

From: [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
To: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST TC -- DUE TODAY ASAP  
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 3:21:06 PM

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**From:** "Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX" <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** January 30, 2018 at 3:43:33 PM PST  
**To:** "Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX" <[Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca)>, "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" <[Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX" <[Raymond.Liens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Raymond.Liens@gov.bc.ca)>, "MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX" <[Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Next time team, can you please track changes? It is a real time saver.  
Lori

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**From:** Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX; MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST TC -- DUE TODAY ASAP  
**These are the recommended lines from Alex.**  
**Thanks,**  
**-Anna**  
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**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:17 PM  
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I am fine with that is Alex and Meaghan are too.  
Lori

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**From:** Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:11 PM  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX; MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX  
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Thank you again.  
Anna

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**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
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**Cc:** Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX; MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** URGENT MEDIA REQUEST TC -- DUE TODAY ASAP  
**Importance:** High  
Hi approved by program. AGRI is just getting MO approval. Good from your side,  
please?  
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**Reporter**

Carla Wilson, Reporter  
Times Colonist  
[cjwilson@timescolonist.com](mailto:cjwilson@timescolonist.com)  
250-380-5352

**Deadline** ASAP**Request**

The reporter is wondering if the meeting that was scheduled for Jan. 23 or 24 with Creating Homefulness Society went ahead? The reporter has seen the media reports with comments from the Woodwynn Farms' Board of Directors, "Woodwynn Farm has no choice but to shut down operations and sell the property." The board also states that "the program in its current state is unable to provide a meaningful contribution to the overwhelming need for improved solutions for those most at risk."

The reporter said she understands Woodywnn was supposed to meet with Minister Popham and Minister Darcy. Does the provincial government have anything to say on Woodwynn?

The reporter has calls into the Woodwynn Farms' Board of Directors and Mr. Leblanc.

**Background****Recommendation**

From: [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
To: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Screenshot 2018-01-30 at 10.47.15 PM  
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 3:22:02 PM

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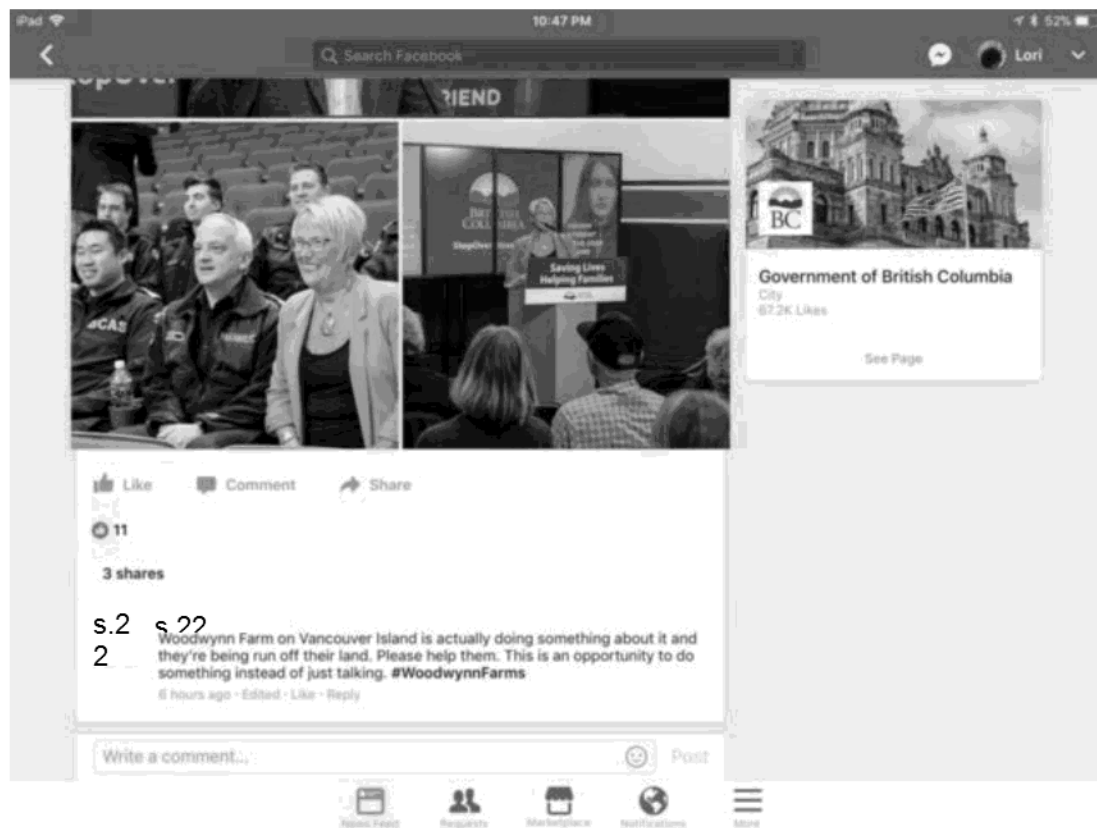
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Hi — sharing the below as Woodwyn is mentioned.

Thanks

Lori





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From: [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
To: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#)  
Cc: [MacDonald, Alex MMHA:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Invite  
Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 3:14:13 PM

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On Feb 7, 2018, at 4:02 PM, Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
<[Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

FYI

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**From:** Rob Reid [<mailto:rob@frontrunners.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 12:14 PM  
**To:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Woodwynn Farms

Hello Minister Darcy,

As the first board chair of Woodwynn Farm, and being we are facing an opioid crisis I imagine we should be looking at all solutions that can be utilized in overcoming the terminal effects we have been facing in our communities.

Being BC Housing is looking to solutions to assist the Woodwynn program to carry on would it be possible to have you, and those who previously met be part of a discussion at a town hall to answer the question;

The Province looks to overcome social problems such as the ongoing opioid crisis, and we do all we can in working to find solutions with all Ministries in a coordinated fashion.

We will send you dates and locations.

Thank you,

Happy to discuss,

Rob Reid

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**From:** Rob Reid <[rob@frontrunners.ca](mailto:rob@frontrunners.ca)>

**Subject:** Woodwynn Farms

**Date:** February 7, 2018 at 12:01:15 PM PST

**To:** [ana.popham.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:ana.popham.mla@leg.bc.ca)

**Cc:** Richard Leblanc s.22

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**From:** [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
**To:** [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: IN Woodwyn Farms  
**Date:** Monday, August 13, 2018 3:26:07 PM  
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**Subject:** IN Woodwyn Farms

Hi Meaghan – Attached is an IN we drafted as it relates to Woodwyn and the possible sale.

Mary can you please save to the LAN?

Thanks,

Lori Cascaden

Communications Manager

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

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**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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**ADVICE:**

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

## ADVICE TO MINISTER

### CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

**Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions**

**Date: January 19, 2018**

**Minister Responsible: Judy Darcy**

### **Woodwynnn Farms (Therapeutic Recovery Community Program)**

#### **BACKGROUND REGARDING THE ISSUE:**

- On Jan. 19, 2017 media reported that Woodwynn Farms (“Woodwynn”) may be coming to an end because the company holding its \$4.6 million mortgage is seeking to foreclose and sell the land.
- In Dec. 2017, Woodwynn Farms Therapeutic Recovery Community Program in Central Saanich, garnered significant media attention after the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) denied their application to build temporary housing.
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- In April 2017, Woodwynn requested funding from BC Housing to cover the cost of operations and infrastructure upgrades such as electrical, septic, and roofing. BC Housing had informally expressed willingness to provide a capital grant to construct tiny houses and refurbish existing farmhouses.
- On Dec. 13, 2017, the District of Saanich posted ‘No Occupancy’ orders on donated travel trailers due to safety concerns, and lack of proper plumbing and heating. (Four program participants were housed in those trailers.)
- The founder and executive director of Woodwynn, Richard Leblanc, has been vocal in the media about how he will disobey the District’s ‘No Occupancy’ orders, and has sought a meeting with Mental Health and Addictions Minister Judy Darcy and Premier John Horgan to seek a resolution to this issue. A meeting is taking place with Minister Darcy and the Minister of Agriculture on Jan. 23, 2017.
- The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health recognize the need to create a contingency plan to support secure housing for current program participants and to provide supports should the program close and the ‘No Occupancy’ orders be enforced.

#### **About Woodwynn Farms**

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- Currently there are six participants in the Woodwynn program, four of whom are residing on the property, and two (2) who would be considered in vulnerable circumstances.
- The program is funded through local businesses, donations and revenue from produce sales.

**ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

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Communications Contact: Tara Gostelow  
Program Area Contact:  
File Created: January 17, 2018  
File Updated:

Reviewer: Lori Cascaden



## ADVICE TO MINISTER

### CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

**Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions**

**Date: February 2, 2018**

**Minister Responsible: Judy Darcy**

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## **ADVICE TO MINISTER**

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Tara Gostelow

Reviewer:

Lori Cascaden

Program Area Contact:

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February 2, 2018.

**Gamble, Suzanne H HLTH:EX**

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**From:** Richard Leblanc <s.22 >  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

Thank you for this Mary,

We look forward to a productive meeting tomorrow.

Cheers,

Richard

On Mon, Jan 22, 2018 at 12:51 PM, Minister, MH MH:EX <[MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello Richard,

Thank you for your email which contained your submission for discussion at tomorrow's meeting. We have also noted that Dr. Brian Holl will be joining the meeting with you.

I can confirm that your submission has been circulated to all those who will be attending tomorrow's meeting.

In order to accommodate all the people who will be participating in tomorrow's telephone meeting, we will be using the BC Government teleconference facility. Therefore, Debbie Wade, who is the Administrative Coordinator to Minister Darcy, will shortly be sending you a further email which will include:

- The telephone number and participant ID which you will need to call at 3:30p.m. tomorrow, January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- A current list of the participants on the call from the Ministry of Mental Health and the Ministry of Agriculture.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do feel free to contact me directly, either by phone or email, as detailed below.

Sincerely,

**Mary Kelly**

Administrative Assistant to the Honorable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions

MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Ph: 250-952-7623

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**From:** Richard Leblanc [mailto:s.22]

**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 12:26 PM

**To:** Minister, MH MH:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX

**Cc:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX; Kelly, Mary P MMHA:EX; Brian Holl

**Subject:** Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

Good afternoon,

In preparation for our teleconference meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, January 23rd at 3:30pm), please accept the attached document for consideration.

Also, I request that Brian Holl join the meeting.

s.22

He is:

**F. Brian Holl Ph.D. P.Ag.**

**Professor Emeritus**

**Faculty of Land & Food Systems**

**The University of British Columbia**

**Mobile: 250-885-0523**

**E-mail: fbholl@hotmail.com**

At the appointed time, I can be reached at c: (250) 589-5805, and look forward to moving solutions forward.

Thank you,

Richard Leblanc

Founder & Executive Director

Creating Homefulness Society

[www.woodwynnfarms.org](http://www.woodwynnfarms.org)

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***...until they Believe in Themselves"***

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**Subject:** FYI on the below

**Politicians should stand up for Woodwynn**

Times Colonist (Victoria)  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
Page A11  
By Rob Reid<sup>1</sup>

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Thanks,

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Minister's Meeting with Richard Leblanc (Creating Homeful Society – Woodwynn Farms)  
Teleconference  
Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 @ 3:30pm

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Advice and Recommended Approach:

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From: [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
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Hi Meaghan;  
Please see email below from Lisa Johnson in Agriculture. s.22  
s.22 Do you know if we are proceeding with the tour on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
(there is a hold in her calendar) or can I go ahead and confirm the conference call with  
Richard Leblanc for Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00am.  
Please advise  
Thx!

Debbie Wade  
Administrative Co-ordinator to the  
Honourable Judy Darcy  
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
Room 346 Parliament Buildings  
Ph# 387-9846

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**From:** Johnson, Lisa E AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: 1078747: proposed dates for urgent meeting with Richard Leblanc : Woodwynn Farms

Hi Debbie

Happy New Year

s.22

Does Monday January 22 at 8:30am or 11:30am work?

Thanks

LJ

From: [Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX](#)  
To: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX](#)  
Cc: [MacDonald, Alex MMHA:EX](#)  
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**To:** "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX" <[Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca)>, "Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX" <[Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Woodwynn town hall

FYI if you didn't catch this in the clips today – Woodwynn town hall scheduled for tomorrow in Victoria

**Town hall on Woodwynn Farms this Tuesday**

Peninsula News Review

Friday, February 23, 2018

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

<b>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</b>  Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions Date: February 2, 2018 Minister Responsible: Judy Darcy	<b>Woodwynn Farms (Therapeutic Recovery Community Program)</b>
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Commented [JJM1]: I heard from Tamara that there might be developments with BC Housing at the end of the day. I will need to follow up with MAH.

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Communications Contact:

Tara Gostelow

Reviewer:

Lori Cascaden

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

<b>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</b>  Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions Date: February 2, 2018 Minister Responsible: Judy Darcy	<b>Woodwynn Farms (Therapeutic Recovery Community Program)</b>
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### BACKGROUND REGARDING THE ISSUE:

- On Jan. 19, 2017 media reported that Woodwyn Farms ("Woodwyn") may be coming to an end because the company holding its \$4.6 million mortgage is seeking to foreclose and sell the land.
- In Dec. 2017, Woodwynn Farms Therapeutic Recovery Community Program in Central Saanich, garnered significant media attention after the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) denied their application to build temporary housing.
- In a ruling dated Nov. 9, 2017, the ALC denied Woodwyn'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. The ALC refused the proposal, citing: "While the Executive Committee recognizes the social benefits of the Proposal, it does not outweigh the priority given to agriculture."
- In April 2017, Woodwyn requested funding from BC Housing to cover the cost of operations and infrastructure upgrades such as electrical, septic, and roofing. BC Housing had informally expressed willingness to provide a capital grant to construct tiny houses and refurbish existing farmhouses.
- On Dec. 13, 2017, the District of Saanich posted 'No Occupancy' orders on donated travel trailers due to safety concerns, and lack of proper plumbing and heating. (Four program participants were housed in those trailers.)
- The founder and executive director of Woodwynn, Richard Leblanc, has been vocal in the media about how he will disobey the District's 'No Occupancy' orders, and has sought a meeting with Mental Health and Addictions Minister Judy Darcy and Premier John Horgan to seek a resolution to this issue. On Jan. 23, 2017, a meeting took place with Minister Darcy and staff from the Ministries of Housing and Agriculture met with the Creating Homefulness Society.
- The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health recognize the need to create a contingency plan to support secure housing for current program participants and to provide supports should the program close and the 'No Occupancy' orders be enforced.

### About Woodwyn Farms

- Woodwynn is a 193-acre organic farm offering a therapeutic community for the homeless, with an opportunity to change people's lives through educational and work programs based on responsibility, dignity, independence and the principles of peer-to-peer help.
- Participants must have completed a medical detox to participate in the therapeutic



program.

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**Subject:** RE: CBCV: King - Woodwynn Farms closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 8:00:00 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**CC:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX

Thanks Jonny, that would be great. Perhaps follow up with Richard next week after the dust settles to get an update.

**Doug Hughes**  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
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**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
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**To:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** Re: CBCV: King - Woodwynn Farms closure ■

Doug/Taryn - in follow up to today's discussion, I'm happy to stay connected to the file as the dialogue with Woodwynn stays open. JM

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2018, at 8:42 PM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

FYI

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DFT\_Woodwynn\_Questions\_230118.docx

One addition to the questions. This should go over right away to MOH can print.

**Doug Hughes**  
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**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Materials - For your review

Thanks very much Jonny

Doug see attached – do you need anything else? I will come down to the second floor at 315 to head over?

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Woodwynn Materials - For your review

Hi Taryn – as requested – please see attached. Please let me know if you'd like to see edits.

JM

**Jonny Morris** | Director, Planning & Strategic Priorities  
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**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX

Sorry for not sending the IN -- got side tracked after I shut my computer down!

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**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:05:16 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Yep and the plan sounds great thanks. What is the process for formal/final approval of the plan? (no need to respond tonight!)

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**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** January-22-18 5:29 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

Hi Taryn – yes – I can distill some key points.

Was Miranda able to reach you to brief you on the community crisis innovation funds?

JM

**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

In light of this can you provide a few bullets for our pre- briefing w the Minister tomorrow and the call w LeBlanc ? Suggested response or considerations from our ministry? Seems like a housing matter?

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister



Ministry of  
Mental Health  
and Addictions

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**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX; Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX; Gardea, Daniela MAH:EX; Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

Hi there;

Please see attached email from Richard Le Blanc in regards to tomorrow's teleconference call at 3:30-4:00pm.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Thanks!

Debbie Wade  
Administrative Co-ordinator to the  
Honourable Judy Darcy  
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions  
Room 346 Parliament Buildings  
Ph# 387-9846

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**From:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

As discussed.

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**From:** Richard Leblanc [<mailto:richardl@woodwynnfarms.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Minister, MH MH:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX  
**Cc:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX; Kelly, Mary P MMHA:EX; Brian Holl  
**Subject:** Woodwynn Farms Solutions Proposal

Good afternoon,

In preparation for our teleconference meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, January 23rd at 3:30pm), please accept the attached document for consideration.

Also, I request that Brian Holl join the meeting.  
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He is:  
**F. Brian Holl Ph.D. P.Ag.**  
**Professor Emeritus**  
**Faculty of Land & Food Systems**  
**The University of British Columbia**  
**Mobile: 250-885-0523**  
**E-mail: [fbholl@hotmail.com](mailto:fbholl@hotmail.com)**

At the appointed time, I can be reached at c: (250) 589-5805, and look forward to moving solutions forward.

Thank you,

Richard Leblanc  
Founder & Executive Director  
Creating Homefulness Society  
[www.woodwynnfarms.org](http://www.woodwynnfarms.org)

*"Believe in People...  
...until they Believe in Themselves"*

# 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)



## Legislative solutions to save the Farm

*Amend the Regulations<sup>1</sup> to allow agricultural-based therapy on farms in the Agricultural Land Reserve.*

The Regulations already permits certain kinds of accommodation on ALR land, including

- Agri-tourism accommodation of up to 10 sleeping units on a developed area that is less than 5% of the parcel (s. 3(1)(a)).
- Bed and breakfast accommodation for up to 4 bedrooms or another number of bedrooms specified in a local bylaw (s. 3(1)(d)).

In the midst of a housing crisis and an opioid crisis, programs like Woodwynn Farms are surely more in the public interest than agri-tourism and bed-and-breakfasts.

The Province can amend the Regulations to permit ALR land to be used for "accommodation for participants in an agriculture-based therapeutic program". This can be done in one of two ways: by designating such accommodation

- as a "farm use" specified in section 2 of the Regulations; or
- as a "non-farm use" specified in section 3(4) - a non-farm use that *cannot* be prohibited by local governments. Non-farm uses in section 3(1) *can* be prohibited by local governments. Lifesaving housing and addictions treatment cannot be subject to the whims of local governments.

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

## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** RE: FOR JONNY FOR REVIEW: IN - Woodwynn Farms  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2018 at 8:17:02 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Charlton, Britney HLTH:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**CC:** Bracewell, Barb HLTH:EX

Good Morning,

I have put it on Barb's desk

Britney

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**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
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Could you print three and leave with barbs desk again for my 0830. Many thanks!

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Actually – hang tight! There is a slightly updated version (dates) + note from AGRI.

These versions have received approval from my ADM (Taryn Walsh). Currently sitting in front of Associate.

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**From:** Baade, Leah HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR JONNY FOR REVIEW: IN - Woodwynn Farms

Thanks!

Leah Baade  
Risk and Issues Analyst | Performance and Issues Management  
Primary and Community Care Policy Division | BC Ministry of Health  
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Hi all – this is the IBN that has been approved and circulated to our MO.

JM

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**Subject:** RE: FOR JONNY FOR REVIEW: IN - Woodwynn Farms

Hi Jonny,

As discussed, if you'd like to send the IBN over, we can pass it along to GCPE.

Thanks!  
Leah

Leah Baade  
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**Importance:** High

Thanks, Jonny –

GCPE was not aware of the meeting – and they're asking if you would like them to use it for the purpose of supporting the meeting? If so, could you please add any information you believe would be valuable? Or if you have an approved BN that we could share, they can do the updates. Please advise.

Thank you,

**Angela Thorneloe**  
Team Lead, Performance and Issues Management  
Primary & Community Care Policy Division  
Ministry of Health  
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With IN for Taryn/Mary Sue.

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**Subject:** RE: FOR JONNY FOR REVIEW: IN - Woodwynn Farms

Hi Leah -

My sense is that the IBN that was prepared in December 2017 on Woodwynn informed this Issue Note.

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**CC:** Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX, Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX

Perfect. I will make that clear.

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With the caveat that they are still subject to review by Neilane. AGRI is from another Ministry – so that's definitely OK. But the IBN might change based upon feedback from Neilane.

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Great! So can I send these two over to GCPE now?

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Actually – hang tight! There is a slightly updated version (dates) + note from AGRI.

These versions have received approval from my ADM (Taryn Walsh). Currently sitting in front of Associate.

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**From:** Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:26 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX; Baade, Leah HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue MMHA:EX  
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**Importance:** High

Thanks, Jonny –

GCPE was not aware of the meeting – and they're asking if you would like them to use it for the purpose of supporting the meeting? If so, could you please add any information you believe would be valuable? Or if you have an approved BN that we could share, they can do the updates. Please advise.

Thank you,

**Angela Thorneloe**  
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**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 1:18:46 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

The IN in eapproval which was the old note with just minor edits

Taryn Walsh  
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**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
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Hi Taryn – thanks for this. Can I confirm with you what you approved this am? Just want to make sure I'm on the same page ☺

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I approved this morning

Sent from my iPhone

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**CC:** Fischer, Jennifer HLTH:EX; Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Baade, Leah HLTH:EX  
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Communications Contact:	Tara Gostelow	Reviewer:	Lori Cascaden
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**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 8:24:02 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Microsoft Outlook on behalf of Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX

**Your meeting was forwarded**

Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

**Meeting**

Woodwynn Briefing - Media Story

**Meeting Time**

January-19-18 8:30 AM-9:00 AM.

**Recipients**

Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX

All times listed are in the following time zone: Customized Time Zone

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## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Teleconference call with Richard LeBlanc, Woodwynn Farm - Jan 23  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10:42:03 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX, Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**CC:** Walker, Leah MMHA:EX, Charlton, Britney HLTH:EX, Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX, MMHA Documents Coordinator HLTH:EX  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, image002.jpg

Hi all,

I have requested that the MO send calendar invites for the pre-brief (11am) and the teleconference (3:30pm) on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully this will come through shortly.

There was not an eApproval created for this BN, as it was a quick turnaround. I have created a new eApp for it, and attached the December 22<sup>nd</sup> final that was shared with the MO. I sent it to Lisa Clout for review/update. Due back to the DMO by Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> if possible. I would like to have it sent to the MO on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>, and will need to allow time for Neilane's approval as A/DM.

Thank you all for your help!

**Kate Clifford | A/Manager, Business Operations**

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**Cc:** Walker, Leah MMHA:EX; Charlton, Britney HLTH:EX; Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX  
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Hi Taryn –

Thanks for this confirmation. Confirming Doug, you, and I to attend this meeting.

It would probably be best to have the calendar invite come from MINCAL to ensure we have the correct TCON coordinates. \*\*Kate – can you assist in ensuring the MINCAL invite comes through to Taryn and I?

\*\*Lisa was lead author on the original BN. We'll work on updates to the BN version last reviewed by Doug and have to the ADMO at least five days in advance of the meeting. \*\*Kate – can you confirm if the latest version of the draft is sitting somewhere in eApps. If so, you could re-assign back to Lisa Clout for us to update.

Thanks,  
Jonny

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**To:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Walker, Leah MMHA:EX; Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Teleconference call with Richard LeBlanc, Woodwynn Farm - Jan 23

Hi there,

Doug, Jonny and I will be on this teleconference with the Minister and Richard LeBlanc. Doug advises Neilane has DMC so she wont join the call. Leah can you add this to my calendar? Thanks

Jonny can you update the BN if required? Not sure if anything additional occurred since the Dec BN – we will need to send materials to the Minister ahead of the meeting

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister



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**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** Hughes, Doug J HLTH:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Bracewell, Barb HLTH:EX; Walker, Leah MMHA:EX; Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX; Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FOR REVIEW: Teleconference call with Richard LeBlanc, Woodwynn Farm - Jan 23

Hi Doug and Neilane,

Sorry for the multiple emails re meeting requests but they are coming fast and furious.

This one is a call with Minister Darcy, Minister Popham (AGR) and the founder of Woodwynn Farms. Would either/both of you like to participate in this call? Or do you think myself and Jonny are sufficient?

Also should we suggest BC Housing and/or Health also be included?

Taryn Walsh  
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Good Morning,

Minister Darcy will be meeting via teleconference with Richard Leblanc of Woodwynn Farms on January 23, 2018 at 3:30pm. This is a joint call with Minister Popham. The DM or Assoc. DM will participate, but they have asked for additional staff.

Taryn, can you please advise if you will staff with meeting, or if you would prefer it be Jonny (or both)?

Jonny, can you please review the attached materials to confirm if they are up to date?

Please confirm, and I can relay the information to the Minister's office.

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Participant ID: s.15,s.17

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## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Teleconference call with Richard LeBlanc, Woodwynn Farm - Jan 23  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2018 at 9:44:15 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX, Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**CC:** Walker, Leah MMHA:EX, Charlton, Britney HLTH:EX, Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX  
**Attachments:** image003.png, image004.jpg, image005.jpg

Great thanks!

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister



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**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Teleconference call with Richard LeBlanc, Woodwynn Farm - Jan 23

Hi Taryn –

Thanks for this confirmation. Confirming Doug, you, and I to attend this meeting.

It would probably be best to have the calendar invite come from MINCAL to ensure we have the correct TCON coordinates. \*\*Kate – can you assist in ensuring the MINCAL invite comes through to Taryn and I?

\*\*Lisa was lead author on the original BN. We'll work on updates to the BN version last reviewed by Doug and have to the ADMO at least five days in advance of the meeting. \*\*Kate – can you confirm if the latest version of the draft is sitting somewhere in eApps. If so, you could re-assign back to Lisa Clout for us to update.

Thanks,  
Jonny

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Hi there,

Doug, Jonny and I will be on this teleconference with the Minister and Richard LeBlanc. Doug advises Neilane has DMC so she won't join the call. Leah can you add this to my calendar? Thanks

Jonny can you update the BN if required? Not sure if anything additional occurred since the Dec BN – we will need to send materials to the Minister ahead of the meeting

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister



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and Addictions

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**From:** Hughes, Doug J HLTH:EX  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX, Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX  
**CC:** Bracewell, Barb HLTH:EX, Walker, Leah MMHA:EX, Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX, Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

The plan is for me to join the call as this issue came up s.22 : Jonny should attend as well as support as he pulled the materials together. We should also update the materials before the call to see if anything changed.

**Doug Hughes**  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
P: 250-952-1049

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**Subject:** RE: QUESTION: EN Woodwynn Farms - DM Comments  
**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2018 at 2:57:47 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**To:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX

Hi Kate – Send back in eApp and I'll update with the latest intel.

JM

**From:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 2:50 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** MMHA Documents Coordinator HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** QUESTION: EN Woodwynn Farms - DM Comments  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jonny,

Doug approved this EN, however I noticed that there is a comment on the "Transition Planning for Remaining Residents" noting that "this will have to be updated for April". Are you able to update this section now? Or is this something we will need to wait for? The information in the note is as of Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, so likely out of date currently. I can remove the whole section if we won't have an update until early April.

Let me know your thoughts on this. I can send you back the eApp if you need to edit.

Thank you,

**Kate Clifford | A/Manager, Business Operations**  
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**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn

**Date:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:33:26 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

Thx. Great team work!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

FYI.

Lori

**From:** Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:32 AM

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

**Cc:** Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn

Thank you. Decision is not to respond. Story is already out and we can't say anything in our side either. So, will touch base with Dave at AGRI as it is his relationship with the reporter

Lisa Leslie  
250 213-7724

On Mar 1, 2018, at 10:26 AM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Lisa – Sharing the below with you. Not sure how you are planning to respond given that you cannot say the below.

Let me know how/if I can support.

Lori

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 8:47 AM

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Woodwynn

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JM

**Jonny Morris** | Director, Planning & Strategic Priorities  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
ph: 250-952-1471 c: 250-213-9567 | [jonny.morris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jonny.morris@gov.bc.ca)

**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn

**Date:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:02:11 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2018, at 9:14 AM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I am going to share with Housing OK?

Thanks,

Lori

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 8:47 AM

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Woodwynn

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## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** RE: Woodwynn Farms

**Date:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 4:10:34 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** XT:Reid, Kelly HLTH:IN, Glynn, Keva HLTH:EX, van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX

**Priority:** High

Hi Kelly – Thanks for this important update. The information is very helpful for some of my internal briefing in MMHA.

Would be great to set up a quick call between all of us. What do you all think? If so, I'll set it up.

JM

**From:** Reid, Kelly [mailto:Kelly.Reid@viha.ca]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:08 PM

**To:** Glynn, Keva HLTH:EX; van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX

**Cc:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Subject:** Woodwynn Farms

Hi Keva and Gerrit.

s.13,s.17

Kelly

**Subject:** Closing Loop - Woodwynn

**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:53:44 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

Hi Lori –

s.13,s.17

JM

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## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** Re: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms  
**Date:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:53:51 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX



Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2018, at 6:40 PM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I adore you Jonny!

Thanks,

Lori

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 6:39 PM  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

None received. Assertively following up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2018, at 6:38 PM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jonny – any update, please?

Thanks,

Lori

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Nothing that has crossed my desk. I can do a reach out.

**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Hi Jonny – Any update on this one in terms of Housing?

Thanks,

Lori

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:40 PM

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX; Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX

**Subject:** RE: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Hi everyone – I've updated the Issues Note with more information related to the status of the remaining residents at Woodwynn. No future meeting yet agreed to. Tamara did hear that there might be a development with BC Housing and the land – will be in touch with MAH tomorrow to confirm.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

JM

**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:57 AM

**To:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX; Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

**Cc:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Subject:** RE: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Hi Jonny – any update to the key messages based on the below? It doesn't feel like we would be able to do anything further to assist.

In terms of a future meeting, we have not agreed to one – correct?

Please advise.

Lori

**From:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:54 AM

**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX; Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

**Cc:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Subject:** RE: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Pls connect with Jonny on this one for background. But we basically left it with him that he could reach out to me if he had questions and he hasn't to date.

**Doug Hughes**

Deputy Minister

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**Subject:** Fwd: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Can you please see the below and advise?

Thanks,

Lori  
Lori Cascaden  
Communications Manager  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
778-698-2892 (office)  
778-679-3218 (mobile)  
lori.cascaden@gov.bc.ca

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX"  
<[Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meaghan.Thumath@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** February 14, 2018 at 6:07:29 PM PST  
**To:** "Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX" <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX"  
<[Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anna.LindsayBaugh@gov.bc.ca)>, "Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX" <[Raymond.Liens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Raymond.Liens@gov.bc.ca)>, "MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX" <[Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Not that I am aware but I would also check with Doug and Tamara

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**From:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX; Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX; MacDonald, Alex GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MAH Media Request: Woodwynn Farms

Hi All – the below came into housing. Do we have any future meetings planned with Mr. Leblanc?

Thanks,

Lori

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**Reporter**

Carla Wilson, Reporter  
Times Colonist  
[cjwilson@timescolonist.com](mailto:cjwilson@timescolonist.com)  
250-380-5352

**Deadline** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:00 PM

**Request**

Reporter has been writing about Woodwynn Farms, and she says she has Supreme Court documents that show Richard Leblanc has requested an extension on the foreclosure of the property and a request for a meeting with BC Housing and the Province to discuss funding, etc. Was a request received? Has a meeting taken place or been scheduled? Is this something the ministry/ BC Housing would consider?

**Background**

**Recommendation**

**Subject:** Quick Question - Woodwynn

**Date:** Monday, February 19, 2018 at 1:59:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** Rabinovitch, Hannah R OHCS:EX

Hi Hannah-

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing to see if you might be able to help with a quick question. Do you happen to know who in your Ministry might have a stake or lead on the Woodwynn file?

Many thanks,  
JM

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**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn Farms

**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 8:53:29 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**To:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX

**CC:** Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

Sounds good. The main action was for him to have continued contact with the DMO at our Ministry. I'll pop down for a few minutes tomorrow to connect with you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:51 PM, Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX <[Doug.Hughes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Doug.Hughes@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Let's chat before you call. Do you remember how we left it with him?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:55 PM

**To:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX

**Cc:** Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn Farms

Hi Doug - thanks for the note. You and I had a quick connect about ten days ago as we were leaving a meeting about the timing to reconnect with Mr. Leblanc. You mentioned that it would be best to allow a bit of time to pass before reconnecting. He's on my call list for this week - so I plan to telephone him before Friday.

I also have an email I received today from his colleague who was on the call with the Minister about the need to find some creative solutions.

Are you still OK with me making the call before the end of the week?

JM

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**From:** Hughes, Doug J MMHA:EX

**Sent:** February-14-18 7:03 PM

**To:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

**Cc:** Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

**Subject:** Woodwynn Farms

Did you ever contact Mr. Leblanc?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

**Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX**

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**Subject:** RE: MHA Reply Direct - Dr. Brian Holl re Woodwynn x ref 1100351  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:57:00 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**To:** Charlton, Britney MMHA:EX

Hi Britney – just to confirm that you should assign this to me to craft a response.

JM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:51 AM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** MHA Reply Direct - Dr. Brian Holl re Woodwynn x ref 1100351  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jonny,

New eapp has come to me for direct reply for your team – who would you like me to assign to?

Thank you – Britney

**From:** Rollheiser, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** MMHA Documents Coordinator HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** MHA Reply Direct - Dr. Brian Holl re Woodwynn x ref 1100351

*To MMHA Docs Coordinator to assign for reply direct. Thx, K*

Reply direct to email 1100351 Holl Incoming. Thanks!

**From:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:35 AM  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Teleconference - Brian Holl Followup

Hello Meaghan,

Please see the below follow up email from Dr. Brian Holl, who assisted Richard Leblanc during the Woodwynn Farm tele-meeting earlier this week.

I see that you were not copied in his follow up reply, so am forwarding to you for your review and consideration. ***Could you please advise what response you recommend to his detailed email.***

Dr. Holl's incoming will be CLIFFed with the Woodwynn log.

**Mary Kelly**

Administrative Assistant to the Honorable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions

[MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Ph: 250-952-7623

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**From:** Brian Holl [<mailto:fbholl@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:05 PM

**To:** Minister, MH MH:EX

**Cc:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX

**Subject:** Woodwynn Teleconference

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**Subject:** Re: MHA Reply Direct - Dr. Brian Holl re Woodwynn x ref 1100351  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:07:11 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX  
**To:** Charlton, Britney MMHA:EX

Hi Britney -

You could assign to Lisa to start.

Jonny

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:51 AM, Charlton, Britney MMHA:EX <[Britney.Charlton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Britney.Charlton@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jonny,

New eapp has come to me for direct reply for your team – who would you like me to assign to?

Thank you – Britney

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**From:** Rollheiser, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** MMHA Documents Coordinator HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** MHA Reply Direct - Dr. Brian Holl re Woodwynn x ref 1100351

*To MMHA Docs Coordinator to assign for reply direct. Thx, K*

Reply direct to email 1100351 Holl Incoming. Thanks!

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**From:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:35 AM  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, MH MH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Woodwynn Teleconference - Brian Holl Followup

Hello Meaghan,

Please see the below follow up email from Dr. Brian Holl, who assisted Richard Leblanc during the Woodwynn Farm tele-meeting earlier this week.

I see that you were not copied in his follow up reply, so am forwarding to you for your review and consideration. ***Could you please advise what response you recommend to his detailed email.***

Dr. Holl's incoming will be CLIFFed with the Woodwynn log.

Mary Kelly

Administrative Assistant to the Honorable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions  
[MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
Ph: 250-952-7623

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**Subject:** RE: FOR PRINTING FOR MINISTER: Additional Woodwynn Farms Materials  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:30:07 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX, Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**CC:** Casanova, Tamara HLTH:EX, Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX

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**From:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 3:24 PM  
**To:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Casanova, Tamara HLTH:EX; Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR PRINTING FOR MINISTER: Additional Woodwynn Farms Materials

Fantastic notes, thanks team.

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**From:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 3:11 PM  
**To:** Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX; Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX; Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Kelly, Mary P MMHA:EX; Rollheiser, Kate MMHA:EX; Casanova, Tamara HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FOR PRINTING FOR MINISTER: Additional Woodwynn Farms Materials  
**Importance:** High

Hi All,

Attached is additional information for Minister for the 3:30pm call with Woodwynn Farms. This has been approved by Doug, and will need to be printed for Minister's information in advance of the call.

Thank you,

**Kate Clifford | A/Manager, Business Operations**  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
Ph: (778) 698-9944

**Subject:** RE: Additional Analysis - Received Woodwynn Farm Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:43:58 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX

I can – I'll be on the TCON – so will need you to point to me when you think I can add briefing material. Happy to help.

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**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Additional Analysis - Received Woodwynn Farm Proposal

Thx! Can you lead this briefing

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2018, at 8:39 AM, Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX <[Jonny.Morris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jonny.Morris@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Taryn -

In follow up to your request for some additional analysis on the proposal received yesterday from the founder of Woodwynn Farms here are some points for consideration from the MMHA perspective:

**High-Level Summary of Solutions Document (Proposal):**

- Self-reported statistics indicate that Woodwynn Farms has provided housing and treatment for individuals experiencing addictions and homelessness since 2009, working with 53 participants.
- The document does not clearly describe the outcomes experienced by the 53 participants.
- The Solutions document states that the main legislative and regulatory constraints on it being able to perform its functions as a farm-based therapeutic community treatment centre relate to the Agricultural Land Commission Act and municipal bylaws and permits.
- The founder identifies BC's Emergency Program Act as a potential route to mitigating these existing constraints but does not elaborate with more detail.
- The Solutions document describes a proposal with the following elements:
  - The Province to lease 1.6 ha of land from the Creating Homefulness Society (operator of Woodwynn) on a 99-year lease to a total of \$1M over six years;
  - The Province to designate the leased land as a site for a rehabilitation facility, designating the Society as the operator;
  - The Province to authorize the donation of modular housing units to support 15 participants + staff on the site at a cost of \$850,000;
  - The Province to pay operating costs + annual agricultural operating budget

totalling \$2,795,000 over three years to reach 15 participants (Year One), 25 participants (Year Two), and 40 participants (Year Three). It is unclear if these are net new participants each subsequent year.

- The Province to pay a \$1M covenant to safeguard the long-term agricultural potential of the land site;
- The Solutions document provides a cost-benefit analysis which requires additional study;
- The Province's financial contributions would leverage existing/future philanthropic donations.
- Finally, the Solutions document proposes an amendment to the Agricultural Land Reserve to allow for agricultural-based therapy on farm in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

#### **Considerations/Advice**

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| [jonny.morris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jonny.morris@gov.bc.ca)

**Subject:** Fw: 1100615 - Jan 23 Minister Meeting re Woodwynn Farms - Central Saanich  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 8:47:40 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Attachments:** 1100615 IBN Woodwynn Farms - Central Saanich.docx, 1100615 - FYI - Agriculture Meeting Materials 187555 Meeting Note - Woodwynn Farms.docx, 1100615 - IN\_Woodwynn Farms\_19JAN2018\_FINAL.docx

Final versions that were dispatched yesterday.

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**From:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** January-22-18 9:21 AM  
**To:** Bracewell, Barb HLTH:EX; Walker, Leah MMHA:EX; Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FYI: 1100615 - Jan 23 Minister Meeting re Woodwynn Farms - Central Saanich

FYI – final versions that were sent to the MO for tomorrow's meeting with Woodwynn Farms.

**From:** HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** Thumath, Meaghan MMHA:EX; Lindsay-Baugh, Anna MMHA:EX  
**Cc:** Liens, Raymond MMHA:EX; Wade, Debbie MMHA:EX; Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX; Casanova, Tamara HLTH:EX; MMHA Documents Coordinator HLTH:EX; HLTH Corporate Operations HLTH:EX; Kelly, Mary P MMHA:EX; Rollheiser, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** 1100615 - Jan 23 Minister Meeting re Woodwynn Farms - Central Saanich

Good Morning:

Attached is information to support Minister Darcy's meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding Woodwynn Farms. This has been updated from the previous version sent to your office last month, and reapproved by Neilane Mayhew, A/DM.

Thanks so much,  
Kathy Simonson  
Documents Lead / Corporate Operations / DMO / Ministry of Health  
5-3 1515 Blanshard St, Victoria BC V8W 3C8  
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**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 participants in the Woodwynn Farm program, four of whom are residing on the property, and two 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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Updated January 19, 2018:

- MMHA staff has met with representatives from HLTH and Island Health to focus on the transitioning of existing residents of Woodwyn.
- Island Health will do an immediate reach out to support clinical needs of current residents.
- HLTH has committed to do a lateral reach out to BC Housing to ask for contact with residents about housing needs.
- Island Health and Health will circle back at end of day on January 19, 2018, to close the loop.
- As per article in the Times Colonist – January 19, 2018:

- The company holding Woodwynn's \$4.6-million mortgage is seeking to foreclose and sell the land.
- The mortgage holders allowed the farm operator, the Creating Homefulness Society, to forgo mortgage payments over the years
- With interest, the total owed is \$5.3 million. Monies owed increase at \$215 per day.
- The company is asking the court to set a final date for the mortgage monies to be paid.
- Richard Leblanc responded they are taking time to determine next steps.

**ADVICE:**

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**Program ADM/Division:** Taryn Walsh, ADM, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
**Date:** January 19, 2018

**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION FOR MEETING WITH RICHARD**  
**LEBLANC, WOODWYNN FARMS ADDICTIONS TREATMENT CENTRE**

Ref: 187555

Date: December 21, 2017

**Issue:**

A meeting has been requested by the Founder and Executive Director of Woodwynn Farms, Richard Leblanc, to determine if there are ways to facilitate quick resolution of the challenges facing the non-profit society's attempts to fully realize an addictions treatment centre program on their local farm.

**Background:**

Woodwynn Farms is a 78-hectare (193-acre) farm located in the District of Central Saanich (the "District"). The property is designated as agricultural land reserve (ALR), is zoned by the District as Agriculture (A-1) and is subject to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (the Act) and the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the regulation). The Act and the regulation identify permitted uses of the ALR, as well as the application requirements for non-farm uses.

Woodwynn Farms provides a therapeutic program of training and rehabilitation for individuals struggling with addictions, homelessness and/or mental-health problems. Participants in the therapeutic program assist with crops and livestock. The organic produce and value-added products from the farm are distributed through an on-site market and to local grocers, markets and restaurants.

The program has been operating for eight and a half years, led by the Creating Homefulness Society (the Society). The Society has been working with the District to re-zone 0.8 hectares (approximately two acres) to eventually house up to 96 participants as well as support staff. Municipal zoning restrictions currently limit this number to 10. Proper housing that meets building code requirements for the six current program participants has been an ongoing issue, and the use of temporary housing (donated recreational vehicles) poses health and safety risks.

On November 9, 2017 the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) denied the farm's proposal to use 0.8 hectares of ALR to construct accommodation for 40 people plus washroom and kitchen facilities (see Appendix A – Reasons for Decision for more information). A 2011 non-farm use application for dormitory housing (up to 120 people) on the property was rejected by the ALC in 2012.

On December 13, 2017, the District posted "No Occupancy" orders on the recreational vehicles, washroom facilities and greenhouses on the property. These orders were subsequent to work done by the District and the BC Safety Authority conducting an inspection of the farm's electrical system after a fire in one of the vehicles 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.

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Contact: Anna North, Senior Policy Analyst, Corporate Governance, Policy and Legislation, 250-356-5814

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

### CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministry: Mental Health and Addictions

Date: January 19, 2018

Minister Responsible: Judy Darcy

### Woodwynn Farms (Therapeutic Recovery Community Program)

#### BACKGROUND REGARDING THE ISSUE:

- On Jan. 19, 2017 media reported that Woodwyn Farms ("Woodwyn") may be coming to an end because the company holding its \$4.6 million mortgage is seeking to foreclose and sell the land.
- In Dec. 2017, Woodwynn Farms Therapeutic Recovery Community Program in Central Saanich, garnered significant media attention after the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) denied their application to build temporary housing.
- In a ruling dated Nov. 9, 2017, the ALC denied Woodwyn'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. The ALC refused the proposal, citing: "While the Executive Committee recognizes the social benefits of the Proposal, it does not outweigh the priority given to agriculture."
- In April 2017, Woodwyn requested funding from BC Housing to cover the cost of operations and infrastructure upgrades such as electrical, septic, and roofing. BC Housing had informally expressed willingness to provide a capital grant to construct tiny houses and refurbish existing farmhouses.
- On Dec. 13, 2017, the District of Saanich posted 'No Occupancy' orders on donated travel trailers due to safety concerns, and lack of proper plumbing and heating. (Four program participants were housed in those trailers.)
- The founder and executive director of Woodwynn, Richard Leblanc, has been vocal in the media about how he will disobey the District's 'No Occupancy' orders, and has sought a meeting with Mental Health and Addictions Minister Judy Darcy and Premier John Horgan to seek a resolution to this issue. A meeting is taking place with Minister Darcy and the Minister of Agriculture on Jan. 23, 2017.
- The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health recognize the need to create a contingency plan to support secure housing for current program participants and to provide supports should the program close and the 'No Occupancy' orders be enforced.

#### About Woodwyn Farms

- Woodwynn is a 193-acre organic farm offering a therapeutic community for the homeless, with an opportunity to change people's lives through educational and work programs based on responsibility, dignity, independence and the principles of peer-to-peer help.
- 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 participants in the Woodwynn program, four of whom are residing on the property, and two (2) who would be considered in vulnerable circumstances.
- The program is funded through local businesses, donations and revenue from produce sales.

**ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

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Communications Contact:	Tara Gostelow	Reviewer:	Lori Cascaden
Program Area Contact:			
File Created:	January 17, 2018		
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## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Subject:** Fwd: IN Woodwynn Farms FINAL  
**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2018 at 3:21:41 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Clifford, Kate MMHA:EX  
**Attachments:** IN\_Woodwynn Farms\_19JAN2018\_FINAL.DOCX, ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Baade, Leah HLTH:EX" <[Leah.Baade@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Baade@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** January 19, 2018 at 3:16:34 PM PST  
**To:** "Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX" <[Jonny.Morris@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jonny.Morris@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX" <[Angela.Thorneloe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Angela.Thorneloe@gov.bc.ca)>, "Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX" <[Leslie.Halston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leslie.Halston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** IN Woodwynn Farms FINAL

Jonny,

As requested, the approved final version of this IN is attached.

Leah

Leah Baade  
Risk and Issues Analyst | Performance and Issues Management  
Primary and Community Care Policy Division | BC Ministry of Health  
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**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn

**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2018 at 12:34:03 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX

**To:** Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX

Thanks so much for your rapid response

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2018, at 12:32 PM, Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX <[Lisa.Clout@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Clout@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I will add the bullets and send back before I leave in eapprovals.

**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX

**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 12:32 PM

**To:** Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX

**Subject:** Re: Woodwynn

Ok. Could you just add to the Word doc when you get home - email - and I'll upload

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2018, at 12:30 PM, Clout, Lisa HLTH:EX <[Lisa.Clout@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Clout@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jonny,

I have updated the IBN and sent back to you. I realized I cannot access eApprovals at home, so you will need to upload the article or have Britney, or someone do it.

Thanks,

Lisa

**MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS  
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**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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**ADVICE:**

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Program ADM/Division: Taryn Walsh, ADM, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions  
Date: January 16, 2018

Deleted: December 22, 2017

## Morris, Jonny MMHA:EX

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**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 2:52:40 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

All cleared up ☺

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**From:** Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR JONNY FOR REVIEW: IN - Woodwynn Farms

Wasn't it your dec BN that I approved in eapprovals this morning? Again only very minor edit? Not sure what all this is about below but I will leave it to you unless you need me

Taryn Walsh  
Assistant Deputy Minister



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**From:** Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:26 PM  
**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX; Baade, Leah HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue MMHA:EX  
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Thank you,

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 12:15 PM

**To:** Baade, Leah HLTH:EX

**Cc:** Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX; Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Walsh, Taryn MMHA:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue MMHA:EX

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With IN for Taryn/Mary Sue.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 12:14 PM

**To:** Baade, Leah HLTH:EX

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:10 AM

**To:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX

**Cc:** Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX; Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 11:06:57 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** HLTH Health Issues HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
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**From:** Morris, Jonny HLTH:EX  
**To:** Baade, Leah HLTH:EX  
**CC:** Halston, Leslie HLTH:EX; Thorneloe, Angela HLTH:EX

I think likely GCPE has seen this version. I do have a note from AGRI too that I'll find and share.

JM

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