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**To:** [McLaughlin, Daniel AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CRCC report  
**Date:** March 7, 2023 11:52:46 AM  
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Hi Dan,

Sorry for the delay.

As attached. Please do not share this widely as the report is not public.

Thanks,  
Preet

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As requested

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**Subject:** RE: CRCC report

Hi! Just a reminder the report is not public.  
So there's no link to the report, but the relevant docs are attached.  
Hope this helps

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**Subject:** Re: CRCC report

It's a fed public report. We'll dig it up and share.

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**Subject:** FW: CRCC report

Hi David and Jason,

Please see this request below. Is this report something that could be shared (in whole or in part) internally with the BCPS?

Thanks,  
Preet

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**From:** McLaughlin, Daniel AG:EX <[Daniel.McLaughlin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Daniel.McLaughlin@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** CRCC report

Hi Preet. Do you know where I could get a copy of the CRCC report into the police handling of allegations arising from the Ramsay investigation. I know the Sol Gen recently announced an independent review as a result of the report. It has not been publicly released apparently.

**Dan McLaughlin**

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Civilian Review and  
Complaints Commission  
for the RCMP



Commission civile d'examen  
et de traitement des plaintes  
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Our File: <sup>s.22</sup>

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Room 128, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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Dear Minister:

Subject: Commission's Final Report following a Public Interest  
Investigation Into the Complaint of <sup>s.22</sup>

Please find enclosed, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 45.72(2) of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act*, the final report setting out my findings and recommendations in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ms. Lahaie".

Micheline Lahaie  
Chairperson

Encl.

**From:** [Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX](#)  
**To:** [Plan, Jake GCPE:EX](#); [Pate, Catherine GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX](#); [Kropp, Roxanne GCPE:EX](#); [Walker, Alexa GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AG: Budget 2023 review - ASAP/11:30am tomorrow  
**Date:** February 23, 2023 12:46:09 PM  
**Attachments:** [AG Budget 2023-pg.docx](#)  
[2023Feb22\\_FNLBCBFNJC\\_RCMPAllegationsofAbuseofIndigenousGirls.pdf](#)

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Hi there,

Sorry for the delay. Attached please find some edits as tracked. <sup>s.13</sup>

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Thanks,  
Preet

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**From:** Plan, Jake GCPE:EX <Jake.Plan@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** AG: Budget 2023 review - ASAP/11:30am tomorrow  
**Importance:** High

Hi Preet and Catherine,

Please see attached for sections of the Budget 2023 media materials (speech, NR/BGs, and select KMQAs) that pertain to your ministry. This document needs to be kept confidential among your team's director and manager. Only share this document with the relevant ADMs/DMs that can confirm the information inside.

Unfortunately (and we are very sorry about this), we have a very tight turnaround and we are aiming to have reviews complete by 11:30AM tomorrow morning.

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If you have questions or concerns, please contact me ASAP.

### **Jake Plan**

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## Speech

Just as people need to know a good life is within reach in B.C., they need to feel safe in their home and community.

Budget 2023 backs our Safer Communities Action Plan with a commitment of <sup>s.13</sup>

On the enforcement side, we're adding 250 more RCMP members to help keep people safe, especially in rural B.C.

We're implementing new response teams to <sup>s.13</sup> repeat violent offenders.

These teams are made up of police, dedicated prosecutors, and probation officers.

To improve access to justice, we're continuing to update the Police Act and adding more resources to the BC Human Rights Tribunal.

Over the next two years, another 10 Indigenous Justice Centres will open their doors.

This is in addition to those already serving people in Prince George, Prince Rupert, Merritt and online through a virtual centre.

Addressing the overrepresentation of Indigenous Peoples in the justice system is a top priority.

Both for our government and for the B.C. First Nations Justice Council.

Together, we can break the cycle of jail and release. It begins with addressing the poverty, trauma, and health issues that brought the person to the justice system in the first place.

## NR + BGs

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Knowing that B.C.'s legal system will support and serve everyone in the community is an important part of creating a safe, secure province. Complementing B.C.'s investments to build safe communities with services that support and represent the diverse makeup of the province, an additional \$80 million will be dedicated to improving access to justice.

- In partnership with the BC First Nations Justice Council, 10 new Indigenous Justice Centres will open over the next two years to provide free, culturally safe legal help, early resolution programs, support and representation for Indigenous Peoples. Supported by \$44 million, the network of Indigenous Justice Centres will expand to 15 locations, supporting the important work of addressing the over-representation of Indigenous Peoples in the criminal justice system.
- The BC Human Rights Tribunal will see a significant boost to core funding, with an additional \$13.5 million to improve processes at the Tribunal and help more disadvantaged people access free legal services from the Community Legal Assistance Society.
- Approximately \$16 million over the fiscal plan will help with virtual and after-hours bail hearings to expedite court hearings. Virtual bail allows accused people to attend bail hearings in their



home communities instead of having to travel to a bigger city where they are disconnected from their families and community supports.

- Additional investments in justice include a base-budget boost of \$2 million per year for the Independent Investigations Office, which investigates incidents of death or serious harm that may have involved a police officer, <sup>s.13</sup> ;

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## KMQA

### Safe, Healthy Communities

- Everyone deserves to feel safe in their communities, no matter where they live.
- We're making changes to keep British Columbians safe:
  - Stronger enforcement to keep repeat violent offenders off our streets, and
  - Stronger services to build safe, healthy communities for everyone.
- Budget 2023 builds on the Safer Communities Action Plan by supporting enforcement, policing and access to justice.
- More than \$460 million will help:
  - Hire more officers and support staff
  - Create specialized teams for investigating and preventing complex crime
  - Support new crisis response teams and prevent repeat violent offending
  - Help implement decriminalization
  - <sup>s.13</sup>
  - Expand virtual and after-hours bail
  - Increase support for the BC Human Rights Tribunal and Independent Investigations Office
  - Add more Indigenous Justice Centres throughout the province.
- These are important steps to make sure that B.C. has effective services and capacity in communities all over the province.

### Questions

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- We introduced the Safer Communities Action Plan to address the issue of repeat violent offending.
- And the BC Prosecution Service has implemented a new policy that addresses, to the full extent possible under the law, the risk that repeat violent offenders pose to public safety in British Columbia .
- The new investments in Budget 2023 <sup>s.13</sup>
  - Supports for people in mental-health crisis, including care teams and peer supports
  - Implementing decriminalization
  - Updating cannabis licensing services

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- **How much of the Safer Communities Action Plan is being funded by Budget 2023?**

- Altogether, Budget 2023 sets out \$462 million to help build safe and healthy communities in B.C.
- That includes funding for policing, enforcement and public safety, improved access to justice and justice services, as well as community-based mental-health and addictions crisis response.
- From the Safer Communities Action Plan, which was announced in November, the repeat offending management program and the Special Investigation & Targeted Enforcement (SITE) program are funded by Budget 2023.

- **Are the new Indigenous Justice Centres funded by Budget 2023?**

- The other initiatives announced in Budget 2023 will continue to build on the work from the action plan.

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February 22, 2023

Hon. Premier Eby  
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## **RE: Allegations that RCMP in Prince George Abused Indigenous Women and Girls**

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Farnworth, Minister Mendicino, and Minister Lametti,

The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) and BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) are appalled and deeply disturbed that there are serious allegations of egregious and violent sexual abuse of Indigenous girls against RCMP officers in Prince George, BC, and that when these allegations were originally made in 2011 they were not investigated, but instead were covered up by authorities. This situation demonstrates failures on countless levels and complete negligence by the RCMP. As families of MMIWG2S+ and survivors marked the February 14<sup>th</sup> Downtown Eastside Women's Memorial March and gathered for the Assembly of First Nations National Gathering on MMIWG2S+ in BC last week, it remains clear that the Crown's lack of response and prioritization of issues of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people continues to cost lives and leave countless others forever impacted.

The FNLC and BCFNJC are calling for a renewed Indigenous and civilian-led investigation, and pending criminal charges for officers involved. We are also calling for the interim report from the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP (CRCC) – which found a failure by the RCMP to investigate these allegations – to be publicly released. The discredited RCMP organization must be completely transformed so that it stops perpetuating harm against Indigenous peoples, especially women, girls and gender-diverse people. First Nations' jurisdiction over matters of justice, policing and community safety must be affirmed.

According to the first of three stories [published on February 3, 2023](#), former Constable Lisa Mackenzie shared with top homicide investigator Garry Kerr in January 2006 that she found video footage of RCMP officers assaulting Indigenous girls and that the assaults may be connected to the notorious case of judge David Ramsay who was accused of the assault of underage and of age Indigenous women and girls alongside nine RCMP officers and one lawyer. Judge Ramsay was the only one to be sentenced and received [seven years](#) in prison for violently preying on and assaulting Indigenous girls as young as 12 in Prince George, BC.

Mackenzie's allegations were reported to several senior RCMP officials along with recorded statements from Mackenzie and Kerr and video evidence submitted to a lawyer for a presumed renewed RCMP investigation; it took seven months before the evidence was collected. Despite efforts by Mackenzie and Kerr, the matter was ignored by senior RCMP officials and according to Supt. Darren Lench, the matter was investigated and closed. When Kerr asked for the video evidence to be returned, he was told it had been lost.

The findings of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP report are damning; concluding that no one was ever designated to lead an investigation, upholding what Indigenous women and frontline advocates have long decried – that the RCMP fail to protect Indigenous women and girls, perpetuate violence, and fail to meaningfully support victims' families.

The FNLC and BCFNJC are extremely troubled by the details of these allegations, which point to the deeply rooted corruption, impunity, and lawlessness of the RCMP as a police institution. It is fundamentally unfit, and unable to be accountable. The repeated failed attempts of Mackenzie and Kerr spanning more than a decade attempting to have justice served and have the allegations investigated is indicative of the insidious and systemic racist and misogynistic attitudes that have defined the RCMP since its inception as a colonial tool of violence against Indigenous peoples.

The timing and location of these allegations are particularly salient and offensive as they stem from the heart of the crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit+ People (MMIWG2S+). [The National inquiry](#), [Red Women Rising: Indigenous Women Survivors in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside](#), and the [Highway of Tears Symposium Recommendations Report](#) make abundantly clear the disproportionate and widespread experiences of gender-based violence in rural and remote communities like Prince George, BC along the Highway of Tears, which are under-resourced, lack safe Indigenous-run regional transit options, shelters, and victims' services, are rife with violent predators, and face police apathy, violence, and mishandling of processes which should, but do not deliver justice.

Adding insult to injury, the 2011 allegations came to light during a time when communities were reeling with the unspeakable atrocities committed by judge David Ramsay and serial killer Robert Pickton just a few years earlier. These crimes and uninvestigated allegations display the profound and inexcusable lack of accountability and oversight by multiple jurisdictions and police forces. We are deeply disappointed that a decade later on April 13, 2021, Minister Farnworth's office, the minister responsible for public safety, responded to the CCRC report and current allegations by passing the issue onto the federal government. Responsibility for the lives of Indigenous women and girls cannot be reduced to bureaucracy and jurisdiction.

Articles 7, 21, and 22 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of BC, passed legislation committing to implement, affirms the rights of Indigenous



women and girls and must be fully implemented without delay. The federal and provincial governments' responses to the National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice are not sufficient, systemic, transparent, or tangible at the community level. In BC, the response to the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*, have fallen short of meaningful transformation, and the federal government's narrow approach to First Nations police services legislation are not aligned with the UN Declaration. Without a complete overhaul of the current system, new investments into policing will not solve the issues experienced by Indigenous peoples. We are both over-policed and under-protected.

On the contrary, recent commitments by Vancouver Mayor Sim including 100 new Vancouver Police Department officers and mental health nurses, as well as Premier David Eby's commitment of [230 million dollars](#) to the RCMP, further empower the RCMP in this province and signal the status quo in policing. The FNLC does not support the intensification of policing as a solution to creating safe communities for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. Evidence further shows that stronger police presence does not equal safety for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. The RCMP is a failed and archaic institution, which has a long history of warfare against the Indigenous people. The issues cannot simply be fixed with provincial dollars, which could be better directed to Indigenous and grassroots organizations and First Nations to assert our jurisdiction and rights to self-determination to protect our peoples.

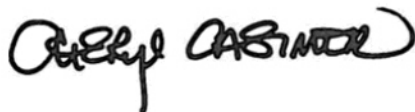
We call on your leadership to work together across jurisdictions to address the harm done: to see that these allegations, and others involving those that are complicit in systemic violence against Indigenous women and girls, are fully investigated; for the RCMP interim investigation report to be released publicly; for an independent Indigenous and civilian-led investigation to be swiftly carried out; for a criminal investigation and appropriate criminal charges for the officers involved; and for profound police reform to put an end to negligence and violence towards our people.

We urgently await your responses to learn how you will take responsibility to address these allegations of gross human rights violations and corruption.

Sincerely,

#### **FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

##### **On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT**



Cheryl Casimer



Robert Phillips

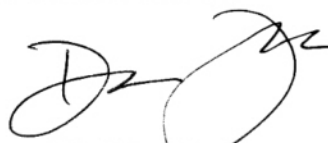


Hugh Braker

##### **On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS**



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip

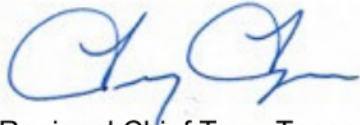


Chief Don Tom



Chief Marilyn Slett

**On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:**

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Regional Chief Terry Teegee

**BC FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE COUNCIL**

A black ink signature of Rosalie Yazzie, featuring a cursive style with a large, prominent 'R' and a long, sweeping tail.

A/Chair Rosalie Yazzie

CC:

Prince George RCMP

RCMP Commissioner

Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act

The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission of the RCMP

BC First Nations