

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: constituent **s.22**
Date: February 2, 2018 3:50:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Monika,

Here is our response:

- Koppers Ashcroft Inc. holds an *Environmental Management* Act permit that was issued February 16, 1987, authorizing air discharges from a creosote wood treatment facility located close to 1425 Evans Road, Ashcroft, BC.
- The permit has been amended over the years and most recently, in April 2017 the ministry issued a minor permit amendment to authorize the addition of natural gas heaters on 2 existing creosote tanks. A copy of the most current permit is available online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/waste-discharge-authorization/search-status-and-documents> (search for authorization # 7248).
- The most recent ministry site inspection occurred on June 27, 2017 where additional works were found onsite that were not included in the permit. An advisory letter was issued and the permittee was directed to submit an application for a further amendment to address the changes.
- An application to amend the permit was submitted October 4, 2017 and the file is currently under review by Ministry staff on the South Authorizations Team in the Regional Operations Branch.
- Of note regarding the permit:
 - Any cutting and trimming is limited to untreated wood so that emissions from the cyclone will not include treated wood.
 - There are no authorized discharges in the permit for liquid waste/effluent. If someone observes an effluent discharge from the site, or has other specific concerns which they believe to be violations of the permit, these can be reported to the ministry by email to: EnvironmentalCompliance@gov.bc.ca. This mailbox is reviewed regularly by ministry Compliance Staff.

Thanks.

Reamick Lo

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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie [<mailto:Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: constituent **s.22**

Hi Reamick,

MLA Tegart received a message from constituent **s.22** voiced concerns in relation to a company called Koppers located near Ashcroft B.C. Koppers is a sawmill and chemical wood treating plant for rail tie products. **s.22**

s.22 and has seen significant changes in volume of production of the plant possibly

significantly affecting air and water quality for Ashcroft residents and surrounding area. His contact is s.22

Would you be able to look into this issue for us?

Cheers,



Monika Walker

Constituency Assistant

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Noise Pollution on Fraser River - Lillooet
Date: February 8, 2018 3:53:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Lori,

Response from staff is that we do not have any jurisdiction over noise. The provincial Environmental Management Act does not regulate noise pollution, only "substances". Also, boats are regulated under the Shipping Act (federal). This may also be dealt with at the municipal level.

Hope this helps.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie [mailto:Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: Noise Pollution on Fraser River - Lillooet

Hi Reamick,

Residents of Lillooet have complained about the noise made by motor boats on the Fraser River through Lillooet. The District of Lillooet has a bylaw regarding excessive noise, however they are of the opinion that their bylaws does not apply to the river, even though it runs through District limits.

Could you please advise whether the Ministry has jurisdiction over operation of motor boats or noise pollution on the Fraser River through Lillooet? If not, could you advise whether the District of Lillooet can regulate use of motor boats on the Fraser where it runs through the District?

Thank you.

Regards,

Lori



Lori Pilon

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Mount Erskine Park
Date: February 8, 2018 4:02:40 PM

Hi Ryan,

Thanks for the enquiry again and here is an update:

Status of the Project

- Ministry staff are working with Legal Services, land owner and Mr. Kahn from the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club (SSITNC) to:
 - finalize the Contribution Agreement and the Purchase and Sale Agreement for this proposed acquisition by March 31st.
 - prepare a replacement existing covenant between the Province and the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee that would continue to protect the land but not fetter future decisions of government
 - releasing the multitude of charges running with the title to ensure the Province receives land free and clear of charges:
 - i.e. Hydro, Telus, Shaw, MoT, CRD
- Land appraisal has been completed
- Work on subdivision in ongoing
- Staff, and the SSITNC, are planning to attend a Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting on March 1 regarding the replacement covenant however, this leaves very little time for the SSITNC to raise the funds to donate the money for the purchase of the lands

Has the SSITNC been notified?

- Yes, staff remain in communication with Mr. Kahn, and SSITNC President, Sue Lehman, several times per week regarding the ongoing process, dealings with the land owner and the above mentioned legal agreements and replacement covenant.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Olsen.MLA, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Reamick,

I hope you're well. I just wanted to do a bit of follow up on this, as I spoke to Mr. Kahn on Friday and he seemed both unaware of any of this information and under the impression that the Ministry does not intend to pursue this. He requested I contact the person managing the case, but I have been instructed to only liaise with your office directly.

Can you find out what the status of the communication of this is with the proponent?

All the best,

Ryan Clayton

Constituency Assistant | Office of Adam Olsen, MLA
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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX [<mailto:Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 2:13 PM

To: Olsen.MLA, Adam <Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Ryan,

Here's our response:

- Ministry staff must work within established governmental procedures respecting capital budgets and land acquisitions and, at times, these procedures may appear to cause delays and can frustrate partners wishing to assist BC Parks.
- However, we are pleased to be able to advise that the ministry recently received the necessary approvals and funding for 2017/18 to proceed with this project.
- Ministry staff can now proceed with the necessary steps to work with the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club to make this acquisition a reality.
- We thank the constituent again for his support for the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club in its endeavours to acquire this land in partnership with BC Parks.

Thanks Ryan.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Olsen.MLA, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 1:17 PM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: RE: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Reamick,

I hope you're well. I just wanted to follow up on this and see if there is any update on this front?

All the best,

Ryan Clayton

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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX [<mailto:Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 3:33 PM

To: Olsen.MLA, Adam <Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Xia, Eveline ENV:EX <Eveline.Xia@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Ryan,

Will get back to you as soon as I hear.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Xia, Eveline ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX
Cc: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Ryan,

Thanks for this, and sorry for the delay.

I'm cc'ing the Executive Assistant to Minister Heyman who will work with ministry staff and get some information for you.

Cheers,

Eveline

Eveline Xia

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From: Olsen.MLA, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: Mount Erskine Park

Hi Minister's office,

I'm writing to enquire about Mount Erskine Park. For several years one of our constituents has been working with BC Parks to purchase covenanted parts of adjacent properties to add to the park. There has been support for his efforts, and progress has been made. Recently they identified one property with only one covenant holder who has agreed to sell his land. Our constituent, along with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, have prepared to fundraise to buy the land.

Recently he was informed due to BC Park's procedures the process has been delayed. He was informed the Treasury Board needs to approve the project. He was told that then BC Parks needs to work with their lawyers before the Islands Trust can be engaged for the next steps. In the meanwhile, the landowner they identified is becoming frustrated and wants to sell his land.

Is there anything we can do to support this constituent's efforts?

Ryan Clayton

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Brunner, Angelika LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: fish management strategy -- Arrow Lake & lower Columbia
Date: February 8, 2018 4:20:07 PM

Hi Angelika,

Fish management strategy is under FLNROD. I'm copying my colleague Tristan Jones, Executive Assistant to Minister to Donaldson. She'll be able to assist you.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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From: Brunner, Angelika [<mailto:Angelika.Brunner@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:55 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: fish management strategy -- Arrow Lake & lower Columbia

Hi Reamick,

I'm looking for assistance on behalf of a constituent.

He would like to speak to someone who can give him information about the fish management strategy – salmon in particular -- in Arrow Lakes and lower Columbia.

He is a member of the Castlegar and District Wildlife Association, which has been approached by the Okanagan Nation Alliance to support them on [their plans and efforts for salmon conservation](#). He would like to learn more about the government's plans for fish management so that his association can make a well-informed decision on whether to formally support ONA or not.

Please let me know if there is a contact person that I can put him in touch with.

Thanks Reamick!

Angelika Brunner, Constituency Assistant

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Climate Change Policy
Date: February 9, 2018 2:42:25 PM

Hi Henry,

Here is the messaging and you can communicate to your constituent:

- Our government agrees that it is necessary to do more to tackle BC's greenhouse gas emissions. Since being elected we have taken several steps and recognize there is much more to do, and will be continuing to prioritize climate action over the coming years.
- The carbon tax will begin to rise again as of April 1, 2018 to \$35 per tonne, and will keep rising to \$50/tonne by 2021.
- We have committed to introducing a new 2030 greenhouse gas target of 40% below 2007 levels and establishing separate sectoral reduction targets and plans.
- We established the Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council to provide strategic advice to government on climate actions and policies to achieve these targets.
- B.C. continues to work with the Federal government under the Pan-Canadian Framework to support national climate action, such as the federal regulations on methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, and secure funding for programs that support B.C.'s climate objectives such as the Forest Carbon Initiative and buildings retrofit programs and transit investment.

Thanks.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Kang.MLA, Anne [<mailto:Anne.Kang.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 4:58 PM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: Re: Climate Change Policy

Please advise on how we can reply to the following constituent. Thank you

Henry YAO

From: s.22

Sent: January 16, 2018 5:59 PM

To: Kang.MLA, Anne

Subject: Climate Change Policy

Dear Ms. Kang,

s.22

. I chose to study engineering

because I wanted to help the world combat climate change by working to develop renewable energy systems.

I am one of your constituents and reducing BC's greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the worst effects of climate change is important to me. I am worried that the province is not on track to meet its 2020 emissions targets and I hope that the NDP will implement policies that will ensure BC meets its 2030 targets.

I support carbon pricing, but I feel that more needs to be done to reduce our carbon emissions and to begin adapting to the effects of climate change. I hope you that you will support policies that will help BC achieve its

carbon emissions targets.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: disabilities camping policy question
Date: February 15, 2018 11:16:37 AM

Hi Angelika,

Thanks for much for your question. For your future reference, please contact me directly for all enquiries in relation to ENV.

Here's our response to your below email:

- BC Parks encourages families living with accessibility challenges to experience BC Parks.
- A frontcountry camping fee exemption is available to adults receiving Person with Disabilities benefits and children on the 'At Home' program. This initiative removes some financial barriers families living with disabilities face and creates variety of opportunities, while not unlimited, across the province.
- BC Parks is working with a variety of accessibility foundations to create inclusive designs for new campsites planned in a number of high use areas throughout the province. Completion of these new facilities is expected over the next four years.
- The maximum 14 day camping restriction is established in regulation and applies to every camper.
- While some regulations allow employees and Park Operators of BC Parks' to make exceptions – it would be for truly exceptional circumstances only. Unfortunately the circumstances described would not be considered exceptional and we are unable to exempt them from the long stay requirements.
- Having a maximum stay policy is necessary to manage usage and to ensure that all residents get fair and equal opportunity to experience BC Parks. Were it not in place, some campers would occupy more popular campsites for the entire summer, or indefinitely.
- As a public resource, BC Parks works to ensure a greater number of campers have access to our campsites in many locations.

Thanks for your attention.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:56 PM
To: Price, Chris ENV:EX
Subject: disabilities camping policy question

Hi Chris,

Are you able to respond to this constituent about camping reservation concerns? Given that there are fewer campgrounds that provide full accessibility for his disabled daughter, he would like to know if there is some way he can have a longer limit to how long they can stay at the remaining suitable camp sites, preferably without a lot of extra fees.

Let me know if you prefer to contact him yourself, otherwise I'd be happy to pass along any info you wish to send me.

Thanks!

Angelika Brunner, Constituency Assistant

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From: s.22

Sent: September 20, 2017 1:02 PM

To: s.22 Conroy.MLA, Katrine

Subject: BC Parks

Good Morning Ladies!.

here is my concern

and

Could you forward to appropriate dept?

s.22 and myself truly enjoy camping in BC Parks. There is no better place.

We have been fortunate that Camping fees have been taken care of for many years, but this year it became a bit of a bother.

There is a limit of 14 days per park per year!.

Which i get....BUT, due to my daughters diversabilities, we can not access ALL parks! and are (not limited to) but more like restricted to certain parks because of certain accessibility issues!.

We love to enjoy the water, that's why places like Kokanee Creek , McDonald creek are such excellent choices for us. Here Our daughter can enjoy the water and beach along side us, with not much stress on

s.22 and myself.

Places like Blanket Creek and Lost Ledges(although very beautiful....and Blanket being one of favorite) she cannot access the water front or beach because of NON access to the lake front.

Blanket has a beautiful lagoon for swimming, but it is not the place to throw your kayak in the water...same for the sites on the north end of Kootenay Lake and we want our daughter to enjoy the freedom of gliding along the water right along side us, not sitting at the campsiteby herself...because she cannot access the water.

This leads to us having to spend more days at places like Kokanee creek...but being limited to this place is very unfair.!

This day limit roadblock came to the forefront this summer.

We booked at Kokanee creek, like usual. Received reservation confirmation, BUT upon arrival were told that we had hit the 14 day limit, but the reservation made no such reference.

Management at Kokanee was very helpful in allowing us to stay, but this was after much debate. Making me / us feel a bit criminal.

We were able to stay past the 14 day limit....as long as we paid? which I did!

My issue is not with having to pay (which I don't think I should have had to.....we have had disability access for many many years) **MY issue is that the 14 day limit does not FIT certain disabilities!**

Any help or info you could provide would be very helpful.

We typically camp upwards to 30-40 days per summer, and hope to increase that as we find MORE parks that fit.

Thanks

s.22

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
Date: February 22, 2018 11:17:41 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Thyra,

Thanks so much for your inquiry and here's our response:

- Issues around shooting ranges is an active topic looked at by the Ministry.
- The RCMP Chief Firearms Officer issues approvals to firearms shooting ranges under the Shooting Club and Shooting Ranges Regulation (which is under the Federal Firearms Act); shooting ranges are subject to requirements in the regulation and approvals.
 - The regulation and approvals impose requirements for public safety
 - There are a few exceptions where firearms shooting ranges are not subject to the regulation and approvals, such as training facilities that are not used by members of the public.
- The Province does not issue permits for shooting ranges to impose public safety requirements (this is handled by the Federal Government).
- Municipal by-laws would apply including those regarding land use and noise.
- The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy becomes involved in overseeing measures to address contamination from an operating firearms shooting range when there is evidence that contamination is migrating off of the range property, and/or high risk environmental conditions exist on the site.
- For closed firearms shooting ranges, where there is a proposed change in land use, the Ministry would be involved in the review and sign off of applications for Certificates of Compliance or other legal instruments sought under the Contaminated Sites Regulation to allow the new land use to occur.
- The Ministry has no evidence or data to suggest that pollution is occurring.
- The Ministry would be very interested in any specific samples. If you have data to show pollution is occurring, such as water samples analysed from an accredited lab, ministry technical staff would be happy to look at it. You can contact the ENV Environmental Complaints line through: EnvironmentalComplaints@gov.bc.ca

Thanks.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Beare.MLA, Lisa [<mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 1:36 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
Good afternoon Reamick,

I hope this finds you well. I wanted to quickly follow up to see if there was any update on this case. If you have any info I can pass along to the constituent I would appreciate it.

Thanks so much,

Thyra

Thyra Gillese | Constituency Assistant | Lisa Beare, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
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From: "Lo, Reamick ENV:EX" <Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 3:08 PM
To: "Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX" <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>, "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council

Hi Tristan,

Thanks for the info. I will look into it and can get back to Thyra at MLA Beare's office directly as soon as I'm unable.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
Hi Reamick,

Please see constituent issue below and attachment for further context.

Can you assist.

Thanks,

Tristan

From: Hiltner, Clementine FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
I would start with MOECCS... I can check with authorisations if any specific questions.



Clementine Hiltner
Manager, Executive Issues
Deputy Minister's Office
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Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Hiltner, Clementine FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
Does any of this involve us re: permits, waterways? Or is it MOECCS because of contamination?
Thanks,
Tristan

From: Beare.MLA, Lisa [<mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council
Hi Tristan,
Thank you for speaking with me regarding the concerns of our constituents listed below. I appreciate

you looking in to this and helping us determine the best course of inquiry.

Sincerely,

Thyra

Thyra Gillese | Constituency Assistant | Lisa Beare, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

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From: s.22

Date: Monday, January 29, 2018 at 4:17 PM

To: "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: "council@pittmeadows.bc.ca" <council@pittmeadows.bc.ca>

Subject: Pitt Meadows Gun Club Safety Questioned in Council

Dear Lisa Beare MLA,

I am contacting you at the suggestion of the Pitt Meadows Councillors. We have an urgent land use and environmental issue before council regarding our local Pitt Meadows Gun Club. After 20 years of co-existing amicably, the relationship with the neighbourhood had deteriorated due to changes in operations at the gun club. After being a private members club for 76 years, shooting twice a week, Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings for limited hours, the club decided to open to the public and extend shooting to include every day in addition to inviting movie shooting etc. This has greatly interrupted the peaceful existence of the neighbourhood and has led to further action from the neighbours. Upon investigation by the neighbours, it was brought to light that this club has been operating without a municipal or federal permit for 76 years. Upon further investigation this club has contaminated two large parcels of farmland using lead shot without any remediation to date. The local BMX Track/Cottonwood Park/Our Outdoor School at Barnes Rd s.22

was previously a 30 year gun club before being moved to the next property over where they have been for 46 years. Both parcels of land that the gun club has and is using is surrounded on all four sides with our active waterways used to irrigated local farms and leads out to fish bearing rivers. In addition to the 300,000 lbs. of lead on this land leaching into the land and water, the club cannot comply with the local noise by law or the safe shooting distances in the discharge of a firearms by law.

My husband s.22 and I are lifetime residents of the Ridge Meadows area and have been farming in Pitt Meadows since 1987. We grow cut flowers a s.22

s.22 . Other neighbours in the area offer eco-tourism as well. s.22

s.22 These farms

are using the water from the surrounding waterways. We need to have some regulations surrounding this gun club and the remediation of the lead as it is a known health hazard and falls into our hazardous waste classification. Lead cannot be transported in greater than 5 kg. amounts without a permit. With 300,000 lbs. of it that close by, and two parcels of land contaminated, we need the province to get involved and ensure public safety. We have had an unusual amount of sickness in the neighbourhood and are asking for the province to aid in a safe solution for this area. This matter has been before council on many occasions regarding by laws and the our local council is working with us to reach a safe solution that will aid all parties involved. The club is currently shut down pending safety compliance. (Please view The City of Pitt Meadows Meeting December 5, 2017 Video for Questions and Comments at the opening of the meeting and Agenda Item L 2.3 for an update and current status of the Pitt Meadows Gun Club) The City of Pitt Meadows are not environmental stewards and will require your help at the provincial level regarding the lead

management. One of the mentioned sites above is being used as a local park, BMX Track and Outdoor School for SD 42 and has had no lead remediation to date after 30 years as a shooting range. I question the safety of this park and the children living and playing on the site. We are aware of the Burnaby Gun Club's clean up requirements and fear this could be worse as it has been in use longer and is surrounded by water and is in a flood plain below sea level. (I have attached the provinces newsletter on the Burnaby site above for your information.) Our concern as residents in the area is the safety of our families, our land and the farming proceeds we are sending out into the community. We need to know our fruit and vegetables are safe for consumption and the long term effects of this lead being on this land and leaching into the water without remediation. I do not think this site is suitable for a shooting range and if a permit was being applied for presently it would not be considered as a possibility. Shooting with lead has been banned for migratory birds in the wild since 1999 and we need to make out range shooters responsible for lead management as well. Please respond to our concerns and help us with direction to address this environmental issue. We need to know how to proceed and who we can contact at the provincial level to open an enquiry and ensure a responsible plan is put in place for lead management in this fragile eco system.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: [Cadieux, Stephanie](#)
To: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Border Feedlot Surrey South
Date: February 23, 2018 10:01:13 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Yes please.



Stephanie Cadieux, MLA

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On Feb 23, 2018, at 9:56 AM, Lo, Reamick ENV:EX <Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning MLA Cadieux,

Our staff from Conservation Officer Service (COS) appreciates you bringing forward your constituents' concerns. There is an open investigation related to this matter and we are unable to provide further details or a briefing at this time. If you'd like a general briefing on the COS program area, we can certainly do that. Let me know if you'd like to proceed with a call for a general briefing. If so, should we get in touch with your MLA office to set up a date and time.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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P: 250-812-8642

From: Cadieux, Stephanie [<mailto:S.Cadieux@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:53 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: RE: Border Feedlot Surrey South

Yes, and a little explanation of what the bullets below mean ☺

From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX [<mailto:Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:50 AM

To: Cadieux, Stephanie <S.Cadieux@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Border Feedlot Surrey South

Dear MLA Cadieux,

Are you looking for more general information about the COS program area, what they manage, etc?

Warmly,

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From: Cadieux, Stephanie [<mailto:S.Cadieux@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:42 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: RE: Border Feedlot Surrey South

Thank you. Would it be possible to get a briefing on this- I'm not familiar with the environment/conservation files and would appreciate a better understanding?
stephanie

From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX [<mailto:Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:34 AM

To: Cadieux, Stephanie <S.Cadieux@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Border Feedlot Surrey South

Dear MLA Cadieux,

Once again thanks so much for your email. Here is the response from our Ministry:

- In response to public complaints of odour and pollution, ministry compliance staff conducted three inspections of the facility in 2017, all of which found the company non-compliant with requirements under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) and the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR).
- The company was issued two warning letters but failed to come into compliance.
- Following the latest inspection in December, the matter was turned over to the Conservation Officer Service and remains under investigation.

Thanks for your attention.

Warmly,

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From: Cadieux, Stephanie [<mailto:S.Cadieux@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 3:20 PM

To: greg.atkinson@gov.bc.ca; Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: Border Feedlot Surrey South

Dear Greg and Reamick,

I am addressing this to both of you as I am unsure of who might be able to assist. I am not certain which Ministry has a role here given the range of issues and will appreciate your guidance.

I have been hearing from residents of the Summerfield area in my riding **s.22** which is just down the street from the Border Feedlot. There have been ongoing complaints about foul odours, alleged illegal dumping, and water contamination.

The odour issues are reportedly so strong that individuals have reported symptoms of burning eyes, nausea, hives, infections and congestion.

There have now been repeated report from residents about possible illegal dumping, as trucks frequent the lot between the hours of 11:30pm and 5:30am.

There are additional concerns of water contamination/quality in the nearby creek.

I have spoken with the City of Surrey, who maintain that the Border Feedlot is a normal farming operation.

What I am hoping is that either of the Ministry of Environment or the Ministry of Agriculture or both, might be able to provide some background on the issue. I would assume that one or both Ministries have had correspondence regarding this issue and will have conducted any necessary site visits or tests to ensure both that the Border Feedlot is operating within its approved purposes and that no

environmental/public health issues are present.

I look forward to your assistance in providing assurances to my constituents that their concerns have been properly investigated by the appropriate authority.

Best regards,

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Barrett, Andrew LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Roundup Ban
Date: February 26, 2018 1:54:32 PM

Dear Andrew,

Thanks so much for your email. Here is the messaging you can use in response to your constituent:

- There are no current plans to further restrict Roundup (glyphosate) use.
- In general, glyphosate use for landscaping purposes is minimal and is limited to maintenance of hard surfaces and crack and crevice treatment.
- In 2017, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) reconfirmed registration for pesticides containing glyphosate and stated "products containing glyphosate do not present risks of concern to human health or the environment when used according to the revised label directions."
- In 2011, a Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides was formed to conduct broad consultation on the issue of cosmetic pesticide use. The recommendations of the Committee included restrictions on the use of cosmetic pesticides, but not an outright ban.
- In 2015, government amended the Integrated Pest Management Regulation to address cosmetic use concerns, which took into account the Special Committee recommendations and extensive public consultation.
- The amendments restricted the use of pesticides on landscaped areas of private land so that in general, everyone who applies pesticides for these uses must be certified or complete specific training. Commercial class pesticides are restricted to licensees, and a pesticide licence is required for commercial properties and service providers. A Residential Applicator Certificate is required for residents to apply domestic pesticides to their own property.
- The amendments improved public interaction with pesticide vendors at the point of sale by requiring that most pesticides be displayed in a manner that restricts customer access. Prior to purchase, a certified dispenser must discuss the intended use of the pesticide with the customer to confirm it is appropriate.
- Cosmetic pesticide restrictions apply only to uses on outdoor landscaped areas (such as lawns, ornamental flowers and trees, and pathways). This does not include food gardens, hobby farms, structural pests, forests, or agriculture.
- Municipal pesticide bylaws still apply, and may be more restrictive than provincial regulations.
- At present, ministry staff are fully engaged with completing implementation of the amendments to restrict cosmetic use of pesticides in landscapes, with continued communication and education for interested stakeholders, and updating of guidance documents and training materials to reflect the new regulations.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Barrett, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Barrett@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: Roundup Ban

Hello Reamick,

Good to connect just now. We have been contacted by a constituent who has asked the question “When are you going to ban the use of roundup in BC.?”.

Is the Ministry of Environment the right place to be directing this question? Do you have any information that would be helpful in providing a response?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,

Andrew

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We acknowledge that the Esquimalt-Metchosin constituency is part of the Coast Salish Community and that we operate on the unceded lands of the Lekwungen, Sc'ianew, and Kosapsum Nations.

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Maitland, Julie LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: question for you
Date: February 26, 2018 3:04:40 PM

Hi Julie,

I've checked and it's actually a FLNRO issue. Your inquiry has been redirected and a staff from FLNRO will respond to you directly. Thanks.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Maitland, Julie [mailto:Julie.Maitland@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:24 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: question for you

Hello Reamick

I had a constituent of ours call in about his application for Groundwater Well Registration. He sent his application by email on December 11, 2017 and has not had a reply. He also sent an email on Feb 12, 2018 wondering if it had been processed but did not receive a reply back. His name is **s.22**
s.22

If you could let me know what has happened with his application I can let him know the process.

Thanks

Julie Maitland

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