

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 30, 2018 1:36 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Hi Val,

Thanks for bringing this back up, if there is an attachment available past the details at the bottom of this email to share, please let me know. I can bring this to her office as there are some other pieces I can connect with them on this.

Thank you,

James

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: August 30, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Infante, James SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Hello,

This invite we were going to ask if MLA Mitzi Dean could bring greetings. Would you like me to get in touch with her office or should one of you?

Thanks,

Val

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

No, we didn't. Let me check with him and I'll let you know. Thanks.

Brenda

From: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Hi Brenda,

Wondering if you had a chance to discuss this invitation with the Minister yesterday? The event is on Sep 18 in Victoria (more details if you scroll all the way to the bottom).

Thanks,

-Casey

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Thanks. Let's run it by him next week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2018, at 11:22 AM, Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX <Casey.VanWensem@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

They're not looking for him to speak, just attend.

-Casey

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

I think he can probably do this, but before we commit, can you please find out if they want him to speak or just be there?

From: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Run by MSS when he gets back? He'll be in Victoria that day.

-Casey

From: Simpson, MLA, Shane [<mailto:Shane.Simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Hi Casey,

Sending this to you as I see Val is away.

Anne

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From: Shannon Whissell [<mailto:SWhissell@victoriahomelessness.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Simpson.MLA, Shane <Shane.Simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: INVITATION: Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 10th Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration

Dear Hon. Shane Simpson,

On Tuesday, September 18, 2018 the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness will recognize 10 years of community collaboration in working to end homelessness in BC's capital region.

In recognition of this milestone event, and in acknowledgement of your leadership in and support of this important work as Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and MLA of Vancouver-Hastings, you are warmly invited to join us at the Annual General Meeting and community celebration.

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

11:30 am	Burger Bar-style lunch available
12:00 pm	Brief Annual General Meeting and Community Celebration
1:30 pm	Adjourn

LOCATION:

Ambrosia Centre, 638 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

If you are able to attend, please either **Register via Eventbrite:**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10-years-of-community-greater-victoria-coalition-to-end-homelessness-agm-2018-tickets-48671855831?aff=ElectedOfficials>

or email our Community Development Manager Shannon Whissell
(swhissell@victoriahomelessness.ca) to let her know you will attend.

On behalf of our Board and Don Elliott, Executive Director,

Sincerely yours,
Shannon

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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 29, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX; Holding, Marina TAC:EX
Subject: FW: You're Invited to A Doll's House, Part 2 at the Belfry Theatre!

See it went to the main inbox but just as an FYI

From: Ian Gibson [mailto:ian.gibson@belfry.bc.ca]
Sent: August 29, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Minister, TAC TAC:EX
Cc: Infante, James SDPR:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX
Subject: You're Invited to A Doll's House, Part 2 at the Belfry Theatre!

The Honourable Lisa Beare
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

cc: Kelly Newhook; James Infante

Dear Lisa Beare,

On behalf of the all of us at the Belfry Theatre – our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and guest artists – we are pleased to invite you to join us for the Opening Night of the first production in our 2018-2019 subscription series: the Canadian premiere of *A Doll's House, Part 2*, on Thursday, September 20 at 7:30pm.

Written by Lucas Hnath, *A Doll's House, Part 2* imagines what happens to playwright Henrik Ibsen's famous characters 15 years after the door slam that reverberated around the world. Not only did Ibsen's 1879 play provoke shock and outrage – "what kind of woman would leave her husband and children?!" – but it is also credited by many as being the birth of modern theatre.

When Nora re-enters the home she abandoned so many years before, nothing is how she expects it to be, and nothing unfolds as she has anticipated. It's a roller-coaster ride of surprises and adjustments.

Directed by Michael, *A Doll's House, Part 2*, has a cast of four headed by Martha Burns (TV's *Slings and Arrows*) as Nora and Benedict Campbell (Stratford and Shaw Festivals) as Torvald. Set and Costumes are designed by Christina Poddubiuk (*Venus in Fur*, dozens of designs at the Stratford Festival), with Lighting by Kevin Fraser (Stratford Festival), and music and sound by Victoria's own wonderful Tobin Stokes.

It is our pleasure to offer you 2 tickets to our Opening Night performance on **Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 7:30pm**, but we are happy to extend this offer to any other performance during the run (Sep 16 to Oct 14, 2018). Please RSVP to Ian Gibson at 250-385-6835, or via email at: ian.gibson@belfry.bc.ca. On Opening Night, there will also be a pre-show reception beginning at 6:30pm, to which you are cordially invited, and a celebration with the cast following the performance.

All tickets subject to availability. Reservations must be confirmed by Thursday, September 13 at 5pm. If you have confirmed your tickets but are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can release them to someone on the waiting list.

We look forward to seeing you on Opening Night!

Sincerely,

Michael Shamata
Artistic Director
&
Ivan Habel
Executive Director

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 27, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Disability Employment Month Pitch

Hi Maryann,

This is feedback we received from PO, thoughts?

James

From: Richards, Erin PREM:EX
Sent: August 27, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Disability Employment Month Pitch

Hi Leah & James,

Thank you for your Disability Employment Month pitch. Sage has reviewed it and has some feedback for your consideration:

- Saturday, September 1st may be quite busy, so she is suggesting you aim for Friday, August 31st. The first week of September won't be possible, as it's Back to School week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Erin Richards, Communications Assistant
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8 | 250-896-6322

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 27, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX
Cc: Gill, Goneet LASS:EX
Subject: Meeting Materials - PRAF Pre-Brief
Attachments: DRAFT -Forum Agenda September 7.docx; Notes from Forum Meeting July24_updated Aug24.docx; DRAFT - Minister's Advisory Forum ROD July 24.docx

Hi Mable,

Attached are the meeting documents for tomorrow's call.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,
James Infante
Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 24, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Senior's Event

Hi Leah,

Spoke with Craig about the seniors event that MSR is hosting. Judy Darcy is not involved and neither is the Premier. Just found details in the Corporate Calendar:

Thursday, August 30th:

MAH NORTH VANCOUVER -- Minister Selina Robinson and PS Kang (TBC) make Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter and Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) announcement: Event with province wide news release

Let me know if you'd like me to share this with MSS. Craig mentioned it would be a short event and speaking roles would be limited between MSR and PS Kang, I can inquire further if MSS is interested in participating.

Warm Regards,
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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 23, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Henry, Molly FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Bridging Funding - EPBC RFP Process

Hi Molly,

It does, let me know if you wanted to discuss anything.

Warm Regards,
James

From: Henry, Molly FIN:EX
Sent: August 23, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Bridging Funding - EPBC RFP Process

Hey James – Does the Employment Program of British Columbia fall under SDPR?

Molly Henry
Ministerial Assistant
Office of the Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
250-387-3751

From: Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Henry, Molly FIN:EX
Subject: Fw: Bridging Funding - EPBC RFP Process

From: Victoria Pruden <victoria@bridgesforwomen.ca>
Sent: August-23-18 12:28 PM
To: Dean, Mitzi FIN:EX
Subject: s.20

August 23, 2018

Dear Hon. Mitzi Dean,

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From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 22, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Nanaimo Sep 19-20

Hi Casey,

Thanks for asking, definitely fine to be at the same place as MSS! Ill confirm tomorrow that I will be the one with him in Nanaimo.

Thanks,
James

From: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Sent: August 22, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Subject: Nanaimo Sep 19-20

Hi James,

Brenda has asked me to book a hotel for the Minister on Sep 19 in Nanaimo, and I can book one for you while I'm at it if you'd like. Do you have a preference of where to stay? MSS will be at the **s.15**, which is apparently close to the Conference Centre for the Thursday morning event.

List of accommodations is here if you want to take a look:

<http://csa.pss.gov.bc.ca/businesstravel/Search.aspx?lat=49.16427&lng=-123.936159&rad=20&mr=20&loc=Nanaimob>

Thanks,

*Casey van Wensem
Administrative Assistant to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Phone: (250) 356-7750 Fax: (250) 356-7292*

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 22, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Staffing at UBCM

Thanks for sharing this Leah,

I will get in touch with Debbie and see if our plan to split the week is still feasible.

Warm Regards,
James

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: August 21, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Staffing at UBCM

From: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:14 PM
To: LP Senior Ministerial Assistants; LP Ministerial Assistants; LP Executive Assistants; LP Administrative Coordinators
Cc: LP Support Staff
Subject: Staffing at UBCM

Hi everyone;

As UBCM convention is quickly approaching, many of you are finalizing registration and travel arrangements for your Ministers and staff. We thought it would be helpful to clarify a few guidelines around expenses and staffing your Minister's at UBCM.

Each Minister is entitled to have 1 staff member accompany them to UBCM. This can be either the Senior MA, MA, or EA, and will be entitled to claim for the following expenses;
UBCM registration – including any workshops / receptions / Breakfast, lunch or dinner events, that the Ministers are attending.
Hotel Accommodations
Perdiems (presuming a meal was not provided)

If you have a parliamentary Secretary attending UBCM in his or her role as PS, their registration costs can also be covered by the Minister's office.

The registration fees can be charged to your office purchasing card. All other expenses should be charged to the Minister and or staff's Travel purchasing card.

If you currently have made arrangements for more than 1 staff person to attend (except for MAH), please advise me at your earliest convenience, as Geoff Meggs will need to approve.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Debbie Wade

***Executive Coordinator to Geoff Meggs - Chief of Staff
and Amber Hockin - Deputy Chief of Staff***

Office of the Premier

250-356-2785

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 22, 2018 9:25 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Sign Off MSD-2018-84737

Hi Leah,

I will review this today and get back to you with any additional harms that may be present.

Warm Regards,
James

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: August 21, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Sign Off MSD-2018-84737

Hi,

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Thanks.

From: Quigley, Shanna SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: Green, Jessie M SDPR:EX; MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX; Torres Bonet, Adriana SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Sign Off MSD-2018-84737

Hi Leah,

Please see the attached sign off for MSD-2018-84737 for your final review and approval.

Sign Off is due to DMO: August 23, 2018

Thank you,
Shanna

Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 21, 2018 1:18 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: CKNW Media Request

Hi Val,

I see you have been CCed on this, would you mind updating the calendar details to reflect these details?

Thank you,
James

From: Hurrell, Lara GCPE:EX
Sent: August 21, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: CKNW Media Request

Hello everyone,

I spoke with CKNW reporter Emily Lazatin and she says reporter, Erin Ubels will now take Minister Simpson's call at 2:00. The Minister can call the main line at 604 331 2766.

The reporter has some questions that she would like to ask:

- It's pretty basic but we would like to know how this national strategy (while there is NO new money), how can it help people right here in B.C.
- How does today's announcement of already existing programs lift Canadians to it's national target goal?
- We understand that the BC. Government will lay out a plan in the future and consultations are being done but sticking to today's announcement --- it doesn't seem to promising with nothing new In it and no money being invested...
- Ottawa says it will drop legislation this fall to meet goals -- What's in it for B.C. ----- even if nothing is official ---
- talks are surely (I'm guessing) underway.

Sincerely,

Lara Hurrell

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From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX <Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CKNW Media Request

Hi Maryann,

The Minister will take this request. I have CCed Valerie here, to put the highlighted details in his calendar at 2:00PM.

Warm Regards,

James

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Sent: August 21, 2018 11:40 AM

To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: RE: CKNW Media Request

Hi.

To confirm, only the one call so far for MSS to consider.

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Maryann

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Cc: Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX <Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: CKNW Media Request

Importance: High

Good morning,

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Outlet: CKNW

Deadline: ASAP

Request:

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From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 15, 2018 2:53 PM
To: MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: E-Approvals

Hi Karen,

I was hoping you could help me with receiving access to SDPR's e-approvals. Currently I have watcher status and receive emails of the actions taken in e-approvals, but when clicking on the link, I am denied access.

Hope you could help with this or know who to best be in contact with to do so.

Thank you!

James Infante

Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Shane Simpson

Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 15, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX
Subject: SDPR TNOs

Hi Scott,

Would you kindly help add me to the SDPR and Minister Simpson's TNOs and remove me from receiving TAC and Minister Beare related TNOs? Would be much appreciated.

Thank you,
James Infante
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Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 14, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Wieczorek, Chris AGRI:EX
Subject: Congrats!

Hi Chris,

Congratulations on the new role! I am sure you have been settling in well. I have just moved offices and now work with Minister Simpson. Whenever you find yourself at the legislature don't be a stranger to room 247. Look forward to see you more often around the Leg.

Warm Regards,
James Infante
Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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Infante, James SDPR:EX

From: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Sent: August 14, 2018 9:15 AM
To: Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX
Subject: RE: TAC Hot Issues KM Summary - Aug. 14, 2018

Hi Rachel,

Would you kindly remove me from the TAC morning summaries? I have officially now moved offices and am no longer with TAC.

Thank you for your work as always and I will definitely miss these thorough and informative morning messages.

Warm Regards,
James

From: Nesbitt, Rachel GCPE:EX
Sent: August 14, 2018 7:09 AM
To: Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX; Infante, James TAC:EX; Carreras, Korleen TAC:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX; Dargie, Cathy GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Zaharia, Sarah GCPE:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Kahlon, Ravi PREM:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: TAC Hot Issues KM Summary - Aug. 14, 2018

Tourism:

- CBC reports that the pilot in Abbotsford airport crash has been identified as John Sessions, an experienced pilot who has flown for decades. Five people who were taken to hospital, including one in critical condition, after a 1930's era biplane crashed shortly after take-off Saturday at the Abbotsford International Airport in British Columbia. As of Sunday evening, the TSB said Sessions and one other passenger remained in hospital, while the other three passengers have been released.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/pilot-in-abbotsford-airport-crash-identified-1.4783833>

- Consumer Protection is warning customers of Richmond-based Sinorama Travel Vancouver to check whether their bookings are valid. BC Consumer Protection became concerned the Richmond company didn't have enough money to continue operation. Spokesperson Tatiana Chabeaux-Smith said customers should contact hotels, airlines and tour operators directly.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/sinorama-travel-richmond-loses-operating-licence-1.4783799>

- On CBC All Points West, Kelowna tourists express disappointment over the level of smoke in the area that is reducing visibility of the views, though most note that it has not altered their plans. One tourist does say that she has chosen not to partake in sightseeing activities due to the smoke.

Sport:

- CBYG radio report on CBC's news story on a former B.C. Games athlete who says she was sexually assaulted by another athlete during a dance at the 2006 summer games in Kamloops.

Creative Industries:

- The vast majority of British Columbians consulted by the provincial government say they want "scalper bots" banned from snatching up event tickets online and reselling them to music and sports fans at exorbitant prices. The ministry of the solicitor general said in a report released Monday that 6,500 people responded to its questionnaire, which will inform Minister Mike Farnworth's plans to regulate the ticket selling industry.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/scalper-report-bc-consultation-1.4783747>

Multiculturalism:

- Continuing coverage on the mixed public reactions to the removal of the John A. MacDonald statue. The replacement plaque has already been vandalized and Victoria City Council has turned down an offer by Ontario Progressive Conservative House Leader Todd Smith to "take ownership of the statue" and to co-ordinate transporting the bronze monument.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-wants-john-a-macdonald-statue-1.4783329>

- CKNW reports that the allegations of racism at a Surrey pool are being investigated by city staff. Dozens of people have signed a letter sent to South Surrey Indoor Pool staff, saying they're disappointed with the handling of a patron who allegedly made hateful comments to visible minorities.

Key Messages:

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