From: Sent:

Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:16 AM Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX

To: Cc:

Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX

Subject:

Fwd: firefighters Event in Surrey

Lisa please print for Anna, Responsive records 1/4 for this FOI

Applicant type: Political Party

Request Details: All emails between the Minister/Premier's Office and Ed. May@leg.bc.ca X-GOV request

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From: "May, Ed LASS:EX" < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>

Date: March 6, 2018 at 7:54:51 AM PST

To: "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" < Meaghan. Thumath@gov.bc.ca >, "Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX"

<<u>Roseanne.Moran@leg.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: firefighters Event in Surrey

Surrey-Guildford is right next door to Surrey-Whalley, so maybe Garry Begg?

-E

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From: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX [mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: March 5, 2018 6:35 PM

To: May, Ed < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca >; Moran, Roseanne < Roseanne.Moran@leg.bc.ca >

Subject: Fwd: firefighters Event in Surrey

Hi Ed, can you recommend someone else from the Surrey caucus?

Meaghan Thumath, RN, MPH, PhD(c.) Senior MA to the Honourable Judy Darcy Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Room 346 Parliament Buildings Mobile<sup>S.17</sup> Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca

### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sali, Meghan JTT:EX" < Meghan.Sali@gov.bc.ca >

Date: March 5, 2018 at 6:29:50 PM PST

To: "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" < Meaghan. Thumath@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX" < Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: firefighters Event in Surrey

Hi Meaghan,

Unfortunately Minister Ralston will not be able to make this event, but we very much appreciate you reaching out.

Best, Meghan

### Meghan Sali

Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Bruce Ralston

Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology
British Columbia Parliament Buildings | 501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8
meghan.sali@gov.bc.ca|s.17

From: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 3:04 PM

**To:** Sali, Meghan JTT:EX **Cc:** Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX

Subject: FW: firefighters Event in Surrey

Does MBR want to join this event? It's in his riding. We need to get back to the organizer by Monday if you can, contact is \$.22

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 $\frac{https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cedars-surrey-fire-fighters-association-iaff-local-1271-present-tickets-42614591390}{\text{present-tickets-42614591390}}$ 

Many thanks

M.

DATE March 9th, 2018 TIME 7pm - 9:30pm LOCATION Centre Stage Auditorium at Surrey City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, BC, Canada

From:

Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX

Sent:

Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:17 AM

To:

Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX

Cc: Subject: Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX Fwd: firefighters Event in Surrey

Attachments:

2017-10-01-LA-MLA Assignments.xls; ATT00001.htm

Responsive record 2/4 for ed may and 1/x for Roseanne Moran foi

Melissa Boyd is the IAO analyst.

Applicant type: Political Party

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From: "May, Ed LASS:EX" < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>

Date: March 2, 2018 at 2:25:53 PM PST

To: "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" < Meaghan. Thumath@gov.bc.ca > , "Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX"

< Roseanne. Moran@leg.bc.ca >

Cc: "Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX" < Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: firefighters Event in Surrey

Hi Meaghan,

For scheduling, it's best to go to the MLAs through their assistants.

Attached is the assignment list for legislative assistants.

-Ed

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From: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX [mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: March 2, 2018 2:19 PM

To: Moran, Roseanne < Roseanne. Moran@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: May, Ed <<u>Ed.May@leg.bc.ca</u>>; Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX <<u>Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: FW: firefighters Event in Surrey

Hi Roseanne,

MJD is wondering if any of the Surrey Caucus members might want to join her at this firefighters event? We've been invited to give opening remarks but we are balancing a number of competing priorities and it's possible she won't make it. If she can't give remarks I'll know by Friday and if that's the case would a Surrey caucus member be interested to bring greetings on her behalf?

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Presenter Bio

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From:

Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX

Sent:

Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:18 AM

To:

Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX

Cc: Subject: Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX Fwd: Stop Overdose Video

Responsive record 3/4

Applicant type: Political Party

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From: "May, Ed LASS:EX" < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>
Date: March 1, 2018 at 3:04:01 PM PST

To: "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" < Meaghan. Thumath@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: Stop Overdose Video

Did I miss the shareable audio link?

Also, can I send this video link around to MLAs now?

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From: Smith, Mat GCPE:EX [mailto:Mat.Smith@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: March 1, 2018 2:56 PM

To: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX < Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca >; Hansen, Regan MMHA:EX < Regan.Hansen@gov.bc.ca >; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX < Taryn.Walsh@gov.bc.ca >; May, Ed < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca >; Berndt, Eric MMHA:EX < Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca >; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX < Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca >; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX < Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: McLean, Matt GCPE:EX < Matt.McLean@gov.bc.ca >; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX < Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca >; LeSueur, Kathryn GCPE:EX < Kathryn.LeSueur@gov.bc.ca >; Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX < Stephanie.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Stop Overdose Video

Hi all,

Here's a shareable link to the Stop Overdose video on the BC Gov FB page.

https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/videos/2067127526638862/

Please let me know if you need anything else.

M.

#### Mat Smith

Digital Communications Officer | Digital Communications Government Communications and Public Engagement Province of British Columbia 250-896-9705

From:

Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX

Sent:

Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:19 AM

To: Cc: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX

Subject:

Fwd: ICBC and BC Liberals - Key Messages and Video

Responsive record 4/6

Melissa Boyd is the IAO analyst.

Applicant type: Political Party

Request Details: All emails between the Minister/Premier's Office and Ed. May@leg.bc.ca X-GOV request

Date Range for Record Search: From 06/30/2017 - 03/12/2018

### Begin forwarded message:

From: "May, Ed" < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca > Date: January 29, 2018 at 12:10:52 PM PST

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: FW: ICBC and BC Liberals - Key Messages and Video

FYI

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From: May, Ed

Sent: January 29, 2018 12:11 PM

Subject: ICBC and BC Liberals - Key Messages and Video

Hi all,

Below: Up to date messaging on the BC Liberals' bad choices with ICBC, and the resulting impact on people.
Here is a video telling the story.
Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BCNDPCaucus/videos/1739320859464105/">https://www.facebook.com/BCNDPCaucus/videos/1739320859464105/</a>
Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/BCNDPCaucus/status/958068839136223232">https://twitter.com/BCNDPCaucus/status/958068839136223232</a>
-Edward
Key Message:
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Background:
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Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX From: Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:19 AM Sent: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX To: Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX Cc:

Fwd: Todd Stone/ICBC social media posts Subject:

Responsive record 5/6

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Applicant type: Political Party

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Date Range for Record Search: From 06/30/2017 - 03/12/2018

### Begin forwarded message:

From: "May, Ed" < Ed. May@leg.bc.ca> Date: January 23, 2018 at 1:24:15 PM PST

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: Todd Stone/ICBC social media posts

Hello,

FYI - please find below a Twitter and FB post regarding Todd Stone and the latest info on the ICBC mess he and the BC Liberal government left behind. There will be more in those feeds before the end of the day.

#### Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/BCNDPCaucus/photos/a.1084550158274515.1073741828.1061053830624 148/1733003396762518/?type=3&theater

Twitter: https://twitter.com/BCNDPCaucus/status/955908976444502016

From: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX

Cc: Pommelet, Lisa MMHA:EX

Subject: Fwd: NDP statement on new disturbing details in B.C. Liberal "Quick Wins" hearings

today

Responsive record 6/6

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Applicant type: Political Party

Request Details: All emails between the Minister/Premier's Office and Ed. May@leg.bc.ca X-GOV request

Date Range for Record Search: From 06/30/2017 - 03/12/2018

### Begin forwarded message:

From: "May, Ed" < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca > Date: January 16, 2018 at 3:29:41 PM PST

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: FW: NDP statement on new disturbing details in B.C. Liberal "Quick Wins" hearings today

The following statement went out. The hearing continues tomorrow.

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# BC GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

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# STATEMENT

For Immediate Release Jan. 16, 2018

New Democrat statement on new disturbing details in B.C. Liberal "Quick Wins" hearing today

**VANCOUVER** – New Democrat MLA Ravi Kahlon (Delta North) issued the following statement regarding new disturbing details surfacing from today's B.C. Liberal "Quick Wins" sentencing hearing:

"In court today, we heard new and disturbing details about how the B.C. Liberal government systematically abused people's public dollars for their own benefit. We learned how deep and high up the scandal went, in both the B.C. Liberal government and B.C. Liberal party.

"We heard for the first time in court today that the premier personally had briefings and updates on the scandalous 'Quick Wins' program. We learned that even after the scandal was made public, the B.C. Liberals didn't stop, and that components of the plan continued in hopes of influencing the election outcome for the B.C. Liberals. We also heard that at that same time, sitting B.C. Liberal MLAs were not cooperating with the investigation.

"It shows something rotten at the heart of the B.C. Liberals, where they put themselves ahead of British Columbians time and time again.

"I'll have more to say when the hearing concludes."

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Media contact: Edward May 250-208-2554

May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca> From: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:52 AM Sent:

FW: BC Gov News - Province to launch coastal ferry review in January Subject:

Good morning everyone!

The following info bulletin went out early this morning regarding the review of ferry service, beginning January 2018.

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For Immediate Release 2017TRAN0292-002057

Dec. 15, 2017

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

#### INFORMATION BULLETIN

Province to launch coastal ferry review in January

VICTORIA - In January 2018, the Province will begin a comprehensive review of the coastal ferry service in British Columbia to evaluate its performance in meeting the needs of ferry users and British Columbia's coastal communities.

This review will identify what improvements can be made to the existing model and the Coastal Ferry Services Contract to better serve the needs of ferry users and coastal communities.

Under the terms of reference, the review will:

- \* Examine whether the contracted ferry services are being provided for in a manner that supports the public interest.
- \* Consider what changes to the price cap and regulatory model would ensure the ferry system is working as efficiently and effectively as possible for all British Columbians, and, in particular, for the ferry users and communities who depend on this essential service.
- \* Identify opportunities and recommend actions to enhance ferry service delivery and/or reduce costs without impacting existing service.

The review will not consider bringing BC Ferries back into government. The review is expected to cost approximately \$250,000, inclusive of all fees for technical expertise, research and analysis under the terms of reference to support the review process.

The Province has appointed Blair Redlin, former deputy minister of transportation and former CEO of the BC Transportation Financing Authority, as a special adviser to oversee the review. Redlin will report to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, with a final report to be delivered to government by June 2018.

#### Learn More:

The terms of reference for the Coastal Ferry Service review are available online: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=DC7E1E0CFEAC441AB6EC61E67446F866">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=DC7E1E0CFEAC441AB6EC61E67446F866</a>

#### Contact:

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
250 356-8241

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From:

May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Monday, December 11, 2017 12:10 PM

To:

Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX; Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX; Thumath, Meaghan

MMHA:EX

Subject:

RE: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Hi Anna,

I believe Sam Scott from the whip's office has reached out to you regarding this.

Her number is 250-387-1083

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From: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX [mailto:Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: December 10, 2017 2:18 PM

To: Moran, Roseanne < Roseanne. Moran@leg.bc.ca >; Thumath, Meaghan MMHA: EX < Meaghan. Thumath@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: May, Ed < Ed.May@leg.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Hi Roseanne,

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so I will contact Ed tomorrow.

Thank you!

Cheers, Anna

From: Moran, Roseanne [mailto:Roseanne.Moran@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 11:13 AM

To: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX

Cc: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX; May, Ed LASS:EX

Subject: RE: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Hi Meaghan. Please connect with Ed May on this on Monday. thanks, Roseanne.

From: Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX [mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 12:12 AM

To: Moran, Roseanne < Roseanne. Moran@leg.bc.ca >

Cc: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX < Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca > Subject: Fwd: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Is there another nearby caucus MLA who could attend on behalf of MJD?

Meaghan

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:20 PM

To: GPCE Mental Health Ministerial

Subject: FW: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Hi all – fyi on this. Since the minister is going to be away at this time, not sure there is much we can do to salvage this. s.13

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.. Let me know if there is anything you would like us to do on

this.

Thanks, Sarah.

From: Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 12:30 PM

**To:** Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX **Cc:** Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX

Subject: FYI: Penticton housing project - open house - Dec. 15

Hi Sarah and Lori, heads up that on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Penticton Recovery Resource Society is holding an open house/media reception for a new 13-bed recovery centre in Penticton for men with substance use issues (633 Winnipeg Street).

- The project was approved by BC Housing in October 2016.
- The total capital budget was approximately \$1 million. BC Housing provided interim construction financing of approximately \$840,000 and a grant of \$40,000. The federal government also made a small contribution.

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The itinerary is below, let me know if you need any other info.

### **Itinerary:**

Noon - 12:45 - Media reception including MLA Dan Ashton, City Counselor: Judy Poole, MP Richard Cannings

and (hopefully - BC Housing representative), Community Partners (Pathways, Martin St. Clinic)

1pm - 2:30pm - Guided housing tour, Coffee/ Hot Chocolate and sweets reception

3pm - 3:45pm Room dedication ceremonies: Parker's Chrysler, United Way representative, Community Foundation representative

4pm - 5:30pm - Guided housing tour, Coffee/ Hot Chocolate and sweets reception

5:30 - 6pm - Shed the Light on Addiction Christmas Light Up

**Thanks** 

### **Darren Harbord**

**Government Communications and Public Engagement** 

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

250 952-0152

250 882-8518 (cell)

From: May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:02 AM

Subject: FW: Media advisory - Government and BC Green caucuses to make announcement

regarding proportional representation Wednesday

The following advisory has gone out.

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# BC GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release Nov. 29, 2017

Government and B.C. Green caucuses to make announcement regarding proportional representation Wednesday

**VICTORIA** – Government caucus MLA Bob D'Eith and B.C. Green caucus MLA Sonia Furstenau will be available to media at 10 a.m. at the blue curtain in the legislature to make an announcement related to the upcoming proportional representation referendum.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.

Where: Blue curtain, B.C. Legislature, Victoria

Who: Bob D'Eith, New Democrat MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission

Sonia Furstenau, B.C. Green MLA for Cowichan Valley

Call in (listen-only): s.15,s.17 , access code: s.15,s.17

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Media contact: Edward May 250-208-2554

From:

May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Monday, November 20, 2017 9:43 AM

Subject:

FW: BC Gov News - Statement from Premier John Horgan on Transgender Day of

Remembrance

For Immediate Release 2017PREM0119-001936 Nov. 20, 2017

Office of the Premier

#### **STATEMENT**

Statement from Premier John Horgan on Transgender Day of Remembrance

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement to mark the Transgender Day of Remembrance:

"Each year on November 20, we honour the memory of transgender people who have been killed in acts of transphobic violence.

"Transgender people are increasingly visible in our communities. They are our neighbours, our friends, our family. A growing number of transgender people are speaking out, running for elected office and fighting to be recognized without prejudice. Yet when doing so, many put their safety at risk. Transgender people going about their daily lives are often subject to hateful crimes.

"We denounce these violent acts, and we stand with transgender, gender-diverse and two-spirited communities in support of their right to be who they are.

"I am proud that British Columbia prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. British Columbia gives transgender people explicit protections under the Province's Human Rights Code.

"A person's identity can never be erased. Today and always, we remember those we have lost. Together, we will build a more just and inclusive province."

### Contact:

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