

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Brunner, Angelika LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Heart Creek fish habitat restoration
Date: April 16, 2018 12:19:42 PM

Hi Angelika,

I checked with our staff and have been advised this inquiry should be sent to FLNR. The article incorrectly refers to 'Environment.' It would not have been ENV staff seeking additional information on this project as this type of project is a FLNR accountability to approve (or not) – they are the ministry responsible for monitoring fish habitat. I'm copying my colleague Tristan Jones from FLNR who can assist you.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

Executive Assistant to the **Honourable George Heyman**
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
P: 250-812-8642

From: Brunner, Angelika [<mailto:Angelika.Brunner@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: Heart Creek fish habitat restoration

Hi Reamick!

My MLA has asked me to find out why there is a delay to the restoration of fish habitat to Heart Creek on Arrow Lake, as described in the article below.

Are you able to give me some background information that I can pass on to her?

Thank you!

Angelika Brunner, Constituency Assistant

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[Hunting group decries delays to fish habitat project](#)

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Centerm expansion project
Date: April 20, 2018 3:04:23 PM
Attachments: [315319 - Musqueam Centerm letter DRAFT.DOCX](#)

Hi Brenda,

Here's our response:

- The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) has been undertaking a Project and Environmental Review (PER) process for the proposed Centerm Expansion Project (Centerm).
- On April 20, 2018, the VFPA announced that they have approved Centerm, subject to 86 conditions. Information about the VFPA's decision can be found here:
<https://www.portvancouver.com/development-and-permits/status-of-applications/centerm-expansion-project/>.
- Following the decision by the VFPA, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) will be reviewing VFPA's decision materials to determine if there are any significant adverse effects anticipated from the project, and if there are any outstanding issues of provincial interest. Through this review, the EAO will determine whether an environmental assessment certificate is required, or whether consideration of an exemption under section 10(1)(b) of the Environmental Assessment Act may be appropriate.
- The EAO will be notifying Aboriginal groups and any public stakeholders who expressed an interest in Centerm, to inform them that the EAO will be reviewing the VFPA's decision over the next few weeks and that, following this review, the EAO will notify them of the proposed next steps and of any opportunities to provide input into the EAO's process.
- The following public stakeholder groups will be notified: Strathcona Residents Association, Burrardview Community Association, and Grandview-Woodland Area Council.
- The following Aboriginal groups will be notified: Musqueam Indian Band, Halalt First Nation, Cowichan Tribes, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Squamish Nation, Penelakut Tribe, Lyackson First Nation, Stz'uminus First Nation, Lake Cowichan First Nation, and Stó:lo Nation.
- Attached is a copy of the letter send to these groups for your reference.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:33 PM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: RE: Centerm expansion project

Hi Reamick,

I hope all is well. Please see the attached for an update from the Port on this project. You likely have seen it too. Minister Simpson has asked me to get some more information from your folks that he can then relay back to the folks who approached him in his constituency around their concerns. Is there more that you can share from your end about the provincial decision, any provincial review and the timing? Thanks.

Brenda

From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:40 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Centerm expansion project

Hi Brenda,

Here's an update for you with respect to your inquiry:

Centerm Expansion Project <https://www.portvancouver.com/development-and-permits/status-of-applications/centerm-expansion-project/>

- The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) is proposing a series of improvements to the Centerm container terminal and port roads. The proposed Centerm Expansion Project (Centerm) would increase the maximum container handling capacity by two-thirds, from 900,000 twenty-foot equivalent unit containers (TEUs) to 1.5 million TEUs.
- The VFPA's Project and Environmental Review (PER) process for Centerm will assess project impacts and propose mitigations to reduce or avoid adverse project effects.
- If that process concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse effects, then the project may proceed from a federal perspective. If, on the other hand, the project is likely to cause significant adverse effects, it will be referred to the Federal Cabinet to decide whether those effects are justified in the circumstances.
- Centerm is entirely on federal lands, and in light of the PER process underway, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) will let the VFPA process continue to completion before determining if Centerm triggers a provincial EA.
- The Strathcona Residents' Association has raised concerns regarding the impacts of Centerm and the PER process, in particular, related to noise effects, visual impacts, and the potential for increased safety risks posed by rail and truck traffic.
- The EAO has been in communication with the Strathcona Residents' Association regarding the proposed Centerm Project.
- The EAO continues to be engaged with the VFPA regarding Centerm and monitors its progress through the PER process.
- After the PER process has concluded, the EAO will evaluate the report and undertake consultations with Indigenous groups and potentially the public. Whether to conduct an environmental assessment or grant an exemption will largely depend on if the project is assessed to have significant adverse effects. Consistent with the EAO's guidance for exemptions, the results of the PER process can be taken into account in making that determination.

Hope this helps.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 2:14 PM

To: Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Centerm expansion project

Hi Caelie,

I hope you're doing well. Please take a look at the attached. Minister Simpson met with some constituents last Friday and they brought up these concerns. He's asked me to send it to Minister Heyman's staff to find out what is happening with this file. Are you able to shed some light on it for us please? Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs

Executive Assistant

Honourable Shane Simpson

Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

C: 250.361.8147



File: 30020-04/CNEX

Reference: 315319

April 20, 2018

SENT VIA EMAIL

Dianne Sparrow
Divisional Lead - Intergovernmental Affairs
Musqueam Indian Band
6735 Salish Drive
Vancouver BC V6N 4C4
DBSparrow@musqueam.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Sparrow:

As you are aware, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) has been undertaking a Project and Environmental Review (PER) process for the proposed Centerm Expansion Project (Centerm) in Vancouver, British Columbia. The VFPA has recently come to a decision on Centerm, and their decision materials can be found here:
<https://www.portvancouver.com/development-and-permits/status-of-applications/centerm-expansion-project/>.

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has been engaged with VFPA regarding Centerm and monitoring its progress through the PER process. The EAO's intention was to let the VFPA process continue to completion before determining whether Centerm requires a provincial environmental assessment.

Now that a decision has been rendered by VFPA, the EAO will be reviewing VFPA's decision materials to determine if there are any significant adverse effects anticipated from the project, and if there are any outstanding issues of provincial interest. Through this review, the EAO will determine whether an Environmental Assessment Certificate is required, or whether consideration of an exemption under Section 10(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* may be appropriate.

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Following the EAO's initial review of the materials over the next few weeks, I will notify you of the proposed next steps and any additional opportunities to provide input into the process. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me at 778 698-3398 or Kimberly.Walters@gov.bc.ca, or contact David Angus, Project Assessment Officer at 778 698-9324 or by email at David.Angus@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Kim Walters
Project Assessment Manager

cc: Mike Shepard, Executive Project Director, Environmental Assessment Office
Michael.Shepard@gov.bc.ca

David Angus, Project Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessment Office
David.Angus@gov.bc.ca

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Begg, MLA, Garry LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: BC Parks
Date: April 12, 2018 10:41:54 AM

Hi CA,

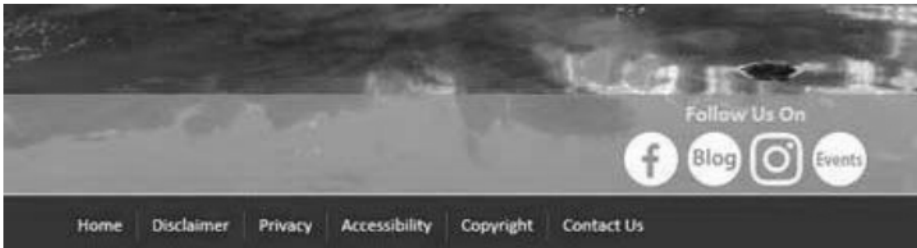
Here are the responses to your below email:

Provincial Services Branch Related Inquiry

Response:

Banner:

- The banner on the BC Parks home page entitled '2017 Wildfires' remains on the home page to ensure our park visitors are aware of parks and back country areas that remain closed due to the effects of 2017 wildfires.
- BC Parks values it's visitors; this banner must remain on the home page to ensure our visitors are well informed when making plans to visit BC's parks, and to ensure public safety.
- If website visitors wish to make contact with BC Parks, our home page (<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/>) provides a 'contact us' link at the bottom of the page:



- The 'contact us' link will connect them to the site (<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info/feedback.html>) and provides a data fill section where they may provide feedback and/or send inquiries directly to our ParkInfo@gov.bc.ca email inbox. This box is regularly monitored by an administrator and responses are provided in a timely fashion:

Regional Operations Response

Request:

- This link also needs to be updated to reflect the closure of the dock at Plumper Cove: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/plumper/>
- I have eMailed the contractor (info.scparks@gmail.com) for the park, but have not yet had an update on when the dock will be repaired.

Response:

- Although signage currently indicates the dock at Plumper Cove are closed, this is not the case.
 - o Closure signs were posted in late February to keep the dock clear to enable a contractor to assess the dock for future repairs.
- The Park Operator (aforementioned 'contractor') for Plumper Cove will attend the dock within the next two week to remove the 'closed' signage.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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

From: Begg.MLA, Garry [mailto:Garry.Begg.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:21 AM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: FW: BC Parks

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

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:55 AM
To: Begg.MLA, Garry <Garry.Begg.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: BC Parks

s.22

Office of Gary Begg:

I am looking for contact information for BC Parks.

This link needs to be updated, as the 2017 forest fire season is now over:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/>

That link fails to include contact information for BC Parks, and should have a feedback link.

This link also needs to be updated to reflect the closure of the dock at Plumper Cove:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/plumper/>

I have eMailed the contractor (info.scparks@gmail.com
<<mailto:info.scparks@gmail.com>>) for the park, but have not yet had an
update on when the dock will be repaired.

Our BC Parks are awesome, we need to work at keeping them great.

Thanks for your help!

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s.22

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Hill, Robert EMPR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Carbon tax revenues/Alternative power sources like solar
Date: April 18, 2018 10:33:39 AM

Hi Kim,

Thanks again for your inquiry. I checked with staff and this one also falls under the responsibility of EMPR. I'm copying my colleague Rob Hill who's the EA to Minister Mungall and he can assist you.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo
Executive Assistant to the Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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-----Original Message-----

From: Popham.MLA, Lana [<mailto:Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Carbon tax revenues/Alternative power sources like solar

Hi Again Reamick,

Kim from MLA Popham's office again!

Another constituent is asking where carbon tax revenues go - general revenue or specific budget items. Do you have any knowledge of this?

Thank you,

Kim Copeland
Constituency Assistant to MLA Lana Popham

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

From: **s.22**
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Popham.MLA, Lana <Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Carbon tax revenues/Alternative power sources like solar

Hello Lana, a friend and I were chatting and realized we don't know where the carbon tax revenues go...general revenue or specific budget items...like regional transit, innovative power source research...or solar, electric car grants?...Can u tell me where the money goes being collected?

I am also very concerned about the battle between Alberta and BC about the Trans mt pipeline. I am very proud of our premiere for standing with the greens in this matter!...Keep up the pressure to have this matter brought before the courts. I do wish more evidence was brought forward by people like Andrew Weaver about the risks of allowing bithumen into our coastal waters and rivers...Many people even in BC seem to believe that we have to take the risk because the other methods of transport will be even more risk...ie rail. As a layperson we need more information, so we can support your efforts as a government.

Thank you,

s.22

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: MLA Conroy - Land for BC park
Date: April 20, 2018 3:19:16 PM

Got it. Thanks.

From: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Cc: Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX
Subject: RE: MLA Conroy - Land for BC park

Hi Reamick,

Staff in the Region, and Ken Morrison, the Manager of Planning and Land Administration, have been consulted on this request and are not aware of any requests or acquisition considerations related to the property.

Let me know if you need more information on this.

Thanks,

Deborah Carroll

A/Administrative Coordinator

Deputy Minister's Office

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

778-698-0436

deborah.carroll@gov.bc.ca

From: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Morrison, Ken ENV:EX
Subject: Request - MLA Conroy Request: Land for BC park
Ken – MO request – MLAS constituent inquiry related to possible park development in area of his land.
Have you heard anything about developing a park in the area described below?:

- property is s.22

s.22

Thanks.

Launa Murai | W) 778-698-4289 | C) 250-208-5933

From: Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Murai, Launa Y ENV:EX
Cc: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX
Subject: MLA Conroy Request: Land for BC park

For response. If this comes next week, pls send to me and Deborah who will then stick handle on my behalf next week. Thank you.

From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX
Subject: MLA Conroy - Land for BC park

Hi Karla,

A constituent of MLA Conroy is wondering if the government is considering to create a provincial park in the vicinity of his property. He has heard that they are considering this, but he has not been approached by the government about it.

His property is s.22

s.22

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Hill, Robert EMPR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: NDP vs Green for supporting renewable energy
Date: April 18, 2018 10:31:34 AM

Hi Kim,

Thanks for your email again. I checked with staff and your constituent's inquiry falls under the responsibility of EMPR. I'm copying my colleague Rob Hill who's the EA to Minister Mungall and he can assist you.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Popham.MLA, Lana [<mailto:Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 2:04 PM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: FW: NDP vs Green for supporting renewable energy

Hi Reamick,

I am wondering if your office receives emails similar to this Saanich South constituent. [s.22](#) is asking if there are any resources that individuals can use towards green energy sources (ie solar panels, etc). Do you know where I can find more information on this?

Happy Friday!

Kim Copeland

Constituency Assistant to MLA Lana Popham

From: [s.22](#)

On Behalf Of [s.22](#)

[s.22](#)

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:21 PM

To: Popham.MLA, Lana <Lana.Popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: NDP vs Green for supporting renewable energy

Hello Ms. Popham,

[s.22](#) have a question... and a comment or 2 . :)

One of the reasons I vote NDP is the platform on renewable energy. I support the stance taken on pipelines and look forward to a (hopefully soon) greener lifestyle.

I am wondering if and when some action will be taken on beefing up our movement towards green energy sources... like solar panels for home and industry rooftops, EV Car purchasing, and building code changes to support solar ready houses. I would love to invest the money in solar on my roof with (years later to save up) the purchase of an EV Car but the cost is just out of reach presently. A subsidy towards these green choices would move us forward and begin the breaking of oil consumption habits. Thank you for your hard work on our behalf.

[s.22](#)

From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: New Student Ranger Program launched today - BC Gov News
Date: April 10, 2018 9:23:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Leanne,

Here's our response:

- The Black Creek Student Ranger crew will be based out of the local BC Parks office located in Miracle Beach Provincial Park.
- BC Parks Student Ranger opportunities are open to any Canadian Resident who is a fulltime students between the age of 18 and 30 may apply. This allows students who may be studying outside their communities to apply on the opportunity in their home community.
- Applicants have the ability to indicate their area(s) of preference on their application; this is one screening mechanism that will be used in hiring our Student Rangers.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae [<mailto:Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:24 PM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: RE: New Student Ranger Program launched today - BC Gov News

Thank you Reamick. When the press release came out this am, MLA Leonard was very keen to get more information about the program.

Regards,

Leanne

Leanne Rathje | Constituency Assistant to

Ronna-Rae Leonard MLA for Courtenay-Comox

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

Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:12 PM

To: Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae <Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: New Student Ranger Program launched today - BC Gov News

Hi Leanne,

I'll find out for you. Will get back to you as soon as I hear.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

Executive Assistant to the **Honourable George Heyman**

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From: Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae [<mailto:Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 11:23 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: FW: New Student Ranger Program launched today - BC Gov News

Hello Reamick,

Black Creek is in MLA Leonard's riding...Is this at Miracle Beach Provincial Campground? Will preference for the areas be given to young constituents who live in the riding, or is open to ppl who live anywhere to apply?

Thanks Reamick, look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,

Leanne

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From: Williams, Chelsea S

Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 10:28 AM

Subject: FW: New Student Ranger Program launched today - BC Gov News

The following release went out this morning -

From: noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca

Sent: 03 April 2018 10:15:58 (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Subject: BC Gov News - New Student Ranger Program launched today

For Immediate Release

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Employment and Social Development Canada

NEWS RELEASE

New Student Ranger Program launched today

VICTORIA - Young people throughout British Columbia will have an opportunity to acquire a diverse range of job skills while working in the province's spectacular natural environment, through the new BC Parks Student Ranger Program.

This is the first program established with the proceeds that were generated from specialty BC Parks licence plate sales.

"We are giving young adults a chance to gain important job skills in some of the most beautiful parks and protected areas British Columbia has to offer," said George Heyman, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "Student rangers will help protect sensitive ecosystems, while preserving the natural, cultural and historical values that British Columbians cherish."

Funded by the federal and provincial governments, the Student Ranger Program provides youth training and employment opportunities for 48 young adults in B.C.'s parks and protected areas, with a 30% Indigenous hiring target. The program, which is now accepting applications, offers hands-on work experience in a diverse range of projects related to conservation, recreation, community outreach and Indigenous relations.

"Canada's future prosperity depends on young Canadians getting the skills and experience they need to succeed. Creating meaningful green job opportunities for young Canadians will help them enhance their skills and save money to pay for their education," said Jonathan Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

The Province is contributing annual funding of \$610,000 over two years from the proceeds of the BC Parks Licence Plate program. Additional funding of approximately \$260,000 through 2019-20 will be provided by a partnership between Project Learning Tree Canada and the Canadian Parks Council, through the Government of Canada's Summer Work Experience program.

Student rangers will focus on a wide variety of meaningful projects, including:

- * Ecosystem restoration and invasive species control;
- * Trail building and maintenance;
- * Conservation monitoring projects; and
- * Public outreach.

Eight teams of student rangers will work in regions around the province, including Prince

George, Smithers, Kamloops, Victoria (Goldstream Provincial Park), Black Creek, Manning Park, North Vancouver and Squamish. Crew lead and crew member positions will begin in late May and early June, and will continue work throughout the summer season.

The B.C. government is reinvesting all net proceeds from the sale, and ongoing renewals of BC Parks licence plates, back into provincial parks, to ensure meaningful action is taken to protect the environment and achieve B.C.'s conservation goals. The Student Ranger Program is the first in a series of projects funded through the BC Parks Licence Plate program that will be unveiled in the coming year.

"As the first type of specialty licence plate of its kind, we are proud that, due to the fervent support of British Columbians, the BC Parks plates program has, and will continue to, provide opportunities like this to enhance, protect and conserve our parks and land," said Nicolas Jimenez, interim president and CEO of ICBC.

Learn More:

For more information on the Student Ranger Program, including job requirements and the application form, visit: <http://gov.bc.ca/bcparks-student-rangers>

For more information about BC Parks specialty licence plates, visit: <http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/licence-plates/Pages/bc-parks-plates.aspx>

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: [Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Salish Sea Protection
Date: April 10, 2018 10:38:06 AM

Perfect!

From: Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:31 AM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Cc: Carroll, Deborah ENV:EX; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Salish Sea Protection

Hi Reamick, response below.

- The Salish Sea is comprised of the inland marine waters of Juan de Fuca Strait, the Strait of Georgia and Puget Sound. The area was officially named the Salish Sea in 2010. The name refers to the language of the Indigenous groups that originally occupied the area.
- There is not at present any processes underway to formally protect the Salish Sea as a “protected area” but there are collaborative efforts between the federal, state and provincial governments respecting the management of this unique area. The 30th anniversary of the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference is presently taking place in Seattle with the theme “Ecosystem Recovery in an International Transboundary System”. This annual conference highlights some of the work being undertaken on both sides of the border to protect this unique ecosystem.
- In Canada, the most significant protected area initiative in the Salish Sea is the feasibility study for a national marine conservation area reserve in the Southern Strait of Georgia. The following is a short status update of the proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (SSG NMCAR):
 - The Province and Canada have been working collaboratively on determining the feasibility of the proposed national marine conservation area reserve in the Southern Strait of Georgia (SSG NMCAR) since 2003 with current efforts focused on joint federal/provincial engagement with the 19 First Nations with interests in the area.
 - In 2016, following a significant pause in the project development and staff turnover since 2013, Parks Canada recruited a Project Manager and a First Nations Coordinator who are committed exclusively to this project. The Province also remains fully committed to working with Parks Canada to move this project forward.
- In February 2017, the Canada / BC Steering Committee reconvened to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. The formation of the Canada / BC Steering Committee was a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed between Parks Canada and the Province in October 2003 respecting the establishment of several national park reserves and national marine conservation area reserves in BC.
- Next steps for the SSG NMCAR proposal include:
 - Complete the development and seek Steering Committee approval for a joint Concept Paper for the SSG NMCAR project to share with the public and guide discussions going forward;
 - Canada to continue to develop Contribution Agreements with the interested

Nations to support their interests and involvement in the NMCAR concept/boundary development, feasibility assessment, decision making, and future governance and management discussions related to the proposed NMCAR;

- Canada/BC to engage directly with interested Nations and develop and seek Steering Committee approval of a Consultation Plan to begin formal consultation on the feasibility of an NMCAR in this area;
- Canada/BC to continue to engage directly with industry, local government, the public and other key stakeholders on various interests and seek Steering Committee approval to establish specialized stakeholder working groups going forward;
- Canada/BC to continue to explore and update project feasibility and review the large volume of past work to ensure the data, decisions and directions that were previously

From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 12:38 PM
To: Nicoll, Sara ENV:EX
Cc: Kennedy, Karla ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Salish Sea Protection

Thanks so much for forwarding Sara. Yes, let's treat this as case work from MLA office so bullets as response are fine. Please forward when the bullets become available and I will get back to MLA Routley's office directly.

Many thanks.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo

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From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Salish Sea Protection

Hi Reamick:

Forwarding this MLA request from the inbox to process through the DMO.

Thanks,

Sara Nicoll

Correspondence Manager
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

From: Miller, Sarah M. [<mailto:Sarah.M.Miller@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: Salish Sea Protection

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting you with a question we have received from a constituent during our Telephone Town Hall meeting in regards to the recent \$1.3 Federal funding to create new protected areas. The constituent states that she remembers, some 20 years ago, there was a plan to place protection on the Salish sea and she is wondering if our government has any plans to complete that plan and submit to get this area protected, under this new federal funding?

Regards,

Sarah M Miller

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From: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
To: s.17
Cc: [Xia, Eveline MAH:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Savary Island
Date: April 20, 2018 3:15:22 PM

Dear MLA Simons,

Please see response below and I apologize for the delay.

BCP Response:

In 2002, the Province entered into an Agreement with The Nature Trust of BC (TNT) respecting what are referred to as the Trillium Land on Savary Island. That agreement set out the following:

- TNT has entered into an agreement by which it would acquire Lot 224 and an undivided one-half interest in the Trillium Land.
- The Province agreed to acquire Lot 224 and the Whittall Land (an ecogift to TNT) from TNT and the purchase price (\$2 million) paid to TNT by the province was to be used by TNT to acquire Lot 224 and an undivided one-half interest in the Trillium Land.
- On or before March 1, 2009, TNT was to use its best efforts to acquire the other undivided one-half interest (owned by the Sahlin family) in the Trillium Land. (Note: This provision of the agreement has since been extended.)
- If TNT is successful in acquiring the other undivided one-half interest in the Trillium Land, the Province and TNT propose an equal value exchange of Lot 224, the Whittall Land and a portion of the Trillium Land.
- The Agreement includes a buy-back clause that enables TNT to purchase back Lot 224 the Whittall Land from the Province at the market price of the day if the TNT is not able to complete the acquisition of the other undivided one-half interest of the Trillium Land.

The Trillium Land (now consisting of District Lot 1375, Lot 35 and Lot 36) provides one of the best examples of the unique geography of coastal dune ecosystems in Canada. Along with the dunes is a unique, complete, and therefore very rare, plant successional sequence: beach, beach strand, foredune, dune meadow, young dune forest and older forest.

The Sahlin family tried to partition the land around 2009 which resulted in a protracted court case. TNT has attempted to acquire the other undivided one-half interest on several occasions without success.

In December 2017, "Friends of Savary Island DL 1375" reached an agreement to purchase DL 1375 and Lots 35 and 36 from the Sahlin family for \$3.5 million dollars. Their intent is to donate the land to the Nature Trust of BC. The Nature Trust requires an endowment for the land, so the groups are attempting to raise an additional \$500,000.

The Ministry wishes that the globally significant coastal dune ecosystem of the Trillium Land be protected consistent with its \$2 million contribution in 2002.

The Ministry presently does not have any land acquisition funds for 2018/19. Based on Treasury Board direction, the Province does not involve itself in undivided interest ownership. As such, if land acquisition funds became available, the Province would need to secure an unencumbered asset (i.e. land) equal to its contribution to the purchase price (this could be achieved by subdividing a portion of the Trillium Land equal to the Province's contribution) rather than securing a portion of an undivided interest in the land.

Hope this helps.

Warmly,

Reamick Lo
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From: Simons, Nicholas s.17
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Xia, Eveline ENV:EX
Cc: Hathaway, Maggie LASS:EX
Subject: Savary Island

Dear Eveline,

First, sorry I haven't called you. I've been on House duty since 1:30 and have Little House duty until 6:30.

In the meantime, could you direct me to the appropriate person/department that deals with land acquisition? Attached is a one-pager, supplemented by a letter (below) which describe efforts to protect a well-known, fragile, and rare ecosystem on Savary Island. I believe there is some hope that funds might be available from government. I have no idea, and wonder if you could find out or direct me accordingly.

Thanks very much,
Nicholas

Dear Nicholas,

When I contacted you in November, this plan was hatching, now we are underway and fundraising. I am thrilled to tell you that "the friends of Savary" (John O'Neill, Kip Woodward, Peter Armstrong) have a signed purchase agreement with Roger Sahlin to acquire DL 1375 and Lots 35 and 36 for \$3.5 million dollars. Their intent is to donate the land to the Nature Trust of BC. Finally, after more than 20 years of work, the dream to save this land and protect 1/3 of Savary is coming true!!! Thanks for your support over the many years it has taken to reach this goal.

The Nature Trust requires an endowment for the land, so an additional \$500,000 is needed and we are working with The Nature Trust and the "Friends of Savary" to raise \$4 million dollars. We are seeking commitments by March 31, funds will be needed by early May and the deal is set to close May 30.

Already more than \$2.5 million dollars has been raised and the Campaign is more than half way to reaching it's goal. See attached.

Warm wishes,

Liz Webster M.A.

Executive Director

Savary Island Land Trust Society

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From: Brunner, Angelika LASS:EX
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX
Subject: RE: environmental remediation site
Date: April 17, 2018 8:56:54 AM
Attachments: Export.jpg

Hi Reamick,

Maybe it's easier to send you a picture from iMap, attached. I hope the plot coordinates are sufficient, because I'm not sure how to find the lot number.

Here's a link in GoogleMaps: <https://goo.gl/maps/REMyWUSjDPp>

What I do know about the site is that there was industrial use throughout that area decades ago (which has since been turned into a municipal park), and the spot where the gardens are located is directly adjacent to a city works yard where they move and store materials such as fill and gravel.

Thanks for any help you can offer.

You can reach me on my private line if you need to: 250-304-2784

Angelika Brunner, Constituency Assistant

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

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:04 PM

To: Brunner, Angelika

Subject: RE: environmental remediation site

Angelika,

The below url worked when I first clicked it, however, somehow it's no longer working. Can you please get me the address for it?

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: Monday, April 16, 2018 11:45 AM

To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX

Subject: environmental remediation site

Hi Reamick,

We have a request from a constituent to find out more about an environmental remediation site in Castlegar.

The site in question is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yco7l87k>

How can the constituent find out more about what kinds of hazards were in that area and are they still a risk?

This location was designated as a community garden, so needless to say there are serious concerns about whether this site is safe for people to use as a gathering place and growing space.

Thanks for any info you can provide, Reamick!

You can reach me on my private line if you need to: 250-304-2784

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