

Subject: Re: CLIFF ID 149530 IN MMM Connected Coast
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11:51:43 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan JEDC:EX
To: Monroe, Danielle JEDC:EX
CC: Jang, Monica JEDC:EX, Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX, Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

Sure, we'll update accordingly and send back through eApps shortly.
Generally, the responses to the questions would include:

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Susan

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From: "Monroe, Danielle JEDC:EX" <Danielle.Monroe@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM
To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Jang, Monica JEDC:EX" <Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX" <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 149530 IN MMM Connected Coast

Hi Susan,

I shared the Connected Coast Information Note with Krystal who responded with a request for additional information.

Can you please update the IN to include the following:

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As mentioned previously, the IN will be shared with Krystal who will share with the PO. We have been asked

Subject: Re: Urgent: Connected Coast messaging

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 10:36:39 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX

To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX, Randell, Howard CITZ:EX, Holliss, Jeanne CITZ:EX

CC: Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX

Hi Kirsten,

There is a list of communities, but suggest specifics are directed to Ministry staff, or more appropriately Strathcona Regional District for the Ahousaht announcement.

I would also recommend saying approximately 150 communities and more than 50 indigenous communities.

There bullets look okay to me.

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Cheers,

Susan

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From: "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 5:43 PM

To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>, Howard Randell <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>, "Holliss, Jeanne CITZ:EX" <Jeanne.Holliss@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX" <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Urgent: Connected Coast messaging

Hi All,

I'm working on some high-level messaging for the Q&A on Connected Coast. I have this IBN from May. Any significant updates since then?

I don't think MSF will need to go into detail, as Howard can provide context and background as needed. The missing piece for below might be which other communities on the west coast of Vancouver Island are part of the Connected Coast – specifically, which are "landing sites" and are there status updates on those ones yet?

Do you think the answer below will suffice for Tuesday?

What is the Connected Coast project?

- Connected Coast, announced in January 2018, is a \$45.4-million co-funded investment by the federal and provincial governments to bring high-speed internet to 154 rural and remote coastal communities.

- This includes 56 Indigenous communities along B.C.'s coast.
- Connected Coast is led by CityWest in the north and the Strathcona Regional District in the south.
- Connected Coast work includes installing a sub-sea fibre line from Prince Rupert over to Haida Gwaii, around Vancouver Island and to the Lower Mainland, bringing fibre connections to landing sites in B.C. coastal communities.
- Once activated, other coastal communities like Ahousaht will be able to enjoy reliable internet access at speeds comparable to urban centres on the mainland.
- Questions about project timelines, schedules and progress are best directed to CityWest and the Strathcona Regional District.

Thanks,

Kirsten

Subject: FW: Confidential_Announcement Opportunities 2019-2020_2019August07.xlsx
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 8:53:42 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Holliss, Jeanne CITZ:EX
Attachments: Announcement Opportunities 2019-2020_2019August07.xlsx

Hi Jeanne,

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From: Maria Fuccenecco <Maria.Fuccenecco@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 12:07 PM
To: "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>, "Holliss, Jeanne CITZ:EX" <Jeanne.Holliss@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Confidential_Announcement Opportunities 2019-2020_2019August07.xlsx

Hi Kirsten, as requested, here you go...

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With regards,
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Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan
Date: Friday, June 28, 2019 at 9:17:25 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Fuccenecco, Maria CITZ:EX
CC: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX, Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

This is the sum total of what I've seen.

Can you reach out to Catherine Lappe's office to see if they have been advised and perhaps might have additional information?

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From: Maria Fuccenecco <Maria.Fuccenecco@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Friday, June 28, 2019 at 9:06 AM
To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX" <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>, Howard Randell <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Hello, I received the eApp assignment below to draft a meeting note. I'm wondering if there are any other emails threaded to the note below that would be helpful to preparing the note?

Maria

From: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Sent: June 26, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>; MacLean, Debbie CITZ:EX <Debbie.1.MacLean@gov.bc.ca>; Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX <CherrieLen.Olid@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan
Importance: High

Hi Kim,

Please see note below from MO. Before Kathleen reaches out to Minister O'Regan's office, she'd like staff to provide advice on this meeting. She needs to know staff and topics.

Cherrie: Please create an eApp and send to ICT for meeting material. Once meeting is confirmed, please advise ICT of deadlines. Just want to get this one in the works.

Thanks.

From: Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX
 Sent: June 26, 2019 9:53 AM
 To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX <Jennifer.Molyneux@gov.bc.ca>
 Cc: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
 Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Hi Jennifer,

We've gotten the all clear on our end with nothing additional to add. To ensure I have all the information I need before reaching to out to set this meeting, can you please provide Minister advice for this (ie, staff, topics).

REQUESTING MEETING:	Minister Sims to meet with Minister O'Regan
DATE OR MEETING TIMELINE:	TBD
TOPIC:	Specific topics for discussion will be the Connected Coast project (ISED, BC and DISC funded) and benefits realization of connectivity for coastal Indigenous communities as well as the proposed highway 16 cellular project.
PREFERRED LOCATION:	TBD (Vic or Van)
MINISTRY RECOMMENDATION ON MEETING **DMO TO ENSURE ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS COMPLETE**	
SHOULD MINISTER MEET WITH THIS PERSON OR GROUP - YES / NO? **Please provide reasons why, for example – what are we trying to accomplish sending Minister to meeting. If it is NOT recommended, please provide reasons why so we can explain this when giving regrets.	Note from MO: Please let us know if there are any additional topics we would like to Minister Sims to discuss with Minister O'Regan (further to the email sent from Kim Rosche to Victoria Dempster on May 30).
LIST OF MINISTRY STAFF <u>CRITICAL</u> TO ATTEND THIS MEETING:	
PRE-BRIEF REQUIRED:	
WHO WILL ATTEND PRE-BRIEF:	

Thank you,
 Kathleen

From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX <Jennifer.Molyneux@gov.bc.ca>; MacLean, Debbie CITZ:EX <Debbie.1.MacLean@gov.bc.ca>; Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX <CherrieLen.Olid@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Hi Kathleen - as mentioned just now, here is the email trail re possible meeting with Minister O'Regan. I'll leave with you to follow up but please let us know if you require anything further.

Thanks
JC

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "MacLean, Debbie CITZ:EX" <Debbie.1.MacLean@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 25, 2019 at 3:18:54 PM PDT
To: "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

FYI – for your call tomorrow morning

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX
Sent: June 12, 2019 11:09 AM
To: MacLean, Debbie CITZ:EX <Debbie.1.MacLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

FYI –

Minister O'Regan is potentially available to meet in BC over the summer.

Thanks!

Kim

From: Dempster2, Victoria (AADNC/AANDC) <victoria.dempster2@canada.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Hi Kim,

Just wanted to touch base with you again. The Minister's time in Ottawa is quickly coming to a close, but he will likely be getting to BC over the summer and we would be happy to schedule a meeting for the two of them while he is there, if that works! Our schedule is not quite yet finalized, but will be in touch when it is.

Talk soon,

Tori

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX [<mailto:Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Dempster2, Victoria (AADNC/AANDC)
Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Hi Victoria,

Thank you very much for getting back to me. Specific topics for discussion will be the Connected Coast project (ISED, BC and DISC funded) and benefits realization of connectivity for coastal Indigenous communities as well as the proposed highway 16 cellular project.

While Minister Sims is attending the Open Government Summit on Friday she is able to meet with Minister O'Regan on that day if it works better for his schedule.

Thank you,

Kim

From: Dempster2, Victoria (AADNC/AANDC) <victoria.dempster2@canada.ca>
Sent: May 30, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR MEETING: Minister Sims and the Honourable Minister O'Regan

Good Afternoon, Kimberly,

Thank you for your request for a meeting between the two Ministers. Minister O'Regan's schedule is quite full next week as I'm sure you can appreciate, but I am looking for possible times. In the meantime, what topics of discussion would Minister Sims like to discuss?

Talk soon,

Victoria Dempster
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Victoria.dempster2@canada.ca

Subject: Re: CTI project update from ISED
Date: Friday, May 31, 2019 at 4:48:01 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Aldean, Nisha N CITZ:EX, Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

Thanks Nisha,

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Please let Howard and I know where things land at the end of next week, and if we're not completely aligned with an executable structure, we will want to engage executive very quickly.

Howard, you and I should be ready to engage Jill by the 7th.

Cheers,

Susan

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From: "Aldean, Mtic:Ex" <Nisha.Aldean@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:51 PM
To: Howard Randell <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>, Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CTI project update from ISED

Hi,

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Nisha

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
Sent: April 25, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX <Jill.Kot@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>; Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>; Skinner, Dean C CITZ:EX <Dean.Skinner@gov.bc.ca>; Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CTI project update from ISED

Hi Jill,

We received an update from ISED on the status of the co-funded connectivity projects.

As of today, ISED has confirmed that 3 agreements for BC have been signed. 2 of these projects are co-funded by the province through the Connecting BC program: a) a larger Shaw project, and b) a small project on Haida Gwaii.

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I would like to call to your attention that the CTI program has a significant political component as Minister Bains is part of the project approval process. This was one of the key criticisms of the Auditor General of the program in their report last year.

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The CRTC program will be arm's length from any political influence and be a transparent process.

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Putting on your radar as we'll be communicating that BC's CTI projects are awaiting approval from Minister Bains—a process step for Minister approval that we do not do today for BC funding.

Cheers,
Susan

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Subject: FW: Connected Coast Update ASAP
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7:36:36 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

Hi Howard,
Could you pls review the note below to see if there is anything we can add regarding Bella Coola.
Thank you,
Susan

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From: "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:37 PM
To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX" <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>, Howard Randell <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Connected Coast Update ASAP

Anything in this one? Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 8:32 PM, Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Jeannette
Well need to regroup in the morning and confirm any updates.
Cheers
Susan

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 6:12 PM, Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi - please see Shannon's message below and advise.

Many thanks
JC

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX" <Shannon.Russell@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 28, 2019 at 5:14:30 PM PDT

To: "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Connected Coast Update ASAP

Hi Jeannette,

We've just been advised that PS Jennifer Rice is going to the Bella Coola Valley this weekend. She's apologized for the very short notice but asked us to provide and update on the connected coast project. Also, she'd like to know what relationship the Province has with the local internet/comms provider there. She's been booked to meet with them and wanted to know the latest information.

Here's what I have from the May 10th briefing note on the Connected Coast project. Please advise if there are any updates to this information and if I can share these details with PS Rice.

PROJECT SCOPE:

The Connected Coast project involves the installation of a new sub-sea backbone transport cable along the west coast of BC. The project leads are CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation (CityWest) and the Strathcona Regional District (Strathcona). They have partnered to own and operate the fibre line.

The Connected Coast project does not include last-mile builds, but once the landing sites are complete, the new fibre backbone will enable increased last-mile internet speeds and reliability.

The project originally envisioned 154 landing sites, including 56 Indigenous communities representing 44 First Nations. Once the due diligence review by ISED is complete, the total number of communities is expected to be reduced by six to 148.

Total project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments.

- \$22 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED)
- \$12 million will come from Indigenous Services Canada
- \$11.4 million will come from the Province, through the Connecting British Columbia program administered by the Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development).
- The total aggregate amounts as committed by the major funders for the CityWest and Strathcona projects is unchanged, apart from the added scope for connecting Tlowitsis First Nation. All Nations Trust Company Pathway's to Technology project will be contributing an estimated \$187,600 in new funding.

PROJECT UPDATE & STATUS:

Federal update

CityWest's portion of the Connected Coast project has

completed federal due diligence and is with the ISED Minister, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, for approval, after which a contribution agreement will be sent to CityWest.

Strathcona's portion of the project is completing its due diligence with ISED and the project is anticipated to be approved by Minister Bains thereafter. Once approved, a federal contribution agreement will be sent to Strathcona. ISED is currently estimating 3 weeks to when the contribution agreement will be sent to Strathcona for signing. ISED has missed previous target dates for the completion of project due diligence.

Project changes from ISED due diligence process

As a result of federal due diligence seven sites have been removed because ISED determined the communities were supplied with a 1 Gbps point-of-presence in the community and residents were served at a minimum of 50/10 Mbps. Sites removed from the project are: Deep Cove, Tseycum First Nation, Malahat First Nation, T'souke First Nation, Toquaht First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation and Ucluelet (end of bay). Some descoped sites will receive a new landing site (but no point-of-presence) for future use and other sites will not receive a landing site because they already have sufficient network infrastructure. The value of the reduced scope is estimated at \$1.5 million. The decrease in scope resulted in \$1.5 million being reallocated to remaining sites to connect anchor institutions.

A new site landing site and infrastructure has been added to serve the Tlowitsis First Nations. The scope change is estimated at \$375 thousand, which will be covered by contributions from ISED and from the All Nations Trust Company's Pathways to Technology project.

Provincial update:

Once the federal Minister Bains provides final project approval and the contribution agreements are sent to the recipients, Northern Development will obtain copies to develop their agreements with the recipients (project leads). It is anticipated that NDIIT will take two weeks to issue the Connecting British Columbia program contribution agreements from the time they receive the approved federal agreements .

The Boards of CityWest and Strathcona are expected to review and approve the contribution agreements from ISED and Northern Development at their respective board meetings. Once the agreements are executed by CityWest and Strathcona, then the project leads will proceed to with an open procurement(s) to select suppliers for the fibre, fibre deployment and for a project manager for the installation. The form and timing of the procurement(s) for CityWest and Strathcona will be determined by their project leads.

CityWest Board of Directors update

On April 2, 2019, Bob Long, Chair of the City of Prince Rupert wrote to Jill Kot, Deputy Minister of Citizens' Services, regarding risk management concerns for the project. He raised some options to mitigate risk, including: Discussing with other telco's the possibility of sharing the cable risk, proceeding with a procurement process to assure value for the investment, separating the project into smaller portions, and investigating the purchase of insurance to mitigate project risk. See ATT-1.

On April 25, 2019, Deputy Minister of Citizens' Services, Jill Kot, responded to Chair Bob Long concerns and offered to meet to discuss how the Province can assist to achieve important milestones for the project. In addition, program area staff have offered to meet with the CityWest Board of Directors to address any outstanding concerns the Board may have and any associated risk prior to signing of the federal contribution agreement and a meeting date is pending. See ATT-2.

Project procurement process

Applicants whose projects are selected under ISED's CTI program (and co-funded under the Connecting British Columbia program) will be required to comply with a number of government policies and expectations. Recipients will be expected to use a fair, competitive and transparent process to ensure best value for money when supplies, equipment and services are purchased or personnel are hired.

KEY QUESTIONS:

What work has been done since the initial announcement of Connected Coast?

The project has been undergoing due diligence with the Connect to Innovate team at ISED. This required a site by site review of the applications. Due to the number of sites of the Connected Coast project, the due diligence has been a long and involved process for both proponents.

Is this project now delayed? For how long?

The project is going through its required cycle of due diligence determined by ISED. ISED's Connect to Innovate program was overwhelmingly oversubscribed and program staff are moving as quickly as possible. The Connected Coast project will proceed as soon as the contribution agreements are finalized and signed with ISED and Northern Development. The length of time to complete the due diligence by ISED was unexpectedly long. Other projects nationally have experienced similar delays with approvals received by ISED prior to the January 2018^[1] Connected Coast project announcement date.

Recent updates from Connect to Innovate staff indicate that final project approval for the CityWest portion of the project is imminent and once approved will send a contribution agreement to CityWest.

Final project approval for Strathcona's portion of the project is still undergoing due diligence and ISED expects to receive final approval in the coming weeks, after which a contribution agreement will be sent to SRD.

Has any construction commenced?

Construction will not commence until contribution agreements are signed and the project leads have completed their procurement process. It is anticipated that CityWest and Strathcona will provide a detailed project plan as soon as the contribution agreements are signed.

When will we actually see tangible progress on the ground?

Until contribution agreements are signed and procurement process is complete, it is difficult to determine the timing for the project to reach specific communities. The detailed project plan that follows the signing of the contribution agreements will provide realistic timing for tangible benefits to be realized by communities. It is still anticipated that the project will take up to 3-years to complete.

What are Citywest/City of Prince Rupert's concerns and what is being done to allay those concerns?

The Chair of the Board of CityWest, Bob Long has identified four areas where the organization is working to mitigate risk. The Deputy Minister of CITZ has reached out to Mr. Long for a meeting, and CITZ staff have offered to attend a Board meeting to assist resolving outstanding issues.

Will the project now be modified/reduced in scope?

As a result of the due diligence process with ISED, the project has been reduced in scope to 148 communities from 154. Additional scope changes (to increase or decrease landing sites) may result from detailed engineering studies and consultations.

What are the issues around procurement processes and is what is being done to rectify these issues?

ISED's CTI program requirements clearly state that recipients will be expected to use a fair, competitive and transparent procurement process to ensure best value for money when supplies, equipment and services are purchased or personnel are hired. This also applies to the Connecting British Columbia program. Both CityWest and Strathcona have stated that they intend to conduct an open procurement once the contribution agreements are executed.

Thanks,
Shannon

Shannon Russell

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[1] January 2018 Federal Connected Coast project announcements: https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/rural_and_remotecomunitiesincoastalbritishcolumbiawillbenefitfr.html and https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/rural_and_remotecomunitiesincoastalbritishcolumbiawillbenefitfr.html

Subject: Re: CC Anchor Sites

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 at 4:13:43 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX

To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

CC: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX

Thank you,

We'll want to be sure that we provide the final list of landing sights and POPs included in the build. Plus key messages to justify the sites removed.



Susan

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From: Howard Randell <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2:59 PM

To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: CC Anchor Sites

Hi Susan,

As a follow- up to the last Round Table, SRD has provided a list of potential anchor institutions that may benefit from the \$1.2M that was reallocated from the sites that ISD declined to fund.

Thanks,
Howard

From: Phillips, Stephen CITZ:EX

Sent: May 13, 2019 2:39 PM

To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: CC Anchor Sites

FYI Anchor Institution potentials you requested for Connected Coast SRD

Stephen

From: Victoria Smith <VSmith@srd.ca>

Sent: May 10, 2019 11:40 AM

To: Phillips, Stephen CITZ:EX <Stephen.Phillips@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CC Anchor Sites

Hi Stephen.

Hope the attached is sufficient. Pls let me know if you need anything further and thanks for update on comms.

Have a great weekend!!

Victoria

Subject: Re: Connected Coast
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 at 8:05:12 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Victoria Smith
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png, image003.jpg

Thanks Victoria.

I've asked Howard to chime in with Colleen on opportunities. 😊

Susan

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From: Victoria Smith <VSmith@srd.ca>
Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 3:46 PM
To: "Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX" <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Connected Coast

Hi Ben.

Thanks for your interest! My apologies I was unable to connect last week as I was presenting at a conference. I am available Thursday or Friday afternoon this week at this stage if that works for you and other relevant BC gov people?

I am copying in Susan Stanford for Network BC who oversees the Connecting BC program with her team. I am sure that they have some better information about timing of the provincial agreements and possibly have started to think about comms for this project more broadly as we turn up sites over the next 2 years.

Please let me know what I can do to support good news.

Victoria

From: Email - connectedcoast@srd.ca <connectedcoast@srd.ca>
Sent: April-29-19 3:36 PM
To: Victoria Smith <VSmith@srd.ca>
Subject: FW: Connected Coast

From: Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April-26-19 11:05 AM
To: Email - connectedcoast@srd.ca <connectedcoast@srd.ca>

Cc: Elaine Popove <epopove@srd.ca>

Subject: RE: Connected Coast

Hi, Victoria! This sounds great. Happy to work with you on these items as well.

I've reached out to the program to see what we can do about the provincial contribution agreement. I understand these are typically signed quickly after the federal one is taken care of. Maybe we can even do both?

Also, Minister Sims has been asking us to find something North Island for her. Maybe we can come to Campbell River?

Would you two have some availability for a call on Tuesday? Say 30 minutes or so (probably less, really) with myself, the comms team here and someone from Connecting BC?

Ben

From: Email - connectedcoast@srd.ca <connectedcoast@srd.ca>

Sent: April 26, 2019 9:55 AM

To: Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Elaine Popove <epopove@srd.ca>

Subject: RE: Connected Coast

Hello Ben.

I'm so sorry but I just came across this email and not sure if anyone from our team replied as Amy is no longer with us.

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Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:47 AM

To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Connected Coast

Can we please chat about this when you're back? thx

From: Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX

Sent: April 24, 2019 4:23 PM

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Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 1:24:45 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX

To: Thacker, Rebecca CITZ:EX, Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX, Kot, Jill CITZ:EX

Thanks Rebecca,

Could you pls send me a copy of the final version that was sent...or the email for our records.

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Good morning,

This letter was sent out via email this morning.

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Subject: Re: Confidential: Connected Coast update
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:58:44 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
To: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX

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From: "Kot, Jill CITZ:EX" <Jill.Kot@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:50 PM
To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Confidential: Connected Coast update

I'm reading emails in reverse order. Just saw this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2019, at 2:07 PM, Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jill,

We don't have any one on one time coming up so wanted to get a quick update to you on our current steps related to Connected Coast.

- **CityWest Board engagement:** I will be sending a follow up letter from my January 23rd email to Bob Long offering a meeting with Bob and the CityWest Board to answer their questions.
 - We have worked through multiple folks (CityWest, SRD, NDIT) to confirm this

approach

- Expect the letter to go out today/tomorrow. Should the letter from Bob come into you, the response can reference our offer to come to PR.
- Howard will travel with me to PR as soon as we're able to nail down a date

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Please let me know if you would like us to hold or take alternate steps.

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From: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 12:32 PM

To: Robert Long <robert.long@princerupert.ca>

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I appreciate multiple parties are working collectively on the project management aspects and supporting each other through the process. As a funder with the federal government to the project, please do reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you feel the Province can assist on achieving important milestones for the project.

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Subject: Re: Connected Coast - draft note to Bob for your review

Date: Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11:53:31 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX

To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

A few small changes in this version:

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From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX

Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 8:50 AM

To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>

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Bhangu, Taran MAH:EX

From: Paul Daniell <hazelbrae@gmail.com>
Sent: December 16, 2019 3:18 PM
To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX
Subject: Fwd: SRD-Citywest Letter to NDIT
Attachments: NDIT project funding Dec 16 2019.pdf

FYI, Joel confirmed he's OK with this letter & Dave Leitch signed it.

Now Donovan and Chris need to get Bob Long's approval.

Cheers,
Paul

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December 16, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY: joel@northerndevelopment.bc.ca

Mr Joel McKay
Chief Executive Officer
Northern Development Initiative Trust
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Dear Joel:

RE: CONNECTED COAST PROJECT FUNDING (#5073-85)

Thank you for your continued support of the Connected Coast Network (CCN) project which aims to provide new or improved broadband connectivity to many underserved BC coastal communities.

Under the Connecting BC Program (Phase Two), Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) granted a conditional award of \$8,153,483 (not including the funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) administered by NDIT) to Strathcona Regional District (SRD) to build, own and operate a portion of the CCN, including the portion connecting Port Hardy and Campbell River.

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Strathcona Regional District



Per:
Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

City West Cable & Telephone Corp.

Per:
Chris Marett
Chief Executive Officer