

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: MMM Media Prep

It's a deal

Tim Howlett  
Issues Management  
250.208.4828

> On Sep 29, 2018, at 7:06 PM, Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Yes it does

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> Don Zadravec

> Executive Director

> GCPE

> 778-584-1252

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Sep 29, 2018, at 7:04 PM, Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX <Melissa.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>> Hi Don and Tim - does 3pm tomorrow at our office work for you

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>> Sent from my iPhone

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** housing figures

Signs prices are moderating:

- The BC Real Estate Association reports the average MLS residential price in BC has eased by 1.2 percent from last year [August 2018 vs August 2017]
- According to Sotheby's Fall Forecast (Sep 26):  
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Evidence of the crisis:

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/severe-gap-between-income-and-house-prices-in-all-metro-vancouver-markets-report>

**Severe gap between income and house prices in all Metro Vancouver markets: report**

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Thanks Brad

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Hi Tim

There are some recent announcements here. It's the same list as before with announcement dates and number of jobs added.

Let me know if you need something else.

Brad

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 27, 2018 9:42 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Hi Brad,

I actually found dates for many of them from an older QP note. Added below to save you from duplicating.

Do we have any examples that are more recent than April?

- Singapore-based **Swire Group's** decision to establish Vancouver as the North American headquarters for their deep-sea shipping division.
- **Amazon** is expanding its B.C. footprint by adding 4,000 new Vancouver-based software engineering, e-commerce technology and similarly skilled tech jobs by 2022. [April 2018]
- Our government is supporting homegrown biotech company **STEMCELL** to create 675 good jobs in Burnaby by 2022. [April 26, 2018]
- **Microsoft** is adding 50 new mixed reality jobs in Vancouver and has partnered with BCIT to train future tech talent in this burgeoning field.
- **Facebook** has leased 36,000 square feet over two floors at Waterfront Centre in downtown Vancouver.
- **Fortinet**, announced a large expansion in Burnaby with 1,000 new tech jobs. [Sept 2017]

- **Essel Group**, which will establish its new ZEE Studio International in Vancouver to hire local, skilled TV and digital media talent
- Japanese retailer **MUJI** opened their largest store outside Asia on Robson Street creating 150 jobs. [Dec. 2017]
- On Vancouver Island, major Silicon Valley-based tech company **Workday** expanded its presence in Victoria with the opening of a 17,000-square-foot office, signalling confidence and continued job growth in the Victoria tech sector.
- Our mining sector continues to grow with Price Waterhouse Cooper reporting gross revenues up \$3 billion last year, and nearly 900 more jobs.
- **Investment in mining exploration grew by \$41 million last year** – that’s a 20% increase. The first time it has grown since 2012.
- We’ve seen **expansion of the Prince Rupert Port** with an investment of \$200 million and plans to further boost shipping capacity and jobs. [June 2018]
- The **AltaGas export terminal** means 250 construction jobs and will create 50 permanent full-time jobs.

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:43 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Sure, will add those details. We have a few other items with hard deadlines today. When do you need this back by?

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 26, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Examples

These are great. Would it be possible to get dates (even just the month of announcement) and any job estimates?

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On Sep 26, 2018, at 1:26 PM, Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** McColl, John-Michael JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Hi Sarena

Do these examples cover the request?

Adding to the list below is Amazon's new fulfillment centre in Tsawwassen that will create over 700 new full time jobs.

- B.C. stands to benefit economically from these companies in their expansion efforts on the Lower Mainland:
  - Singapore-based **Swire Group's** decision to establish Vancouver as the North American headquarters for Swire's deep-sea shipping division, China Navigation Company.
  - **Amazon** is expanding its B.C. footprint by adding 4,000 new Vancouver-based software engineering, e-commerce technology and similarly skilled tech jobs by 2022.
  - Manhattan-based commercial real estate firm **WeWork**, which is moving into the upper floors of the historic Hudson's Bay building in downtown Vancouver, signalling a strong international endorsement of the provincial economy and talent pool.
  - **Microsoft**, which is adding 50 new mixed reality jobs in Vancouver and is expanding its Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS) philanthropy program to teach B.C. high school students computer science. Microsoft has also partnered with BCIT to train future tech talent in this burgeoning field.
  - **Facebook**, which has leased 36,000 square feet over two floors at Waterfront Centre in downtown Vancouver to accommodate the social media giant's growing needs.
  - **Fortinet**, which announced a large expansion in Burnaby with 1,000 new tech jobs.
  - **Essel Group**, which will establish its new ZEE Studio International in Vancouver to hire local, skilled TV and digital media talent

- And the establishment of major global retailers **Muji** and **Uniqlo** in B.C. demonstrates continued strong confidence in the provincial economy. The newest Muji, its third store in B.C., opened April 28 in Richmond. Both Muji and Uniqlo, which has two outlets in B.C., have plans to continue expansion in the province.
- We're helping to attract trade and investment to the Interior and Northern B.C., such as **Sumitomo Corporation's** 48% purchase of Pacific BioEnergy Corporation's wood pellet plant in Prince George.
  - And **DP World Canada's** Fairview Terminal expansion, which will boost shipping capacity by over 50% with a \$200-million investment at the Port of Prince Rupert, which is now served by all three of the world's major container shipping alliances and is one of North America's fastest-growing container cargo ports.
- On Vancouver Island, major Silicon Valley-based tech company **Workday** expanded its presence in Victoria with the opening of a 17,000-square-foot office, signalling confidence and continued job growth in the Victoria tech sector.
- The **Ralmax Group of Companies** plans to invest \$50-million in a new dry dock at its Point Hope Maritime shipyard on Victoria's harbour that is expected to double employment capacity to 400 jobs with wages that start near \$100,000 per year.
- Pending federal approval, the expansion will allow Point Hope Maritime to expand its ability to service larger vessels and increase work capacity for the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Coast Guard and B.C. Ferries vessels.
- In June 2017, **Point Hope** signed a five-year supply agreement for scheduled dry-docking, maintenance, repair or refit requirements, as well as emergency dry-docking services, for eight of BC Ferries' minor vessels.
- Additionally, **Victoria's Viking Air** announced the launch of a new manufacturing program to produce upgrade kits for the CL-215 amphibious firefighting aircraft.
- Viking has already hired 50 new Victoria-based employees to support the new program, and is planning to hire an additional 50 workers in Victoria and 150 in Calgary as production progresses.

- If the upgrade program proves to be a success, the company has plans to begin manufacturing a brand-new amphibious firefighting aircraft, which could result in the creation of additional jobs in both Victoria and Calgary.

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 25, 2018 12:02 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** McColl, John-Michael JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Examples

Thanks for the quick reply. To clarify, we're actually looking more broadly than that – any good economic job news!

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:01 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** McColl, John-Michael JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Examples

No problem. You are interested in new office openings and business expansion of global companies, correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2018, at 11:58 AM, Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Brad,

I believe this won't be a new type of request but I'm hoping you can pull together a list for me of any examples of recent investments to BC – such as new companies opening or companies expanding their workforce?

Is it doable to get this in the next day or two?

Apologies for the short notice, s.22

Thanks,  
Sarena

Sarena Talbot  
Issues Manager  
Strategic Issues Division, GCPE  
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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:30 PM  
**To:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX; Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: EMPR Media Request: Mount Polley disciplinary hearings

What about sending a single unified response? I would recommend from ENV as background bullets. Adding Caelie and David Crebo.

- s.13

- After a lengthy independent investigation, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia have announced disciplinary hearings for three individuals related to the breach of the tailing ponds.
- While the allegations are at this stage unproven, this situation underscores the importance of Government's review of professional reliance.
- British Columbians should be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and high environmental standards.
- In addition, there is an ongoing investigation between the B.C. Conservation Officer Service, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- All of the information gathered during the course of this investigation will be considered by the Public Prosecution Service of Canada for consideration of charges under the federal Fisheries Act which carries higher penalties than provincial legislation.

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**From:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: EMPR Media Request: Mount Polley disciplinary hearings

Noted. I'm including the bullets ENV has crafted for their MO to review/consider. They do not make reference to the EGBC release today.

- There is an ongoing investigation between the B.C. Conservation Officer Service, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- All of the information gathered during the course of this investigation will be considered by the Public Prosecution Service of Canada should charges be recommended.
- While the statute of limitations on provincial charges expired in 2017, potential charges under the federal fisheries act remain in play - and are, in fact, much more significant.
- B.C.'s Conservation Officer Service will continue to actively work alongside federal agencies on this complex and thorough investigation.



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**From:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: EMPR Media Request: Mount Polley disciplinary hearings

Looping Tim in.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2018, at 2:13 PM, Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX <[Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Melissa,  
Recommended response below – from the IN earlier. Tight deadline (3:30). I note that the reporter has asked ENV for a response also and I'll share what they are planning. Reporter's request is for comment – I can provide bullets on background or attribution to MMM.

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**From:** Darren Beaupre [<mailto:Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:33 PM  
**To:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** EMPR Media Request: Mount Polley disciplinary hearings

**Reporter**

Andrea Woo, Reporter  
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau  
[andreawoo@globeandmail.com](mailto:andreawoo@globeandmail.com)  
604-631-6602 c: 604-379-8133

**Deadline** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:30 PM

**Request**

Engineers and Geoscientists B.C. has announced disciplinary hearings against three people re: the Mount Polley tailings dam collapse, and I'm looking for a comment from the minister/ministry. Can you pls facilitate?

<https://www.egbc.ca/News/News-Releases/Mount-Polley-Disciplinary-Hearings-Announced>

**Background**

**Recommendation**

- s.13
- After a lengthy independent investigation, Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia have announced disciplinary hearings for three individuals related to the breach of the tailing ponds.
- The investigation found sufficient evidence to proceed to hearing on allegations that the three individuals demonstrated negligence and/or unprofessional work practices in the course of their professional activities.
- At this stage, the allegations are unproven, and the disciplinary hearings are scheduled for 2019.

<IN\_Mt Polley\_Sept 26 2018 911pm - Disciplinary Hearing.docx>

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:44 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Consultation TAC-2018-84190 Due: September 28

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Hargreaves, Stephen GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX; GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX; Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FOI Consultation TAC-2018-84190 Due: September 28

Good morning,

Please review the attached FOI consultation for harms recommendations.

Your response would be appreciated by the due date of **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Aileen – Your material begins on pg.16

Meghan – Your material begins on page 31

Stephen – Your material begins on page 37.

Thank you,

Justin Smith  
GCPE FOI Coordinator

**From:** Colliness, Shari D CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** September 26, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** GCPE Consultation for TAC-2018-84190 Due: Oct 11th

Hello GCPE,

TAC received this FOI request from a Political Party:

*Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments – sent from the Minister's Ministerial Assistant(s), where such a position existed and was staffed (Date Range of search: May 1 2018 – May 31 2018)*

They identified the attached document(s) as responsive records and wish to get your views on disclosure. If you need help determining harms, please see the attached harms assessment or contact me directly.

Your program area's response is due October 11, 2018.

If you are not able to respond by this date, we are required to continue processing this file without your recommendations.

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**1. Ministry Program Harms Assessment:**

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *There are no harms in these records. They can be released in full.*
2. *There are harms in releasing all of these records. They should be withheld in their entirety.*
3. *There are harms in portions of the records. Please give details so that IAO can apply the appropriate sections of FOIPPA. Please feel free to write directly on the attached records and send back to IAO. If you are unsure of why it is harmful please call the IAO to discuss the appropriate severing.*

Program Area Approval Authority:

*Name, Title, Program*

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**2. IAO's review of harms assessment and recommendations on release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*IAO will assess the program area's harms and recommend full release, withhold in its entirety or partial release.*

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**3. Ministry Executive approval for release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *Approved for release with no changes.*
2. *Approved for release with the following changes... (insert changes).*
3. *Not approved for release and why.*

Ministry Executive (Delegated Signoff):

*Name, Title*

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Note that all general FOI request records that are released to an applicant should be published on the Open Information website unless the exemption criteria apply. The exemption criteria can be found on page 11 of the [Open Information and Open Data Policy](#). Consultations from outside provincial public bodies are not published on the Open Information website.

**Exercise of Discretion:**

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) contains both mandatory and discretionary exceptions to disclosure. Sections 13 to 20 are the discretionary exceptions. Where Information Access Operations (IAO) has advised the head that a discretionary exception may apply, it is important that the head consider the possibility of releasing the information despite the fact that an exception may apply.

**Factors relevant to the exercise of discretion include:**

- the general purposes of the legislation: public bodies should make information available to the public; individuals should have access to personal information about themselves;
- the wording of the discretionary exception and the interests which the section attempts to balance;
- whether the individual's request could be satisfied by severing the record and by providing the applicant with as much information as is reasonably practicable;
- the historical practice of the public body with respect to the release of similar types of documents;
- the nature of the record and the extent to which the document is significant and/or sensitive to the public body;
- whether the disclosure of the information will increase public confidence in the operation of the public body;
- the age of the record;
- whether there is a sympathetic or compelling need to release materials;

- whether previous orders of the Commissioner have ruled that similar types of records or information should or should not be subject to disclosure; and
- when the policy advice exception is claimed, whether the decision to which the advice or recommendations relates has already been made.

Thank you,

Shari Colliness, FOI Specialist  
Business Team  
Information Access Operations

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 6:04 PM  
**To:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Request GCP-2018-86637 Due September 27

**Categories:** Red Category

Hi Krista,

I have about 250 emails for the period which based on previous experience would take more than 3 hours. Maybe 3.5 to 4 hrs.

January records would certainly fit within the 3 hr window.

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request GCP-2018-86637 Due September 27

Hello,

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

Please provide your estimate by **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Once this information is received I will provide further direction.

Thank you,  
Krista

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 4:11 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>; Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX <Jakelene.Plan@gov.bc.ca>; Funk, Richelle GCPE:EX <Richelle.Funk@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FOI Request GCP-2018-86637 Due September 27

Good afternoon,

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

Scope:

*Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages - excluding attachments - sent from Tim Howlett. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 04/30/2018)*

Applicant Type: Political Party

Instructions and Due Dates:

**Due Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018**

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

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

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

**Fee Estimate Due Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

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

Fee Estimate Recommended:

1. Time (hours):
  - Should include time to search, gather, review and provide records
  - must exceed 3 hours
2. Reason:

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

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

Thank you,

Justin Smith  
GCPE FOI Coordinator



**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** addition for Premier Issues Scan

### **Disciplinary Hearings for Mt Polley Engineers**

#### Background:

- At 1pm on Wednesday, the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC are announcing disciplinary hearings for three individuals related to the 2014 breach of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley Mine.
- The disciplinary hearings follow an extensive investigation by the regulatory body which alleges the three individuals involved in the design, construction and monitoring of the tailings facility were negligent.
- The allegations are not yet proven. A disciplinary panel will hold hearings in 2019 and could impose sanctions including reprimand, restrictions, suspension, cancellation of membership or a fine up to \$25,000.
- The Province continues to assist the Federal government in its investigation which could result in charges against the company under the federal Fisheries Act.

#### Message:

- s.13
- I'm aware of the findings and recognize that they are not yet proven. I will let that process play out without direct comment.
- But this situation helps underscore the importance of our review of professional reliance.
- British Columbians should be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and high environmental standards.

#### Why were no provincial charges laid if the regulatory body found negligence?

- The Province continues to assist the Federal government in its investigation which could result in charges against the company under the federal Fisheries Act.
- Potential penalties under federal legislation are significantly higher than those under provincial acts.

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:22 PM  
**To:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Engineers and Geoscientists of BC - Disciplinary Findings on Mt Polley

I need a few details on this to add to the Premier's issues scan. Do you have any draft elements of the Issues Note you could share?

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**From:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:42 AM  
**To:** Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Smith, Paula GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Engineers and Geoscientists of BC - Disciplinary Findings on Mt Polley

Don/Tim – attached NR going out at 1 pm tomorrow announces that three engineers that worked on Mt Polley were negligent. We're working on an IN. High level message: it's good to see the association holding its members to account. We're reviewing professional reliance to ensure this does not happen again. EMPR/ECCS MO's are aware. Including Crebo.

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** Currie, David GCPE:EX; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Economic Stats

This is perfect. Thanks David

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**From:** Currie, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:17 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Economic Stats

This is our latest Tim

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
Date: 2018-09-25 2:14 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: "Currie, David GCPE:EX" <David.Currie@gov.bc.ca>, "Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX" <Rob.Gillezeau@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Economic Stats

Hi David and Rob.

I'm working on QP notes and wondering if you would be able to help provide some updated good news economic facts.

The last QP note I have is out of date. Looking for things like jobs, lowest unemployment, wage growth, gdp projections.

Do we have recent stats handy?

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** Smith, George AG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Rob Shaw request

Just came in 7min ago

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**From:** Smith, George AG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Rob Shaw request

I don't have that request yet but yes, agreed.

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:43 PM  
**To:** Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Rob Shaw request

Need to emphasize that in the current situation if you loan your car and someone crashes it goes on your vehicle record and follows your insurance.

From Rob Shaw:

The reporter has heard about the \$50 "unlisted driver protection" ICBC add-on that people can get if they expect anyone else might use their vehicle during the year fewer than 12 times. The reporter believes that this fee is an insurance increase and can be considered a cash grab, as most people will loan their car to a relative or friend.

The reporter would like the ministry to expand on the reasoning behind this increase. He would prefer a quick phone interview with Minister Eby.

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Consultation LBR-2018-86377 Due: September 26

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 3:37 PM  
**To:** McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Wey, Melody GCPE:EX; Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX; Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FOI Consultation LBR-2018-86377 Due: September 26

Good afternoon,

Please review the attached FOI consultation for harms recommendations.

Your response would be appreciated by the due date of **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Thank you,

Justin Smith  
GCPE FOI Coordinator

**From:** Colliness, Shari D CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** September 24, 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** GCPE Consultation for LBR-2018-86377 Due: Oct 9th

Hello GCPE,

LBR received this FOI request from an Interest Group:

*All emails to/from the Minister and briefing notes, backgrounders, memos, etc. regarding Community Benefits Agreements.  
(Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2017 To 09/01/2018)*

They identified the attached document(s) as responsive records and wish to get your views on disclosure. If you need help determining harms, please see the attached harms assessment or contact me directly.

Your program area's response is due October 9, 2018.

If you are not able to respond by this date, we are required to continue processing this file without your recommendations.

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### 1. Ministry Program Harms Assessment:

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *There are no harms in these records. They can be released in full.*

2. *There are harms in releasing all of these records. They should be withheld in their entirety.*
3. *There are harms in portions of the records. Please give details so that IAO can apply the appropriate sections of FOIPPA. Please feel free to write directly on the attached records and send back to IAO. If you are unsure of why it is harmful please call the IAO to discuss the appropriate severing.*

Program Area Approval Authority:

*Name, Title, Program*

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## 2. IAO's review of harms assessment and recommendations on release

Comments/Recommendations:

*IAO will assess the program area's harms and recommend full release, withhold in its entirety or partial release.*

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## 3. Ministry Executive approval for release

Comments/Recommendations:

*Please indicate which applies:*

1. *Approved for release with no changes.*
2. *Approved for release with the following changes... (insert changes).*
3. *Not approved for release and why.*

Ministry Executive (Delegated Signoff):

*Name, Title*

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### Exercise of Discretion:

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### Factors relevant to the exercise of discretion include:

- the general purposes of the legislation: public bodies should make information available to the public; individuals should have access to personal information about themselves;
- the wording of the discretionary exception and the interests which the section attempts to balance;
- whether the individual's request could be satisfied by severing the record and by providing the applicant with as much information as is reasonably practicable;
- the historical practice of the public body with respect to the release of similar types of documents;
- the nature of the record and the extent to which the document is significant and/or sensitive to the public body;
- whether the disclosure of the information will increase public confidence in the operation of the public body;
- the age of the record;
- whether there is a sympathetic or compelling need to release materials;
- whether previous orders of the Commissioner have ruled that similar types of records or information should or should not be subject to disclosure; and
- when the policy advice exception is claimed, whether the decision to which the advice or recommendations relates has already been made.

Thank you,

Shari Colliness, FOI Specialist  
Business Team  
Information Access Operations



## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX; Smith, George AG:EX  
**Subject:** Hunter tweet: WA State orders TM to "correct deficiencies" in oil spill contingency plans

[https://twitter.com/justine\\_hunter/status/1044343323949813760](https://twitter.com/justine_hunter/status/1044343323949813760)

**justine\_hunter** @justine\_hunter

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder FOI Consultation: MOE-2018-83557 \*Due Sept 20

Apologies for the delay. attached

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Reminder FOI Consultation: MOE-2018-83557 \*Due Sept 20

Good morning,

This is a reminder to please review the attached for harms recommendations.

Thank you,

Justin Smith  
GCPE FOI Coordinator

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**From:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 18, 2018 2:34 PM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** GCPE Consultation Request: MOE-2018-83557 \*Due Sept 20

Hello,

Please review the attached FOI consultation for harms recommendations.

Your response is due by **Wednesday, September 20, 2018.**

Thank you,  
Krista

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**From:** IAO Resource Team CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:58 PM  
**To:** GCPE FOI Coordinator GCPE:EX <GCPEFOICoordinator@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Consultation MOE-2018-83557 Due: 28 September 2018 - Correction

Hello GCPE,

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, received this FOI request from a/an Political Party:

*Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments - sent from the Minister's Senior Ministerial Assistant(s) , where the position exists and was staffed. (Date Range for Record Search: From: 09/01/2017 To 09/30/2017)*

They identified the attached document(s) as responsive records and wish to get your views on disclosure. If you need help determining harms, please see the attached harms assessment or contact me directly.

Your program area's response is due 26 September 2018.  
IAO may take one to two business days to apply any severing.  
Your executive sign off response is due 28 September 2018.

If you are not able to respond by this date, we are required to continue processing this file without your recommendations.

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**1. Ministry Program Harms Assessment:**

*Please indicate which applies:*

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- 2. There are harms in releasing all of these records. They should be withheld in their entirety.*
- 3. There are harms in portions of the records. Please give details so that IAO can apply the appropriate sections of FOIPPA. Please feel free to write directly on the attached records and send back to IAO. If you are unsure of why it is harmful please call the IAO to discuss the appropriate severing.*

Program Area Approval Authority:  
*Name, Title, Program*

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**2. IAO's review of harms assessment and recommendations on release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*IAO will assess the program area's harms and recommend full release, withhold in its entirety or partial release.*

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**3. Ministry Executive approval for release**

Comments/Recommendations:

*Please indicate which applies:*

- 1. Approved for release with no changes.*
- 2. Approved for release with the following changes... (insert changes).*
- 3. Not approved for release and why.*

Ministry Executive (Delegated Signoff):  
*Name, Title*

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- the age of the record;
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- when the policy advice exception is claimed, whether the decision to which the advice or recommendations relates has already been made.

Thank you,

Charlotte Van Schalkwyk, FOI Specialist

Team Name

Information Access Operations

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 4:34 PM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX  
**Subject:** article on RCMP tent city release

[https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/rcmp-say-spike-in-crime-linked-to-tent-city-in-provincial-park-1.4104652#\\_gus&\\_gucid=&\\_gup=twitter&\\_gsc=2bA2HEL](https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/rcmp-say-spike-in-crime-linked-to-tent-city-in-provincial-park-1.4104652#_gus&_gucid=&_gup=twitter&_gsc=2bA2HEL)

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX; Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CEV for BC IB

Think we should make the title "B.C. tops up clean energy vehicle incentive program"

Or if we want to be cute "B.C. recharges clean energy vehicle incentive program"

Think we need to capture the fact that we are providing additional funding to keep the program going because it has run through previous allotment.

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**From:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 8:06 AM  
**To:** Copage, Caitlin GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: CEV for BC IB

Hi Caitlin and Tim,

FYI - Sage gave the green light to post the CEV IB on Wednesday.

Caitlin, you can share with the green caucus.

Best regards

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Haslam, David GCPE:EX" <[David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** September 17, 2018 at 4:33:01 PM PDT  
**To:** "Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX" <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX" <[Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: CEV for BC IB

Here ya go. Darren – note below

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**From:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** CEV for BC IB

Hi David,

Melissa and I spoke with Sage and she gave her okay to issue the CEV Additional Funding IB on Wednesday. Can you send me the latest copy to share with the CASA folks?

Thanks,

**Scott Andrews**

Ministerial Assistant

Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources

s.17 cell

(250) 387-4471 office

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Another poll on Spec Tax

The speculation tax result in the September 5<sup>th</sup> VoteLocal poll hasn't really been covered. Useful demonstration that the business community also supports cracking down on speculation as important to fixing problems with recruitment and retention.

September 5: VoteLocal poll (Mustel / FleishmanHillard HighRoad / GVBOT) [LINK](#) (online July 9 – Aug 23)

- Support for measures to curb speculation in BC's Housing Market: Population 77% support (9% oppose), business community 63% support (25% oppose). Population supports by a margin of more than 8.5 to 1. Business supports by margin of 2.5 to 1.
- Support for measures to limit foreign capital in BC Housing Market: Gen Pop 79% support, Business Community 66% support (24% oppose)
- Three in four businesses report that their ability to recruit or retain employees has been affected by the cost of housing.
- When asked if local governments should prioritize supply or demand side housing policies, 60% of people said a mix of both (which is what the government's 30-point housing plan is). A majority of business community (51%) also preferred a mix.

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Issues Manager  
Strategic Issues Division, GCPE  
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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 3:47 PM  
**To:** Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Accomplishments - rural BC

MCJ has asked for some notes on govt accomplishments over the first year with a focus on rural B.C. for the interview w CKPG.

Checking if anyone has year in review materials that I could pull from.

Tim Howlett  
Issues Management  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX" <[Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** September 10, 2018 at 3:40:59 PM PDT  
**To:** "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Currie, David GCPE:EX" <[David.Currie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Currie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Accomplishments - rural BC

Hi Tim,

Can you send me an accomplishments summary for the government's first year in office, focusing on rural BC?

MCJ is going to talk to CKPG in about 45 minutes.

**Sonja Zoeller**  
Communications Manager  
Ministry of Finance  
Desk: 250-387-1248  
Cell: 250-812-6844

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops

No. I only passed them along into the Premier's binder process.

Tim Howlett  
Issues Management  
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On Sep 7, 2018, at 7:50 AM, Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX <[Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darren.Beaupre@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Tim, JTT asking me if Ralston's office has received these via you? Can you confirm?

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**From:** Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops

Tim,

For the request detailed below – four issues notes attached.

Topics:

- IPPs
- Site C Continuation Measures
- Electrification in remote communities
- BC Hydro streetlight replacement program

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**From:** Jones, JJ GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 4:20 PM  
**To:** Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Larabee, Shawn G

GCPE:EX; Giles, Alison GCPE:EX; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX; Anderson, Kristy  
GCPE:EX; Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX;  
Corns, Paul GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX;  
Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX; Fellingner, Nicole  
GCPE:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX; Haslam,  
David GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; LeGuilloux, Marg GCPE:EX;  
Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne  
GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Porter,  
Rodney GCPE:EX; Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX;  
Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad  
GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Zaharia,  
Sarah GCPE:EX; Matthen, Sheila GCPE:EX

**Subject:** RE: UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops

Hello folks,

Apologies for the late notice on this – but due to circumstances outside of our control, we need to accelerate the production of issues notes slightly.

If shops could deliver draft issues notes to your Issues Manager **by noon on August 28**, it would be greatly appreciated. Please also send on drafts as they are completed rather than waiting to send them all as a batch. This will allow Issues Managers to do their run through of the materials in a more timely way.

Attached is a list of events and releases that have been approved for UBCM and their dates. This list may change between now and the event.

We have decided on a blanket policy of no info bulletins during UBCM. If your ministry had wanted to do an event or release and it is not on this list – please contact me to discuss it ASAP.

Thank you,

JJ

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**From:** Jones, JJ GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 1:00 PM  
**Cc:** Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX; Matthen, Sheila GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX; Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** UBCM Preparation for Communications Shops

Hello Everyone,

UBCM 2018 is fast approaching. As is to be expected, there is a good deal of preparation to be done to ensure that government can effectively use this opportunity to strengthen and improve the province's relationship with municipalities and build lasting partnerships to achieve our shared goals.

#### **Announcements and Event Plans**

Shops that are intending to do an announcement or press release during UBCM need to have them cleared with HQ in advance. Ministries with approved events should be aware that they have been cleared – but a list of events that have been approved will also be circulated soon. Please contact me with any questions you have on this.

Ministries that require a venue for announcements during UBCM week need to discuss and confirm their plans with Marlene Behrens at [marlene.behrens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:marlene.behrens@gov.bc.ca) by Aug. 21. Additionally, event plans need to be sent to myself and Marlene by August 28.

All news releases being sent during UBCM week will need to be cleared through HQ - with initial drafts into your executive director and myself by end of day on August 29 at the latest.

As you are developing your communications materials, please note that Whistler is the territory of the Squamish and Lil'wat First Nations [Lil-watt].

## **Resolution Notes**

The latest draft of the resolution book is attached. We will distribute the final copy when it becomes available, but your ministry leads can let you know if there are any changes in the meantime.

Communications shops are responsible for reviewing all resolution notes provided by their ministries for clarity of message and content. Resolution notes should abide by relevant GCPE style guides, and reflect the government's tone and approach, as exemplified by our most recent strategic plan (found here: [http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/Annual\\_Reports/2017\\_2018/Strategic\\_Plan\\_Report\\_2017-18.pdf](http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/Annual_Reports/2017_2018/Strategic_Plan_Report_2017-18.pdf)).

If you have any questions or need advice on specific materials, myself or Danielle Dalzell, Director of Writing and Content Strategy, can provide guidance.

As these resolution notes are already in the process of being developed at this time, please connect with your ministry UBCM lead as soon as possible to arrange to review them before they are finalized.

## **Issues Notes**

Please identify a maximum of three to five issues related to your ministry that are likely to arise at UBCM and develop issues notes on them in consultation with your issues manager. A template is attached.

These notes need to be delivered to issues managers by August 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Please use your judgement – if you don't anticipate an issue arising, it is not necessary to produce an issues note. Please consult with your issues manager if you are not sure whether a note is required.

## **Cabinet town halls**

Four cabinet town halls will be held concurrently on Wed., Sept. 12, from 3:00 – 4:15 pm at the Whistler Convention Centre. Below is the composition and titles of the town halls we are moving forward with this year.

Communications shops are responsible for ensuring their Minister's Office is aware of their involvement with these town halls, scheduled to attend, and prepared to answer questions that may arise. Short intro notes may need to be prepared for your ministers – more information will be provided when it is available.

***Growing Prosperity:*** Agriculture, Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Environment.

***Investing in People:*** Health, Advanced Education, Children and Families.

***Building a Better BC:*** Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure, Jobs, Trade and Technology.

***Safe communities:*** Attorney General, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness.

Government's overarching UBCM theme, approach and key messages, are nearing completion and will be shared with communications shops as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you for doing your part to make UBCM a success.

JJ

Director, Cabinet Priorities

Strategic Communications Division

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Phone: 250-889-6308

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Project\_Aug28\_2018\_1009am\_PW.docx>

<IN\_UBCM\_Independent Power Producers and BC Hydro's  
Standing Offer Program\_Aug28\_1023am\_PW\_KR\_2018.docx>

<IN\_UBCM\_Remote Community  
Electrification\_Aug28\_1026am\_PW\_CF\_KR\_2018.docx>

<IN\_UBCM\_Site C Continuation  
Measures\_Aug28\_1032am\_PW\_KR\_2018.docx>

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 2:04 PM  
**To:** Smith, George AG:EX; Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Subject:** ABLAWG on TMX decision

Interesting walkthrough of the marine traffic portion of the decision – if you have time

<https://ablawg.ca/2018/09/06/federal-court-of-appeal-quashes-trans-mountain-pipeline-approval-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/>

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Restoring Financial Integrity  
**Attachments:** Commentary Deferral Reversal 31 August 2018.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Not sure if you have seen the analysis from McCandless on the deferral announcement.

It appears that StarMetro is writing on this today FYI

**From:** "Richard McCandless" <[rick.mccandless@shaw.ca](mailto:rick.mccandless@shaw.ca)>  
**Date:** August 31, 2018 at 10:18:44 AM PDT  
**To:** "Andrew MacLeod" <[amacleod@thetyee.ca](mailto:amacleod@thetyee.ca)>, "Charlie Smith" <[gs.info@straight.com](mailto:gs.info@straight.com)>, "Dave Obee" <[dobee@timescolonist.com](mailto:dobee@timescolonist.com)>, "David Ball" <[david.ball@metronews.ca](mailto:david.ball@metronews.ca)>, "Gary Mason" <[gmason@globeandmail.com](mailto:gmason@globeandmail.com)>, "George Smith" <[george.smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:george.smith@gov.bc.ca)>, <[ghoekstra@postmedia.com](mailto:ghoekstra@postmedia.com)>, "Ian Bailey" <[IBailey@globeandmail.com](mailto:IBailey@globeandmail.com)>, <[imulgrew@postmedia.com](mailto:imulgrew@postmedia.com)>, "Jake Costello" <[jake.costello@cbc.ca](mailto:jake.costello@cbc.ca)>, "John Hua" <[John.Hua@globalnews.ca](mailto:John.Hua@globalnews.ca)>, "John O'Dowd" <[john@cknw.com](mailto:john@cknw.com)>, "Jon McComb" <[jon@cknw.com](mailto:jon@cknw.com)>, "Justine Hunter" <[JHunter@globeandmail.com](mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com)>, "Keith Baldrey" <[Keith.Baldrey@globalnews.ca](mailto:Keith.Baldrey@globalnews.ca)>, "Les Leyne" <[LLeayne@timescolonist.com](mailto:LLeayne@timescolonist.com)>, "Liza Yuzda" <[liza@cknw.com](mailto:liza@cknw.com)>, <[lkines@timescolonist.com](mailto:lkines@timescolonist.com)>, "Marcella Benardo" <[Marcella.Bernardo@vancouverradio.rogers.com](mailto:Marcella.Bernardo@vancouverradio.rogers.com)>, "Matt Prepost" <[editor@ahnfsj.ca](mailto:editor@ahnfsj.ca)>, "Mike Macdonald" <[Mike.Macdonald@globalnews.ca](mailto:Mike.Macdonald@globalnews.ca)>, "Mike Smyth" <[msmyth@postmedia.com](mailto:msmyth@postmedia.com)>, "Omand, Geordon" <[Geordon.Omand@thecanadianpress.com](mailto:Geordon.Omand@thecanadianpress.com)>, "paul willcocks" <[willcocks@gmail.com](mailto:willcocks@gmail.com)>, "Richard Zussman" <[Richard.Zussman@globalnews.ca](mailto:Richard.Zussman@globalnews.ca)>, <[rshaw@postmedia.com](mailto:rshaw@postmedia.com)>, "Vaughn Palmer" <[vpalmer@vancouver.sun.com](mailto:vpalmer@vancouver.sun.com)>, "Wendy Stueck" <[wstueck@globeandmail.com](mailto:wstueck@globeandmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Restoring Financial Integrity

Attached is a short commentary on the implications of the government's decision to begin to restore financial

Integrity at B.C. Hydro, and the public accounts in general. This is a welcome decision, signaling that the NDP government will be more honest and transparent about the finances of B.C. Hydro.

But many important questions remain, and many more taxpayer dollars will probably be required.

Richard McCandless

## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Comms materials for OMRR

Think this is fine

Tim Howlett  
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On Sep 4, 2018, at 4:58 PM, McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX <[Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

FYI

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**From:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX <[Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comms materials for OMRR

The item we would like to post this weekend, pending MGH approval later today...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Klassen Jeffery, Victoria GCPE:EX" <[Victoria.KlassenJeffery@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Victoria.KlassenJeffery@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** September 4, 2018 at 12:17:59 PM EDT  
**To:** "Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX" <[Caelie.Frampton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Caelie.Frampton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>, "Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX" <[Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Comms materials for OMRR

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**From:** Klassen Jeffery, Victoria GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Comms materials for OMRR

Approved (by Sundberg, standing for Ord) QA and IB, as discussed.  
IP to be posted Sept. 10.

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: FOR REVIEW: MEDIA REQUEST: Imperial Metals an the Red Chris mine

Think this looks fine

Tim Howlett  
Issues Management  
250.208.4828

On Sep 4, 2018, at 2:23 PM, Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Tim,

What are your thoughts on the suggested response below:

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**From:** Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 9:27 AM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Andrews, Scott EMPR:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Platts, Robin GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: MEDIA REQUEST: Imperial Metals an the Red Chris mine

Good morning Melissa and Scott,

The following media request is for review.. It has been reviewed by Peter Robb and is to be delivered to the reporter on background.

Thanks!

Kent Karemaker | Media Relations  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
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**Reporter:** Kevin Gullufsen, Juneau Empire

**Deadline:** Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Request:** This inquiry is in regards to Imperial Metals and the Red Chris mine. I need to know what the most recent figure for estimated remediation obligations the company has and how much they have in actual financial assurances at this time or whenever the most recent figures are available from. I also would like to speak with somebody to learn what the process would be to secure money for remediation and keep the mine from polluting should it shut down. I am unsure if this is the right office

to contact with that inquiry but I would appreciate you passing on that question to the relevant office or including their contact info here.

**Suggested response:**

The last Chief Inspector of Mines annual report shows that the Province holds \$12 million in financial securities with an estimated liability of \$17.6 million for the Red Chris mine.

Mining companies in British Columbia are liable for reclamation costs of mine sites.

As a condition of the Mines Act (Sections 10.4 and 10.5), a financial security is required for all or part of the outstanding costs associated with the mine reclamation and the protection of land, watercourses and cultural resources. Statutory decision-makers, not the minister, determine the amount of the security bonds required for each mine.

The B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources reviews and updates security amounts as project plans are reviewed and, in some cases, at the discretion of the Chief Inspector of Mines.

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## Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Budget commms mtg 2PM?

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I will confirm if it is going ahead or not

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**From:** Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Budget commms mtg 2PM?

Have tb at 2, but can definitely make it if important. Where is it at?

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
Date: 2018-09-04 1:14 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: "Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX" <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>, "Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX" <Rob.Gillezeau@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Budget commms mtg 2PM?

Hey guys,

Would you be available for a huddle with the budget comms group at 2pm?

Not entirely clear if meeting will go forward as Robb Gibbs is off but want to include you if it does.

Tim Howlett  
Issues Manager  
Strategic Issues Division, GCPE  
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