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Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: Minister, AG AG:EX
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 10:33 AM
To: Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX; Addo, Wolfgang AG:EX
Subject: FW: GPEB - Policies & Procedures - Hastings Racecourse

A TBA meeting request – over to you.

Candice

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 10:08 AM
To: Minister, AG AG:EX
Subject: GPEB - Policies & Procedures - Hastings Racecourse

David Ebby;
Minister Responsible for Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

As you will notice below I had e-mailed John Mazure on June 18. 2018, to date I have not received a response from him however it's my understanding he has either move on to another position or retired.

It would be much appreciated if you would allow me an opportunity to meet with you to discuss some of the issues that we are experiencing with enforcing the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch policies and procedures at Hastings Racecourse.

I look forward to having a meeting with you at your earliest convenience, I can be reached by e-mail or telephone^{s.22}

Thanks
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From: s.22
Sent: June 18, 2018 12:47 PM
To: john.mazure@gov.bc.ca
Subject: GPEB - Policies & Procedures - Hastings Racecourse

Mr. John Mazure
Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager
Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch

Hello John;

As previously indicated,^{s.22}

s.22 For your information

s.22 Hastings Racecourse are required to process the
Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch
policies and procedures. We believe it's vitally important that the policies and
procedures are pertinent and should
be reviewed from time to time, for relevance.

It would be much appreciated if you would allow me an opportunity to meet with
you to discuss some of the issues
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I look forward to having a meeting with you at your earliest convenience, I can be
reached at^{s.22}

Thanks
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Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Minister, AG AG:EX
Subject: CBSA raid at Hastings Racecourse

Today, I am ashamed of being a Canadian.

Regarding the early morning raid at Hastings Racecourse and the heavy-handed way they cuffed and took away a number of Mexicans working there.

As I'm sure you know, they come in the spring and work the season before returning home with money for their family.

Surely, the money laundering at the casinos, River Rock and let's not forget the gift of a Canadian citizenship by booking the hotel in Richmond for the chinese to give birth as well as the fentanyl issue are not as important as young men trying to earn some money.

Half way thru the season and the trainers are down all these employees who look and care for the horses.

We deserve some answers as to why and who told them to do this.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: S.22
Date: June 2, 2018 at 2:41:01 PM PDT
To: david.eby@gov.bc.ca, "Eby, David" S.17
Subject: Fwd: Derby Newsletter for 06/02/2018

Do you have any comment on the Hastings Racecourse horse owners and breeders' escalating dissatisfaction with Great Canadian Gaming and the BCLC-managed horse racing industry committee?

The owners and breeders have gone public with a letter today (below) that asks for help to find an operator to replace Great Canadian Gaming, because of GCG's lack of investment in the horse racing infrastructure and perceived apathy for the industry.

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From: The Derby Bar and Grill <releases@derbybarandgrill.com>
Date: June 02, 2018 6:13:22 AM
To: S.22
Subject: Derby Newsletter for 06/02/2018

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From: Gary C Johnson <garycj@shaw.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Subject: Follow up to our Discussion
Attachments: Updated information originally sent to Sam Godfrey with comments.docx; ATT00001.htm

Here is the document that I mentioned during our telephone call. There were several changes and so I added comments to clarify what would be seen as no longer accurate or applicable.

Memorandum

To: Sam Godfrey, Ministerial Assistant
From: Gary Johnson, Vice President HBPA of BC
Date: February 08, 2018
Re: Future of Horse Racing in BC

Here is the document I prepared some time ago with some updating when new information became available. I have included a four-year comparison of the TBC handle at Fraser Downs and Hastings Park as you requested. If you would like a larger sample size it will take a bit of time to put that together, but it is possible. Bill McNeil of TBC has also had a request from GPEB and that is going to them as well.

Commented [GCJ1]: Now with GPEB

If you need anything else so we can carry on a conversation, please just ask. I have made the President of the HBPA (David Milburn) aware of these discussions and this document.

One thing I did not touch on was who I shared this with. At this point in time it has been shared within the HBPA leadership and with Carla Robin of Harness Racing BC. Carla had not shared this with her Board last time I spoke to her. We did have some discussions about it and as a result I have decided to provide this to you without further comments/ideas from Harness Racing BC.

Commented [GCJ2]: No longer with HRBC – no replacement as yet

It is my intention to try to put together a position paper from various stakeholders including Harness Racing BC, CTHS (BC Division) and HBPA of BC. It would be helpful if I was able to get some feedback from you about whether I am on the right track, so that I can start the process of pulling people together to better develop a firmer vision of the future. Hopefully, we could have a single industry submission to whomever conducts the review we propose.

I have been thinking of the review of the racing industry as proposed in this document and have come up with at least one name and potentially two names of persons who could undertake this review. Once we talk again, I can give you those name(s).

Horse Racing In BC

THE NEED FOR CHANGE

THE NEED FOR A PLAN

(updated October 24, 2018)

Background

This background section is to provide general information only.

Organizations within Horseracing

Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of BC (**HBPA**) - organization representing owners and trainers in the thoroughbred industry

<https://www.hbpabc.ca/> .

- *representing owners and trainers) in all matters dealing with thoroughbred racing*
- *largest organization within the industry with over 700 active members (part of Canadian/US structure promoting horseracing, in North America)*
- *set up as society under Society Act*

Harness Racing BC (**HRBC**) representing owners, trainers and breeders of standardbreds in BC. <http://www.harnessracingbc.com/>

- *represents owners, breeders, driver/trainers and backstretch personnel (grooms and hot walkers) within industry*
- *conducts annual sale of standardbreds each year*
- *set up as society*

Great Canadian Gaming (**GCG**) <https://gcgaming.com/>

- *operator of Fraser Downs and Hastings Racecourse*
- *operator of casinos located at both tracks as well as others throughout BC and elsewhere in Canada and US*
- *share with the industry slot machine income from Fraser Downs and Hastings Racecourse as part of ability to have slots at both locations*

BC Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (**BCTOBA**) - organization representing owners and/or breeders <http://www.bctoba.com/>

- *representing owners and breeders of thoroughbreds in BC*
- *must be a member of the CTHS (BC Division), if a breeder only*
- *made up of breeders and owners*
- *set up as a society*

Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (BC Division) (**CTHSBC**) - BC component of national CTHS organization representing breeders of thoroughbred horses in BC <http://cthsbc.org/>

- *recognized and mandated to represent breeders in all matters regarding breeding of thoroughbred horses (including registration of horses) through their national organization.*
- *conducts annual mixed sale of thoroughbreds each year (in Langley)*
- *set up as a society*

Teletheatre BC provides on line and bricks/mortar off track betting within the province of British Columbia. <http://www.thebettingcompany.com/>

- *company set up as exclusive provider of off-track betting services in province. Company ownership - Harness Racing BC (25%), HBPA of BC (25%) and Great Canadian Gaming (50% through 2 subsidiaries).*
- *Run by COO/GM who is responsible to a Board of Directors. Board of Directors broadly oversee the operations and development of additional betting product and tote facilities.*
- *British Columbia based horse players can bet on race tracks in other parts of Canada, the US, Australia and Hong Kong. TBC expanded its ability to also provide access to other tracks in Europe, Korea, South Africa and South America effective January 7, 2018.*

Current Industry Management Structure

Currently¹ the horse racing industry is overseen and managed by the Horse Racing Industry Management Committee (**HRIMC**). The HRIMC was created by the Liberal government to oversee, to develop/promote both thoroughbred and standardbreds horse racing in BC. It consists of a thoroughbred representative (Glen Todd), Standardbred representative (Bill Pambrun). Chuck Keeling represents Great Canadian Gaming and Jim Lightbody represents BC Lotteries Corporation. Lightbody is chair. Michael Brown from Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch is a participant in meetings but does not have a vote. Brian Butters is the Director of Racing Sustainability and works under the direction of the HRIMC². As far as we know there has been no legislation to formalize the current HRIMC and its ability to manage.

Commented [GCJ3]: Now working for BCLC

Race Tracks

There are several smaller tracks located throughout BC. In the past Vernon, Kamloops, Osoyoos, and Princeton all ran short race meets. Only Osoyoos had a meet in 2016. No additional meets were held in 2017 and none are planned for 2018.

Fraser Downs <https://elementscasino.com/racing/> - BC's only harness racing track located in Cloverdale Fairgrounds. There will be 71 days of racing this winter season. The park is owned by the City of Surrey and leased to Orangeville Raceway (Great Canadian Gaming).

Hastings Park <http://www.hastingsracecourse.com/> - Thoroughbred racing for 52 days per year. This has been reduced from over 102 days per year to the

¹ As of date of original preparation of this document

² Butters is scheduled to retire in April 2018.

current number. The park is owned by the City of Vancouver and leased to Hastings Entertainment (Great Canadian Gaming) in a 3-year arrangement.

Funding

Funding for horse racing comes from two significant sources plus a “marketing fund” of \$1 million dollars from BC Lotteries.

The two casinos (Elements and Hasting Racecourse) contribute a proportion of their slots income³ as part of the agreements which allowed the placement and ongoing presence of slot machines at these race tracks.

In terms of direct income from racing funding is for the most part derived from income received as a result of betting on horse racing in British Columbia and horse racing elsewhere in the world (live at track and off track online or at bricks and mortar locations around BC). In BC, we have on-track (live) wagering at Fraser Downs and Hastings Racecourse as well as off track betting via Teletheatre BC (TBC) which has 16 bricks and mortar sites (mostly inside of casinos) as well as web-based (IVR) betting on BC racing and international racing carried by TBC. The income from TBC makes up the largest single direct source of income to the industry.

The “marketing fund” has not been used for marketing per se. Instead it has been used to provide incentives for breeders, for owners to purchase and bring new horses into the province. As well, the Brian Butters and Mary Margaret Bentley have their wages paid from this fund. Part of the marketing fund has gone to the creation and development of the two Hastings Racing Clubs commented about later in this document and to a similar racing club at Fraser Downs.

Regulation of Industry

³ For the last few years there has been a formula where industry revenue (including the slots income) is divided 43% GCG, 33% to thoroughbreds and 23% (all rounded).

Prior to the Liberal government coming to power the racing commission created by the NDP was mandated as a significant part of its function to develop horse racing.

The Liberals did away with and replaced the racing commission with Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) which had a much broader mandate and responsibilities and still has that broad mandate over many gaming issues with horse racing being but a small part of that mandate. That means the development and expansion of the industry is completely lost within the broader mandate of GPEB. We are not complaining about GPEB but challenge their ability to do the difficult task of developing and expanding the industry with a mandate that is so complex and broad and that is so different from actual horse racing itself. They do the job of regulating the industry and do it reasonably well.

HBPA AND ITS ROLE IN THE RACING INDUSTRY

The HBPA of BC is the largest organization representing thoroughbred owners and trainers in the province. It is part of a North America wide organization called the National HBPA in the USA and the Canadian HBPA in Canada. Annual meetings are held each year where industry trends, regulations, problems and goals are discussed by delegates from across the industry. Vancouver hosted the National HBPA convention in 2016.

THE HBPA of BC is organized under the Society Act and as such holds an annual meeting as well as several informational meetings each year. Membership is comprised mostly of owners whose ownership level ranges from less than 1% of a race horse to those who own multiple race horses. Where ownerships portions are small there are syndicates (as partnerships are known), joint ventures and racing clubs. The two Hastings Park Race Clubs have a total of 5 horses and there are over 450 member/owners between the two clubs. The racing clubs have

increased attendance at Hastings Park and resulted in over 20⁴ additional horses being purchased individually or in some sort of partnership since their inception by club members.

The second membership group within the HBPA of BC is the trainers who all must pass a strict and comprehensive exam. There are approximately 100 trainers in BC. Not all are actively training horses. Some have very small stables of as few as a single horse up to trainers with close to 100 horses in their care. Many trainers in addition to their training duties and responsibilities are owners and/or breeders of thoroughbreds.

Membership in the HBPA is automatic once an owner or trainer is licensed by GPEB.

Employees of trainers at Hastings Park - grooms, hot walkers, and exercise riders are not forgotten by the HBPA. While they are not members of the HBPA they are integral to the success of a trainer and as a result to racing.

The Hastings Groom training program is a real success story where backstretch workers (new in the industry) learn the skills necessary for them to be productive employees at Hastings Park. This program is supported and highly valued by the HBPA. The race track provides funds for this program and it runs in the spring of each year. This program was started by the NDP and was designed to help people off welfare. When the money disappeared with the new government the HBPA carried on. As a result, the HBPA stopped the use foreign workers so that we can hire locally from amongst those who need a job.

⁴ This number comes from several sources where participants within have joined other partnerships, have purchased a horse or horses at the CTHS fall sale, and where reported to trainers that a new owner started with one of the Hastings Racing Clubs.

We operate a dental program for backstretch employees where we subsidize and assist those in need of dental care.

There is also the Learning Center which is funded by Hastings Park, jointly staffed by the HPBA and coordinated by Capilano University - this program helps backstretch workers, jockeys and others with programs to help them attain their GED, English as a second language and other programs to allow them to become more productive employees/workers. This program is over 25 years old and helps participants find employment outside of the racing industry as well as within the industry. A good number of people have achieved their GED and then left the track and took up successful employment elsewhere.

The HBPA has a Benevolence program which assists those in the industry in times of grief or need as well as the Winners program a well-respected drug and alcohol abuse program for those at the track.

One of the key programs run by the HBPA is our feed store which purchases feed and bedding products for the horses at Hastings Park. Over a million dollars per year of feed and bedding are sold through our store. Working cooperatively, we are able to provide good quality feed and bedding at a very reasonable cost.

One of the lesser known programs at Hastings Park is employee housing where almost 50 of our backstretch employees live during the racing season. This provides a safe and dry place to live for employees during the racing season who maybe homeless if not for this program. The HBPA is putting up money this winter to do repairs and upgrades to the facilities and has convinced Great Canadian to match our contribution.

The HBPA also participates in or leads other programs like the Backstretch Cafeteria subsidy to ensure backstretch employees can get reasonably priced meals, a scholarship program where we have awarded scholarships to family and friends of our members or employees at the track for more than 40 years.

Several of the scholarship winners have gone on to successful careers outside of the industry.

The leadership of the HBPA are elected by the members every three years. The makeup of our Board is president, Owner vice-president, Trainer vice-president as well as 4 trainer directors and 4 owner directors.

Going forward from Here

I have been an owner for more than 30 years. I have owned many race horses at Hastings Park over these years individually and in various partnerships. I was not very active prior to my retirement and was shocked on retiring and learning how little transparency, accountability or long-term planning in the overall operation and management of the racing industry there was.

In my role as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Pension Corporation of British Columbia, a founding trustee and leader of the Municipal Pension Plan of British Columbia, as Chair of the CUPE Employees Pension Board of Trustees, as founding trustee of the Public Education Benefits Trust, neither I nor any other trustee would stand for this lack of transparency, accountability or planning. Something I want to see in horse racing is transparency and accountability.

I have mentioned long-term planning more than once. Let me explain from the perspective of industry participants why we need that long-term planning and stability. We need to see the future.

Breeders need the ability to look out several years, so they can plan the future of their farm or ranch. First, they need to acquire a mare of breeding age, decide on a sire, breed the mare in the spring of a year, waiting until the following year for the foal to be born, keeping that mare and foal until the foal is a year old, selling that foal in year 3 as a yearling and if all goes well start the process again. For them stability and long-term planning are an absolute must.

Many owners buy yearlings at either a local BC sale or at one of the sales in the US. If purchasing a yearling on January 1st of the next year when all horses turn two the owner starts the process of getting the 2-year old horse ready for racing. Trainers and grooms are hired. Veterinarians are brought in to look after the horse's medical needs if any. Farriers start horsehoeing. Some horses are ready in June/July and some just because of slow growth or other issues are not ready until 3 years of age. Other owners will buy horses of racing age (2 years or older either at public auction or privately or through claiming at the races). Owners can be waiting up to two years of feeding, boarding, training a horse before it gets to the race track. For them knowing there is a race track, that they can actually race their horse(s) each year going forward with some opportunity to make money is critical. The number of months of racing and the number of race dates each year are very important to an owner. Stability and long-term planning a must.

Of course, all those farmers, grooms etc. who provide day to day support and services to breeders and owners need to know they have customers and jobs going forward. They need to have stability and long-term planning to provide those materials, services or jobs.

As Vice-president of the HBPA and as Chair of the Strategic Planning and Special Initiatives committee the Directors have asked me to begin a discussion with the government about the future of racing in BC.

A future that must take into consideration the needs of breeders, owners, trainers, and the many workers within the industry.

We know that with an appropriate management structure, with the proper marketing program this industry could regain the status and support it had 25 years ago. Return racing to a time where there were 102 days of thoroughbred racing each year, where the Fraser Downs facility ran 12 months a year for harness racing not the 52 days of thoroughbred and 70 days of harness racing in

2017. This would be good for everyone including the secondary benefits to tax payers of increased revenue from horse racing as well as increased employment. But it will take time, patience and a proper plan to move forward with.

We don't propose that you take these ideas and adopt them outright. Instead it seems to us that **a review should be undertaken by the government.** That review should include such things as:

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Commented [GCJ4]: I heard clearly from the minister that he does not want to do this.

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needs to be developed a solid, realistic business plan that allows participants old and new to see what the future holds. We cannot continue to operate in a vacuum.

Those involved in the industry come from every corner of the province of BC. From our organization's perspective it is critical to the future growth of the industry that we never forget who is important to this industry. They are the owners, breeders, trainers, service providers including farmers who raise feed and hay for our horses, grooms who look after our horses, out-riders looking after the safety of the horses to and from the track, veterinarians keeping an eye on the health of our horses, trucking companies who haul our horses, food and beverage staff at the track, the race track operators and bettors throughout the province who make up this industry. Horse racing relies on all of them and many more to pull together and to help make this industry thrive. This makes change in the industry difficult to accomplish. However, we had a structure at one point that most within the industry accepted and supported.

Under a previous NDP government the Pacific Racing Association (**PRA**) was formed and given a mandate to enhance and grow the industry as well as to operate then Exhibition Park (now Hastings Park Racecourse). At that time the

Keeling family ran the harness racing facility at Cloverdale Fairgrounds (now called Elements Casino).

Through a series of unfortunate decisions, the PRA was transformed into a non-entity over time. Operation of Hastings Park Racecourse (Exhibition Park at that time) was turned over to Woodbine Entertainment who ultimately sold the operation of the track to Great Canadian Gaming which at the time looked like a good thing.

In this same general time frame Great Canadian took over the operation of the Fraser Downs racetrack as part of the establishment of a casino on that site and bought out the Keeling family.

Not long after this occurred and more recently on the death of Ross McLeod one of the founders of GCG and a lover/promoter of horse racing, things started to go downhill for the industry. GCG pronouncements were that horse racing was a "sunsetting business"⁵. But as part of their owning the on-site casinos located in Vancouver and Cloverdale they were supposed to support and develop horse racing. A contradiction if ever there was one. A lot of this decline can be shown to be tied to many more gambling opportunities within society. However, under Great Canadian it got worse in our opinion.

But in order to ensure the expansion of their gaming empire in the form of slots they announced grandiose proposals and plans to spend millions upgrading and promoting expansion of horse racing. Those announcements turned out to be just that - announcements. Immediately after the McLeod era, GCG started to cut and to change their vision of the future (but not publicly), to claim horse racing would not make money, to delay critical and necessary upgrades to infrastructure

⁵ from the Vancouver Courier shortly after Rod Baker was appointed the new CEO replacing Ross McLeod.

they had promised or worse yet that were necessary, to reduce advertising and promotion of horse racing to the point it is virtually non-existent.

As an example - If you were to go to Cloverdale and look for any sort of indication that there was racing within Elements. Indeed, you would not see anything except a small sign within the actual parking lot saying race-track parking with an arrow indicating direction.

Senior management in GCG puts little or no effort into trying to expand racing opportunities or the horse racing experience. There is not a single indication on the facade of ELEMENTS Casino that harness racing is located there⁶. Similar examples can be shown about the promotion of Hastings Racecourse.

While Elements Casino in Cloverdale looks and feels like a modern casino should the Hastings Racecourse casino is more like a dungeon and not attractive to the masses of potential customers making this the worst performing casino in British Columbia and shorting expectations of the City of Vancouver and the racing industry in terms of income.

This attitude of who cares about horse racing comes from the top down. There are many fine employees of GCG who work at the two tracks and love horse racing and have expressed their frustration at the lack of support for the industry by GCG. That is the major reason why the management of horseracing has to be based on good governance, a solid business plan and a proper funding model⁷.

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⁶ In late 2017 Great Canadian did put up a new graphic on the building showing a harness racing scene. However, Harness Racing BC agreed to pay the cost of the large graphic before they would put it up.

⁷ We are not advocating for more money but need a proper description of the current funding model so that there is a clear understanding of what funds are delivered to the industry and what funds go to the race track operator and what casino generate funds belong to GCG.

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The facilities at both tracks need much in the way of repairs and updating of all infrastructure. This cannot be accomplished by relying upon GCG. It is clear, in our opinion that, as in any other form of entertainment, if you put on a good show with proper support services people will come and the industry will thrive again.

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Summary

3. *The 2018 thoroughbred season has come and gone. For the most part it was a successful year with the exception that live racing handle has dropped. This is in part offset by the continuing growth of on-line betting on horse races at Hastings and elsewhere.*

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: Larry Campbell and NDP gross negligence

You never replied to my letter attached. Will Larry Campbell role be investigated as part of the new investigation?

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22
Date: October 1, 2018 at 11:48:34 AM PDT
To: david.eby@gov.bc.ca, premier@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Fwd: Larry Campbell and NDP gross negligence

It is good that you are widening your report into money laundering. However in the German report it seems to suggest that officials turned a blind eye to money laundering and obviously some of the Great Canadian Gaming Co senior management must have known what was going on.

Larry Campbell was on the committee responsible for money laundering and as a major player in this matter should be interviewed under oath. As has been reported Campbell has received \$3 million in compensation to date and was the one on council that cast the deciding vote to give Great Canadian slots at Hastings Racecourse. This is a pretty good payout by any stretch of the imagination and in my mind fails the smell test. He may not have done anything wrong but given this companies involvement in the money laundering, and his huge company payout, he may be a key participant.

If you are intent on broadening the scope of the money laundering I think Campbell's role should be seriously looked at, along with other Great Canadian employees and senior management. A full public hearing is what is required so that we all know who did what and for whom and how much public officials and ex public officials have made in the process. A full disclosure of financial records and bank accounts should be made public.

Can you please let me know if Campbell's role is to be investigated or will you just try to brush this under the rug.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22

Date: September 19, 2018 at 11:09:25 AM PDT

To: david.eby@gov.bc.ca

Cc: premier@gov.bc.ca, justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca, jonathan.wilkinson@parl.gc.ca, andrew.scheer@parl.gc.ca

Subject: Fwd: Larry Campbell and NDP gross negligence

In 2004 Larry Campbell cast the deciding vote on Vancouver council to give the Great Gaming company 600 slots at Hastings Racecourse. You will recall that Larry was head of the COPE council at the time.

Years later he was appointed to the Board and served as Chairman of the Great Canadian Gaming Co , being paid \$800,000 and receiving \$2.1 million in shares according to Global news. If true this is a nice payoff for casting the deciding vote for the company in 2004. Furthermore Campbell refuses to answer any questions on the money laundering at River Rock Casino. Why?

This does not meet the smell test and if you have any credibility left then you should investigate this matter as part of the larger enquiry into money laundering. It just sickens me to see you question the ability of seniors to pay your wealth tax and at the same time protect one of your own, Larry Campbell, who has made almost \$3 million out of his relationship with the company at the heart of money laundering in BC. If the money laundering is true under Campbell's chairmanship he should be stripped of his winnings.

I would welcome your views on this or will this be another NDP boondoggle that gets pushed under the carpet. So far the NDP decisions or lack of them have cost the public tens of billions of dollars that could be spent more judiciously.

Just an aside the cost of the Transmountain pipeline is probably closer to \$20 billion now that the project has incurred additional costs and delays due to the NDP government. This means that the pipeline will probably never be built unless there is a huge writeoff, probably \$8 billion, and this will have to be paid by the gullible public. This is entirely the fault of the BC NDP and the Federal Liberal Government who are the most inept and negligent government for 30 years.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

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From:s.22

Date: May 4, 2018 at 1:18:35 PM PDT

To: david.eby@gov.bc.ca, premier@gov.bc.ca, MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca, carol.james@gov.bc.ca

Subject: Fwd: School Tax or Spite Tax

There is a very good article by Terence Corcoran in the National Post today that destroys your argument about flippers causing the housing problems. All your policies will do, as I have said in many e mails to you, is cause a shortage of homes to be built which will further increase the prices. Why you would not hire a professional firm of consultants to advise you rather than a 34 year old with no experience is just beyond me.

You people should listen to what the real estate professionals tell you and not just a wannabe Marxist like Josh Gifford. Unfortunately you bought his argument because it suited your desire to appeal to the Marxist elements of your party.

I suppose that's how they do it in Russia or Venezuela and just look at their economies, which is where we will end up with you people in power, down the toilet. You really are a pathetic bunch but thankfully a lot of people are now starting to realise the implications of having you in power, as it will affect all of our finances. You are no better than the last Glen Clark government, a total loss.

Sincerely,

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From:s.22

Date: May 1, 2018 at 4:04:54 PM PDT

To: david.eby@gov.bc.ca

Cc: andrew.wilkinson.mla@leg.bc.ca, premier@gov.bc.ca, carol.james@gov.bc.ca

Subject: Fwd: School Tax or Spite Tax

You really are a coward not to face the thousands of elderly people who are affected by your school ("wealth") tax. Many of us pensioners have worked for 50 or 60 years and paid more than our fair share of taxes and feel like we have earned the right to live in our own home for

the rest of our lives. And then comes along the NDP who feel it is not right to be so called wealthy and want to strip us of our rights, just like in Marxist Russia.

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s.22 . Unfortunately you will leave us with no choice other than to move house as we will not be able to pay this wealth tax.

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s.22 . Our net worth is no where near the value of the house but the school tax is based on gross wealth not net wealth, a unique NDP invention.

We cannot afford to take tax payer financed trips like MLAs, we do not have the same pension and medical plan that you have and yet although you may have a better net worth than myself and certainly a better net income for sure, you want to take thousands of dollars off me every year to pay for your exorbitant medical plan and an NDP housing plan that looks like it was copied from Stalinist Russia.s.22 I can tell you your plan is flawed from the top down, all you have to do is look at who wrote it. I would be ashamed to own up to this report.

It has always been the Canadian tradition to pay taxes on what you earn and even wealth taxes in North America have been based on net wealth, not gross wealth. What you are doing to people like me and my wife is abhorrent and has no place in Canadian society. It belongs in Russia where there is no rule of law. You are no better than a cowboy lawyer stealing from the rich to pay for the poor.

Personally I hope you and your kind rot in hell and that is being kind to you. What you have done is alienate a large segment of society that will never trust you again. It is the beginning of the end for the NDP.

Sincerely

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Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22

Date: April 9, 2018 at 6:04:47 PM PDT

To: MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Subject: Fwd: School Tax or Spite Tax

I assume you are the Minister in charge of this file and I wish you well in your endeavours. You have a very challenging job. I note that you have very little practical experience in the development of large scale residential projects and no financing experience and I do hope you surround yourself with people in the private sector who have this experience and not just your Marxists friends.

From what I have heard from many of your advisors the goal seems to be to nationalise land development and tax development rights like they tried 3 times unsuccessfully in the UK between 1960 and 1980. As you may not know, this policy led to a total lack of development during this period in the UK and it was eventually completely repealed in 1985 as a total disaster. Under Margaret Thatcher and the free market the economy boomed. As I was employed in commercial real estate in the UK until the mid 1970's I know of what I speak and was principally the reason why I left to immigrate to Canada. I had no prospects and limited income and neither did anyone else.

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s.22) I can honestly say that any government meddling in the market generally results in less housing being produced. I do hope that you will allow the private sector to do their job and forget about nationisation of land and development rights etc.

As I have said to many of your colleagues the market looks good at the moment but public confidence can change overnight and investors are very fickle. As it seems you want to charge many investors and home owners with a wealth tax it does seem that this is the start of your problems. It will be so easy in the future to increase the wealth tax to homes over \$2 million, not \$3 million and then homes over \$1 million. The concept of a mans home being his castle is no longer true. I still cannot rationalise why a home owner with a home worth \$3 million has to pay a \$6,000 annual surcharge when a home worth \$2,999,000 does not. Whatever happened to the progressive tax system and paying taxes on your NET income and not GROSS wealth. Furthermore if I sell my home and buy 3 homes for my kids I do not have to pay this additional tax. It does not make any sense to me,

This tax can only be seen as a spite tax designed to punish people who live in expensive neighbourhoods. What does that say about the NDP, probably a lot.

Wealth tax, school taxes for homeless people, development rights tax, it is all a creeping NDP way of paying for projects we can ill afford, particularly when you

are so concerned with killing off major projects. This is the first start to driving the wealthy, the investors that you need and the entrepreneurs out of the Province, just like what happened under Glen Clark.

BC is now considered the 78th best area to invest in, out of 98 locations. And this just since you came to power., we will probably get to 98th by the time you are elected out of office

I would already be worried if I were you.

sincerely

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From: s.22

To: premier@gov.bc.ca

Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:44:04 AM

Subject: Fwd: School Tax or Spite Tax

Just in case you missed my letter to the Liberal leader I enclose a copy.

Since I wrote this letter and sent copies to Carol James I have discussed this with many of my fellow pensioners in West Vancouver. The general feeling is one of absolute disgust that we are being treated differently from the average British Columbian. No one in the country pays a surcharge on their school taxes, except in Marxist BC.

Charging a school tax surcharge on homes over \$3 million will not make housing more affordable for the people that need it. It only fosters an "us and them" mentality and makes it more difficult to get the community behind your proposals. This is what happened under the Glen Clark government, and it did not take long before investors bailed and the Provincial economy sank. I know, because I was running a business at the time and know how difficult it was to keep staff and manage a payroll for 60 employees under that Government.

If the average household income in BC is \$40,000 or so, then there is no way the majority could ever afford a \$3 million house or condo in West Vancouver. This is just an income grab from the very people you should be helping, mainly pensioners who have worked all their lives to make BC a nice place to live.

You should be tackling market housing in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 range if you are genuinely trying to make housing more affordable for the people that want or really need to buy. Secondly, by having the Provincial Government provide the housing required is a complete waste of tax payers money, particularly when the

private sector could provide it much more efficiently if only a few changes were made to current policy.

What you are doing is making it more difficult for anyone to invest in the housing market, either as a homeowner or as an investor. If 50,000 to 60,000 people move to BC every year and interest rates are very low then it is obvious that prices will go up. One way to stop house prices going up is to limit immigration to Vancouver, but then this is not an acceptable policy for the NDP or the Federal Government. The real buck stops at your feet but like all politicians you are only interested in getting reelected.

Federal Liberals have made it easy for more immigrants to come to Canada and if we get just our proportionate share of the 400,000 immigrants required in the future we will need to house 40, 000 immigrants a year. As most immigrants want to go to Toronto or Vancouver we can expect up to 60,000 immigrants a year on top of normal inter provincial immigration.

Immigration is a laudable policy but someone has to pay for it and BC does not seem to get their fair share from Ottawa. The Liberals will not cut immigration numbers for political reasons and immigration costs are never discussed with the general public. If we are allowing 60,000 immigrants to move to Vancouver it is obvious that the true cost of housing them will be close to \$2 to \$3 billion a year. The so called wealthy pensioners of West Vancouver are being asked to disproportionately pay for this cost.

For the 4 years after the last recession in 2008 developers only built 80,000 units or less than 20,000 a year, much less than the amount required to house immigrants to BC and we are still playing catchup. Unless we build 20,000 or more houses for the people moving to BC , and an additional amount for the natural growth of the existing stock, say 3% a year , then house prices will continue to increase.

Your job should be to encourage the development and investment community to provide more housing every year than is needed, or reduce demand , either of which will reduce or maintain current prices and vacancy levels.

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I can tell you that the municipal and provincial approval system is very inefficient. It takes years to approve and implement projects , which might be viable at the time of conception, and then not economic at the time of approvals. And this is not just for large projects, even to get a small renovation approved in West Vancouver now takes eight months. This is just ridiculous.

I think you have been very badly advised as far as the housing file is concerned. There are many ways to increase the housing stock more quickly, some that will

take years to implement and some that can be done at a stroke of a pen. If housing is your number one priority then treat it as such. It seems from the cost increases in your budget that everything in your election platform is a priority and consequently not a lot will be achieved.

You will never achieve a balanced housing supply/demand ratio without the help of the private sector. However so far it seems that you are alienating the very people you should be helping, the developers and private investors. At best the Federal and Provincial governments will only be able to produce a tenth of the required housing and probably at a cost 20% over the private sector which really does not make any sense.

Why not make it appealing to developers to get extra density bonusing if they build a certain amount of rentable housing. Why not introduce a MURB type program that was hugely successful 20 years ago or allow private investors to provide the financing required to build MURB or rental proposals. Why not introduce a way to allow one or more legal suites in existing residential buildings. Any one of these programs would help to eradicate the supply but I do not see this happening under an NDP government. I do not buy the idea that enough is being done to increase the housing stock quickly enough to eradicate the current situation.

Finally, the NDP have to create an environment that encourages the private sector to want to invest in the future of BC. So far all I have seen is the NDP wanting to chase jobs out of the Province. You wanted to kill Site C, the LNG proposals and the Kinder Morgan proposals and that is just the larger projects that are not supported by the Greens.

I have advised my kids to move to the US or Europe for the next few years and have already discussed with my wife about selling up and moving out of the Province because of the wealth tax on seniors which we can not afford to pay. Many of my neighbours are like me on meagre pensions and our only real asset is our home for which we have worked 50 years to pay for. We are all insulted by the callous disregard for our well being at the stage of life where we thought we were safe financially. We now realise that this wealth tax is probably just the start of income distribution in this Province and we will be better off elsewhere.

Because I live in West Vancouver and do not use the many bridges throughout the lower mainland does not mean I should not pay my fair share of the taxes required to provide for their upkeep or to provide for any new bridges required. I pay for these bridges based on my net income and my ability to pay, not on my gross wealth. Why should providing housing be any different.

Secondly if you genuinely want to raise taxes for a housing fund then charge it to everyone based on their ability to pay, this is why we have a progressive income tax system.

Unfortunately I see a very political agenda from your government which does not bode well for the Province. I had hoped for better but this is what we get in today's political climate where it is all about getting reelected and not good government. It is for these reasons that I am seriously looking at selling up before it is too late.

Sincerely

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To: s.22
Subject: Fwd: School Tax or Spite Tax

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Date: March 16, 2018 at 10:52:23 AM PDT
To: Andrew Wilkinson
<contact@bcliberals.com>
Subject: School Tax or Spite Tax

Dear Andrew,

I think you are missing an important aspect of the NDP budget proposal.

Firstly I agree that the NDP are spending billions more than we can afford and this will be made worse when the private sector cuts back spending because they lose confidence in the NDP. This is already happening and I know of a number of firms who have decided that the US is a better place to put their money. Less

investment means less jobs, less consumer spending, higher deficits and ultimately higher taxes. Unfortunately it may take a few years to dislodge this Government as they have the benefit of good and sound Liberal financial and economic policies over the last 10 years.

However I think that this Government have taken a different tack regarding taxation policy as they have stated that they want to have the wealthy pay a school tax surcharge. I call this the Spite tax as it is not based on the taxpayers net wealth, which is the basis of most of progressive tax policy, but on gross wealth and only based on a specific target, houses over \$3 million. This tax has been imposed because the NDP assume that anyone that lives in a \$3 million home is wealthy and as we all know there is a segment of the Core NDP who are Marxists and believe that all land should be subject to taxation. This philosophy is a concern for all of us because if they can do this on homes over \$3 million they can also do it on homes over \$1 million, a great source of taxation in the future.

I live in West Vancouver and in an area that is home to many middle managers, scientists, school teachers, nurses and doctors most of whom have lived there for 20 or more years and raised their children at the local Rockridge school. The homes are in the range of \$3 to \$5 million. If the NDP have their way we will be paying a surcharge of \$6,000 to \$20,000 which most of us cannot afford and many of us will be forced to sell. I, and my fellow neighbours pay real estate taxes of about \$5,000 a year and so you can see that the impact of the surcharge will be substantial for most of us on modest pensions.

Most of my neighbours are pensioners and have worked really hard for 50 years or more. Many of us have run our own small businesses and have spent millions on employee wages, benefits and government taxes. I have probably

had only a few days off work in 50 years of working and have not been a burden on society in any way, in fact the opposite.

Most of us do not have big MLA pensions and comprehensive medical plans like John Horgan, Carol James and yourself. Many of us carry large mortgages and have major medical expenses.^{s.22}

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Many of my neighbours are in a similar situation.

I feel that this tax is just unfair and spiteful as it does not base the tax on the ability to pay but rather the GROSS wealth of the asset, in this case housing. It does not take into account net wealth as a real wealth tax would and also does not take into account the net income of the individual owning the house. John Horgan and Carol James have government pensions that will far exceed my meagre pension and have probably a greater net wealth but because I have been prudent and conservative in my spending over the years and spent money on my house and not trips abroad I am now being taxed on my investment that I hoped would pay for my pension years and that of my wife.

Secondly, I thought that the basis of the school tax was to raise money to pay for the operations of schools in BC and specifically West Vancouver. This proposed tax supposedly goes into general revenue and is not to be used for school purposes but rather a housing fund. Accordingly I believe that this tax is ultra vires and will probably be subject to a court challenge. I know many people who have expressed interest in a court challenge and I would like to know if we can count on your support in this regard.

The NDP have shown themselves for what they are, a mean spirited money grabbing party who hate people who they regard have the trappings of wealth, in this case people who own houses over \$3 million, even if they have a negative net worth. It just shows that the Marxist elements of the party have taken control and we should do all we can to get them out of office as quickly as possible.

In short I think that this wealth tax has not been at all well thought out and like many NDP proposals will do more harm than they originally intended. If they really want to increase spending then have the guts to do it under a general increase in taxation and not just on a certain segment of society which has been done to satisfy the far left Marxists. It certainly does nothing to foster a fairness in the tax code and only gives the impression that BC is not open for business. I certainly would not recommend my kids stay here if this is the type of Marxist government we can expect from now on.

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Today's BC Liberals

Dear s.22

I need your help to fight the NDP's continued attack on affordability for all British Columbians.

Under the NDP's half baked "speculation tax", many BC residents with a family cabin will be hammered for **tens of thousands of dollars**.

The stated goal of this tax is to make housing more affordable, but in reality, **it does nothing to curb real estate speculation. Instead it unfairly penalizes BC residents.**

"The only winners from the government's speculation tax appear to be speculators who pay the tax only once by selling a property quickly while owners who hold it will have to pay the tax year after year." - Vancouver Sun Editorial Board

You can read more [here](#) in this Vancouver Sun article by Vaughn Palmer.

This scheme is nothing more than a cash grab by an NDP government that has no real plan to grow the economy.

That is why I'm asking for your support today. Your contribution will allow me and the great team of BC Liberal MLA's to keep fighting the NDP, and make sure that this province is affordable for all British Columbians.

Help us keep the NDP accountable by making a small donation of [\\$5](#), [\\$10](#), [\\$15](#).



Thank you,



Andrew Wilkinson

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From: Gary C Johnson <garycj@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Subject: GPEB and Raid at Hastings Park (heads up)

I am sure you have heard some of the comments and stories surrounding this raid by CBSA agents. It is not being well received at the track for obvious reasons. Questions are being asked by backstretch people and by the media about what is the role of GPEB in all of this. I said I did not know. Then one reporter said GPEB accompanied them to the barns and directed them to specific trainers. So the major question that will probably get to the minister is - why was GPEB involved and if these workers are licensed then why did they get license if undocumented or insufficient documentation? David Milburn suggested we send them after the feds and not after GPEB. But I thought heads up would be best for you given these questions.

On a personal note I know none of these workers but was very dismayed by the fact they were handcuffed. This sounds more like an ICE raid than something we do in Canada.

Gary C Johnson
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Subject: FW: CBSA messaging

From: Harper, Aimee GPEB:EX
Sent: August 23, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX <Cathy.Dargie@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cheng, Rachel GPEB:EX <Rachel.Cheng@gov.bc.ca>; Hazel, Jillian GPEB:EX <Jillian.Hazel@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CBSA messaging

Hi Cathy,
Here's the info from CBSA. They advised that they just added the June date.
Aimée

From: Black, Catherine <Catherine.Black@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Harper, Aimee GPEB:EX <Aimee.Harper@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cheng, Rachel GPEB:EX <Rachel.Cheng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CBSA messaging

Hi Aimee – here is all of the information.

In response to the media inquiries we had open, we have provided the first part and the 2nd bullet under GPEB. We also shared with Global and the Sun.

This is the same messaging we had shared the other day (except June date which we just added).

Catherine

From: Black, Catherine
Sent: August 23, 2019 1:54 PM
To: 'Cheng, Rachel GPEB:EX' <Rachel.Cheng@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Comms-West / Comms-Ouest (CBSA/ASFC) <CommsWest@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
Subject: CBSA messaging

Rachel,

We have received approvals to use these media lines in response to inquiries we are receiving. We will not be sending out proactively as we had anticipated but we will share with outlets who have been following up with us throughout this week (i.e. Global). They include the lines we had shared with you earlier this week. For many of the inquiries we have received in the last few days, we will be sharing the 2nd bullet under the 'if pressed on GPEB employee' as this was a common question.

PROPOSED MESSAGING:

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is responsible for the enforcement of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) and conducts investigations into possible violations of the IRPA when there is evidence or information of a violation.

In June 2019, the CBSA received information that allowed the Agency to begin an investigation related to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* into individuals working without authorization at the Hastings Racecourse as a result of a referral from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) of British Columbia. While this is not a joint operation, the GPEB of British Columbia is collaborating with the CBSA in the investigation. The GPEB is responsible for directing, controlling and regulating British Columbia's horse racing industry and licensing.

Seven individuals were arrested on August 19, 2019. All individuals encountered during the initial entry were identified and only those alleged to be working without authorization were interviewed. The CBSA conducted interviews on-site and after the completion of the interviews, only the foreign nationals who were determined to be inadmissible were arrested.

Due to the number of individuals anticipated to be encountered and the overall size of the racecourse, 10 CBSA officers and one manager were present for the entry to the track. In addition, a total of eight members of the GPEB were on-site.

The CBSA conducts investigations into foreign nationals and permanent residents when available information suggests a person may be inadmissible to Canada. The CBSA investigates not only criminality, but persons who do not comply with terms and conditions imposed if they are students, foreign workers or visitors. All persons must demonstrate they meet the requirements to enter and/or stay in Canada. Several factors are used in determining admissibility into Canada, including involvement in criminal activity, in human rights violations, in organized crime, security, health, financial reasons, misrepresentation, or non-compliance with the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*. A complete list of reasons for inadmissibility can be found under s34-s42 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

If an officer collects sufficient evidence to believe that a person is inadmissible, the officer will prepare a report of inadmissibility for review by the Immigration Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB). The CBSA works closely with its law enforcement partners to identify, detect, apprehend, and remove individuals that do not have the authority to be in Canada.

If pressed on investigation of GPEB Employee:

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is responsible for the enforcement of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) and conducts investigations into possible violations of the IRPA when there is evidence or information of a violation.

It would be inappropriate for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to provide any further details as the investigation is ongoing. Further, the CBSA is bound by the parameters of the Privacy Act and a specific individual's file with the CBSA is protected by these parameters. In investigative cases, information does not become public unless charges are laid, and only at that time.

For questions related to the employment status of provincial employees, please direct your questions to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of British Columbia.

If pressed on detention:

Immigration detention is a measure of last resort and alternatives to detention must always be considered first. Detention can be an essential tool for the removal of inadmissible persons. Detention is not arbitrary. Under section 55 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, CBSA officers may only detain a permanent resident or a foreign national where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person is inadmissible and:

- they constitute a danger to the public;
- they are unlikely to appear for an immigration proceeding (e.g., examination, hearing, removal);
- they are unable to satisfy the officer of their identity;
- detention is necessary to complete an immigration examination or there are grounds to suspect that the person is inadmissible on grounds of security, human or international rights, serious criminality, criminality or for organized crime activities;

- the person is designated as a member of an irregular arrival by the Minister of Public Safety (persons aged 16 or over only).

It should be noted that when a person is detained, he or she must appear before the Immigration and Refugee Board within the legislated time limit, ie within 48 hours of the start of the detention. At a detention review, the IRB may release the person or identify conditions for release or determine that detention should continue. If the IRB determines that detention should be continued, the individual must also appear in the next seven days and every 30 days thereafter.

If/when a foreign national is detained, the CBSA provides on-site access to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and legal counsel at Immigration Holding Centres. A foreign national who is detained or arrested is provided the opportunity to contact the counsel of their choice. Under the Geneva Convention, they also have the right to contact a representative of their country's embassy or consulate should they choose to. Should a detainee have any questions regarding their detention or the immigration process they may request to speak to a CBSA officer at any time, or request to see legal counsel or a representative from an NGO. All CBSA Officers are required to treat immigration detainees in their care with the utmost respect and sensitivity in keeping with CBSA's core values and national detention procedures that adhere to Canadian and international law.

Information on immigration detention, including reasons for detention can be found [here](#).

If pressed on removals:

The decision to remove someone from Canada is not taken lightly. The *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* states that removal orders must be enforced as soon as possible, and the CBSA is firmly committed to doing so.

Everyone ordered removed from Canada is entitled to due process before the law and all removal orders are subject to various levels of appeal or review. Prior to removal, individuals may seek leave for judicial review, as well as administrative review procedures that assess the potential risk to the person of returning to their country of origin. The CBSA proceeds with removal only once these legal avenues are exhausted and travel documents are available.

More information on removals, including reasons a removal may be delayed can be found [here](#).

Thanks,

Catherine Black

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Panton, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Eby, David AG:EX; Hughes, Candice AG:EX
Cc: Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX
Subject: AG Morning Clips - August 26, 2019

AG MORNING CLIPS

- **Minister**

- [Milobar - BCLC commitment - CBC Daybreak Kamloops - CBYK \(CBC Kamloops\) - 23-Aug-2019](#)
- [Stone - BCLC commitment - CHNL Jason Hewlett - CHNL \(Kamloops\) - 23-Aug-2019](#)

- **Columnists**

- [Carson Crimeni and bullying's dark, frightening progress - Gary Mason - Globe and Mail - 24-Aug-2019](#)

- **Commissions**

- [Small rate decrease coming next year, B.C. Hydro says - Derrick Penner - The Province - 25-Aug-2019](#)

- **Gaming**

- [Immigration fraud led to racetrack raid, documents say - Gordon McIntyre - The Province - 25-Aug-2019](#)
- [Milburn - Hastings Racecourse raid - CKNW Simi Sara - CKNW \(Vancouver\) - 23-Aug-2019](#)

- **IIO**

- [Surveillance video shows high-speed crash in downtown Victoria - CBC Online - CBC Online - 24-Aug-2019](#)

- **Legal Aid**

- [Harry - Indigenous legal supports - CBC Daybreak Kamloops - CBYK \(CBC Kamloops\) - 23-Aug-2019](#)

- **Court Decisions (general)**

- [Retail pot permit denied - CBU - CBU \(CBC Vancouver\) - 23-Aug-2019](#)


- **Crown**

- [Man at centre of dropped HIV-disclosure case sues province and 10 cops - Vikki Hopes - Abbotsford News - 23-Aug-2019](#)

Milobar - BCLC commitment

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Friday, August 23, 2019, 08:14

By CBC Daybreak Kamloops 

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Stone - BCLC commitment

CHNL

Friday, August 23, 2019, 09:16

By CHNL Jason Hewlett

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Carson Crimeni and bullying's dark, frightening progress

Globe and Mail

Saturday, August 24, 2019

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By Gary Mason

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Small rate decrease coming next year, B.C. Hydro says

The Province

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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By Derrick Penner

Immigration fraud led to racetrack raid, documents say

The Province

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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By Gordon McIntyre-2

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Milburn - Hastings Racecourse raid

CKNW

Friday, August 23, 2019, 12:36

By CKNW Simi Sara-2

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Surveillance video shows high-speed crash in downtown Victoria

CBC Online

Saturday, August 24, 2019

By CBC Online0

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Harry - Indigenous legal supports

CBYK

Friday, August 23, 2019, 06:45

By CBC Daybreak Kamloops

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Retail pot permit denied

CBU

Friday, August 23, 2019, 07:34

By CBU

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Man at centre of dropped HIV-disclosure case sues province and 10 cops

Abbotsford News

Friday, August 23, 2019

By Vikki Hopes-1

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:13 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: media advisory
Attachments: DRAFT.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Good to go?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX" <Timothy.Chu@gov.bc.ca>
Date: August 26, 2019 at 5:06:51 PM PDT
To: "Harder, Derrick AG:EX" <Derrick.Harder@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Panton, Ryan GCPE:EX" <Ryan.Panton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: media advisory

Still waiting to get the speaker pass code so we can plop it into MDE's calendar, but here's the advisory that will go out tomorrow morning.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Aug. 27, 2019

Ministry of Attorney General

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Attorney General – Teleconference

VANCOUVER – David Eby, Attorney General, will hold a media availability to discuss the events that took place at Hastings Racecourse on Aug. 19, 2019.

Teleconference date: Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019

Time: 11 a.m.

Dial in information:

In Vancouver: s.15;s.22

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