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From: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX on behalf of Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; 'mitzi.dean.mla@leg.b.ca'; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX
Cc: Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX
Subject: Invitation: Nominations for Minister's Advisory Committee on Poverty Reduction
Attachments: nomination form.pdf

Dear Colleagues,

BC has the highest rate of poverty in Canada and has been the only province without a poverty reduction plan for many years. To help combat this, a Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee to the Minister is being formed and I would appreciate your input on who should sit on that committee.

Government has made a commitment to a poverty reduction strategy with legislated targets and timelines to help individuals, kids and families to move out of poverty and onto the path to success. The new committee will bring together disability advocates and organizations, people living in poverty, First Nations and Indigenous peoples, business and labour leaders, academics and poverty reduction groups and others to advise on a strategy including examining the full scope of poverty reduction initiatives.

This advisory group, reporting directly to me, will provide guidance on engagement on poverty reduction, measures to reduce poverty in BC and the establishment of legislated targets and timelines. The engagement process will be accessible and include both online consultation and face to face. The public will be invited to submit statements and advice to the committee on what can be done to reduce poverty in BC.

This strategy will build on the strength of the research and work that has been done over many years by dedicated poverty groups, local governments, academics and others in BC. These groups, as well as families and individuals, have been calling for action on a made-in BC poverty reduction strategy for many years. The work has already started and we are reaching out to you as an MLA to ensure full province-wide participation.

We have identified the following groups in your constituency and larger community and would request that you share the attached materials with anyone you feel is missing from the list and would help to enhance the work of the Advisory Committee.

- Cowichan Valley Basket Society
- Growing Together Child & Parent Society
- Salt Spring Island Community Services Society
- Sooke Food Bank Society
- Aboriginal Neighbours
- Action Committee for People with Disabilities
- AIDS Vancouver Island
- ASPECT

- BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society
- BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
- BC Representative for Children & Youth
- Burnside-Gorge Community Association
- Dandelion Society
- Federation of Community Social Services
- Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
- Indigenous Perspectives Society
- Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
- John Howard Society - Victoria
- Learning Disabilities Association of BC
- Our Place
- Pacific Centre Family Services Association
- PEERS Victoria
- St. John the Divine
- Threshold Housing Society
- Together Against Poverty Society
- United Way - Greater Victoria
- Victoria Disability Resource Centre
- Victoria Foundation
- Victoria Native Friendship Centre

This list is by no means meant to be exhaustive and we are hoping that you will share your local knowledge and pass along the nomination form to any appropriate groups.

If you have any questions about the work the committee will be doing or would like to talk about poverty reduction in your community, please let me know and I will happy arrange a time for us to speak.

Sincerely,

Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction

PC. Mable Elmore, Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Reduction
MLA Vancouver-Kensington

Encl. Poverty Reduction Committee Nomination Form

From: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 11:19 AM
Subject: Invitation: Nominations for Minister's Advisory Committee on Poverty Reduction

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, is creating a Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee that will provide expertise and knowledge to support BC's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The Advisory Committee will bring together experts from the not-for-profit sector, labour, business, academia, local government, the disability community, the mental health and addictions community, Indigenous peoples, and people with lived experience of poverty. Members of the Committee will share information with each other and with the Minister, and engage in discussions on addressing poverty and affordability in BC. The Committee, which will report directly to the Minister, will serve as sounding board for the development of the province's overall Poverty Reduction Strategy, as well as a range of poverty-related issues. The Committee will also support province-wide consultation for the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

We are now seeking nominations for interested people who have experience with the issues and challenges of poverty and poverty reduction. Communities are encouraged to work collectively to nominate a representative. Please review the attached nomination form for the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee and submit the nomination form by **October 13, 2017**.

Here are some further instructions to help you complete the nomination form:

- The deadline is October 13, 2017.
- Please use a laptop computer or desktop computer. The form is not compatible with mobile devices, including devices like phones, iPads, etc.
- You can submit your completed in any of the following three ways:
 - Click the "submit by email" button at the end of the nomination form;
 - Fax: 250 387-5775; or
 - Email: Stacey.McGagheyJones@gov.bc.ca

The nomination form will download to the local drive of the computer from which it is accessed. The form does not need to be saved to be submitted. If you are using a shared computer, you may want to delete the file from the computer to protect your data.

If you have any questions about the form, please contact Stacey McGaghey Jones:

- Direct telephone line: (778) 698-7684
- Email: Stacey.McGagheyJones@gov.bc.ca

Please feel free to share this email with other community organizations engaged in anti-poverty work in British Columbia.

Thank you for the work your organizations do. We look forward to working with you to reduce poverty in BC.

About the Advisory Committee

The Province of British Columbia is creating a Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee that will provide expertise and knowledge to support BC's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The committee will bring together experts from the not-for-profit sector, labour, business, academia, local government, the disability community, the mental health and addictions community, First Nations, and people with lived experience of poverty. Members of the Committee will share information, and engage in discussions on addressing poverty and affordability in BC. The committee will serve as sounding board for the development of the province's overall Poverty Reduction Strategy, as well as a range of poverty-related issues. The committee will also support province-wide participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Membership

The Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee will include leaders, specialists and experts in the areas of poverty and poverty reduction, from a range of backgrounds and emphasize the experience of those living in poverty.

The committee will be composed of:

- Representatives of non-profits and advocates directly involved in reducing poverty and helping people living in poverty;
- People currently living in poverty, or with past lived experience of poverty;
- Representatives of business and organized labour;
- Members of local governments;
- Academics; and,
- First Nations and Indigenous people.

The committee will include full Indigenous representation.

The composition of the committee will reflect the regional diversity of British Columbia, including urban, rural, and remote regions. The composition will also reflect the diversity of people living in poverty, including: people living with disabilities, people living with mental health conditions and addictions, former youth in care, single parents, seniors, new immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ2S, and other groups. Nominees will be selected to provide a diversity of strengths and perspectives within these groups.

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Terms of Reference

Mandate

The Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, has a mandate to develop a Poverty Reduction Strategy with legislated targets and timelines.

To support the design and implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee will contribute expertise, act as a forum for generating discussion and ideas, and be a sounding board for the strategy and its indicators and measures. The group will also ensure full community participation across BC in all sectors.

Scope of Work

The Advisory Committee brings their expertise and lived experiences with poverty to in-depth discussions on the issues facing British Columbians, as well as the causes and potential solutions for poverty. The Advisory Committee supports the Minister by:

- Identifying causes of poverty and innovative approaches to poverty reduction;
- Recommending priority actions and principles for the Poverty Reduction Strategy that governments and all sectors of society can collectively work on and support;
- Discussing ideas for poverty reduction generated via the greater consultation and engagement process;
- Offering expertise and advice on how best to implement the objectives of the Poverty Reduction Strategy in the context of other government priorities;
- Working within communities to encourage full participation in the Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- Providing advice on legislation, including targets and timelines.

Duration

The Committee will meet for a period of two years. Members must be able to commit to participation throughout the duration of their appointment.

Members may attend Committee meetings either in person, by teleconference or by online videoconference.



Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Nomination Form

Instructions:

The deadline for the submission is October 13, 2017. The Nomination form will be used to assess your application for membership on the Poverty Advisory Committee. The ministry is committed to having members who represent the wide range of groups and sectors committed to reducing poverty in BC.

Instructions to submit: Please submit the form by clicking the Submit by Email button on the final page, or:

Send via Fax to: 250 387-5775

Email to: Stacey.McGagheyJones@gov.bc.ca

Mail to: 7th Floor, 614 Humboldt St, Victoria BC V8W 1A4

Nominator Information

Please indicate the organization that is submitting the application

Please list all the organization(s) that also support the application

Mailing Address

Phone

Email

Preferred Method of Contact

Nominee Information

First Name

Last Name

Address

Phone

Email

Availability

The Advisory Committee will meet for a period of two years. Members must be able to commit to participation throughout the duration of their appointment. The time commitment required from committee members will vary from month to month. It is anticipated the time commitment will range from 4 to 8 hours per month.

Is the nominee available to participate in Advisory Committee meetings and other related activities between October 2017 and October 2019?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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If you selected "no" but would like to be considered for the Advisory Committee, please describe the specific circumstances (e.g., the nominee will be out of the country for a specified period of time but is otherwise available):

Selection Criteria

Under which group(s) would you like to have the nominee considered?

- ☐ Representatives of non-profits and advocates directly involved in reducing poverty and helping people living in poverty
- ☐ People currently living in poverty, or with past lived experience of poverty
- ☐ Representative of organized labour
- ☐ Representatives of business
- ☐ Members of local governments
- ☐ Academics
- ☐ First Nations and Indigenous people

The composition of the committee is meant to reflect the diversity of British Columbia. Please indicate if the nominee represents one or more of the following:

- ☐ Resident of rural or remote BC Specify Community _____
- ☐ A person living with a disability
- ☐ A person living with a mental health or addiction condition
- ☐ A former youth in care
- ☐ A single parent
- ☐ A senior citizen or elder
- ☐ A new immigrant or refugee
- ☐ A member of the LGBTQ2S community
- ☐ Post-secondary student
- ☐ Indigenous person
- ☐ Visible minority
- ☐ Other Please specify _____

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Applicants will also be assessed on the following specific selection criteria:

Area 1 – Non Profit / Advocacy

- Knowledge of local and provincial conditions and factors that contribute to poverty
- Experience serving at-risk groups
- Other relevant experience

Area 3 – Business and Labour

- Experience hiring or representing employees with lived experience of poverty
- Knowledge of micro and macroeconomic factors influencing employment trends
- Experience in community outreach and/or social enterprise
- Other relevant experience

Area 5 – Academia

- Knowledge and expertise related to understanding the determinants of poverty, statistical indicators related to measuring poverty, or individual / community / government actions supporting poverty reduction
- Other relevant experience

Area 2 – Lived Experience

- Current or past lived experience of poverty
- Representation of the diversity of British Columbia
- Other relevant experience

Area 4 – Local Government

- Experience designing, implementing, or evaluating poverty reduction efforts at the local government level
- Knowledge and understanding of the causes and impacts of poverty at the local level
- Knowledge and understanding of the interrelationship between various programs and services (e.g., food programs, shelter services, affordable housing, employment programs)
- Other relevant experience

Area 6 – First Nations and Indigenous

- Identify as First Nations or Indigenous
- Membership in an organization that serves BC's First Nations and/or Indigenous populations

Please explain how the nominee meets the specific selection criteria (maximum 200 words):

Nominees will also be assessed on the following general selection criteria:

- Commitment to reducing poverty in BC.
- Readiness to participate in discussions about policy options, programs and services.
- Commitment to working with partners, clients and stakeholders to support BC's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Please describe the nominee's experience with poverty and/or poverty reduction (maximum 200 words):



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Experience in other regions

Does the nominee have experience living or working in a region of British Columbia other than their current residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you selected "yes" please describe when and where else in British Columbia the nominee has lived or worked:

Accommodation

Does the nominee require any accommodation to participate in the Poverty Reduction Advisory Council? Please advise us so that arrangements can be made.

Signature and Privacy consent

Nominee's Authorization and Consent

I, _____ am the individual named above as a nominee for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee that will provide expertise and knowledge to support British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

I authorize the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to

- (a) collect personal information about me and related to my nomination and eligibility for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee from the nominator named above; and
- (b) disclosing personal information about me and related to my nomination and eligibility for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee to members of the panel that will determine who is appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee and to the public.

I authorize the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and the members of the panel that will determine who is appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee to collect personal information about me and related to my nomination and eligibility for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee from any other person who has such information in his or her custody.

Nominee's Signature

Date



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Nominator's Consent

I, _____ am the individual [representing the organization] nominating the nominee named above for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee that will provide expertise and knowledge to support British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

I am providing the information contained in this form to the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction solely for the purposes of nominating the nominee named above for appointment to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee and the determination of the nominee's eligibility for appointment to the Committee.

I authorize the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to disclose personal information about me that is related to the nomination of the nominee to members of the panel that will determine who is appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee and to the public.

Nominator's Signature

Date

Submit by Email

Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX

From: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX on behalf of Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2017 12:36 PM
To: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Cc: Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX
Subject: Victoria Public Engagement Meeting

Dear MLA Weaver,

Community meetings for B.C.'s first Poverty Reduction Strategy will kick off next week in Victoria and I would like to invite you to attend. As you know, we are hosting community meetings across the province so British Columbians can have their say about how to reduce poverty in the province at in-person community meetings that will run from the end of November to the end of March.

Victoria Public Engagement Meeting

Location: Da Vinci Centre, 195 Bay Street

Date: Monday, Nov. 27, 2017

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Note: Refreshments will be served

Government has made a commitment to a poverty reduction strategy with legislated targets and timelines to help individuals, kids and families to move out of poverty and onto the path to success. These forums will help to advise the work of the Poverty Reduction Advisory Forum and my work as Minister.

The engagement process will be accessible and will build on the strength of the research and work that has been done over many years by dedicated poverty groups, local governments, academics and others in BC. These groups, as well as families and individuals, have been calling for action on a made-in BC poverty reduction strategy for many years. The work has already started and we are reaching out to you as an MLA to ensure full province-wide participation.

I hope that you will consider attending the meeting on Monday and that you will share this information with your constituents. For those who are unable to attend, they can provide feedback the following ways:

Online: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction>

Email: bcpovertystrategy@gov.bc.ca

Phone: 1-778-698-7746 (Victoria number)

Sincerely,

Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction

PC. Mable Elmore, Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Reduction