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Subject: Craig and MSR - Briefing/Update

Start: Tue 2018-01-23 4:30 PM

End: Tue 2018-01-23 5:00 PM

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Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: MINCAL, MAH MAH:EX

Required Attendees: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX

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Subject: Pre-brief for Richard LeBlanc call
Location: Room 346 - T/C s.15,s.17
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Meeting Status: Tentatively accepted
Organizer: MINCAL, MMHA MMHA:EX
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Pre-brief for Richard LeBlanc call re: Woodwyn Farms today @ 3:30pm

Teleconference Number - s.15,s.17
Moderator number: s.15,s.17
Participant ID: s.15,s.17

Attendees:
Minister Darcy
Doug Hughes
Neilane Meyhew
Meaghan Thumath
Anna Lindsay-Baugh
Taryn Walsh
Jonny Morris



11/01/2018 - 11:00 AM
Woodwyn Farms

01/23/2018 - 11:00 AM
Anna Lindsay-Baugh

**MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff # - 1100615

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions -
FOR INFORMATION

TITLE: Woodwynn Farms – Central Saanich

PURPOSE: To provide full background information, currently offered services, and implications for residents in case of closure

BACKGROUND: Woodwynn Farms is a 78-hectare farm located in the District of Central Saanich (the “District”). According to the Woodwynn Farms website, they provide a therapeutic program of training and rehabilitation for individuals struggling with addictions, homelessness and/or mental-health problems. The program has been operating for eight and a half years, led by the Creating Homefulness Society. The Creating Homefulness Society (The Society) is looking to zone two acres to eventually house up to 96 participants as well as support staff. Municipal zoning restrictions in Central Saanich limit the number of clients to 10.

Participants must have completed a medical detox to participate in the therapeutic program. Therapeutic activities include assisting with crops and livestock, providing participants with structure and routine, with a shared experience of community. In addition to feeding program participants, the farm supplies local markets with organic produce and value-added products through an on-site market and distribution to local grocers, markets and restaurants. Currently there are six (6) participants in the Woodwynn Farm program, four (4) of whom are residing on the property, and two (2) who would be considered in vulnerable circumstances.

An ongoing issue with the property has been the lack of proper housing infrastructure that meets municipal code. Participants are currently housed in donated RVs, with challenges related to safety, plumbing, heating, and comfort of the residents. The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has denied the farm’s proposal to construct accommodation for 40 people on two acres of land. The 193-acre property is designated for agricultural use by the ALC which limits activities they deem non-agricultural.

On December 13, 2017, the District posted “No Occupancy” orders on the RVs, washroom facilities and greenhouses on the property. These orders were subsequent to work done by the District and the BC Safety Authority to conduct an inspection of the farm’s electrical system. The inspection was prompted by a fire in one of the RV campers on the property in October 2017. One notice indicates that buildings, plumbing and waste-disposal permits were not approved under local bylaws. The Executive Director, Richard Leblanc has indicated to the media that they intend to defy the eviction order.

DISCUSSION:

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Program ADM/Division: Taryn Walsh, ADM, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
Date: December 22, 2017

Solutions

To: The Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and
The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and
The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

From: Richard Leblanc, Executive Director of Woodwynn Farms

Date: January 23, 2018

The Creating Homefulness Society (the Society) welcomes the opportunity to speak directly to government about our initiative to develop a therapeutic rehabilitation farm as part of a pro-active strategy to address the crises of addictions, mental health and homelessness in our province and to determine an effective means to collaborate with government
This document outlines a framework for such collaboration

Context

- It has now been 21 months since the provincial health emergency declaration with respect to the overdose crisis.
- Our non-profit society has invested more than a decade in developing our facility within the community to help alleviate these crises.
- Our province recorded approximately 1,400 overdose deaths in 2017, and homelessness continues to plague many jurisdictions.
- The situation is a complex problem that defies a simple “one size fits all” solution.
- The extent and complexity of the issues associated with this crises are not easily addressed by the current legislative environment and the complications of cross-jurisdictional cooperation.
- Delays in developing effective solutions come at the needless expense of lives unnecessarily cut short.
- To date, the response to this crisis has largely been reactive and designed primarily to address issues related to drug use and to reduce overdose deaths.
- Our farm-based therapeutic community treatment centre is an essential, proactive element in a multi-pronged strategy required to address this complex problem.
- The ability of the Society to develop a therapeutic farm community at the Woodwynn Farms site has been constrained by both provincial (Agricultural Land Commission Act) and municipal (permits and bylaws) regulations.
- Under the **Emergency Program Act** [RSBC 1996] Chapter 111 the provincial government, whether or not a state of emergency has been declared under section 9 (1) may implement plans to address the perceived emergency. Among its provisions, the Act empowers the government to “*acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster*” [s 10 (1) (d)], and “*to construct works considered by the minister to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster*” [s 10 (1) (k)].

Backgrounder on Woodwynn Farms

- Since 2009, the Creating Homefulness Society has provided housing and treatment for people experiencing homelessness and addictions through Woodwynn Farms, a 78 hectare piece of farmland in the Agricultural Land Reserve. It is located in the District of Central Saanich.
- The Farm's model is based on the world-renowned San Patrignano farm in Italy. An essential part of the program is that participants live and work on the farm. Housing participants away from the Farm is not feasible.
- Since its founding, Woodwynn has worked with 53 participants. Currently, only 4 people are participating in the program. Woodwynn wants to scale up to work with up to 40 participants (Phase 1), and scale further to a full capacity of 96 (Phase 2)
- We are in discussion with BC Housing to donate the housing and amenities necessary for this expansion.
- In early 2016, the Society asked the District of Central Saanich to allow 0.8 hectare (less than 1% of the Farm) to be used for participants' **temporary** housing.
- The District referred the issue to the Agricultural Land Commission which ruled in November 2017 that the housing was not an appropriate "non-farm use".
- Shortly before Christmas, the District attempted to evict the current participants by posting "*no occupancy*" signs at the Farm. Evicting the participants will push them back on the streets or into shelters and be incredibly harmful to their health and treatment.
- Current and potential participants, along with their families, are asking the Agricultural Land Commission to reconsider its decision.

Woodwynn Farms - a pro-active strategy

Therapeutic farm initiative: There is a significant body of literature supporting the value of agricultural/horticultural therapy in treating mental health and addiction. We have developed a decade long relationship with what is recognized as the most successful treatment centre in the world at San Patrignano, Italy.

Woodwynn Farms' setting and program mirrors their successful design more effectively than almost any other centre in the world.

San Patrignano's outstanding 72% long-term success rate, covering 40 years and approximately 26,000 addicts must be emulated and adapted to our province, and Woodwynn is doing just that.

The provincial government has demonstrated endorsement for this concept in their support of the Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Community and Farm outside Prince George BC.

Farm business: Our agricultural plan was developed in collaboration with Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Institute of Sustainable Food Systems and Brian Holl, Ph.D. P.Ag. Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Land & Food Systems, The University of British Columbia.

The farm plan is predicated on a sustainable labour-intensive agricultural/horticultural model that is not readily comparable to conventional farming, but is agriculturally effective nonetheless.

Residential Integration: While successful rehabilitation is the ultimate goal of the program, that objective is completely dependent on the success of the farming operation. The social and agricultural objectives are not mutually exclusive; the advantages of living in community on the farm property are reflected in both the social benefits to participants and their enhanced capability to contribute effectively to the intensive mixed farming opportunity.

Concerns

Throughout the initial development of this program, there have been a number of concerns raised with respect to the nature of the residential component and the impact of locating residents on the site with respect to the agricultural potential of the property.

Those concerns are addressed below.

1. That the non-farm use (for housing) would reduce the agricultural potential of the property (provincial ALC jurisdiction)

- The residential non-farm use proposal excludes approximately 1.6 ha (2%) of hay land from active agricultural production.
- The increased productivity of high value horticultural crops that can be generated on the remainder of the property through integration of the residential labour force is orders of magnitude greater than the lost value of the hay.

2. That the non-farm use is a preliminary tactic to instigate a re-development proposal for the property that would result in its removal from the ALR and subsequent loss to agriculture

- While this criticism portrays an unlikely scenario given the current perspective of the ALC and existing land reserve legislation, it has been one of the most frequent objections voiced by the community. It is most often raised in the context of decisions around approvals of other controversial non-farm uses or land exclusions in the region.
- We have proposed supplemental protection of the land for agriculture through additional covenant protection.

3. That the nature of the housing (to date) does not meet the building, health and safety standards governed by building codes and municipal bylaws (District of Central Saanich)

- The Society is in complete agreement with the view that residents should be housed in accommodation that meets all required building codes and health and safety standards. The proposal addresses those issues to ensure that any residential development on the property is in compliance with required provincial and/or municipal standards.

The Proposal

Phase 1 (Present to year 3)

1. That the BC Government lease 1.6 ha of land from the Creating Homefulness Society on a 99-year lease (Initial lease payment of \$ 500,000 followed by five additional annual payments of \$100,000 each - total \$1,000,000). Specific terms of lease conditions to be negotiated. For e.g. process for terminating lease should the rehabilitation program not continue at some future date etc...)
 - Government shall designate the leased area as the site of a rehabilitation facility and contract the Creating Homefulness Society to operate the rehabilitation program
 - This action may be possible under provincial emergency provisions, and/or it may require spot zoning by the District - the advantage of the avoiding any type of re-zoning is that if the program is terminated, the institutional portion of the overall site will automatically revert to agricultural use and would not provide an anomaly that required further re-zoning
2. The BC Government through the BC Housing Authority authorize the donation and immediate construction of temporary modular housing units with associated compliant septic, hydro and water connections appropriate to support 15 participants + staff on the designated institutional area. An additional payment of \$850,000 will be made by the government to the Society for infrastructure and maintenance upgrades of existing structures
3. The contractual arrangement between the government and the Society to operate the rehabilitation program will be funded by operational contract payments to the Society. The government will also contribute to the annual agricultural operating budget (\$185,000 per year) to support the farm enterprise directly for horticultural supervision and training. Kwantlen Polytechnic University has contributed to the early development of the farm program, and the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of British Columbia has indicated their interest in collaborating on training as part of their community engagement mandate.

The government contribution towards operating costs of the program for years 1-3

Year 1: $\$ 420,000 / 185,000 = \$ 605,000$ (15 participants)

Year 2: $\$ 700,000 / 185,000 = \$ 885,000$ (25 participants)

Year 3: $\$ 1,120,000 / 185,000 = \$ 1,305,000$ (40 participants)
4. Protection of the long-term agricultural potential of this property is an important issue. The Society proposes to covenant the property solely to farming and farming related activities in perpetuity. In exchange, the BC Government agrees to pay the Society the sum of \$1,000,000 for this Covenant which will be registered on the property title. This provision is intended to provide an additional layer of protection against further development or use of this property except for farming.

Financial pro forma

The financial details below are provided as a guide to the costs of the program (to government) relative to current estimates of the public cost of homelessness, mental health and addictions.

Estimates of the annual cost to taxpayers of serving a homeless person range from \$ 55,000 to \$ 135,000 per year. Using a conservative value of \$ 100,000 per year per person, the annual costs to the taxpayer for serving the equivalent number of individuals who are proposed for farm residency in years 1-3 of the program would be:

15 persons \$ 1,500,000.00

25 persons 2,500,000.00

40 persons 4,000,000.00

3-year pro forma estimates

[Initial capital outlay treated as a 10 year loan with annual interest at 5%]

Capital outlay = \$2,350,000 in year 1 and an additional \$500,000 in year 2.

‡ Increased interest generated by addition of second (\$500,000) lease payment.

Program Year (Participant Number)	Annual Financial Commitment to Government			Estimated cost to serve equivalent homeless number	Gain or (Loss) to Government
	Interest on Capital	Operating	Total Annual Contribution		
1 (15)	\$299,112	\$605,000	\$904,112	\$1,500,000	\$595,888
2 (25)	\$362,752‡	\$885,000	\$1,247,752	\$2,500,000	\$1,252,248
3 (40)	\$362,752	\$1,305,000	\$1,667,752	\$4,000,000	\$2,332,248

Phase 2

The initial establishment of a legal institutional residency on the farm will provide the stability required to develop the program and to provide confidence to the philanthropic donor community that their contributions will go toward a viable, sustainable program of rehabilitation.

The long term goal of the Society is to expand the program on a gradual basis to a maximum of 96 participants.

These numbers would ultimately be housed in more permanent facilities that are based on ecologically sensitive and sustainable architectural design that does not exceed the current footprint for institutional use (see concept below)



¹ *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation*, BC Reg 171/2002

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Minister Popham – Minister
Richard Leblanc – Woodwyn Farms
Doug Hughes – MHA
Wes Shoemaker - Deputy for Agriculture
A/ ADM Lorie Hrycuik – Agriculture
Meaghan Thumath
Will Beale – MA for Agriculture
Craig Ashbourne MA – MAH
Daniela Gardea –MA - MAH

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From: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
Sent: May 31, 2018 9:52 AM
To: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX; Gardea, Daniela MAH:EX
Cc: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Morning Media Report - Thursday May 31st

No issues.

Morning Media Report, Thursday May 31st

Top Stories: Electoral reform details released, Kinder Morgan revenue deal hasn't changed B.C. says, Trans Mountain pipeline: The economics of oil, Plan for B.C. electoral reform referendum misses mark opposition says, New poll shows federal Liberals losing support in B.C. over pipeline, Petronas takes stake in Shell-led LNG Canada a year after retreat from B.C., Activist says protest may rival War in Woods.

Other Stories of Note: Former B.C. premier Christy Clark lands new job at law firm, Prostate cancer test under-funded: doctors.

Opinion: Electoral reform anything but simple, Electoral reform process skewed, Battle begins for proportional representation, We want in: Young people need to be heard, Debunking the \$15-billion pipeline benefit myth, Pipeline decision splits country.

Top Stories in South Asian Media: Federal government buys Kinder Morgan pipeline, Lack of Taxis as cruise season begins, CP rail workers strike.

Top Stories in Chinese Media: TMP purchase reactions, electoral reform referendum, CP Rail strike ends.

Media Appearances Today: David Eby live on The John McComb Show (CKNW) 7:07 – 7:14am (980 AM), CBC The Early Edition 7:40 – 7:47am (88.1 FM), and on the Al Ferraby Show (CFAX) 8:20 – 8:28am (1070 AM).

Section 1 – Press Gallery Summary

Rob Shaw (Vancouver Sun)

- [“Electoral reform details released”](#)
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Justine Hunter (Globe & Mail)

- “Kinder Morgan revenue deal hasn't changed, B.C. says”

Page A05

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Richard Zussman (Global BC)

- “British Columbians will vote on our electoral system — Here are the 4 options”

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- “Former B.C. premier Christy Clark lands new job at law firm”

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- “B.C.’s Attorney General recommending 2 ballot questions for electoral reform referendum”

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Tom Fletcher (Black Press)

- **“Four options to be offered for B.C. voting referendum”**

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- **“Trans Mountain pipeline: The economics of oil”**

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Andrew MacLeod (Tyee)

- **“Eby Unveils Proposed Electoral Reform Referendum Questions”**

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Justin McElroy (CBC)

- “B.C. to choose between 4 systems for electoral reform referendum”

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Megan Thomas (CBC)

- “Plan for B.C. electoral reform referendum misses mark, opposition says”

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Section 2 – Major Newspapers

Vancouver Sun

- “Prostate cancer test under-funded: doctors”

Larry Pynn, Page A03

Copyright

The Province

- **“New poll shows federal Liberals losing support in B.C. over pipeline”**
Nick Eagland, Page A10

Times Colonist

- **“Fall referendum on how B.C. votes”**
Katie DeRosa, Page A01

The Globe and Mail

- **“Eby unveils proposed electoral-reform ballot question”**

Sunny Dhillon, Page A07

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- **“Petronas takes stake in Shell-led LNG Canada a year after retreat from B.C.”**

Brent Jang, Page B01

Copyright

National Post

- **“Activist says protest may rival War in Woods”**

Camille Bains, Page A04

Copyright

- **“B.C. Attorney General suggests three electoral reform choices”**
Dirk Meissner, National Post, Page A06

Section 3 – Opinion

- **“Electoral reform anything but simple”**
Vaughn Palmer, Vancouver Sun, Page A11

- **“Electoral reform process skewed”**
Les Leyne, Times Colonist, Page A11

- **“Battle begins for proportional representation”**

Mike Smyth, The Province, Page A06

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- **“We want in: Young people need to be heard”**

Aran Armutlu, Phoebe Lo Patigdas, Simka Marshall & Romeo Tello, Vancouver Sun, Page A11

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- **“Debunking the \$15-billion pipeline benefit myth”**

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- **“Pipeline decision splits country”**
John Ivison, National Post, Page A01

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Section 4 – Radio

CKNW (Vancouver)

CKNW 31-May-2018, 06:01 Earle - Lower Mainland congestion - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (414K)

CKNW 31-May-2018, 06:02 Huberman - ride sharing - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (692K)

CFAX (Victoria)

CFAX 31-May-2018, 06:00 Goodale - TMP purchase - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (1143K)

CFAX 31-May-2018, 06:03 Woodwynn - Play Here contest - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (642K)

CHNL (Kamloops)

CHNL 31-May-2018, 06:00 Ash - recreational home buyers - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (505K)

CHNL 31-May-2018, 06:01 Yu - tourism growth - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (737K)

CHNL 31-May-2018, 06:02 Singh - electoral reform - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (734K)

CKWX (Vancouver)

CKWX 31-May-2018, 06:05 Knowles - power line safety - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (586K)

CKWX 31-May-2018, 06:06 Skrepnek - wildfire weather - [\[new window\]](#) OR [\[inline\]](#) OR [\[Transcript\]](#) - (626K)

Section 5 – Inside Government

Thu May 31	Lead	Activity/Details
7:30 AM	LBR	IB: Provincewide information bulletin -- Reminder that B.C.'s minimum wage increases by \$1.30 to \$12.65 on June 1, 2018 as part of plan to reach at least \$15 an hour by 2021
10:45 AM	CFD	STMT: Provincewide statement -- Wrap Up to Child Care Month
11:45 AM	AG	IB: Provincewide information bulletin -- Board appointment
12:00 PM	TAC	VICTORIA/Photo-op -- Tourism Week (Day 5 Theme: Jobs and Tourism): Minister Lisa Beare participates in meet and greet with Eagle Wing tours. Go2HR will also be announcing a tourism program for tourism workers
12:30 PM	PREM	VICTORIA (Legislature) -- Premier John Horgan holds end of session media availability
1:15 PM	TRAN	IB: Regional information bulletin: Bruhn Bridge replacement decision delayed due to additional required technical fieldwork

Section 6 – Outside Government

- **(11:00am) TransLink -- Surrey LRT Media Briefing:** Kick off for first of three open houses for public consultation period of Surrey-Newton-Guildford Light Rail Transit project. Government is committed to funding 40% of capital costs of Mayors' Council 10-year Vision, which includes Surrey LRT.

- **(11:00am) Victoria (Legislature) -- Telus Kits for Kids:** MLAs from all parties will be invited to fill school bags full of supplies for underprivileged students in their ridings, take photos, and meet volunteers.
- **(7:00pm) Public info meeting -- Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project:** FLNR staff hosting a public information session about Phase 2 of the Borland Valley Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Project in the 150 Mile House area.

Section 7 – Community Specific Media Reports

South Asian Media, End of the Day Report **Wednesday , May 30, 2018 at 3:00 pm**

Notable stories/issues

Federal government buys Kinder Morgan pipeline
Lack of Taxis as cruise season begins
CP rail workers strike

Summary of talk shows

CKYE RED 93.1 FM The Harjinder Thind Show 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

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transportation method for moving goods across Canada.

KRPI 1550 AM Jasbir Romana Show 8:00 AM– 11:00 AM.

Host: Dr. Jasbir Singh Romana

Major topics discussed:

- Social and international topics

KRPI 1550 AM – Harjit Gill Show 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Host: Harjit Gill

Major topics discussed:

- Social and International topics

Spice Radio AM 1200

Gurpreet Singh, Safiya Pirani, Inderpal Brar and Gaurav Shah. 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

Major topics discussed

- Pipeline issue

Indo- Canadian Voice

Major topics:

- Attorney General unveils report and recommendations on electoral reform referendum
- Wilkinson slams Premier for breaking promises on electoral reform referendum.

Highlights from today's TNO South Asian Report

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George/Hudema/Horgan/Wilkinson/Robertson - TMP purchase reaction

CHNM

Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 19:39

By OMNI Punjabi News

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Mission daycare death

CHNM

Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 19:35

By OMNI Punjabi News

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Morneau/Scheer/May/Singh - Ottawa TMP purchase

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Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 19:36

By OMNI Punjabi News

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Notley/Kenney/Nenshi - TMP buyout reactions

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Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 19:42

By OMNI Punjabi News

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Chinese Media End of the Day Report

Wednesday May 30, 2018 at 4 pm

Top Stories in Chinese Media: TMP purchase reactions, electoral reform referendum, CP Rail strike ends,

Fairchild Radio online poll (Chinese & English), deadline: June 1, 2018

http://www.am1470.com/polling_detail.php?i=57

Question: Federal government will spend \$4.5 billion to buy the existing line from Kinder Morgan in order to see the stalled Trans Mountain pipeline expansion built. What do you think?

Summary of Talk Shows

CHMB AM 1320 News Central, May 29, 4:30pm - 6pm

Language: Cantonese

Host: Benson Lee Guest: Raymond Yau (sp)

Topic: Reactions to Ottawa buying TMP

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Fairchild AM 1470 News Hotline, May 29, 5pm - 6pm

Language: Cantonese

Host: Wallace Chan Guest: Frank Huang

Topic: Reactions to Ottawa buying TMP

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Fairchild AM 1470 News Talk, May 30, 8:30-9:30am

Language: Cantonese

Host: Travena Lee, KK Wan

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Highlights from Today's News Online (TNO) from Chinese Language Media Report

CFTV Fairchild Evening News Hwo/Bateman - TMP purchase reactions

29-May-2018 19:06

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Federal government spends \$4.5 billion to buy Trans Mountain pipeline

Ming Pao News, Wednesday, May 30, 2018, Page A01

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Trans Mountain pipeline buyout, taxpayers federation: failure of the government

Ming Pao News, Wednesday, May 30, 2018, Page A08

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One-year anniversary of CASA, NDP and Green Party continue to support each other
Sing Tao Daily, Page A07, 30-May-2018

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Horgan insists on defending British Columbia's interests in the courts
Sing Tao Daily, Page A04, 30-May-2018

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Trans Mountain pipeline buyout, taxpayers federation: failure of the government
Ming Pao News, Page A08, 30-May-2018

Quoted: Andrew Wilkinson, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson

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CHMB AM1320, 30-May-2018 Eby - electoral reform

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CBC All Points West
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CBC On the Island
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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: February 27, 2018 9:21 AM
Subject: CBCV: Reid/Young - Woodwynn Farms

CBCV (CBC Victoria)
CBC On the Island
27-Feb-2018 08:20

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: February 16, 2018 9:32 PM
Subject: CFA: DuTemple - Woodwynn Farm ■

CFA (Victoria)
CFA Mark Brennae
16-Feb-2018 16:08

Quoted: Adam Stirling, Mark Brennae, Teri DuTemple, Richard LeBlanc

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: February 16, 2018 7:31 PM
Subject: CFAX: DuTemple - Woodwynn Farm

CFAX (Victoria)
CFAX Mark Brennae
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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: February 16, 2018 3:22 PM
Subject: CFAF: Leblanc - Woodwynn Farms 

CFAF (Victoria)
CFAF Joe Perkins
15-Feb-2018 12:47

Quoted: Richard Leblanc, Adam Stirling

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From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: February 15, 2018 2:17 PM
Subject: CFAF: Leblanc - Woodwynn Farms

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CFAF Joe Perkins
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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 23, 2018 3:09 PM
Subject: CBCV: King - Woodwynn Farms closure ■

CBCV (CBC Victoria)
CBC All Points West
22-Jan-2018 17:18

Quoted: Jason D'Souza, Doug King

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 22, 2018 8:18 PM
Subject: CBCV: King - Woodwynn Farms closure

CBCV (CBC Victoria)
CBC All Points West
22-Jan-2018 17:18

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 22, 2018 6:32 PM
Subject: CFAF: Batey - therapeutic community model ■

CFAF (Victoria)
CFAF Adam Stirling
22-Jan-2018 09:35

Quoted: Ian Batey, Adam Stirling

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 19, 2018 5:42 PM
Subject: CHEK: Fortin/LeBlanc - Woodwynn Farms closure

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
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Subject: CBCV: Windsor - Woodwynn Farms closure

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 19, 2018 8:23 AM
Subject: CFAF: Windsor - Woodwynn Farms closure ■

CFAF (Victoria)

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Quoted: Ryan Price, Ryan Windsor, Lisa Best

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Patrucco, Ian MAH:EX

From: Today's News Online GCPE:EX
Sent: January 19, 2018 8:02 AM
Subject: CFAF: Windsor - Woodwynn Farms closure ■

CFAF (Victoria)

19-Jan-2018 07:01

Quoted: Ryan Price, Ryan Windsor

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ALR and Woodwyn Farm Reference Notes

January 11, Minister's Council

General

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Woodwynn Farms

- Run by the Creating Homefulness Society, Woodwynn Farms (Farm) provides a therapeutic community for the homeless on an organic farm in Central Saanich
- On August 10, 2017, the Society's Executive Director Richard Leblanc sent a letter to several elected officials, highlighting the success of the Farm and the regulatory challenges it has faced in expanding its program. The letter implied that in the absence of local government permitting and support for an expansion, an open invitation would be issued to homeless persons to set up camp on the farm if demands were not met for permits and funding to expand operations
- The suggestion by the director of the farm that he might invite homeless people from across Canada to camp there seems not to have materialized.

- In mid-December Central Saanich bylaw officers visited the farm and issued No Occupancy notices - characterized in media as 'eviction orders' - regarding several RVs/structures in which the six participants in the farm's therapeutic program are living, citing safety issues.
- The timing of this enforcement action just before Christmas received media attention and a petition was started against it.
- Woodwynn has vowed to not abide by the orders, setting up the possibility of this ending up in court.
- On a related note, also in December, the mayor of Central Saanich has had to recuse himself from the issue after it was realized he had a friend (previously homeless) living on his property, apparently in violation of municipal bylaws.

From: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX
To: Nicholls, Eric MAH:EX; Hill, Jennifer MAH:EX; Nicol, Lee A MAH:EX; Carswell, Emma JTT:EX
Subject: RE: s.22
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018 12:33:47 PM

Thanks Eric this is very helpful. s.22

From: Nicholls, Eric MAH:EX
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX; Hill, Jennifer MAH:EX; Nicol, Lee A MAH:EX; Carswell, Emma MAH:EX
Subject: s.22

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a good Christmas.

s.22

Jessica- I see the request for notes for Tara re. Woodwynn Farms.

I don't seem to have a copy of that note available. But in terms of updates:

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Hope that's enough to go on, in combination with my earlier note. Let me know if questions,

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX
To: Faganello, Tara MAH:EX
Cc: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Nicol, Lee A MAH:EX
Subject: Back Pocket Notes for M/C
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018 4:58:00 PM

Hi Tara,

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Please let us know if you would like any

additional / different information.

Thanks

Jessica

From: Faganello, Tara MAH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX
Cc: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX
Subject: RE: WATCHER: Outgoing Assignment - eApprovals item 4798 - RUSH Review please - Please use this version to review.
Yes please and thanks

From: Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Faganello, Tara MAH:EX
Cc: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX
Subject: RE: WATCHER: Outgoing Assignment - eApprovals item 4798 - RUSH Review please - Please use this version to review.

Hi Tara –

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Further to your note below, would you like some additional notes

on Woodwyn Farm?

Thanks,

Jessica

From: Faganello, Tara MAH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Brooks, Jessica MAH:EX; Thomson, Lia MAH:EX
Subject: Re: WATCHER: Outgoing Assignment - eApprovals item 4798 - RUSH Review please - Please use this version to review.

232136 is fine. What was the original request for this BN and is it going to MInister's Council? I may need a few separate notes to speak from on the Woodwyn Farm situation in Central Saanich re a tent city....

Sent from my iPhone

Akizuki, Erin MAH:EX

From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 2:55 PM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: 234168 FW: Woodwyn Farms

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From: Kathleen Birkett [<mailto:kbirkett@oceansedgebiz.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:57 PM
Subject: Woodwyn Farms

Hello All ,

I hope that you can take the time out of your very busy days to please take a second look at the closure of Woodwyn Farms. While I do not live in the area, I have been following their success story for several years now from up-island.

I do believe that the government could play an integral part in this success. Instead of closing down this enterprise, please look into the possibility of all interested stakeholders to sit at a common table and hash this out to a win-win situation for everyone.

While the "residences" on the farm may compromise the integrity of Agricultural Land use, the very idea of providing housing, support, and work to those who might otherwise still be on the streets seems to me as a common citizen the way things should be done to improve the lives of all. Why can we not look "outside of the box" and see what compromises could be put into place that would be beneficial to all. This could be a pilot project, that with continued success, deal with the very housing issues we all are experiencing (even those of us who might not be down and out on our luck).

Please re-think your decision. With some serious discussion and action this could provide a wonderful situation for all. It would certainly put the government in favour with many; it addresses some of the very problems many choose to ignore, and it provides employment, which of course provides the trickle down effect of putting \$\$ back into the economy.

I am just one citizen of many, and think that the working model is something that could be built upon. Perhaps create a tiny village of housing on the property, so that the housing issue is dealt with. Perhaps let this become a non profit society, heavy on the agricultural content of it all, and extend it to a teaching location. Oh, there are so many possibilities.

Please don't make this another sad story of where people are thrown back out on the streets. Let's not be a part

of the problem, but part of the solution.

In gratitude,

Kathleen Birkett Chief Freelancer, Ocean's Edge Business Services



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"I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down..." - Abraham Lincoln

Akizuki, Erin MAH:EX

From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: 234318 FW: Woodwyn Farms debaucle

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From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 9:39 PM
To: Robinson.MLA, Selina
Subject: Woodwyn Farms debaucle

Dear Ms. Robinson,

I am not one to send letters for every situation that occurs in life. This time I feel it necessary, not because what is happening affects me or my family personally, but it does affect a whole society of people who desperately need help and hope for themselves, their friends and family.

Everything that I have learned, read about and seen indicates that this would be of enormous benefit to so many people. Having been a foster parent ^{s.22} I know what support can look like for the most vulnerable beings in our society.

This is a place of refuge, kindness and support and I cannot understand why such a beneficial atmosphere is not lauded for the work that is being done at Woodwyn Farms.

I could understand if it wasn't working, like many other rehabilitation efforts, but this one looks like many other truly successful models all over the world.

I would implore you to look again more closely because this cannot be relegated to the NIMBY philosophy. There are too many lives at stake for this to happen.

Please intercede and allow these folks to show us how it can be done successfully.

Thanks for your time and support,

s.22

Akizuki, Erin MAH:EX

From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: 234368 FW: Woodwyn Farms - therapeutic rehabilitation program

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From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 6:32 PM
To: Robinson.MLA, Selina
Subject: Woodwyn Farms - therapeutic rehabilitation program

Minister Robinson

I'm writing to convey my concern over the unfortunate pending closure of Woodwynn Farms, a therapeutic recovery centre in Central Saanich.

Approximately 18 months ago I attended one of the regular farm tours offered by Richard Leblanc the Executive Director of the farm. It was an informative and eye-opening event for me. I have supported their program since that time by shopping at the market, giving very small donations as I am able, and by spreading the word about the progressive forward thinking approach being implemented there.

There has been a tremendous amount of time and effort given to research and coming up with a realistic program to help rehabilitate those who are struggling with homelessness, addiction and mental health. These individuals are desperately in need of a workable solution and Woodwynn has been offering them exactly that. The location is one where there is beauty all around. There are also a variety of plants and animals to care for and spend time with. This creates a peaceful and healing environment for those who need it the most. I personally love the market place! It is clean, bright and the staff/volunteers are always friendly and welcoming. It's a great public source of local produce and food products as well as crafts.

My history has included work with troubled youth as well as dealing with imprisoned adults. Many were addicts and many had mental health issues. My experience was that the system they were in was failing them. Woodwynn Farm is the most progressive and effective rehabilitation program that I have seen. It has given me some hope that we as a society have a hope of turning the tide against the present overdose epidemic and that we can help marginalized people regain their self-respect giving them motivation to live healthy meaningful lives. The Farm program facilitates healing and recovery but it requires support from the community and government. In my opinion there should be wholehearted open-minded interest in and support for Woodwynn because it has great potential to save lives.

The permits required in order to legally house more program participants need to be granted. This is necessary in order to proceed with the healing work that Woodwynn does. The inequity with which the ALC has been applying rules and regulations has resulted in denied permits for Woodwynn Farms while a shopping mall project in the Sidney area has been approved. These decisions have been shortsighted and very unfair. This needs to be remedied.

The potential positive affect Woodwynn Farms could have if given your support is inestimable. Our entire community would benefit.

Please seriously consider supporting them.

Sincerely

s.22

Akizuki, Erin MAH:EX

From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: 234677 FW: Woodwynn Farms

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-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 9:36 PM
To: premier@gov.bc.ca
Cc: AGRMinister@gov.bc.ca; Minister, MH MH:EX <MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Carol.James.MLA@leg.bc.ca; Weaver.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Coleman.MLA, Rich <Rich.Coleman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; municipalhall@csaanich.ca
Subject: Woodwynn Farms

Hello,

I am writing to you today because of Woodwynn Farm. As you all know they have been operating in Central Saanich for the past 8 years helping people with addictions get there lives back by learning important life skills in a supportive community setting. Their model seems to be working with success for many people who had no hope before they went to the farm and were surrounded by a compassionate community.

I am very disappointed that such a wonderful program that is helping with the Opioid Crisis is being asked to shut down mainly because they want to build some housing for the participants to support their recovery. The housing would only use 1% of the farm land which really is minimal on a 93 acre farm. The reason used is that the farm is in the ALR. And yet the government of the day has decided to go ahead with the Site C damn that would flood many thousands of acres of farm land that was in the ALR?! Also land that is in the ALR near the Victoria airport has been released to build a mega-mall?! This makes no sense to me at all. It seems that the rules can be bent or bought when it is in the interests of lobby groups or large corporate interests but not when it is giving a step up to vulnerable people when they need it most. To me this is very misguided.

Please do everything in your power to help save Woodwynn Farm and support it to become even more successful in helping people with addictions get back on track. Isn't government about helping people? Please do that!!!

Sincerely,

s.22

Akizuki, Erin MAH:EX

From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: 236923 FW: Woodwyn Farms

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:06 PM
To: premier@gov.bc.ca; municipalhall@csaanich.ca; Olsen.MLA, Adam ; Coleman.MLA, Rich ; Weaver.MLA, Andrew ; James.MLA, Carole ; Robinson.MLA, Selina ; Minister, MH MH:EX ; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Subject: Woodwyn Farms

Amidst two of the worst crisis's to ever effect our street populations, a rare and beautiful service is facing closure.

Can you please help?

Folks are dying.

More than that, this center should exist. Its holistic, nature based, compassionate, accessible and offers so many gifts to addicts in early recovery. I don't know much about zoning but I know a lot about pain and addiction and what it takes to get well. This place has, is and can help so many people reclaim their sparks.

Can you take another look? Please.

Thanks for your time,

s.22