

Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 11:17 AM
To: 'FTBU Foundation'
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Local Non-Profit

Hi Phil,

I hope you're doing well. I've had a chance to talk to the folks at MCFD about FTBU and the work you do. They appreciate the need you're filling in the community but would only be able to consider funding if a proposal was submitted. If you wanted to send something to them you can send it to mcf.info@gov.bc.ca and go from there.

I hope that's helpful to you! Thanks.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs
Executive Assistant
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C: 250.361.8147

From: FTBU Foundation [mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Hi Brenda,

Thanks for the email and really appreciate you following up with MCFD.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best,



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On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 11:42 AM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Phil,

Sorry for the delay on this. I'll follow up with MCFD and see where they're at with this. I'll let you know once I have more information. Thanks.

Brenda

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Executive Assistant

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From: FTBU Foundation [mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com]

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 1:21 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Good Afternoon Brenda,

Hope this email finds you doing well and happy new year!

I just wanted to follow-up with you and Minister Simpson in regards to our meeting on November 10th, 2017.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Philip Burgess

Director

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On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 11:48 AM, FTBU Foundation <info@bottomsupfoundation.com> wrote:

Hi Brenda,

Thanks for getting back to me and happy to hold off until the new year.

Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to continuing our discussion in 2018!

Sincerely,

Phil Burgess

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On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 11:11 AM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Phil,

Sorry for the delay. I'm not sure the status of this yet. The minister is away now until the week of Dec 18 and then we will be launching in to the holiday season, so it might be best to wait until the new year. How about we pick this up in January?

Thanks.

Brenda

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C: 250.361.8147 W: 604.775.2277

From: FTBU Foundation [mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 4:36 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Good Afternoon Brenda,

Hope you have had a wonderful start to the week.

I wanted to follow up with you in regards to our meeting with Minister Simpson, Assistant Deputy Minister Debi Upton, and yourself on the morning of Friday, November 10th.

You mentioned that the ministry staff, specifically the Ministry of Children and Family Development, would be reviewing the information and sharing it amongst them. I was wondering if you had heard back from anyone interested in learning more about our organization and its impact on the DTES's marginalized population?

As Minister Simpson had suggested during our meeting, we have begun reaching out to key individuals involved with Vancity Community Foundation as well as Vancouver District Labour Council to set up a meeting in an effort to share more information about our cause and to see if there are any possibilities for a partnership.

Please feel free to share with me any information that you believe might be helpful to our cause.

Thank you for your time and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Phil Burgess

Executive Director

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On Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 3:50 PM, FTBU Foundation <info@bottomsupfoundation.com> wrote:

Sounds great Brenda.

I'll touch base with you then.

Best,

Phil Bugess

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On Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 3:35 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Phil,

It was great to meet you and Liam too and hear all about your work. Thanks for coming by.

I've sent this information along to our ministry staff and they have committed to sharing it with their counterparts in MCFD.

I can't share their email addresses with you as they are internal, but if you'd like to follow up in a few weeks, feel free to get in touch with me and I can find out information for you. How does that sound?

Brenda

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From: FTBU Foundation [<mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com>]

Sent: Friday, November 10, 2017 12:42 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Good Afternoon Brenda,

Thank's again for giving me the opportunity to present to Minister Simpson, Mrs. Upton and yourself on our efforts. It was great meeting all of you!

Attached you will find our double-sided 1 pager and presentation deck for you to share.

Would it be possible to receive the recipient's email's that you share this information with?

Thank you in advance and have a wonderful long weekend!

Sincerely,

Phil Burgess

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On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 1:02 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Great, thanks so much. See you then.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs

Executive Assistant

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C: 250.361.8147 W: 604.775.2277

From: Foundation [mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:02 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Hi Brenda,

Yes, I will be able to meet with him at 9am.

Thanks for letting me know.

Best,

Phil

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On Oct 11, 2017, at 1:01 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Phil,

Would you be available to meet with Shane at 9am instead of 11am? He's had a conflict come up now from 10am to Noon.

Let me know and sorry about the change.

Brenda

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C: 250.361.8147 W: 604.775.2277

From: FTBU Foundation [<mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Hi Brenda,

I would be happy to come by his office on the 10th.

Thank you.

Phil

On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 1:40 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Philip,

That will work. Did you want to meet him at his constituency office? It's located at 2365 East Hastings St, at Nanaimo. Alternatively, he could also come to you. Let me know. Thanks.

Brenda

From: FTBU Foundation [mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Local Non-Profit

Good Afternoon Brenda,

Thank you very much for getting back to me.

I would love to meet at 11am on Friday, November 10th if that is still available?

Sincerely,

Philip Burgess

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On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 10:48 AM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Philip,

Thank you for your email. The minister would be pleased to meet with you. We're currently booking meetings for him in November. Would you have some time on Fri, Nov 10th? The minister could meet at 10am, 11am or 1pm.

Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Brenda

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C: 250.361.8147 W: 604.775.2277

From: FTBU Foundation [<mailto:info@bottomsupfoundation.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX

Subject: Local Non-Profit

Dear Minister Simpson,

My name is Philip Burgess and I am writing to you on behalf of my registered non-profit organization (S-0065993) in hopes that I could schedule a meeting with you in your capacity as Minister and MLA for Vancouver-Hastings.

Founded in early 2016, our non-profit, 'From The Bottom Up Foundation', provides diaper assistance to families of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. What makes our organization truly unique among other diaper support programs in Canada is our long-term commitment to each child and family we support. By supporting the family with diapers every month until the child is fully potty-trained, our approach allows us to provide and measure the longer-term positive impacts that a consistent and reliable diaper supply can have upon those in need. We are not simply providing a temporary relief to those in need, we are building trust with those who need it most, in hopes to give these families a fighting chance of escaping poverty.

By committing to each family until they no longer are in need of diapers, our reach is much smaller than that of other diaper support programs, but our impact is greater as we have the ability to build a lasting bond with each family. In little over 20 months, we have supported 37 families with diapers when they needed it most, ultimately distributing over 64 000 diapers in the process.

Given your position as Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, I urge you to take a look at the information attached and see for yourself the impact diapers make to those in need. Our efforts will continue regardless of

the outcome of this meeting, but with your help and support, we might be able to tackle the problem of supporting those families on our growing waiting list.

I look forward to hearing from you Minister Simpson.

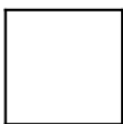
Sincerely,

Philip Burgess

Founder

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 8:21 AM
To: 'Info Metro Vancouver Alliance'
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: MVA Meeting Follow-up,

Hi Tracey,

The poverty reduction consultation meetings are finishing up around the lower mainland in March and the minister is attending them all. There is a meeting on March 10th too, so unfortunately he wouldn't be able to attend a meeting on that day either. Sorry about that, but March is a particularly tight month for his schedule. We would suggest that you go ahead with the meeting and if anything comes up that you'd like submitted for consideration for the poverty reduction strategy that you attend one of the community meetings or submit the information via the website.

I can also tell you, after touring the province with the minister for these meetings, that the issue of transportation has been coming up frequently and it's clearly a big issue for most people. After housing, it's one of the biggest challenges that folks around the province face when talking about poverty and the issues related to it. I mention that so you're aware that this issue is being captured in the consultation meetings and the minister is aware of how significant it is.

Let's touch base later in March about meeting again in April, once we know what the month is looking like. Thanks.

Brenda

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From: Info Metro Vancouver Alliance [mailto:info@metvanalliance.org]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 6:15 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: MVA Meeting Follow-up,

Hi Brenda,

We have indeed extended an invitation to the minister of transportation, but the focus of our event is transit affordability and poverty reduction. It seems March 17th was a popular date. We would like to try March 10th instead.

Is the minister available to attend the MVA Fares Fair Transit Assembly of 300+ people on March 10th between 1 and 3pm in Vancouver? Please see our attached invitation and more information on our proposals. We invite Minister Simpson to hear and respond to his constituents on the impact of transit fares on poverty reduction and would give minister Simpson an opportunity to share the progress on the poverty reduction strategy with attendees.

As for your second question. We would like to meet in April following the completion of the the community consultations. We have been attending the consultations as the minister suggested.

Best wishes,

Tracey Maynard,

On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 4:27 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tracey,

Thanks for your email and thank you for taking the time to meet with Minister Simpson and myself on January 23rd. The minister isn't able to attend the transit meeting on March 17th due to prior commitments that weekend. Have you also extended an invitation to the Minister of Transportation?

Regarding meeting with the minister about the poverty reduction strategy, is this something you wanted to do before we finish with the province wide community consultations in March or would later in the spring work? I ask because his spring schedule is pretty tight with the legislative sitting starting up in February. Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Brenda

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From: Info Metro Vancouver Alliance [<mailto:info@metvanalliance.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 5:28 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: MVA Meeting Follow-up,

Dear Minister Simpson and Brenda,

Thank you for meeting with our delegation of MVA leaders yesterday regarding the Disability Clawback of CPP benefits.

We appreciate your thoughtful response and will be sending a delegation to the Forums as you recommended and will continue in our collaboration with Trish and others from the Poverty Reduction Coalition.

We would like to schedule a meeting with you in April to follow-up on this and the other pieces of the poverty reduction legislation and regulation. Please let us know when you can meet with us and we will schedule accordingly. We are unavailable between April 20th and April 30th due to our regional training schedule.

As requested, we have attached the photo of our group and the following videos clips from MVA Provincial Election Accountability Assembly on April 4, 2017.

Video of John Horgan and Andrew Weaver speaking to their commitment to ending the clawback.

Video of AJ Brown's testimony

Videos of all commitments made at the assembly

We are in the process of organizing **Fares Fair; affordable transit for all** event to showcase our proposals for the TransLink Fare Review process that were crafted over several years of listening and working with civil society organizations on the impact of transit fares on families, communities and the institutions themselves.

As your constituents, members of MVA invite you to attend to hear and respond to the impacts of transit fare costs on **March 17th at 1:30-3:30pm in Vancouver**. If this date does not work, please let us know as we can be flexible due to your demanding schedule in the legislature.

Once again, thank you for meeting us and we look forward to working with you on the poverty reduction strategy for our province and following through on John Horgan's commitment to end the clawbacks of CPP for those on disability benefits in BC.

Best wishes,

Tracey Maynard

Lead Organizer

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Born, Amber LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: s.22 - Bus pass program

Hi Amber,

See below from staff and let me know if you have any more questions, ok?

Brenda

A worker contacted the client a few minutes ago (Monday 19th p.m.) and he states that no, he has not received the BC Transit sticker. His address on file has been confirmed correct for where the Bus Pass Sticker was mailed to.

Staff will be issuing him the \$ 52 Transportation Supplement for February now for this reason.

The client then told the worker that he will be moving soon so a sticker has been house mailed from Victoria to the local s.22 for the client to pick up. A note has been attached to the Bus Pass sticker for the local office to please call the client when it is there and ready for pick up.

s.22 was also advised that when he moves to his new address he will need to contact the Bus Pass Program separately to update the bus pass case. That it is not automatic from the PWD case, client stated he understands.

From: Born, Amber [<mailto:Amber.Born@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE:s.22 - Bus pass program

He did. It went into his account Friday morning.

Amber

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Born, Amber <Amber.Born@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22 Bus pass program

Hi Amber,

No problem, I will check it out. Do you know if s.22 received the direct deposit expected by last Friday?

Brenda

From: Born, Amber [<mailto:Amber.Born@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: s.22 - Bus pass program

Hi Brenda,

Sorry to bother you again with my constituent S.22 but he called today super upset that he still hasn't received his bus pass sticker in the mail and he was saying that they are going to take another \$52 in the next few days. I am assuming that is because he gets his cheque either this week or next week and that amount comes off of his cheque. Could you see the hold up on his sticker please? He claims to have called in and changed his address on Feb 5th or 6th and it should have been mailed out shortly after that.

Thanks,

Amber Born

Constituency Assistant to

Honourable Darryl Plecas, Speaker

MLA for Abbotsford South

Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Osborn, Lynn LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Question re: Disability act

Hi Lynn,

So here's what staff have told me about this situation. Let me know if you have any more questions, ok?

Brenda

The BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) program is an income- and asset-tested program. Eligibility for assistance is based on a number of factors, including family size and clients' assets and income from all sources.

In a marriage, the income and assets of a spouse must be equally available to the other, so these are included in the calculation of eligibility for assistance. Married or common-law partners are also expected to share certain expenses, such as rent and bills, so the assistance rate for a couple is less than the sum for two individuals.

Clients whose total family income does not exceed assistance rates may be eligible for a top-up.

From: Osborn, Lynn [<mailto:Lynn.Osborn@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Question re: Disability act

Hi Brenda, sorry for the delay.

s.22

Hope that helps.

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: February 6, 2018 3:08 PM

To: Osborn, Lynn <Lynn.Osborn@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Question re: Disability act

Hi Lynn,

Can you clarify your question a bit more? Below is what staff are asking. Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Brenda

Hi Brenda,

This sounds more like an eligibility question to me. Is the constituent referring to the support amount? Here is our shelter allowance wording that talks about how support allowance is calculated:

The BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) program is an income- and asset-tested program, intended to assist people temporarily while they find work and support those with a disability who are not able to fully participate in the workforce. The payment of assistance is based on ongoing financial eligibility, which includes a number of factors including family size, living situation, and the applicant's assets and income from all sources.

Basic assistance consists of a support allowance and a shelter allowance. The support allowance covers the cost of food, clothing, personal and household items. Maximum support allowance rates are based on the composition of the family unit and the age or marital status of the applicant.

The shelter allowance pays actual shelter costs to a maximum amount, and maximum shelter allowance rates are based on the number of persons in the family unit.

For current income assistance and shelter rates, please visit <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/bc-employment-and-assistance-rate-tables/income-assistance-rate-table>. For more information on allowable shelter costs, please see <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/support-and-shelter/support-shelter-and-special-care-facilities>

From: Osborn, Lynn [<mailto:Lynn.Osborn@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:09 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Question re: Disability act

Hi Brenda,

John's constituent asked for information and/or explanation as to why the disability act says that someone who is disabled cannot live with someone without being a dependant.

Thanks in advance,

Cheers,

Lynn Osborn | Constituency Assistant to John Horgan, MLA, Langford-Juan de Fuca

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Marks, Beverly LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: s.22 /BC Hydro Bill /MLA Barnett

Hi Beverly,

Please see the reply from ministry staff below and let me know if you have any more questions, ok?

Brenda

Brenda Tombs

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- *Client's request for crisis BC Hydro was reassessed by a Supervisor and Worker this morning (Feb 15th).*
- *There were extenuating circumstances with Hydro and trauma relating to the Wildfire evacuations that were all contributing factors.*
- *The client has been approved for \$ 398.82 to BC Hydro to avoid any disconnection*
- *The client was called and she will be withdrawing her request for a reconsideration*

From: Marks, Beverly [<mailto:Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: s.22 BC Hydro Bill /MLA Barnett

Hi Brenda, Just heard from BC Hydro that they will hold their disconnect until the 19th in order for the ministry and constituent to figure things out.

Beverly Marks, CA
Donna Barnett, MLA
Cariboo Chilcotin
250-395-3916
Beverly.marks@leg.bc.ca

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:10 PM
To: Marks, Beverly <Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22 'BC Hydro Bill /MLA Barnett

Thanks. I'll have staff look into this and let you know when I hear back.

Brenda

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From: Marks, Beverly [<mailto:Beverly.Marks@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: s.22 'BC Hydro Bill /MLA Barnett

Good Afternoon Brenda, Consent form as requested. Thank you

Beverly Marks, CA
Donna Barnett, MLA
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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Clayton, Ryan LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Case file

Hi Ryan,

Ministry staff have advised me that an Intake Supervisor made telephone contact with s.22 who said that you had explained the application issue and process already, but was thankful the Intake Supervisor had contacted her as well.

s.22 will be submitting a new application and was provided Intake Supervisor's name and direct contact number for further support if required.

Please let me know if you have any further questions, ok? Thanks.

Brenda

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From: Clayton, Ryan [<mailto:Ryan.Clayton@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Subject: Case file

Hello Minister's office,

I have been requested by a constituent to look into a matter on her behalf. Her name is s.22 and she submitted an application for PWD several months ago. She has not heard anything back.

I have attached a certificate of authority to obtain personal information. Could you pass this email to the right person to receive an update to the status of this application?

All the best,

Ryan Clayton
Constituency Assistant | Office of Adam Olsen, MLA
250-655-5600

If you want to hear more from your MLA, [sign up for our newsletter!](#)

Please be aware that due to the high volume of emails our office receives Adam will be unable to respond personally. Every email is treated confidentially. Thank you for taking the time to write to our office.

Our constituency office is located at #215 – 2506 Beacon Avenue in Sidney (the Landmark Building). Enter through the breezeway where the dentist's offices are located and go up the stairs (or floor '1' on the elevator). We are just down the hallway, look for the blue door!

Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 8:22 AM
To: Butcher, Jared A LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Constituent Issue - s.22

Hi Jared,

Please see the response from ministry staff below. Let me know if you have any more questions, ok?

Brenda

s.22

From: Butcher, Jared [<mailto:Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Constituent Issue - s.22

Hi Brenda,

s.22

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 10:29 AM
To: MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Coverage
Attachments: 20180228102428.pdf

Categories: Completed

Hi Karen. Is there anything we can do here? COA is attached. Thanks.

From: Hosseinzadeh, Nick [<mailto:Nick.Hosseinzadeh@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Coverage

Hey Brenda,

You've been a great help in the past so I thought I'd just reach out and see if there was anything staff think we could do here. s.22

s.22

Your help is greatly appreciate. Let me know if you need a consent form?

Nick

Nick Hosseinzadeh | Constituency Assistant
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From: s.22
Sent: February 26, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane <Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Coverage

Good afternoon,

s.22

s.22

Thank you.

s.22

On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 9:01 AM, Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane <Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey s.22

I am just getting some more info on the At Home Program. I will be in touch soon.

Nick

Nick Hosseinzadeh | Constituency Assistant

Jane Thornthwaite, MLA
North Vancouver – Seymour
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From: s.22

Sent: February 23, 2018 5:51 PM

To: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane <Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; pvlahos@twnation.ca

Subject: Fwd: Coverage

Jane,

s.22

Thank you for listening.

s.22

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From: **Peyman Showleh** <Peyman.Showleh@fnha.ca>

Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 8:55 AM

Subject: RE: Coverage

To: s.22

Cc: Daniel Julian <Daniel.Julian@fnha.ca>

Good day s.22

s.22

Please let me know if I can provide any further information or support.

Sincerely,

Peyman Showleh

Manager, Health Benefits Operations



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

501-100 Park Royal South | West Vancouver, BC | V7T 1A2

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From: s.22

Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:40 PM

To: Peyman Showleh <Peyman.Showleh@fnha.ca>

Cc: Daniel Julian <Daniel.Julian@fnha.ca>; Dallas Pootlass <Dallas.Pootlass@fnha.ca>; pvlahos@twnation.ca

Subject: Re: Coverage

Good afternoon Peyman,

s.22

Thank you.

s.22

On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 10:04 AM, Peyman Showleh <Peyman.Showleh@fnha.ca> wrote:

Good day s.22

My name is Peyman and I am one of the managers with the First Nations Health Benefits program. It has been brought to my attention that there has been some difficulty accessing services through the program. I wanted to start by apologizing if you have faced any barriers to accessing services. I am wondering if you are available for a call to go over your request to see how we can best support it? If so, please let me know what the best number to reach you at is so that we can contact you directly.

I look forward to your reply.

Best regards,

Peyman Showleh

Manager, Health Benefits Operations



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From: Dallas Pootlass

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 4:07 PM

To: S.22 ; pvlahos@twnation.ca

Cc: Daniel Julian <Daniel.Julian@fnha.ca>; Peyman Showleh <Peyman.Showleh@fnha.ca>

Subject: RE: Coverage

Hi S.22

I would love to be able to assist you in this matter. However, it is beyond my scope of knowledge.

I recommend calling 1.800.317.7878 and asking to speak directly to Daniel or Peyman.

Alternatively, you may reply to this email and provide two or three times that would be good for you to be reached at. It sounds like you have further questions and it would be best to have a conversation over the telephone. I believe their hours are Monday to Friday between 8 am and 4 pm.

Thanks again for reaching out to FNHA.

Best regards,

Dallas

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 3:45 PM
To: Dallas Pootlass; pvlahos@twnation.ca
Subject: Re: Coverage

Dallas,

s.22

On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 11:56 AM, Dallas Pootlass <Dallas.Pootlass@fnha.ca> wrote:

Dear s.22

The First Nations Health Authority – Health Benefits thanks you for reaching out regarding Daniel Martin of the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation.

I got that you are frustrated with the process thus far, FNHA would like to extend an apology. I have forwarded this email to the Medical Supplies and Equipment department and you should receive an email within the next 24 hours. Thank you for bringing the issues outlined in the email to our attention.

Please enjoy your weekend and thank you once again for raising the issues that you have outlined.

In wellness,

Dallas

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Dallas Pootlass; Bradley.Leong@fha.ca
Cc: pvlahos@twnation.ca
Subject: Re: Coverage

Good afternoon Bradley and Dallas,

s.22

I have been passed back and forth between Dan and Peter both of FNHA (no last name as they have not provided them), played phone tag with and am no where near closer to getting help than I was a few days ago when this all started.

s.22

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Requesting update on a constituent's case

Hi Thuy,

The response from ministry staff is below. Let me know if you have any more questions, ok?

Brenda

s.22

From: Dix.MLA, Adrian [<mailto:Adrian.Dix.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Requesting update on a constituent's case

Hi Brenda,

I hope this email finds you well. I am wondering if it's possible to request an update on a case that the Ministry currently has with our constituent, s.22 (please see attached for the consent form).

Any information or guidance you have regarding this matter would be appreciated.

Thanks Brenda,
Thuy

Thuy Pham | Constituency Assistant | Adrian Dix, MLA Vancouver-Kingsway
5022 Joyce St, Vancouver, BC V5R 4G6 | Phone: 604-660-0314 | Fax: 604-660-1131

Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:24 AM
To: MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: Tax AID DABC Renewal
Attachments: Tax AID DABC Project renewal and expansion proposal December 2017.pdf; Tax AID DABC Project renewal proposal (without expansion) December 2017.pdf; Budget - Tax AID DABC Project renewal and expansion proposal December 2017.pdf; Budget - Tax AID DABC Project renewal proposal (without expansion) December 2017.pdf

Categories: Waiting

Hi Karen. Jane Dyson from DABC called me about this issue today. They submitted a proposal in Dec to continue funding for their Tax AID project, which is due to run out in March (see attached). They've not heard back from SDPR as to whether or not this funding will continue s.13 if the funding will not continue and with March around the corner, she is concerned. The original application was sent to Ian Ross. Can you find out what the status of the application is please and when DABC will hear back?

Thanks.

Brenda

From: Jane Dyson [<mailto:jwd@disabilityalliancebc.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Tax AID DABC Renewal

Hi Brenda,

Please find attached the proposals and budget we submitted in December 2017 for renewed funding for our Tax AID DABC program.

One proposal is to continue what we have been doing for three years, with a three year budget of \$510,563.59.

The alternative proposal is for an expanded program in which we would work with Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS Vancouver Island), Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society (Kelowna) and Active Support Against Poverty (Prince George) to expand the program. The three year budget for this would be \$1,140,563.59. All three of the groups is supportive of this and keen to work with us.

The Vancouver Foundation is very supportive of this project and would be happy to continue administering the funding.

Thank you Brenda.

Jane

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Jane Dyson, OBC
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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: s.22

Hi Lori,

Please see the note from staff below on this and let me know if you have any more questions, ok? Thanks.

Brenda

s.22

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX" <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Date: January 30, 2018 at 1:35:21 PM PST
To: "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22

s.22

Thanks Brenda!

Cheers,
Lori

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: s.22

Hi Lori. Here's what staff had to say about this case:

s.22

Let me know if you have any more questions ok? Thanks.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs
Executive Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
C: 250.361.8147

From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie [<mailto:Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: s.22

Hi Brenda,

s.22

Thank you so much!

Cheers,

Lori



Lori Pilon

Constituency Assistant
to MLA Jackie Tegart
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Toll Free : 1 (877) 378-4802

From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:56 AM

To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: consent form received

s.22

Hope to hear back soon. Thank you again for your time.
s.22

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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 12:13:04 PM

To: s.22

Subject: RE: consent form received

Our pleasure, s.22 that is what we are here for. I hope you will receive assistance asap!

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 12:12 PM

To: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: consent form received

Thank you so much for your time on this and for helping ... It is greatly appreciated.

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From: Tegart.MLA, Jackie <Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 11:50:28 AM

To: S.22

Subject: consent form received

Hi s.22

I just wanted to drop you a note letting you know we have received your consent form and forwarded it with your concerns to the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The Ministry will either contact you directly or send a response to our office which we will forward to you.

Cheers,



Monika Walker

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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Casework & letter from constituent

Hi Gabe,

Ministry staff have indicated that CLBC is not aware of any other instances of this issue in their system but, they are assessing if there is a risk that requires any action.

I hope that's helpful. Thanks.

Brenda

From: Chow.MLA, George [<mailto:George.Chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 5:03 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: Senecal, Gabe LASS:EX
Subject: RE: Casework & letter from constituent

Hi Brenda,

I should have been more specific in my previous email. I meant to inquire if CLBC's investigation had found issue with the way the Act had been applied. As there were extensive, well-articulated concerns from s.22 he hopes CLBC or the Ministry can comment on his previous comments.

Let me know if you need further clarification.

Best,

Gabe Senecal | Constituency Assistant to George Chow, MLA Vancouver-Fraserview
(604) 660-2035 | #112 -2609 E 49th Ave, Vancouver BC V5S 1J9 | Gabe.Senecal@leg.bc.ca

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Chow.MLA, George <George.Chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Casework & letter from constituent

Hi Gabe. When we last spoke about this case in November I had sent you the messaging from CLBC and we closed the file. I believe I asked you at the time to let me know if there were any more questions about this case, and I didn't hear back. Is there anything further s.22 would like us to do for him?

Brenda

Brenda Tombs

Executive Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
C: 250.361.8147

From: Chow.MLA, George [<mailto:George.Chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Casework & letter from constituent

Hi Brenda,

Are there any additional details available on this issue, in regards to s.22 case?

Gabe Senecal | Constituency Assistant to George Chow, MLA Vancouver-Fraserview
(604) 660-2035 | #112 -2609 E 49th Ave, Vancouver BC V5S 1J9 | Gabe.Senecal@leg.bc.ca

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX [<mailto:Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Chow.MLA, George <George.Chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Casework & letter from constituent

Thanks Gabe. Let me look in to this and I'll get back to you.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs
Executive Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
C: 250.361.8147 W: 604.775.2277

From: Chow.MLA, George [<mailto:George.Chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: Senecal, Gabe LASS:EX
Subject: Casework & letter from constituent

Hello Brenda,

This is a letter summarizing this constituent's concern about an interpretation of his profession. His contact info is as follows:

s.22

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Please advise if you have any suggestions about what may be done on my end to assist this constituent.

Gabe

Gabe Senecal | Constituency Assistant to George Chow, MLA for Vancouver-Fraserview
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Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 4:19 PM
To: Butcher, Jared A LASS:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Constituent Inquiry - s.22

Hi Jared. The ministry received this allegation earlier in the month and are investigating. Could you please give s.22 the direct line to Prevention and Loss Management Office at 1-866-217-1117, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to speak directly with a ministry representative to discuss this case further?

Brenda

From: Butcher, Jared [<mailto:Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Constituent Inquiry - s.22

Hi Brenda,

s.22

CoA attached.

Hope you are well!

Jared Butcher | Constituency Assistant to Hon. Carole James, MLA | Victoria-Beacon Hill
1084 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 3K4
250.952.4211 | jared.butcher@leg.bc.ca | www.carolejamesmla.ca

Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 11:42 AM
To: s.22
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Deceased's Possessions...Urgent

Hi s.22

Thank you for your email. I've sent your warm wishes along to Shane.

Since this is time sensitive, your best bet would be to ask your MLA's office to work with BC Housing to let you into the suite. Our ministry only assists with payment of benefits to clients and assistance with costs for the deceased. We wouldn't be able to help with getting access to the suite, only BC Housing can do that. Your MLA is Melanie Mark, which I'm sure you're aware of. Her staff can speak to BC Housing and assist you with this. I hope this is helpful?

Good luck and thanks.

Brenda

Brenda Tombs
Executive Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Subject: Deceased's Possessions...Urgent

Dear Honourable Shane Simpson,

s.22

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