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Sent: July 11, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Smith, Jimmy PREM:EX
Subject: KMQA BCH
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Tim Howlett (he/him)
Executive Director, Issues Management

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Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX

From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: July 10, 2022 2:12 PM
To: LynesFord, Adam AG:EX; Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Madoc-Jones, Sian AG:EX; Dowler, Thea AG:EX; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: 2:15 pm media requests

Reporter:
CTV News
Kevin Charach
Kevin.charach@bellmedia.ca
[604-787-1853](tel:604-787-1853)

Deadline: 5 pm

Request:
- Concerns regarding the number of recent fires in BC Housing buildings
- Where and when the displaced tenants will be relocated.

Background Information:

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Suggested Response from BCH:

BC Housing is relieved that the fire at 1424 Comox Street was quickly contained and no serious injuries or loss of life were reported, with damage to only three units including the one in which the fire started.

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BC Housing is committed to providing safe and secure housing to all those who need it and is working closely with our partners to ensure that fire safety standards are met, with any recommendations made by Vancouver Fire Rescue Services implemented in a timely manner to ensure the safety of our tenants across all of BC Housing's buildings.

980 CKNW Vancouver
Jonathan Chung
jonathan.chung@corusent.com
778-688-7729

Deadline: *Monday 11 July, 7:36 am*

Request:
- Interview request for the AG to discuss province announcing changes to the BC Housing Board.

Recommended response: **Statement from AG:**

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From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: July 9, 2022 1:16 PM
To: Madoc-Jones, Sian AG:EX; LynesFord, Adam AG:EX; Dowler, Thea AG:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX
Subject: 1:15 Media Request

Hi folks,

I understand Zussman has reached out to you personally but Global has asked if we can confirm if the AG is available for an interview or if he can send a statement.

Outlet

Global
Richard Zussman

Deadline - 4 pm

Request

Can the AG comment on yesterday's BC housing board decision? We'd like more information on why it was made

Draft statement-

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Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: 1:15 Media Request

On Jul 10, 2022, at 10:18 AM, LynesFord, Adam AG:EX <Adam.LynesFord@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

No need to respond, MDE provided comment to Global in person yesterday

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Cc: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 1:15 Media Request

Thanks Tim – Will do. Updated as below.

MO, please let us know if this is approved and/or you have any further feedback.

Thanks,
Preet

From: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: 1:15 Media Request

I would take off the first sentence and just start at “Recently, the Province...”

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Subject: RE: 1:15 Media Request

Hi there,

Just checking in on this media request.

Thanks,
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Ministry of Attorney General and
Responsible for Housing

Changes to BC Housing Board

VICTORIA – David Eby, minister responsible for housing, has announced changes to the composition of the BC Housing Board of Commissioners.

Effectively immediately, the Board is comprised of Alan Seckel (Chair) and recently appointed board members Jill Kot, Sheila Taylor, Mark Sieben and Russ Jones.

The Board will continue overseeing governance of the organization and will ensure the implementation of best practices in view of the recently released external review conducted by Ernst & Young.

The review was initiated by the B.C. Government in 2021 to ensure that BC Housing can deliver its expanded budget and mandate in consideration of government's historic \$7-billion investment in affordable housing over ten years and the rapid growth of the Crown corporation.

The remaining newly appointed board members who were announced in June 2022 will begin their appointments on July 22nd, 2022.

Media Contacts
Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing
Media Relations
236 478-0251

**Changes to BC Housing Board
Questions & Answers**

Questions and Answers:

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Cc: Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX; Butler, Liam GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: 3:19 pm media requests

Thank you.

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From MDE: Statements for BC Housing and fire statement is good to go.

Decline the interview and just provide the statement.

Thanks!

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Hi again,

Just a follow up on the CKNW request.

The interview slots are 7:35 or 8:35 am tomorrow with Simi Sara. The interview would be live & about 6 mins.

Thanks,
Preet

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2022, at 3:21 PM, Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX <Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

3 AG Media requests

- David Ball – CBC – BC Housing changes interview request – **due 8 pm today**
- Kevin Charach – CTV News – BC Housing fires – **due 5 pm today**
- Jonathan Chung – CKNW – BC Housing changes interview request – **due 7:36 a.m. tomorrow**

Does MDE have time to call David sometime today before 8 pm?

Reporter

David Ball, Reporter

CBC - Vancouver

david.ball@cbc.ca

778-252-2255 c: 604-653-7641

Deadline Sunday, July 10, 2022 8:00 PM

Request

Sorry to bother you on this sunny weekend. I'm the late weekend reporter with CBC News.

Am hoping Minister Eby might be available for a short 5 minute radio clip re: BC Housing board change. My deadline is 8pm. I know it's a long-shot but hope to give CBC listeners an insight into what is going on at the agency.

If he has a couple minutes to clip, I would like to ask him for radio news clip re: why change the board, what fixes will arise from E&Y report, and to respond to Opposition claims Friday announcement timing was a "cover up" of mismanagement.

Much appreciated, especially on a sunny Sunday!

Recommendation

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