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**From:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 13, 2019 8:38 PM  
**To:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Bullet points re: UNDRIP from MIRR  
  
**Categories:** Red Category

Will do.

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**From:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September-13-19 7:03 PM  
**To:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Bullet points re: UNDRIP from MIRR

LSB said they want to see what gets written on UNDRIP. Let's make sure to route it through them as well.

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On Sep 13, 2019, at 6:51 PM, Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX <[Cathy.Dargie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cathy.Dargie@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Bev

Here are some bullets from MIRR on UNDRIP. You may find them useful for that part of MDE's speaking notes for the BC AFN Annual General Meeting.

Cathy

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**From:** Venn, Tania GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September-13-19 5:36 PM  
**To:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Request for bullets on UNDRIP for MDE SN

Hi Cathy,

Minister Fraser's address will be focusing on the UNDRIP legislation, so I assume Minister Eby will refer to it more in general terms. For that purpose, you can use these:

Thanks,

Tania

Happy Friday!

**We're working with Indigenous peoples and local communities to put the UN Declaration into action in B.C.**

- Reconciliation is one of government's key commitments, and is a shared priority in the Confidence and Supply Agreement.
- New legislation will help provide all of us with a way forward on reconciliation.
- We're reaching out to Indigenous, business, labour and municipal leaders across B.C. to work together and make sure we get this right.

**We're creating a predictable path forward for everyone — that means good jobs and opportunities, while protecting our environment.**

- The courts have been clear that Indigenous peoples have rights in their traditional territories – legislation will provide a path forward for all of us.
- Instead of uncertainty and lawsuits, we can build a robust and sustainable economy by working together, creating opportunities for Indigenous peoples, all families in B.C., business and industry.

**Successful reconciliation takes time, but we're committed to getting there with a plan that works for everyone.**

- We are making progress working together with Indigenous peoples to build a more prosperous and sustainable future, through agreements with First Nations like shíshálh and Nisga'a – agreements that support economic development that's making a difference on the ground to benefit everyone who lives in the region.
- Whole communities enjoy lasting benefits from our work together to support healthy families and healthy children – like more affordable housing for Indigenous families, reducing the number of Indigenous children in care and revitalizing Indigenous languages.
- Bringing provincial laws into alignment with the UN Declaration will not happen overnight, but we're committed to a concrete plan and regular reporting on our progress.

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**From:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
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<[Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Request for bullets on UNDRIP for MDE SN

Hi Tania,

We just found out yesterday that Our Minister, David Eby, has agreed to speak at the Assembly of First Nations AGM on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. The organizers have requested he speak for 10 minutes on several different topics, including: FN Justice Strategy, UNDRIP and province's opioid/overdose crisis strategy.

Do you happen to have any pre-approved bullets/ messaging on UNDRIP we can use for the Minister's speaking notes? If so, could you please flip them to me before end of day?

Thanks very much for any help you can provide!

Best Regards,

Cathy Dargie

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**From:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX  
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**To:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX; Nsabimana, John AG:EX  
**Cc:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Indigenous Justice Centres - Information please

**Categories:** Red Category

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**From:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
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**To:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX <Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca>; Nsabimana, John AG:EX <John.Nsabimana@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX <Timothy.Chu@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Indigenous Justice Centres - Information please  
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Thanks very much John!

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**From:** Nsabimana, John AG:EX  
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**Subject:** RE: Indigenous Justice Centres - Information please

Hi Cathy,

This is to confirm that we have received your request. We will respond soon.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Indigenous Justice Centres - Information please  
**Importance:** High

Hi Beverley and John,

Thanks very much for your help!

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**From:** Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX  
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**To:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: First Nations Justice Centres -IJSS Information Bulletin

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**From:** Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX  
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**Cc:** Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: First Nations Justice Centres -IJSS Information Bulletin

Cathy, can you do a search on whether or not we

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**Cc:** Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** First Nations Justice Centres -IJSS Information Bulletin

Hi Tim,

Bev Salkus (JSB, Indigenous Justice Strategy) – has just asked whether we can provide communications support for

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**Cc:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX <[Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: IJSS Information Bulletin

Hi Cathy,

We are expecting this to go out Wednesday next week but we would like to be ready in case this is needed soon.

Thank you,

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**Cc:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX <[Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: IJSS Information Bulletin

Hi John,

Thanks for your note. When does this need to go out?

Cathy



**From:** Nsabimana, John AG:EX  
**Sent:** August 21, 2019 11:22 AM  
**To:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX <[Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Beverley.Salkus@gov.bc.ca)>; Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX <[Cathy.Dargie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cathy.Dargie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: IJSS Information Bulletin

Hi Cathy,

John here at IJSS. Please let me know if there is any thing you need from my end re IJSS Information Bulletin.

Thank you,

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**Cc:** Nsabimana, John AG:EX <[John.Nsabimana@gov.bc.ca](mailto:John.Nsabimana@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** IJSS Information Bulletin

Hi Cathy,

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I was hoping to connect you with John Nsabimana in my office to work on a draft info bulletin. If you need more info John & I would be happy to setup a call and discuss.

Warm Regards,

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**From:** Valentinuzzi, Emma AG:EX on behalf of Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX  
**Sent:** July 25, 2019 10:59 AM  
**To:** AG/PSSG Joint Executive Distribution List  
**Cc:** Salkus, Beverley AG:EX; Spier, Colleen AG:EX; AG/PSSG Joint Exec Assist  
**Subject:** Indigenous Justice Strategy Update  
**Attachments:** 563487 - ADM IBN - Quarterly Joint Executive IJS Projects update.pdf  
  
**Categories:** Red Category

Good Morning,

Please see the attached IBN for your information. I will discuss this at Joint Exec today.

Regards,  
Kurt

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**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for the Ministry of Attorney General and the Public Safety and Solicitor General Joint Executive Committee

**ISSUE:** Quarterly status update on the Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS) Initiative and associated priority projects.

**SUMMARY:**

- The Indigenous Justice Strategy Secretariat (IJSS) continues to work on the Indigenous Justice Strategy with Provincial partners and stakeholders, and on the jointly identified key priority projects across Ministries as required.  
The key priority projects include, but are not limited to:
  - Indigenous Justice Centers (IJC's): The development and implementation of s.13 Indigenous Justice Centers in 2019/2020 that provide legal advice and advocates as well as wrap-around services to Indigenous clients interacting with the justice system.
  - Gladue:
    1. Research and consultation in respect of Gladue Reports, both provincially and nationally, to identify strength and weaknesses of current Gladue processes and to inform recommendations for future-state Gladue in our province.
    2. Identify and provide support for increased Gladue report production.
  - Indigenous Courts: Establish additional Indigenous Courts within the Province.
- To assist in informing the Indigenous Justice Strategy, several engagement sessions have been scheduled throughout the Province for First Nations and Metis Leaders, front-line service providers and community members, which are scheduled to conclude July 2019.

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**BACKGROUND:**

- On September 7, 2017, the ministries of Attorney General (AG) and Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the British Columbia Aboriginal Justice Council (BCAJC) to find ways to improve how the justice system interacts with Indigenous people in British Columbia, and to make best efforts to jointly develop an Indigenous Justice Strategy within 2 years of the signing.

- The partners to the MOU created an IJS Leadership Circle consisting of 4 members that currently includes: Kurt Sandstrom (AG), Rachel Holmes (SG), Doug White (BCAJC) & Tracy Downey (BCAJC),
- In November 2018, the partners jointly hired an Executive Director who resides under the AG in JSB reporting to ADM Kurt Sandstrom, but is in the unique role of taking direction and reporting to all members of the Leadership Circle.
- In March 2019, the BCAJC announced that they had received formal endorsement from its three founding organizations, the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), the Union of BC Chiefs (UBCIC), and the First Nations Summit (FNS) to change its name to the British Columbia First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC), and to change its mandate to focus on First Nations specific justice issues.
- This change recognizes that Indigenous peoples in BC (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) have different cultures, priorities and histories with the BC Province and that the former BCAJC could not speak for all Indigenous groups within the Province.
- In April 2019, the Metis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC), formed its own Metis Nation British Columbia Justice Council (MNBCJC) to address the way the justice system interacts with Metis people within the Province and to inform a Provincial Metis Justice Strategy developed in partnership with the AG and the PSSG. MNBCJC has an Expression of Interest for MNBCJC membership closing July 23, 2019, with the anticipation of having members identified by July 30, 2019.
- The Province has committed to work with both the BCFNJC and Métis Nations BC Justice Council (MNBCJC) to ensure Nations-distinct approaches are recognized in either a single Provincial Indigenous Justice Strategy, or through the creation of 2 strategies, with overlap where appropriate, representing the unique needs of each group.
- MNBCJC has also created a Leadership Circle for its work consisting of Kurt Sandstrom (AG), Rachel Holmes (SG), and 2 members of the MNBCJC, who are yet to be determined. The first meeting of this MNBCJC Leadership Circle is scheduled for August 13, 2019.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Indigenous Justice Centres (IJC's)**

- The BCFNJC Leadership Circle met on July 15, 2019 and discussed the Provincial Director position posting for the BCFNJC. The BCFNJC had only just approved the job description Friday, July 12th, but intended to post by days' end. The Province identified it is critical for the BCFNJC to have the Provincial Director identified by July 30th to meet critical time lines.

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- BCFNJC has had discussions with Legal Services Society (LSS) on potential co-location of a Parent Legal Centre (PLC) and IJC in Victoria.
- Indigenous Justice Strategy Secretariat staff (IJSS) provided an overview of key deliverable dates to the BCFNJC Leadership Circle if the implementation of the IJC's are to meet their implementation deadline of s.13

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### **IJS Engagement Sessions for development of Justice Strategies:**

#### **BCFNJC**

- BCFNJC has completed 1 Provincial Leadership Forum and 4 Regional engagement sessions with First Nations leaders and Service Providers.
- The BCFNJC met with AG/PSSG Joint Executive, July 12, 2019 and provided an update on top themes from the recent sessions.
- The BCFNJC has approved contracting Roshan Danesh to assist on the drafting of the First Nations Justice Strategy.
- IJSS staff identified the tight timeline and key deliverable dates for the draft First Nations Justice Strategy, in order to make best efforts to have a draft strategy by s.13;s.16 as indicated in the MOU:

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- The IJSS project director is drafting a plan to assist the BCFNJC with engagement with the Province.

#### **General Discussion**

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#### **MNBCJC**

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- MNBCJC has recently completed their Regional consultation sessions with Métis leaders and Service Providers.

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#### **GLADUE**

- LSS has hired a qualified Senior Gladue Writer on a trial basis for a minimum of one year through a Law Foundation grant. LSS will monitor and measure the mentorship, coaching and supervisory activities completed by the Senior Gladue Writer, in addition to direct Gladue writing activities as it is anticipated they will have capacity to produce up to 4 reports each month. Approximately three months prior to the end of the trial period, a brief evaluation report-out summarizing the results of



the Senior Gladue Writer trial will be provided to the Law Foundation of BC and Justice Services Branch.

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## INDIGENOUS COURTS

Operational:

- 1) Prince George – established April 2018
- 2) Merritt – established Oct 2017
- 3) North Vancouver (includes Whistler, Squamish and the North Shore) established Feb 2012
- 4) Duncan – established May 2013
- 5) Kamloops – established March 2013
- 6) New Westminster – established Nov 2006

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