest and Range Practices Act.

Individuals or groups wishing to build or maintain a trail or other outdoor recreational facility must prepare a written proposal, and obtain provincial approval, before starting any such work. The consultation and referral part of the process ensures that the location of the trail is free of land-use conflicts, and will help build positive relationships with First Nations, user groups and stakeholders.

Natural resource officers from the Ministry Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regularly patrol Crown land and enforce provincial regulations, often acting on tips from the public. Failure to comply with legislation related to trail construction could result in a penalty of up to $10,000, a remediation order to return the area to its original condition, and/or a jail term of up to six months.

Members of the public are encouraged to report illegal trails or suspicious activity by calling call 1 877-952-7277, toll-free (or #7277 on a cellphone). They can also submit a report about a suspected natural resource violation online: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm

Quick Facts:

* The 1,100,000-hectare Sea to Sky District lies in a northerly direction from the City of Vancouver. Highway 99 is the major road through the district, entering near Lions Bay and then winding its way along Howe Sound to Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton.

* In the Sea to Sky Recreation District, mountain biking is recognized as an important recreational pursuit, and of economic value to local communities. The area is well-known as a prime mountain biking destination in Canada.

* Recreation Sites and Trails BC partners with more than 20 recreational groups throughout the Sea to Sky Recreation District to manage, develop and maintain an extensive trail network

* Those partners include the Squamish Off-Road Cycling Association and the Squamish Dirt Bike Association.

* Typically, 10 to 15 applications to construct or maintain trails are submitted to Recreation Sites and Trails BC each year in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

* Since 2011, 55 trails have been authorized in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

Learn More:

More information about the trail-building approval process is available on the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/program/maintenance-development

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Hi Cadence

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up to go on a hair trigger sometime around 11:45 a.m., provincewide, including ethnic media.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

Not Approved
May 31, 2018

Ministry of Attorney General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Peter Kappel appointed as new B.C. Lottery Corporation chair

VICTORIA - Peter Kappel has been appointed chair of the B.C. Lottery Corporation (BCLC), the Province's Crown corporation responsible for the conduct and management of gambling in British Columbia, under the Gaming Control Act.

Kappel joins the board of directors appointed by the B.C. government. Kappel's one-year term as board chair begins May 31, 2018.

Kappel is the former managing director and head of securitization with DVB Bank AG in London. Previously, he was the managing director and co-head of the securitization and transitional debt finance group with Calyon (Credit Agricole); managing director and head of European securitization group with Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein; and director and head of structured finance with Nomura International - all based in London.

Kappel is a former executive committee member of the European Securitisation Forum Bond Market Association. He holds his bachelor of arts (honours) in economics from the University of Victoria, and held his chartered accountant designation through the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C. He has also been a director of Partnerships BC since 2009.

Kappel replaces current chair Bud Smith. Smith joined the BCLC board in May 2012, and was named chair in August 2013. His appointment expires May 31, 2018.

Learn More:

BCLC corporate governance and board of directors: http://corporate.bclc.com/who-we-are/governance-and-oversight/board-of-directors.html

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Hi Jen

Just put this in the usual statement format for you to review. On approval, I'll send this asap to the gallery and provincewide for you.

Shannon
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Not Approved
May 16, 2018

Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement on the federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation:

"We are standing up for British Columbia's environment, economy and our coast against the threat of a bitumen spill, and we are doing so entirely within our rights.

"The federal finance minister is trying to use our government as an excuse, as they put taxpayer money on the line to backstop risks to private investors, while completely ignoring the risks to B.C. The fact is, we've been issuing permits in a fair and timely manner, and have proposed new regulations that are now referred to court to confirm our jurisdiction.

"We are acting well within B.C.'s rights to defend our environment, and the tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity that depend on it."

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Hi Cara

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for 3 p.m. provincewide.

Shannon
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Not Approved
May 11, 2018

Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on flood activity in B.C.'s Interior

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement about flood activity in the British Columbia Interior region:

"The spring flood season is upon us. Heavy rainfall, warm weather and rapid snowmelt have triggered flood warnings and evacuations in the Interior. More than 4,000 British Columbians have been forced from their homes, while thousands more anxiously wait to see what rising flood waters will mean for their homes and their livelihoods.

"Our first priority is to help affected communities and make sure everyone is safe. B.C. is already providing disaster financial assistance to affected people in the Cariboo and Thompson Nicola regions. We have activated regional response centres to make sure people have timely information about the latest conditions. We have set up emergency supports and accommodation for evacuees. We have shipped flood mitigation equipment and millions of sandbags to help protect homes and businesses.

"The flood season has only just begun. We are working closely with local governments to protect communities, and we will continue to assist in any way we can.

"May 6 to 12 is Emergency Preparedness Week. I encourage all British Columbians to prepare their homes, and their families, for a natural disaster. Know the risks. Develop a plan and practise it. Prepare kits for your home and your car. We must all work together to prepare for, and respond to, flooding and other natural disasters."

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Hi Craig.

Here is your draft for review.

Changes of note:
1. The headline
2. Moved Minister Darcy's quote into one paragraph
3. Broke up and changed the structure of paragraph 5 (now 5 and 6)
4. Changed across B.C. to "around B.C." in Lipton's quote

On approval, I'll set this up for release provincewide tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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Not Approved
May 9, 2018

Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Programs that enhance student well-being receiving $300,000

VICTORIA - Two organizations that help at-risk students improve their physical and mental well-being will each receive grants of $150,000 from the Government of British Columbia.

The funding will help Take a Hike Foundation and Right To Play expand their programs in B.C., so that more students who may be at risk can benefit from the supports provided by these specialized programs.

"I am proud to support innovative programs in our schools that help prevent students from falling through the cracks, and provide them with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in school and beyond," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Both of these programs help students achieve higher levels of physical and mental well-being, as well as academic success."

"Creating social relationships is crucial to the overall well-being, mental health, and development of children and youth," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "Programs like Take a Hike support at-risk students by providing them with an important sense of belonging and connection - to their peers, to the natural environment and to their community."

Take a Hike is a full-time, alternative education program for youth in grades 10-12 that uses a combination of outdoor adventure-based learning, academics, therapy and community involvement to engage students. The program currently serves 80 students, with 20 students per class in four classes. Two classes are in Vancouver, one in Burnaby and one in Trail. It is expanding into Surrey for the next school year, benefiting 20 more students.

The program helps students attain real results. Last year, 92% of Grade 12 students in the program graduated with a high school diploma. There is also a significant increase in school attendance amongst participants - from an average

of 2.25 days per week to four days per week (a 77% increase).

"Take a Hike is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to offer this proven and successful program to youth in B.C.," said Gordon Matchett, CEO, Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation. "Over the past 18 years, we have seen hundreds of Take a Hike youth graduate from high school and become resilient young adults. We are confident Surrey youth will see the same benefits".

The funds for Right To Play will be used for the organization to enhance programming that is focused on mental well-being and physical health for Indigenous students, new immigrants and children in care. Right To Play currently operates in 19 communities in B.C., with their presence mainly in Indigenous communities. These funds will be used to develop partnerships with more school districts.

"Right To Play is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to continue our work with children and youth around B.C.," said Rose Lipton, director of Canadian programs at Right To Play. "We have seen incredible results in terms of child and youth engagement, and with our programs also supported by Microsoft, we know that working together with the ministry will lead to even greater results and long-term impact."

Since launching in 2015, Right To Play in B.C. has worked with over 1,500 children and youth. The program uses the power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity. The funding will also help Right To Play work with interested school districts on creating programming that aligns with B.C.'s new curriculum.

Quick Facts:

* The Take a Hike program is designed primarily for students who are between the ages of 15-19, in grades 10-12 and who are at risk of dropping out of school, or who have already dropped out.

* Between one-third to one-half of Take a Hike participants identify as Indigenous, and approximately one-quarter of participants are from new immigrant families.

* 92% of Right To Play program participants said they were excited about school, and developed a more positive attitude toward school.

* Since 2010, Right To Play programming in Canada has expanded from two to more than 85 Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada, engaging approximately 5,000 children and youth.

Learn More:

Right To Play: http://www.righttoplay.ca

Take a Hike: http://www.takeahikefoundation.org

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Hi Carla

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened the headline
2. We changed "their" to "its" in regard to the Rick Hansen Foundation, including in the lede and in the Premier's quote.
3. I changed the punctuation in Rick Hansen's quote as there was a run-on sentence.

On everyone's approval, we'll set this up for 3 p.m. on Monday, provincewide.

Shannon
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May 28, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

NEWS RELEASE
Province celebrates Rick Hansen Day by investing in accessibility

VICTORIA - A new grant to the Rick Hansen Foundation will support its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive, announced Premier John Horgan.

"Rick Hansen has been blazing a trail in support of people with disabilities in B.C., across the nation and around the globe, for over 30 years," said Premier Horgan. "We are recognizing his efforts with a $10-million grant that will help his foundation continue its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive."

The announcement of the grant for the Rick Hansen Foundation was made together with a proclamation of May 28, 2018, as Rick Hansen Day, in honour and recognition of his contributions to the province and the country. The day also marks the beginning of B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week.

"Our government is committed to making this province better for people living with disabilities," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "That's why we are kicking off B.C.'s first ever AccessAbility Week by committing to work together with organizations like the Rick Hansen Foundation, to bring down barriers and improve accessibility in every part of the province."

The $10-million grant will help the Rick Hansen Foundation further its existing programs, and push forward with new innovations.

"I am grateful to the Province for their continued support and recognition of the foundation, and their commitment to bringing about positive change in the lives of people with disabilities," said Hansen. "Creating the barrier-free B.C., Canada, and the world that we want - and everyone deserves - is more than possible. Premier Horgan's

leadership is helping pave the path forward."

Since 1985, the Rick Hansen Foundation has raised awareness, changed attitudes and removed barriers for people with disabilities, as well as funding spinal cord injury research and care.

Quick Facts:

* The Province has proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, AccessAbility Week in B.C., to promote inclusion and accessibility, and recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that actively removing barriers for people with disabilities in their communities.

* More than 500,000 British Columbians ages 15 and older, or 15% of the population, self-identify as having a disability.

* The population of people with disabilities is growing rapidly. One in seven Canadian adults have a disability, and as the population continues to age, this number is expected to grow to one in five by 2036.

* The provincial government provides up to $5 billion annually to fund services and supports that support people with disabilities in B.C.

Learn More:

To learn more about accessibility in B.C., visit: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

If you are living with a disability in B.C., there are programs and services available to you: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

To learn more about the Rick Hansen Foundation, visit: https://www.rickhansen.com/

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Hi Alex

Here is your draft for review. I shortened your headline and lede just a smidge. Otherwise, it was just minor edits.

Can you confirm if the PO is the lede on this or you guys? I'm copy them for approval as well.

On everyone's approval, we'll set this up to go at 3 p.m. provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 29, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Province launches BC Bus North for affordable, safe travel

VICTORIA - The British Columbia government is launching a new, interim long-haul northern bus service to fill the gap Greyhound will leave behind, and ensure that British Columbians living in the North are able to travel safely and affordably between communities, Premier John Horgan announced.

The new service, called BC Bus North, will begin providing service on June 4, 2018, just days after Greyhound discontinues the majority of its northern bus routes on June 1.

"People in the North rely on transportation for their livelihoods, to access the health and education services they need, and to visit family and friends," said Premier Horgan. "In the face of Greyhound's decision, our job is to make sure northern communities and the people who live there are able to stay connected through safe, reliable and affordable public transportation."

BC Bus North's service will include two round-trips per week, between Prince Rupert and Prince George, Prince George and Valemount, and Prince George to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John. Additionally, BC Bus North will offer one round-trip per week from Fort Nelson to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John.

"BC Bus North will help make sure that people in the North, especially those in rural and remote communities, don't feel stranded and isolated," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "Once the service is up and running, we're going to take the next step by working with northern communities to find a long-term solution that delivers a sustainable, affordable solution for these communities."

The service will be affordable with one-way fares being either $35 or $45, per route, depending on how far people are travelling.

Northern B.C. has unique transportation challenges due to its remote geography and vast distances between communities. Greyhound's move to eliminate service in the North has put people at risk for isolation, such as those

without access to personal vehicles, and especially people of low income, Indigenous communities, women, seniors and people with disabilities.

The minister has directed BC Transit to work with one of its service operators to provide a base-level service to help fill the gap left by Greyhound. BC Bus North will be operated by Pacific Western Transportation using four highway coaches, equipped with luggage and washroom facilities.

"We're looking forward to delivering a long-haul service for the first time to connect people and communities in northern B.C.," said Erinn Pinkerton, interim president and CEO, BC Transit. "Our team has been working hard to find ways to make this interim solution meet the needs of customers in the North."

The Province will fund BC Bus North for 12 months, during which time government will work with local leaders to evaluate the demand for this new service, and develop a long-term transportation solution that works for people in this part of the province.

Learn More:

To learn more about BC Bus North, visit: https://bcbus.ca/

For BC Bus North's fares and schedule, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC_Bus_North_Map_Schedules_Fares_June_2018.pdf

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Hi Daisy

Here is your revised draft for review. On approval, we'll set this one up to go tomorrow at noon provincewide, including majors and I'll add business media too.

Shannon
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May 5, 2018

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Emergency Management BC

NEWS RELEASE
Province partners with major retailers to promote emergency readiness

VANCOUVER - British Columbians will now find it easier to "Get Good and Ready" in the event of an emergency, with the new Partners in Preparedness Program.

"The new Partners in Preparedness Program brings emergency preparedness front and centre, making it easier for British Columbians to purchase the supplies they need to be better prepared," said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness. "Industry, retailers, all levels of government and all citizens have a role to play in emergency readiness. So let's be partners in preparedness, and get good and ready together."

Rice announced the new program at the Vancouver Art Gallery, along with London Drugs and Save-On-Foods, the first two B.C. retailers to come on board, and City of Vancouver staff, during the official kick off for Emergency Preparedness Week.

Under the program, B.C. retailers will partner with the Province to champion emergency readiness by promoting and selling disaster supplies in their stores. The theme of the program is "Get Good and Ready." The aim is to make it easier for people to buy emergency supplies, improve community resilience and public safety, and raise awareness about emergency risks.

Ready-made shopping lists will be available to help people find the supplies they need for assembling an emergency kit. Retailers can customize the program to the specific hazards in their area by choosing to feature one or more of the five emergency risks: earthquake, wildfire, flood, power outage and severe weather.

Information will be on display at all B.C. London Drugs locations, highlighting what British Columbians should have on hand as they prepare their homes, cars and workplaces for an emergency.

"London Drugs is pleased to become an inaugural member of the Partners in Preparedness Program," said Tony Hunt, general manager of loss prevention, London Drugs. "Uniting on this important program provides an opportunity to highlight the items families and individuals should have on hand, while providing our customers with the resources and tools they need to better prepare for an emergency."

Save-On-Foods will share information about the program at all B.C. stores during launch week, and help raise awareness through its digital channels, including saveonfoods.com.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with Emergency Management BC on this important initiative aimed at making it easier for families to be prepared for an emergency," said Julie Dickson, director of public affairs and corporate services for Save-On-Foods. "We play an active role in supporting communities in times of need, and helping spread the word about this proactive approach seemed like a great way for us to go the extra mile for our neighbours."

PreparedBC is working to recruit more B.C. retailers, with a goal of having a Partners in Preparedness presence in every region of the province.

Quick Facts:

* PreparedBC is a public education program dedicated to emergency readiness. It serves as a one-stop shop for preparedness resources and materials, serving the public and local authorities.

* May 6 to 12, 2018, is Emergency Preparedness Week, which serves to encourage people to be better prepared to protect themselves, and their families, during emergencies.

* When disaster strikes, emergency workers may not reach everyone immediately, or even for several days. Families should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours.

* During Emergency Preparedness Week, British Columbians are encouraged to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:
* Know the risks specific to your community.

* Develop a family emergency plan and practise it.

* Prepare emergency kits for your home and your vehicle.

* According to a PreparedBC survey, personal laziness and apathy were cited as primary reasons why people don't have an emergency kit or plan. Lack of knowledge of what to include and a lack of time to prepare are additional challenges that prevent people from establishing an emergency plan and assembling an emergency kit.

Learn More:

For more information about how to join Partners in Preparedness, visit:
www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC/PartnersInPreparedness

PreparedBC is British Columbia's one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips about how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

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To view the complete PreparedBC personal preparedness survey, visit: http://bit.ly/2Dzo4Br

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Hi Suzannah

Here is your draft for review. On approval, we'll set this up to go tomorrow at noon provincewide (I assume).

Shannon
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May 30, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

NEWS RELEASE
Provincial funding will improve accessibility

VICTORIA - To mark B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week, the Government of British Columbia is announcing funding to support projects that will improve accessibility throughout the province.

"People with disabilities often face both physical and social barriers in their day-to-day life, and that needs to change," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "The $500,000 we are announcing today is one way our government is supporting organizations to advance their work, reduce barriers and increase accessibility throughout the province."

The funding will be distributed through a series of grants administered by Disability Alliance BC (DABC). A call for proposals will be issued later in the summer 2018, and the grants will be dispersed by the end of the year.

"There is a lot of great work happening throughout B.C. to enhance accessibility and inclusion," said Sam Turcott, DABC's advocacy access program director. "This funding recognizes these efforts, and will help organizations to move forward on projects and initiatives that will help people with disabilities participate more fully in their communities."

The Province proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, as B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week, to promote inclusion and accessibility, and to recognize the people and organizations who are working to make B.C. a more inclusive and welcoming province for people with disabilities.

Quick Facts:

* More than 500,000 people in B.C. over the age of 15 years identify as having a disability.

* For organizations interested in applying for funding, details on the call for proposals will be available on the Disability Alliance BC website in the coming weeks.

Learn More:

B.C. government accessibility initiatives: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

Disability Alliance BC: www.disabilityalliancebc.org (http://disabilityalliancebc.org/)

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives
Date:	May 14, 2018 9:21:47 AM
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Hi Lori

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened your headline so it's closer to the 55 character limit.
2. The bullet that explains the benefit of the work being done by residents was moved up into the 4th paragraph. "All jobs have value" didn't seem explain it quite enough.

On approval, I'll set this up to go provincewide at 12:10 p.m.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----
Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

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May 14, 2018

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

NEWS RELEASE
Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

VICTORIA - People will be supported to move from a cycle of addiction, homelessness and incarceration, with greater opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity and respect, at a new Victoria recovery centre.

The Government of British Columbia is providing $4.7 million in funding to Our Place Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community (TRC) - a recovery-based program that is delivered in a structured environment. Therapeutic recovery communities, like the project being developed by Our Place Society, offer a safe space for people to learn new ways to strengthen themselves, rebuild their lives and address the root causes of their addiction.

"Our government is working to provide a full spectrum of connected and holistic mental health and addiction supports to help all British Columbians live happier, more fulfilling lives," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "I am so proud to support this innovative, therapeutic recovery community, which will help people living with addiction develop the skills they need to thrive in our community."

What makes this therapeutic recovery community unique is the active role clients will have in its operations. In a TRC, work is a key component. It is used both for therapy and education. Residents perform many of the jobs needed to keep the community going. In the TRC model, work is used both for therapy and education. A structured and meaningful work schedule helps to shape behaviour, create a sense of membership, teach job skills and instil attitudes that promote competence.

Our Place Society will work with partners to ensure program supports are culturally appropriate and safe, including holistic integration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous healing approaches that seek to achieve and sustain the well-being of all residents.

"We are grateful to the Government of B.C. for supporting this life-changing program," said Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. "This is an opportunity to not only transform the lives of individuals, but to also transform our community."

The proposed location for the therapeutic recovery community is the former youth custody centre at 94 Talcott Rd. in View Royal. To support this project, BC Housing will be leasing this property to Our Place Society at a nominal rate, providing a grant of approximately $310,000 for site renovations, and covering property tax costs for the next three years.

"After playing an important role in helping more than 100 people transition to permanent housing, I'm excited that this building will be able to find a new role providing the housing future residents will need to focus on rebuilding their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By combining this stable housing with the necessary wraparound support services, this therapeutic recovery community will support people in their recovery."

The proposed therapeutic recovery community will begin accepting male clients in 2019-20 for between 12 and 24 months at a time. People may be referred to the program through the criminal justice system, or Our Place Society's network of social-support service providers. All admissions to the TRC will be subject to a rigorous application and interview process, which will assess treatment readiness to ensure suitability for admission to the program. Counsellors, case managers, health-care professionals and social workers will guide clients through the program. Clients on medication for opioid-agonist therapy will receive appropriate supports through the program.

"The therapeutic community will be an important addition to the range of treatment options available on the South Island for people living with substance-use challenges," said Dr. Ramm Hering, primary-care substance-use lead, Island Health. "Island Health is pleased to partner with Our Place Society, and support evidence-based, holistic clinical services at the therapeutic community that will help clients' recovery."

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will be working closely with Our Place Society on this project to determine the effectiveness and adaptability of the TRC model in other parts of the province. The goal of the TRC is for everyone who completes the program to be in control of their addiction, have a place to live, a job and all the life skills necessary to thrive in the wider community.

Our Place Society is a non-profit organization with extensive knowledge and experience helping people in need in Greater Victoria access the mental health, addiction, housing and social service supports they need, when they need them. They also work closely with partner agencies, such as BC Housing, Island Health and other not-for-profit community service agencies.

Quick Facts:

* The TRC movement was founded on the principles of respect for life, oneself, others, and the environment, and operate free of charge to all clients.

* The San Patrignano Therapeutic Community in Italy is the model for Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, and reports a 72% full recovery rate for residents who complete the program.

* The evidence-based TRC model's primary approach to treatment is the community as healer, versus individual focus.

* Treatment activities emphasize learning and doing, rather than getting therapy.

* By using a community-as-method approach, all clients have a responsibility to hold both themselves and others accountable, and to learn how to embrace pro-social behaviours and relationships.

Learn More:

To learn more about Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, visit:

https://www.ourplacesociety.com/how-we-help/therapeutic-recovery-community

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Recreational water safety tips
Date:	May 19, 2018 10:34:26 AM
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Hi Jordan

Here is your draft for review. We normally like an action verb in the headline, but I did add "tips."

On approval, I'll send this provincewide at 11 a.m.

Shannon
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May 19, 2018

Emergency Management BC
BC Coroners Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Recreational water safety tips

VICTORIA - With hot weather forecast through the long weekend for much of the province, Emergency Management BC and the BC Coroners Service urge residents and visitors to take extra care in and around rivers and lakes.

Many lakes across the Interior of B.C. are flooding, including Okanagan Lake and Osoyoos Lake. Boaters are asked to keep their wakes low to reduce shoreline and property damage, watch for floating debris, and keep some safety measures in mind while on the water. Regional districts may have regulations in place for lakes; boaters are advised to check first before heading out.

For updated information on flood-affected areas, and tips to help plan your weekend, please visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

Here are some tips for boaters to ensure their safety and minimize damage:

* Wake height should be no more than 30 centimetres.

* Large and heavier boats create damaging waves, even at low speeds, so extra caution is needed when cruising the lake. Keep in the centre, whenever possible.

* Small and light boats should remain 300 metres from the shoreline, whenever possible, or travel in the centre of the lake when approaching shorelines. Travel under 10 kilometres per hour within 300 metres of the shoreline.

* When operating at no-wake speed, trim the drive or outboard to allow the boat to proceed with smallest wake possible.

* Watch for debris and submerged logs.

The most recent data available from the BC Coroners Service shows accidental drowning deaths tend to spike each

summer, with the numbers beginning to increase in May and continuing to rise through August. A report for 2016 drowning fatalities shows a total of 47 accidental drownings, with more than one-third of those deaths occurring in the southern Interior region of B.C.

Here are some water-safety best practices to consider over the long weekend:

* All recreational boaters, including paddlers, should wear a properly fitted personal floatation device (PFD). Children, non-swimmers and weak swimmers should wear a PFD anytime they are in or near the water.

* Visitors to B.C. should understand the possible dangers in or near B.C.'s lakes and rivers. These include sudden drop-offs into deep water; unexpected, underwater obstacles; and unstable or slippery rock edges above cliffs and waterfalls. Waters in B.C. are also frequently much colder than in other countries or provinces. If you are hosting, someone from out of town, be sure to warn them of these potential hazards.

* Avoid consuming alcohol when swimming, boating or performing any water-based activity. Impairment greatly increases the chances of an accidental drowning.

* Be aware of the water conditions where you are planning your activities. Check the weather forecast before heading out, and also do a visual inspection of the area. Do not head down a river without being aware of the water conditions further downstream. If there are warning signs posted, obey them.

* Never dive into unknown waters. Unexpectedly shallow water, or hidden obstacles underwater, can easily prove fatal. Diving from cliffs or from other great heights is exceptionally risky.

* Never swim alone. Always have a buddy and keep an eye out for each other.

* Visit the Canadian Red Cross or the Lifesaving Society websites for water safety tips.

Learn More:

PreparedBC is British Columbia's one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips on how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

Flood prevention tips: http://ow.ly/E2JV30bttgr

PreparedBC: Flood Information for Homeowners and Home Buyers guide: http://ow.ly/t4lg30bttjr

Red Cross: http://www.redcross.ca/

River Forecast Centre: http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/

BC Wildfire Service: http://bcwildfire.ca

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Here is the version to be re-released on Monday at 11:40 a.m. Same distribution.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

May 21, 2018

Ministry of Education

MEDIA ADVISORY

COURTENAY - Media are invited to join Minister of Education Rob Fleming as he makes an announcement on making British Columbia schools safer. Fleming will be joined by Courtenay-Comox MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard, Comox Valley school board representatives, and staff and students from Lake Trail Middle school.

Event Date: Tuesday May 22, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Lake Trail Middle school
805 Willemar Ave.
Courtenay

Note: The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Safer school for École Armstrong Elementary students
Date:	May 16, 2018 2:36:56 PM
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Hi Emily

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I changed "safe" to "safer" in the minister's quote to stay consistent with the rest of the release.
2. I changed "across" to "around" in the minister's quote.

On approval, I'll set this up for 8:15 a.m. tomorrow to lower mainland media.

Shannon
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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Safer school for École Armstrong Elementary students

BURNABY - Almost 400 young students in Burnaby can look forward to having a safer school with the announcement of a $6.7-million seismic upgrade at École Armstrong Elementary.

"Parents are counting on us to deliver safer schools for their kids, and that's why we're fixing schools, like École Armstrong Elementary, right around the province," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "We are very glad to be investing in this community, to ensure students will be safe in the event of an earthquake."

"The safety of children is one of our highest priorities, and I am proud that we are putting them first," said Katrina Chen, MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed. "An upgraded, safer Armstrong elementary will serve the students and this community for many years to come."

The project will upgrade the entire school, to ensure it is safe for students in the event of an earthquake. École Armstrong Elementary was built in 1955, with several additions between 1957 and 1969, and is at high risk of incurring significant damage in a large earthquake.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2018, and to be complete in winter 2019. Six portables will temporarily be brought on-site to accommodate students while construction is underway.

"These improvements to École Armstrong Elementary signify a commitment to student and staff safety," said Ron Burton, chair, Burnaby board of education. "We are excited about the project and look forward to continuing to support the learning needs of our Burnaby families for years to come."

Eight of the 23 Burnaby schools in the Seismic Mitigation Program have had upgrades completed. Two schools - Alpha Secondary and Montecito Elementary - are currently under construction, and four are in the business-case

development stage.

Government is addressing the backlog of seismic and capital projects throughout B.C. to ensure students have safer learning environments. This includes encouraging collaboration between the Ministry of Education, school districts and local governments to meet ambitious timelines, and reduce the time it takes to complete projects. Government is also working to cut wait times for school construction by accelerating the funding approval process.

Since September 2017, government has approved over $229 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace 16 seismic high-risk schools.

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Hi Robin.

While I realize this isn't approved on your end yet, here is your edited draft anyway.

s.22 , but the rest of the team will be happy to help you first thing in the a.m. with your finals.

Have a great weekend.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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May 18, 2018

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

STATEMENT
Statement on upcoming Columbia River Treaty negotiations

VICTORIA - In response to the federal government's announcement that Canada and the United States will launch negotiations to discuss the future of the Columbia River Treaty on May 29, 2018, Katrine Conroy, Minister responsible for the Columbia River Treaty, has issued the following statement:

"We look forward to being at the table with the federal government in the upcoming negotiations with the United States.

"The fundamental principle of the Columbia River Treaty must continue to be maximizing benefits for Canada and the U.S., and sharing them equitably.

"We want to continue our deep and meaningful engagement with Columbia Basin Indigenous peoples in B.C., and ensure that local communities are kept informed, as negotiations progress."

Quick Facts:

* The Columbia River Treaty is a trans-boundary, water-management agreement between the United States and Canada, ratified in 1964. The treaty optimizes flood management and power generation, requiring co-ordinated operations of reservoirs and water flows for the Columbia River and Kootenay River, on both sides of the border.

* In March 2014, following extensive Indigenous peoples consultation and community engagement, and after conducting a number of technical studies, the Government of British Columbia announced its decision to continue the treaty, and seek improvements within the existing framework. This decision is supported by the Government of Canada.

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Hi esme,

Here is your draft for review.

Just a note that it's Indigenous peoples (plural) and that we don't do embedded links. So I broke out the URL about supports and services from the Quick Facts section and put it into the Learn More section.

On approval, we'll set this up to go tomorrow at 11 a.m. provincewide, include ethnic and Indigenous media.

Shannon
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May 29, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

NEWS RELEASE
Supporting greater inclusion for people with disabilities

VICTORIA - Two programs that help people with disabilities connect with services and supports in their communities will be expanding through new funding from the Province.

"We know how important it is for people with disabilities to be connected to the services and resources they need," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "This funding will help these organizations reach more people, and create positive changes for people living with a disability and their families."

British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS), Canada's first and only stand-alone

organization serving Indigenous peoples with disabilities, is receiving $180,000 to expand its navigation supports for Indigenous people with disabilities.

"This new funding will assist the society to expand our urban disability case-management services, enabling us to reach more individuals and families in relation to addressing their disability related needs and priorities," said Neil Belanger, executive director of BCANDS. "This includes housing, accessing disability and health-related services, employment, disability-related equipment and technology."

Inclusion BC is receiving $270,000 to hire community inclusion advocates, to advocate for youth with developmental disabilities and their families.

"We all play a vital part in supporting and empowering people to live good lives in their communities," said Faith Bodnar, executive director of Inclusion BC. "This funding will help us ensure Inclusion BC is working proactively, and that our support systems are empowered to respond to the needs and hopes of those we serve."

As the first AccessAbility Week in B.C. is being celebrated May 27 through June 2, 2018, the provincial government is recognizing disability organizations, like BCANDS and Inclusion BC, and the individuals with disabilities and their families, who work to reduce barriers to give British Columbians of all abilities a better chance to succeed.

Quick Facts:

* The provincial government provides more than $5 billion annually to fund services and supports for people with disabilities in B.C.

* AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to celebrate the work being done to make British Columbia a fully accessible, inclusive province. It is a time to recognize the efforts of people, communities and workplaces that are actively removing barriers so that people of all abilities have a better chance to succeed.

Learn More:

BCANDS' advocacy work includes a focus on the special cultural and practical considerations important and unique to Indigenous peoples with disabilities. To learn more: www.bcands.bc.ca

Inclusion BC is a federation of families, individuals and over 70 member agencies. They provide services throughout the province, and the demand for their services continues to grow. To learn more about Inclusion BC: http://inclusionbc.org/

View the AccessAbility Week proclamation:
http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/AccessAbilityWk2018

See what government is doing to build a better B.C. for people with disabilities: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

For more information on support and services, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

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Hi Sharon

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened your headline a smidge
2. The last sentence in Minister Fraser's quote was a run-on, so I added a period.
3. For clarification...was Minister Fraser referring to all words in their original languages in his quote, or specifically the original Tsilhqot'in words? I can alter that if it's the latter. Please let me know.

On approval, I'll send this at 11:15 a.m. to Williams Lake, Quesnel, 100 Mile House, and all ethnic media, including Indigenous.

Shannon
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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Tŝilhqot'in National Government

NEWS RELEASE
Tŝilhqot'in community names recognized through Nenqay Deni Accord

WILLIAMS LAKE - The six Tŝilhqot'in community names within the Tŝilhqot'in Nation have been adopted as official names within the Province of British Columbia.

Changing place names within the Tŝilhqot'in territory to reflect the history and culture of the area was identified as one of the priorities within the Nenqay Deni Accord between the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and the B.C. government.

The communities have long been referred to by their non-Tŝilhqot'in names within provincial and federal documents. The communities will now be correctly recognized as:

* Tl'esqox - also known as Toosey

* ʔEsdilagh - also known as Alexandria

* Yuneŝit'in - also known as Stone

* Tl'etinqox - also known as Anaham

* Tŝi Deldel - also known as Redstone and Alexis Creek Indian Band

* Xeni Gwet'in - also known as Nemiah Valley

The Tŝilhqot'in names will now appear on provincial government resources, maps and databases.

Quotes:

Nits'ilʔin (Chief) Joe Alphonse, Tribal Chairman, Tŝilhqot'in National Government -

"The entire Tŝilhqot'in territory has rivers, lakes, mountains and cultural sites that our people have long had names for in the Tŝilhqot'in language. Having our community names adopted by the Province is a small step in gaining recognition of our history, and extensive use of the territory. We look forward to working with the Province to ensure the rich culture of this area is rejuvenated through the process of giving back the true names of our Tŝilhqot'in places and sites."

Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -

"Words in their original language have a richness and depth of meaning that cannot hope to be matched when translated into English. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action highlights the importance of language and culture in our joint efforts to advance reconciliation. It is a vital part of connecting people to their heritage and the lands they come from. The formal recognition of the Tŝilhqot'in communities' proper names is a powerful statement of this important work in action."

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Reclaiming Tŝilhqot'in names for these communities is important and meaningful, because these names demonstrate a deep, direct relationship with the land, and supports recognition of traditional ecological knowledge."

Quick Facts:

* The Nenqay Deni Accord was signed Feb. 11, 2016, as a framework to government to government negotiations between the Tŝilhqot'in Nation and the Province.

* In October 2017, the Province and the Tŝilhqot'in Nation signed a letter of commitment to ensure key components of the accord are turned into action. They reaffirmed the work under the terms of the accord, and that both parties Tŝilhqot'in will work together to make progress on the eight pillars of reconciliation underpinning their work.

* In September 2015, mileage signs displaying distances to the Tŝilhqot'in communities were erected. This was the first time that Tŝilhqot'in communities were listed on any mileage sign in the Tŝilhqot'in territory in the English or Tŝilhqot'in language.

Learn More:

Nenqay Deni Accord: www.tsilhqotin.ca/Portals/0/PDFs/Nenqay_Deni_Accord.pdf

Tŝilhqot'in National Government: http://www.tsilhqotin.ca/

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Hi Tania

Here is the updated MA draft for review. On approval, I'll send this asap to the previous distribution list.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

May 9, 2018

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

MEDIA ADVISORY
Times for media opportunities have been added

VANCOUVER - Media are invited to join Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism, for the launch of the book, Celebration: Chinese Canadian Legacies in British Columbia.

Attending with Kahlon will be Jenny Kwan, Member of Parliament for Vancouver East; George Chow, B.C.'s Minister of State for Trade; and local MLAs.

The Province committed to creating this book as a lasting legacy of the contributions Chinese Canadians have made to the development and prosperity of B.C. since the mid-19th century. The legacy book is a commitment resulting from the unanimous Historic Apology to the Chinese community made by the B.C. legislature on May 15, 2014.

Event Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Media opportunities are as follows:

1:30 p.m. - Dignitary speeches
1:55 p.m. - Book presentation
2:05 p.m. - Photo opportunity
2:25 p.m. - Media interviews/availability

Location:
Vancouver Convention Centre
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Vancouver

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To:	Roth, Pamela GCPE:EX
Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Volunteers make BC Parks shine
Date:	May 16, 2018 3:22:02 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Pamela

Here is your draft for review. Of note: we toned down some of the more colourful adjectives and adverbs throughout. Also, I typed out CPAWS-BC in full since I didn't know what it was. Can you please check that they aren't "of B.C."? The hyphen made me believe they weren't, but I wasn't sure.

On approval, we'll set this up to go out on Saturday at 9 a.m. provincewide.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
May 19, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Volunteers make BC Parks shine

VICTORIA - Every year, hundreds of groups and individuals donate their time and energy to care for the 1,033 provincial parks and protected areas in British Columbia.

BC Parks values the contributions made by volunteers and recognizes those who go above and beyond through the annual achievement awards.

The winners of the 2017 BC Parks Volunteer Awards are:

* Individual volunteer - Brian Moorhead

* Volunteer group - Mitlenatch Island Stewardship Team (MIST)

* Volunteer legacy - Konrad and Gerda Feldmann

"British Columbians are known for their incredible volunteer spirit, and the passion and dedication demonstrated by our 2017 BC Parks volunteer award winners is truly inspiring," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "Congratulations and thank you for protecting and enhancing the spectacular natural environment that British Columbians cherish in our parks and protected areas."

In 2016-17, more than 2,000 volunteers contributed over 30,000 hours with BC Parks. Volunteers are involved in a wide range of activities, including trail maintenance, facility restoration, campground hosting, ecological reserve wardens, educational and interpretive programs, ecological monitoring and inventories, park management and planning.

Since it takes a community to make parks shine, BC Parks also recognizes the contributions made by community partners and park operators. The recipient for Community Partner of the Year is Canadian Parks and Wilderness

Society B.C. (CPAWS-BC), and Sandstorm North Contracting is the recipient for Park Operator of the Year.

Learn More:

To learn more about the recipients of the 2017 BC Parks Volunteer Awards, visit:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/volunteers/recognition/

For more information on BC Parks volunteers, visit: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/volunteers/

Connect with BC Parks: www.bcparks.ca

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A backgrounder follows.

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Media Relations
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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BACKGROUNDER
BC Parks Volunteer Awards recipients

Individual volunteer

He's over 80 years old, but Brian Moorhead still wears a variety of hats. From prolific trail builder, experienced outdoor enthusiast and climbing connoisseur, to mentor and public parks advocate in the Squamish area, Moorhead has spent thousands of hours volunteering with BC Parks.

In the last decade, Moorhead has spearheaded four major projects with BC Parks in the Squamish area: the Murrin Loop Trail, the Murrin Loop Trail Jurassic Park extension, Baseline Trail and Malamute Trail. In addition to developing these popular trails, he also regularly organizes and works with various volunteer groups to maintain and patrol the trails. Instilling a love of natural areas in countless volunteers and trail users, Moorhead is always planning more work to bring the trails within the parks to a high standard. He is currently working on making the Shannon Pools trail safer and more accessible.

Volunteer group

Accessible only by boat, Mitlenatch Island Nature Provincial Park isn't easy to reach, but every year, 70 to 80 volunteers arrange their own transportation to take on a variety of tasks on the small, rocky island located in the Strait of Georgia, off central Vancouver Island. Formally created in 2010, the Mitlenatch Island Stewardship Team (MIST) provides volunteers who participate in a range of activities, such as offering tours of accessible portions of the island, mentoring university students and youth, conducting conservation activities, reporting illegal fishing and maintaining facilities. The volunteers bring their own equipment, food and water for one-week stays on the island, which is home to the largest seabird colony in the Strait of Georgia. From collecting information on birds, creating paintings and drawings, to various carpentry projects and professional photography, the individuals involved in MIST bring a unique set of skills and expertise that have helped expand the profile of Mitlenatch, and BC Parks in general.

Volunteer legacy

With 1.6 million acres of land, Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park is often described as the Serengeti of Canada, and it's also been the part-time home of Konrad and Gerda Feldmann. Now in their seventies, the Feldmanns have been park hosts at Coldfish Lake in Spatsizi Plateau Provincial Park since 2001, but Gerda recently passed away. The pair welcomed visitors, ensured the facilities and cabins were clean, and carried out whatever small maintenance tasks BC Parks staff asked them to do. They also went above and beyond what is required, taking

on carpentry projects to fix up facilities and sometimes build new ones, and contributed to the maintenance of existing trails. Getting to Coldfish Lake is a commitment itself. The Feldmanns drove 650 kilometres from their home in Burns Lake to Tatogga Lake, and then either took a 20- to 30-minute flight by float plane, or hiked 50 kilometres.

Community partner

As part of BC Parks 100, which was celebrated in 2011, CPAWS-BC and BC Parks sparked a collaborative youth-engagement project called Get Outside BC. The project is a free, outdoor leadership program that aims to connect youth to parks, and catalyze related youth-led community action projects. Reaching at least 40 youth each year, the legacy of this program has been significant. Numerous youth have credited Get Outside BC for changing the trajectory of their education and career path toward a focus on environmental stewardship and connecting people to nature. More than 500 youth have been impacted throughout the province since the project began.

Park operator

Sandstorm North Contracting has been providing valued service as a park operator in northern B.C. provincial parks since 1996. Currently, they maintain the North and South Peace bundle, for a total of six parks. With a passion for parks and a commitment to constant improvement, the company goes above and beyond their contractual obligations. From helping BC Parks when the 2016 Peace Floods ravaged many areas, to creating the circle-tour map promoting parks in the Omineca and Skeena, to working with a conservation specialist to install bat boxes, Sandstorm North continue to enhance the park experience for all visitors to the area.

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Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Wider, safer bridge ready for Agassiz-Rosedale traffic
Date:	May 16, 2018 11:55:10 AM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Leanne

Here is your draft (with a slightly shortened headline) for review. On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 10 a.m. to Agassiz and Chilliwack media.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Wider, safer bridge ready for Agassiz-Rosedale traffic

AGASSIZ - In time for the summer season, drivers will be back on both lanes, and cyclists and pedestrians will be able to use the wider and safer pathways, when crossing the Rosedale overhead bridge on Highway 9 in the coming days.

Construction started in August 2017, and included upgrading the original bridge built in the 1950s to modern-day safety and seismic standards. Along with a seismic retrofit, the bridge deck was widened to allow two-metre shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists, with steel fencing for added safety.

Crews continue to complete finishing touches, which include final paving and general clean-up, and expect to be finished later this spring.

The ministry appreciates the patience of commuters and residents while crews complete this safety improvement project valued at $9.3 million.

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Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: Province, Stellat'en First Nation partner in forestry agreement
Date:	May 8, 2018 3:53:38 PM
Attachments:	2018FLNR0111-000870.pdf

Hi Lindsey,

Here is your draft for review.

Changes of note:
1. Spelled out UNDRIP in the Minister's quote.
2. Changed Stellat;en Duchun Forestry Inc. to Stellat'en Duchun Forestry Inc. Please confirm this is correct.

On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. to 006.5 - Burns Lake, 021.0 - Fort St. James, 058.0 - Prince George, 085.0 - Vanderhoof.... and perhaps Indigenous media?

Shannon
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Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Province, Stellat'en First Nation partner in forestry agreement

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

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2018FLNR0111-000870
May 9, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
Province, Stellat'en First Nation partner in forestry agreement

FRASER LAKE - Members of the Stellat'en First Nation now have an enhanced voice in local forest stewardship

and greater opportunity for economic development through a forestry agreement signed with the Province, moving British Columbia and the Stellat'en further down the path of reconciliation.

"Through this agreement, the Stellat'en First Nation will be able to tap into an additional revenue stream, and will have an opportunity for greater input into local forest stewardship," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The agreement, a 25-year First Nations woodland licence, will provide the Stellat'en with the opportunity to sustainably harvest 32,500 cubic metres of timber per year, for the first five years, with a step down to mid-forecast levels for the remaining years. The area-based licence covers 10,781 hectares of Crown land approximately 60 kilometres west of Vanderhoof, near Fraser Lake. The licence area will be managed by Stellat'en Duchun Forestry Inc., owned by Stellat'en First Nation.

"We are looking to redefine our relationships with First Nations by implementing the principles of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and this agreement is another example of our work towards shared prosperity," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

The agreement aligns with the Province's goal of greater reconciliation with First Nations, and supports the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, by providing enhanced economic opportunity for First Nations communities.

"This agreement will help us continue to ensure that local land and forest resources are managed, protected and developed for the mutual benefit of Stellat'en members and the people of British Columbia. It will also open doors on employment opportunities and another revenue stream for our First Nation," said Stellat'en Chief Archie Patrick.

This is the 12th First Nations woodland licence issued since the Province began the program in 2011. In addition to giving First Nations a stronger role in forest and land stewardship, these long-term, area-based, direct-award forest licences make it easier for First Nations forest companies to secure investment and loans.

Quick Facts:

* First Nations hold 11.8% of the provincial allowable annual cut - a total of 4.6% of the allowable annual cut in competitively held tenures, and 7.2% of the allowable annual cut in direct award tenures.

* First Nations woodland licences have been awarded to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Wei Wai Kum First Nation, Hupacasath First Nation, Tseshaht First Nation, Canim Lake Indian Band, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Lake Babine Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band, K'ómoks and Qualicum First Nations, Esk'etemc First Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation and Stellat'en First Nation.

Learn More:

Stellat'en First Nation: www.stellaten.ca

First Nations forestry agreements: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations-negotiations

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Subject:	FOR GRANT: DRAFT: $300,000 for programs that enhance student well-being
Date:	May 8, 2018 2:46:46 PM
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I changed First Nations in the second Quick Fact. I'll will flag it for the shop.

Shannon
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May 9, 2018

Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
$300,000 for programs that enhance student well-being

VICTORIA - Two organizations that help at-risk students improve their physical and mental well-being will each receive grants of $150,000 from the Government of British Columbia.

The funding will help Take a Hike Foundation and Right To Play expand their programs in B.C., so that more students who may be at risk can benefit from the supports provided by these specialized programs.

"I am proud to support innovative programs in our schools that help prevent students from falling through the cracks, and provide them with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in school and beyond," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Both of these programs help students achieve higher levels of physical and mental well-being, as well as academic success."

"Creating social relationships is crucial to the overall well-being, mental health, and development of children and youth," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

"Programs like Take a Hike support at-risk students by providing them with an important sense of belonging and connection - to their peers, to the natural environment and to their community."

Take a Hike is a full-time, alternative education program for youth in grades 10-12 that uses a combination of outdoor adventure-based learning, academics, therapy and community involvement to engage students. The program currently serves 80 students - with 20 students per class in four classes - two in Vancouver, one in Burnaby, one in Trail. It is expanding into Surrey for next school year, benefitting 20 more students. The program helps students attain real results. Last year, 92% of Grade 12 students in the program graduated with a high school diploma. There is also a significant increase in school attendance amongst participants - from an average of 2.25 days per week to four days per week (a 77% increase).

"Take a Hike is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to offer this proven and successful program to youth in B.C.," said Gordon Matchett, CEO Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation. "Over the past 18 years, we have seen hundreds of Take a Hike youth graduate from high school and become resilient young adults. We are confident Surrey youth will see the same benefits".

The funds for Right To Play will be used for the organization to enhance programming that is focused on mental well-being and physical health for Indigenous students, new immigrants and children in care. Right To Play currently operates in 19 communities in B.C., with their presence mainly in Indigenous communities. These funds

will be used to develop partnerships with more school districts.

"Right To Play is thrilled to be working with the Ministry of Education to continue our work with children and youth around B.C.," said Rose Lipton, director of Canadian programs at Right To Play. "We have seen incredible results in terms of child and youth engagement, and with our programs also supported by Microsoft, we know that working together with the ministry will lead to even greater results and long-term impact."

Since launching in 2015, Right To Play in B.C. has worked with over 1,500 children and youth. The program uses the power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity. The funding will also help Right To Play work with interested school districts on creating programming that aligns with B.C.'s new curriculum.

Quick Facts:

* The Take a Hike program is designed primarily for students who are between the ages of 15-19, in grades 10-12 and who are at risk of dropping out of school, or who have already dropped out.

* Between one-third to one-half of Take a Hike participants identify as Indigenous, and approximately one-quarter of participants are from new immigrant families.

* 92% of Right To Play program participants said they were excited about school, and developed a more positive attitude toward school.

* Since 2010, Right To Play programming in Canada has expanded from two to more than 85 Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada, engaging approximately 5,000 children and youth.

Learn More:

Right To Play: http://www.righttoplay.ca

Take a Hike: http://www.takeahikefoundation.org

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Cc:	Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Subject:	FOR GRANT: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Emergency Management BC – Port Coquitlam
Date:	May 11, 2018 10:47:19 AM
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After a computer mishap, here you are.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

May 11, 2018

Emergency Management BC

MEDIA ADVISORY

PORT COQUITLAM - Media are invited to attend an in-person media availability with Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister responsible for Emergency Management BC, to discuss the current flooding situation.

Media will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Event Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Location:
Minister Mike Farnworth's Constituency Office 107A 2748 Lougheed Hwy Port Coquitlam

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To:	Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
Subject:	FOR LINDA: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria; teleconference
Date:	May 30, 2018 2:38:26 PM
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May 30, 2018

Office of the Premier

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will hold an end of session media availability.

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location:
Rose Garden
Parliament Buildings
Victoria

Dial-in information (listen only):
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Subject:	FW: DRAFT: Board to audit BCTS operations near Kootenay area
Date:	May 25, 2018 8:58:41 AM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi again!

Here is your second draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for June 4th at 11 a.m. to Kootenay area media along with local Castlegar, Nakusp, and Trail/Rossland media (we don't have lists for the other cities).

Thanks.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

June 4, 2018

Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Board to audit BCTS operations near Kootenay area

VICTORIA - The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) program and timber sale licence holders in the Arrow Field Unit portion of the BCTS Kootenay Business Area, during the week of June 11, 2018.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, bridges, silviculture, fire protection activities and associated planning carried out from June 1, 2017, to June 15, 2018, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area starts at the United States boundary, and stretches approximately 230 kilometres north toward Revelstoke. The area covers about 1.35 million hectares, and contains the communities of Trail, Rossland, Castelgar, Fruitvale, Salmo, Nakusp, Hills, Burton and Edgewood.

This BCTS program was chosen randomly for audit from among all the BCTS programs in the province. The board normally audits two BCTS programs each year.

Once the audit work is completed, a report will be prepared and any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have a chance to respond. The board's final report and recommendations will then be released to the public and government.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government.

The board audits forest and range practices on public lands and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

Learn More:

Website: www.bcfpb.ca

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Subject:	FW: DRAFT: Special advisor appointed to Cariboo-Chilcotin School District
Date:	May 30, 2018 9:19:30 AM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Craig

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll web post this at 11:30 a.m.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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May 30, 2018

Ministry of Education

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Special advisor appointed to Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

VICTORIA - Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, has appointed Mike McKay as special advisor to the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District (SD 27) to help the district address its challenges, and respond to the recommendations in Dianne Turner's report to ensure student success in the community.

The appointment will begin immediately and run until the end of December 2018. As special advisor, McKay will be responsible for the following:

* establishing a detailed action plan, that includes all local partners, for responding to Turner's recommendations;

* addressing the issues raised in Turner's report regarding governance, finance, budgeting, leadership, morale, culture and district communications; and

* working to establish conditions for healthier relationships between SD 27 staff, the board, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

Under the School Act, a special advisor may enter schools and district offices, and can inspect board records. The board and its employees must assist the special advisor in carrying out their duties.

In fall 2018, Turner was hired by the ministry in to conduct a thorough review of the district, including interviews with many stakeholders in the community. She delivered a report to the ministry, identifying some key issues and offering recommendations for a path forward.

Turner's Assessment of Concerns and Recommendations for School District 27 is available here:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/assessment-report-on-sd27.pdf

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Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Education

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For Immediate Release
2018ENV0028-000954
May 17, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's letter to federal counterpart

VICTORIA - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, has sent the following letter to his federal counterpart, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Heyman's letter, in response to correspondence received from McKenna on April 26, 2018, can be viewed here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/316322_McKenna_FINAL_SIGNED.PDF

Heyman has outlined differences, as well as individual and shared priorities, of both governments related to protecting B.C.'s environment and economy from the effects of a catastrophic oil spill. He has also suggested areas where the federal government needs to do more in areas of its jurisdiction, including improvements to the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Heyman has also proposed ways both governments can co-operate on their respective research regarding the behaviour of spilled heavy oils, as wells as ways to jointly improve environmental protection.

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To:	Weiss, Jamie GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: FINALS: More reflective line paint means better visibility
Date:	May 10, 2018 4:01:53 PM

I got over zealous with my delete button.

Here it is...
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To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FINALS: More reflective line paint means better visibility

Hey Shannon,

Sorry to bug you again, but is there a permalink to go along with this NR?

Thanks.

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From: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: FINALS: More reflective line paint means better visibility

Approved finals for your records. Going tomorrow at 10 a.m. to all VI and LMain media.

Thanks!

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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May 11, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
More reflective line paint means better visibility

VICTORIA - Crews have started line painting throughout the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, with higher-quality glass beads included in the paint formula, so drivers can see brighter, more reflective road lines.

"Road markings need to not only survive, but shine on B.C.'s West Coast, especially at night and in rainy

conditions," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "The ministry's top priority is making sure our roads and highways are as safe as possible. By including larger, higher quality glass beads in our paint mix, it will be easier for people to see our lines when it's dark and the weather is bad."

Painting has begun, and this week, work is taking place in the Pemberton area, Victoria and Duncan. In total, more than 3,000 kilometres of roads and highways will be painted in the region this year.

Adding glass beads to line paint greatly increases reflectivity. The larger and higher-quality beads to be used in second coats this year in the region will provide 20% more reflectivity than the previous formula.

Also, requests for proposal were recently issued through BCBid for the next Pavement Marking Service Agreements, which will go into effect on Dec. 16, 2018. The following changes are being made to improve on the current agreements:

* 20% more lines painted annually throughout the province

* Use of larger glass beads for increased reflectivity and visibility at night, and thicker paint for longer-lasting pavement marking in coastal areas

* Second coat application in areas that experience premature wear

* Enhanced contractor monitoring and auditing, to maintain consistent performance

There are five pavement marking service areas in the province: Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Thompson-Cariboo, Okanagan-Kootenay and Northern Region. Each of the upcoming pavement marking service agreements, which were last tendered in 2013, are for five-year terms, and include an optional two-year extension.

The ministry works closely with contractors to continually test new paint formulations, and products to ensure that high-performing, environmentally friendly formulations are used in B.C.

Private contractors are responsible for repainting more than 20,000 kilometres every year, on highways and provincially owned side roads in B.C., using close to one million litres of paint and 500,000 kilograms of glass beads. This work starts every spring, and continues through the summer and into the fall.

Learn More:

Follow the work of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure online: http://www.tranbc.ca

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I'll grab those two other edits.

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Date:	May 17, 2018 9:14:53 AM

Can do. I just went with what the CC number came up with in our system. 12:15 it is.

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And I believe 12:15PM was the news release distribution time - a bit after the event starts...

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

NEWS RELEASE
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VICTORIA - The Province is making clean transportation more affordable and accessible for British Columbians, with incentives and one of Canada's largest networks of charging and fuelling stations, announced Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on Clean Energy Vehicle Day.

"We know that many British Columbians would like to make the switch to a clean-energy vehicle, but are put off because they think it will be too expensive, or that the charging infrastructure isn't in place yet," said Mungall. "Today's event is about letting people know what we are doing to make the shift to clean transportation more affordable, and more accessible for British Columbians."

During the Clean Energy Vehicle Day event, MLAs, reporters and the public had the opportunity to look at (and, in some cases, test drive) new clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), including battery-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

A recent BC Hydro study found that while a third of British Columbians are interested in switching to an electric vehicle, more than half believe electric vehicles are still too expensive. In fact, the report determined, some electric vehicles are less expensive than gas-powered cars over the long term, especially when fuel cost savings are considered. Electric vehicle drivers in B.C. have a built-in cost advantage, since this province has among the lowest electricity rates in North America.

B.C. is already a leader in clean-energy vehicles, with one of the largest public charging-infrastructure networks in Canada, and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country.

To help more drivers make the shift to a clean-energy vehicle, the provincial government is making investments in 2018, along with other partners, to more than double the size of B.C.'s electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites. When the network is expanded, it will be possible to drive from Golden to Tofino in an electric vehicle without running out of power.

In addition, the first public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in Canada will be opening in B.C. this year, with two in the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District.

To make CEVs more affordable, the Province offers point-of-sale incentives through the CEVforBC program, administered by the New Car Dealers Association of BC. The program offers incentives of up to $5,000 for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, and up to $6,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle. BC SCRAP-IT also offers incentives that, when combined with the CEVforBC program, provide total savings of up to $11,000 for a new electric vehicle, or $12,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle.

Increased use of clean-energy vehicles supports the Province's updated greenhouse gas reduction targets, which aim for 40% reduction in carbon emissions, from 2007 levels, by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040.

Quotes:

George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy -

"We can make life more affordable and enjoyable by providing more clean and efficient transportation solutions. It's a top priority for our government. Getting more people into electric vehicles is one of the ways we are going to meet our goals to reduce carbon pollution. Our commitment to cleaner transportation will help improve commutes and

reduce costs for everyone, while cutting air and climate pollution."

Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure -

"British Columbia's transportation sector is the largest source of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for about 39% of the province's total. That's why we are committed to making it easier for people to choose cleaner transportation options, like electric vehicles. Building a seamless network of charging stations is a huge step in the right direction, and I'm excited to see our transportation systems catching up with the times."

Keith Anderson, vice-president customer service, BC Hydro -

"B.C. is a great place to drive an electric vehicle. With our electricity rates being among the lowest in North America, British Columbians can save 75% on fuel costs when switching to an electric vehicle. Electricity in B.C. is also clean - about 98% of the electricity BC Hydro generates comes from clean and renewable resources - which means making the switch will help to reduce emissions as well."

Steve Price, chair, Capital Regional District Board -

The CRD would like to thank the Province for this important investment in clean energy for our region. We are currently utilizing e-bikes and electric vehicles within our corporate fleet, and are excited to move forward with piloting fuel cell vehicles that will further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Quick Facts:

* British Columbians who purchase electric vehicles typically save about 75% on their fuel and maintenance costs, which adds up to about $2,400 per year.

* Increased use of CEVs helps shift spending on imported transportation fuels to locally produced electricity and hydrogen, while stimulating jobs and economic development in the local clean-tech sector.

* In 2015, the CEV sector in British Columbia encompassed 198 companies, employed approximately 3,850 full-time positions, and contributed about $700 million in total direct economic activity.

Learn More:

B.C.'s Clean Energy Vehicle Program: www.gov.bc.ca/cleanenergyvehicleprogram

CEVforBC vehicle point-of-sale incentive program: https://www.cevforbc.ca/

BC SCRAP-IT Program: https://scrapit.ca/

To view a map of electric vehicle charging stations in B.C. (and throughout North America), visit: https://www.plugshare.com/

Plug In BC - Fraser Basin Council is administering the Charging Solutions and Incentives Program, Fleet Champions Program, and Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive Program on behalf of the Province: https://pluginbc.ca/

Emotive: http://www.emotivebc.ca/

Electric vehicles in HOV lane permit program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/routes-and-driving-conditions/hov-lanes/electric

BC Hydro's report, Unplugged: Myths block road to the electric car dream: https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/news-and-features/Report-unplugged-myths-block-road-to-EV-dream_April%202018.pdf

A backgrounder follows.

Contact:

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Media Relations
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
250 952-0628

BACKGROUNDER
B.C.'s support for clean-energy vehicles will benefit province

British Columbia is a leader in clean-energy vehicles (CEVs), with one of the largest charging-infrastructure networks in Canada (approximately 1,300 charging stations), and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country, with about 10,000 CEVs registered in B.C.

The B.C. government encourages British Columbians to choose clean, green vehicles that reduce their transportation greenhouse gas emissions. The CEV Program supports battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, along with hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles. The CEV Program's target is that by 2020, 5% of new light-duty passenger vehicle sales in B.C. will be clean-energy vehicles (also commonly known as zero-emission vehicles, or ZEVs). B.C. has also signed on to the International Zero Emission Vehicle Alliance, in which all members are striving to make all new passenger vehicles in their jurisdictions ZEVs by no later than 2050.

B.C.'s CEV Program has five main program areas:

* vehicle incentives;

* electric charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, incentives and support;

* fleet support;

* public education and awareness; and

* research, training and economic development programs.

B.C. government support for clean energy vehicles includes:

* B.C. is more than doubling the size of its electric vehicle direct-current fast-charger (DCFC) network to 64 sites with:
* BC Hydro installations at 21 new sites, which leverage about $1 million in federal funding and $700,000 in provincial CEV Program funding.

* Accelerate Kootenays' 13 DCFC sites with FortisBC operating five (with $125,000 from the CEV Program), and BC Hydro operating eight.

* $2 million in provincial funding for the next deployment of DCFCs will be leveraged with 2-to-1 federal-to-provincial dollars. Through an agreement with the federal government, the B.C. investment is included in the latest federal call for projects and will be included in future federal calls until the $2 million is fully expended and the target of 80 additional DCFCs is achieved in B.C.

* $1 million from the provincial Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund to help local government and private fleets adopt hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles.

* Build-out of the first six public retail hydrogen fuelling stations in B.C., starting this year with two stations in the Lower Mainland and one in the Capital Regional District, and completion of all stations towards the end of 2020.

* Charging Solutions and Incentives Program administered by the Fraser Basin Council, which provides rebates towards the cost of charging equipment and provides support services for planning and installing electric vehicle

chargers. The $1.85-million program, which was funded from the Province's CEV Program, was launched on March 7, 2018.

* $700,000 for an expanded Emotive Program, which will assist communities and other partners provincewide in delivering outreach and education on CEVs, encouraging adoption through "ride-and-drives" and other creative, community-based initiatives.

$1.5 million for a program, still under development, to help support B.C. companies operating in the clean-energy vehicle sector, and to encourage international investment in B.C. technologies and solutions, increasing the province's economic opportunities in this fast-growing field.

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Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna
Date:	May 17, 2018 1:04:52 PM

You bet. Let me get revised drafts for you in a moment.

Shannon
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Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna

Could we say "George Heyman letter, in response to federal Environment Minister"? Or something. I'd rather have Heyman's name in the headline than McKenna's.

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Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 12:58 PM
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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna

Hi Dave

Here is your draft for review.
A few small things:
1. I shortened your headline.
2. I changed the tense of the rest of the release to be present perfect, same as your lede.
3. I also used your second paragraph as a means to introduce the link to the letter.

I hope this works for you.

On approval, I'll set this as a hair-trigger release this afternoon, provincewide.

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

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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Letter in response to federal minister Catherine McKenna

VICTORIA - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, has sent the following letter to his federal counterpart, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Heyman's letter, in response to correspondence received from McKenna on April 26, 2018, can be viewed here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/316322_McKenna_FINAL_SIGNED.PDF

Heyman has outlined differences, as well as individual and shared priorities, of both governments related to protecting B.C.'s environment and economy from the effects of a catastrophic oil spill. He has also suggested areas where the federal government needs to do more in areas of its jurisdiction, including improvements to the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Heyman has also proposed ways both governments can co-operate on their respective research regarding the behaviour of spilled heavy oils, as wells as ways to jointly improve environmental protection.

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To:	McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX
Cc:	Morrison, Carol GCPE:EX; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Langford; teleconference
Date:	May 17, 2018 11:26:28 AM

Perfect. I'll send at 11:40 then.

Thanks everyone!

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----
From: McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Morrison, Carol GCPE:EX <Carol.Morrison@gov.bc.ca>; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX <Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Langford; teleconference

Hi - I can confirm PO has approved.

Cara McGregor

> On May 17, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> I can send in the next gap we have after I get PO approval.
>
> Shannon
> 250.812.6623
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> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:24 AM
> To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX <Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca>
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> Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Langford; teleconference
>
> Hi Shannon,
>
> Looks great! Thanks, this is approved. I guess we missed 11:20; so 11:40 then?
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> :) Carol
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> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:08 AM
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> Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Langford; teleconference
>
> Hi Carol
>
> Here is your draft for review. Upon approval from you guys and the PO, I can put this out at 11:20 or 11:40 a.m. to Victoria area media (depending on how fast that approval comes).
>
>
> Shannon
> 250.812.6623
>
> -----Original Message-----
>
> May 17, 2018
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> Office of the Premier
> Ministry of Education
>
> MEDIA ADVISORY
>
> LANGFORD - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan and Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, for an announcement about supporting growing communities.
>
> Event Date: Friday, May 18, 2018
>
> Time: 10:30 a.m.
>
> Location:
> Lakewood Elementary school
> 2363 Setchfield Ave.
> Langford
>
> Special instructions: Parking will be available on-site.
>
> A teleconference line is available to those media who cannot attend in person (listen only).
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> Dial-in Information:
> In Vancouver: s.15,s.17
> From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., toll-free: s.15,s.17 Participant passcode: s.15,s.17
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> Jen Holmwood
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From:	Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
To:	Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair
Date:	May 17, 2018 3:20:40 PM

Just following up on this...
Do you know if you'll approve this before 4?

Shannon
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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair

Hi Carla

Here is your draft for review. I shortened your headline and changed "to" to "in" in the second paragraph.

Ready to post on your approval.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair

VICTORIA - Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, has issued the following statement on Tom Christensen's service as Community Living British Columbia's board chair:

"I want to thank Tom Christensen for his dedication and thoughtfulness in his work as chair of Community Living B.C.

"Tom put the interests of CLBC, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, first. His advice to me as minister was always considered and helpful. I very much respect and appreciate his significant contribution to CLBC and its work."

Contact:

Carla Wormald
Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
250 387-6490

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To:	Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Cc:	Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject:	RE: MA for the morning
Date:	May 14, 2018 5:58:38 PM

Sure can. What time?

Shannon
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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 5:53 PM
To: GCPE Editors <GCPEEDIT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MA for the morning

Hi there,
Can we get this out first thing tomorrow morning? To press gallery and Victoria media only.

Thanks!

Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director
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From:	Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
To:	Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX
Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Cox, Michael GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives
Date:	May 14, 2018 11:10:26 AM

Will do then. Thanks everyone!

Shannon
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Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

Thanks Robyn!

Lori

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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Cox, Michael GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

Hi, all usual default is 15 mins after start time unless otherwise requested, but 12:20pm is just fine if that's what MMHA comms would like.

Cheers,
R.

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Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

I'm not aware of any issue, but I'll just loop in the CC folks and see if there's any conflicts. Robyn? Cara?

Shannon

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Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

Hi Shannon -- I should flag with the event time shift (now starting at 12:15), we should set this one up for 12:20 or so. Thoughts?

Provincewide, plus ethnic.

Lori

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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

Good to go -- thanks!

Lori

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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: REVISED DRAFT: Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

With the changes we discussed. For approval.

Shannon
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May 14, 2018

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

NEWS RELEASE
Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

VICTORIA - People will be supported to move from a cycle of addiction, homelessness and incarceration, with greater opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity and respect, at a new Victoria recovery centre.

The Government of British Columbia is providing $4.7 million in funding to Our Place Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community (TRC) - a recovery-based program that is delivered in a structured environment. Therapeutic recovery communities, like the project being developed by Our Place Society, offer a safe space for people to learn

new ways to strengthen themselves, rebuild their lives and address the root causes of their addiction.

"Our government is working to provide a full spectrum of connected and holistic mental health and addiction supports to help all British Columbians live happier, more fulfilling lives," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "I am so proud to support this innovative, therapeutic recovery community, which will help people living with addiction develop the skills they need to thrive in our community."

What makes this therapeutic recovery community unique is the active role clients will have in its operations. In a TRC, work is a key component. It is used both for therapy and education. Residents perform many of the jobs needed to keep the community going. A structured and meaningful work schedule helps to shape behaviour, create a sense of membership, teach job skills and instil attitudes that promote competence.

Our Place Society will work with partners to ensure program supports are culturally appropriate and safe, including holistic integration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous healing approaches that seek to achieve and sustain the well-being of all residents.

"We are grateful to the Government of B.C. for supporting this life-changing program," said Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. "This is an opportunity to not only transform the lives of individuals, but to also transform our community."

The proposed location for the therapeutic recovery community is the former youth custody centre at 94 Talcott Rd. in View Royal. To support this project, BC Housing will be leasing this property to Our Place Society at a nominal rate, providing a grant of approximately $310,000 for site renovations, and covering property tax costs for the next three years.

"After playing an important role in helping more than 100 people transition to permanent housing, I'm excited that this building will be able to find a new role providing the housing future residents will need to focus on rebuilding their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By combining this stable housing with the necessary wraparound support services, this therapeutic recovery community will support people in their recovery."

The proposed therapeutic recovery community will begin accepting male clients in 2019-20 for between 12 and 24 months at a time. People may be referred to the program through the criminal justice system, or Our Place Society's network of social-support service providers. All admissions to the TRC will be subject to a rigorous application and interview process, which will assess treatment readiness to ensure suitability for admission to the program. Counsellors, case managers, health-care professionals and social workers will guide clients through the program. Clients on medication for opioid-agonist therapy will receive appropriate supports through the program.

"The therapeutic community will be an important addition to the range of treatment options available on the South Island for people living with substance-use challenges," said Dr. Ramm Hering, primary-care substance-use lead, Island Health. "Island Health is pleased to partner with Our Place Society, and support evidence-based, holistic clinical services at the therapeutic community that will help clients' recovery."

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will be working closely with Our Place Society on this project to determine the effectiveness and adaptability of the TRC model in other parts of the province. The goal of the TRC is for everyone who completes the program to be in control of their addiction, have a place to live, a job and all the life skills necessary to thrive in the wider community.

Our Place Society is a non-profit organization with extensive knowledge and experience helping people in need in Greater Victoria access the mental health, addiction, housing and social service supports they need, when they need them. They also work closely with partner agencies, such as BC Housing, Island Health and other not-for-profit community service agencies.

Quick Facts:

* The TRC movement was founded on the principles of respect for life, oneself, others, and the environment, and operate free of charge to all clients.

* The San Patrignano Therapeutic Community in Italy is the model for Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, and reports a 72% full recovery rate for residents who complete the program.

* The evidence-based TRC model's primary approach to treatment is the community as healer, versus individual focus.

* Treatment activities emphasize learning and doing, rather than getting therapy.

* By using a community-as-method approach, all clients have a responsibility to hold both themselves and others accountable, and to learn how to embrace pro-social behaviours and relationships.

Learn More:

To learn more about Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, visit:
https://www.ourplacesociety.com/how-we-help/therapeutic-recovery-community

Contact:

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Communications
778 698-2892

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Cc:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject:	RE: REVISED: B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges
Date:	May 25, 2018 11:11:03 AM

Great. Consider that your final and I'll repost straight away.

Shannon
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Subject: RE: REVISED: B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges

Approved, thanks.

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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: REVISED: B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges

Hi Darren

Here is the revised version for existing FS you sent. Can you just take a peek, make sure I captured all the changes and approve? I take it this can go back up as a web post only asap?

Your brand new FS draft will be along shortly for approval.

Thanks.

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges

VICTORIA - To address the issue of housing affordability for British Columbians, the Province is curbing speculation in B.C.'s housing market and helping to build 114,000 affordable market rental, non-profit, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing through partnerships.

The Government of British Columbia is making the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years - and has released a 30-point housing plan: http://bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

As well, the Province is strengthening supports for renters through changes to legislation and by improving rental assistance benefits for low-income seniors and working families.

Stabilizing the market

* The Province is introducing a number of measures to stabilize B.C.'s real estate market, including:
* Introducing a new speculation tax on residential property. This tax will target foreign and domestic speculators who own residential property in B.C., but do not pay taxes here. The tax will apply to Metro Vancouver, the Capital Regional District (excluding the Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca), Kelowna, West Kelowna, Nanaimo-Lantzville, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501)

* Increasing the foreign buyers' tax to 20%, and expanding it to the Capital Regional District, the Fraser Valley, the Central Okanagan and the Nanaimo Regional District.

* Increasing the property transfer tax and the school tax on people who buy or own homes valued higher than $3 million.

* Allowing online accommodation providers to apply PST and municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) on short-term rentals: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174)

* The revenues from these taxes will help address housing affordability throughout B.C.

* The Province has introduced amendments to the Real Estate Development Marketing Act to require developers to collect and report comprehensive information on the assignment of strata lot contracts, in order to crack down on tax evasion: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724

Increasing housing supply

* The Province is investing in new housing options for British Columbians:
* Close to $1.9 billion over 10 years to support the construction of more than 14,000 new affordable rental homes for low- to moderate-income British Columbians: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664)

* $1.2 billion over 10 years to build and support 2,500 new supportive housing units for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

* $734 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,500 spaces in transition and second-stage housing for women and children fleeing violence: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019 (http://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019)

* $550 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,750 new units of social housing for Indigenous peoples.

* A new $450-million student housing program that will now allow public post-secondary institutions to borrow directly from the Province in order to help finance an estimated 5,000 new on-campus student housing beds, which

previously had not been permitted. An additional 3,000 beds will be built through grants, institutional self-financing and other partnerships.

* These investments build on the measures announced in the September 2017 Budget Update:
* $208 million over four years to support the construction of 1,700 new affordable rental homes in communities around the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* $291 million to support the construction of 2,000 modular-home units for people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness and more than $170 million over three years to provide 24/7 staffing and support services. This program is expected to create more than 2,000 jobs throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852)

* The Province has proposed legislative changes to empower local governments to zone specifically for rental housing in their communities, supporting increases in rental supply: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724)

Supporting renters and landlords

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to: https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* The Province is also investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades and essential repairs and maintenance,

making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

Building partnerships - HousingHub

* The Province launched the new HousingHub. It will take an active role in finding partners to build new affordable market-rental housing and owner-purchased housing: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629)

* The hub's focus will be on developing homes for people with average incomes between $50,000 and $100,000.

* As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub, either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites.

* More information about the HousingHub can be found here: https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub

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With the changes we discussed. I just want to flag that you use the singular FN in the 5th paragraph, but since you aren't using their full name, I think it should be ok.

" The First Nation is negotiating..."

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Huu-ay-aht First Nations

NEWS RELEASE
Huu-ay-aht power plant will create green cash flow

ANACLA - The Huu-ay-aht First Nations are taking advantage of green technology to generate a new source of revenue for the community with the construction of a clean-energy power plant on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Huu-ay-aht community received $500,000 in equity funding from the B.C. government's First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund, to support construction of a five-megawatt, run-of-river hydroelectric project on the Sarita River. The project will be 100% community-owned.

"The Huu-ay-aht First Nations have seized on an opportunity to lead the way in clean, renewable energy that also provides financial diversification for the community," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund is a tool that can be used to foster ingenuity and imagination, and I can't think of a better example of seeing that put into practice than this project."

The project is within the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' private lands, and could generate 14.8 gigawatt hours of electricity, on average, per year, which is enough to power more than 1,300 homes. The construction phase of the project will create as many as 10 jobs in the community, while its maintenance and operation will create permanent jobs for a plant operator and manager.

The First Nation is negotiating an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro to sell the power to the utility company. That agreement is expected to generate average annual gross revenue of more than $2 million, once the power plant is fully operational.

Once all Huu-ay-aht approvals are received, the full civil construction work on the power plant is expected to begin in the spring of 2019, with commercial operation expected in 2020.

"The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund has been an invaluable tool for our community. It first provided assistance to study the concept, and now provides equity investment in a project that will allow us to be more energy self-sufficient, while creating revenue that we can invest back into our community," said Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Chief Robert J. Dennis Sr.

The Huu-ay-aht received $40,000 capacity funding from the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund in 2012 for project feasibility studies, and $10,000 in 2016 to support the completion of a ground survey for this project.

Applications for the next First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund intake will be accepted until the end of May 2018.

Quick Facts:

* Revenue into the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) has increased from $6.7 million in 2017, to $7.2 million for 2018.

* The FNCEBF provides up to $500,000 in equity funding, and $50,000 for capacity funding that aids First Nations in pursuing clean-energy projects.

* Since 2011, more than 140 First Nations communities have benefited from more than $10.5 million in capacity and equity funding.

* The fund also provides revenue-sharing agreements with First Nations for a portion of water and land rents charged by the Province for new clean-energy projects. If an eligible clean-energy project site is on a traditional territory, First Nations may be eligible for a revenue sharing agreement.

* 40 B.C. First Nations communities benefit from clean-energy revenue-sharing agreements under the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund.

Learn More:

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations agreements: http://ow.ly/Fus8301BTSz

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations are a member of the Maa-nulth First Nations: http://huuayaht.org/

* First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund: http://ow.ly/BtV0301BUaZ

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Ministry of Education

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Special advisor appointed to Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

VICTORIA - Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, has appointed Mike McKay as special advisor to the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District (SD 27) to help the district address its challenges, and respond to the recommendations in Dianne Turner's report to ensure student success in the community.

The appointment will begin immediately and run until the end of December 2018. As special advisor, McKay will be responsible for:

* Establishing a detailed action plan, that includes all local partners, for responding to Turner's recommendations.

* Addressing the issues raised in Turner's report regarding governance, finance, budgeting, leadership, morale, culture and district communications.

* Working to establish conditions for healthier relationships between SD 27 staff, the board, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

Under the School Act, a special advisor may enter schools and district offices, and can inspect board records. The board and its employees must assist the special advisor in carrying out their duties.

In fall 2018, Turner was hired by the ministry to conduct a thorough review of the district, including interviews with many stakeholders in the community. She delivered a report to the ministry, identifying some key issues and offering recommendations for a path forward.

Turner's Assessment of Concerns and Recommendations for School District 27 is available here:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/assessment-report-on-sd27.pdf

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Here it is with the original headline, but I'm flagging it for Grant and Linda, as it is well over our established limit, both with my edit and without.

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Three B.C. parks to be renamed as part of Indigenous reconciliation efforts

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To reflect ancestral connections and support reconciliation efforts, three parks are proposed to be renamed with Indigenous titles:

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* Roderick Haig-Brown Park in the Shuswap will be renamed to the traditional Secwepemc name Tsútswecw Park, which translates to "many fish," at the request of the Little Shuswap Indian Band.

The amendments also include several additions to existing parks and a conservancy, the largest being on Haida Gwaii, where more than 1,200 hectares are proposed to be added to Duu Guusd Conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area contributes to an almost contiguous band of protected areas along the west coast of Haida Gwaii, and protects archaeological sites, old growth cedar stands and important Haida cultural and spiritual values.

In the Tumbler Ridge area, 268 hectares are recommended to be added to Monkman Park to protect Slate Falls, a significant waterfall and geographical feature.

Proposed additions to three parks - Cowichan River, Juan de Fuca and Cape Scott parks - on Vancouver Island are the result of private land acquisitions.

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A backgrounder follows.

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Monkman Park addition (268 hectares) and boundary adjustment: This proposed addition will include Slate Falls, a significant geographical feature. This park in the Tumbler Ridge area covers a diverse range of natural landscapes, including alpine meadows, mountain peaks, forested valleys, waterfalls and lakes. A forest service road was incorrectly included in the park when lands were added in 2000. The error is being corrected now, which results in four hectares being removed from the park.

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Juan de Fuca Park addition (5 hectares): Approximately five hectares are proposed to be added to the park, as a result of land purchases by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, as part of treaty negotiations with the Pacheedaht First Nations. These lands have been the subject of historic trespass issues along the Juan de Fuca trail. Situated along the Pacific coastline of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, this park offers spectacular hiking, marine and wildlife viewing.

Cape Scott Park addition (4.848 hectares): The proposed additions to this park are the result of two properties, totalling 4.448 hectares, being acquired by the Province from the Anglican Diocese of Canada. In addition, another 0.4 hectares of land, formerly owned by the Cape Scott Social Club, is proposed to be added to the park. This park is

a magnificent area of rugged, coastal wilderness that is located at the northwestern tip of Vancouver Island, and features more than 115 kilometres of scenic ocean frontage.

E. C. Manning Park addition (3.26 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Lands are being added at the Mule Deer campground, where recreation facility development has encroached on the Highway 3 right-of-way. Administrative changes are also being made to reflect a Highway 3 realignment project near the West Gate Entrance that addressed safety concerns. In total, these boundary adjustments will result in 3.26 hectares being added to the park, and 4.7 hectares being removed from the park.

Kleanza Creek Park addition (4.265 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Proposed additions to the park include 4.265 hectares of closed highway right-of-way segments. A segment of the Gold Creek access road is proposed to be removed from the park, to provide access to a proposed subdivision. This boundary modification will result in 0.17 hectares being removed from the park. A second small piece of land (0.01 hectare) also is proposed to be removed from the park to accommodate the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's maintenance needs, as a result of some of the closed right-of-way segments being added to the park.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) addition (85 hectares) and boundary adjustment: The eastern boundary of the park will be extended to the middle of the Dease River, to abut with the boundary of the Ne'ah' Conservancy, which results in 85 hectares being added to the park. The western boundary will align with the recently surveyed right-of-way for Highway 37 north, which results in 15 hectares being removed from the park.

Otter Lake Park addition (6 hectares): The proposed addition of foreshore to this park will help protect sensitive shoreline areas, boost protection for swimmers in high boat traffic areas and preserve conservation values of the lake. Otter Lake is an important and popular recreational fishery, containing rainbow trout.

Monashee Park addition (17 hectares): The proposed addition to this park includes the main parking area and trail head, including the Spectrum Creek Trail, an important access route. Adding this area to the park will help ensure long-term protection of a key trail access and old growth forest area. The park is also home to a herd of mountain caribou, a red-listed species in the province. Indigenous use of the area as a trade route, and seasonal hunting and gathering site dates back thousands of years.

Syringa Park addition (3.43 hectares): The proposed addition is a segment of the Broadwater Road right-of-way that is used to access the park, which will improve efficiency. The right-of-way presently includes facilities owned and operated by BC Parks, including the gatehouse, day-use parking lots and some campsites. This park protects interior Douglas-fir forests, while also preserving one of the few remaining examples of grassland ecosystems in the Kootenay region.

Duu Guusd Conservancy addition (1,220 hectares): The majority of the land proposed to be added is the result of the Haida Gwaii Management Council's unanimous recommendation that the K'aas Gandlaay area be added to the conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area protects archaeological sites, old-growth cedar stands, and important Haida cultural and spiritual values. Two small areas (six hectares), which were covered by forest licences that are no longer active, will also be added to the conservancy.

Fintry Park boundary adjustment: A small piece of land is proposed to be removed from the park for road safety improvement work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), Okeover Arm Park and Chilliwack Lake Park will have written metes and boundary descriptions replaced with official plans.

Sasquatch Park and Okeover Arm Park will have new official plans, which will correct errors in the boundary descriptions.

Downing Park will have a spelling error in the name of a road corrected in the boundary description.

Proposed amendments to the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003:

Graham-Laurier Park: Approximately 1,036 hectares were proposed to be removed from the park to allow for the

construction of an access road to facilitate oil and gas exploration. The need for this road never materialized, and the amendment was never brought into force. The amendment is being repealed and the 1,036 hectares will continue to remain in the park.

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Fuca trail. Situated along the Pacific coastline of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, this park offers spectacular hiking, marine and wildlife viewing.

Cape Scott Park addition (4.848 hectares): The proposed additions to this park are the result of two properties, totalling 4.448 hectares, being acquired by the Province from the Anglican Diocese of Canada. In addition, another 0.4 hectares of land, formerly owned by the Cape Scott Social Club, is proposed to be added to the park. This park is a magnificent area of rugged, coastal wilderness that is located at the northwestern tip of Vancouver Island, and features more than 115 kilometres of scenic ocean frontage.

E. C. Manning Park addition (3.26 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Lands are being added at the Mule Deer campground, where recreation facility development has encroached on the Highway 3 right-of-way. Administrative changes are also being made to reflect a Highway 3 realignment project near the West Gate Entrance that addressed safety concerns. In total, these boundary adjustments will result in 3.26 hectares being added to the park, and 4.7 hectares being removed from the park.

Kleanza Creek Park addition (4.265 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Proposed additions to the park include 4.265 hectares of closed highway right-of-way segments. A segment of the Gold Creek access road is proposed to be removed from the park, to provide access to a proposed subdivision. This boundary modification will result in 0.17 hectares being removed from the park. A second small piece of land (0.01 hectare) also is proposed to be removed from the park to accommodate the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's maintenance needs, as a result of some of the closed right-of-way segments being added to the park.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) addition (85 hectares) and boundary adjustment: The eastern boundary of the park will be extended to the middle of the Dease River, to abut with the boundary of the Ne'ah' Conservancy, which results in 85 hectares being added to the park. The western boundary will align with the recently surveyed right-of-way for Highway 37 north, which results in 15 hectares being removed from the park.

Otter Lake Park addition (6 hectares): The proposed addition of foreshore to this park will help protect sensitive shoreline areas, boost protection for swimmers in high boat traffic areas and preserve conservation values of the lake. Otter Lake is an important and popular recreational fishery, containing rainbow trout.

Monashee Park addition (17 hectares): The proposed addition to this park includes the main parking area and trail head, including the Spectrum Creek Trail, an important access route. Adding this area to the park will help ensure long-term protection of a key trail access and old growth forest area. The park is also home to a herd of mountain caribou, a red-listed species in the province. Indigenous use of the area as a trade route, and seasonal hunting and gathering site dates back thousands of years.

Syringa Park addition (3.43 hectares): The proposed addition is a segment of the Broadwater Road right-of-way that is used to access the park, which will improve efficiency. The right-of-way presently includes facilities owned and operated by BC Parks, including the gatehouse, day-use parking lots and some campsites. This park protects interior Douglas-fir forests, while also preserving one of the few remaining examples of grassland ecosystems in the Kootenay region.

Duu Guusd Conservancy addition (1,220 hectares): The majority of the land proposed to be added is the result of the Haida Gwaii Management Council's unanimous recommendation that the K'aas Gandlaay area be added to the conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area protects archaeological sites, old-growth cedar stands, and important Haida cultural and spiritual values. Two small areas (six hectares), which were covered by forest licences that are no longer active, will also be added to the conservancy.

Fintry Park boundary adjustment: A small piece of land is proposed to be removed from the park for road safety improvement work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), Okeover Arm Park and Chilliwack Lake Park will have written metes and boundary descriptions replaced with official plans.

Sasquatch Park and Okeover Arm Park will have new official plans, which will correct errors in the boundary descriptions.

Downing Park will have a spelling error in the name of a road corrected in the boundary description.

Proposed amendments to the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003:

Graham-Laurier Park: Approximately 1,036 hectares were proposed to be removed from the park to allow for the construction of an access road to facilitate oil and gas exploration. The need for this road never materialized, and the amendment was never brought into force. The amendment is being repealed and the 1,036 hectares will continue to remain in the park.

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Emergency Management BC

INFORMATION BULLETIN
British Columbia tests wireless alerting system

VICTORIA - The new wireless Alert Ready system was tested in British Columbia on May 9, 2018, and across Canada earlier in the week. Although many British Columbians received the alerts, many others did not.

The intent of this test was to ensure that the expanded public alerting system works as intended. Testing provides an opportunity to address issues with the system before a real emergency.

Test results reveal that some compatible phones that were on LTE networks did not receive the alert. Alert Ready wireless testing undertaken this week in other provinces and territories showed similar results.

Officials from participating provinces and Pelmorex, the company that manages the Alert Ready system, will discuss technical issues and determine how best to address them. Next steps will include addressing outstanding issues before the official launch of the expanded alert ready system in June 2018. More information on the findings of the test will be available soon.

On April 6, 2018, the federal government, provinces and wireless carriers launched wireless alert capability through the national Alert Ready program. The sytem was expanded from TV and radio alerts to compatible wireless devices that are connected to LTE networks.

Learn More:

To find out if your wireless device is compatible with the Alert Ready system, visit: www.alertready.ca

Alert Ready frequently asked questions: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/alert-readywireless-public-alerting/

PreparedBC is a one-stop shop for disaster readiness information. For tips on how to prepare an emergency plan and what to include in an emergency kit, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

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Hi Carlene

Here's a revised draft with your changes. I assume the boilerplate was to replace the last paragraph. I also deleted the second mention of that poverty reduction URL from the Learn More section since it's now in the body of the release.

For approval.

Shannon
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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Farmers' market program expansion to support families, producers

VANCOUVER - To help more lower income British Columbians and expectant mothers gain access to healthy, locally grown food, government is expanding the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, Health Minster Adrian Dix and Agriculture Minister Lana Popham announced.

"Farmers' markets support better nutrition, as well as local entrepreneurs and growers throughout B.C.," said Dix. "On that note, our government is making the most significant provincial increase to the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program since it was introduced, to raise the value and number of coupons provided to people."

"Many communities support this program, and we are thrilled to increase its positive impact on families and local food producers, and to promote our agriculture sector," said Popham. "Residents and municipalities all over the province are united in their praise for this program, and have been eager to see it continue and grow."

The funding provided to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets will increase by $750,000, to expand the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

As a result, the total amount of the coupon will increase by nearly $100, from $240 per participant household, to $336, provided in weekly coupons for four months. The number of expectant mothers participating in the program will also increase by 450 by March 2020, and the number of participating households is expected to rise from 3,708 to over 3,900.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program is delivered by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, and will run from June 11 to Oct. 31, 2018, at participating farmers' markets in 57 communities. The program provides participants enrolled in the nutrition and skills-building programs, which are offered by community agencies associated with each participating market, with coupons to help them purchase local food including vegetables, fruit, nuts, eggs, dairy, herbs, meat and fish.

"We are excited with the Minister of Health's announcement ahead of farmers' markets reopening in many

communities around B.C. this summer," said Wylie Bystedt, president of BC Association of Farmers' Markets and Cariboo rancher. "We know there are significant benefits as a result of this program, ranging from improved population health to economic activity. The program has increased and sustained the customer base for local and regional farmers, which in turn has allowed them to grow and diversify."

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is a provincially registered, non-profit association, which represents over 145 farmers' markets throughout the province. At member markets, the focus is on selling B.C. grown or processed, farm-fresh foods, and vendors must either make, bake or grow the products they sell.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program builds on the work government is doing to reduce poverty in British Columbia. Thousands of people participated in a comprehensive public consultation, where they discussed the challenges and shared their ideas about how to reduce poverty in British Columbia. You can find out more about the work to develop B.C.s First Reduction Strategy at: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction

Learn More:

For more information on the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program or to locate a farmers' market in your community, visit: www.bcfarmersmarket.org

For a list of farmers' markets and community partners participating in Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2018, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Nutrition_Coupon_Program_Backgrounder.pdf

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
Have your say on wildlife management, habitat conservation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is starting a discussion on improving wildlife management and habitat conservation, Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, has announced.

"The diversity of wildlife in British Columbia is one of our province's greatest treasures," said Donaldson. "Working with Indigenous peoples, wildlife stakeholders and the public, we want to build a strategy that more effectively manages our wildlife for future generations. We've dedicated $14 million over three years to do so."

The province's unique landscapes and climate is home to one of the richest wildlife resources in North America. Three-quarters of Canada's mammal species are found in B.C., with 24 of those species exclusive to B.C. In recent decades, alteration of habitat due to expanded human populations, expanded natural resource development and impacts from climate change have placed increasing pressure on certain wildlife populations, some of which are now in decline.

As part of the government's commitment to implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, collaboration with Indigenous peoples is an integral part of developing a new provincial wildlife strategy.

The discussion paper, Improving Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation in British Columbia, poses eight questions for discussion. Engagement is the first step in a four-step process to develop the strategy:

1. Hold online engagement and face-to-face sessions with Indigenous communities and key stakeholders.

2. Develop policy options to address priority concerns emerging from the engagement.

3. Release a policy intentions paper for public engagement.

4. Implement a new wildlife management and conservation strategy in 2020.

The comment period will end on July 31, 2018. The public is invited to provide input by visiting:
http://engage.gov.bc.ca/wildlifeandhabitat

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
Helping B.C.'s small communities advance technology, innovation

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia is launching the B.C. Smart Communities pilot program, to help local governments use data and connected technology to improve services and address community challenges.

"The B.C. Smart Communities program will help address the unique challenges small communities face when trying to secure funding for smart city projects," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology. "Whether it's tracking cycling habits, to planning bike lanes, offering a mobile app to quickly find services, or tracking air quality to fostering responsible wood burning, the smart city economy offers countless solutions that can benefit people."

A smart community uses technology and data to improve services for the community and its residents. It has the potential to enhance community life, from improving the way people live and move around, to creating a safer and more sustainable environment.

Pilot communities will highlight smart-community themes, such as economic diversity and growth, energy efficiency, citizen engagement, efficient transportation and community safety.

"Technology and data have enormous potential to improve a community's infrastructure and decision making," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The B.C. Smart Communities program gives local governments the opportunity to take targeted action on important issues that can have a lasting positive impact on British Columbians' everyday lives."

A one-year pilot project, B.C. Smart Communities, is open to B.C. municipalities and First Nations communities with populations under 30,000. Grants of up to $40,000 will be provided to as many as four communities, which have until July 13, 2018, to apply. Communities will also have to secure additional in-cash or in-kind funding of $10,000, or 20%, from respective local governments or regional trusts.

"This pilot program is an excellent opportunity for smaller communities to partner with tech innovators, and find creative solutions to complex challenges," said Shirley Vickers, Innovate BC president and CEO. "It will also give businesses the ability to advance technologies to make B.C. a leader in the trillion-dollar global smart-cities marketplace."

The pilot will run from September 2018 to September 2019. Applications will be judged by a five-person panel, including provincial government representatives and industry experts.

Quick Facts:

* The smart cities global market is predicted to have a value of up to $1.6 trillion by 2020.

* B.C.'s tech sector employs over 106,000 people - an all-time high.

* B.C.'s more than 10,200 technology companies generated $29 billion in annual revenue in 2016 (9% growth) - the highest ever recorded.

Learn More:

To learn more about B.C. smart communities and to apply, visit: http://www.gov.bc.ca/SmartCommunities

To learn more about the federal Smart Cities Challenge, visit: https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities

To learn more about Innovate BC, formerly the BC Innovation Council, visit: bcic.ca (http://www.bcic.ca)

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Highway 8 closed at 10 Mile Bridge

MERRITT - Effective immediately, 10 Mile Bridge on Highway 8, 10 km west of Merritt, has reopened to local traffic, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There is a four-metre width restriction in place, and the bridge remains closed to pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles.

Ministry staff have conducted structural assessments, and continue to monitor the dynamic situation that is unfolding on Guichon Creek. Maintenance crews continue to monitor the area and remove debris from the creek, to protect the structure and motorists crossing the bridge.

Traffic is reduced to single lane alternating, with the possibility of unexpected delays, depending on debris within Guichon Creek. Due to limited visibility through the night, the bridge will be closed between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. At this time, the ministry anticipates 24-hour access for emergency services.

The ministry appreciates the public's patience during this time. Motorists should prepare for potential unexpected delays or closures, and continue to check DriveBC.ca for the most up-to-date highway information.

Significant flooding is taking place across the B.C. Interior, due to a higher than average snow pack, recent temperature increases and the start of spring freshet, which is run-off from melting snow and/or heavy rain.

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May 4, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan for an announcement and tour at a local manufacturer in Kamloops.

Event Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. (tour)
10:30 a.m. (teleconference)

Location:
Horizon North Logistics
Business office
540 Athabasca St. W.
Kamloops

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May 23, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER - Premier John Horgan will be joined by Health Minister Adrian Dix to make an announcement that will impact the health care of British Columbians.

Event Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Teck Acute Care Centre
Main lobby
4480 Oak St.
Vancouver

Special Instructions: Media are asked to arrive via the 4500 Oak St. entrance, and turn left to follow the ring road

until reaching the new Teck Acute Care Centre building.

A teleconference line is available to media who cannot attend in person. The line will be open to questions.

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Here's what Grant came up with. The minister's title in the headline is good, but he'd prefer we keep the names out.

Shannon
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May 17, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's letter to federal counterpart

VICTORIA - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, has sent the following letter to his federal counterpart, Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Heyman's letter, in response to correspondence received from McKenna on April 26, 2018, can be viewed here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/316322_McKenna_FINAL_SIGNED.PDF

Heyman has outlined differences, as well as individual and shared priorities, of both governments related to protecting B.C.'s environment and economy from the effects of a catastrophic oil spill. He has also suggested areas where the federal government needs to do more in areas of its jurisdiction, including improvements to the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

Heyman has also proposed ways both governments can co-operate on their respective research regarding the behaviour of spilled heavy oils, as wells as ways to jointly improve environmental protection.

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Hi Carla

I also knocked the capitals off of "Board Chair," added, periods in B.C., added a "has" and sprinkled some commas in there for grammar purposed.

For approval.

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on outgoing CLBC board chair

VICTORIA - Tom Christensen has served as board chair of Community Living B.C. since July 2015, and as his term comes to an end, Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, has issued the following statement:

"I want to thank Tom Christensen for his dedication and thoughtfulness in his work as chair of Community Living B.C.

"Tom put the interests of CLBC, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, first. His advice to me as minister was always considered and helpful. I very much respect and appreciate his significant contribution to CLBC and its work."

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Hi Angela

Here is a revised draft with the edits we spoke about. We added "in the future" to the lede, so there was no confusion. I hope that works for you guys.

For approval...

Shannon
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May 25, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
More East Kootenay learners welcomed into early childhood education

CRANBROOK - More students in the East Kootenay region will be able to train to become early childhood educators (ECEs), with the expansion of the program at College of the Rockies, which will help families access quality child care in the future.

"Families deserve access to quality child care that they can afford, and making sure we have enough care providers is a key part in making that happen," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "Early childhood education funding for programs, like the one at College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, gives students the skills to succeed in a rewarding career."

Through a $130,000 investment, the Province is helping College of the Rockies double the program's capacity, adding 30 new seats to its ECE program at its Cranbrook campus. Twenty of these students will complete a one-year certificate program, and 10 more students will continue for another year to complete their diploma.

"ECEs are the backbone of B.C.'s child care system. Their passion and dedication help families every day," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "The new ECEs graduating from these seats will have a key role to play, as we work to deliver affordable, accessible and quality child care under our Childcare BC plan."

Based on the 2017 B.C. Labour Market Outlook, a total of 9,100 additional early childhood educators are projected to be required in B.C. by 2027. Training quality ECEs is key to ensuring that B.C. children have access to quality early childhood education programs in communities throughout B.C.

"By investing in College of the Rockies' early childhood education program, the Province is investing in the success of children in our region," said David Walls, president, College of the Rockies. "This funding will allow us to better meet local demand for early childhood educators, ensuring those educators are qualified and able to provide the best possible start for our children."

Budget 2018 announced a $1-billion investment to help lay the foundation for a universal child care system that will

provide parents with access to affordable, quality child care, when and where they need it. This funding is part of the $7.4 million over three years, which the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has committed toward funding an additional 620 early childhood educator graduates at public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C.

Learn More:

For more information about child care in B.C., visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care)

For more information about the early childhood and care program at College of the Rockies, visit: www.cotr.bc.ca/ECE/

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Hi Dave

Here is your revised draft for approval. Added a hyphen and an "s" to local government for consistency.

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
New bill updates targets for reducing carbon pollution

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia has introduced legislation to update the Province's greenhouse gas reduction targets, setting the stage for a renewed climate action strategy to be released in the fall.

The Climate Change Accountability Act replaces the 2007 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets Act. It sets new legislated targets of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions from 2007 levels by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040. The current target of an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 remains. The legislation will provide a framework for local governments to develop detailed climate-change adaptation reports. The Province will work with local governments on these requirements. The legislation also enables the minister to set sectoral GHG emission reduction targets.

"The act is the foundation for a credible and achievable climate action strategy in B.C.," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The previous government, after stalling on sustained climate action for several years, admitted they could not meet their 2020 target, and those targets are repealed in this act.

"We aim to remove barriers, and make it attractive and affordable for people, communities and industry to move to lower-carbon alternatives. At the same time, we will grow an economy that's stronger, cleaner, more diverse and more resilient."

Climate action is an important component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus.

"This legislation is another step forward towards making B.C. a leader in climate action once again," said Andrew Weaver, leader of the B.C. Green Party. "This is a huge opportunity to build a thriving 21st-century economy centred around innovation. I look forward to working in partnership with the government to implement a plan to reclaim this leadership, and keep our commitment to younger generations."

The Province's climate action strategy will be released in autumn 2018. Actions to reduce the provincial GHG emissions will include establishing sectoral plans for buildings and communities, industry and transportation sectors.

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
People who build illegal trails face stiff penalties

SQUAMISH - The British Columbia government is reminding everyone that it is illegal to build trails on Crown land without prior authorization.

British Columbians have plenty of opportunities to enjoy recreational activities in the great outdoors. Over the last two years, government staff has noticed an increase in unauthorized trail building in the Sea to Sky Recreation District. In April 2018, staff from BC Parks and the BC Wildfire Service joined forces to deactivate an unauthorized trail that began within Garibaldi Provincial Park, and extended to Crown land below the park.

Unauthorized trail construction can result in:

* soil erosion or soil compaction

* negative effects on water quality or water flow

* slope stability concerns

* negative impacts for other resource users

* safety and liability concerns, due to improperly built or maintained trails and structures

* the spread of invasive plants

* disruption of wildlife habitat or sensitive plant ecosystems

Government agencies, forestry licensees and local recreation groups work co-operatively to develop and maintain authorized trails, to minimize negative impacts on the landscape. Before anyone can build a trail on Crown land, they must first apply for permission to do so, and comply with the Forest and Range Practices Act.

Individuals or groups wishing to build or maintain a trail or other outdoor recreational facility must prepare a written proposal, and obtain provincial approval, before starting any such work. The consultation and referral part of the process ensures that the location of the trail is free of land-use conflicts, and will help build positive relationships with First Nations, user groups and stakeholders.

Natural resource officers from the Ministry Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regularly patrol Crown land and enforce provincial regulations, often acting on tips from the public. Failure to comply with legislation related to trail construction could result in a penalty of up to $10,000, a remediation order to return the area to its original condition, and/or a jail term of up to six months.

Members of the public are encouraged to report illegal trails or suspicious activity by calling call 1 877-952-7277, toll-free (or #7277 on a cellphone). They can also submit a report about a suspected natural resource violation online: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm

Quick Facts:

* The 1,100,000-hectare Sea to Sky District lies in a northerly direction from the City of Vancouver. Highway 99 is the major road through the district, entering near Lions Bay and then winding its way along Howe Sound to Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton.

* In the Sea to Sky Recreation District, mountain biking is recognized as an important recreational pursuit, and of economic value to local communities. The area is well-known as a prime mountain biking destination in Canada.

* Recreation Sites and Trails BC partners with more than 20 recreational groups throughout the Sea to Sky Recreation District to manage, develop and maintain an extensive trail network

* Those partners include the Squamish Off-Road Cycling Association and the Squamish Dirt Bike Association.

* Typically, 10 to 15 applications to construct or maintain trails are submitted to Recreation Sites and Trails BC each year in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

* Since 2011, 55 trails have been authorized in the Sea to Sky Recreation District.

Learn More:

More information about the trail-building approval process is available on the Recreation Sites and Trails BC website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/program/maintenance-development

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Apologies, Jen. A correction to the second paragraph. (highlighted)

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Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement on the federal government's Trans Mountain pipeline investor compensation:

"We are standing up for British Columbia's environment, economy and our coast against the threat of a bitumen spill, and we are doing so entirely within our rights.

"The federal finance minister is trying to use our government as an excuse, as the federal government puts taxpayer money on the line to backstop risks to private investors, while completely ignoring the risks to B.C. The fact is, we've been issuing permits in a fair and timely manner, and have proposed new regulations that are now referred to court to confirm our jurisdiction.

"We are acting well within B.C.'s rights to defend our environment, and the tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity that depend on it."

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So here is the original headline, but I did add punctuation and yanked "today" out of the lede, as this is an archival document as soon as its published.

PO will remain as the lead.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Province launches BC Bus North for affordable, safe travel in northern B.C.

VICTORIA - The B.C. government is launching a new, interim long-haul northern bus service to fill the gap Greyhound will leave behind, and help make sure British Columbians living in the north are able to travel safely and affordably from community to community, Premier John Horgan announced.

The new service, called BC Bus North, will begin providing service on June 4, 2018, just days after Greyhound discontinues the majority of its northern bus routes on June 1.

"People in the North rely on transportation for their livelihoods, to access the health and education services they need, and to visit family and friends," said Premier Horgan. "In the face of Greyhound's decision, our job is to make sure northern communities and the people who live there are able to stay connected through safe, reliable and affordable public transportation."

BC Bus North's service will include two round-trips per week, between Prince Rupert and Prince George, Prince George and Valemount, and Prince George to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John. Additionally, BC Bus North will offer one round-trip per week from Fort Nelson to Dawson Creek/Fort St. John.

"BC Bus North will help make sure that people in the North, especially those in rural and remote communities, don't feel stranded and isolated," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "Once the service is up and running, we're going to take the next step by working with northern communities to find a long-term solution that delivers a sustainable, affordable solution for these communities."

The service will be affordable with one-way fares being either $35 or $45, per route, depending on how far people are travelling.

Northern B.C. has unique transportation challenges due to its remote geography and vast distances between communities. Greyhound's move to eliminate service in the North has put people at risk for isolation, such as those without access to personal vehicles, and especially people of low income, Indigenous communities, women, seniors

and people with disabilities.

The minister directed BC Transit to work with one of its service operators to provide a base-level service to help fill the gap left by Greyhound. BC Bus North will be operated by Pacific Western Transportation using four highway coaches, equipped with luggage and washroom facilities.

"We're looking forward to delivering a long-haul service for the first time to connect people and communities in northern B.C.," said Erinn Pinkerton, interim president and CEO, BC Transit. "Our team has been working hard to find ways to make this interim solution meet the needs of customers in the North."

The Province will fund BC Bus North for 12 months, during which time government will work with local leaders to evaluate the demand for this new service, and develop a long-term transportation solution that works for people in this part of the province.

Learn More:

To learn more about BC Bus North, visit: https://bcbus.ca/

For BC Bus North's fares and schedule, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BC_Bus_North_Map_Schedules_Fares_June_2018.pdf

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Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

NEWS RELEASE
Recovery program offers space for people to rebuild lives

VICTORIA - People will be supported to move from a cycle of addiction, homelessness and incarceration, with greater opportunities to rebuild their lives with dignity and respect, at a new Victoria recovery centre.

The Government of British Columbia is providing $4.7 million in funding to Our Place Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community (TRC) - a recovery-based program that is delivered in a structured environment. Therapeutic recovery communities, like the project being developed by Our Place Society, offer a safe space for people to learn new ways to strengthen themselves, rebuild their lives and address the root causes of their addiction.

"Our government is working to provide a full spectrum of connected and holistic mental health and addiction supports to help all British Columbians live happier, more fulfilling lives," said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "I am so proud to support this innovative, therapeutic recovery community, which will help people living with addiction develop the skills they need to thrive in our community."

What makes this therapeutic recovery community unique is the active role clients will have in its operations. In a TRC, work is a key component. It is used both for therapy and education. Residents perform many of the jobs needed to keep the community going. A structured and meaningful work schedule helps to shape behaviour, create a sense of membership, teach job skills and instil attitudes that promote competence.

Our Place Society will work with partners to ensure program supports are culturally appropriate and safe, including holistic integration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous healing approaches that seek to achieve and sustain the well-being of all residents.

"We are grateful to the Government of B.C. for supporting this life-changing program," said Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. "This is an opportunity to not only transform the lives of individuals, but to also transform our community."

The proposed location for the therapeutic recovery community is the former youth custody centre at 94 Talcott Rd. in View Royal. To support this project, BC Housing will be leasing this property to Our Place Society at a nominal rate, providing a grant of approximately $310,000 for site renovations, and covering property tax costs for the next three years.

"After playing an important role in helping more than 100 people transition to permanent housing, I'm excited that this building will be able to find a new role providing the housing future residents will need to focus on rebuilding

their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By combining this stable housing with the necessary wraparound support services, this therapeutic recovery community will support people in their recovery."

The proposed therapeutic recovery community will begin accepting male clients in 2019-20 for between 12 and 24 months at a time. People may be referred to the program through the criminal justice system, or Our Place Society's network of social-support service providers. All admissions to the TRC will be subject to a rigorous application and interview process, which will assess treatment readiness to ensure suitability for admission to the program. Counsellors, case managers, health-care professionals and social workers will guide clients through the program. Clients on medication for opioid-agonist therapy will receive appropriate supports through the program.

"The therapeutic community will be an important addition to the range of treatment options available on the South Island for people living with substance-use challenges," said Dr. Ramm Hering, primary-care substance-use lead, Island Health. "Island Health is pleased to partner with Our Place Society, and support evidence-based, holistic clinical services at the therapeutic community that will help clients' recovery."

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions will be working closely with Our Place Society on this project to determine the effectiveness and adaptability of the TRC model in other parts of the province. The goal of the TRC is for everyone who completes the program to be in control of their addiction, have a place to live, a job and all the life skills necessary to thrive in the wider community.

Our Place Society is a non-profit organization with extensive knowledge and experience helping people in need in Greater Victoria access the mental health, addiction, housing and social service supports they need, when they need them. They also work closely with partner agencies, such as BC Housing, Island Health and other not-for-profit community service agencies.

Quick Facts:

* The TRC movement was founded on the principles of respect for life, oneself, others, and the environment, and operate free of charge to all clients.

* The San Patrignano Therapeutic Community in Italy is the model for Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, and reports a 72% full recovery rate for residents who complete the program.

* The evidence-based TRC model's primary approach to treatment is the community as healer, versus individual focus.

* Treatment activities emphasize learning and doing, rather than getting therapy.

* By using a community-as-method approach, all clients have a responsibility to hold both themselves and others accountable, and to learn how to embrace pro-social behaviours and relationships.

Learn More:

To learn more about Our Place Society's therapeutic recovery community, visit:
https://www.ourplacesociety.com/how-we-help/therapeutic-recovery-community

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Ministry of Education

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Special advisor appointed to Cariboo-Chilcotin School District

VICTORIA - Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, has appointed Mike McKay as special advisor to the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District (SD 27) to help the district address its challenges, and respond to the recommendations in Dianne Turner's report to ensure student success in the community.

The appointment will begin immediately and run until the end of December 2018. As special advisor, McKay will be responsible for:

* Establishing a detailed action plan, that includes all local partners, for responding to Turner's recommendations.

* Addressing the issues raised in Turner's report regarding governance, finance, budgeting, leadership, morale, culture and district communications.

* Working to establish conditions for healthier relationships between SD 27 staff, the board, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Teachers Association and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

Under the School Act, a special advisor may enter schools and district offices, and can inspect board records. The board and its employees must assist the special advisor in carrying out their duties.

In fall 2018, Turner was hired by the ministry in to conduct a thorough review of the district, including interviews with many stakeholders in the community. She delivered a report to the ministry, identifying some key issues and offering recommendations for a path forward.

Turner's Assessment of Concerns and Recommendations for School District 27 is available here:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/reports-and-publications/assessment-report-on-sd27.pdf

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Three B.C. parks to be renamed as part of Indigenous reconciliation

VICTORIA - Three provincial parks will be renamed to reflect their historic and cultural significance as part of reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples, if proposed legislative amendments introduced are passed.

The bill amends the Protected Areas of British Columbia Act and the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003.The bill proposes to add more than 1,600 hectares of land to 10 parks and one conservancy, as well as improve boundary descriptions and make administrative changes.

"These amendments allow our government to take an important step forward towards our ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples throughout British Columbia, which includes honouring the commitments we made under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The renaming of these parks to traditional Indigenous names, as rooted in history, reflect the significant heritage values recognized by all British Columbians and beyond."

To reflect ancestral connections and support reconciliation efforts, three parks are proposed to be renamed with Indigenous titles:

* Brooks Peninsula Park (a.k.a. Mquqwin Park) on Vancouver Island will be renamed to Mquqwin/Brooks Peninsula Park, which was originally intended when the park name was changed in 2009 (First Nations name appearing before the original park name). The word Mquqwin means "The Queen" in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth language;

* Boya Lake Park near the northwestern B.C. border will be renamed Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), meaning "holes in a blanket," at the request of the Kaska Dena First Nation; and

* Roderick Haig-Brown Park in the Shuswap will be renamed to the traditional Secwepemc name Tsútswecw Park, which translates to "many fish," at the request of the Little Shuswap Indian Band.

The amendments also include several additions to existing parks and a conservancy, the largest being on Haida Gwaii, where more than 1,200 hectares are proposed to be added to Duu Guusd Conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area contributes to an almost contiguous band of protected areas along the west coast of Haida Gwaii, and protects archaeological sites, old growth cedar stands and important Haida cultural and spiritual values.

In the Tumbler Ridge area, 268 hectares are recommended to be added to Monkman Park to protect Slate Falls, a

significant waterfall and geographical feature.

Proposed additions to three parks - Cowichan River, Juan de Fuca and Cape Scott parks - on Vancouver Island are the result of private land acquisitions.

Proposed additions also include six hectares of foreshore to Otter Lake Park near Princeton; 3.43 hectares to Syringa Park near Castlegar; 17 hectares to Monashee Park north of Vernon and southwest of Revelstoke; 85 hectares to Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) in the northwestern part of the province; 3.26 hectares to E. C. Manning Park near Princeton; and 4.265 hectares to Kleanza Creek Park near Terrace.

The amendments also make several improvements to boundary descriptions and make administrative corrections.

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Descriptions of proposed amendments

Brooks Peninsula Park (a.k.a. Mquqwin) near Port Alice, will be renamed to place the Maa-nulth name first: Mquqwin/Brooks Peninsula Park. The dual name celebrates the Indigenous connection with the history and culture of the park.

Boya Lake Park will be renamed to Ta Ch'ila Park at the request of the Kaska Dena First Nation. Established in 1965, the park lies within the traditional territory of the Kaska Dene First Nation, who currently live in and around the settlement of Good Hope Lake.

Roderick Haig-Brown Park will be renamed to a traditional Secwepemc name for the area, Tsútswecw Park, at the request of the Little Shuswap Indian Band. Known for its bi-annual run of sockeye salmon in the Adams River, archaeological studies of the area have uncovered evidence of large settlements.

Monkman Park addition (268 hectares) and boundary adjustment: This proposed addition will include Slate Falls, a significant geographical feature. This park in the Tumbler Ridge area covers a diverse range of natural landscapes, including alpine meadows, mountain peaks, forested valleys, waterfalls and lakes. A forest service road was incorrectly included in the park when lands were added in 2000. The error is being corrected now, which results in four hectares being removed from the park.

Cowichan River Park addition (3.7 hectares): The proposed addition is the result of the purchase of two properties from the Nature Conservancy of Canada. These two properties protect streamside habitat with fisheries values, and a maple forest grove with rare wildflowers. This park protects significant stretches of the Cowichan River, known for its wild salmon and steelhead fishery, and is designated as both a B.C. heritage river and a Canadian heritage river.

Juan de Fuca Park addition (5 hectares): Approximately five hectares are proposed to be added to the park, as a result of land purchases by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, as part of treaty negotiations with the Pacheedaht First Nations. These lands have been the subject of historic trespass issues along the Juan de Fuca trail. Situated along the Pacific coastline of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, this park offers spectacular hiking, marine and wildlife viewing.

Cape Scott Park addition (4.848 hectares): The proposed additions to this park are the result of two properties, totalling 4.448 hectares, being acquired by the Province from the Anglican Diocese of Canada. In addition, another 0.4 hectares of land, formerly owned by the Cape Scott Social Club, is proposed to be added to the park. This park is a magnificent area of rugged, coastal wilderness that is located at the northwestern tip of Vancouver Island, and features more than 115 kilometres of scenic ocean frontage.

E. C. Manning Park addition (3.26 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Lands are being added at the Mule Deer campground, where recreation facility development has encroached on the Highway 3 right-of-way. Administrative changes are also being made to reflect a Highway 3 realignment project near the West Gate Entrance that addressed safety concerns. In total, these boundary adjustments will result in 3.26 hectares being added to the park, and 4.7 hectares being removed from the park.

Kleanza Creek Park addition (4.265 hectares) and boundary adjustment: Proposed additions to the park include 4.265 hectares of closed highway right-of-way segments. A segment of the Gold Creek access road is proposed to be removed from the park, to provide access to a proposed subdivision. This boundary modification will result in 0.17 hectares being removed from the park. A second small piece of land (0.01 hectare) also is proposed to be removed from the park to accommodate the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's maintenance needs, as a result of some of the closed right-of-way segments being added to the park.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park) addition (85 hectares) and boundary adjustment: The eastern boundary of the park will be extended to the middle of the Dease River, to abut with the boundary of the Ne'ah' Conservancy, which results in 85 hectares being added to the park. The western boundary will align with the recently surveyed right-of-way for Highway 37 north, which results in 15 hectares being removed from the park.

Otter Lake Park addition (6 hectares): The proposed addition of foreshore to this park will help protect sensitive shoreline areas, boost protection for swimmers in high boat traffic areas and preserve conservation values of the lake. Otter Lake is an important and popular recreational fishery, containing rainbow trout.

Monashee Park addition (17 hectares): The proposed addition to this park includes the main parking area and trail head, including the Spectrum Creek Trail, an important access route. Adding this area to the park will help ensure long-term protection of a key trail access and old growth forest area. The park is also home to a herd of mountain caribou, a red-listed species in the province. Indigenous use of the area as a trade route, and seasonal hunting and gathering site dates back thousands of years.

Syringa Park addition (3.43 hectares): The proposed addition is a segment of the Broadwater Road right-of-way that is used to access the park, which will improve efficiency. The right-of-way presently includes facilities owned and operated by BC Parks, including the gatehouse, day-use parking lots and some campsites. This park protects interior Douglas-fir forests, while also preserving one of the few remaining examples of grassland ecosystems in the Kootenay region.

Duu Guusd Conservancy addition (1,220 hectares): The majority of the land proposed to be added is the result of the Haida Gwaii Management Council's unanimous recommendation that the K'aas Gandlaay area be added to the conservancy. The K'aas Gandlaay area protects archaeological sites, old-growth cedar stands, and important Haida cultural and spiritual values. Two small areas (six hectares), which were covered by forest licences that are no longer active, will also be added to the conservancy.

Fintry Park boundary adjustment: A small piece of land is proposed to be removed from the park for road safety improvement work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ta Ch'ila Park (a.k.a. Boya Lake Park), Okeover Arm Park and Chilliwack Lake Park will have written metes and boundary descriptions replaced with official plans.

Sasquatch Park and Okeover Arm Park will have new official plans, which will correct errors in the boundary descriptions.

Downing Park will have a spelling error in the name of a road corrected in the boundary description.

Proposed amendments to the Parks and Protected Areas Statutes Amendment Act, 2003:

Graham-Laurier Park: Approximately 1,036 hectares were proposed to be removed from the park to allow for the construction of an access road to facilitate oil and gas exploration. The need for this road never materialized, and the amendment was never brought into force. The amendment is being repealed and the 1,036 hectares will continue to

remain in the park.

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

NEWS RELEASE
New board appointed to Province's tech agency, Innovate BC

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Tom Roemer, vice-president academic, B.C. Institute of Technology - Roemer was appointed vice-president academic at BCIT in January 2016. He is also adjunct professor in SFU's faculty of education. He was previously vice-president of strategic development at Camosun College. Roemer has a strong interest in trades and technology education, is experienced in economic development and has worked in Brazil, Germany, China and Africa.

Benjamin Sparrow, co-founder and CEO, Saltworks - Sparrow grew desalination company Saltworks from a small machine in his apartment, to a profitable firm with two factories and global customers, including many Fortune 100 companies. He was previously a senior project manager for BC Hydro rebuilding power stations. He completed his MBA at SFU and his BSc in mechanical engineering at the University of Alberta.

Don Stuckert, principal, dstuckert & Associates - A technology executive, Stuckert has more than 35 years of business and technology leadership experience throughout North America. He has held executive positions in a broad range of industries, and worked for Placer Dome, TELUS, Sierra Systems and Systemhouse, and is a former vice-president and chief information officer at BC Hydro.

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Office of the Premier

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VICTORIA - A new grant to the Rick Hansen Foundation will support its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive, announced Premier John Horgan.

"Rick Hansen has been blazing a trail in support of people with disabilities in B.C., across the nation and around the globe, for over 30 years," said Premier Horgan. "We are recognizing his efforts with a $10-million grant that will help his foundation continue its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive."

The announcement of the grant for the Rick Hansen Foundation was made together with a proclamation of May 28, 2018, as Rick Hansen Day, in honour and recognition of his contributions to the province and the country. The day also marks the beginning of B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week.

"Our government is committed to making this province better for people living with disabilities," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "That's why we are kicking off B.C.'s first ever AccessAbility Week by committing to work together with organizations like the Rick Hansen Foundation, to bring down barriers and improve accessibility in every part of the province."

The $10-million grant will help the Rick Hansen Foundation further its existing programs, and push forward with new innovations.

"I am grateful to the Province for their continued support and recognition of the foundation, and their commitment to bringing about positive change in the lives of people with disabilities," said Hansen. "Creating the barrier-free B.C., Canada, and the world that we want - and everyone deserves - is more than possible. Premier Horgan's leadership is helping pave the path forward."

Since 1988, the Rick Hansen Foundation has raised awareness, changed attitudes and removed barriers for people with disabilities, as well as funding spinal cord injury research and care.

Quick Facts:

* The Province has proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, AccessAbility Week in B.C., to promote inclusion and accessibility, and recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that actively remove barriers for people with disabilities in their communities.

* More than 500,000 British Columbians ages 15 and older, or 15% of the population, self-identify as having a disability.

* The population of people with disabilities is growing rapidly. One in seven Canadian adults have a disability, and as the population continues to age, this number is expected to grow to one in five by 2036.

* The provincial government provides up to $5 billion annually to fund services and supports that support people with disabilities in B.C.

Learn More:

To learn more about accessibility in B.C., visit: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

If you are living with a disability in B.C., there are programs and services available to you: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

To learn more about the Rick Hansen Foundation, visit: www.rickhansen.com/ (http://www.rickhansen.com/)

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Farmers' market program expansion to support families, producers

VANCOUVER - To help more lower income British Columbians and expectant mothers gain access to healthy, locally grown food, government is expanding the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, Health Minster Adrian Dix and Agriculture Minister Lana Popham announced.

"Farmers' markets support better nutrition, as well as local entrepreneurs and growers throughout B.C.," said Dix. "On that note, our government is making the most significant provincial increase to the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program since it was introduced, to raise the value and number of coupons provided to people."

"Many communities support this program, and we are thrilled to increase its positive impact on families and local food producers, and to promote our agriculture sector," said Popham. "Residents and municipalities all over the province are united in their praise for this program, and have been eager to see it continue and grow."

The funding provided to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets will increase by three-quarters of a million dollars, to expand the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

As a result, the total amount of the coupon will increase by nearly $100, from $240 per participant household, to $336, provided in weekly coupons for four months. The number of expectant mothers participating in the program will also increase by 450 by March 2020, and the number of participating households is expected to rise from 3,708 to over 3,900.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program is delivered by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets, and will run from June 11 to Oct. 31, 2018, at participating farmers' markets in 57 communities. The program provides participants enrolled in the nutrition and skills-building programs, which are offered by community agencies associated with each participating market, with coupons to help them purchase local food including vegetables, fruit, nuts, eggs, dairy, herbs, meat and fish.

"We are excited with the Minister of Health's announcement ahead of farmers' markets reopening in many communities around B.C. this summer," said Wylie Bystedt, president of BC Association of Farmers' Markets and Cariboo rancher. "We know there are significant benefits as a result of this program, ranging from improved

population health to economic activity. The program has increased and sustained the customer base for local and regional farmers, which in turn has allowed them to grow and diversify."

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is a provincially registered, non-profit association, which represents over 145 farmers' markets throughout the province. At member markets, the focus is on selling B.C. grown or processed, farm-fresh foods, and vendors must either make, bake or grow the products they sell.

The BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program builds on the work government is doing to reduce poverty in British Columbia. Thousands of people participated in a comprehensive public consultation, where they discussed the challenges and shared their ideas about how to reduce poverty in British Columbia.

Learn More:

For more information on the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program or to locate a farmers' market in your community, visit: www.bcfarmersmarket.org

For a list of farmers' markets and community partners participating in Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2018, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Nutrition_Coupon_Program_Backgrounder.pdf

Find out more about the work to develop B.C.'s First Reduction Strategy:
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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Emergency Management BC

NEWS RELEASE
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VICTORIA - As the Province responds to ongoing flooding, and in advance of the 2018 wildfire season, government is acting on some of the recommendations in the report, Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

"I want to thank George Abbott and Maureen Chapman for their comprehensive report on the 2017 floods and wildfires," said Donaldson. "Their 108 recommendations will take some time to fully consider. There are some recommendations that are being acted on already. For example, as part of Budget 2018, we're committing $50 million over three years to wildfire prevention and wildfire risk reduction around communities."

As a result of internal reviews undertaken by both the BC Wildfire Service and Emergency Management BC, 19 of the 108 recommendations in the report are being implemented. Some of the recommendations also align with work that the Province is doing with the federal government and other provinces, under the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy, and other mitigation and preparedness programming, particularly related to flooding and seismic risks. However, the majority of recommendations are longer term in nature, and may require legislative changes or involve other levels of government.

One of the major themes of the report was to develop closer relationships with First Nations, and that work is already underway with the recent signing of a collaborative emergency management agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Tsilhqot'in National Government. As well, the BC Wildfire Service is hiring more staff to support partnerships with Indigenous communities and stakeholders.

The BC Wildfire Service will also be working with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and First Nations' Emergency Services Society on a review of how the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (a program that provides support to communities for fuel management projects) is funded, and how it can be integrated with other land-based wildfire prevention and wildfire-risk reduction investments.

Another timely recommendation being acted on is the need to make household emergency preparedness easier for British Columbians. To that end, Emergency Management BC has partnered with Save-On-Foods and London

Drugs on the new "Get Good and Ready" emergency preparedness program, now available throughout the province. Emergency Management BC and its partners have also developed emergency management toolkits for Indigenous communities, which have been widely distributed.

"Being prepared and planning ahead is paramount to protecting public safety, and ensuring the economic health of our communities," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "Having an independent and comprehensive review of our actions after major events can only help us be better prepared in the future."

Government will develop an action plan to address the report's recommendations by Oct. 31, 2018.

Learn More:

Protect your home for flooding: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/floods

FireSmart your property: www.gov.bc.ca/firesmart

For information during active provincial emergencies, visit: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

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Download a copy of Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia: www.bcfloodandfirereview.ca

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
New bill updates targets for reducing carbon pollution

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia has introduced legislation to update the Province's greenhouse gas reduction targets, setting the stage for a renewed climate action strategy to be released in the fall.

The Climate Change Accountability Act replaces the 2007 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets Act. It sets new legislated targets of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions from 2007 levels by 2030, and a 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040. The current target of an 80% reduction in emissions by 2050 remains. The legislation will provide a framework to develop detailed climate-change adaptation reports. The Province will work with the broader public sector on these requirements. The legislation also enables the minister to set sectoral GHG emission reduction targets.

"The act is the foundation for a credible and achievable climate action strategy in B.C.," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "The previous government, after stalling on sustained climate action for several years, admitted they could not meet their 2020 target, and those targets are repealed in this act.

"We aim to remove barriers, and make it attractive and affordable for people, communities and industry to move to lower-carbon alternatives. At the same time, we will grow an economy that's stronger, cleaner, more diverse and more resilient."

Climate action is an important component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green Party caucus.

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Gail Murphy, professor and vice-president of research, UBC - A leading researcher on software evolution and tools, Murphy provides extensive experience as a software developer and principal investigator of a large research group. In recognition of her research, she has received several international awards. Murphy was also elected to be a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. This fellowship is the highest academic accolade in the sciences, humanities and arts bestowed in Canada.

Peter Nunoda, president, Vancouver Community College - Prior to joining VCC in 2014, Nunoda was vice-president, academic and research, at Northern Lights College from 2011. He served as dean of the faculty of health at the University College of the North, was director of access programs at the University of Manitoba, and program director for Indigenous focus programs at the University of Manitoba.

Jennifer Ouano, co-founder and executive producer, Pacific Content - Ouano has spent over 20 years in the digital media and technology sector. She has been a journalist, producer and director in radio, film and TV, but is also known for her work as an award-winning multi-platform producer, web strategist, social media guru and game designer. Ouanao was co-creator and senior producer of ZeD, a flagship interactive program and social media pioneer that received international accolades, including an Emmy nomination.

Tom Roemer, vice-president academic, B.C. Institute of Technology - Roemer was appointed vice-president academic at BCIT in January 2016. He is also adjunct professor in SFU's faculty of education. He was previously vice-president of strategic development at Camosun College. Roemer has a strong interest in trades and technology education, is experienced in economic development and has worked in Brazil, Germany, China and Africa.

Benjamin Sparrow, co-founder and CEO, Saltworks - Sparrow grew desalination company Saltworks from a small machine in his apartment, to a profitable firm with two factories and global customers, including many Fortune 100

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Don Stuckert, principal, dstuckert & Associates - A technology executive, Stuckert has more than 35 years of business and technology leadership experience throughout North America. He has held executive positions in a broad range of industries, and worked for Placer Dome, TELUS, Sierra Systems and Systemhouse, and is a former vice-president and chief information officer at BC Hydro.

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Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Office of the Premier

NEWS RELEASE
Province celebrates Rick Hansen Day by investing in accessibility

VICTORIA - A new grant to the Rick Hansen Foundation will support its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive, announced Premier John Horgan.

"Rick Hansen has been blazing a trail in support of people with disabilities in B.C., across the nation and around the globe, for over 30 years," said Premier Horgan. "We are recognizing his efforts with a $10-million grant that will help his foundation continue its work to make communities more accessible and inclusive."

The announcement of the grant for the Rick Hansen Foundation was made together with a proclamation on behalf of all British Columbians of May 28, 2018, as Rick Hansen Day, in honour and recognition of his contributions to the province and the country. The day also marks the beginning of B.C.'s first AccessAbility Week.

"Our government is committed to making this province better for people living with disabilities," said Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "That's why we are kicking off B.C.'s first ever AccessAbility Week by committing to work together with organizations like the Rick Hansen Foundation, to bring down barriers and improve accessibility in every part of the province."

The $10-million grant will help the Rick Hansen Foundation further its existing programs, and push forward with new innovations.

"I am grateful to the Province for their continued support and recognition of the foundation, and their commitment to bringing about positive change in the lives of people with disabilities," said Hansen. "Creating the barrier-free B.C., Canada, and the world that we want - and everyone deserves - is more than possible. Premier Horgan's leadership is helping pave the path forward."

Since 1988, the Rick Hansen Foundation has raised awareness, changed attitudes and removed barriers for people with disabilities, as well as funding spinal cord injury research and care.

Quick Facts:

* The Province has proclaimed May 27 to June 2, 2018, AccessAbility Week in B.C., to promote inclusion and accessibility, and recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that actively remove barriers for people with disabilities in their communities.

* More than 500,000 British Columbians ages 15 and older, or 15% of the population, self-identify as having a disability.

* The population of people with disabilities is growing rapidly. One in seven Canadian adults have a disability, and as the population continues to age, this number is expected to grow to one in five by 2036.

* The provincial government provides up to $5 billion annually to fund services and supports that support people with disabilities in B.C.

Learn More:

To learn more about accessibility in B.C., visit: www.gov.bc.ca/accessibility

If you are living with a disability in B.C., there are programs and services available to you: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/supports-services

To learn more about the Rick Hansen Foundation, visit: www.rickhansen.com/ (http://www.rickhansen.com/)

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Hi Darren

Here is the revised version for existing FS you sent. Can you just take a peek, make sure I captured all the changes and approve? I take it this can go back up as a web post only asap?

Your brand new FS draft will be along shortly for approval.

Thanks.

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges

VICTORIA - To address the issue of housing affordability for British Columbians, the Province is curbing speculation in B.C.'s housing market and helping to build 114,000 affordable market rental, non-profit, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing through partnerships.

The Government of British Columbia is making the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years - and has released a 30-point housing plan: http://bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

As well, the Province is strengthening supports for renters through changes to legislation and by improving rental assistance benefits for low-income seniors and working families.

Stabilizing the market

* The Province is introducing a number of measures to stabilize B.C.'s real estate market, including:
* Introducing a new speculation tax on residential property. This tax will target foreign and domestic speculators who own residential property in B.C., but do not pay taxes here. The tax will apply to Metro Vancouver, the Capital Regional District (excluding the Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca), Kelowna, West Kelowna, Nanaimo-Lantzville, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501)

* Increasing the foreign buyers' tax to 20%, and expanding it to the Capital Regional District, the Fraser Valley, the Central Okanagan and the Nanaimo Regional District.

* Increasing the property transfer tax and the school tax on people who buy or own homes valued higher than $3 million.

* Allowing online accommodation providers to apply PST and municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) on short-term rentals: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174)

* The revenues from these taxes will help address housing affordability throughout B.C.

* The Province has introduced amendments to the Real Estate Development Marketing Act to require developers to collect and report comprehensive information on the assignment of strata lot contracts, in order to crack down on tax evasion: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724

Increasing housing supply

* The Province is investing in new housing options for British Columbians:
* Close to $1.9 billion over 10 years to support the construction of more than 14,000 new affordable rental homes for low- to moderate-income British Columbians: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664)

* $1.2 billion over 10 years to build and support 2,500 new supportive housing units for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

* $734 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,500 spaces in transition and second-stage housing for women and children fleeing violence: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019 (http://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019)

* $550 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,750 new units of social housing for Indigenous peoples.

* A new $450-million student housing program that will now allow public post-secondary institutions to borrow directly from the Province in order to help finance an estimated 5,000 new on-campus student housing beds, which previously had not been permitted. An additional 3,000 beds will be built through grants, institutional self-financing and other partnerships.

* These investments build on the measures announced in the September 2017 Budget Update:
* $208 million over four years to support the construction of 1,700 new affordable rental homes in communities around the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* $291 million to support the construction of 2,000 modular-home units for people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness and more than $170 million over three years to provide 24/7 staffing and support services. This program is expected to create more than 2,000 jobs throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852)

* The Province has proposed legislative changes to empower local governments to zone specifically for rental housing in their communities, supporting increases in rental supply: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724)

Supporting renters and landlords

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to: https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000546)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* The Province is also investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

Building partnerships - HousingHub

* The Province launched the new HousingHub. It will take an active role in finding partners to build new affordable market-rental housing and owner-purchased housing: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629)

* The hub's focus will be on developing homes for people with average incomes between $50,000 and $100,000.

* As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub, either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites.

* More information about the HousingHub can be found here: https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Huu-ay-aht First Nations

NEWS RELEASE
Huu-ay-aht power plant will create green cash flow

ANACLA - The Huu-ay-aht First Nations is taking advantage of green technology to generate a new source of revenue for the community with the construction of a clean-energy power plant on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Huu-ay-aht community received $500,000 in equity funding from the B.C. government's First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund, to support construction of a five-megawatt, run-of-river hydroelectric project on the Sarita River. The project will be 100% community-owned.

"The Huu-ay-aht First Nations has seized on an opportunity to lead the way in clean, renewable energy that also provides financial diversification for the community," said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund is a tool that can be used to foster ingenuity and imagination, and I can't think of a better example of seeing that put into practice than this project."

The project is within the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' private lands, and could generate 14.8 gigawatt hours of electricity, on average, per year, which is enough to power more than 1,300 homes. The construction phase of the project will create as many as 10 jobs in the community, while its maintenance and operation will create permanent jobs for a plant operator and manager.

The First Nation is negotiating an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro to sell the power to the utility company. That agreement is expected to generate average annual gross revenue of more than $2 million, once the power plant is fully operational.

Once all Huu-ay-aht approvals are received, the full civil construction work on the power plant is expected to begin in the spring of 2019, with commercial operation expected in 2020.

"The First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund has been an invaluable tool for our community. It first provided assistance to study the concept, and now provides equity investment in a project that will allow us to be more energy self-sufficient, while creating revenue that we can invest back into our community," said Huu-ay-aht First Nations Chief Robert J. Dennis Sr.

The Huu-ay-aht received $40,000 capacity funding from the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund in 2012 for

project feasibility studies, and $10,000 in 2016 to support the completion of a ground survey for this project.

Applications for the next First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund intake will be accepted until the end of May 2018.

Quick Facts:

* Revenue into the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund (FNCEBF) has increased from $6.7 million in 2017, to $7.2 million for 2018.

* The FNCEBF provides up to $500,000 in equity funding, and $50,000 for capacity funding that aids First Nations in pursuing clean-energy projects.

* Since 2011, more than 140 First Nations communities have benefited from more than $10.5 million in capacity and equity funding.

* The fund also provides revenue-sharing agreements with First Nations for a portion of water and land rents charged by the Province for new clean-energy projects. If an eligible clean-energy project site is on a traditional territory, First Nations may be eligible for a revenue sharing agreement.

* 40 B.C. First Nations communities benefit from clean-energy revenue-sharing agreements under the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund.

Learn More:

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations agreements: http://ow.ly/Fus8301BTSz

* Huu-ay-aht First Nations is a member of the Maa-nulth First Nations: http://huuayaht.org/

* First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund: http://ow.ly/BtV0301BUaZ

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
$100,000 to enhance off-road vehicle trails, rider safety

VICTORIA - Applications are now being accepted from organizations that propose to build or upgrade off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, and promote rider safety, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The ORV Trail Fund, currently valued at $820,000, is awarding up to $100,000 this summer to support the construction and maintenance of trails for off-road vehicles, and to promote the safe and responsible use of ORVs.

The ORV Trail Fund, created in 2017, was established as a part of the Off Road Vehicle Act and regulations. The act requires registration of all off-road vehicles within B.C. A portion of the registration fees collected by ICBC are redirected to the ORV Trail Fund. The Recreation Sites and Trails Branch administers the fund and this is the first application intake.

The application deadline is July 16, 2018. Requests for funding from $1,000 to $25,000 will be considered.

Any legal entity in the province, except for individuals, can apply. This includes:

* First Nations

* Local governments (such as municipalities and regional districts)

* ORV organizations (including those representing quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, motorbikes and side-by-sides)

* Non-profit societies

* Businesses

Submissions will be adjudicated by provincial recreation staff, with input from provincial-level ORV

representatives. Successful applicants will be notified after Aug. 24, 2018.

A five-year plan has been developed to fund future trail recreation opportunities. The planned yearly disbursements will be between $100,000 and $200,000 per year, depending on the growth of the fund.

Quotes:

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Government is committed to maintaining the province's world-class recreational trails. Many of the trails are in remote and rural areas, and this money will benefit all users. Trail improvements will help to create local jobs, and will also enhance tourism opportunities."

Ralph Matthews, president, Quad Riders ATV Association of B.C. -

"It is a great day for riders in B.C.! This grant will allow for an even more epic riding experience. It will also provide a significant positive economic impact through ORV tourism in our rural communities. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this funding off the ground and on the trails."

Richard Cronier, president, British Columbia Snowmobile Federation -

"The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation appreciates the government reinvesting a portion of the off-road vehicle registration fees back into ORV safety and trails. B.C. has first-class trails, and this additional money will continue to draw tourists from around the world."

Ken McClelland, president, British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association -

"This is exciting news for B.C.'s ORV trails, after more than a decade of hard work. We have some of the best trails in the world, and this will make them even greater. We look forward to working with the Province to promote the off-road recreation industry."

Quick Facts:

* About 10,000 kilometres of ORV trails are managed by the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, in partnership with community-based ORV groups around the province.

* There are significant ORV riding opportunities on the land base, including approximately 600,000 kilometres of resource roads and managed riding areas.

Learn More:

Apply and learn more about the fund and the judging criteria: www.gov.bc.ca/ORVFund

Find a recreation site or trail near you: http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/

Read about B.C.'s trails strategy: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC_V6_Nov2012.pdf

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. promotes unbiased policing

VICTORIA - In response to recommendations from the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, and taking into consideration the findings of other inquiry and review processes across Canada, B.C. is developing new provincial policing standards to promote equality in the delivery of policing services throughout our province.

"Policing must be delivered free from bias and discrimination in every part of our province," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "We're developing new policing standards and guiding principles to reinforce a more inclusive perception of fairness, and strengthen our efforts to promote bias-free policing in B.C. This is key to how our government continues to build a safer province."

From March 12 to April 16, 2018, the Province sought the public's input on new provincial policing standards to garner a deeper understanding of what types of issues are important to British Columbians, and to ensure police services are delivered in a manner that is fair, equitable and responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups.

More than 200 British Columbians, from a balanced and diverse demographic, participated in the online questionnaire, providing their concerns, recommendations and general support for the concept and themes proposed for the new B.C. Provincial Policing Standards. Written submissions were also received from interested organizations, and can be accessed online: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/unbiasedpolicing/submissions/

Leading up to the public engagement process, the Province met with stakeholders and community organizations to discuss issues related to unbiased policing, and conducted a comprehensive scan of related initiatives and materials from other jurisdictions. This work helped identify concepts that could be addressed in the new guiding principles and themes to promote unbiased policing in B.C.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will now use the feedback collected through the public and stakeholder engagement process to build on its initial analyses of existing policy and literature, to develop new policing standards and guiding principles that are meaningful, effective and represent a broad spectrum of input from British Columbians.

The new standards will also reflect ongoing consultations that are taking place with police agencies and community organizations.

A summary of the opinions shared in the public engagement can now be found in the Promoting Unbiased Policing in B.C. Public Engagement Process: What We Heard Report, which can be accessed online: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/unbiasedpolicing/

Learn More:

To view B.C.'s current policing standards visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Burning of wood piles set for north side of Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS - The BC Wildfire Service is planning to burn about 25 piles of wood debris, about three kilometres northwest of downtown Grand Forks, off Prospect Drive near the Copper Ridge subdivision.

These controlled burns could start as early as Tuesday, June 12, 2018, and continue over the course of two days, weather permitting. Smoke and flames may be visible from Grand Forks and surrounding communities.

Trained BC Wildfire Service personnel will be on site with firefighting equipment to monitor and control these burns at all times.

Activities, such as pile burning, help reduce wildfire hazards by reducing accumulations of fuels (e.g. dead wood or brush) on the landscape. This pile burning project will only proceed if weather conditions are suitable for quick smoke dissipation. All such burns must comply with the Environmental Management Act and the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, to help minimize the amount of smoke generated.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free, or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: http://www.bcwildfire.ca

Follow the latest wildfire news:

* On Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* On Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Learn More:

A factsheet about prescribed burns, and ecosystem restoration burns, is available online: http://ow.ly/E8Ue30br7OY

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Celebrating six months of success preventing new HIV infections throughout B.C.

VANCOUVER - People throughout B.C. are benefiting from expanded coverage for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), as strong uptake for the publicly funded drug continues to grow.

"The expansion of coverage for PrEP and PEP keeps B.C. at the forefront of fighting the spread of HIV and AIDS," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "By supporting the introduction of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS' Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, the lifesaving drug cocktail that changed the face of HIV, our province continues to sees a consistent decline in new cases of HIV."

Since B.C. introduced no-cost coverage of PrEP, and expanded access to PEP for those at high risk of HIV infection on Jan. 1, 2018, over 2,000 people have been prescribed the potentially life-saving medications. Celebrating this milestone together, the B.C. government and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE) will continue working to reduce the number of new HIV infections in B.C., by providing expanded coverage of PrEP and PEP throughout the province.

The expansion of coverage for PrEP and PEP in B.C. added a new resource to the BC-CfE's Treatment as Prevention (TasP) program. When the program reaches 5,000 individuals, the BC-CfE believes the province will achieve a greater than 83% reduction of new HIV cases by 2026.

"With the expanded access to PrEP and PEP, we are making important investments to the publicly funded health system, not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because people depend on us to help them live their healthiest possible lives, and that is something we're committed to do," added Dix.

The drug has been available at no cost when requested through the BC-CfE for eligible British Columbians, including men who have sex with men, transgender women, people with ongoing relationships with HIV-positive sex partners and people who inject drugs with a known HIV-positive partner.

"The work we have done in HIV and AIDS proves the political will and expertise exists in British Columbia to expand the principles of TasP to other contagions," said Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the BC-CfE. "This can have

an immediate and measurable impact on the treatment and elimination of other high-burden diseases, such as hepatitis C, in British Columbia and across Canada. Ultimately, the goal of a strong public-health strategy is a reduction in disease, alongside long-term health-care sustainability. If we can curb HIV, imagine the global leadership B.C. can show in tackling other communicable diseases through expanding access to testing, treatment and prevention."

Quick Facts:

* PrEP is a daily oral antiretroviral medication highly effective in reducing new cases of HIV - up to 92-99% in some clinical trials.

* According to data from the BC-CfE's drug treatment program, of the individuals who have accessed PrEP, the median age is 34. In the program, 73% of the users are new, 70% reside in Greater Vancouver and 99% are male.

* Between January and June 2018, there were 1,944 people who benefitted from expanded PrEP coverage.

* PEP uptake between January and April 2018 was 400 PEP kit initiations. During the same period last year, there were only 325 initiations, an increase of 23% from 2017 to 2018.

* Since pre-Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, the number of annual cases of HIV has dropped from nearly 900 new cases to fewer than 200.

* B.C. is the only province in Canada to implement the made-in-B.C. TasP strategy pioneered by Montaner and the BC-CfE, and the only one to see a consistent decline in new HIV cases.

* The BC TasP has been adopted by China, Brazil and Panama, among many other jurisdictions worldwide.

* Research by the BC-CfE shows gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men are disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic, with 46% of new cases in B.C. occurring among this group.

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Cheers!

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

NEWS RELEASE
Child care maintenance fund triples, now open to family providers

VICTORIA - For the first time, licensed family, in-home multi-age, and private-group child care providers throughout British Columbia will be able to access minor repair and replacement funds, and relocation funds.

"Before now, family, in-home and private group providers had to pay out of pocket for repair and facility upgrades," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "We appreciate the work that family child care providers do, and want to help them succeed. That's why, as part of Childcare BC, we're helping more providers to cover costs, so they can focus on providing the quality care that families so desperately need."

Expanding access to quality licensed care is an important part of Childcare BC. Funding available under the expanded and enhanced Childcare BC Maintenance Fund has tripled to $1.2 million in 2018-19. This funding allows providers to repair or replace items relating to the maintenance of their facility, in order to meet licensing standards.

Under the improved program, eligible child care providers can receive:

* Up to a maximum of $2,000 for licensed family and in-home multi-age child care programs.

* Up to a maximum of $5,000 for licensed private-group child care programs.

* Up to a maximum of $10,000 for licensed non-profit group child care programs.

* Up to a maximum of $25,000 for costs associated with the relocation of a licensed group child care facility.

In order to be eligible for relocation funding, licensed group child care facilities providing care to children in under 36 months and/or in three-years-to-kindergarten categories must be enrolled in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative.

"Families need access to licensed child care spaces throughout the province, and providers need more supports to

keep these spaces open for families," said Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care. "The new Childcare BC Maintenance Fund not only triples the amount of funding available, but also removes unnecessary requirements to access the funding in the first place."

Under the old guidelines, providers were required to apply for funding before making any emergency repairs. Since providers cannot always predict when repairs might be needed, the new guidelines allow them to apply for reimbursement after emergency repairs are completed.

In an effort to simplify and streamline the program, child care providers who apply for maintenance funding will no longer need licensing officers to support their maintenance funding application by providing inspection or incident reports. Ministry staff will now review applications to make sure the request supports the maintenance of their facility licence. This change frees up time for licensing officers to focus on regular licensing and inspection duties for all licensed child care facilities.

The following child care providers can access the Childcare BC Maintenance Fund:

* Licensed group providers, including private organizations, non-profit societies, local governments, boards of education, public institutions, Bands/Tribal Councils and First Nations governments.

* Licensed family child care, in-home multi-age child care and multi-age child care operating out of a personal residence.

Enhancements to the Childcare BC Maintenance Fund are the first of several Childcare BC initiatives aimed at building and maintaining licensed spaces around the province. Details about other accessibility measures - including grants to encourage unlicensed providers to become licensed, and the launch of an enhanced Childcare BC New Spaces Fund - will be introduced in the coming weeks.

Quick Facts:

* The Province is investing more than $1 billion into Childcare BC over the next three years. This will help to lay the foundation for a universal child care system that will provide access to affordable, quality child care for anyone in B.C. who wants or needs it.

* Under this plan, the Province is supporting the creation of 22,000 new licensed child care spaces over the next three years, with a particular focus on creating more infant and toddler child care spaces across the province.

Learn More:

Child care in B.C.: www2.gov.bc.ca/childcare

Childcare BC Maintenance Fund: www2.gov.bc.ca/ccmaintenancefund

Child care improvements under Budget 2018: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/child-care-improvements

Childcare BC Blueprint: www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/childcare_web.pdf

To see a list of the child care providers who are participating in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, visit: http://ow.ly/k16P30kkPoY

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Completed South Slocan project improves safety, accessibility

NELSON - Paving is finished, and the new pedestrian and cycling tunnel is open, marking the completion of the South Slocan Overhead project.

The bridge was replaced with road fill, on Highway 3A, for improved safety, efficiency and better trail access.

"We are happy to see this new tunnel open up underneath the highway, which will now ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, who won't have to cross the busy highway to use the amazing trail system in the area," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "We know the local community is excited about this connection, and we encourage people to come out and explore this wonderful new link to the trail network near Nelson."

The original two-lane South Slocan Bridge, which was built in 1962, was dismantled and replaced with a new two-lane rock fill, and a pedestrian and cycling tunnel. Copcan Civil Ltd., from Nanaimo, was awarded the contract for this project, which also included:

* significant rock blasting at Beasley Bluffs, to straighten out the approaches and improve sight lines;

* reconstruction of South Slocan Station Road to include a new cul-de-sac;

* a new southern terminus tail head; and

* four kilometres of asphalt-paved rail trail from South Slocan to the Pass Creek Road/Highway 6 intersection.

"This project has not only enhanced safety for trails users, but also increased access to recreational opportunities for visitors and B.C. residents," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The $6.3-million project is approximately two kilometres north of the Highway 3A/6 Junction. Cost-sharing with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development, the Regional District of Central

Kootenay and the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society made it possible to include the tunnel, and incorporate improvements to the rail trail.

Quick Facts:

* The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development cost-shared on the pedestrian tunnel and the trailhead construction, which includes a paved parking lot, access trails, picnic tables, kiosk and bike racks.

* The Regional District of Central Kootenay, on behalf of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society, cost-shared on the pedestrian tunnel and asphalt paving of four kilometres of the southern rail trail, with a grant from the ministry's BikeBC program.

* The paved rail trail from South Slocan to Pass Creek Road is an enhancement to multi-modal transportation in the area, connecting the community to local schools, the recently rebuilt Crescent Beach Regional Park and the Great Trail.

Learn More:

For a time-lapse video of the South Slocan Overpass project, go to: https://bit.ly/2Jyccrr

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Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Four woodlots near Burns Lake pass audit

VICTORIA - An audit of forestry activities on four woodlots in the Nadina Resource District concludes that the woodlot licensees complied with B.C.'s forestry legislation, according to the audit reports released.

The audits examined planning, timber harvesting, roads, silviculture and fire protection activities, carried out between October 2015 and October 2017, in woodlots 1687, 1690, 1691 and 2050, all located near Burns Lake.

Woodlot 2050 complied with all requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act. On the remaining three woodlots, auditors found that the licensees did not complete fire hazard assessments on time.

"Assessing fire hazard is a legal requirement, and must be completed at required intervals after harvest has started," said Bruce Larson, vice-chair of the Forest Practices Board. "In these cases, the licensees reduced the fire hazards to a safe level, so this was considered an area for improvement."

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government. The board audits forest and range practices on public lands and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Eric Hamber students to get new, safer school

VANCOUVER - Secondary school students in the South Cambie neighbourhood can look forward to learning in a new, seismically safer school.

"Vancouver students and their families have been waiting for schools that will be safe in the event of an earthquake," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Today's announcement moves us one step closer to achieving our goal of ensuring all British Columbian students can receive a quality education in a state-of-the-art, safe and healthy school."

The Ministry of Education is providing $79.3 million to fully replace Eric Hamber Secondary - the largest seismic project in Vancouver's history.

"As the 2018-19 school year draws to a close, we're delighted with today's announcement that the Eric Hamber Secondary school community will soon have a new, seismically safe learning environment," said Vancouver Board of Education chair Janet Fraser. "Not only will the replacement school be safer in the event of an earthquake, our intent is to provide an even more welcoming environment for our students and staff in a facility with more opportunities for community activities."

Eric Hamber Secondary serves 1,700 students in grades 8-12. It opened in 1962, and has had several additions and renovations over the years. However, the structure needs further upgrading, and has been deemed high risk in the event of an earthquake. The new school will be built next to the existing one on the northwest corner of the site. Students will remain in the existing school during construction. This will prevent the need for portables and minimize disruption, like bussing Eric Hamber students.

Other project options would have required a phased approach, resulting in a longer construction period, a higher price and classes moving into a substantial number of portables. Using the existing school rather than temporary accommodation during construction saves approximately $16 million in costs over the seismic upgrade.

"One of our priorities at the Vancouver School District is to ensure our schools are safe. Another is that our schools are inspiring learning environments for our students," said Suzanne Hoffman, Vancouver School District superintendent. "It's very exciting that we will soon begin to design and build a replacement school that meets both those priorities at Eric Hamber, for decades to come."

The new school will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standards. LEED gold schools are healthy, high-performance learning environments that include sustainable low-toxic materials, natural light, abundant fresh air, energy conservation, habitat protection and reduced demand on local landfills. The new school will also accommodate a child care facility.

Construction is slated to begin in summer 2020, and the new Eric Hamber Secondary is expected to welcome students in fall 2022.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to work with school districts and local governments throughout B.C. to speed up the funding approval process and reduce wait times for much-needed seismic and capital projects.

Quick Facts:

* Vancouver school seismic replacement announcements since September 2017 include: Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary ($22.4 million), Bayview Elementary ($24.5 million), and David Lloyd George Elementary ($24.2 million).

* Since September 2017, the B.C. government has approved more than $335.6 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace seismically high-risk schools, and a total of $567.3 million in capital projects (including land purchases, additions etc.).

* Budget 2018 invests a record $2 billion in school capital projects over the next three years.

* Eric Hamber Secondary school is named after Eric Werge Hamber, the 15th lieutenant governor of British Columbia.

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Expanded access zone for Vancouver Island Women's Clinic

VICTORIA - An increased access zone has been established to protect the dignity and privacy of staff and patients accessing the Vancouver Island Women's Clinic, located in the Victoria area.

"All people who use the B.C. health-care system, and who provide services for it, should be treated with courtesy, and with respect for their dignity and privacy. Access zones work to ensure this, and to support women seeking health-care services, staff providing the services and others visiting the facility," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"B.C. is a leader in supporting women's health, and we recognize other provinces for taking similar steps based on the policies and legislation set in place here. Everyone has the right to be free from intimidation and harassment, especially when they are accessing or providing health-care services. Expanding this access zone will remove a barrier to care, and help ensure women can access the services they need," said Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.

The access zone is now expanded from an original 10 metres, to up to approximately 50 metres in some places, depending on land features and private property lines, to protect clinic staff and people accessing the clinic from harassment and intimidation. Access zones are sometimes referred to as "bubble zones." Four other facilities in B.C. already have access zones established similar to the Vancouver Island Women's Clinic. The offices and residences of doctors who provide abortion services have automatic access zones established under the Access to Abortion Services Act.

The regulation is effective as of Friday, June 1, 2018, and protests, interference, intimidation and recording of those providing abortion services or of patients, are prohibited within the expanded zone. People who do not respect the access zone, and continue to protest in it, can be arrested without a warrant by a provincial constable or municipal constable.

B.C. passed the Access to Abortion Services Act, the first bubble-zone legislation in Canada in 1995. The legislation

balances the right to free expression, and the right of the patient and provider to an intimidation-free environment. The B.C. legislation created intimidation-free access, or bubble zones, of 10 metres around the offices of doctors who provide abortion services, 160 metres around their homes, and allows for enactment of a regulation establishing a zone of up to 50 metres around facilities where abortion services are provided.

Abortion services - which are legal in B.C. and throughout Canada - are publicly funded through the Medical Services Plan. The increased access zone was established under the authority of the Access to Abortion Services Act, and involved an amendment to the Abortion Services Access Zone Regulation. Alberta recently passed legislation for bubble zones, and other provinces with existing bubble zones include Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Quebec.

"At the heart of health care is personal choice, and it's our responsibility to ensure the privacy and security of people who access and deliver these much-needed health services," added Dix. "We have made an effort to balance protestors' rights to freedom of expression, with the rights of patients and providers to have an intimidation-free environment."

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Expanded toolkit supports making local roads safer

VICTORIA - The Province has released an expanded toolkit to help local governments interested in making their streets and related features safer, no matter how people get around.

Two new modules and an introduction round out the BC Community Road Safety Toolkit, which discusses and illustrates some of the safest, most innovative road design features from around the world:

* Introduction: gives an overview of the underlying themes and concepts contained in the toolkit, the role of local governments in road safety, the goal of Vision Zero (that is, working toward zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries) and the Safe Systems Approach.

* Module 2: Safe Roadway Designs to Protect All Road Users provides rationales and implementation considerations for dozens of roadway designs and features geared to making intersections and corridors safer. Topics include narrowed vehicle lanes, speed humps, various traffic control enhancements, and ways to improve street signs and lighting. This module includes a bibliography of, and links to, guides, technical manuals and other documents with more information on specific design and infrastructure options.

* Module 3: Implementation Tools and Strategies advises municipalities about how to build local support for road system changes they are considering. Topics include strategic planning and evaluation, communication and engagement, cost considerations, and promoting active transport, including by bicycle and small-wheeled vehicles, like skateboards. Links to many online reference materials complement the text.

The full toolkit - including an earlier module focused on safety measures to protect pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users - is now available on RoadSafetyBC's website at: www.gov.bc.ca/roadsafetybc/toolkit

Geared to municipalities interested in enhancing road safety when upgrading infrastructure, the toolkit explores such design options as raised crossings, off-street pedestrian and bicycle paths, safe parking lot designs, and pedestrian scrambles, which are intersections where traffic in all directions stops to allow pedestrians to cross the intersection in any direction at one time.

The release of the expanded toolkit coincides with the 2018 conference of the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals, which takes place June 10-13, 2018, in Victoria. A working committee, with representatives from local governments, academia, the private sector, ICBC, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Ministry of Health, developed the kit.

Quick Facts:

* The toolkit responds to road safety issues and challenges identified by about 80 B.C. communities that participated in RoadSafetyBC's 2015 BC Communities Road Safety Survey.

* The toolkit supports the BC Road Safety Strategy and the Province's vision of bringing B.C. one step closer to the goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.

* In B.C., 60% of all crashes, and 76% of crashes involving pedestrians, happen at intersections.

* Between 2006 and 2015, the number of traffic fatalities at intersections remained stable, while the number not occurring at intersections decreased steadily.

* Provincewide, speed is the top contributing factor in fatal crashes, with the crashes in which police cite speed as a contributing factor killing an average of 88 people each year.

* Top contributing factors attributed to drivers in crashes where a pedestrian is injured or killed are: driver distraction and inattention, driver failure to yield right-of-way, and weather.

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Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
From soil to shelf, Canada and B.C. support sustainable winemaking

VICTORIA - British Columbians who love a glass of B.C. wine and support environmentally responsible businesses have easy choices ahead, as a new sustainability certification program for B.C. grape growers and wineries will put those green standards right on the label.

Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. (SWBC), a program of the British Columbia Wine Grape Council, is developing the certification program. Participation in this program will allow B.C. to highlight the integrity and credibility of the provincial wine industry, and increase competitiveness of B.C. wine with other top wine-growing regions around the world.

SWBC has already established an online self-assessment tool that allows growers and wineries to view their sustainability performance. The new certification program will take the next step in maintaining and enhancing public trust, with robust and verifiable outcomes and indicators. The certification program will include a sustainability advisor assisting growers and wineries in their application for certification.

Industry has led SWBC's development for nearly a decade, with the goal of reducing the environmental footprint, while maintaining and enhancing public trust. The SWBC oversight committee includes B.C. viticulturists, winemakers, hospitality directors, researchers, and sustainability and marketing specialists.

The sustainable certification program is receiving $100,000 in cost-shared funding from the governments of Canada and B.C., through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The five-year, $3-billion Canadian Agricultural Partnership, launched on April 1, 2018, includes $2 billion in cost-shared strategic initiatives delivered by the provinces and territories, and $1 billion for federal programs and services. The Canadian Agricultural Partnership replaces Growing Forward 2, the five-year federal-provincial agreement that ended on March 31, 2018.

Quotes:

Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada -

"The Government of Canada is proud to support this new certification program, which will help B.C. wine gain a

new competitive edge in international markets. Highlighting the sector's sustainable management practices will enhance public trust, and have a beneficial impact on the environment while also strengthening the Canadian economy."

Lana Popham, B.C. Minister of Agriculture -

"This new sustainability certification program will maintain the sector's competitiveness, increase consumer confidence in B.C.'s award-winning wine, and minimize the environmental footprint of our wine industry. I am keen to continue to work with B.C. grape growers and winemakers, to help them build their markets and their businesses in a sustainable, thoughtful manner."

Karen Gillis, chair, Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. -

"Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. is looking forward to developing the certification program, through support from the Ministry of Agriculture. I would like to thank Minister Popham and her staff, for the vision to foster sustainable farming in British Columbia. The positive impacts on environmental, financial, and social aspects for individual vineyards and wineries, and the industry as a whole, will contribute immensely to our long-term sustainability."

Learn More:

British Columbia Wine Grape Council: http://www.bcwgc.org/

Sustainable Winegrowing British Columbia: https://sustainablewinegrowingbc.ca/

Canadian Agricultural Partnership: http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership/

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NEWS RELEASE
Government announces first urgent primary-care centre in Surrey

SURREY - It will be easier for Surrey residents to receive ongoing primary health care when one of 10 new urgent primary-care centres in the province opens in fall 2018, announced Premier John Horgan.

"We are making innovative changes to public health care so that it works for British Columbians, providing them with timely, effective care in their communities," said Premier Horgan. "By opening urgent primary-care centres in all of the health regions, we are delivering on our promise to improve quality of care, and provide more care to more people."

"Team-based care is the future of health care, and will be the standard for primary care throughout B.C.," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Urgent primary-care centres are part of an overhaul of the way British Columbians access day-to-day health care. One in six people in this province don't have a doctor. For too long, over half of the people living in B.C. have been unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers. It's time for families to have easier and improved access to health care."

The Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access other services they may need. The centre, and the primary-care network it will be a part of, will work to connect people to consistent health-care providers in the community who are accepting new patients. Close to 78,000 people in Surrey currently do not have a family doctor.

"Surrey is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, and we want to support people of all ages and walks of life in accessing the services they need to thrive," said Michael Marchbank, Fraser Health's president and CEO. "The new Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre connects people directly to a team-based approach to health care, which will collaboratively address their health and social needs in a single setting, before emergency interventions are needed."

The centre will have a team of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other health-care professionals

working together to the full extent of their skills, to provide a broad range of services. At full staffing, this centre will be able to accommodate up to 1,300 unique patient visits per week, and attach up to 5,000 patients over time. Among these patients will be vulnerable residents who have complex care needs, including the frail and elderly, people needing specialized mental health and substance-use services, and the North Surrey/Whalley community.

The centre will also provide diagnosis and care for non-emergency conditions requiring medical attention within 12 to 24 hours, including lacerations, earaches, back pain, and sore throats.

When the centre opens, area residents can visit the location and have their needs assessed by a nurse or other team member. People may also be directed to the centre by community- or hospital-based care providers. A variety of appointment options will be available, including one-on-one visits, appointments with multiple providers, telehealth visits, home visits and group appointments that support people with similar conditions. The centre will also provide outreach services by connecting nurses to community locations, such as shelters.

The hours of the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The centre will be located at 9639 - 137A St., near specialists' offices, supportive health-care services and Surrey Memorial Hospital. The proximity to the hospital will make it easy for hospital staff to refer patients to the centre for follow-up care, when appropriate. As well, the centre's staff will be able to easily direct people to hospital-based services, when necessary.

All 10 urgent primary-care centres will be open within the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995

To learn more about the Province's strategy to recruit and retain more family medicine graduates, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0052-001043

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Thanks Brooke!

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Government expanding coverage for insulin pumps, eliminating age restriction

VICTORIA - The provincial government is expanding insulin pump coverage, so any British Columbian requiring one to manage diabetes will have access under PharmaCare, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"For many individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps can have a positive impact on their health. It allows them to better manage their condition, improving their quality of life and well-being, and preventing serious secondary conditions ranging from cardiovascular disease to nerve damage," said Dix.

"Up to now, many people over 25 years old, who rely on an insulin pump to manage their chronic disease, have been forced to make the difficult choice between purchasing this device for their health, or foregoing it due to cost," added Dix. "Going forward, they won't be put in this position. Following through on a pledge made by Premier John Horgan, the provincial government is removing the age restriction for insulin pump coverage."

With this change in coverage, taking effect on July 3, 2018, British Columbia becomes one of only three provinces to cover insulin pumps for people living with diabetes requiring one, regardless of age. Approximately 485,000 British Columbians live with diabetes. It is expected that roughly 830 adults over 25 years of age will benefit from the expansion in the first year.

"I am inspired as to what this means for British Columbians living with type 1 diabetes and their loved ones. I know first-hand that this announcement will have an impact not only today, but into the future, because improved glucose control has life changing results," said Ramya Hosak, executive director and co-founder of Young and T1, a B.C.-based and volunteer-run organization for young adults living with type 1 diabetes.

"Insulin pumps can also help prevent eye disease, kidney disease, amputations and a number of other complications related to diabetes," added Hosak. "I am thrilled that this investment will make sure that everyone has equal access to the best standard of care. Thank you so much."

While not required for all individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps offer many people a reliable and stable

way of monitoring and scheduling insulin doses, which can have a positive impact on one's quality of life. Insulin pumps can range in cost from approximately $6,000 to $7,000, and require replacing roughly every five years.

"On behalf of B.C. volunteer advocates, Diabetes Canada commends the provincial government for making this decision. Type 1 diabetes doesn't stop at age 25, and we are so pleased that insulin pump coverage won't also. Insulin pumps provide people living with diabetes with more accurate insulin dosing, decreasing dramatic fluctuations in blood-glucose levels, leading to an improved quality of life," said Sheila Kern, regional director, B.C. and Yukon, Diabetes Canada.

The anticipated cost of expanding insulin pump coverage to all eligible British Columbians, no matter their age, will be approximately $15 million over three years. Patients must meet with their diabetes physician specialist to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria for an insulin pump. The patient's physician would then apply to PharmaCare's special authority department for insulin pump coverage.

Quick Facts:

* This announcement expands the insulin pump program which, when introduced in 2008, provided coverage to children up to the age of 18. The age restriction was then expanded in 2014 to include those living with type 1 diabetes, or other forms of diabetes requiring insulin that meet specific criteria, up to the age of 25.

* The expansion of insulin pump coverage is the latest change to PharmaCare that will assist individuals living with diabetes. The government's $105-million investment to eliminate or reduce Fair Pharmacare deductibles for low-income families - the first in 15 years - will also reduce out-of-pocket costs incurred for other supplies and medications used as part of managing this chronic disease.

* PharmaCare covers effective therapies for the treatment and management of diabetes, including a number of oral medications and a range of insulin products. In addition, PharmaCare covers insulin vials, cartridges, insulin pens and other diabetic supplies, including needles, syringes and blood-glucose test strips.

* The ministry also offers a diabetes management incentive payment, which encourages doctors to offer diabetes patients continuous care that meets the provincial guidelines. In 2017-18, more than 3,400 family doctors received B.C.'s diabetes management incentive payment for over 208,300 patients.

Learn More:

Learn more about B.C. PharmaCare at: www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government launches BC Hydro review

VICTORIA - To contain rate increases, control costs, and to position BC Hydro for future success, the Government of British Columbia has launched a comprehensive, two-phased review of BC Hydro.

In the first phase of the review, government is working with BC Hydro to identify cost savings, efficiencies, new revenue streams and other changes, to keep electricity rates low and predictable over the long-term, while ensuring BC Hydro has the resources it needs to continue to provide clean, safe and reliable electricity.

An advisory group, consisting of staff from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Ministry of Finance and BC Hydro, will perform the first phase of the review.

Government expects recommendations from the first phase of the review this summer to inform a refreshed rates plan, and assist BC Hydro in preparing its next rates application, to be filed with the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) in February 2019. A report on the first phase of the review, and government's response, will be released in the fall of 2018.

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Learn More:

To view the terms of reference for the BC Hydro review, visit:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/electricity/bc-hydro-review

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Hi David and Colin.

Here are the finals for your records. This IB is going on Monday at 9:30, provincewide.

Apparently, the old version was deleted and it was re-entered in our system, so there's a new permalink.

Thanks!

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With that one change, here are your approved finals.

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

NEWS RELEASE
Government promotes respectful workplaces in creative sector

VANCOUVER - The Province is taking action to support respectful and inclusive work environments for workers in British Columbia's creative sector.

Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, made the announcement of a new Diversity, Gender Parity and Respectful Work Culture Fund at the Women on Top conference in Vancouver.

"The #MeToo movement has elevated awareness that abuse, discrimination and harassment are serious problems globally," said Beare. "Our government is deeply committed to ensuring that the people working in B.C.'s creative industries are protected. And that's why I'm implementing new measures to promote safe, respectful workplaces for workers in the creative sector, in partnership with our provincial agencies, Creative BC, the B.C. Arts Council and Knowledge Network."

This funding is aimed at supporting immediate steps in B.C creative industries on this issue. The $175,000 fund will be used to deliver respectful work-culture training for the board and leadership levels of creative industry associations and regional film commissions.

Creative BC will administer the fund, which will also pay for the development of toolkits, training, education and workshops to promote safety, diversity and equity in the creative sector. Eligible organizations can apply for grants of up to $15,000 for respectful workplace training.

"We all deserve to go to workplaces that are free from harassment and bullying. By creating safe, respectful work environments, we can help boost productivity and innovation across all industries," said Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. "This partnership is a great example of how we can work alongside industry, to create healthier, more equitable workplaces for everyone, and especially women and people who identify as LGBTQ2+, or with other equity-seeking groups."

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture is also working with its agencies to create policies and strategies aimed at promoting respectful workplaces. As part of the initiative, Creative BC and the B.C. Arts Council are changing

contract requirements for grant applicants. Organizations must now commit to ensuring their workplaces are free from bullying and harassment to qualify for funding. Knowledge Network has also published a new Respectful Workplace Statement of Expectation for its producers.

Quotes:

Susan Jackson, chair, B.C. Arts Council -

"We are very pleased with this new government plan, which will enhance our efforts to promote safe, equitable, respectful work environments for artists. This partnership will play a key role in supporting the creativity and vibrancy of B.C.'s arts community."

Prem Gill, CEO, Creative BC -

"Creative BC is working at the provincial level to drive meaningful action and positive impacts relevant to the issues of respect, diversity and equality in B.C.'s creative industries. As signatories of jointly developed national guiding principles for funders, and partners with industry on relevant strategic initiatives, we are dedicated to collaborating at all levels toward constructive change."

Rudi Buttignol, president and CEO, Knowledge Network -

"We commend the actions taken by the provincial government to promote safe workplaces in B.C.'s creative sector. Knowledge Network is committed to supporting a respectful, equitable and safe working environment for our employees, and those we work with, in the independent production community."

Quick Facts:

* Creative industries in B.C. contribute more than $5 billion to the economy each year.

* Creative industries in British Columbia include:
* The motion picture industry

* Music and sound recording

* Interactive and digital media

* Book and magazine publishing

* The sector supports more than 90,000 full-time workers, and employs thousands more in part time or contract positions.

* The arts and culture sector includes:
* Artists and cultural organizations in dance, media arts, literary arts, museums, music, theatre and visual arts

* Unincorporated collectives in various art forms

* Indigenous artists and organizations

* Arts festivals

* Arts training institutions

* Community arts organizations and arts presenters across B.C.

* B.C. has the highest concentration of artists in Canada, supporting more than 24,800 professionals in communities throughout the province.

Learn More:

B.C. Arts Council: http://www.bcartscouncil.ca/

Creative BC: https://www.creativebc.com/

Knowledge Network: https://www.knowledge.ca/

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Thanks for getting approvals so quickly.

Cheers,

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government supports better drinking water in Kelowna

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia will provide the City of Kelowna with an additional $12 million to support the completion of its Drinking Water Integration Project.

This is in addition to the existing funding provided by the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, a partnership between the provincial and federal governments.

The incremental funding, which will allow this project to proceed within its current schedule, was needed due to extraordinary circumstances, including unforeseen and unavoidable project costs.

This funding is specifically for the KLO transmission main component - a critical part of the broader Kelowna Drinking Water Integration Project.

Providing this funding allows the project to proceed to full procurement of all project elements, meeting senior government funding commitment parameters and avoiding delays, which would see affected communities continue to be at risk due to outdated water systems.

This project is part of the city's plan for an integrated water system, to ensure residents have access to safe, reliable and cost-effective water.

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Thanks Gayle!

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

NEWS RELEASE
Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

VANCOUVER - Youth and young adults who've been in government care will have help getting ahead on the road to adulthood, thanks to an expanded driver training program, and renewed investments in life skills and employability programming and resources.

Government is doubling last year's investment in the Take the Wheel driver training program to $100,000, to help more youth in care learn to drive. The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN), ICBC and the ministry will collaborate with youth in care to expand the program from its initial launch.

"For some, learning how to drive is not just a rite of passage, but a necessary, life-long practical skill, especially for those who live in areas where easy access to public transportation is not always a viable option," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development.

"We want to be sure that young people who have been in care can access the same opportunities as everyone else, and gain the kind of skills many parents see as necessary for their children."

Take the Wheel was established in 2017, as a pilot program between ICBC and the FBCYICN. Government's new funding will be administered by the FBCYICN, with oversight by the ministry. The ministry has donated an additional two vehicles for youth, who may not otherwise have access to a vehicle for practice or road tests.

The ministry has also re-invested $61,000 in Strive, a 12-week program offered through the YWCA that helps youth and young adults gain life and employability skills, as well as $150,000 for Agedout.com, a website that provides resource connections for youth transitioning out of government care.

Conroy made the announcements at an event hosted by the FBCYICN and the Pacific Community Resources Society, in recognition of BC Child and Youth in Care Week, June 4-10, 2018. Similar events are being held throughout B.C. to honour B.C.'s children and youth in care to celebrate their diversity and accomplishments, and to show them a supportive community stands with them.

Quick Facts:

* As of April 1, 2018, the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program has been expanded to make more funding available, throughout the calendar year, to eligible former youth in care under the age of 27, to help them complete post-secondary, rehabilitation and/or approved life-skills programs.

* On June 4, 2018, government expanded the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program launched last September, adding tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0071-001086

Learn More:

AYA: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=26F90C367E4846D491225B38B79F7930

AgedOut: https://agedout.com/

Strive: https://ywcavan.org/programs/employment/strive

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=E0D1E7CACCA1408EAB8251766AF187FD

Stories from Child and Youth in Care Week:

Former youth in care uses martial arts to explore his feelings and his future: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17315

From government care to helping others look and feel their best: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17332

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Coroners Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Inquest into death of William Ryan Fisher

VICTORIA - The BC Coroners Service has scheduled a public inquest into the death of William Ryan Fisher, beginning July 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the Burnaby Coroners' Court (20th floor - 4720 Kingsway, Metrotower II, Metrotown, Burnaby).

Fisher, 30, died in February of 2016 at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, after being transferred from the North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Maple Ridge.

Fisher was admitted to a custodial sentence at North Fraser Pretrial Centre on Feb. 19, 2016. In the early hours of Feb. 21, he was found in medical distress and subsequently taken by Emergency Health Services to Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, where he died on Feb. 25.

This inquest has been called to review the circumstances of Fisher's death, and to explore whether there are opportunities for a jury to make recommendations that may prevent deaths in similar circumstances. An inquest is a formal process that allows for public presentation of evidence relating to a death. For more information on inquests, please visit: http://ow.ly/8WRx30gbxTr.

Presiding coroner Larry Marzinzik and a jury will hear evidence from witnesses under oath, to determine the facts surrounding this death. A jury must not make any finding of legal responsibility, or express any conclusion of law.

The BC Coroners Service looks to gather the facts surrounding why a death took place. It is not a fault-finding agency. It provides an independent service to the family, community, government agencies, and other organizations.

Learn More:

BC Coroners Service: http://www.gov.bc.ca/coroners/

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Thanks Stephen!

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
JIBC students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC).

Two capital projects were completed with the federal and provincial investment.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the

future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the province.

Quotes:

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, Justice Institute of British Columbia president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, Justice Institute of British Columbia dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the police academy, sheriff academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the police academy or RCMP depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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Subject:	FINALS: Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre will soon open its doors to the public
Date:	June 8, 2018 10:02:35 AM
Attachments:	2018HLTH0058-001154.pdf

For your records. Going at 10:45 a.m. to out Interior Health region list, Kamloops, gallery and Vancouver majors.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Permalink: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17366

For Immediate Release
2018HLTH0058-001154
June 8, 2018

Ministry of Health
Interior Health

NEWS RELEASE
Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre will soon open its doors to the public

KAMLOOPS - The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre (UPCLC) will provide people a new option for timely primary care when it opens, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"One in seven people in Kamloops don't have a doctor or primary care provider, and many people living in B.C. are unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers," said Dix. "The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre is going to make a real difference, by using a team-based model of care, to provide greater access to day-to-day care."

Patients will be able to see a range of health-care providers, depending on their needs, as the UPCLC will be staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals and staff, ranging from family doctors, physiotherapists, to nurses. The centre will also be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access to other services they may need.

"It's important for patients to have access to care when they or their family member have a non-emergency, but urgent primary health-care need," said Doug Cochrane, Interior Health board chair. "Interior Health is proud to offer a quality centre, where people will be able to see a doctor or another health professional within 24 hours."

Located at 311 Columbia St., on the street-front of Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building, the centre will begin by opening in the evenings, seven days a week, in June 2018. After it is fully operational in the fall of 2018, it will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. year-round, with rolling 24-hour appointment booking. Referrals will be accepted from physicians, nurse practitioners and other community clinicians, plus patients can self-refer.

In the fall, the centre will also open its Family Practice Learning Centre, which will have resident doctors working under the supervision of experienced physicians. This partnership will see the University of British Columbia expand its family medicine resident-training program in the Interior. This initiative will also provide residents the

opportunity to start building a practice locally.

"When we provide family medicine residents an opportunity to practice in Kamloops, we increase the likelihood they will stay in the area to work on an ongoing basis. The UPCLC offers a supportive environment to gain experience and to care for patients. It will attract our next generation of primary-care doctors," said Dr. Selena Lawrie, who is a clinical instructor with the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice, and an Interior Health board member.

"The Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre gives people in the Kamloops area another alternative for accessing the care they need. The Thompson Regional Hospital District is pleased to support this new centre, and we look forward to seeing how it will help residents in Kamloops and the surrounding region," said Ken Christian, chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The new Kamloops UPCLC was created through a partnership between the Ministry of Health, Interior Health, the Thompson Regional Hospital District, the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, and the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice. As well, local Aboriginal health leaders and patient representatives from Patient Voices Network lent their wisdom and experience to the project.

The capital cost of this project was $3.4 million, with $1.36 million coming from the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The Kamloops UPCLC is one of 10 urgent primary-care centres that are planned for British Columbia, with the Surrey centre announced on June 7, 2018. All of centres will be open in the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To see a tour of the Kamloops Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit: https://youtu.be/M_3YRIuCwBg

To learn more about the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0043-001138

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of pharmacists in primary care, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0055-001118

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Subject:	FINALS: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training – Courtenay
Date:	June 13, 2018 9:31:50 AM
Attachments:	NEWS-17392.pdf

For your records.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

For Immediate Release

June 14, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

COURTENAY - Media are invited to an announcement by Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA for Courtenay-Comox, on behalf of Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, about support for youth trades training in B.C. school districts.

Leonard will be joined by representatives from the Industry Training Authority, Comox Valley School District and students from a skilled trades class.

Event Date: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Georges P. Vanier Secondary school
Construction shop
4830 Headquarters Rd.
Courtenay

Special Instructions: Please check in at office.

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Date:	June 12, 2018 12:26:03 PM
Attachments:	NEWS-17384.pdf

Hi Nova

Here are your finals and one of us will get this out tomorrow at 11:40 a.m. to Vancouver media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

For Immediate Release

June 13, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER - Media are invited to an announcement about programs that are helping to improve accessibility for students at public universities, colleges and institutes throughout British Columbia.

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, will be joined by students, faculty and staff from Vancouver Community College.

Event date: Thursday, June 14, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Vancouver Community College - Broadway campus Events space Health Sciences Building
1155 East Broadway
Vancouver

Special instructions:
Parking will be available in the lots off 7th Avenue, between Glen Drive and Keith Drive. Please email ahardy@vcc.ca in advance for a parking pass, which can be printed.

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Date:	June 14, 2018 12:26:41 PM
Attachments:	NEWS-17412.pdf

For your records. Going at 12:40 p.m.

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

June 14, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

CASTLEGAR - Media are invited to join Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development and MLA for Kootenay West, for an announcement to support early childhood education and training in Castlegar.

Event Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Selkirk College Castlegar campus
Main campus building
301 Frank Beinder Way
Castlegar

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Subject:	FINALS: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Children and Family Development – Kamloops
Date:	June 4, 2018 3:09:21 PM
Attachments:	NEWS-17326.pdf

Great. Thanks Pam! For your records.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

For Immediate Release

June 6, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Media are invited to join Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development, and Clara Morin Dal Col, president of Métis Nation BC, for an announcement that will benefit Métis children and families throughout the province.

Conroy and program partners will be available to take questions from media in attendance.

Event Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018

Time: 9 a.m.

Location:
Lii Michif Otipemiwisak Family and Community Serivces
707 Tranquille Rd.
Kamloops

Map: www.bing.com/maps?osid=59d969ed-a374-4794-b126-bd9a44161360&cp=50.69827~-120.365919&lvl=16&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027

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Attachments:	NEWS-17447.pdf

For your records.

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

June 18, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, alongside students from École Margaret Jenkins, for a program funding announcement aimed at getting up to 2,500 students out of the classroom and into the great outdoors during the 2018-2019 school year.

Event Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location:
Goldstream Provincial Park
Nature House
Victoria

Special Instructions:
The Nature House can be reached by a short trail from the day-use area parking lot. Media with camera equipment can drive directly to the Nature House from an access road off Highway 1. To get to the access road, continue on the highway past the day-use area for approximately 100 metres, and watch for the cement barrier on the right, just past a gravel pullout. The first break in the barrier is the paved driveway. A flagger will be on hand to direct vehicles.

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For your records.

Shannon
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For Immediate Release

June 7, 2018

Ministry of Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, will be joined by representatives from Interior Health, to make an announcement on increasing access to primary care for those in the Kamloops area.

Event Date: Friday, June 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Clinical Services Building
Street-front lobby
Royal Inland Hospital
311 Columbia St.
Kamloops

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Subject:	FINALS: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Terrace
Date:	June 14, 2018 9:31:25 AM
Attachments:	NEWS-17406.pdf

For your records. Will go at 1:40 p.m. this afternoon to Terrace media.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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For Immediate Release

June 14, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

TERRACE - Media are invited to join Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast, the Ksan House Society, and the City of Terrace, to celebrate construction of an affordable rental housing project.

Event Date: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:
Ksan Place
101-2812 Hall St.
Terrace

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Subject:	FINALS: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria
Date:	June 14, 2018 3:56:05 PM
Attachments:	NEWS-17416.pdf

Your approved finals with Sheena's contact info. Just want to confirm that this should go provincewide and I'll get it out there asap.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

For Immediate Release

June 14, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Agriculture

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan, Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, and Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, for an announcement about wild salmon.

Event Date: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:
Hall of Honour
Parliament Buildings
Victoria

Media who are unable to attend in person may dial in to the announcement, and ask questions.

Call-in Information:
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Subject:	FINALS: Ministers" statement on the anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse
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For your records.

Shannon
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For Immediate Release
2018TRAN0045-001202
June 17, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ministry of Labour

STATEMENT
Ministers' statement on the anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse

VICTORIA - Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Harry Bains, Minister of Labour, have issued the following statement on the 60th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse:

"Today, we mark the 60th anniversary of the collapse of Second Narrows Bridge in Vancouver, which claimed the lives of 19 workers, along with injuring 20 others, in one of the worst industrial disasters in British Columbia's history. On June 17, 1958, two spans of the bridge, which was under construction, collapsed, causing 79 workers to fall more than 30 metres into the Burrard Inlet.

"As we remember and pay tribute to those workers, we are also reminded of the very important work we do to ensure that workers in all sectors are safe, and that our infrastructure is safe, not only for the public, but for the people who build it too.

"We must learn from the past and continue to improve working conditions, as well as engineering and construction practices, so that everyone returns home safely at the end of the day. Our vision is to make B.C. workplaces the safest in Canada, where fewer injuries, illnesses and deaths occur.

"B.C.'s ironworkers are instrumental in building our province's infrastructure. We would like to thank them for the excellent work they do. The bridges, buildings and structures they build help grow our economy, and help make B.C. the exceptional place that it is.

"We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to everyone affected by this tragic event. Please know that we are thinking of you today. We will continue to honour the memory of our fallen workers every year."

Learn More:

The bridge was officially renamed the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing in 1994 to honour the workers who lost their lives. For more information visit: http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/second-narrows-bridge-collapse/

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Date:	June 14, 2018 9:42:10 AM
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With the edit to the quote, here are your finals.

Thanks!

Shannon
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For Immediate Release
2018MAH0072-001194
June 15, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

NEWS RELEASE
New affordable rental housing on the way in Terrace

TERRACE - People in need of affordable rental housing in Terrace, including families and seniors, will soon have more housing options, with construction underway on 45 rental homes.

"Housing affordability is not just a big-city problem - it's impacting British Columbians in communities like Terrace, and others throughout the province," said Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast. "This project demonstrates the importance of working together and building partnerships, so we can help more people who are struggling to find suitable accommodation in the communities they live in."

The Province, through BC Housing, is partnering with Ksan House Society and the City of Terrace on the three-storey apartment building at 4622 Haugland Ave. The building will provide safe and secure housing for people in need, and add to the city's affordable rental stock.

"The City of Terrace is pleased to support the development of Ksan Estates, through land and financial support towards construction," said Mayor Carol Leclerc, City of Terrace. "We believe this project is an important need for our community, and look forward to seeing the project completed."

Ksan House Society will be the non-profit operator. It has been providing housing and community programming in Terrace since 1979.

"After four years of planning, we are excited to see our project materialize into beautiful, safe, affordable housing that our community deserves," said Amanda Bains, executive director for Ksan House Society.

The project is expected to be complete by spring 2019.

Quick Facts:

* The Province is providing $8 million in capital funding, and interim construction financing of $2.2 million for the

project.

* The Government of Canada is providing a $5,500 grant.

* The City of Terrace is providing $250,000 in funding, as well as the land, valued at approximately $441,000.

* Rental rates for the new development are projected to range from approximately $595 to $1,035.

* Budget 2018 launched the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years.

Learn More:

Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Subject:	FINALS: New protections in place to support wildlife species
Date:	June 1, 2018 3:27:39 PM
Attachments:	2018ENV0042-001104.pdf

For your records.

Thanks Dave!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

For Immediate Release
2018ENV0042-001104
June 4, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
New protections in place to support wildlife species

CRANBROOK - The provincial government has issued an order to make sure nests, dens, salt licks and other important wildlife habitat features (WHF) are protected when forestry and range activities are carried out.

The goal is to help specific wildlife species in the Kootenay Boundary region survive and thrive.

"We know many of these species are at risk and will have a much better chance for survival if these important habitat features are protected," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "While we prepare comprehensive species-at-risk legislation, we want to ensure these special habitat features are identified, and kept intact during the course of day-to-day forestry and range operations."

"Wildlife species are dependent on undisturbed nests, burrows and other natural features for shelter, breeding and to raise their young," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. "These extra measures will help keep these unique habitat features safe."

Forestry operators and range tenure holders will be offered training to help them identify and take the necessary steps to not disturb the targeted wildlife habitat features. The new protection order, the first of its kind in B.C., will take effect July 1, 2018, and will apply only to the Kootenay Boundary region. The intent is that similar WHF orders will eventually be in place provincewide.

The specific WHF to be protected include:

* nests for the bald eagle, osprey, flammulated owl, western screech-owl, great blue heron, Lewis's woodpecker and Williamson's sapsucker

* American badger burrows

* grizzly bear dens

* significant mineral licks

* significant wallows

* bat hibernation sites

* bat nursery roosts

* hot springs or thermal springs

Quick Fact:

* Consultation was carried out with directly affected Forest Act agreement holders, directly affected Range Act agreement holders and local Indigenous communities.

Learn More:

More information of the protection measures can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Kootenay-Boundary-Wildlife-Habitat-Features-Order

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
New scholarship fund supports UVic's best graduate students

VICTORIA - A new $2.25-million graduate-student scholarship fund at the University of Victoria will support students and help spark innovation, economic growth and research that benefits communities and individuals throughout the province.

"We're continuing to break down barriers by investing in affordable post-secondary education, with a new merit-based graduate-student scholarship fund that will build B.C.'s leadership," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "Our government wants graduate students to thrive and succeed. Investing $2.25 million in graduate scholarships at UVic will help recruit and retain the best graduate students, while keeping our province competitive."

The new scholarships, administered by the University of Victoria, are part of the $12-million fund announced by the Province in May 2018. The fund will support 800 awards of $15,000 each, for students in graduate degree programs around the province, through 2020-21.

"B.C.'s tech sector is booming, but with success has come challenges in finding and hiring people with the necessary skills to fill the growing number of jobs in this thriving industry," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology. "These new graduate scholarships, combined with our $10.5-million investment in co-op opportunities and entrepreneurial training, will help deepen the talent pool for employers, and provide students with access to well-paying jobs."

The scholarships are research-focused, with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and include professional programs, such as business administration and health.

"Graduate students play a crucial role in the university's research activity - both as producers of outstanding research, and as connectors of our research to undergraduate students, and outwards to business and industry," said Jamie Cassels, president of the University of Victoria. "Supporting these students is an investment in the discovery and innovation that will make a vital impact in B.C. and beyond."

There are about 16,000 domestic students enrolled in graduate degree programs at 10 public post-secondary institutions in B.C. eligible for the scholarships. The University of Victoria has about 2,600 students in graduate degree programs.

"At UVic's Centre for Aerospace Research (CfAR), we're working at the leading edge of the aerospace industry for unmanned aerial systems (UAS) research," said Jay Matlock, UVic master of mechanical engineering student, and engineer-in-training at CfAR. "Grad students are key to advancing aerospace research, since they bring passion and willingness to try new things that lead to innovation. The students at CfAR are directly involved with everything from conceptualization and prototyping, to manufacturing and flight testing. It wouldn't be possible without graduate funding. With additional funding, we'll be able to accelerate our impact in a range of areas, such as search and rescue, disaster response, mining exploration, environmental monitoring and telecommunications."

Student groups, and other post-secondary sector partners, have long advocated for a graduate scholarship program, as British Columbia lagged behind other provinces with a comparable graduate scholarship program.

"We want University of Victoria graduates to get the support they need, so this is a step in the right direction by government," said Arash Isapour, chair, University of Victoria Graduate Students Society. "Helping graduate students achieve their educational goals is a win for everyone."

As part of the tech-expansion plan, B.C. is investing in 2,900 new tech spaces, including 500 student spaces at UVic, in addition to funding support for graduate-student scholarships and women-in-technology scholarships.

Learn More:

A press kit, including video from UVic's Centre for Aerospace Research, is available online:
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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

NEWS RELEASE
New temporary housing for Surrey's most vulnerable

SURREY - The Province of British Columbia and the City of Surrey have partnered to respond to an urgent need for housing assistance in the community.

As of June 19, 2018, approximately 160 individuals experiencing homelessness will be offered housing, as well as health and social supports.

"This is an opportunity to make a significant positive impact on the homelessness crisis in Surrey, and give people the chance to make lasting changes in their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That change starts with housing that includes the support services people need to stabilize their lives, and move on to more permanent housing."

Based on assessed need, people living along 135A Street will either be offered supportive housing at the temporary buildings that were announced in January, or shelter beds at one of several local shelters. The supportive housing is located at:

* 10662 King George Blvd.

* 13550 105 Ave.

* 13425 107A Ave.

The housing offered will take those currently living on the street into a proper shelter or supportive living environment. Staff will be available, if needed, to help in the packing and transporting of belongings, and transportation of individuals, to the new housing.

The 160 units of temporary housing will include secure, individual rooms, with private bathrooms. Residents will have access to meal programs, counselling and medical offices, 24/7 staffing, and life and employment skills programming. Lookout Housing and Health Society will operate all three buildings.

Fraser Health and Lookout Society will also operate an intensive case management team at the temporary housing, to assist those facing significant challenges with health, mental health, substance use, poverty, education and housing, by connecting them to support services and treatment.

Starting in 2019, the temporary housing will be replaced with 250 units of permanent modular housing as part of the Government of British Columbia's Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program. The Province and the city are currently working together to identify sites for these new homes.

Quotes:

Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley -

"This situation has been at a critical level for too long, and at last, housing is available for people who have had to endure the hardships and risks to personal health and safety that come with living without shelter. We want to help grow healthy communities, and I believe that only happens when housing is available to everyone."

Linda Hepner, mayor, City of Surrey -

"Council's priority has always been to find long-term solutions to the homeless situation on 135A Street. With the new accommodations available, we are now able to offer those living in deplorable conditions on a sidewalk suitable housing that will have the necessary health and social supports. In essence, we are restoring dignity to these individuals by offering them proper shelter and care."

Shayne Williams, executive director, Lookout Society -

"Lookout Housing and Health Society is excited to operate the 160 temporary accommodation units, in partnership with BC Housing and Fraser Health, for Surrey's most vulnerable community members. Between 2014 and 2017, homelessness in Surrey increased by a third, from 403 to 602 individuals. The need for alternative housing in Surrey is more prevalent than ever. Lookout is looking forward to operating an intensive case management team to provide a range of health services, in addition to housing, to ensure long-term success and wellness."

Dr. Victoria Lee, chief medical health officer, Fraser Health -

"A person should be able to access effective and responsive services and supports, regardless of where he or she is in the process of recovery from addiction, mental illness, or both. Intensive case management teams work with the most vulnerable people, with severe substance-use disorders, to afford them the right to live, work, learn and participate fully in the community. Managing day-to-day activities, such as banking and grocery shopping, is often taken for granted, but they are important steps in successfully engaging in care, regaining independence and contributing to the community."

Quick Facts:

* The Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program was launched in September 2017, with a provincial investment of $291 million to build 2,000 homes throughout B.C., and more than $170 million over three years for 24/7 staffing and support services.

* To date, more than 1,700 new homes for people most in need are in development in 19 communities throughout the province.

* Budget 2018 provides further supports for people experiencing homelessness, with funding for an additional 2,500 new units of supportive housing and support services.

* The Province will be working with people with lived experience, local governments and community partners to develop a homelessness action plan, to reduce homelessness through permanent housing and services.

* The Province invested $550,000 to fund homeless counts in up to 12 communities, during March and April 2018, to help inform B.C.'s homelessness action plan. Preliminary results from the account are expected to be released in

the early summer 2018.

Learn More:

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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BACKGROUNDER
Services and supports provided for supportive housing

All new supportive housing buildings in the province are being provided with around-the-clock staffing to help young people, people with disabilities, seniors and others in critical need of housing.

Experienced, non-profit housing providers will provide support to tenants based on their assessed needs.

Some of the services and supports that will be provided to young people, seniors, people with disabilities and others who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless, are:

* meals;

* connecting residents to community supports, such as education and employment opportunities, and health and wellness services;

* individual or group support services, such as life skills, community information, and social and recreational programs;

* case planning and needs assessment;

* other supports designed to assist residents in meeting their personal and housing goals, including culturally specific programs;

* assistance to access income assistance, pension benefits, disability benefits, obtaining a B.C. identification card or establishing a bank account;

* support for residents to learn how to operate and maintain a home; and

* no-cost laundry services, either on-site or off-site.

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NEWS RELEASE
New tools help high school students jump-start trades careers

COURTENAY - British Columbia high school students are getting a taste of the trades, and the chance to explore new career paths, thanks to new equipment funding.

School districts throughout the province will receive $3.5 million this year to buy new equipment to upgrade trades classrooms and workshops.

"Today's high school students will be the engine driving B.C.'s economy into the future," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "I'm thrilled that government is helping them get early exposure to training for rewarding and good-paying trades careers."

Fifty-eight school districts will receive funding this year through the Industry Training Authority's (ITA's) Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program. This will allow them to buy modern equipment that improves safety in the classroom, and ensures students are learning on the most up-to-date technology.

Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA for Courtenay-Comox, made the announcement at Georges P. Vanier Secondary school, in the Comox Valley School District. The district has received $178,782 over the last three years, including $26,262 this year, to buy equipment that gives students a chance to build skills required in the workplace, and experience different trades. Worn-out table saws and drill presses have been replaced, and cutting-edge, computerized wood machines and plasma torches have been purchased.

"ITA youth initiatives have breathed new life into old shops, and helped shop teachers continue to encourage students to work with their hands and their heads," said Randy Grey, careers program co-ordinator for Comox Valley School District. "We are seeing more students each year identifying that a trade is a great way to get a head start in life."

Graduates have gone on to work in industries including construction, with some currently working on seismic upgrades at the school.

"We're giving students the tools they need to succeed, and kick-starting successful careers in trades," said Leonard. "I'm so pleased to see some of them working right here in our hometown."

Examples of how funding will be spent this year include buying saws with features to prevent injuries to fingers at Chilliwack School District, and allowing all grade 7-9 students at Kamloops/Thompson School District to experience applied skills, design and technologies. It will also allow Coast Mountains School District to purchase a van that will bring tools and training to students in distant communities.

"The apprentices and tradespeople that build the communities in which we thrive are invaluable," said Gary Herman, chief executive officer of the ITA. "That's why funding programs that equip students with the tools they need to explore and gain skills in skilled trades are so important to B.C.'s future."

ITA leads and co-ordinates B.C.'s skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers and government to fund training, issue credentials, support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades.

Learn More:

ITA: www.itabc.ca

Read more about the ITA Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program, and see the funding amounts by district: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/ITA_youth_trades_equipment_funding_brings_training_to_students.pdf

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Nighttime delays coming for motorists on the Lions Gate Bridge

VANCOUVER - Drivers are advised to expect delays on the Lions Gate Bridge this weekend, while crews remove the temporary steel plates that were in place for bridge rehabilitation work.

In addition, the extra layer of asphalt that was needed for a smooth transition on either side of the plates will be removed, and lane lines will be repainted.

Crews will be working overnight this weekend, when traffic volumes are lowest. The following lane closures will be in effect:

* one lane, open in each direction - 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018

* single-lane, alternating traffic - 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, to 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 17, 2018

Single-lane, alternating traffic has been scheduled to begin late in the evening, to give traffic time to disperse following the BC Lions' game.

All drivers can expect heavy traffic volumes and delays. They should allow for extra time, and are encouraged to use the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge as an alternative route.

The sidewalk on the Lions Gate Bridge will remain open for pedestrians and cyclists. All travellers are reminded to obey signs and traffic control personnel, and watch for workers.

For up-to-date traffic information, visit: www.drivebc.ca or follow @DriveBC on Twitter.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN
Nordel Way upgrade complete as part of Alex Fraser improvements

VANCOUVER - New traffic signals will go into operation this week on Nordel Way, as part of the first phase toward expanding capacity for people travelling across the Alex Fraser Bridge.

This work is part of the project that will create a seventh lane on the Alex Fraser, and add a new moveable barrier, to be used during rush hours to allow counter-flow traffic.

The new traffic signals at the Nordel Way interchange, and the extension of the two-lane northbound on-ramp, will make it easier for motorists to access the Alex Fraser Bridge, by alternating the merge between traffic entering from two directions.

The cast-in-place median barrier was also detached from the bridge deck and replaced with temporary barriers.

Later this summer, work will begin on the remaining activities that include:

* strengthening the bridge and resurfacing the bridge approaches;

* building sign and electrical infrastructure, to support counter-flow traffic;

* improving cycling connections and widening sections of the bridge sidewalks;

* widening the Cliveden interchange, to accommodate the new seven-lane configuration;

* adding a third southbound lane on Highway 91, between the Nordel interchange and the 72 Ave interchange;

* replacing one of the 32-year-old cables, so testing can be completed on the old cable to determine future rehabilitation and maintenance needs; and

* installing the new, moveable barrier system.

Originally, the ministry planned to install the new, moveable barrier system later this fall, but the timeline has been revised with completion expected in summer 2019. More engineering work was required for both the cycling upgrades and the cable replacement process, which included consultation with the cycling community and bridge engineering specialists.

Drivers are reminded to expect delays, watch for traffic-control personnel and obey all posted construction, while crews continue to work on this project.

Quick Facts:

* The Government of Canada is contributing up to $33,965,000, through the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component of the New Building Canada Fund, toward the $70-million capacity-improvement project. The B.C. government is funding $36,125,000 toward the project.

* An animation of the new traffic pattern is available online under construction updates: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/alex-fraser-bridge

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Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on recommendations for proportional representation referendum

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement on the recommendations for the proportional representation referendum:

"Today, cabinet accepted the recommendations of the Attorney General on how the referendum on a new voting system will take place. Regulations are being prepared and the government will ask Elections BC to review the question, to ensure that the language used is clear and simple to understand.

"Cabinet confirmed that, should a new proportional system be chosen, a second referendum will be held following two election cycles, to give British Columbians the opportunity to decide whether they wish to keep the new voting system.

"We would like to thank the more than 90,000 people that took part in the consultation process, and all British Columbians as they take part in this important discussion leading up to the referendum.

"This is an historic opportunity to replace our old voting system with a new way of voting that works for people. We look forward to public debate and lively campaigns on both sides. Ultimately, the people will decide."

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Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

NEWS RELEASE
Province opens the door to housing investment on reserves

PRINCE GEORGE - British Columbia will become the first province in Canada to invest provincial housing funds into on-reserve housing.

"Everyone in British Columbia deserves a good home, including people who live on-reserve," said Premier John Horgan. "That's why we're opening the door to all Indigenous communities to join us as we make housing better and more affordable for people in every part of the province."

Through the new Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund, the British Columbia government will invest $550 million over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,750 new units of social housing for projects, both on- and off-reserve.

BC Housing will send out a request for proposals to identify prospective partners, including Indigenous non-profit housing providers, First Nations, Métis Nation British Columbia, and non-profit and for-profit developers, wanting to partner with Indigenous housing providers and First Nations.

In addition to funding under the new Indigenous Housing Fund, Indigenous organizations and First Nations will be able to access provincial support, under the new housing funds announced as part of Budget 2018 and the 30-point housing plan.

The new housing will be developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Indigenous housing societies and First Nations.

With National Indigenous Peoples Day coming up on June 21, 2018, this investment to support affordable housing for Indigenous peoples is one of many areas where the Province is advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Province's focus on building a true and lasting vision of reconciliation is anchored by a cross-government commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and

Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and case law.

The provincial government is making significant new investments in Indigenous priorities and reconciliation, with more than $250 million allocated over the next three years, in the areas of affordable housing, language revitalization, child care, mental health and addictions, reducing poverty, improving access to justice, skills training, emergency management and revitalizing the environmental assessment process.

Quotes:

Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -

"We know that Indigenous peoples often face extraordinary housing challenges. With these new provincial housing funds now available to more people, we are taking a major step forward in making sure Indigenous peoples everywhere in British Columbia have access to the safe and secure housing they need."

Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -

"Our government recognizes the rights of Indigenous peoples to be actively involved in developing and determining housing policies and programs affecting them. We'll be working closely with the Indigenous housing sector every step of the way, to make sure Indigenous peoples are partners in building this new housing. This is one of the ways we are moving forward on reconciliation with First Nations and Indigenous peoples in B.C."

Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands -

"This is an important investment that will increase the quality of life for Indigenous peoples in B.C. Levels of Indigenous homelessness are unacceptable, and there is a direct link to a lack of housing on reserves. This is a smart investment, and recognizes that healthy, safe communities start with healthy, safe homes."

Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations -

"We have never seen such a commitment from a provincial government for on-reserve housing investments. I applaud the leadership of Premier Horgan and his ministers. Housing is a fundamental human right, and impacts a wide range of societal needs, including security, health for families and employment. First Nations in B.C. seek to improve a major gap in housing needs. This is an important step for building stronger First Nations' communities."

Chief Bob Chamberlin, vice-president, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs -

"Today, we are encouraged by this first step of the provincial government to respond to the need for affordable housing for Indigenous peoples. For true reconciliation, steps like these are crucial, but Indigenous peoples must be involved every step of the way. With a growing need for social housing, there is much work left to be done."

Cheryl Casimer, political executive, First Nations Summit -

"We welcome today's announcement of the creation of the Indigenous Housing Fund by the Province of B.C. This fund will provide a significant investment that will have immediate positive impacts in addressing the acute shortage of affordable housing units, especially for those Indigenous peoples in B.C. living below the poverty line. This fund will also assist Indigenous peoples with greater opportunities to access housing within their own communities, rather than being forced to move to urban centres."

Clara Morin Dal Col, president, Métis Nation British Columbia -

"Métis Nation B.C. is excited about the housing opportunities for Métis people in British Columbia through this new program. These funds have the potential of helping to provide Métis people long-awaited access to housing, and as a result, provide substantial benefits to the health and well-being of our communities. We are very pleased with the Province's investment and commitment to this provincial housing plan. This is a significant step toward government's efforts of nation-to-nation relationships and reconciliation."

Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association -

"Today's announcement is a positive step in the right direction to alleviating the housing challenges of our Indigenous peoples. We are over represented in every housing need category. The Aboriginal Housing Management Association, and our members, look forward to partnering with First Nations and Indigenous housing organizations to create the housing that we so desperately need."

Quick Facts:

* Budget 2018 launched the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years.

* All programs announced in Budget 2018 will be open to Indigenous organizations and First Nations, for housing both on- and off-reserve, including:
* Building BC: Community Housing Fund - close to $1.9 billion over 10 years to build and operate 14,350 affordable new rental homes, through partnerships with municipalities, non-profit housing providers, housing co-ops and Indigenous organizations.

* Building BC: Women's Transition Housing Fund - $734 million over 10 years to build and operate 1,500 new units of housing including transition houses, safe homes, second-stage and long-term housing.

* Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund - $1.2 billion over 10 years to build and operate 2,500 units of supportive housing for those that are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

* Currently, more than 4,600 subsidized housing units are specifically designated for Indigenous peoples in B.C. More than 700 Indigenous housing units are in development or under construction throughout the province.

Learn More:

Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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NEWS RELEASE
Province to improve commercial vehicle inspections, safety on roads

DELTA - A new inspection facility is being built in Delta, which will improve working conditions for Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) staff, speed up inspection times for truck drivers, with a goal of boosting safety for everyone travelling on B.C.'s highways and roads.

This covered facility will be built at the existing weigh scale at 8150 Nordel Way, near the south end of the Alex Fraser Bridge. It will provide a central Lower Mainland location to inspect all mechanical components of commercial vehicles in a safe, dry, well-lit area, and be able to accommodate two commercial vehicles at a time. One of the major benefits will be a large training area, for up to 25 staff to learn practical job skills, allowing CVSE to further develop their training program.

"This inspection facility will assist the ministry's CVSE officers in their ongoing efforts to improve safety for the commercial transport sector, and people on our highways," said Ravi Kahlon, MLA for Delta North, on behalf of Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "The new building will provide a controlled inspection area that will assist in day-to-day operations, and allow CVSE officers to process inspections quicker and more efficiently."

Vehicles involved in a crash can also be brought to this secure facility, to assist police with conducting post-crash investigations in a timely manner.

Approximately 300 trucks per hour currently go through this weigh scale, and 13 CVSE officers are dedicated to the site and surrounding roads and highways. An additional seven CVSE officers are based at this location, but monitor other assigned areas, via mobile patrol, including the Trans-Canada Highway, Sea-to-Sky Highway, roads north of the Fraser River and TransLink's major road network.

A $1.6-million contract has been awarded to MRC Total Build LP of Langley to complete the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2018, and finish in June 2019.

Learn More:

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS RELEASE
Sales of BC Parks licence plate support outdoor education

VICTORIA - To get more students out of the classroom and into the great outdoors, BC Parks is contributing $30,000 from the sales of specialty licence plates to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation's (HCTF) GO Grants Program.

"By supporting the GO Grants Program, we are giving youth a chance to experience nature and gain a unique learning experience in some of the most beautiful provincial parks B.C. has to offer," said George Heyman, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "We hope a new generation of young people will form a lifelong attachment to our province's diverse and rich natural environment."

The GO Grants Program provides funding for school field trips to provincial parks, and other natural areas, so students can learn about B.C.'s fish and wildlife habitats, as well as biodiversity, while fostering an appreciation for the environment. The trips give youth a chance to spend time outdoors and participate in hands-on learning activities, such as beach seining, releasing salmon fry, nature scavenger hunts, and plant and animal identification.

Last year, licence-plate funding supported outdoor learning in provincial parks for more than 700 students. Up to 2,500 students are anticipated to go on field trips this year, as demand for the program is at an all-time high.

"We want every student in B.C. to have the opportunity to experience first-hand the incredible diversity of animals and plants that are part of their communities," said HCTF education committee member Ken Ashley. "BC Parks' contribution will enable an additional 2,100 students to participate this year. Connecting kids to nature helps build a conservation ethic that is critical to protecting B.C.'s biodiversity for future generations."

The B.C. government is reinvesting all net proceeds from the sale and ongoing renewals of BC Parks licence plates back into provincial parks, to ensure action is taken to protect the environment and achieve conservation goals.

The GO Grants Program is the second in a series of projects, funded through the licence plate program. More will be unveiled in the coming year.

In April, the BC Parks Student Ranger Program was established, with proceeds generated from speciality licence

plate sales. The program offers 48 young adults hands-on work experience in a diverse range of projects related to conservation, recreation, community outreach and Indigenous relations.

Learn More:

For more information about GO Grants, and how to apply, visit: www.hctfeducation.ca/go-grants

For more information about BC Parks speciality licence plates, visit:
http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/licence-plates/Pages?bc-parks-plates.aspx

To learn more about BC Parks: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

For more information about the Student Ranger Program, visit: http://gov.bc.ca/bcparks-student-rangers

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
South Fork Forest Service Road closed for safety reasons

VERNON - To ensure public safety, the South Fork Forest Service Road, near Cherryville, is closed to all vehicle traffic until further notice, due to concerns about the stability of the road bed and washouts, as well as damage to the Yeoward Creek Bridge.

Users should note that access to the Monashee trail system, backcountry areas, campsites and range tenures is restricted or unavailable, due to washouts at the 0.5- and 0.7-kilometre marks. Barricades have been set up at the 0.4-kilometre mark.

The washout at the 0.5-kilometre mark appears to have happened around May 9, 2018, with the washout at the 0.7-kilometre mark taking place around May 28, 2018. It is expected that damage to the bridge occurred on May 23, 2018. High snowpack levels, high groundwater levels and an extended warming trend, causing overland water flow and higher-than-normal stream flows, are thought to be the cause.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is working with industrial users and tenure holders to assess and repair the road damage, and to restore access. The construction timeline has not yet been determined.

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Date:	June 5, 2018 10:15:58 AM
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Hi Dawn

Here's your draft for review.
Of note:
1. The ORV application/info site was mentioned twice. I took out the one in the body and left it in the Learn More section where it's a better fit.
2. Slightly altered your headline and lede.

On approval, I'll set this up for provincewide release at 3 p.m.

Shannon
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June 5, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
$100,000 to enhance off-road vehicle trails, rider safety

VICTORIA - Applications are now being accepted from organizations that propose to build or upgrade off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, and promote rider safety, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The ORV Trail Fund, currently valued at $820,000, is awarding up to $100,000 this summer to support the construction and maintenance of trails for off-road vehicles, and to promote the safe and responsible use of ORVs.

The ORV Trail Fund, created in 2017, was established as a part of the Off Road Vehicle Act and regulations. The act requires registration of all off-road vehicles within B.C. A portion of the registration fees collected by ICBC are redirected to the ORV Trail Fund. The Recreation Sites and Trails Branch administers the fund and this is the first application intake.

The application deadline is July 16, 2018. Requests for funding from $1,000 to $25,000 will be considered.

Any legal entity in the province, except for individuals, can apply. This includes:

* First Nations

* Local governments (such as municipalities and regional districts)

* ORV organizations (including those representing quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, motorbikes and side-by-sides)

* Non-profit societies

* Businesses

Submissions will be adjudicated by provincial recreation staff, with input from provincial-level ORV representatives. Successful applicants will be notified after Aug. 24, 2018.

A five-year plan has been developed to fund future trail recreation opportunities. The planned yearly disbursements will be between $100,000 and $200,000 per year, depending on the growth of the fund.

Quotes:

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Government is committed to maintaining the province's world-class recreational trails. Many of the trails are in remote and rural areas, and this money will benefit all users. Trail improvements will help to create local jobs, and will also enhance tourism opportunities."

Ralph Matthews, president, Quad Riders ATV Association of B.C. -

"It is a great day for riders in B.C.! This grant will allow for an even more epic riding experience. It will also provide a significant positive economic impact through ORV tourism in our rural communities. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this funding off the ground and on the trails."

Richard Cronier, president, British Columbia Snowmobile Federation -

"The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation appreciates the government reinvesting a portion of the off-road vehicle registration fees back into ORV safety and trails. B.C. has first-class trails, and this additional money will continue to draw tourists from around the world."

Ken McClelland, president, British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association -

"This is exciting news for B.C.'s ORV trails, after more than a decade of hard work. We have some of the best trails in the world, and this will make them even greater. We look forward to working with the Province to promote the off-road recreation industry."

Quick Facts:

* About 10,000 kilometres of ORV trails are managed by the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, in partnership with community-based ORV groups around the province.

* There are significant ORV riding opportunities on the land base, including approximately 600,000 kilometres of resource roads and managed riding areas.

Learn More:

Apply and learn more about the fund and the judging criteria: www.gov.bc.ca/ORVFund (https://www2.qa.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/orv-trail-fund)

Find a recreation site or trail near you: http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/

Read about B.C.'s trails strategy: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC_V6_Nov2012.pdf

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Date:	June 4, 2018 2:08:19 PM
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Hi Michelle.

Here is your draft for review.

Of note: I broke up the last sentence in the minister's quote as it was a run-on.

On approval, I'll set this up to go Wednesday at 9 a.m., provincewide.

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. promotes unbiased policing

VICTORIA - In response to recommendations from the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, and taking into consideration the findings of other inquiry and review processes across Canada, B.C. is developing new provincial policing standards to promote equality in the delivery of policing services throughout our province.

"Policing must be delivered free from bias and discrimination in every part of our province," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "We're developing new policing standards and guiding principles to reinforce a more inclusive perception of fairness, and strengthen our efforts to promote bias-free policing in B.C. This is key to how our government continues to build a safer province."

From March 12 to April 16, 2018, the Province sought the public's input on new provincial policing standards to garner a deeper understanding of what types of issues are important to British Columbians, and to ensure police services are delivered in a manner that is fair, equitable and responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups.

More than 200 British Columbians, from a balanced and diverse demographic, participated in the online questionnaire, providing their concerns, recommendations and general support for the concept and themes proposed for the new B.C. Provincial Policing Standards. Written submissions were also received from interested organizations, and can be accessed online: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/unbiasedpolicing/submissions/

Leading up to the public engagement process, the Province met with stakeholders and community organizations to discuss issues related to unbiased policing, and conducted a comprehensive scan of related initiatives and materials from other jurisdictions. This work helped identify concepts that could be addressed in the new guiding principles and themes to promote unbiased policing in B.C.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will now use the feedback collected through the public and stakeholder engagement process to build on its initial analyses of existing policy and literature, to develop new policing standards and guiding principles that are meaningful, effective and represent a broad spectrum of input

from British Columbians.

The new standards will also reflect ongoing consultations that are taking place with police agencies and community organizations.

A summary of the opinions shared in the public engagement can now be found in the Promoting Unbiased Policing in B.C. Public Engagement Process: What We Heard Report, which can be accessed online: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/unbiasedpolicing/

Learn More:

To view B.C.'s current policing standards visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards

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Date:	June 13, 2018 4:16:21 PM
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Hi Pamela

Here is your draft for review. In the 5th paragraph, you said there are eight teams in five regions and then list eight regions. I've changed it to eight. Can you confirm those numbers?

On approval, we will set this up for web post only tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. Please copy all the editors as I am leaving the office shortly. If approval or edits come after 5, please call my cell as I am the editor on call.

Shannon
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June 14, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

NEWS YOU CAN USE
BC Parks student rangers spring into action

CULTUS LAKE - With rakes, saws, loppers, shovels and a heavy Pulaski axe in hand, six student rangers head out onto a trail at Cultus Lake, ready to take on whatever lies ahead.

They are being led by seasoned BC Parks ranger Dylan Eyers, who works as a section head for the Lower Mainland. Eyers has experienced a lot during the 20 years he has spent protecting and keeping the province's parks pristine. Now, he is passing on his knowledge to the group of six, who are among 48 young adults selected to work as student rangers throughout the province this summer.

"The biggest thing that damages trails is water run off," says Eyers, who stops to point out a small section of the well-maintained trail that could use some help with drainage. Around the corner, small bushes are starting to take over the trail, prompting one student to pull out the loppers and start chopping branches.

"Just clear back as far as you can. If you can reach it from the trail, you can clear it," says Eyers, noting potential hazards to look for when doing trail maintenance. "Some of the hardest days I've worked have been on trails."

Eager to learn new skills to feed their passion for the outdoors, the group will spend the next two months together, working in parks throughout the North Vancouver region. Guided by a crew lead, the student rangers will educate campers and hikers about safe practices in the great outdoors, maintain trails and cabins, and upgrade facilities, when necessary. They are one of eight teams slated to work in eight regions - Prince George, Smithers, Kamloops, Victoria (Goldstream Provincial Park), Black Creek, Manning Park, North Vancouver and Squamish. Burnaby resident Ryan Walters can't wait to get started.

"I've lived in the city my whole life, so I love getting away, and having space to roam around and clear my head. There's just something about nature I can't put my finger on," said the 23-year-old Walters, who is studying psychology at University of British Columbia. "I haven't had much time in school to learn about the environment, so it's a good opportunity to get some experience and see if it's a career that might appeal to me."

Launched in April, the Student Ranger Program is the first program established with proceeds generated from the sales of BC Parks specialty licence plates. Student rangers will focus on a variety of projects, such as ecosystem restoration, invasive species control, trail building and maintenance, conservation monitoring, Indigenous relations and outdoor education. The goal is to provide them with skills and knowledge that can be applied toward future employment in conservation, recreation and community engagement.

After five days of training that included field and classroom components, 21-year-old Isabelle Bourque felt ready to put on her uniform and step into her new role as a BC Parks student ranger.

"I love being outdoors and I really want to promote the outdoors to other people so they know what's available to them," said Bourque, who drove nine hours with her Prince George crew to attend training. "It's been an amazing week. I love the fact we're around people who are like-minded. They all want to be outdoors, improving our parks."

The BC Parks Student Ranger Program is offered to young adults, ages 18 to 30, from May to August. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in full-time studies in the past academic year, with the intention of returning to full-time studies in the fall. More than 30% of the 2018 student rangers come from Indigenous backgrounds.

Learn More:

To learn more about the BC Parks Student Ranger Program, visit:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/employment/student-ranger/

For more information about BC Parks speciality licence plates, visit: http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/licence-plates/Pages?bc-parks-plates.aspx

To learn more about BC Parks: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

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Hi Tom.

Here is your draft for review. On approval, we'll set this up to go asap to:
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026.0 - Grand Forks
047.0 - Nelson
080.0 - Trail_Rossland

Thanks!
Shannon
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June 12, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Burning of wood piles set for north side of Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS - The BC Wildfire Service is planning to burn about 25 piles of wood debris, about three kilometres northwest of downtown Grand Forks, off Prospect Drive near the Copper Ridge subdivision.

These controlled burns could start as early as Tuesday, June 12, 2018, and continue over the course of two days, weather permitting. Smoke and flames may be visible from Grand Forks and surrounding communities.

Trained BC Wildfire Service personnel will be on site with firefighting equipment to monitor and control these burns at all times.

Activities, such as pile burning, help reduce wildfire hazards by reducing accumulations of fuels (e.g. dead wood or brush) on the landscape. This pile burning project will only proceed if weather conditions are suitable for quick smoke dissipation. All such burns must comply with the Environmental Management Act and the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, to help minimize the amount of smoke generated.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free, or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: http://www.bcwildfire.ca

Follow the latest wildfire news on:

* Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

* Facebook: http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

Learn More:

A factsheet about prescribed burns, and ecosystem restoration burns, is available online: http://ow.ly/E8Ue30br7OY

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Date:	June 13, 2018 3:31:43 PM
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Hi Jamie

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. Broke your lede into two paragraphs as it was fairly lengthy.
2. Made the last two paragraphs into three Quick Facts in order to improve readability.

On approval, I'll set this up to go Nelson, Castlegar, New Denver, Revelstoke and Golden media at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Shannon
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Headline: Completed South Slocan project improves safety, accessibility

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June 14, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Completed South Slocan project improves safety, accessibility

NELSON - Paving is finished, and the new pedestrian and cycling tunnel is open, marking the completion of the South Slocan Overhead project.

The bridge was replaced with road fill, on Highway 3A, for improved safety, efficiency and better trail access.

"We are happy to see this new tunnel open up underneath the highway, which will now ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, who won't have to cross the busy highway to use the amazing trail system in the area," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "We know the local community is excited about this connection, and we encourage people to come out and explore this wonderful new link to the trail network near

Nelson."

The original two-lane South Slocan Bridge, which was built in 1962, was dismantled and replaced with a new two-lane rock fill, and a pedestrian and cycling tunnel. Copcan Civil Ltd., from Nanaimo, was awarded the contract for this project, which also included:

* significant rock blasting at Beasley Bluffs, to straighten out the approaches and improve sight lines;

* reconstruction of South Slocan Station Road to include a new cul-de-sac;

* a new southern terminus tail head; and

* four kilometres of asphalt-paved rail trail from South Slocan to the Pass Creek Road/Highway 6 intersection.

"This project has not only enhanced safety for trails users, but also increased access to recreational opportunities for visitors and B.C. residents," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The $6.3-million project is approximately two kilometres north of the Highway 3A/6 Junction. Cost-sharing with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development, the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society made it possible to include the tunnel, and incorporate improvements to the rail trail.

Quick Facts:

* The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development cost-shared on the pedestrian tunnel and the trailhead construction, which includes a paved parking lot, access trails, picnic tables, kiosk and bike racks.

* The Regional District of Central Kootenay, on behalf of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society, cost-shared on the pedestrian tunnel and asphalt paving of four kilometres of the southern rail trail, with a grant from the ministry's BikeBC program.

* The paved rail trail from South Slocan to Pass Creek Road is an enhancement to multi-modal transportation in the area, connecting the community to local schools, the recently rebuilt Crescent Beach Regional Park and the Great Trail.

Learn More:

For a time-lapse video of the South Slocan Overpass project, go to: https://bit.ly/2Jyccrr

Follow the work of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure online: http://www.tranbc.ca

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Date:	June 15, 2018 2:30:40 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Carol.

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. Moved the minister's full name and title to his quote.
2. Change "safe" to "safer" in the lede.
Please note the use of "safe" in all the quotes rather than "safer." I didn't change them, but am flagging them for you instead.

On approval, I'll set this up for Tuesday at 2:15 p.m. to lower mainland media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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June 19, 2018

Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Eric Hamber students to get new, safer school

VANCOUVER - Secondary school students in the South Cambie neighbourhood can look forward to learning in a new, seismically safer school.

"Vancouver students and their families have been waiting for schools that will be safe in the event of an earthquake," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Today's announcement moves us one step closer to achieving our goal of ensuring all British Columbian students can receive a quality education in a state-of-the-art, safe and healthy school."

The Ministry of Education is providing $79.3 million to fully replace Eric Hamber Secondary - the largest seismic project in Vancouver's history.

"As the 2018-19 school year draws to a close, we're delighted with today's announcement that the Eric Hamber Secondary school community will soon have a new, seismically safe learning environment," said Vancouver Board of Education chair Janet Fraser. "Not only will the replacement school be safer in the event of an earthquake, our intent is to provide an even more welcoming environment for our students and staff in a facility with more opportunities for community activities."

Eric Hamber Secondary serves 1,700 students in grades 8-12. It opened in 1962, and has had several additions and renovations over the years. However, the structure needs further upgrading, and has been deemed high risk in the event of an earthquake. The new school will be built next to the existing one on the northwest corner of the site. Students will remain in the existing school during construction. This will prevent the need for portables and minimize disruption, like bussing Eric Hamber students.

Other project options would have required a phased approach, resulting in a longer construction period, a higher

price and classes moving into a substantial number of portables. Using the existing school rather than temporary accommodation during construction saves approximately $16 million in costs over the seismic upgrade.

"One of our priorities at the Vancouver School District is to ensure our schools are safe. Another is that our schools are inspiring learning environments for our students," said Suzanne Hoffman, Vancouver School District superintendent. "It's very exciting that we will soon begin to design and build a replacement school that meets both those priorities at Eric Hamber, for decades to come."

The new school will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standards. LEED gold schools are healthy, high-performance learning environments that include sustainable low-toxic materials, natural light, abundant fresh air, energy conservation, habitat protection and reduced demand on local landfills. The new school will also accommodate a child care facility.

Construction is slated to begin in summer 2020, and the new Eric Hamber Secondary is expected to welcome students in fall 2022.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to work with school districts and local governments throughout B.C. to speed up the funding approval process and reduce wait times for much-needed seismic and capital projects.

Quick Facts:

* Vancouver school seismic replacement announcements since September 2017 include: Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary ($22.4 million), Bayview Elementary ($24.5 million), and David Lloyd George Elementary ($24.2 million).

* Since September 2017, the B.C. government has approved more than $335.6 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace seismically high-risk schools, and a total of $567.3 million in capital projects (including land purchases, additions etc.).

* Budget 2018 invests a record $2 billion in school capital projects over the next three years.

* Eric Hamber Secondary school is named after Eric Werge Hamber, the 15th lieutenant governor of British Columbia.

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Date:	June 1, 2018 9:06:57 AM
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Hi All!

Here is your draft for review. I know we're waiting on an updated quote for Dean.

Once we receive that quote, and on approval, we'll set this one up for 11:45 a.m. to Victoria and Duncan media (not sure how far north you want to go).

Thanks!
Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 1, 2018

Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Expanded access zone for Vancouver Island Women's Clinic

VICTORIA - An increased access zone has been established to protect the dignity and privacy of staff and patients accessing the Vancouver Island Women's Clinic, located in the Victoria area.

"All people who use the B.C. health-care system, and who provide services for it, should be treated with courtesy, and with respect for their dignity and privacy. Access zones work to ensure this, and to support women seeking health-care services, staff providing the services and others visiting the facility," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"B.C. is seen as a leader in supporting women's health, and we recognize other provinces for taking similar steps based on the policies and legislation set in place here. The expanded zone works to safeguard patients and staff's right to receive and deliver health-care services in an intimidation-free environment," said Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.

The access zone is now expanded from an original 10 metres, to up to approximately 50 metres in some places, depending on land features and private property lines, to protect clinic staff and people accessing the clinic from harassment and intimidation. Access zones are sometimes referred to as "bubble zones." Four other facilities in B.C. already have access zones established similar to the Vancouver Island Women's Clinic. The offices and residences of doctors who provide abortion services have automatic access zones established under the Access to Abortion Services Act.

The regulation is effective as of Friday, June 1, 2018, and protests, interference, intimidation and recording of those providing abortion services or of patients, are prohibited within the expanded zone. People who do not respect the access zone, and continue to protest in it, can be arrested without a warrant by a provincial constable or municipal constable.

B.C. passed the Access to Abortion Services Act, the first bubble-zone legislation in Canada in 1995. The legislation balances the right to free expression, and the right of the patient and provider to an intimidation-free environment.

The B.C. legislation created intimidation-free access, or bubble zones, of 10 metres around the offices of doctors who provide abortion services, 160 metres around their homes, and allows for enactment of a regulation establishing a zone of up to 50 metres around facilities where abortion services are provided.

Abortion services - which are legal in B.C. and throughout Canada - are publicly funded through the Medical Services Plan. The increased access zone was established under the authority of the Access to Abortion Services Act, and involved an amendment to the Abortion Services Access Zone Regulation. Alberta recently passed legislation for bubble zones, and other provinces with existing bubble zones include Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Quebec.

"At the heart of health care is personal choice, and it's our responsibility to ensure the privacy and security of people who access and deliver these much-needed health services," added Dix. "We have made an effort to balance protestors' rights to freedom of expression, with the rights of patients and providers to have an intimidation-free environment."

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Date:	June 7, 2018 10:33:26 AM
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Hi Ian.

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. We took out the "yous" in the lede and went with "expanded" rather than "fulsome" to stick with plain language.
2. I put in the actual dates of the conference (as per their website) rather than "this week" as this becomes an archival doc as soon as it's posted.

Other than that, it was mainly punctuation and minor style changes.

On approval, I'll set this up for webpost only on Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Thanks,
Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 11, 2018

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Expanded toolkit supports making local roads safer

VICTORIA - The Province has released an expanded toolkit to help local governments interested in making their streets and related features safer, no matter how people get around.

Two new modules and an introduction round out the BC Community Road Safety Toolkit, which discusses and illustrates some of the safest, most innovative road design features from around the world:

* Introduction: gives an overview of the underlying themes and concepts contained in the toolkit, the role of local governments in road safety, the goal of Vision Zero (that is, working toward zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries) and the Safe Systems Approach.

* Module 2: Safe Roadway Designs to Protect All Road Users provides rationales and implementation considerations for dozens of roadway designs and features geared to making intersections and corridors safer. Topics include narrowed vehicle lanes, speed humps, various traffic control enhancements, and ways to improve street signs and lighting. This module includes a bibliography of, and links to, guides, technical manuals and other documents with more information on specific design and infrastructure options.

* Module 3: Implementation Tools and Strategies advises municipalities about how to build local support for road system changes they are considering. Topics include strategic planning and evaluation, communication and engagement, cost considerations, and promoting active transport, including by bicycle and small-wheeled vehicles, like skateboards. Links to many online reference materials complement the text.

The full toolkit - including an earlier module focused on safety measures to protect pedestrians, cyclists and other

vulnerable road users - is now available on RoadSafetyBC's website at: www.gov.bc.ca/roadsafetybc/toolkit

Geared to municipalities interested in enhancing road safety when upgrading infrastructure, the toolkit explores such design options as raised crossings, off-street pedestrian and bicycle paths, safe parking lot designs, and pedestrian scrambles, which are intersections where traffic in all directions stops to allow pedestrians to cross the intersection in any direction at one time.

The release of the expanded toolkit coincides with the 2018 conference of the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals, which takes place June 10-13, 2018, in Victoria. A working committee, with representatives from local governments, academia, the private sector, ICBC, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Ministry of Health, developed the kit.

Quick Facts:

* The toolkit responds to road safety issues and challenges identified by about 80 B.C. communities that participated in RoadSafetyBC's 2015 BC Communities Road Safety Survey.

* The toolkit supports the BC Road Safety Strategy and the Province's vision of bringing B.C. one step closer to the goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.

* In B.C., 60% of all crashes, and 76% of crashes involving pedestrians, happen at intersections.

* Between 2006 and 2015, the number of traffic fatalities at intersections remained stable, while the number not occurring at intersections decreased steadily.

* Provincewide, speed is the top contributing factor in fatal crashes, with the crashes in which police cite speed as a contributing factor killing an average of 88 people each year.

* Top contributing factors attributed to drivers in crashes where a pedestrian is injured or killed are: driver distraction and inattention, driver failure to yield right-of-way, and weather.

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Date:	June 7, 2018 9:33:22 AM
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Hi Kairry

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for June 13th at 11 a.m. Are you sure you want this to go provincewide, or should it perhaps just be focused on Burns Lakes and the surrounding area?

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 13, 2018

Forest Practices Board

NEWS RELEASE
Four woodlots near Burns Lake pass audit

VICTORIA - An audit of forestry activities on four woodlots in the Nadina Resource District concludes that the woodlot licensees complied with B.C.'s forestry legislation, according to the audit reports released.

The audits examined planning, timber harvesting, roads, silviculture and fire protection activities, carried out between October 2015 and October 2017, in woodlots 1687, 1690, 1691 and 2050, all located near Burns Lake.

Woodlot 2050 complied with all requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act. On the remaining three woodlots, auditors found that the licensees did not complete fire hazard assessments on time.

"Assessing fire hazard is a legal requirement, and must be completed at required intervals after harvest has started," said Bruce Larson, vice-chair of the Forest Practices Board. "In these cases, the licensees reduced the fire hazards to a safe level, so this was considered an area for improvement."

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government. The board audits forest and range practices on public lands and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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Date:	June 18, 2018 11:06:46 AM
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Hi Dave

Here is your draft for review. One query: Isn't viticulture and winemaking the same thing? They are listed separately in the last paragraph. If they are, it'd be better to stick with plain language and just keep winemakers in that list.

On approval, I'll set this up to go provincewide at 2:15 p.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 18, 2018

Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
From soil to shelf, Canada and B.C. support sustainable winemaking

VICTORIA - British Columbians who love a glass of B.C. wine and support environmentally responsible businesses have easy choices ahead, as a new sustainability certification program for B.C. grape growers and wineries will put those green standards right on the label.

Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. (SWBC), a program of the British Columbia Wine Grape Council, is developing the certification program. Participation in this program will allow B.C. to highlight the integrity and credibility of the provincial wine industry, and increase competitiveness of B.C. wine with other top wine-growing regions around the world.

SWBC has already established an online self-assessment tool that allows growers and wineries to view their sustainability performance. The new certification program will take the next step in maintaining and enhancing public trust, with robust and verifiable outcomes and indicators. The certification program will include a sustainability advisor assisting growers and wineries in their application for certification.

Industry has led SWBC's development for nearly a decade, with the goal of reducing the environmental footprint, while maintaining and enhancing public trust. The SWBC oversight committee includes B.C. viticulturists, winemakers, hospitality directors, researchers, and sustainability and marketing specialists.

Quotes:

Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada -

"The Government of Canada is proud to support this new certification program, which will help B.C. wine gain a new competitive edge in international markets. Highlighting the sector's sustainable management practices will enhance public trust, and have a beneficial impact on the environment while also strengthening the Canadian economy."

Lana Popham, B.C. Minister of Agriculture -

"This new sustainability certification program will maintain the sector's competitiveness, increase consumer confidence in B.C.'s award-winning wine, and minimize the environmental footprint of our wine industry. I am keen to continue to work with B.C. grape growers and winemakers, to help them build their markets and their businesses in a sustainable, thoughtful manner."

Karen Gillis, chair, Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. -

"Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. is looking forward to developing the certification program, through support from the Ministry of Agriculture. I would like to thank Minister Popham and her staff, for the vision to foster sustainable farming in British Columbia. The positive impacts on environmental, financial, and social aspects for individual vineyards and wineries, and the industry as a whole, will contribute immensely to our long-term sustainability."

Learn More:

British Columbia Wine Grape Council: http://www.bcwgc.org/

Sustainable Winegrowing British Columbia: https://sustainablewinegrowingbc.ca/

Canadian agricultural partnership: http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership/

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Date:	June 6, 2018 4:13:13 PM
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Hi everyone

Here is the draft for review.
Of note:
1. In the lede it says "one of the first of 10" and the headline says it the first. I made it so the lede matches the headline. It's either the first one or it's not.
2. I broke up the 3rd sentence in the minister's quote into two as it was a bit of a run on. I didn't change the content, however.
3. Turned a "that" into a "which" in the Marchbank quote, so the sentence is grammatical. No content change.

On approval from the PO and HLTH, we'll set this up for release tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. provincewide, including ethnic and gallery media.

If you get approvals and need finals tonight, please call me and let me know, as I am the on-call editor. Otherwise, I will get back to you at 8 a.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 7, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Health
Fraser Health

NEWS RELEASE
Government announces first urgent primary-care centre in Surrey

SURREY - It will be easier for Surrey residents to receive ongoing primary health care when the first of 10 urgent primary-care centres in the province opens in fall 2018, announced Premier John Horgan.

"We are making innovative changes to public health care so that it works for British Columbians, providing them with timely, effective care in their communities," said Premier Horgan. "By opening urgent primary-care centres in all of the health regions, we are delivering on our promise to improve quality of care, and provide more care to more people."

"Team-based care is the future of health care, and will be the standard for primary care throughout B.C.," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Urgent primary-care centres are part of an overhaul of the way British Columbians access day-to-day health care. One in six people in this province don't have a doctor. For too long, over half of the people living in B.C. have been unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers. It's time for families to have easier and improved access to health care."

The Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access other services they may need. The centre, and the primary-care network it will be a part of, will work to connect people to consistent health-care providers in

the community who are accepting new patients. Close to 78,000 people in Surrey currently do not have a family doctor.

"Surrey is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, and we want to support people of all ages and walks of life in accessing the services they need to thrive," said Michael Marchbank, Fraser Health's president and CEO. "The new Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre connects people directly to a team-based approach to health care, which will collaboratively address their health and social needs in a single setting, before emergency interventions are needed."

The centre will have a team of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other health-care professionals, working together to the full extent of their skills to provide a broad range of services. At full staffing, this centre will be able to accommodate up to 1,300 unique patient visits per week, and attach up to 5,000 patients over time. Among these patients will be vulnerable residents who have complex care needs, including the frail and elderly, people needing specialized mental health and substance-use services, and the North Surrey/Whalley community.

The centre will also provide diagnosis and care for non-emergency conditions requiring medical attention within 12 to 24 hours, including lacerations, earaches, back pain, and sore throats.

When the centre opens, area residents can visit the location and have their needs assessed by a nurse or other team member. People may also be directed to the centre by community- or hospital-based care providers. A variety of appointment options will be available, including one-on-one visits, appointments with multiple providers, telehealth visits, home visits and group appointments, to support people with similar conditions. The centre will also provide outreach services by connecting nurses to community locations, such as shelters.

The hours of the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The centre will be located at 9639 - 137A St., near specialists' offices, supportive health-care services and Surrey Memorial Hospital. The proximity to the hospital will make it easy for hospital staff to refer patients to the centre for follow-up care, when appropriate. As well, the centre's staff will be able to easily direct people to hospital-based services, when necessary.

All 10 urgent primary-care centres will be open within the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995

To learn more about the Province's strategy to recruit and retain more family medicine graduates, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0052-001043

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Date:	June 12, 2018 9:10:52 AM
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Hi Brooke.

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I took out "in July" from your extra long headline to shorten it a bit (the precise date is covered in the NR)
2. Small change in the minister's first quote from a comma to an "and" to improve sentence flow. (highlighted below)
3. Moved the last three paragraphs into a “Quick Facts” section to improve readability.

On approval, we’ll set this up to go provincewide at 11:15 a.m.

Thanks,
Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 12, 2018

Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Government expanding coverage for insulin pumps, eliminating age restriction

VICTORIA - The provincial government is expanding insulin pump coverage, so any British Columbian requiring one to manage diabetes will have access under PharmaCare, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"For many individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps can have a positive impact on their health. It allows them to better manage their condition, improving their quality of life and well-being, and preventing serious secondary conditions ranging from cardiovascular disease to nerve damage," said Dix.

"Up to now, adults over 25 who rely on an insulin pump to manage their chronic disease have

been left to incur economic hardship to cover this equipment, or forego it, at risk to maintaining their health," added Dix. "Going forward, this financial barrier will be eliminated. Following through on a pledge made by Premier John Horgan, the provincial government is removing the age restriction for insulin pumps to people 25 years old or younger."

With this change in coverage, taking effect on July 3, 2018, British Columbia becomes one of only three provinces to cover insulin pumps for people living with diabetes requiring one, regardless of age. Approximately 485,000 British Columbians live with diabetes. It is expected that roughly 830 adults over 25 years of age will benefit from the expansion in the first year.

"I am inspired as to what this means for British Columbians living with type 1 diabetes and their loved ones. I know first-hand that this announcement will have an impact not only today, but into the future, because improved glucose control has life changing results," said Ramya Hosak, executive director and co-founder of Young and T1, a B.C.-based and volunteer-run organization for young adults living with type 1 diabetes.

"Insulin pumps can also help prevent eye disease, kidney disease, amputations and a number of other complications related to diabetes," added Hosak. "I am thrilled that this investment will make sure that everyone has equal access to the best standard of care. Thank you so much."

While not required for all individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps offer many people a reliable and stable way of monitoring and scheduling insulin doses, which can have a positive impact on one's quality of life. Insulin pumps can range in cost from approximately $6,000 to $7,000, and require replacing roughly every five years.

"On behalf of B.C. volunteer advocates, Diabetes Canada commends the provincial government for making this decision. Type 1 diabetes doesn't stop at age 25, and we are so pleased that insulin pump coverage won't also. Insulin pumps provide people living with diabetes with more accurate insulin dosing, decreasing dramatic fluctuations in blood-glucose levels, leading to an improved quality of life," said Sheila Kern, regional director, B.C. and Yukon, Diabetes Canada.

The anticipated cost of expanding insulin pump coverage to all eligible British Columbians, no matter their age, will be approximately $15 million over three years. Patients must meet with their diabetes physician specialist to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria for an insulin pump. The patient's physician would then apply to PharmaCare's special authority department for insulin pump coverage.

Quick Facts:

* This announcement expands the insulin pump program which, when introduced in 2008, provided coverage to children up to the age of 18. The age restriction was then expanded in 2014 to include those living with type 1 diabetes, or other forms of diabetes requiring insulin that meet specific criteria, up to the age of 25.

* The expansion of insulin pump coverage is the latest change to PharmaCare that will assist individuals living with diabetes. The government's $105-million investment to eliminate or reduce Fair Pharmacare deductibles for low-income families - the first in 15 years - will also reduce out-of-pocket costs incurred for other supplies and medications used as part of managing this chronic disease.

* PharmaCare covers effective therapies for the treatment and management of diabetes, including a number of oral medications and a range of insulin products. In addition, PharmaCare covers insulin vials, cartridges, insulin pens and other diabetic supplies, including needles, syringes and blood-glucose test strips.

* The ministry also offers a diabetes management incentive payment, which encourages doctors to offer diabetes patients continuous care that meets the provincial guidelines. In 2017-18, more than 3,400 family doctors received B.C.'s diabetes management incentive payment for over 208,300 patients.

Learn More:

Learn more about B.C. PharmaCare at: www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare

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Hi Colin.

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. In the second paragraph, changed "low" to "lower" to temper any misconceptions on what one might consider "low." Let me know if this works.
2. Fourth bullet, deleted "for example," since you already introduced these examples with "such as." Do you have a preference of one over the other or can we stick with just "such as?"

On approval, I'll set this up for webpost only this afternoon, for a time still to be confirmed with the CC folks.

Thanks,
Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 7, 2018

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government launches BC Hydro review

VICTORIA - To contain rate increases, control costs, and to position BC Hydro for future success, the Government of British Columbia has launched a comprehensive, two-phased review of BC Hydro.

In the first phase of the review, government is working with BC Hydro to identify cost savings, efficiencies, new revenue streams and other changes, to keep electricity rates lower and predictable over the long-term, while ensuring BC Hydro has the resources it needs to continue to provide clean, safe and reliable electricity.

An advisory group, consisting of staff from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Ministry of Finance and BC Hydro, will perform the first phase of the review.

Government expects recommendations from the first phase of the review this summer to inform a refreshed rates plan, and assist BC Hydro in preparing its next rates application, to be filed with the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) in February 2019. A report on the first phase of the review, and government's response, will be released in the fall of 2018.

In the second phase of the review - starting in late 2018 - the Province will establish an expert panel, to provide recommendations to ensure BC Hydro is well positioned to maximize opportunities flowing from shifts taking place in the global and regional energy sectors, technological change and climate action.

The second phase of the review will be informed by new government strategies, including an energy roadmap for the future of B.C. energy and a new climate action strategy. Terms of reference for this second phase, including the makeup of the expert panel, will be finalized after the first phase of the review has been completed. It is anticipated that the panel will deliver its recommendations to government by summer or fall of 2019.

Quick Facts:

* BC Hydro rates have gone up by 25% since 2013, and by more than 70% since 2001.

* On March 1, 2018, the BCUC rejected BC Hydro's request for a rate freeze, effective April 1, 2018. It instead approved an increase of 3%, noting that even with the rate increase, BC Hydro is not able to fully recover its revenue requirements in that fiscal year.

* Government continues to work across ministries, and with stakeholders and customer groups, to design a lifeline program, which would help offset the impact of rising electricity costs for low-income individuals or families.

* BC Hydro has set up a Customer Crisis Fund pilot program for residential customers to avoid disconnection of their service when they are facing a temporary financial crisis, such as loss of employment or benefit income, unanticipated medical expenses or pending eviction. The three-year pilot will run until 2021.

* To lower electricity costs for B.C. businesses and industries, the B.C. government is phasing out the provincial sales tax (PST) on electricity. Following the 50% reduction that started on Jan. 1, 2018, government will completely eliminate the PST on non-residential electricity on April 1, 2019. Residential use of electricity is already PST-exempt.

* Eliminating the PST on electricity will translate into savings of more than $150 million annually for B.C. businesses.

Learn More:

To view the terms of reference for the BC Hydro review, visit:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/electricity/bc-hydro-review

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Hi Cathy

Here is your draft for review.
Of note: I broke your long lede into two paragraphs.

On approval, we'll set this up to go provincewide at 1:50 p.m.

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

NEWS RELEASE
Government promotes respectful workplaces in creative sector

VANCOUVER - The Province is taking action to support respectful and inclusive work environments for workers in British Columbia's creative sector.

Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, made the announcement of a new Diversity, Gender Parity and Respectful Work Culture Fund at the Women on Top conference in Vancouver.

"The #MeToo movement has elevated awareness that abuse, discrimination and harassment are serious problems globally," said Beare. "Our government is deeply committed to ensuring that the people working in B.C.'s creative industries are protected. And that's why I'm implementing new measures to promote safe, respectful workplaces for workers in the creative sector, in partnership with our provincial agencies, Creative BC, the B.C. Arts Council and

Knowledge Network."

This funding is aimed at supporting immediate steps in B.C creative industries on this issue. The $175,000 fund will be used to deliver respectful work-culture training for the board and leadership levels of creative industry associations and regional film commissioners.

Creative BC will administer the fund, which will also pay for the development of toolkits, training, education and workshops to promote safety, diversity and equity in the creative sector. Eligible organizations can apply for grants of up to $15,000 for respectful workplace training.

"We all deserve to go to workplaces that are free from harassment and bullying. By creating safe, respectful work environments, we can help boost productivity and innovation across all industries," said Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. "This partnership is a great example of how we can work alongside industry, to create healthier, more equitable workplaces for everyone, and especially women and people who identify as LGBTQ2+, or with other equity-seeking groups."

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture is also working with its agencies to create policies and strategies aimed at promoting respectful workplaces. As part of the initiative, Creative BC and the B.C. Arts Council are changing contract requirements for grant applicants. Organizations must now commit to ensuring their workplaces are free from bullying and harassment to qualify for funding. Knowledge Network has also published a new Respectful Workplace Statement of Expectation for its producers.

Quotes:

Susan Jackson, chair, B.C. Arts Council -

"We are very pleased with this new government plan, which will enhance our efforts to promote safe, equitable, respectful work environments for artists. This partnership will play a key role in supporting the creativity and vibrancy of B.C.'s arts community."

Prem Gill, CEO, Creative BC -

"Creative BC is working at the provincial level to drive meaningful action and positive impacts relevant to the issues of respect, diversity and equality in B.C.'s creative industries. As signatories of jointly developed national guiding principles for funders, and partners with industry on relevant strategic initiatives, we are dedicated to collaborating at all levels toward constructive change."

Rudi Buttignol, president and CEO, Knowledge Network -

"We commend the actions taken by the provincial government to promote safe workplaces in B.C.'s creative sector. Knowledge Network is committed to supporting a respectful, equitable and safe working environment for our employees, and those we work with, in the independent production community."

Quick Facts:

* Creative industries in B.C. contribute more than $5 billion to the economy each year.

* Creative industries in British Columbia include:
* The motion picture industry

* Music and sound recording

* Interactive and digital media

* Book and magazine publishing

* The sector supports more than 90,000 full-time workers, and employs thousands more in part time or contract

positions.

* The arts and culture sector includes:
* Artists and cultural organizations in dance, media arts, literary arts, museums, music, theatre and visual arts

* Unincorporated collectives in various art forms

* Indigenous artists and organizations

* Arts festivals

* Arts training institutions

* Community arts organizations and arts presenters across B.C.

* B.C. has the highest concentration of artists in Canada, supporting more than 24,800 professionals in communities throughout the province.

Learn More:

B.C. Arts Council: http://www.bcartscouncil.ca/

Creative BC: https://www.creativebc.com/

Knowledge Network: https://www.knowledge.ca/

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Hi Scott.

Sorry for the delay. Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up for web post only tomorrow at 8:45 a.m.

Thanks.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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June 8, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government supports better drinking water in Kelowna

VICTORIA - The Government of British Columbia will provide the City of Kelowna with an additional $12 million to support the completion of its Drinking Water Integration Project.

This is in addition to the existing funding provided by the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, a partnership between the provincial and federal governments.

The incremental funding, which will allow this project to proceed within its current schedule, was needed due to extraordinary circumstances, including unforeseen and unavoidable project costs.

This funding is specifically for the KLO transmission main component - a critical part of the broader Kelowna Drinking Water Integration Project.

Providing this funding allows the project to proceed to full procurement of all project elements, meeting senior government funding commitment parameters and avoiding delays, which would see affected communities continue to be at risk due to outdated water systems.

This project is part of the city's plan for an integrated water system, to ensure residents have access to safe, reliable and cost-effective water.

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Date:	June 5, 2018 1:43:14 PM
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Hi Gayle

Here is your draft for review. Of note: I noticed that you had "BC Federation of Child and Youth in Care Networks" and on their website, it's actually "Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks," so that's what I went with, as it supports the acronym you used as well. Please let me know if this isn't right. Also, your last two links are now under the "Learn More" section and the hyperlinks are working.

On approval, I'll set this up for tomorrow at 4:15 p.m. Is this going provincewide?

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

NEWS RELEASE
Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

VANCOUVER - Youth and young adults who've been in government care will have help getting ahead on the road to adulthood, thanks to an expanded driver training program, and renewed investments in life skills and employability programming and resources.

Government is doubling last year's investment in the Take the Wheel driver training program to $100,000, to help more youth in care learn to drive. The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN), ICBC and the ministry will collaborate with youth in care to expand the program from its initial launch.

"For some, learning how to drive is not just a rite of passage, but a necessary, life-long practical skill, especially for those who live in areas where easy access to public transportation is not always a viable option," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development.

"We want to be sure that young people who have been in care can access the same opportunities as everyone else, and gain the kind of skills many parents see as necessary for their children."

Take the Wheel was established in 2017, as a pilot program between ICBC and the FBCYICN. Government's new funding will be administered by the FBCYICN, with oversight by the ministry. The ministry has donated an additional two vehicles for youth, who may not otherwise have access to a vehicle for practice or road tests.

The ministry has also re-invested $61,000 in Strive, a 12-week program offered through the YWCA that helps youth and young adults gain life and employability skills, as well as $150,000 for Agedout.com, a website that provides resource connections for youth transitioning out of government care.

Conroy made the announcements at an event hosted by the FBCYICN and the Pacific Community Resources Society, in recognition of BC Child and Youth in Care Week, June 4-10, 2018. Similar events are being held throughout B.C. to honour B.C.'s children and youth in care to celebrate their diversity and accomplishments, and to

show them a supportive community stands with them.

Quick Facts:

* As of April 1, 2018, the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program has been expanded to make more funding available, throughout the calendar year, to eligible former youth in care under the age of 27, to help them complete post-secondary, rehabilitation and/or approved life-skills programs.

* On June 4, 2018, government expanded the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program launched last September, adding tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0071-001086

Learn More:

AYA: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=26F90C367E4846D491225B38B79F7930

AgedOut: https://agedout.com/

Strive: https://ywcavan.org/programs/employment/strive

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=E0D1E7CACCA1408EAB8251766AF187FD

Former youth in care uses martial arts to explore his feelings and his future: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17315

From government care to helping others look and feel their best: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17332

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Hi Tiffany

Here is your draft for review.
Of note: A slight tweak to your headline for clarity.

On approval, we'll set this up to go provincewide at 12:45 p.m. Please copy all the editors on your approval or any edits as I'll be stepping out of the office shortly.

Shannon
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Ministry of Attorney General

NEWS RELEASE
ICBC adds more estimators in response to higher claims costs

VICTORIA - ICBC has hired 43 new estimators in response to the increase in vehicle claims costs, and to enhance oversight of autobody repair costs, as government works to bring ICBC back to financial stability.

The new hires, brought on since February 2018, are the first estimator trainee group to be engaged with a full training program since 2002. They join a complement that now numbers 250 estimators. ICBC plans to hire 17 more estimators this year.

"We understand that British Columbians needing auto repair work have concerns about possible overbilling, and the impact this has on insurance costs. That's why I directed ICBC to increase the number of estimators on the front lines," said David Eby, Attorney General. "These new hires will provide more guidance and support to body shops, increase governance of ICBC's material-damage programs, and help strengthen ICBC's relationships with industry."

Due to the growth in the number of estimators over the last 18 months, ICBC has completed 2,800 more site visits of collision repair shops than the previous fiscal year. That amounts to a 38.5% year-over-year increase in shop visits. Turnaround times for estimator responses have also reduced, with the goal of even greater reductions, so that customers can get their vehicles back quicker.

As part of the suite of actions government is taking to keep insurance rates affordable for B.C. drivers, ICBC is working with collision repair shops and industry associations on changes that will modernize the current tiering of auto-body suppliers. The redesign of these programs will help improve efficiencies, improve program governance and ensure customers continue to receive the highest standards of vehicle repairs at the best market value.

Quick Facts:

* ICBC has hired 115 estimators between December 2016 and June 2018, adding new positions and replacing those lost to attrition.

* These 43 new hires represent 20 net new positions, and the filling of 23 vacancies.

* ICBC is currently recruiting material-damage estimators in Fort St. John and Prince George: http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/careers/Pages/default.aspx

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Hi Stephen

Here is your draft for review. Of note: To shorten your headline, I used the JIBC acronym and moved it to the beginning of the headline.

Otherwise is was just minor grammatical/style changes and punctuation.

On approval, we'll set this up to go tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. to lower mainland media.

Shannon
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June 7, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
JIBC students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC).

JIBC required that the investment complete two capital projects.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to

turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the province.

Quotes

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, JIBC president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, JIBC dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the police academy, sheriff academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the police academy or RCMP depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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Hi Lisa

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened your headline from 87 characters to 60. It's still over our 55 limit, but I didn't want to compromise the name of the centre since it's important.
2. I condensed the language in paragraph 5, but changed none of the content.
Original:
Located at 311 Columbia St. on the street front of Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building, the centre will start in June by being open in the evening, 7 days a week. After it is fully operational in the fall it will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., weekdays and weekends year round, with rolling 24 hour appointment booking. Referrals will be accepted from physicians, nurse practitioners and other community clinicians, plus patients can self-refer.
New:
Located at 311 Columbia St., on the street-front of Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building, the centre will begin by opening in the evenings, seven days a week, in June 2018. After it is fully operational in the fall of 2018, it will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. year-round, with rolling 24-hour appointment bookings. Referrals will be accepted from physicians, nurse practitioners and other community clinicians, plus patients can self-refer.
I did pluralized "booking," but I'm happy to change it back if that term is incorrect.
3. Paragraph 6: I condensed the language here as well.
Old:
In the fall, the centre will also move to open its Family Practice Learning Centre, which will have resident doctors work in the centre under the supervision of experienced physicians.
New:
In the fall, the centre will also open its Family Practice Learning Centre, which will have resident doctors working under the supervision of experienced physicians.

The remainder of my edits were mainly CP and punctuation.

On approval, we'll set this up to go to Kamloops media. Would you prefer the standard 15 minutes after the event start? So 10:45?

Thanks,
Shannon

250.812.6623

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Ministry of Health
Interior Health

NEWS RELEASE
Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre set to open

KAMLOOPS - The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre (UPCLC) will provide people a new option for timely primary care when it opens, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"One in seven people in Kamloops don't have a doctor or primary care provider, and many people living in B.C. are unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers," said Dix. "The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre is going to make a real difference, by using a team-based model of care, to provide greater access to day-to-day care."

Patients will be able to see a range of health-care providers, depending on their needs, as the UPCLC will be staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals and staff, ranging from family doctors, physiotherapists, to nurses. The centre will also be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access to other services they may need.

"It's important for patients to have access to care when they or their family member have a non-emergency, but urgent primary health-care need," said Doug Cochrane, Interior Health board chair. "Interior Health is proud to offer a quality centre, where people will be able to see a doctor or another health professional within 24 hours."

Located at 311 Columbia St., on the street-front of Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building, the centre will begin by opening in the evenings, seven days a week, in June 2018. After it is fully operational in the fall of 2018, it will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. year-round, with rolling 24-hour appointment bookings. Referrals will be accepted from physicians, nurse practitioners and other community clinicians, plus patients can self-refer.

In the fall, the centre will also open its Family Practice Learning Centre, which will have resident doctors working under the supervision of experienced physicians. This partnership will see the University of British Columbia expand its family medicine resident-training program in the Interior. This initiative will also provide residents the opportunity to start building a practice locally.

"When we provide family medicine residents an opportunity to practice in Kamloops, we increase the likelihood they will stay in the area to work on an ongoing basis. The UPCLC offers a supportive environment to gain experience and to care for patients. It will attract our next generation of primary-care doctors," said Dr. Selena Lawrie, who is a clinical instructor with the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice, and an Interior Health board member.

"The Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre gives people in the Kamloops area another alternative for accessing the care they need. The Thompson Regional Hospital District is pleased to support this new centre, and we look forward to seeing how it will help residents in Kamloops and the surrounding region," said Ken Christian, chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The new Kamloops UPCLC was created through a partnership between the Ministry of Health, Interior Health, the Thompson Regional Hospital District, the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, and the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice. As well, local Indigenous health leaders and patient representatives from Patient Voices Network lent their wisdom and experience to the project.

The capital cost of this project was $3.4 million, with $1.36 million coming from the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The Kamloops UPCLC is one of 10 urgent primary-care centres that are planned for British Columbia, with the Surrey centre announced on June 7, 2018. All of centres will be open in the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To see a tour of the Kamloops Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit:
https://youtu.be/M_3YRIuCwBg

To learn more about the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0043-001138

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of pharmacists in primary care, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0055-001118

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Date:	June 14, 2018 11:01:13 AM

Hi Angela

Here is your draft for review. Of note: I took out the minister's title since she's not there in her ministerial role, but rather as an MLA.

On approval, I'll set this up to go at 11:40 a.m. today to Castlegar, Nelson and Trail media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 14, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

CASTLEGAR - Media are invited to join Katrine Conroy, MLA for Kootenay West, for an announcement to support early childhood education and training in Castlegar.

Event Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Selkirk College Castlegar campus
Main campus building
301 Frank Beinder Way
Castlegar

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Hi Darren

Here is your draft for review. Of note: I took out Rice's secretary title since it isn't germane to the event/announcement. I noticed you left it out of the NR as well.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 14, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MEDIA ADVISORY

TERRACE - Media are invited to join Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast, the Ksan House Society, and the City of Terrace, to celebrate construction of an affordable rental housing project.

Event Date: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:
Ksan Place
101-2812 Hall St.
Terrace

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Hi Lisa

Here is your draft for review. I just want to check that "Street-front lobby" is, indeed, correct. Not "street level" or something else.

On approval, we'll try and get this out as close to 2:40 as possible to Kamloops media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 7, 2018

Ministry of Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, will be joined by representatives from Interior Health, to make an announcement on increasing access to primary care for those in the Kamloops area.

Event Date: Friday, June 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location:
Clinical Services Building
Street-front lobby
Royal Inland Hospital
311 Columbia St.
Kamloops

Contact:

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Children and Family Development – Kamloops
Date:	June 4, 2018 3:04:48 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Pam

Here is your draft for review. On approval, We'll set this up for 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday. I'm sending it to Armstrong, Ashcroft, Barriere, Kamloops, Kelowna, Merritt, Salmon Arm, Vernon and Indigenous media, if that works as per Grant's email.

Thanks,

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 6, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

MEDIA ADVISORY

KAMLOOPS - Media are invited to join Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development, and Clara Morin Dal Col, president of Métis Nation BC, for an announcement that will benefit Métis children and families throughout the province.

Conroy and program partners will be available to take questions from media in attendance.

Event Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018

Time: 9 a.m.

Location:
Lii Michif Otipemiwisak Family and Community Serivces
707 Tranquille Rd.
Kamloops

Map: www.bing.com/maps?osid=59d969ed-a374-4794-b126-bd9a44161360&cp=50.69827~-120.365919&lvl=16&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – Victoria
Date:	June 18, 2018 12:27:13 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Pam

Here is your draft for review. On approval, I'll set this up to go to Victoria-area media at 1:10 p.m.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

June 18, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, alongside students from École Margaret Jenkins, for a program funding announcement aimed at getting up to 2,500 students out of the classroom and into the great outdoors during the 2018-2019 school year.

Event Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location:
Goldstream Provincial Park
Nature House
Victoria

Special Instructions:
The Nature House can be reached by a short trail from the day-use area parking lot. Media with camera equipment can drive directly to the Nature House from an access road off Highway 1. To get to the access road, continue on the highway past the day-use area for approximately 100 metres, and watch for the cement barrier on the right, just past a gravel pullout. The first break in the barrier is the paved driveway. A flagger will be on hand to direct vehicles.

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria
Date:	June 14, 2018 3:52:43 PM
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Hi Meghan

Here is your draft for review. I changed the PO contact to Sage and await confirmation from her that it's correct.

I also reformatted this a bit to our standard for call in MAs.

On approval from you and Sage, one of us will send this out the door this afternoon. Please cc all the editors in case I've gone for the day. Colin is the afterhours editor tonight.

Thanks!

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

June 14, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Agriculture

MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Media are invited to join Premier John Horgan, Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, and Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, for an announcement about wild salmon.

Event Date: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location:
Hall of Honour
Parliament Buildings
Victoria

Media who are unable to attend in person may dial in to the announcement, and ask questions.

Call-in Information:
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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Minister's response to Representative for Children and Youth's statement
Date:	June 12, 2018 10:48:39 AM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Shawn

Here is your draft for review. On approval, we'll be standing by for further distribution instructions.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

Not Approved
June 12, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

STATEMENT
Minister's response to Representative for Children and Youth's statement

VICTORIA - Children and Family Development Minister Katrine Conroy has released the following response to the Representative for Children and Youth's statement on contracted residential resources in the child-welfare system:

"The representative rightly outlines a number of flaws in the system of contracted residential care for children and youth in care. This is a problem the previous government grappled with, and it's one that I, as minister, can't allow to continue. Previously, change was aimed at simply improving the status quo system. What we need to do is completely overhaul that system.

"I've told my deputy that each and every action we undertake has to be focused on the child.

"Kids shouldn't be placed in a resource simply because it's what's available at the time. That's what currently happens in many circumstances, and our children and youth in care deserve better. They deserve resources and supports that are specifically tailored to their unique needs.

"I know social workers are committed to finding appropriate homes for children and youth in care, and we need to ensure our system supports their efforts. So, effective immediately, no new contracted, residential agencies will be opened without the approval of a senior ministry official.

"For the more than 800 children and youth currently placed in contracted, residential agency homes, I have asked the ministry to review each child's circumstances, to determine the most appropriate placement to meet their needs. I hope, and expect, this will result in moving some of those children and youth back to family-based foster homes.

"As part of this review, we will develop a new approval process for placing any child or youth in a contracted, residential resource. Decisions must be based on the child's particular needs, not on the simple availability of a bed. For example, a youth who is violent might need a resource with plexiglass windows, and caregivers who are specifically trained to deal with violent behaviours.

"We need those skilled professionals to support our children and youth in care. We will be launching a recruitment campaign to attract foster caregivers, who may also be licensed practical nurses, teachers or occupational therapists - ensuring they have the necessary skills to help children and youth with complex needs.

"It will take time to get where we need to be. In the meanwhile, there can be no excuses in situations when children in our care are not being looked after properly.

"The ministry has started to exercise more oversight and auditing controls over contracted, residential agencies. Action hasn't been fast enough and I've told my deputy minister that has to change.

"We've brought more people in to verify that all contracted, residential agencies have completed criminal record checks on their staff. Auditing can't just be administrative or financial; it needs to consider quality of care matters as well. Social workers must regularly visit the kids they are responsible for, to ensure their safety and well-being. Agencies need to be accountable for upholding the same.

"I've asked for monthly updates on our plan of action and progress. If things aren't moving fast enough, we'll add resources.

"I want to thank the representative for his recent discussions with me about this issue. This is a challenge other jurisdictions face as well. Solutions aren't simple, but enough is enough, and we must work together to change the status quo.

"The safety and well-being of children in care is job one in this ministry. We have a duty to provide appropriate, care, as all parents do for their children."

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Minister"s statement on Canada's bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup
Date:	June 13, 2018 9:29:10 AM
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Hi Cathy

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I changed your headline so it follows our standard for statements.
2. Paragraph 4: added "that addressed" as it seems more specific than just "regarding."
3. Added the last line "I wish them all the best" as it seemed to end rather abruptly otherwise.

On approval, we'll send this provincewide at 9:45 a.m. (or as close as possible).

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 13, 2018

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on Canada's bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup

VICTORIA - Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, has issued the following statement regarding to Canada's successful bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup:

"I congratulate the united bid on its success. Our government has a responsibility to ensure that B.C. taxpayers are not on the hook for hidden costs.

"The Province carefully assesses all sport events for value to taxpayers.

"The FIFA bid agreement contained clauses, which government felt left taxpayers at unacceptable risk of additional costs. We tried very hard to get assurances that addressed our concerns. Unfortunately, those assurances were not forthcoming.

"I am happy for Canadian soccer fans that some of the World Cup matches are coming to Canadian host cities. I wish them all the best."

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Ministers" statement on the anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse
Date:	June 14, 2018 2:34:42 PM
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Hi Brendan

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. Shortened your headline a bit. 60th is already in the lede and when there's more than one minister, this is how we phrase it, rather than "joint."
2. I took out a few "ands" and made them into two sentences instead. It prevents any runs on sentences and also varies the sentence structure a bit.

On approval, I'll set this up for Sunday at 9 a.m., provincewide (I assume).

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

Not Approved
June 17, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ministry of Labour

STATEMENT
Ministers' statement on the anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse

VICTORIA - Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Harry Bains, Minister of Labour, have issued the following statement on the 60th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse:

"Today, we mark the 60th anniversary of the collapse of Second Narrows Bridge in Vancouver, which claimed the lives of 19 workers, along with injuring 20 others, in one of the worst industrial disasters in British Columbia's history. On June 17, 1958, two spans of the bridge, which was under construction, collapsed, causing 79 workers to fall more than 30 metres into the Burrard Inlet.

"As we remember and pay tribute to those workers, we are also reminded of the very important work we do to ensure that workers in all sectors are safe, and that our infrastructure is safe, not only for the public, but for the people who build it too.

"We must learn from the past and continue to improve working conditions, as well as engineering and construction practices, so that everyone returns home safely at the end of the day. Our vision is to make B.C. workplaces the safest in Canada, where fewer injuries, illnesses and deaths occur.

"B.C.'s ironworkers are instrumental in building our province's infrastructure. We would like to thank them for the excellent work they do. The bridges, buildings and structures they build help grow our economy, and help make B.C. the exceptional place that it is.

"We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to everyone affected by this tragic event. Please know that we are thinking of you today. We will continue to honour the memory of our fallen workers every year."

Learn More:

The bridge was officially renamed the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing in 1994 to honour the workers who lost their lives. For more information visit: http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/second-narrows-bridge-collapse/

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: New affordable rental housing on the way in Terrace
Date:	June 14, 2018 9:29:29 AM
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Hi again Darren

Here is your draft for review.

One question about this quote:
"After four years of planning, we are excited to see our project materialize into beautiful, safe, affordable housing that is deserving of our community," said Amanda Bains, executive director for Ksan House Society.

Should it not read “that our community deserves?” The way it is phrased sounds odd that the housing deserves the community. I recognize that this is already approved, but I thought I should point it out.

On approval, I’ll set this up to go to Terrace media tomorrow at 1:45 p.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 15, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

NEWS RELEASE
New affordable rental housing on the way in Terrace

TERRACE - People in need of affordable rental housing in Terrace, including families and seniors, will soon have more housing options, with construction underway on 45 rental homes.

"Housing affordability is not just a big-city problem - it's impacting British Columbians in communities like Terrace, and others throughout the province," said Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast. "This project demonstrates the importance of working together and building partnerships, so we can help more people who are struggling to find suitable accommodation

in the communities they live in."

The Province, through BC Housing, is partnering with Ksan House Society and the City of Terrace on the three-storey apartment building at 4622 Haugland Ave. The building will provide safe and secure housing for people in need, and add to the city's affordable rental stock.

"The City of Terrace is pleased to support the development of Ksan Estates, through land and financial support towards construction," said Mayor Carol Leclerc, City of Terrace. "We believe this project is an important need for our community, and look forward to seeing the project completed."

Ksan House Society will be the non-profit operator. It has been providing housing and community programming in Terrace since 1979.

"After four years of planning, we are excited to see our project materialize into beautiful, safe, affordable housing that is deserving of our community," said Amanda Bains, executive director for Ksan House Society.

The project is expected to be complete by spring 2019.

Quick Facts:

* The Province is providing $8 million in capital funding, and interim construction financing of $2.2 million for the project.

* The Government of Canada is providing a $5,500 grant.

* The City of Terrace is providing $250,000 in funding, as well as the land, valued at approximately $441,000.

* Rental rates for the new development are projected to range from approximately $595 to $1,035.

* Budget 2018 launched the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years.

Learn More:

Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: New protections in place to support wildlife species
Date:	June 1, 2018 3:23:17 PM
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Hi Dave

Here is your draft for review. Note the change from mineral lick to salt lick in the lede, but not in the bulleted list. On approval, I'll set this up for Monday at 10:30 to the Kootenay regional list.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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June 4, 2018

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
New protections in place to support wildlife species

CRANBROOK - The provincial government has issued an order to make sure nests, dens, salt licks and other important wildlife habitat features (WHF) are protected when forestry and range activities are carried out.

The goal is to help specific wildlife species in the Kootenay Boundary region survive and thrive.

"We know many of these species are at risk and will have a much better chance for survival if these important habitat features are protected," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "While we prepare comprehensive species-at-risk legislation, we want to ensure these special habitat features are identified, and kept intact during the course of day-to-day forestry and range operations."

"Wildlife species are dependent on undisturbed nests, burrows and other natural features for shelter, breeding and to raise their young," said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. "These extra measures will help keep these unique habitat features safe."

Forestry operators and range tenure holders will be offered training to help them identify and take the necessary steps to not disturb the targeted wildlife habitat features. The new protection order, the first of its kind in B.C., will take effect July 1, 2018, and will apply only to the Kootenay Boundary region. The intent is that similar WHF orders will eventually be in place provincewide.

The specific WHF to be protected include:

* nests for the bald eagle, osprey, flammulated owl, western screech-owl, great blue heron, Lewis's woodpecker and Williamson's sapsucker

* American badger burrows

* grizzly bear dens

* significant mineral licks

* significant wallows

* bat hibernation sites

* bat nursery roosts

* hot springs or thermal springs

Quick Fact:

* Consultation was carried out with directly affected Forest Act agreement holders, directly affected Range Act agreement holders and local Indigenous communities.

Learn More:

More information of the protection measures can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Kootenay-Boundary-Wildlife-Habitat-Features-Order

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: New scholarship fund supports UVic's best graduate students
Date:	June 8, 2018 3:05:39 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Jennifer

Here is your draft for review.

Of note:
1. I shortened the headline by taking "level" out.
2. I changed up the lede a bit by moving the dollar value after "new" and adding "student."
3. Changed the colon to an em-dash in the Cassels quote.

The rest should be minor punctuation and CP style.

On approval, I'll set this up to go to Victoria and gallery media on Monday at 11 a.m.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 11, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
New scholarship fund supports UVic's best graduate students

VICTORIA - A new $2.25-million graduate-student scholarship fund at the University of Victoria will support students and help spark innovation, economic growth and research that benefits communities and individuals throughout the province.

"We're continuing to break down barriers by investing in affordable post-secondary education, with a new merit-based graduate-student scholarship fund that will build B.C.'s leadership," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "Our government wants graduate students to thrive and succeed. Investing $2.25 million in graduate scholarships at UVic will help recruit and retain the best graduate students, while keeping our province competitive."

The new scholarships, administered by the University of Victoria, are part of the $12-million fund announced by the Province in May 2018. The fund will support 800 awards of $15,000 each, for students in graduate degree programs around the province, through 2020-21.

"B.C.'s tech sector is booming, but with success has come challenges in finding and hiring people with the necessary skills to fill the growing number of jobs in this thriving industry," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology. "These new graduate scholarships, combined with our $10.5-million investment in co-op opportunities and entrepreneurial training, will help deepen the talent pool for employers, and provide students with access to well-paying jobs."

The scholarships are research-focused, with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and include professional programs, such as business administration and health.

"Graduate students play a crucial role in the university's research activity - both as producers of outstanding research, and as connectors of our research to undergraduate students, and outwards to business and industry," said Jamie Cassels, president of the University of Victoria. "Supporting these students is an investment in the discovery and innovation that will make a vital impact in B.C. and beyond."

There are about 16,000 domestic students enrolled in graduate degree programs at 10 public post-secondary institutions in B.C. eligible for the scholarships. The University of Victoria has about 2,600 students in graduate degree programs.

"At UVic's Centre for Aerospace Research (CfAR), we're working at the leading edge of the aerospace industry for unmanned aerial systems (UAS) research," said Jay Matlock, UVic master of mechanical engineering student, and engineer-in-training at CfAR. "Grad students are key to advancing aerospace research, since they bring passion and willingness to try new things that lead to innovation. The students at CfAR are directly involved with everything from conceptualization and prototyping, to manufacturing and flight testing. It wouldn't be possible without graduate funding. With additional funding, we'll be able to accelerate our impact in a range of areas, such as search and rescue, disaster response, mining exploration, environmental monitoring and telecommunications."

Student groups, and other post-secondary sector partners, have long advocated for a graduate scholarship program, as British Columbia lagged behind other provinces with a comparable graduate scholarship program.

"We want University of Victoria graduates to get the support they need, so this is a step in the right direction by government," said Arash Isapour, chair, University of Victoria Graduate Students Society. "Helping graduate students achieve their educational goals is a win for everyone."

As part of the tech-expansion plan, B.C. is investing in 2,900 new tech spaces, including 500 student spaces at UVic, in addition to funding support for graduate-student scholarships and women-in-technology scholarships.

Learn More:

A press kit, including video from UVic's Centre for Aerospace Research, is available online:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/u30tnopj7lruru1/UVIC%20CfAR%20Demo%20Reel%20-%20Full.mp4?dl=0

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: New temporary housing for Surrey's most vulnerable
Date:	June 18, 2018 3:01:02 PM
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Hi Darren

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I broke up your lede into two paragraphs.
2. I changed the punctuation in a few of the quotes, but did not change any content.

On approval, I'll set this up for 8 a.m. tomorrow to Surrey and major media.

Shannon
250.812.6623

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

Not Approved
June 19, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

NEWS RELEASE
New temporary housing for Surrey's most vulnerable

SURREY - The Province of British Columbia and the City of Surrey have partnered to respond to an urgent need for housing assistance in the community.

As of June 19, 2018, approximately 160 individuals experiencing homelessness will be offered housing, as well as health and social supports.

"This is an opportunity to make a significant positive impact on the homelessness crisis in Surrey, and give people the chance to make lasting changes in their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That change starts with housing that includes the support services people need to stabilize their lives, and move on to more permanent housing."

Based on assessed need, people living along 135A Street will either be offered supportive housing at the temporary buildings that were announced in January, or shelter beds at one of several local shelters. The supportive housing is located at:

* 10662 King George Blvd.

* 13550 105 Ave.

* 13425 107A Ave.

The housing offered will take those currently living on the street into a proper shelter or supportive living environment. Staff will be available, if needed, to help in the packing and transporting of belongings, and transportation of individuals, to the new housing.

The 160 units of temporary housing will include secure, individual rooms, with private bathrooms. Residents will have access to meal programs, counselling and medical offices, 24/7 staffing, and life and employment skills programming. Lookout Housing and Health Society will operate all three buildings.

Fraser Health and Lookout Society will also operate an intensive case management team at the temporary housing, to assist those facing significant challenges with health, mental health, substance use, poverty, education and housing, by connecting them to support services and treatment.

Starting in 2019, the temporary housing will be replaced with 250 units of permanent modular housing as part of the Government of British Columbia's Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program. The Province and the city are currently working together to identify sites for these new homes.

Quotes:

Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley -

"This situation has been at a critical level for too long, and at last, housing is available for people who have had to endure the hardships and risks to personal health and safety that come with living without shelter. We want to help grow healthy communities, and I believe that only happens when housing is available to everyone."

Linda Hepner, mayor, City of Surrey -

"Council's priority has always been to find long-term solutions to the homeless situation on 135A Street. With the new accommodations available, we are now able to offer those living in deplorable conditions on a sidewalk suitable housing that will have the necessary health and social supports. In essence, we are restoring dignity to these individuals by offering them proper shelter and care."

Shayne Williams, executive director, Lookout Society -

"Lookout Housing and Health Society is excited to operate the 160 temporary accommodation units, in partnership with BC Housing and Fraser Health, for Surrey's most vulnerable community members. Between 2014 and 2017, homelessness in Surrey increased by a third, from 403 to 602 individuals. The need for alternative housing in Surrey is more prevalent than ever. Lookout is looking forward to operating an intensive case management team to provide a range of health services, in addition to housing, to ensure long-term success and wellness."

Dr. Victoria Lee, chief medical health officer, Fraser Health -

"A person should be able to access effective and responsive services and supports, regardless of where he or she is in the process of recovery from addiction, mental illness, or both. Intensive case management teams work with the most vulnerable people, with severe substance-use disorders, to afford them the right to live, work, learn and participate fully in the community. Managing day-to-day activities, such as banking and grocery shopping, is often taken for granted, but they are important steps in successfully engaging in care, regaining independence and contributing to the community."

Quick Facts:

* The Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program was launched in September 2017, with a provincial investment of $291 million to build 2,000 homes throughout B.C., and more than $170 million over three years for 24/7 staffing and support services.

* To date, more than 1,700 new homes for people most in need are in development in 19 communities throughout the province.

* Budget 2018 provides further supports for people experiencing homelessness, with funding for an additional 2,500 new units of supportive housing and support services.

* The Province will be working with people with lived experience, local governments and community partners to

develop a homelessness action plan, to reduce homelessness through permanent housing and services.

* The Province invested $550,000 to fund homeless counts in up to 12 communities, during March and April 2018, to help inform B.C.'s homelessness action plan. Preliminary results from the account are expected to be released in the early summer 2018.

Learn More:

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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BACKGROUNDER
Services and supports provided for supportive housing

All new supportive housing buildings in the province are being provided with around-the-clock staffing to help young people, people with disabilities, seniors and others in critical need of housing.

Experienced, non-profit housing providers will provide support to tenants based on their assessed needs.

Some of the services and supports that will be provided to young people, seniors, people with disabilities and others who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless, are:

* meals;

* connecting residents to community supports, such as education and employment opportunities, and health and wellness services;

* individual or group support services, such as life skills, community information, and social and recreational programs;

* case planning and needs assessment;

* other supports designed to assist residents in meeting their personal and housing goals, including culturally specific programs;

* assistance to access income assistance, pension benefits, disability benefits, obtaining a B.C. identification card or establishing a bank account;

* support for residents to learn how to operate and maintain a home; and

* no-cost laundry services, either on-site or off-site.

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Date:	June 13, 2018 2:38:15 PM
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Hi Nova

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I shortened the headlines for both the NR and the BG
2. I broke paragraph 9 into two sentences. But now I have a question:
The funding will also bring a van equipped with tools that will travel to students in distant communities in the Coast Mountains School District.
Can we change “bring” to “buy”? Is that accurate? Bringing a van sounds awkward. If we aren’t buying a van, can you clarify this for me?

I wanted to suggest to you that the backgrounder could be made into a PDF and that a link be placed into the NR, rather than having a BG at all. I’ll leave that up to you though.

On approval, I’ll set this up to go out provincewide on Friday at 10:45 a.m.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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June 15, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
New tools help high school students jump-start trades careers

COURTENAY - British Columbia high school students are getting a taste of the trades, and the chance to explore new career paths, thanks to new equipment funding.

School districts throughout the province will receive $3.5 million this year to buy new equipment to upgrade trades classrooms and workshops.

"Today's high school students will be the engine driving B.C.'s economy into the future," said

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "I'm thrilled that government is helping them get early exposure to training for rewarding and good-paying trades careers."

Fifty-eight school districts will receive funding this year through the Industry Training Authority's (ITA's) Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program. This will allow them to buy modern equipment that improves safety in the classroom, and ensures students are learning on the most up-to-date technology.

Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA for Courtenay-Comox, made the announcement at Georges P. Vanier Secondary school, in the Comox Valley School District. The district has received $178,782 over the last three years, including $26,262 this year, to buy equipment that gives students a chance to build skills required in the workplace, and experience different trades. Worn-out table saws and drill presses have been replaced, and cutting-edge, computerized wood machines and plasma torches have been purchased.

"ITA youth initiatives have breathed new life into old shops, and helped shop teachers continue to encourage students to work with their hands and their heads," said Randy Grey, careers program co-ordinator for Comox Valley School District. "We are seeing more students each year identifying that a trade is a great way to get a head start in life."

Graduates have gone on to work in industries including construction, with some currently working on seismic upgrades at the school.

"We're giving students the tools they need to succeed, and kick-starting successful careers in trades," said Leonard. "I'm so pleased to see some of them working right here in our hometown."

Funding this year will go in part to buying saws, with features to prevent injuries to fingers, at Chilliwack School District, allowing all grade 7-9 students at Kamloops/Thompson School District to experience applied skills, design and technologies. The funding will also bring a van equipped with tools that will travel to students in distant communities in the Coast Mountains School District.

"The apprentices and tradespeople that build the communities in which we thrive are invaluable," said Gary Herman, chief executive officer of the ITA. "That's why funding programs that equip students with the tools they need to explore and gain skills in skilled trades are so important to B.C.'s future."

ITA leads and co-ordinates B.C.'s skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers and government to fund training, issue credentials,

support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades.

Learn More:

ITA: www.itabc.ca

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
ITA youth trades equipment funding brings training to students

ITA partners with the Ministry of Education to deliver ITA Youth Trades Training Programs to provide B.C. students with the opportunity to discover, explore, train and work in the trades during their school years. The programs provide students with a cohesive and streamlined path, from early learning straight through to apprenticeship, and into the workforce. Programs include:

* Discover the Trades provides hands-on opportunities for students to try a trade, learn about the trades and build projects using design thinking, as early as Grade 5.

* Explore the Trades gives students a chance to explore different trades in grades 10-12. Students gain practical skills and complete work certifications that trades employers are looking for.

* Train in Trades is a dual credit program for grades 11-12 that allows students to earn credits towards high school graduation, and the first level of technical training towards a trades certificate.

* Work in Trades is a dual credit program for grades 10-12 that allows students to earn credits towards high school graduation, and begin the paid work-based training component of an apprenticeship.

Fifty-nine school districts received a total of $15 million in funding in the last three years, to support youth trades programs through ITA's Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program.

2018-2019 funding by school district, (total funding since 2016-2017), project types:

* No. 5 Southeast Kootenay: $15,790 (Total $101,288), MIG welder, band saw, 3D printer

* No. 6 Rocky Mountain: $16,652 (Total $108,958), router, MIG welder, band saw

* No. 8 Kootenay Lake: $79,581 (Total $507,331), culinary arts equipment, metal shop equipment

* No. 10 Arrow Lakes: $33,590 (Total $368,528), wood lathe, kiln, drill press

* No. 19 Revelstoke: $25,628 (Total $110,642), CNC machine, ARC welder, 3D printer

* No. 20 Kootenay-Columbia: $37,526 (Total $183,365), lathe, welding equipment, milling machines

* No. 22 Vernon: $21,869 (Total $180,610), trades equipment, heavy machinery

* No. 27 Cariboo-Chilcotin: $26,275 (Total $177,429), metal lathe, TIG welder, table saw

* No. 28 Quesnel: $0 (did not apply) (Total $55,799), table saw, lathe, router

* No. 33 Chilliwack: $58,466 (Total $287,253), helical head planer, table saw, general jointer

* No. 34 Abbotsford: $5,494 (Total $181,196), 3D printer, table saw, sanders

* No. 35 Langley: $170,407 (Total $506,483), planetary mixer, car hoist, oven

* No. 36 Surrey: $184,582 (Total $536,558), CNC wood router, jig saw, metal lathe

* No. 37 Delta: $152,831 (Total $387,319), laser cutter, CNC router, hydraulic press

* No. 38 Richmond: $77,269 (Total $292,250), thickness planer, scroll saw

* No. 39 Vancouver: $132,061 (Total $406,150), 3D printer, CNC milling machine, induction range

* No. 40 New Westminster: $32,485 (Total $182,494, band saw, digital soldering station

* No. 41 Burnaby: $79,306 (Total $377,193), digital wood carver, metal lathe, 3D printer

* No. 42 Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows: $18,671 (Total $115,619), convection oven, table saw, router

* No. 43 Coquitlam: $116,685 (Total $327,987), food processor, wind tunnel, disc sander

* No. 44 North Vancouver: $50,876 (Total $195,886), centrifugal casting machine, table saw, spot welder

* No. 45 West Vancouver: $16,358 (Total $101,841), CO2 laser cutter, metal lathe, band saw

* No. 46 Sunshine Coast: $50,122 (Total $212,358), wheel alignment machine, vehicle scanner, band saw

* No. 47 Powell River: $33,533 (Total $103,123), vertical panel saw, convection oven, Miller augmented ARC

* No. 48 Sea to Sky: $29,604 (Total $167,687), laser engraver, table saw, 3D printer

* No. 49 Central Coast: $12,875 (Total $172,869), small engine repair, welding, and culinary arts equipment

* No. 50 Haida Gwaii: $54,615 (Total $131,247), plasma cutter, table saw, CNC rotor, etc.

* No. 51 Boundary: $38,007 (Total $122,429), metal melting furnace, air compressor, table saw

* No. 52 Prince Rupert: $43,400 (Total $92,080): foot metal sheer, band saw, box and pan brake

* No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen: $21,879 (Total $172,443), table saw, band saw, router

* No. 54 Bulkley Valley: $105,675 (Total $226,847), robotics kit, metal lathe, band saw

* No. 57 Prince George: $29,094 (Total $169,144): automotive diagnostic scanner, digital plasma cutter, 3D printer

* No. 58 Nicola-Similkameen: $21,531 (Total $174,411), milling machine, forklift, 3D printer

* No. 59 Peace River South: $16,618 (Total $108,822), plasma torch, table saw, lathes

* No. 60 Peace River North: $18,417 (Total $110,679), table top tire changer, precision lathe, sanders

* No.61 Greater Victoria: $199,886 (Total $843,624): automotive diagnostic scanner, wood lathe, car hoist

* No.62 Sooke: $19,593 (Total $365,651), plasma cutter, drill press, lathe

* No. 63 Saanich: $196,913 (Total $545,699), cold saw, scroll saw, sander

* No. 64 Gulf Islands: $12,067 (Total $102,546), welder, grinder, 3D printer

* No. 67 Okanagan Skaha: $75,459 (Total $290,908), laser cutter, router, air compressor

* No. 68 Nanaimo Ladysmith: $223,179 (Total $629,153), table saw, MIG welder, wood lathe

* No. 69 Qualicum: $33,601 (Total $118,232), band saw, plasma cutter, welder

* No. 70 Alberni: $18,139 (Total $108,495), torch welder, table saw, drill press

* No. 71 Comox Valley: $26,262 (Total $178,782), metal lathe, band saw, plasma cutter

* No. 72 Campbell River: $50,040 (Total $184,202), table saw, plasma table cutter, jointer

* No. 73 Kamloops/Thompson: $234,415 (Total $1,270,841), car hoist, table saw, metal lathe

* No. 74 Gold Trail: $29,085 (Total $126,043), welder, table saw, band saw

* No. 75 Mission: $170,359 (Total $287,716), plasma cutter, band saw, air compressor

* No. 78 Fraser-Cascade: $52,378 (Total $365,822), table saw, router, plasma table cutter

* No. 79 Cowichan Valley: $50,075 (Total $205,998), wheel balancer, tire changer, drill press

* No. 81 Fort Nelson: $10,800 (Total $85,514), car hoist, robotics kits, wood lathe

* No. 82 Coast Mountains: $12,246 (Total $391,997), culinary ovens, metal lathe, car hoist

* No. 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap: $73,945 (Total $398,528), router, sander, joiner

* No. 84 Vancouver Island West: $21,560 (Total $96,689), milling machine, lathe, welder

* No. 85 Vancouver Island North: $66,880 (Total $134,345), lathe, table saw, milling machine

* No. 87 Stikine: $17,481 (Total $154,891), table saw, band saw, joiner

* No. 91 Nechako Lakes: $14,726 (Total $102,576), carpentry and metal work equipment

* No. 92 Nisga'a: $51,366 (Total $177,364), wood work, metal work, and culinary equipment

* No. 93 Conseil Scolaire Francophone: $0 (did not apply) (Total $0)

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Hi Leanne

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. Added an action verb in your headline
2. Split your lede into two paragraphs
3. First paragraph after the bullets, I took out the timing since it was just mentioned in the previous bullets.
4. 6th paragraph: added "Lion's Gate Bridge" to the part about pedestrians and cyclists to clarify. That's the route you are referring to, correct? Not the Ironworkers.

On approval, I'll set this up for distribution to the lower mainland, tomorrow at 8:45 a.m.

Shannon
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June 13, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Nighttime delays coming for motorists on the Lions Gate Bridge

VANCOUVER - Drivers are advised to expect delays on the Lions Gate Bridge this weekend, while crews remove the temporary steel plates that were in place for bridge rehabilitation work.

In addition, the extra layer of asphalt that was needed for a smooth transition on either side of the plates will be removed, and lane lines will be repainted.

Crews will be working overnight this weekend, when traffic volumes are lowest. The following lane closures will be in effect:

* one lane, open in each direction - 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018

* single-lane, alternating traffic - 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, to 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 17, 2018

The single-lane, alternating traffic, beginning on Saturday night, will give traffic time to disperse following the BC Lions' game.

All drivers can expect heavy traffic volumes and delays. They should allow for extra time, and are encouraged to use the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge as an alternative route.

The sidewalk across the Lion's Gate Bridge will remain open for pedestrians and cyclists. All travellers are reminded to obey signs and traffic control personnel, and watch for workers.

For up-to-date traffic information, visit: www.drivebc.ca or follow @DriveBC on Twitter.

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Hi Leanne.

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I shortened the headline a smidge
2. Changed "commuting" to "travelling" in the lede, so it's more inclusive.
3. I also wanted to ask if we should round the two funding figures in the first Quick Fact bullet, as they add up to more than $70M. So they'd be "up to $34 million" and "over $36 million"? I left them as-is for now. Please let me know.

On approval, I'll set this up to go at 2 p.m. to lower mainland media.

Shannon
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June 18, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Nordel Way upgrade complete as part of Alex Fraser improvements

VANCOUVER - New traffic signals will go into operation this week on Nordel Way, as part of the first phase toward expanding capacity for people travelling across the Alex Fraser Bridge.

This work is part of the project that will create a seventh lane on the Alex Fraser, and add a new moveable barrier, to be used during rush hours to allow counter-flow traffic.

The new traffic signals at the Nordel Way interchange, and the extension of the two-lane northbound on-ramp, will make it easier for motorists to access the Alex Fraser Bridge, by alternating the merge between traffic entering from two directions.

The cast-in-place median barrier was also detached from the bridge deck and replaced with temporary barriers.

Later this summer, work will begin on the remaining activities that include:

* strengthening the bridge and resurfacing the bridge approaches;

* building sign and electrical infrastructure, to support counter-flow traffic;

* improving cycling connections and widening sections of the bridge sidewalks;

* widening the Cliveden interchange, to accommodate the new seven-lane configuration;

* adding a third southbound lane on Highway 91, between the Nordel interchange and the 72 Ave interchange;

* replacing one of the 32-year-old cables, so testing can be completed on the old cable to determine future rehabilitation and maintenance needs; and

* installing the new, moveable barrier system.

Originally, the ministry planned to install the new, moveable barrier system later this fall, but the timeline has been revised with completion expected in summer 2019. More engineering work was required for both the cycling upgrades and the cable replacement process, which included consultation with the cycling community and bridge engineering specialists.

Drivers are reminded to expect delays, watch for traffic-control personnel and obey all posted construction, while crews continue to work on this project.

Quick Facts:

* The Government of Canada is contributing up to $33,965,000, through the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component of the New Building Canada Fund, toward the $70-million capacity-improvement project. The B.C. government is funding $36,125,000 toward the project.

* An animation of the new traffic pattern is available online under construction updates: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/alex-fraser-bridge

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Hi Danielle

Here is your draft for review.
I changed the headline and turned the 3rd paragraph into a single sentence.

Also, we noticed that most sites online don't capitalize the "al" in "Eid al-Fitr," so we made that consistent throughout. We aren't experts by any means, so I can't swear what's correct. I also want to point out that gov has released statements in the past with the alternate spelling "Eid ul-Fitr" - I think both are acceptable spellings though.

On approval, I'll set this to go provincewide at 10:45 a.m.

Shannon
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June 14, 2018

Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement in honour of Eid al-Fitr

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement in honour of Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan:

"On behalf of all British Columbians, I would like to extend my best wishes to Muslim people in B.C., and around the world, as we celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan.

"Ramadan is a time of sacrifice and compassion, forgoing the things people often take for granted, as a reminder to be kinder and more generous.

"The values of unity, charity and peace celebrated on Eid al-Fitr are universal. Our government shares these values.

"Our goal is to help lift people up, so everyone in B.C. has the opportunities they need to succeed.

"We celebrate this joyous occasion with you, and we will continue to work together to make B.C. a safe, inclusive province for everyone.

"Eid Mubarak."

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Premier"s statement on recommendations for proportional representation referendum
Date:	June 6, 2018 5:37:10 PM
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Hi Sage,

Here is a draft for review. I didn't change it, but may I suggest that the last sentence would be stronger as: "Ultimately, the people will decide."

On approval, I'll set this up to go out provincewide tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

Shannon
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Office of the Premier

STATEMENT
Premier's statement on recommendations for proportional representation referendum

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement on the recommendations for the proportional representation referendum:

"Today, cabinet accepted the recommendations of the Attorney General on how the referendum on a new voting system will take place. Regulations are being prepared and the government will ask Elections BC to review the question, to ensure that the language used is clear and simple to understand.

"Cabinet confirmed that, should a new proportional system be chosen, a second referendum will be held following two election cycles, to give British Columbians the opportunity to decide whether they wish to keep the new voting system.

"We would like to thank the more than 90,000 people that took part in the consultation process, and all British Columbians as they take part in this important discussion leading up to the referendum.

"This is an historic opportunity to replace our old voting system with a new way of voting that works for people. We look forward to public debate and lively campaigns on both sides. Ultimately, the people will get to decide."

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Hello All

Here is the draft for review. No major changes. I did fix some capitalization and punctuation within various quotes (and elsewhere in the release), but made no changes to quote content.

On approval from everyone, I'll set this up to go provincewide, including Indigenous media, at 10:30.

Shannon
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June 18, 2018

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

NEWS RELEASE
Province opens the door to housing investment on reserves

PRINCE GEORGE - British Columbia will become the first province in Canada to invest provincial housing funds into on-reserve housing.

"Everyone in British Columbia deserves a good home, including people who live on-reserve," said Premier John Horgan. "That's why we're opening the door to all Indigenous communities to join us as we make housing better and more affordable for people in every part of the province."

Through the new Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund, the British Columbia government will invest $550 million over the next 10 years to build and operate 1,750 new units of social housing for projects, both on- and off-reserve.

BC Housing will send out a request for proposals to identify prospective partners, including Indigenous non-profit housing providers, First Nations, Métis Nation British Columbia, and non-profit and for-profit developers, wanting to partner with Indigenous housing providers and First Nations.

In addition to funding under the new Indigenous Housing Fund, Indigenous organizations and First Nations will be able to access provincial support, under the new housing funds announced as part of Budget 2018 and the 30-point housing plan.

The new housing will be developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Indigenous housing societies and First Nations.

With National Indigenous Peoples Day coming up on June 21, 2018, this investment to support affordable housing for Indigenous peoples is one of many areas where the Province is advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Province's focus on building a true and lasting vision of reconciliation is anchored by a cross-government commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and case law.

The provincial government is making significant new investments in Indigenous priorities and reconciliation, with more than $250 million allocated over the next three years, in the areas of affordable housing, language revitalization, child care, mental health and addictions, reducing poverty, improving access to justice, skills training, emergency management and revitalizing the environmental assessment process.

Quotes:

Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -

"We know that Indigenous peoples often face extraordinary housing challenges. With these new provincial housing funds now available to more people, we are taking a major step forward in making sure Indigenous peoples everywhere in British Columbia have access to the safe and secure housing they need."

Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -

"Our government recognizes the rights of Indigenous peoples to be actively involved in developing and determining housing policies and programs affecting them. We'll be working closely with the Indigenous housing sector every step of the way, to make sure Indigenous peoples are partners in building this new housing. This is one of the ways we are moving forward on reconciliation with First Nations and Indigenous peoples in B.C."

Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands -

"This is an important investment that will increase the quality of life for Indigenous peoples in B.C. Levels of Indigenous homelessness are unacceptable, and there is a direct link to a lack of housing on reserves. This is a smart investment, and recognizes that healthy, safe communities start with healthy, safe homes."

Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations -

"We have never seen such a commitment from a provincial government for on-reserve housing investments. I applaud the leadership of Premier Horgan and his ministers. Housing is a fundamental human right, and impacts a wide range of societal needs, including security, health for families and employment. First Nations in B.C. seek to improve a major gap in housing needs. This is an important step for building stronger First Nations' communities."

Chief Bob Chamberlin, vice-president, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs -

"Today, we are encouraged by this first step of the provincial government to respond to the need for affordable housing for Indigenous peoples. For true reconciliation, steps like these are crucial, but Indigenous peoples must be involved every step of the way. With a growing need for social housing, there is much work left to be done."

Cheryl Casimer, political executive, First Nations Summit -

"We welcome today's announcement of the creation of the Indigenous Housing Fund by the Province of B.C. This fund will provide a significant investment that will have immediate positive impacts in addressing the acute shortage of affordable housing units, especially for those Indigenous peoples in B.C. living below the poverty line. This fund will also assist Indigenous peoples with greater opportunities to access housing within their own communities, rather than being forced to move to urban centres."

Clara Morin Dal Col, president, Métis Nation British Columbia -

"Métis Nation B.C. is excited about the housing opportunities for Métis people in British Columbia through this new program. These funds have the potential of helping to provide Métis people long-awaited access to housing, and as a result, provide substantial benefits to the health and well-being of our communities. We are very pleased with the

Province's investment and commitment to this provincial housing plan. This is a significant step toward government's efforts of nation-to-nation relationships and reconciliation."

Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association -

"Today's announcement is a positive step in the right direction to alleviating the housing challenges of our Indigenous peoples. We are over represented in every housing need category. The Aboriginal Housing Management Association, and our members, look forward to partnering with First Nations and Indigenous housing organizations to create the housing that we so desperately need."

Quick Facts:

* Budget 2018 launched the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years.

* All programs announced in Budget 2018 will be open to Indigenous organizations and First Nations, for housing both on- and off-reserve, including:
* Building BC: Community Housing Fund - close to $1.9 billion over 10 years to build and operate 14,350 affordable new rental homes, through partnerships with municipalities, non-profit housing providers, housing co-ops and Indigenous organizations.

* Building BC: Women's Transition Housing Fund - $734 million over 10 years to build and operate 1,500 new units of housing including transition houses, safe homes, second-stage and long-term housing.

* Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund - $1.2 billion over 10 years to build and operate 2,500 units of supportive housing for those that are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

* Currently, more than 4,600 subsidized housing units are specifically designated for Indigenous peoples in B.C. More than 700 Indigenous housing units are in development or under construction throughout the province.

Learn More:

Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: Province to improve commercial vehicle inspections, safety on roads
Date:	June 6, 2018 12:20:14 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Brendan

Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. I shortened your headline
2. Tweaked your lede, so it doesn't over promise the safety aspect all drivers on the roads.
3. Added "roads" to " north of the Fraser River" in the fifth paragraph, as a word seemed to be missing. Is this what you meant?

On approval, I'll set this up to go tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. to lower mainland and ethnic media.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----
From: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX [mailto:Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 12:15 PM
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Subject: DRAFT: Province to improve commercial vehicle inspections, safety on roads

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No Lead Organization
Headline: Province to improve commercial vehicle inspections, safety on roads

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June 7, 2018

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE
Province to improve commercial vehicle inspections, safety on roads

DELTA - A new inspection facility is being built in Delta, which will improve working conditions for Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) staff, speed up inspection times for truck drivers, with a goal of boosting safety for everyone travelling on B.C.'s highways and roads.

This covered facility will be built at the existing weigh scale at 8150 Nordel Way, near the south end of the Alex Fraser Bridge. It will provide a central Lower Mainland location to inspect all mechanical components of

commercial vehicles in a safe, dry, well-lit area, and be able to accommodate two commercial vehicles at a time. One of the major benefits will be a large training area, for up to 25 staff to learn practical job skills, allowing CVSE to further develop their training program.

"This inspection facility will assist the ministry's CVSE officers in their ongoing efforts to improve safety for the commercial transport sector, and people on our highways," said Ravi Kahlon, MLA for Delta North, on behalf of Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "The new building will provide a controlled inspection area that will assist in day-to-day operations, and allow CVSE officers to process inspections quicker and more efficiently."

Vehicles involved in a crash can also be brought to this secure facility, to assist police with conducting post-crash investigations in a timely manner.

Approximately 300 trucks per hour currently go through this weigh scale, and 13 CVSE officers are dedicated to the site and surrounding roads and highways. An additional seven CVSE officers are based at this location, but monitor other assigned areas, via mobile patrol, including the Trans-Canada Highway, Sea-to-Sky Highway, roads north of the Fraser River and TransLink's major road network.

A $1.6-million contract has been awarded to MRC Total Build LP of Langley to complete the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2018, and finish in June 2019.

Learn More:

Follow the work of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: http://www.tranbc.ca

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: South Fork Forest Service Road closed for safety reasons
Date:	June 6, 2018 2:04:16 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT.pdf

Hi Jeremy

Here's your draft for approval. We added "taking place" in the 3rd paragraph as it wasn't quite clear. Is this correct?

On approval, I'll send asap to Armstrong, Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Lake Country media.

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN
South Fork Forest Service Road closed for safety reasons

VERNON - To ensure public safety, the South Fork Forest Service Road, near Cherryville, is closed to all vehicle traffic until further notice, due to concerns about the stability of the road bed and washouts, as well as damage to the Yeoward Creek Bridge.

Users should note that access to the Monashee trail system, backcountry areas, campsites and range tenures is restricted or unavailable, due to washouts at the 0.5- and 0.7-kilometre marks. Barricades have been set up at the 0.4-kilometre mark.

The washout at the 0.5-kilometre mark appears to have happened around May 9, 2018, with the washout at the 0.7-kilometre mark taking place around May 28, 2018. It is expected that damage to the bridge occurred on May 23, 2018. High snowpack levels, high groundwater levels and an extended warming trend, causing overland water flow and higher-than-normal stream flows, are thought to be the cause.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is working with industrial users and tenure holders to assess and repair the road damage, and to restore access. The construction timeline has not yet been determined.

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Subject:	FOR APPROVAL: DRAFT: ?Esdilagh First Nation, conservation officers working together to protect moose
Date:	June 15, 2018 11:41:41 AM
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Hi Danielle

Thanks for your patience. Here is your draft for review.
Of note:
1. Slightly tweaked the headline
2. Changed all references to the FN from "their" to "its" as that is grammatically correct.
3. I also changed the spelling of ?Esdilagh from ?Esdilagh. Can you please confirm that is correct? I see it both ways online, but I assume that's due to the "?" character not always reflected properly online.

On approval, we'll set this up to go to Quesnel media at 2:30 p.m.

Shannon
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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy B.C. Conservation Officer Service ?Esdilagh First Nation

NEWS RELEASE
?Esdilagh First Nation, conservation officers working together to protect moose

QUESNEL - The ?Esdilagh First Nation has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the B.C. Conservation Officer Service (COS), to promote the sustainability of wildlife within its traditional territory.

The MOU strives to foster understanding of ?Esdilagh First Nation's customs, traditions, and cultural and spiritual practices, as well as promote the management, protection and stewardship of moose in its traditional territory. A signing ceremony took place in ?Esdilagh on Friday, June 15, 2018.

"The B.C. Conservation Officer Service is pleased to work with the ?Esdilagh First Nation around enforcement and measures to minimize human-wildlife conflicts within its traditional territory," said Andy MacKay, COS sergeant and provincial co-ordinator, restorative justice and First Nations. "This partnership will help strengthen the stewardship of wildlife and resources within ?Esdilagh First Nation territory."

Collaboration and communication between the COS and the ?Esdilagh First Nation, on enforcement within its traditional territory, is another key component of the MOU. Notably, this includes the COS enforcing ?Esdilagh communal restrictions, which prohibits the harvesting of cow moose for ?Esdilagh First Nation membership in its traditional territory.

"The highest priority for the people of ?Esdilagh is moose preservation and increasing our moose population - that is our ultimate goal," said ?Esdilagh Chief Roy Stump. "Overall, we want a sustainable wildlife population that everyone can benefit from."

The MOU also encourages the promotion of proactive measures to lessen potential human-wildlife conflicts. This may include education and awareness activities, developing wildlife hazard assessments and management plans, and the installation of wildlife-resistant waste containers and other waste management systems.

Learn More:

To learn more about the ?Esdilagh First Nation, visit: http://www.esdilagh.com/

To learn more about the B.C. Conservation Officer Service, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/natural-resource-law-enforcement/conservation-officer-service

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
Students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC).

JIBC required that the investment complete two important capital projects.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning-facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First

Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the

province.

Quotes

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, JIBC president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, JIBC dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the Police Academy, Sheriff Academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the Police Academy or RCMP Depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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June 5, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
$100,000 to enhance off-road vehicle trails, rider safety

VICTORIA - Applications are now being accepted from organizations that propose to build or upgrade off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, and promote rider safety, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The ORV Trail Fund, currently valued at almost $590,000, is awarding up to $100,000 this summer to support the construction and maintenance of trails for off-road vehicles, and to promote the safe and responsible use of ORVs.

The ORV Trail Fund, created in 2017, was established as a part of the Off Road Vehicle Act and regulations. The act requires registration of all off-road vehicles within B.C. A portion of the registration fees collected by ICBC are redirected to the ORV Trail Fund. The Recreation Sites and Trails Branch administers the fund and this is the first application intake.

The application deadline is July 16, 2018. Requests for funding from $1,000 to $25,000 will be considered.

Any legal entity in the province, except for individuals, can apply. This includes:

* First Nations

* Local governments (such as municipalities and regional districts)

* ORV organizations (including those representing quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, motorbikes and side-by-sides)

* Non-profit societies

* Businesses

Submissions will be adjudicated by provincial recreation staff, with input from provincial-level ORV representatives. Successful applicants will be notified after Aug. 24, 2018.

A five-year plan has been developed to fund future trail recreation opportunities. The planned yearly disbursements will be between $100,000 and $200,000 per year, depending on the growth of the fund.

Quotes:

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Government is committed to maintaining the province's world-class recreational trails. Many of the trails are in remote and rural areas, and this money will benefit all users. Trail improvements will help to create local jobs, and will also enhance tourism opportunities."

Ralph Matthews, president, Quad Riders ATV Association of B.C. -

"It is a great day for riders in B.C.! This grant will allow for an even more epic riding experience. It will also provide a significant positive economic impact through ORV tourism in our rural communities. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this funding off the ground and on the trails."

Richard Cronier, president, British Columbia Snowmobile Federation -

"The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation appreciates the government reinvesting a portion of the off-road vehicle registration fees back into ORV safety and trails. B.C. has first-class trails, and this additional money will continue to draw tourists from around the world."

Ken McClelland, president, British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association -

"This is exciting news for B.C.'s ORV trails, after more than a decade of hard work. We have some of the best trails in the world, and this will make them even greater. We look forward to working with the Province to promote the off-road recreation industry."

Quick Facts:

* About 10,000 kilometres of ORV trails are managed by the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, in partnership with community-based ORV groups around the province.

* There are significant ORV riding opportunities on the land base, including approximately 600,000 kilometres of resource roads and managed riding areas.

Learn More:

Apply and learn more about the fund and the judging criteria: www.gov.bc.ca/ORVFund (https://www2.qa.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/orv-trail-fund)

Find a recreation site or trail near you: http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/

Read about B.C.'s trails strategy: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC_V6_Nov2012.pdf

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From: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
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Date: June 29, 2018 2:39:03 PM

Hi Kristina

Those emails contain a copy of the text of communications products intended for distribution to the media and/or public, such as media advisories or news releases. The subject field denotes the date/time the release is to be distributed and what email lists they are being sent to.

I hope this helps.

Best,

Shannon

From: McKinnon, Kristina AG:EX
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
Cc: Taillefer, Troy AG:EX
Subject: Assistance with an OIPC Inquiry

Hello Shannon,

I am legal counsel with the Ministry of Attorney General. I am currently working on an OIPC Inquiry stemming from an FOI request. I am hoping you may be able to assist.

I am reviewing a message tracking log and see various emails from you with subjects like "MEDIA ADVISORY to go at 9:20 a.m. to MEDIA, MINIS2, LMAIN, MMVAN, 000.2, AL ETHNIC". What sort of content would be in an email like this?

Thanks very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Kristina

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Subject:	RE: CFD - 87863 - Province Wide
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Great. Thanks. I'll update that in our system.

Shannon
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Subject: CFD - 87863 - Province Wide

Hi Shannon,
That news release about Take the Wheel for tomorrow is province-wide. Just confirming that.

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From: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
To: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Edits - RE: FOR GRANT: DRAFT: Eric Hamber students to get new, safer school
Date: June 15, 2018 2:23:59 PM

They were all in quotes. Should I change them back then?

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I would flag for shop all instances. There may have been one more but would not change quotes

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

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One question, should I change this one too?
"One of our priorities at the Vancouver School District is to ensure our schools are safe. Another is that our schools are inspiring learning environments for our students," said Suzanne Hoffman, Vancouver School District superintendent.

Shannon
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From: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
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Subject: Edits - RE: FOR GRANT: DRAFT: Eric Hamber students to get new, safer school

A safe bet, thanks Shannon…

Let's try to root the ministers out of the ledes:
Secondary school students in the South Cambie neighbourhood can look forward to learning in a new, seismically safer school~~, Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, announced.~~
So, second graf:
"Vancouver students and their families have been waiting for schools that will be safer in the event of an earthquake," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education.

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Changed the "safes" to "safer"

Shannon
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June 19, 2018

Ministry of Education

NEWS RELEASE
Eric Hamber students to get new, safer school

VANCOUVER - Secondary school students in the South Cambie neighbourhood can look forward to learning in a new, seismically safer school.~~, Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, announced.~~

"Vancouver students and their families have been waiting for schools that will be safer in the event of an earthquake," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. "Today's announcement moves us one step closer to achieving our goal of ensuring all British Columbian students can receive a quality education in a state-of-the-art, safe and healthy school."

The Ministry of Education is providing $79.3 million to fully replace Eric Hamber Secondary - the largest seismic project in Vancouver's history.

"As the 2018-19 school year draws to a close, we're delighted with today's announcement that the Eric Hamber Secondary school community will soon have a new, seismically safe learning environment," said Vancouver Board of Education chair Janet Fraser. "Not only will the replacement school be safer in the event of an earthquake, our intent is to provide an even more welcoming environment for our students and staff in a facility with more opportunities for community activities."

Eric Hamber Secondary serves 1,700 students in grades 8-12. It opened in 1962, and has had several additions and renovations over the years. However, the structure needs further upgrading, and has been deemed high risk in the event of an earthquake. The new school will be built next to the

existing one on the northwest corner of the site. Students will remain in the existing school during construction. This will prevent the need for portables and minimize disruption, like bussing Eric Hamber students.

Other project options would have required a phased approach, resulting in a longer construction period, a higher price and classes moving into a substantial number of portables. Using the existing school rather than temporary accommodation during construction saves approximately $16 million in costs over the seismic upgrade.

"One of our priorities at the Vancouver School District is to ensure our schools are safe. Another is that our schools are inspiring learning environments for our students," said Suzanne Hoffman, Vancouver School District superintendent. "It's very exciting that we will soon begin to design and build a replacement school that meets both those priorities at Eric Hamber, for decades to come."

The new school will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standards. LEED gold schools are healthy, high-performance learning environments that include sustainable low-toxic materials, natural light, abundant fresh air, energy conservation, habitat protection and reduced demand on local landfills. The new school will also accommodate a child care facility.

Construction is slated to begin in summer 2020, and the new Eric Hamber Secondary is expected to welcome students in fall 2022.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to work with school districts and local governments throughout B.C. to speed up the funding approval process and reduce wait times for much-needed seismic and capital projects.

Quick Facts:

* Vancouver school seismic replacement announcements since September 2017 include: Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary ($22.4 million), Bayview Elementary ($24.5 million), and David Lloyd George Elementary ($24.2 million).

* Since September 2017, the B.C. government has approved more than $335.6 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace seismically high-risk schools, and a total of $567.3 million in capital projects (including land purchases, additions etc.).

* Budget 2018 invests a record $2 billion in school capital projects over the next three years.

* Eric Hamber Secondary school is named after Eric Werge Hamber, the 15th lieutenant governor of British Columbia.

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To:	Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX
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Date:	June 15, 2018 1:29:57 PM

Can you also add William Lake and Wells (if we still have that list) to the distribution please? The shop requested these and I thought I'd have time to add them when I got back.

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Second graf, will change the question mark to match the others
A signing ceremony took place in ?Esdilagh on Friday, June 15, 2018.

Second last graf, same as above: "The highest priority for the people of ?Esdilagh

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

B.C. Conservation Officer Service

?Esdilagh First Nation

NEWS RELEASE
?Esdilagh First Nation, conservation officers working together to protect moose

QUESNEL - The ?Esdilagh First Nation has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the B.C. Conservation Officer Service (COS), to promote the sustainability of wildlife within its traditional territory.

The MOU strives to foster understanding of ?Esdilagh First Nation's customs, traditions, and cultural and spiritual practices, as well as promote the management, protection and stewardship of moose in its traditional territory. A signing ceremony took place in ?Esdilagh on Friday, June 15, 2018.

"The B.C. Conservation Officer Service is pleased to work with the ?Esdilagh First Nation around enforcement and measures to minimize human-wildlife conflicts within its traditional territory," said Andy MacKay, COS sergeant and provincial co-ordinator, restorative justice and First Nations. "This partnership will help strengthen the stewardship of wildlife and resources within ?Esdilagh First Nation territory."

Collaboration and communication between the COS and the ?Esdilagh First Nation, on enforcement within its traditional territory, is another key component of the MOU. Notably, this includes the COS enforcing ?Esdilagh communal restrictions, which prohibits the harvesting of cow moose for ?Esdilagh First Nation membership in its traditional territory.

"The highest priority for the people of ?Esdilagh is moose preservation and increasing our moose population - that is our ultimate goal," said ?Esdilagh Chief Roy Stump. "Overall, we want a sustainable wildlife population that everyone can benefit from."

The MOU also encourages the promotion of proactive measures to lessen potential human-wildlife conflicts. This may include education and awareness activities, developing wildlife hazard assessments and management plans, and the installation of wildlife-resistant waste containers and other waste management systems.

Learn More:

To learn more about the ?Esdilagh First Nation, visit: http://www.esdilagh.com/

To learn more about the B.C. Conservation Officer Service, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/natural-resource-law-enforcement/conservation-officer-service

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Subject:	RE: FINALS: Government launches BC Hydro review
Date:	June 7, 2018 11:45:40 AM

No problem. I'll push back the time/date and leave it in the system.

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We are being told this is on hold.

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Subject: FINALS: Government launches BC Hydro review

For your records. We await your timing.

Thanks!

Shannon
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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government launches BC Hydro review

VICTORIA - To contain rate increases, control costs, and to position BC Hydro for future success, the Government of British Columbia has launched a comprehensive, two-phased review of BC Hydro.

In the first phase of the review, government is working with BC Hydro to identify cost savings, efficiencies, new

revenue streams and other changes, to keep electricity rates low and predictable over the long-term, while ensuring BC Hydro has the resources it needs to continue to provide clean, safe and reliable electricity.

An advisory group, consisting of staff from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Ministry of Finance and BC Hydro, will perform the first phase of the review.

Government expects recommendations from the first phase of the review this summer to inform a refreshed rates plan, and assist BC Hydro in preparing its next rates application, to be filed with the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) in February 2019. A report on the first phase of the review, and government's response, will be released in the fall of 2018.

In the second phase of the review - starting in late 2018 - the Province will establish an expert panel, to provide recommendations to ensure BC Hydro is well positioned to maximize opportunities flowing from shifts taking place in the global and regional energy sectors, technological change and climate action.

The second phase of the review will be informed by new government strategies, including an energy roadmap for the future of B.C. energy and a new climate action strategy. Terms of reference for this second phase, including the makeup of the expert panel, will be finalized after the first phase of the review has been completed. It is anticipated that the panel will deliver its recommendations to government by summer or fall of 2019.

Quick Facts:

* BC Hydro rates have gone up by 25% since 2013, and by more than 70% since 2001.

* On March 1, 2018, the BCUC rejected BC Hydro's request for a rate freeze, effective April 1, 2018. It instead approved an increase of 3%, noting that even with the rate increase, BC Hydro is not able to fully recover its revenue requirements in that fiscal year.

* Government continues to work across ministries, and with stakeholders and customer groups, to design a lifeline program, which would help offset the impact of rising electricity costs for low-income individuals or families.

* BC Hydro has set up a Customer Crisis Fund pilot program for residential customers to avoid disconnection of their service when they are facing a temporary financial crisis, such as loss of employment or benefit income, unanticipated medical expenses or pending eviction. The three-year pilot will run until 2021.

* To lower electricity costs for B.C. businesses and industries, the B.C. government is phasing out the provincial sales tax (PST) on electricity. Following the 50% reduction that started on Jan. 1, 2018, government will completely eliminate the PST on non-residential electricity on April 1, 2019. Residential use of electricity is already PST-exempt.

* Eliminating the PST on electricity will translate into savings of more than $150 million annually for B.C. businesses.

Learn More:

To view the terms of reference for the BC Hydro review, visit:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/electricity/bc-hydro-review

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Date:	June 6, 2018 8:39:57 AM

I changed the headline to "JIBC students" - it was too vague otherwise. It could be just "Justice students" too...

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Subject: FOR GRANT: DRAFT: Students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
Students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC).

JIBC required that the investment complete two important capital projects.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning-facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First

Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the

province.

Quotes

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, JIBC president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, JIBC dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the Police Academy, Sheriff Academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the Police Academy or RCMP Depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the

track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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Subject:	RE: Query on distribution - Linda has the media Advisory - PUBLICATION PREPARATION - AEST-84354
Date:	June 6, 2018 8:25:30 AM

I have the NR and will blanket the Lower Mainland for you.

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Hi – my recommendation is the MA for LM. Same for the NR.

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Subject: RE: Query on distribution - Linda has the media Advisory - PUBLICATION PREPARATION - AEST-84354

May we suggest sending the MA to our usual Lower mainlanders?

There is no mention of a call-in, so I doubt anyone will be attending from far and away.

The matching news release can go provincewide, no problem.

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Good Morning,

Attached are a news release and media advisory for Corporate Calendar Event AEST-84354 at 1:30 on June 7, 2018.

Distribution is provincewide.

Many thanks,

Stephen

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Subject:	RE: REVISED DRAFT: Celebrating six months of success preventing new HIV infections throughout B.C.
Date:	June 25, 2018 5:33:29 PM

Yes to provincewide and I will update to 9:45.

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Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Celebrating six months of success preventing new HIV infections throughout B.C.

Thank you very much for making our changes. It looks good to me, will defer to Carlene on final approval ;)

And just want to confirm, our NR is for 9:45am tomorrow, province wide distribution please (our event is at 9:30am, NR time confirmed with CC folks).

Thank you both for your help with this after hours. Much appreciated!

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Subject: REVISED DRAFT: Celebrating six months of success preventing new HIV infections throughout B.C.

With the deletions, for approval.

Shannon Horlor
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June 26, 2018

Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Celebrating six months of success preventing new HIV infections throughout B.C.

VANCOUVER - People throughout B.C. are benefiting from expanded coverage for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), as strong uptake for the publicly funded drug continues to grow.

"The expansion of coverage for PrEP and PEP keeps B.C. at the forefront of fighting the spread of HIV and AIDS," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "By supporting the introduction of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS' Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, the lifesaving drug cocktail that changed the face of HIV, our province continues to sees a consistent decline in new cases of HIV."

Since B.C. introduced no-cost coverage of PrEP, and expanded access to PEP for those at high risk of HIV infection on Jan. 1, 2018, over 2,000 people have been prescribed the potentially life-saving medications. Celebrating this milestone together, the B.C. government and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE) will continue working to reduce the number of new HIV infections in B.C., by providing expanded coverage of PrEP and PEP throughout the province.

The expansion of coverage for PrEP and PEP in B.C. added a new resource to the BC-CfE's Treatment as Prevention (TasP) program. When the program reaches 5,000 individuals, the BC-CfE believes the province will achieve a greater than 83% reduction of new HIV cases by 2026.

"With the expanded access to PrEP and PEP, we are making important investments to the publicly funded health system, not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because people depend on us to help them live their healthiest possible lives, and that is something we're committed to do," added Dix.

The drug has been available at no cost when requested through the BC-CfE for eligible British Columbians, including men who have sex with men, transgender women, people with ongoing relationships with HIV-positive sex partners and people who inject drugs with a known HIV-positive partner.

"The work we have done in HIV and AIDS proves the political will and expertise exists in British Columbia to expand the principles of TasP to other contagions," said Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the BC-CfE. "This can have an immediate and measurable impact on the treatment and elimination of other high-burden diseases, such as hepatitis C, in British Columbia and across Canada. Ultimately, the goal of a strong public-health strategy is a reduction in disease, alongside long-term health-care sustainability. If we can curb HIV, imagine the global leadership B.C. can show in tackling other communicable diseases through expanding access to testing, treatment and prevention."

Quick Facts:

* PrEP is a daily oral antiretroviral medication highly effective in reducing new cases of HIV - up to 92-99% in some clinical trials.

* According to data from the BC-CfE's drug treatment program, of the individuals who have accessed PrEP, the median age is 34. In the program, 73% of the users are new, 70% reside in Greater Vancouver and 99% are male.

* Between January and June 2018, there were 1,944 people who benefitted from expanded PrEP coverage.

* PEP uptake between January and April 2018 was 400 PEP kit initiations. During the same period last year, there were only 325 initiations, an increase of 23% from 2017 to 2018.

* Since pre-Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, the number of annual cases of HIV has dropped from nearly 900 new cases to fewer than 200.

* B.C. is the only province in Canada to implement the made-in-B.C. TasP strategy pioneered by Montaner and the BC-CfE, and the only one to see a consistent decline in new HIV cases.

* The BC TasP has been adopted by China, Brazil and Panama, among many other jurisdictions worldwide.

* Research by the BC-CfE shows gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men are disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic, with 46% of new cases in B.C. occurring among this group.

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Subject:	RE: REVISED DRAFT: Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive
Date:	June 5, 2018 2:06:44 PM

Absolutely!

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Subject: RE: REVISED DRAFT: Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

Thanks Shannon. This looks good. To answer your previous question, I think this is probably province-wide but I need to double check with Shawn and he's away from his desk right now. Can I get back to you on that particular question but approve this version?

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Cc: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: REVISED DRAFT: Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

I've put the heading back in, but modified it so it explains what the links are. We also don't need the date since it's in the release already.

Does this work as a compromise?

Shannon
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-----Original Message-----

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

NEWS RELEASE
Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

VANCOUVER - Youth and young adults who've been in government care will have help getting ahead on the road to adulthood, thanks to an expanded driver training program, and renewed investments in life skills and employability programming and resources.

Government is doubling last year's investment in the Take the Wheel driver training program to $100,000, to help more youth in care learn to drive. The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN), ICBC and the ministry will collaborate with youth in care to expand the program from its initial launch.

"For some, learning how to drive is not just a rite of passage, but a necessary, life-long practical skill, especially for those who live in areas where easy access to public transportation is not always a viable option," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development.

"We want to be sure that young people who have been in care can access the same opportunities as everyone else, and gain the kind of skills many parents see as necessary for their children."

Take the Wheel was established in 2017, as a pilot program between ICBC and the FBCYICN. Government's new funding will be administered by the FBCYICN, with oversight by the ministry. The ministry has donated an additional two vehicles for youth, who may not otherwise have access to a vehicle for practice or road tests.

The ministry has also re-invested $61,000 in Strive, a 12-week program offered through the YWCA that helps youth and young adults gain life and employability skills, as well as $150,000 for Agedout.com, a website that provides resource connections for youth transitioning out of government care.

Conroy made the announcements at an event hosted by the FBCYICN and the Pacific Community Resources Society, in recognition of BC Child and Youth in Care Week, June 4-10, 2018. Similar events are being held throughout B.C. to honour B.C.'s children and youth in care to celebrate their diversity and accomplishments, and to show them a supportive community stands with them.

Quick Facts:

* As of April 1, 2018, the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program has been expanded to make more funding available, throughout the calendar year, to eligible former youth in care under the age of 27, to help them complete post-secondary, rehabilitation and/or approved life-skills programs.

* On June 4, 2018, government expanded the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program launched last September, adding tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0071-001086

Learn More:

AYA: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=26F90C367E4846D491225B38B79F7930

AgedOut: https://agedout.com/

Strive: https://ywcavan.org/programs/employment/strive

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=E0D1E7CACCA1408EAB8251766AF187FD

Stories from Child and Youth in Care Week:

Former youth in care uses martial arts to explore his feelings and his future: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17315

From government care to helping others look and feel their best: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17332

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
Actions to date on rental housing

* The Province will invest more than $7 billion over 10 years, to build the kind of homes people need, in every corner of the province - including urban, suburban and rural.

* The Province is investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing subsidized rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades, and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to : https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing what is known as the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent-increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental housing task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes, and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

* For actions the Province is taking to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on Canada's bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup

VICTORIA - Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, has issued the following statement regarding Canada's successful bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup:

"I congratulate the United bid on its success.

"Our government has a responsibility to ensure that B.C. taxpayers are not on the hook for hidden costs.

"The Province carefully assesses all sport events for value to taxpayers.

"The FIFA bid agreement contained clauses, which government felt left taxpayers at unacceptable risk of additional costs. We tried very hard to get assurances that addressed our concerns. Unfortunately, those assurances were not forthcoming.

"I am happy for Canadian soccer fans that some of the World Cup matches are coming to Canadian host cities."

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
JIBC students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC).

Two capital projects were completed with the federal and provincial investment.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the province.

Quotes:

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, Justice Institute of British Columbia president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, Justice Institute of British Columbia dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the police academy, sheriff academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the police academy or RCMP depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Burning of wood piles set for north side of Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS - The BC Wildfire Service is planning to burn about 25 piles of wood debris, about three kilometres northwest of downtown Grand Forks, off Prospect Drive near the Copper Ridge subdivision.

These controlled burns could start as early as Tuesday, June 12, 2018, and continue over the course of two days, weather permitting. Smoke and flames may be visible from Grand Forks and surrounding communities.

Trained BC Wildfire Service personnel will be on site with firefighting equipment to monitor and control these burns at all times.

Activities, such as pile burning, help reduce wildfire hazards by reducing accumulations of fuels (e.g. dead wood or brush) on the landscape. This pile burning project will only proceed if weather conditions are suitable for quick smoke dissipation. All such burns must comply with the Environmental Management Act and the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, to help minimize the amount of smoke generated.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free, or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: http://www.bcwildfire.ca

Follow the latest wildfire news:

* On Twitter: http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

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Learn More:

A factsheet about prescribed burns, and ecosystem restoration burns, is available online: http://ow.ly/E8Ue30br7OY

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Ministry of Agriculture
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
From soil to shelf, Canada and B.C. support sustainable winemaking

VICTORIA - British Columbians who love a glass of B.C. wine and support environmentally responsible businesses have easy choices ahead, as a new sustainability certification program for B.C. grape growers and wineries will put those green standards right on the label.

Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. (SWBC), a program of the British Columbia Wine Grape Council, is developing the certification program. Participation in this program will allow B.C. to highlight the integrity and credibility of the provincial wine industry, and increase competitiveness of B.C. wine with other top wine-growing regions around the world.

SWBC has already established an online self-assessment tool that allows growers and wineries to view their sustainability performance. The new certification program will take the next step in maintaining and enhancing public trust, with robust and verifiable outcomes and indicators. The certification program will include a

sustainability advisor assisting growers and wineries in their application for certification.

Industry has led SWBC's development for nearly a decade, with the goal of reducing the environmental footprint, while maintaining and enhancing public trust. The SWBC oversight committee includes B.C. viticulturists, winemakers, hospitality directors, researchers, and sustainability and marketing specialists.

The sustainable certification program is receiving $100,000 in cost-shared funding from the governments of Canada and B.C., through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The five-year, $3-billion Canadian Agricultural Partnership, launched on April 1, 2018, includes $2 billion in cost-shared strategic initiatives delivered by the provinces and territories, and $1 billion for federal programs and services. The Canadian Agricultural Partnership replaces Growing Forward 2, the five-year federal-provincial agreement that ended on March 31, 2018.

Quotes:

Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada -

"The Government of Canada is proud to support this new certification program, which will help B.C. wine gain a new competitive edge in international markets. Highlighting the sector's sustainable management practices will enhance public trust, and have a beneficial impact on the environment while also strengthening the Canadian economy."

Lana Popham, B.C. Minister of Agriculture -

"This new sustainability certification program will maintain the sector's competitiveness, increase consumer confidence in B.C.'s award-winning wine, and minimize the environmental footprint of our wine industry. I am keen to continue to work with B.C. grape growers and winemakers, to help them build their markets and their businesses in a sustainable, thoughtful manner."

Karen Gillis, chair, Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. -

"Sustainable Winegrowing B.C. is looking forward to developing the certification program, through support from the Ministry of Agriculture. I would like to thank Minister Popham and her staff, for the vision to foster sustainable farming in British Columbia. The positive impacts on environmental, financial, and social aspects for individual vineyards and wineries, and the industry as a whole, will contribute immensely to our long-term sustainability."

Learn More:

British Columbia Wine Grape Council: http://www.bcwgc.org/

Sustainable Winegrowing British Columbia: https://sustainablewinegrowingbc.ca/

Canadian Agricultural Partnership: http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/key-departmental-initiatives/canadian-agricultural-partnership/

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NEWS RELEASE
Government announces first urgent primary-care centre in Surrey

SURREY - It will be easier for Surrey residents to receive ongoing primary health care when one of 10 new urgent primary-care centres in the province opens in fall 2018, announced Premier John Horgan.

"We are making innovative changes to public health care so that it works for British Columbians, providing them with timely, effective care in their communities," said Premier Horgan. "By opening urgent primary-care centres in all of the health regions, we are delivering on our promise to improve quality of care, and provide more care to more people."

"Team-based care is the future of health care, and will be the standard for primary care throughout B.C.," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Urgent primary-care centres are part of an overhaul of the way British Columbians access day-to-day health care. One in six people in this province don't have a doctor. For too long, over half of the people living in B.C. have been unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers. It's time for families to have easier and improved access to health care."

The Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access other services they may need. The centre, and the primary-care network it will be a part of, will work to connect people to consistent health-care providers in the community who are accepting new patients. Close to 78,000 people in Surrey currently do not have a family doctor.

"Surrey is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, and we want to support people of all ages and walks of life in accessing the services they need to thrive," said Michael Marchbank, Fraser Health's president and CEO. "The new Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre connects people directly to a team-based approach to health care, which will collaboratively address their health and social needs in a single setting, before emergency interventions are needed."

The centre will have a team of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other health-care professionals working together to the full extent of their skills, to provide a broad range of services. At full staffing, this centre will be able to accommodate up to 1,300 unique patient visits per week, and attach up to 5,000 patients over time. Among these patients will be vulnerable residents who have complex care needs, including the frail and elderly,

people needing specialized mental health and substance-use services, and the North Surrey/Whalley community.

The centre will also provide diagnosis and care for non-emergency conditions requiring medical attention within 12 to 24 hours, including lacerations, earaches, back pain, and sore throats.

When the centre opens, area residents can visit the location and have their needs assessed by a nurse or other team member. People may also be directed to the centre by community- or hospital-based care providers. A variety of appointment options will be available, including one-on-one visits, appointments with multiple providers, telehealth visits, home visits and group appointments that support people with similar conditions. The centre will also provide outreach services by connecting nurses to community locations, such as shelters.

The hours of the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre will be daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The centre will be located at 9639 - 137A St., near specialists' offices, supportive health-care services and Surrey Memorial Hospital. The proximity to the hospital will make it easy for hospital staff to refer patients to the centre for follow-up care, when appropriate. As well, the centre's staff will be able to easily direct people to hospital-based services, when necessary.

All 10 urgent primary-care centres will be open within the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of nurse practitioners, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0034-000995

To learn more about the Province's strategy to recruit and retain more family medicine graduates, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0052-001043

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Ministry of Health

NEWS RELEASE
Government expanding coverage for insulin pumps, eliminating age restriction

VICTORIA - The provincial government is expanding insulin pump coverage, so any British Columbian requiring one to manage diabetes will have access under PharmaCare, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"For many individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps can have a positive impact on their health. It allows them to better manage their condition, improving their quality of life and well-being, and preventing serious secondary conditions ranging from cardiovascular disease to nerve damage," said Dix.

"Up to now, many people over 25 years old, who rely on an insulin pump to manage their chronic disease, have been forced to make the difficult choice between purchasing this device for their health, or foregoing it due to cost," added Dix. "Going forward, they won't be put in this position. Following through on a pledge made by Premier John Horgan, the provincial government is removing the age restriction for insulin pump coverage."

With this change in coverage, taking effect on July 3, 2018, British Columbia becomes one of only three provinces to cover insulin pumps for people living with diabetes requiring one, regardless of age. Approximately 485,000 British Columbians live with diabetes. It is expected that roughly 830 adults over 25 years of age will benefit from the expansion in the first year.

"I am inspired as to what this means for British Columbians living with type 1 diabetes and their loved ones. I know first-hand that this announcement will have an impact not only today, but into the future, because improved glucose control has life changing results," said Ramya Hosak, executive director and co-founder of Young and T1, a B.C.-based and volunteer-run organization for young adults living with type 1 diabetes.

"Insulin pumps can also help prevent eye disease, kidney disease, amputations and a number of other complications related to diabetes," added Hosak. "I am thrilled that this investment will make sure that everyone has equal access to the best standard of care. Thank you so much."

While not required for all individuals diagnosed with diabetes, insulin pumps offer many people a reliable and stable way of monitoring and scheduling insulin doses, which can have a positive impact on one's quality of life. Insulin pumps can range in cost from approximately $6,000 to $7,000, and require replacing roughly every five years.

"On behalf of B.C. volunteer advocates, Diabetes Canada commends the provincial government for making this decision. Type 1 diabetes doesn't stop at age 25, and we are so pleased that insulin pump coverage won't also.

Insulin pumps provide people living with diabetes with more accurate insulin dosing, decreasing dramatic fluctuations in blood-glucose levels, leading to an improved quality of life," said Sheila Kern, regional director, B.C. and Yukon, Diabetes Canada.

The anticipated cost of expanding insulin pump coverage to all eligible British Columbians, no matter their age, will be approximately $15 million over three years. Patients must meet with their diabetes physician specialist to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria for an insulin pump. The patient's physician would then apply to PharmaCare's special authority department for insulin pump coverage.

Quick Facts:

* This announcement expands the insulin pump program which, when introduced in 2008, provided coverage to children up to the age of 18. The age restriction was then expanded in 2014 to include those living with type 1 diabetes, or other forms of diabetes requiring insulin that meet specific criteria, up to the age of 25.

* The expansion of insulin pump coverage is the latest change to PharmaCare that will assist individuals living with diabetes. The government's $105-million investment to eliminate or reduce Fair Pharmacare deductibles for low-income families - the first in 15 years - will also reduce out-of-pocket costs incurred for other supplies and medications used as part of managing this chronic disease.

* PharmaCare covers effective therapies for the treatment and management of diabetes, including a number of oral medications and a range of insulin products. In addition, PharmaCare covers insulin vials, cartridges, insulin pens and other diabetic supplies, including needles, syringes and blood-glucose test strips.

* The ministry also offers a diabetes management incentive payment, which encourages doctors to offer diabetes patients continuous care that meets the provincial guidelines. In 2017-18, more than 3,400 family doctors received B.C.'s diabetes management incentive payment for over 208,300 patients.

Learn More:

Learn more about B.C. PharmaCare at: www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare

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For approval.

Shannon
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June 7, 2018

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Government launches BC Hydro review

VICTORIA - To contain rate increases, control costs, and to position BC Hydro for future success, the Government of British Columbia has launched a comprehensive, two-phased review of BC Hydro.

In the first phase of the review, government is working with BC Hydro to identify cost savings, efficiencies, new revenue streams and other changes, to keep electricity rates low and predictable over the long-term, while ensuring BC Hydro has the resources it needs to continue to provide clean, safe and reliable electricity.

An advisory group, consisting of staff from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Ministry of Finance and BC Hydro, will perform the first phase of the review.

Government expects recommendations from the first phase of the review this summer to inform a refreshed rates plan, and assist BC Hydro in preparing its next rates application, to be filed with the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) in February 2019. A report on the first phase of the review, and government's response, will be released in the fall of 2018.

In the second phase of the review - starting in late 2018 - the Province will establish an expert panel, to provide recommendations to ensure BC Hydro is well positioned to maximize opportunities flowing from shifts taking place in the global and regional energy sectors, technological change and climate action.

The second phase of the review will be informed by new government strategies, including an energy roadmap for the future of B.C. energy and a new climate action strategy. Terms of reference for this second phase, including the makeup of the expert panel, will be finalized after the first phase of the review has been completed. It is anticipated that the panel will deliver its recommendations to government by summer or fall of 2019.

Quick Facts:

* BC Hydro rates have gone up by 25% since 2013, and by more than 70% since 2001.

* On March 1, 2018, the BCUC rejected BC Hydro's request for a rate freeze, effective April 1, 2018. It instead approved an increase of 3%, noting that even with the rate increase, BC Hydro is not able to fully recover its

revenue requirements in that fiscal year.

* Government continues to work across ministries, and with stakeholders and customer groups, to design a lifeline program, which would help offset the impact of rising electricity costs for low-income individuals or families.

* BC Hydro has set up a Customer Crisis Fund pilot program for residential customers to avoid disconnection of their service when they are facing a temporary financial crisis, such as loss of employment or benefit income, unanticipated medical expenses or pending eviction. The three-year pilot will run until 2021.

* To lower electricity costs for B.C. businesses and industries, the B.C. government is phasing out the provincial sales tax (PST) on electricity. Following the 50% reduction that started on Jan. 1, 2018, government will completely eliminate the PST on non-residential electricity on April 1, 2019. Residential use of electricity is already PST-exempt.

* Eliminating the PST on electricity will translate into savings of more than $150 million annually for B.C. businesses.

Learn More:

To view the terms of reference for the BC Hydro review, visit:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/electricity/bc-hydro-review

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I've put the heading back in, but modified it so it explains what the links are. We also don't need the date since it's in the release already.

Does this work as a compromise?

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June 6, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

NEWS RELEASE
Helping youth in care 'Take the Wheel' and learn to drive

VANCOUVER - Youth and young adults who've been in government care will have help getting ahead on the road to adulthood, thanks to an expanded driver training program, and renewed investments in life skills and employability programming and resources.

Government is doubling last year's investment in the Take the Wheel driver training program to $100,000, to help more youth in care learn to drive. The Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (FBCYICN), ICBC and the ministry will collaborate with youth in care to expand the program from its initial launch.

"For some, learning how to drive is not just a rite of passage, but a necessary, life-long practical skill, especially for those who live in areas where easy access to public transportation is not always a viable option," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development.

"We want to be sure that young people who have been in care can access the same opportunities as everyone else, and gain the kind of skills many parents see as necessary for their children."

Take the Wheel was established in 2017, as a pilot program between ICBC and the FBCYICN. Government's new funding will be administered by the FBCYICN, with oversight by the ministry. The ministry has donated an additional two vehicles for youth, who may not otherwise have access to a vehicle for practice or road tests.

The ministry has also re-invested $61,000 in Strive, a 12-week program offered through the YWCA that helps youth and young adults gain life and employability skills, as well as $150,000 for Agedout.com, a website that provides resource connections for youth transitioning out of government care.

Conroy made the announcements at an event hosted by the FBCYICN and the Pacific Community Resources Society, in recognition of BC Child and Youth in Care Week, June 4-10, 2018. Similar events are being held throughout B.C. to honour B.C.'s children and youth in care to celebrate their diversity and accomplishments, and to show them a supportive community stands with them.

Quick Facts:

* As of April 1, 2018, the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program has been expanded to make more funding available, throughout the calendar year, to eligible former youth in care under the age of 27, to help them complete post-secondary, rehabilitation and/or approved life-skills programs.

* On June 4, 2018, government expanded the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program launched last September, adding tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0071-001086

Learn More:

AYA: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=26F90C367E4846D491225B38B79F7930

AgedOut: https://agedout.com/

Strive: https://ywcavan.org/programs/employment/strive

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=E0D1E7CACCA1408EAB8251766AF187FD

Stories from Child and Youth in Care Week:

Former youth in care uses martial arts to explore his feelings and his future: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17315

From government care to helping others look and feel their best: https://news.gov.bc.ca/17332

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With that slight change to the headline. For approval.

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Ministry of Attorney General

NEWS RELEASE
ICBC hires more estimators in response to higher claims costs

VICTORIA - ICBC has hired 43 new estimators in response to the increase in vehicle claims costs, and to enhance oversight of autobody repair costs, as government works to bring ICBC back to financial stability.

The new hires, brought on since February 2018, are the first estimator trainee group to be engaged with a full training program since 2002. They join a complement that now numbers 250 estimators. ICBC plans to hire 17 more estimators this year.

"We understand that British Columbians needing auto repair work have concerns about possible overbilling, and the impact this has on insurance costs. That's why I directed ICBC to increase the number of estimators on the front lines," said David Eby, Attorney General. "These new hires will provide more guidance and support to body shops, increase governance of ICBC's material-damage programs, and help strengthen ICBC's relationships with industry."

Due to the growth in the number of estimators over the last 18 months, ICBC has completed 2,800 more site visits of collision repair shops than the previous fiscal year. That amounts to a 38.5% year-over-year increase in shop visits. Turnaround times for estimator responses have also reduced, with the goal of even greater reductions, so that customers can get their vehicles back quicker.

As part of the suite of actions government is taking to keep insurance rates affordable for B.C. drivers, ICBC is working with collision repair shops and industry associations on changes that will modernize the current tiering of auto-body suppliers. The redesign of these programs will help improve efficiencies, improve program governance and ensure customers continue to receive the highest standards of vehicle repairs at the best market value.

Quick Facts:

* ICBC has hired 115 estimators between December 2016 and June 2018, adding new positions and replacing those lost to attrition.

* These 43 new hires represent 20 net new positions, and the filling of 23 vacancies.

* ICBC is currently recruiting material-damage estimators in Fort St. John and Prince George: http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/careers/Pages/default.aspx

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE COMMUNIQUÉ
JIBC students to benefit from Canada-B.C. infrastructure investments

PITT MEADOWS - Students preparing for careers in some of B.C.'s most important services have new roofs overhead and an upgraded driver training facility, after a joint Canada-B.C. investment in infrastructure at the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC).

JIBC required that the investment complete two capital projects.

The first provides students with a weather-protected, modular learning facility at the Driver Education Centre in Pitt Meadows. The new design supports the delivery of specialized driving courses, primarily for police recruit and sheriff training. The Province is contributing $640,000 to the Driver Education Centre, topped off by $179,000 in federal funding, for a total $819,000 investment.

The second project is the replacement of the 21-year-old roofs on three buildings at the main JIBC campus in New Westminster, which helps reduce winter heat loss, save on summer cooling and reduce the carbon footprint at the institution. The $1.89-million roof replacement was funded through a $1.59-million provincial government contribution, and $304,000 from the federal government.

The completion of these projects was announced by Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, on behalf of Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Investments through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund are being used to modernize research facilities at Canadian universities and colleges, as well as improve the energy efficiency of these facilities and reduce their impact on the environment. As a result of these investments, students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training. They will work in close proximity with partners, to turn discoveries into products or services. In the process, they will train for - and invent - the high-value jobs of the future. And their discoveries will plant the seeds for the next generation of innovators.

In total, British Columbia received $256 million through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. Twenty public post-secondary institutions and one private First Nation institution in B.C. are benefiting from a total of 30 individual projects throughout the province.

Quotes:

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada -

"This historic investment by the Government of Canada is a down payment on the government's vision to position Canada as a global centre for innovation. That means making Canada a world leader in turning ideas into solutions, science into technologies, skills into jobs and start-up companies into global successes. This investment will create conditions that are conducive to innovation and long-term growth, which will in turn keep the Canadian economy globally competitive."

Melanie Mark, B.C. Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training -

"Students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia are the future skilled workers for our vital community services, such as fire, ambulance and police. The new JIBC facilities will improve the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit all of us who rely on their skills in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations."

Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows -

"These new facilities will give students the experiences to prepare them for the challenging careers that await. JIBC graduates will serve in demanding professions, and their training will greatly benefit communities like Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and others throughout the province."

Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission -

"The new roofs and driver training facility are going to make sure JIBC can keep graduating some of B.C.'s most important professionals for many years to come. Students, staff and faculty will all benefit from these improved facilities."

Michel Tarko, Justice Institute of British Columbia president -

"This investment by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia will upgrade JIBC campus facilities for its students, faculty and staff. The renewed infrastructure will mean improved access to and increased opportunities for our specialized driving courses in Pitt Meadows, as well as cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint at our New Westminster campus."

Stuart Ruttan, Justice Institute of British Columbia dean, school of criminal justice and security -

"JIBC's school of criminal justice and security includes the three top users of the Driver Education Centre - the police academy, sheriff academy and law enforcement studies diploma program. Each of these areas incorporates experiential learning and hands-on training, which take place in almost all-weather conditions. The new classroom facilities at our Driver Education Centre will help provide modern and comfortable spaces, where discussions can take place with recruits and students before and after driving the course."

Megan Eastes, law enforcement studies diploma student -

"JIBC's driving track allows for classroom-based learning to be put into action in a practical, hands-on way, with police expertise guiding the scenarios. This helps encourage aspiring police officers to carry on through the LESD program, to make it to the police academy or RCMP depot. The new classroom building will provide an easily accessible and comfortable environment, where students can engage in class discussions before and after driving the track."

Learn More:

Canada's Innovation Agenda: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/home

Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home

Justice Institute of British Columbia: http://www.jibc.ca/

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Here's your revised draft with the changes we discussed.

For approval.

Also, I can send this to an Interior Health list for distribution if preferred. Or just Kamloops. Also, did you want Indigenous media included?

Shannon
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June 8, 2018

Ministry of Health
Interior Health

NEWS RELEASE
Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre will soon open its doors to the public

KAMLOOPS - The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre (UPCLC) will provide people a new option for timely primary care when it opens, announced Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

"One in seven people in Kamloops don't have a doctor or primary care provider, and many people living in B.C. are unable to get same-day or next-day appointments with their primary-care providers," said Dix. "The Kamloops Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre is going to make a real difference, by using a team-based model of care, to provide greater access to day-to-day care."

Patients will be able to see a range of health-care providers, depending on their needs, as the UPCLC will be staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals and staff, ranging from family doctors, physiotherapists, to nurses. The centre will also be integrated into a local network of health-care providers, services and programs, making it easier for people to receive follow-up care and access to other services they may need.

"It's important for patients to have access to care when they or their family member have a non-emergency, but urgent primary health-care need," said Doug Cochrane, Interior Health board chair. "Interior Health is proud to offer a quality centre, where people will be able to see a doctor or another health professional within 24 hours."

Located at 311 Columbia St., on the street-front of Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building, the centre will begin by opening in the evenings, seven days a week, in June 2018. After it is fully operational in the fall of 2018, it will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. year-round, with rolling 24-hour appointment booking. Referrals will be accepted from physicians, nurse practitioners and other community clinicians, plus patients can self-refer.

In the fall, the centre will also open its Family Practice Learning Centre, which will have resident doctors working under the supervision of experienced physicians. This partnership will see the University of British Columbia expand its family medicine resident-training program in the Interior. This initiative will also provide residents the

opportunity to start building a practice locally.

"When we provide family medicine residents an opportunity to practice in Kamloops, we increase the likelihood they will stay in the area to work on an ongoing basis. The UPCLC offers a supportive environment to gain experience and to care for patients. It will attract our next generation of primary-care doctors," said Dr. Selena Lawrie, who is a clinical instructor with the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice, and an Interior Health board member.

"The Urgent Primary Care and Learning Centre gives people in the Kamloops area another alternative for accessing the care they need. The Thompson Regional Hospital District is pleased to support this new centre, and we look forward to seeing how it will help residents in Kamloops and the surrounding region," said Ken Christian, chair of the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The new Kamloops UPCLC was created through a partnership between the Ministry of Health, Interior Health, the Thompson Regional Hospital District, the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, and the UBC faculty of medicine's department of family practice. As well, local Aboriginal health leaders and patient representatives from Patient Voices Network lent their wisdom and experience to the project.

The capital cost of this project was $3.4 million, with $1.36 million coming from the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

The Kamloops UPCLC is one of 10 urgent primary-care centres that are planned for British Columbia, with the Surrey centre announced on June 7, 2018. All of centres will be open in the next 12 months, and are a key part of the Province's new primary health-care strategy, which is focused on improving services for patients through team-based care. The strategy will see government fund and recruit 200 family doctors and 200 nurse practitioners, and hire 50 clinical pharmacists to help provide all British Columbians with faster and improved access to health care.

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's Primary Health-care Strategy, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001010

To see a tour of the Kamloops Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit: https://youtu.be/M_3YRIuCwBg

To learn more about the Surrey Urgent Primary Care Centre, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0043-001138

To learn more about the Province's strategy to increase the number of pharmacists in primary care, visit:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0055-001118

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June 13, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

VANCOUVER - Media are invited to an announcement about programs that are helping to improve accessibility for students at public universities, colleges and institutes throughout British Columbia.

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, will be joined by students, faculty and staff from Vancouver Community College.

Event date: Thursday, June 14, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Vancouver Community College - Broadway campus Events space Health Sciences Building
1155 East Broadway
Vancouver

Special instructions:
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June 14, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

MEDIA ADVISORY

CASTLEGAR - Media are invited to join Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development and MLA for Kootenay West, for an announcement to support early childhood education and training in Castlegar.

Event Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 11 a.m.

Location:
Selkirk College Castlegar campus
Main campus building
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Castlegar

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Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

STATEMENT
Minister's statement on Canada's bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup

VICTORIA - Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, has issued the following statement regarding to Canada's successful bid to co-host the FIFA 2026 World Cup:

"I congratulate the United bid on its success. Our government has a responsibility to ensure that B.C. taxpayers are not on the hook for hidden costs.

"The Province carefully assesses all sport events for value to taxpayers.

"The FIFA bid agreement contained clauses, which government felt left taxpayers at unacceptable risk of additional costs. We tried very hard to get assurances that addressed our concerns. Unfortunately, those assurances were not forthcoming.

"I am happy for Canadian soccer fans that some of the World Cup matches are coming to Canadian host cities."

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Hi Nova

So here is your new draft with the changes to paragraph 9 and the link at the bottom. If you'd like different wording for the link, let me know. I'm flexible.

Shannon
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June 15, 2018

Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
New tools help high school students jump-start trades careers

COURTENAY - British Columbia high school students are getting a taste of the trades, and the chance to explore new career paths, thanks to new equipment funding.

School districts throughout the province will receive $3.5 million this year to buy new equipment to upgrade trades classrooms and workshops.

"Today's high school students will be the engine driving B.C.'s economy into the future," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "I'm thrilled that government is helping them get early exposure to training for rewarding and good-paying trades careers."

Fifty-eight school districts will receive funding this year through the Industry Training Authority's (ITA's) Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program. This will allow them to buy modern equipment that improves safety in the classroom, and ensures students are learning on the most up-to-date technology.

Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA for Courtenay-Comox, made the announcement at Georges P. Vanier Secondary school, in the Comox Valley School District. The district has received $178,782 over the last three years, including $26,262 this year, to buy equipment that gives students a chance to build skills required in the workplace, and experience different trades. Worn-out table saws and drill presses have been replaced, and cutting-edge, computerized wood machines and plasma torches have been purchased.

"ITA youth initiatives have breathed new life into old shops, and helped shop teachers continue to encourage students to work with their hands and their heads," said Randy Grey, careers program co-ordinator for Comox Valley School District. "We are seeing more students each year identifying that a trade is a great way to get a head start in life."

Graduates have gone on to work in industries including construction, with some currently working on seismic upgrades at the school.

"We're giving students the tools they need to succeed, and kick-starting successful careers in trades," said Leonard.

"I'm so pleased to see some of them working right here in our hometown."

Examples of how funding will be spent this year include buying saws with features to prevent injuries to fingers at Chilliwack School District, and allowing all grade 7-9 students at Kamloops/Thompson School District to experience applied skills, design and technologies. It will also allow Coast Mountains School District to purchase a van that will bring tools and training to students in distant communities.

"The apprentices and tradespeople that build the communities in which we thrive are invaluable," said Gary Herman, chief executive officer of the ITA. "That's why funding programs that equip students with the tools they need to explore and gain skills in skilled trades are so important to B.C.'s future."

ITA leads and co-ordinates B.C.'s skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers and government to fund training, issue credentials, support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades.

Learn More:

ITA: www.itabc.ca

Read more about the ITA Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program, and see the funding amounts by district: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/ITA_youth_trades_equipment_funding_brings_training_to_students.pdf

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Nighttime delays coming for motorists on the Lions Gate Bridge

VANCOUVER - Drivers are advised to expect delays on the Lions Gate Bridge this weekend, while crews remove the temporary steel plates that were in place for bridge rehabilitation work.

In addition, the extra layer of asphalt that was needed for a smooth transition on either side of the plates will be removed, and lane lines will be repainted.

Crews will be working overnight this weekend, when traffic volumes are lowest. The following lane closures will be in effect:

* one lane, open in each direction - 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018

* single-lane, alternating traffic - 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, to 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 17, 2018

Single-lane, alternating traffic has been scheduled to begin late in the evening, to give traffic time to disperse following the BC Lions' game.

All drivers can expect heavy traffic volumes and delays. They should allow for extra time, and are encouraged to use the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge as an alternative route.

The sidewalk across the Lions Gate Bridge will remain open for pedestrians and cyclists. All travellers are reminded to obey signs and traffic control personnel, and watch for workers.

For up-to-date traffic information, visit: www.drivebc.ca or follow @DriveBC on Twitter.

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

NEWS RELEASE
$100,000 to enhance off-road vehicle trails, rider safety

VICTORIA - Applications are now being accepted from organizations that propose to build or upgrade off-road vehicle (ORV) trails, and promote rider safety, announced Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The ORV Trail Fund, currently valued at almost $590,000, is awarding up to $100,000 this summer to support the construction and maintenance of trails for off-road vehicles, and to promote the safe and responsible use of ORVs.

The ORV Trail Fund, created in 2017, was established as a part of the Off Road Vehicle Act and regulations. The act requires registration of all off-road vehicles within B.C. A portion of the registration fees collected by ICBC are redirected to the ORV Trail Fund. The Recreation Sites and Trails Branch administers the fund and this is the first application intake.

The application deadline is July 16, 2018. Requests for funding from $1,000 to $25,000 will be considered.

Any legal entity in the province, except for individuals, can apply. This includes:

* First Nations

* Local governments (such as municipalities and regional districts)

* ORV organizations (including those representing quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, motorbikes and side-by-sides)

* Non-profit societies

* Businesses

Submissions will be adjudicated by provincial recreation staff, with input from provincial-level ORV representatives. Successful applicants will be notified after Aug. 24, 2018.

A five-year plan has been developed to fund future trail recreation opportunities. The planned yearly disbursements will be between $100,000 and $200,000 per year, depending on the growth of the fund.

Quotes:

Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -

"Government is committed to maintaining the province's world-class recreational trails. Many of the trails are in remote and rural areas, and this money will benefit all users. Trail improvements will help to create local jobs, and will also enhance tourism opportunities."

Ralph Matthews, president, Quad Riders ATV Association of B.C. -

"It is a great day for riders in B.C.! This grant will allow for an even more epic riding experience. It will also provide a significant positive economic impact through ORV tourism in our rural communities. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this funding off the ground and on the trails."

Richard Cronier, president, British Columbia Snowmobile Federation -

"The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation appreciates the government reinvesting a portion of the off-road vehicle registration fees back into ORV safety and trails. B.C. has first-class trails, and this additional money will continue to draw tourists from around the world."

Ken McClelland, president, British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association -

"This is exciting news for B.C.'s ORV trails, after more than a decade of hard work. We have some of the best trails in the world, and this will make them even greater. We look forward to working with the Province to promote the off-road recreation industry."

Quick Facts:

* About 10,000 kilometres of ORV trails are managed by the Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, in partnership with community-based ORV groups around the province.

* There are significant ORV riding opportunities on the land base, including approximately 600,000 kilometres of resource roads and managed riding areas.

Learn More:

Apply and learn more about the fund and the judging criteria: www.gov.bc.ca/ORVFund (https://www2.qa.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/orv-trail-fund)

Find a recreation site or trail near you: http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/

Read about B.C.'s trails strategy: www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail-Strategy-for-BC_V6_Nov2012.pdf

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. continues breaking down barriers for former youth in care

NORTH VANCOUVER - Former youth in care are being given another key to unlocking their full potential, thanks to expanded tuition-fee waivers for construction trades training delivered by union providers.

"We're building on our tuition waiver program by providing former youth in care with even more opportunities to pursue a career in the building trades," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. "For former youth in care, this tuition waiver program can mean the start down a rewarding new path, whether in trades, business, social work or tech."

In September 2017, Premier John Horgan announced the expansion of the tuition waiver program to all 25 public post-secondary institutions. This new announcement expands the provincial tuition waiver program to include training programs delivered by union trainers in the construction trades.

"Youth in care deserve every opportunity to pursue their dreams, and government has a responsibility to help them reach their goals," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development. "Not all youth are ready or interested in a college or university degree. I got my start as a power engineer, and I understand the importance of expanding our tuition waiver program to include trades training. This will provide practical, and often faster, ways for youth in care to achieve independence."

The number of former youth in care benefiting from tuition waiver programs has increased by 77%. About 189 youth benefited from bursaries or waivers, between September 2016 and June 2017, compared to 335 former youth in care who benefited from the provincial tuition waiver program, between September 2017 and March 2018.

"Expanding the tuition waiver program to union-based training schools, which are jointly managed by unions and contractors, is great news," said Tom Sigurdson, executive director of the BC Building Trades. "Our members already provide wraparound career and personal supports to help apprentices through their training, and this is a further investment in their continued success."

The Industry Training Authority (ITA), a B.C. Crown corporation, funds trades training programs at 15 public post-secondary institutions, and 24 non-public training organizations, including nine unions.

Union trainers are accredited by the ITA, which provides union trainers with $2.6 million to provide 1,600 trades training seats.

Expanding the program outside of public post-secondary institutions to union trainers will provide more choice, while ensuring students still receive wraparound supports.

"Skilled trades are a great career option for young people wanting to make a difference in the communities they live in," said Gary Herman, ITA CEO. "With one out of four tradespeople retiring in the next 10 years, this investment is providing all young people, including youth in care, with the necessary trades training to prepare them for a successful career in skilled trades."

The construction sector in B.C. is expected to see more than 59,000 jobs open up by 2027.

The tuition waiver program is being expanded to union-based training providers effective July 1, 2018. Union-based training providers offer continuous on-the-job training and extensive wraparound supports, including job placement, career counselling, mentorship and personal counselling.

The expanded tuition waiver is for former youth in care students, who are either taking a foundation program or apprenticeship training through a union trainer.

Budget 2018 includes $2 million annually for the provincial tuition waiver program, in addition to expansion of the Agreements with Young Adults program, to provide more financial support for rent, child care and health care.

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Tuition waiver program expands to more trades opportunities

Effective July 1, 2018, former youth in care will have the cost of their tuition waived for foundation and apprenticeship program, with 10 union-based training providers.

The 10 providers are:

* Construction & Specialized Worker

* D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society

* Electrical Joint Training Committee

* Floorlayers Union

* IUOE Local 115 Training Association

* Pile Drivers Local 2404

* Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society

* Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board

* Trowel Trades Training Association

* Boilermaker Training Centre

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ministry of Labour

STATEMENT
Ministers' statement on the anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse

VANCOUVER - Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Harry Bains, Minister of Labour, have issued the following statement on the 60th anniversary of the Second Narrows Bridge collapse:

"Today, we mark the 60th anniversary of the collapse of Second Narrows Bridge in Vancouver, which claimed the lives of 19 workers, along with injuring 20 others, in one of the worst industrial disasters in British Columbia's history. On June 17, 1958, two spans of the bridge, which was under construction, collapsed, causing 79 workers to fall more than 30 metres into the Burrard Inlet.

"As we remember and pay tribute to those workers, we are also reminded of the very important work we do to ensure that workers in all sectors are safe, and that our infrastructure is safe, not only for the public, but for the people who build it too.

"We must learn from the past and continue to improve working conditions, as well as engineering and construction practices, so that everyone returns home safely at the end of the day. Our vision is to make B.C. workplaces the safest in Canada, where fewer injuries, illnesses and deaths occur.

"B.C.'s ironworkers are instrumental in building our province's infrastructure. We would like to thank them for the excellent work they do. The bridges, buildings and structures they build help grow our economy, and help make B.C. the exceptional place that it is.

"We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to everyone affected by this tragic event. Please know that we are thinking of you today. We will continue to honour the memory of our fallen workers every year."

Learn More:

The bridge was officially renamed the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing in 1994 to honour the workers who lost their lives. For more information visit: http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/second-narrows-bridge-collapse/

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

NEWS RELEASE
New temporary housing for Surrey's most vulnerable

SURREY - The Province of British Columbia and the City of Surrey have partnered to respond to an urgent need for housing assistance in the community.

As of June 19, 2018, approximately 160 individuals experiencing homelessness will be offered housing, as well as health and social supports.

"This is an opportunity to make a significant positive impact on the homelessness crisis in Surrey, and give people the chance to make lasting changes in their lives," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That change starts with housing that includes the support services people need to stabilize their lives, and move on to more permanent housing."

Based on assessed need, people living along 135A Street will either be offered supportive housing at the temporary

buildings that were announced in January, or shelter beds at one of several local shelters. The supportive housing is located at:

* 10662 King George Blvd.

* 13550 105 Ave.

* 13425 107A Ave.

The housing offered will take those currently living on the street into a proper shelter or supportive living environment. Staff will be available, if needed, to help in the packing and transporting of belongings, and transportation of individuals, to the new housing.

The 160 units of temporary housing will include secure, individual rooms, with private bathrooms. Residents will have access to meal programs, counselling and medical offices, 24/7 staffing, and life and employment skills programming. Lookout Housing and Health Society will operate all three buildings.

Fraser Health and Lookout Society will also operate an intensive case management team at the temporary housing, to assist those facing significant challenges with health, mental health, substance use, poverty, education and housing, by connecting them to support services and treatment.

Starting in 2019, the temporary housing will be replaced with 250 units of permanent modular housing as part of the Government of British Columbia's Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program. The Province and the city are currently working together to identify sites for these new homes.

Quotes:

Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley -

"This situation has been at a critical level for too long, and at last, housing is available for people who have had to endure the hardships and risks to personal health and safety that come with living without shelter. We want to help grow healthy communities, and I believe that only happens when housing is available to everyone."

Linda Hepner, mayor, City of Surrey -

"Council's priority has always been to find long-term solutions to the homeless situation on 135A Street. With the new accommodations available, we are now able to offer those living in deplorable conditions on a sidewalk suitable housing that will have the necessary health and social supports. In essence, we are restoring dignity to these individuals by offering them proper shelter and care."

Shayne Williams, executive director, Lookout Society -

"Lookout Housing and Health Society is excited to operate the 160 temporary accommodation units, in partnership with BC Housing and Fraser Health, for Surrey's most vulnerable community members. Between 2014 and 2017, homelessness in Surrey increased by a third, from 403 to 602 individuals. The need for alternative housing in Surrey is more prevalent than ever. Lookout is looking forward to operating an intensive case management team to provide a range of health services, in addition to housing, to ensure long-term success and wellness."

Dr. Victoria Lee, chief medical health officer, Fraser Health -

"A person should be able to access effective and responsive services and supports, regardless of where he or she is in the process of recovery from addiction, mental illness, or both. Intensive case management teams work with the most vulnerable people, with severe substance-use disorders, to afford them the right to live, work, learn and participate fully in the community. Managing day-to-day activities, such as banking and grocery shopping, is often taken for granted, but they are important steps in successfully engaging in care, regaining independence and contributing to the community."

Quick Facts:

* The Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness program was launched in September 2017, with a provincial investment of $291 million to build 2,000 homes throughout B.C., and more than $170 million over three years for 24/7 staffing and support services.

* To date, more than 1,700 new homes for people most in need are in development in 19 communities throughout the province.

* Budget 2018 provides further supports for people experiencing homelessness, with funding for an additional 2,500 new units of supportive housing and support services.

* The Province will be working with people with lived experience, local governments and community partners to develop a homelessness action plan, to reduce homelessness through permanent housing and services.

* The Province invested $550,000 to fund homeless counts in up to 12 communities, during March and April 2018, to help inform B.C.'s homelessness action plan. Preliminary results from the account are expected to be released in the early summer 2018.

Learn More:

To find out what the Province is doing to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER
Services and supports provided for supportive housing

All new supportive housing buildings in the province are being provided with around-the-clock staffing to help young people, people with disabilities, seniors and others in critical need of housing.

Experienced, non-profit housing providers will provide support to tenants based on their assessed needs.

Some of the services and supports that will be provided to young people, seniors, people with disabilities and others who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless, are:

* meals;

* connecting residents to community supports, such as education and employment opportunities, and health and wellness services;

* individual or group support services, such as life skills, community information, and social and recreational programs;

* case planning and needs assessment;

* other supports designed to assist residents in meeting their personal and housing goals, including culturally specific programs;

* assistance to access income assistance, pension benefits, disability benefits, obtaining a B.C. identification card or establishing a bank account;

* support for residents to learn how to operate and maintain a home; and

* no-cost laundry services, either on-site or off-site.

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This is for TRAN-87383 – scheduled for Sunday, June 17 at 9:00am.

Thank you,
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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
Actions to date on rental housing

* The Province will invest more than $7 billion over 10 years, to build the kind of homes people need, in every corner of the province - including urban, suburban and rural.

* The Province is investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing subsidized rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades, and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to : https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing what is known as the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent-increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-

000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental housing task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes, and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* Read Homes for B.C., government's 30-point plan to address housing affordability for British Columbians: bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

* For actions the Province is taking to improve housing affordability, visit: news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges (https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/bc-government-addressing-housing-affordability-challenges)

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

FACTSHEET
B.C. government addressing housing affordability challenges

VICTORIA - To address the issue of housing affordability for British Columbians, the Province is curbing speculation in B.C.'s housing market and helping to build 114,000 affordable market rental, non-profit, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing through partnerships.

The Government of British Columbia is making the biggest investment in housing affordability in B.C. history - more than $7 billion over 10 years - and has released a 30-point housing plan: http://bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/homesbc/2018_Homes_For_BC.pdf

As well, the Province is strengthening supports for renters through changes to legislation and by improving rental assistance benefits for low-income seniors and working families.

Stabilizing the market

* The Province is introducing a number of measures to stabilize B.C.'s real estate market, including:
* Introducing a new speculation tax on residential property. This tax will target foreign and domestic speculators who own residential property in B.C., but do not pay taxes here. The tax will apply to Metro Vancouver, the Capital Regional District (excluding the Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca), Kelowna, West Kelowna, Nanaimo-Lantzville, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0009-000501)

* Increasing the foreign buyers' tax to 20%, and expanding it to the Capital Regional District, the Fraser Valley, the Central Okanagan and the Nanaimo Regional District.

* Increasing the property transfer tax and the school tax on people who buy or own homes valued higher than $3 million.

* Allowing online accommodation providers to apply PST and municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) on short-term rentals: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0003-000174)

* The revenues from these taxes will help address housing affordability throughout B.C.

* The Province has introduced amendments to the Real Estate Development Marketing Act to require developers to collect and report comprehensive information on the assignment of strata lot contracts, in order to crack down on tax evasion: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724

Increasing housing supply

* The Province is investing in new housing options for British Columbians:
* Close to $1.9 billion over 10 years to support the construction of more than 14,000 new affordable rental homes for low- to moderate-income British Columbians: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0019-000664)

* $1.2 billion over 10 years to build and support 2,500 new supportive housing units for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

* $734 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,500 spaces in transition and second-stage housing for women and children fleeing violence: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019 (http://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0034-001019)

* $550 million over 10 years to support the construction of 1,750 new units of social housing for Indigenous peoples.

* A new $450-million student housing program that will now allow public post-secondary institutions to borrow directly from the Province in order to help finance an estimated 5,000 new on-campus student housing beds, which previously had not been permitted. An additional 3,000 beds will be built through grants, institutional self-financing and other partnerships.

* These investments build on the measures announced in the September 2017 Budget Update:
* $208 million over four years to support the construction of 1,700 new affordable rental homes in communities around the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* $291 million to support the construction of 2,000 modular-home units for people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness and more than $170 million over three years to provide 24/7 staffing and support services. This program is expected to create more than 2,000 jobs throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0023-000852)

* The Province has proposed legislative changes to empower local governments to zone specifically for rental housing in their communities, supporting increases in rental supply: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0019-000724)

Supporting renters and landlords

* To help renters, the Province is providing $116 million over three years to expand eligibility and increase the average benefits under the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).
* More than 35,000 households will benefit from the enhancements, including 3,200 newly eligible seniors and families.

* The average payment for RAP recipients will go up by approximately $800 per year.

* The average payment for SAFER recipients will go up by approximately $930 per year.

* These enhancements will begin Sept. 1, 2018.

* For information about RAP and SAFER, go to: https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-assistance-

financial-aid-for-home-modifications

* The B.C. government has strengthened protection for renters by:
* Closing the fixed-term lease loophole: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017mah0010-001815)

* Eliminating the geographic rent increase clause: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MAH0021-002036)

* Changing the laws that apply in cases of renovations or demolitions: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0033-000618)

* Strengthening laws around manufactured home parks: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0066-001111)

* The B.C. government launched a new rental task force that will advise on how to improve security and fairness for renters and landlords throughout the province: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000608)

* The Province is providing $6.8 million in new funding to the Residential Tenancy Branch to reduce wait times for tenancy disputes and to establish a new compliance unit to take action against landlords and tenants who are repeat or serious offenders: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FIN0024-001557)

* The Province is also investing $1.1 billion over 10 years to upgrade and improve existing rental housing throughout B.C. This investment will fund seismic and fire-safety upgrades and essential repairs and maintenance, making homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

Building partnerships - HousingHub

* The Province launched the new HousingHub. It will take an active role in finding partners to build new affordable market-rental housing and owner-purchased housing: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629 (https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000629)

* The hub's focus will be on developing homes for people with average incomes between $50,000 and $100,000.

* As a centre for housing expertise and collaboration, affordable housing will be developed through the HousingHub, either through new construction or through the redevelopment of existing sites.

* More information about the HousingHub can be found here: https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub

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