

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 5, 2018 11:13 AM
To: 'Gardiner, Brian'
Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

Ok sounds good.

Thanks,
Valerie

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

From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 11:03 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Cc: Campbell, Debbie; Gardiner, Brian
Subject: Re: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

Thanks Valerie.
Can you pencil that in?
I'll do some work at our end and try and confirm by tomorrow, at latest.

Brian Gardiner
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> On Jul 5, 2018, at 11:01 AM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Brian,

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> Minister Simpson is available at 2:45pm on July 23 for a meeting, would that time work?

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> Thanks,

> Val

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]

> Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 7:42 AM

> To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

> Cc: Gardiner, Brian; Campbell, Debbie
> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR
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> Hi Valerie:
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> Below are some dates in July.
> Stephanie can meet for coffee in Vancouver.
> Thanks,
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> Brian
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> July 23, 30, 31
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
> Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 4:37 PM
> To: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR
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> Hi Brian,
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> Sure, if you'd like to provide some dates, I'll see what could work with Minister Simpson's schedule.
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> Thanks,
> Val
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 12:44 PM
> To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
> Cc: Gardiner, Brian; Campbell, Debbie
> Subject: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR
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> Valerie:
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> I regret this won't work.
> Why don't I take a turn and send you some dates that might work on our end?
> And, please keep in mind, we are just talking about getting together informally for coffee.
> Thanks!
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> Brian
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Gardiner, Brian
> Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 4:04 PM
> To: 'McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX' <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
> Cc: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR
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> Might.
> Will be in touch.

> Thanks!

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> -----Original Message-----

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

> Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 4:03 PM

> To: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>

> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Hi Brian,

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> I'm afraid July 10th won't work but the Minister is available the afternoon of July 11th at 3:15pm. Would that work for you?

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> Thanks,

> Val

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]

> Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 8:05 AM

> To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

> Cc: Gardiner, Brian; Campbell, Debbie

> Subject: Fwd: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Valerie:

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> Sorry, that won't work.

> Would July 10 work for you?

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> Brian

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> From: "Gardiner, Brian" <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca<mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>>

> Date: June 27, 2018 at 4:23:31 PM PDT

> To: "McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX" <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>>

> Cc: "Gardiner, Brian" <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca<mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>>

> Subject: Re: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Thanks.

> Will be in touch.

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> On Jun 27, 2018, at 4:20 PM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
 <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:

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> Hi Brian,

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> Minister Simpson is available the afternoon of July 6th for a meeting, would 2:00pm that afternoon work for you/

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> Thank you,

> Valerie

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]

> Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 9:17 AM

> To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX

> Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Gardiner, Brian; Campbell, Debbie

> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Thanks!

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>>

> Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:52 AM

> To: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca<mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>>

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

> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Yes, no problem to bring Judy. I'm copying our Admin Coordinator, Valerie, who can give some possible dates and times.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]

> Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 7:28 AM

> To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX

> Cc: Gardiner, Brian

> Subject: RE: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR

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> Hi Leah:

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> While the get together can be informal over coffee or something, Stephanie interested in bringing Judy Fox-Mcguire with her.

> Judy is the VP of our Component 6 members who work at the call centre.

> Trust that is okay.

> Are you able to suggest some dates and times?

> We're juggling ratification meetings right now, but hoping we can get something in.

> Judy lives in Fort St. John so I need to coordinate her schedule as well.

> Thanks,

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> Brian

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gardiner, Brian
> Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 7:30 PM
> To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>>
> Cc: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca<mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>>
> Subject: Re: BCGEU Stephanie Smith meet with Shane Simpson -- MSDPR
>
> Thanks Leah.
> Will be in touch.
> Juggling staff a bit over the next couple of days.
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> On Jun 26, 2018, at 5:35 PM, Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>>
wrote:
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> Sure, we can set that up. Do you want to have Debbie call our admin coordinator Valerie?
Valerie.mcknight@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Valerie.mcknight@gov.bc.ca><mailto:Valerie.mcknight@gov.bc.ca>
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 25, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Gardiner, Brian
<Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca<mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca><mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>> wrote:
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> Hi Leah:
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> We were wondering if there was an opportunity to have an informal coffee meeting with Shane to discuss our views
on the MSDPR centralized phone system.
> We issued a statement on this (attached) when the Ombuds report was released.
> Your thoughts?
> Thanks,
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> Brian
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> <SKM_45818062508150.pdf>

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 5, 2018 3:05 PM
To: 'Mingqi Yang'
Subject: RE: Invitation to 2018 Walk with the Dragon on July 15th
Attachments: Scan_20180705.pdf

Dear M.K. Yang,

Please find attached the RSVP form for Minister Simpson. The incoming letter mentioned an officiating guest, were you wanting him to speak at the opening ceremonies?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Mingqi Yang [mailto:mingqi.yang@success.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2018 9:18 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Invitation to 2018 Walk with the Dragon on July 15th

Dear Valerie McKnight,

Thank you for your reply. The Honourable Shane Simpson's presence and participation will be highly appreciated!

Please could you fill and reply the RSVP form attached so we can prepare a VIP package, including a t-shirt, for the Honourable Shane Simpson? Thank you!

M.K. (Mingqi) Yang

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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX [mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Mingqi Yang
Subject: Invitation to 2018 Walk with the Dragon on July 15th

Dear M.K. Yang,

On behalf of the Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, I am following up on the invitation to attend the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation's 2018 Walk with the Dragon. The Minister would be happy to attend and is looking forward to joining you on July 15th.

Thank you kindly for the invitation.

Warm Regards,
Valerie McKnight
Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Phone: (250) 387-1423 Fax: (250) 356-7292

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 5, 2018 4:09 PM
To: 'Melanie Conn'
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

I'm afraid Minister Simpson won't be available for the full hour for tomorrow's meeting. The meeting will have to be 30-45mins. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 4:05 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Thanks Valerie.

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks
mconn@sfu.ca

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 3, 2018 3:46:38 PM
To: Melanie Conn
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

Thank you for confirming. The meeting will be about 45min to an hour. We usually have ministry meeting at the Cabinet Offices in Vancouver. The address is suite 740-999 Canada Place. I will book a room there for the meeting.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 8:42 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Valerie,

As promised I am attaching the briefing note for the Craftworks-BC Manufacturing Alliance meeting with Minister Simpson on July 6 at 1 pm at his constituency office on East Hastings.

Five people will be attending:

Melanie Conn (Director) and Anna Du Bois (current ED): Craftworks Society www.3hcraftworks.com

Marcus Ewart-Johns (President), BC Alliance for Manufacturing: <http://www.manufacturingbc.org/>

Azadeh Hesami (pattern maker and Consultant to Craftworks)

David Le Page (Principal), Accelerating Impact: www.aciccc.ca

One question: what is the time-frame for the meeting? 1-2 pm?

Please let me know if you need other information.

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks
mconn@sfu.ca

From: Melanie Conn
Sent: June 15, 2018 8:07 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Valerie, we're confirmed for Friday, July 6 at 1 pm at Shane's constituency office on east Hastings.

Five people will be attending:

Melanie Conn (Director), Amanda Cairns (previous ED) and Anna Du Bois (current ED): Craftworks Society www.3hcraftworks.com

David Le Page (Principal), Accelerating Impact: www.aciccc.ca

Marcus Ewart-Johns (President), BC Alliance for Manufacturing: <http://www.manufacturingbc.org/>

I will send briefing notes to you for Minister Simpson by July 3 if not sooner.

One question: what is the time-frame for the meeting? 1-2 pm?

Please let me know if you need other information.

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks Society
mconn@sfu.ca

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Melanie Conn
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

Yes, the meeting will be in Vancouver.

Thanks,
Valerie

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 9:00 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Thanks Valerie. I am assuming the meeting will be in Vancouver (?).

I will send both options to my colleagues and get back to you by Friday.

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks Society
mconn@sfu.ca

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 13, 2018 5:03 PM
To: Melanie Conn
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

Minister Simpson is also available on Friday, July 6th at 1:00pm or Friday, July 13th at 1:30pm. Would either of those times work for those attending?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 2:31 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Val thanks for your quick reply. There will be several people coming to the meeting with whom I need to check for availability. Would it be possible for you to give me a few options?

Also: I was hoping we could meet with Shane on a Friday when I understood he was often in Vancouver. Is that a possibility?

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks Society
mconn@sfu.ca

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 13, 2018 12:33:47 PM
To: Melanie Conn
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

Are you available the afternoon of June 18th at 3:00pm for a meeting? The Minister has had some time open up then.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:08 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Val,

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon about potential dates to meet.

Thanks,

Melanie
Craftworks
mconn@sfu.ca

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 6, 2018 1:13:26 PM
To: Melanie Conn
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Craftworks request to meet

Hi Melanie,

Thanks very much for the phone call. I'm copying Val, who will follow up with you about possible meeting dates.

Cheers,
Leah

From: Melanie Conn [mailto:melanie_conn@sfu.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Craftworks request to meet

Leah please see message I sent to Molly below plus attachment.

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Craftworks Society
mconn@sfu.ca

From: Melanie Conn
Sent: May 17, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Harrington, Molly MSD:EX
Subject: Melanie Conn with a great idea!

Molly, how are you?! I'm glad to say that all is well with me.

I'm still involved with Common Thread which is now a program of Craftworks: www.3hcraftworks.com Our two organizations partnered to establish Threadworks, a program that teaches industrial sewing skills to vulnerable populations: people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees. We're in our third year and excited about the results.

Our vision is to scale up our activities in collaboration with the local sewing industry and the BC Alliance for Manufacturing to address two significant problems: a significant and debilitating labour shortage of at least 3000 skilled industrial sewing machine operators and the need for good jobs for the people we serve.

I've attached a very brief outline of 'Sewing Up' and hope a few of us can meet with you to discuss a potential role for your ministry in our plans: David LePage, Marcus Johns from the BC Alliance for Manufacturing www.manufacturingbc.org, Anna Du Bois the ED of Craftworks and me (!).

I'm looking forward to hearing back from you.

Thanks,

Melanie

Melanie Conn
Director Craftworks Society
mconn@sfu.ca
604-736-0935

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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 6, 2018 4:24 PM
To: 'NC-MIN-SPD-SPH-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca'
Subject: MEETING REQUEST - Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Good Afternoon,

The Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction in BC, would like an opportunity to speak with the Honourable Kirsty Duncan regarding issues affecting people with disabilities and addressing accessibility concerns. I am hoping to arrange a phone call between the Ministers, if possible, in the next couple of weeks. Is there a time that Minister Duncan is able to accommodate a phone call?

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Valerie McKnight
*Administrative Coordinator to the
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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 9, 2018 1:00 PM
To: 'Michael Prince'
Subject: RE: Meeting request - Minister Simpson

Great, thank you.

From: Michael Prince [mailto:mprince@uvic.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 12:18 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request - Minister Simpson

Good afternoon
Yes that works for me.
Look forward to the meeting.
Michael

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2018, at 10:56 AM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

Minister Simpson was hoping you'd be available this Wednesday for a meeting with Mr. Tim Agg and himself here at the legislature. Are you able to meet at 1:30pm on Wednesday?

Thank you,
Valerie

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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 9, 2018 1:40 PM
To: 'Elizabeth Lalonde'
Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Hi Elizabeth,

Great, I'm glad that will work. Ms. Gabias can call into to participate in the meeting using the conference call details below. Minister Simpson's office is room 247 at the Legislature. You would just need to let security know at the entrance that you have a meeting and staff will come down and escort you to the office.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Elizabeth Lalonde^{S.22}
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 9:22 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Dear Valerie,
Yes this Wednesday, June 11 at 2:30 PM would be wonderful for a meeting with the minister.
My colleague, Mary Ellen Gabias, would like to join us by telephone if possible as she lives in Kelona BC.
Please let me know if that would be all right. Thank you so much.
Warmly,
Elizabeth

On Jul 6, 2018, at 3:59 PM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear Elizabeth,

The Minister will now be in Victoria on July 11th. Are you free at 2:30pm that afternoon for a meeting?
Otherwise we will have to look into finding a date in late August.

Thank you,
valerie

From: Elizabeth Lalonde [<mailto:elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:48 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Dear *Valerie*,

I am following up on an email I sent a couple of weeks ago regarding possible times to meet with the Minister.

Unfortunately, we are not able to meet the first week in July. Would he have any time on the second or third week of July? If not, August or September would also work. Thank you so much.

I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather.

Warmly

Elizabeth Lalonde, Executive Director

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Blind people empowering blind people to be employed, independent and free

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX [<mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: June 5, 2018 4:02 PM

To: 'elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca' <elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>

Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your request to meet with Minister Shane Simpson. I would be happy to arrange a meeting. At this time, the Minister schedule is fully committed until July. Are you available in early July for a meeting?

Thank you,

Valerie McKnight

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Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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From: Elizabeth Lalonde <elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>

Date: June 1, 2018 at 4:01:58 PM PDT

To: <Suzannah.Kelly@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Good Afternoon Suzannah,

I want to thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Access Awareness event at the legislature on Wednesday. It was a tremendous opportunity to network and to learn about the new opportunities available in the province for people with disabilities.

Please see the attached letter requesting a meeting with the Hon. Shane Simpson. I was very happy to make his acquaintance at the event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much.

Warmly

Elizabeth Lalonde, Executive Director
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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 9, 2018 4:09 PM
To: 'Tim Agg'
Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister Simpson

Great, it will be at the same time, 1:00pm on Wednesday.

Thanks,
Valerie

From: Tim Agg s.22
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 9:59 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting with Minister Simpson

Yes, and Mark has said he will make the travel arrangements for me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2018, at 9:48 AM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tim,

Minister Simpson now has to be in Victoria on Wednesday, are you able to travel here to Victoria for the meeting? Mark Medgyesi will help with travel arrangements once we've worked out the meeting going forward.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Tim Agg s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 3:44 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister Simpson

I trust you received my earlier reply from my phone. Let me know if there is anything in particular he would like me to prepare for the meeting. Regards,

Tim Agg

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX [<mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: June-28-18 2:34 PM
To: s.22
Subject: Meeting with Minister Simpson

Good Afternoon,

Minister Simpson has asked that I arrange a meeting with you to discuss CLBC. Are you available the afternoon of July 11th at 1:00pm for a meeting? It would be at the Vancouver Cabinet Offices, 740-999 Canada Place.

Thank you,

Valerie McKnight

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 10, 2018 11:56 AM
To: 'Elizabeth Lalonde'
Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Hi Elizabeth,

Don't worry about changing the time then, we can keep everything as is.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Elizabeth Lalonde^{s.22}
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:55 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Dear Valerie,
230 actually works so much better for me as I have young children and need to get them ready for their summer camp in the morning. If 230 will still work for the minister, I would prefer to keep it at that time. My colleague, Linda Bartram, will also be attending in person with me. Thank you so much for everything.
Warmly, Elizabeth

On Jul 10, 2018, at 9:56 AM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth,

I would like to enquire if you be available to meet with Minister Simpson at 9:00am tomorrow instead of 2:30pm? If that's not possible for you we can keep the 2:30pm time.

Please let me know.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Elizabeth Lalonde^{s.22}
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 9:22 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Dear Valerie,
Yes this Wednesday, June 11 at 2:30 PM would be wonderful for a meeting with the minister. My colleague, Mary Ellen Gabias, would like to join us by telephone if possible as she lives in Kelona BC. Please let me know if that would be all right. Thank you so much.
Warmly,
Elizabeth

On Jul 6, 2018, at 3:59 PM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear Elizabeth,

The Minister will now be in Victoria on July 11th. Are you free at 2:30pm that afternoon for a meeting? Otherwise we will have to look into finding a date in late August.

Thank you,
valerie

From: Elizabeth Lalonde [<mailto:elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:48 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Dear *Valerie*,

*I am following up on an email I sent a couple of weeks ago regarding possible times to meet with the Minister.
Unfortunately, we are not able to meet the first week in July. Would he have any time on the second or third week of July? If not, August or September would also work. Thank you so much.
I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather.*

Warmly

**Elizabeth Lalonde, Executive Director
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From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX [<mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: June 5, 2018 4:02 PM
To: 'elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca' <elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>
Subject: RE: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your request to meet with Minister Shane Simpson. I would be happy to arrange a meeting. At this time, the Minister schedule is fully committed until July. Are you available in early July for a meeting?

Thank you,
Valerie McKnight
*Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,*

From: Elizabeth Lalonde <elizabeth@pacifictrainingcentre.ca>
Date: June 1, 2018 at 4:01:58 PM PDT
To: <Suzannah.Kelly@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Thank you and Meeting Request Re: blind British Columbians

Good Afternoon Suzannah,

I want to thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Access Awareness event at the legislature on Wednesday. It was a tremendous opportunity to network and to learn about the new opportunities available in the province for people with disabilities. Please see the attached letter requesting a meeting with the Hon. Shane Simpson. I was very happy to make his acquaintance at the event. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

Warmly

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 13, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: REDIRECT: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

Will do

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2018, at 10:04 AM, Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

MSS is happy to meet. Could we look at something for end of August/early September please?

Cheers,
Jayne

Jayne Ducker, Ministerial Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson - Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
m. 250-886-4585 w. 250-387-1499 e. jayne.ducker@gov.bc.ca

On Jul 11, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I think it would be good for MSS to take this meeting. Could one of you run it by him today while he's there?

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: REDIRECT: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

Hi,

We received this meeting request as well. Leah was asking MSS if he wanted to take this meeting request or if he wanted to do a Min Response. I don't know the decision on it.

Thanks,
Val

From: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:11 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: REDIRECT: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

From: SDPR Executive Correspondence Services SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:08 PM

To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX

Subject: FW: REDIRECT: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

Hi Casey,

Over to you as it's a meeting request.

Cheers,

Kate

From: IRR Correspondence Unit IRR:EX

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 12:44 PM

To: SDPR Executive Correspondence Services SDPR:EX

Cc: Berkhout, Juanita IRR:EX

Subject: REDIRECT: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

Hi there –

We are redirecting this request to you. We would like MIRR staff (Juanita Berkhout who has been CC'd on this email) to attend this meeting with Minister Simpson.

Thank you,

Correspondence Unit

Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation

From: Demelo, Paula IRR:EX

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:58 AM

To: Minister, IRR IRR:EX

Subject: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

Hard copy original – sent via Blue bag

From: PDEMELO [<mailto:Paula.Demelo@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:30 AM

To: Demelo, Paula IRR:EX

Subject: 45205 - Mtg Request - Social Enterprises and Poverty Reduction

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 16, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX; Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: FW:

Thanks!

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: FW:

Sounds good to me. Thanks.

From: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: FW:

Brenda - can you please check in with Matt on this? MAH should be the lead on a response and be providing the other ministers on how to respond to the meeting request. Thanks!

Cheers,
Jayne

Jayne Ducker, Ministerial Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson - Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
m. 250-886-4585 w. 250-387-1499 e. jayne.ducker@gov.bc.ca

On Jul 16, 2018, at 12:51 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Val. Wondering if we should ask MAH to take the lead on this one – what do you think?

Brenda

From: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:06 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Cc: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW:

Hi Val,

Meeting request for Minister Simpson for you below and attached. Thanks!

Greg
Greg Visco

From: Diana Dilworth [<mailto:diana@bcnpha.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:51 PM

To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX

Cc: Dawes, Jacquie MAH:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; penny.gurstein@ubc.ca

Subject:

Greetings,

The BC Non-Profit Housing Association and the Housing Research Collaborative, would like to take the opportunity to provide information on our perspectives on the collection and dissemination of housing data, identification of potential data gaps and potential strategies moving forward.

We would respectfully welcome the opportunity meet with Ministers Robinson, Simpson, Darcy, Eby and James (or their representatives) in the very near future, to contribute to discussions taking place in regards to an integrated approach to housing-related data.

This letter is being sent on behalf of BCNPHA and the HRC.

Sincerely,

~ Diana

Diana Dilworth

Manager, Government Relations

BC Non-Profit Housing Association

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About BCNPHA:

BCNPHA is the industry association for the social housing sector in BC. It represents, educates and provides service to approximately 600 non-profit housing providers that operate more than 60,000 units of long and short-term affordable housing across the province. www.bcnpha.ca

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 16, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: AG - Tuesday June 19th

Oh great, thanks

From: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:55 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: AG - Tuesday June 19th

Can't recall if I told you – I'm going to follow up with this person directly, so you can take it off your list.

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: AG - Tuesday June 19th

Run by MSS?

Thanks,
Val

From: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: AG - Tuesday June 19th

Meeting request redirect from AG.

*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*

From: Addo, Wolfgang AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: AG - Tuesday June 19th

Good Morning Casey,

Please see email below, Minister David Eby has advised that this be send to your Ministry since it falls under your umbrella.

Thank you,

Wolfgang

s.22

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 17, 2018 4:31 PM
To: 'Sue Paish'
Subject: RE: Minister Slmpson's office

Hi Sue,

I apologise for the delay in getting back to you, yes we can arrange the meeting for 2:00pm on July 24th.

Thank you,
Valerie
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>
Date: July 5, 2018 at 11:42:18 AM PDT
To: "McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX" <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister Slmpson's office

Can't do the 23rd . Would 2pm on the 24th work?



Sue Paish
CEO
Digital Technology Supercluster
spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca

C: 604 230 4602

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister Slmpson's office

Hi Sue,

I'm afraid that the 12th won't work. Are you available at 2:00pm on July 23rd for this meeting?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Sue Paish [<mailto:spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 4:34 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister Simpson's office

Hi Valerie:

Unfortunately I am totally boxed the afternoon of the 11th but the afternoon of the 12th after 2:00 is wide open. Would that work at your end? Fingers crossed,
Sue



Sue Paish
CEO
Digital Technology Supercluster
spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca

C: 604 230 4602

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister Simpson's office

Hi Sue,

Minister Simpson is available for a meeting the afternoon of July 11th. Are you free at 2:00pm that day to meet?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Sue Paish [<mailto:spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 9:39 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister Simpson's office

Thanks Leah. Much appreciated,
Sue



Sue Paish
CEO
Digital Technology Supercluster
spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister Simpson's office

Thanks Sue, it was great meeting you. I'm copying our Admin Coordinator, Valerie McKnight, who can work with you on finding a meeting date that will work for the Minister.

Cheers,
Leah

From: Sue Paish [<mailto:spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 6:15 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister Simpson's office

Hi Leah:

Thank you for your note. I apologize for the terrible delay in getting back to you. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with Minister Simpson to further our brief conversation the other evening.

We have a specific mandate in the Digital Technology Supercluster to support and drive engagement of under-represented groups in the 'new economy' and in particular to focus on improving the training and 'job readiness' of Indigenous youth and women in digital technology opportunities. Digital transformation will touch all parts of our economy and so making sure that our citizens are ready for the new jobs that will emerge will be an important element of improving employment opportunities and reducing poverty across many populations in BC – something that I know is championed by Minister Simpson.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you again,
Sue



Sue Paish
CEO
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spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca

C: 604 230 4602

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 7:44 AM
To: Sue Paish <spaish@digitalsupercluster.ca>
Subject: Minister Slmpson's office

Hi Sue,

It was nice to meet you at the reception on Tuesday evening. As discussed, here's my contact info.
Please feel free to reach out to me directly to connect with Minister Simpson.

Cheers,
Leah

Leah Squance
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Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
c: 250-882-1445 w: 250-387-1428 e: leah.squance@gov.bc.ca

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 18, 2018 8:56 AM
To: Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister's Meeting - CLBC Briefings - Monday, July 23

Hi Denise,

Yes we can do 2:30pm.

Thanks!

Val

From: Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 8:52 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister's Meeting - CLBC Briefings - Monday, July 23

Hi Val,

Is 2:30 pm possible? And if not let's do 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 24th

I really appreciate your help with this.

Thank you,

Denise C Smith

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX <Denise.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister's Meeting - CLBC Briefings - Monday, July 23

Hey,

Can we reschedule to Tuesday at 3:00pm on Tuesday? Would that work?

Thanks,

Val

From: Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 8:37 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Cc: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
Subject: Minister's Meeting - CLBC Briefings - Monday, July 23
Importance: High

Good morning Val,

I sent an email yesterday regarding the CLBC Briefings meeting with the Minister on July 23 at 3:30 pm (Mark and Michael will be attending) and wondered if this could be rescheduled to Wednesday morning for 30 minutes?

Mark wondered if this would be possible?

Thank you,

Denise C Smith

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 19, 2018 2:50 PM
To: 'African Descent Society.'
Subject: RE: HON. JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD JUDGE ONTARIO HIGH COURT AND CHAIR FEDERATION OF BLACK CANADIANS WANT TO MEET WITH BC GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO DISCUSS CANADA NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Good Afternoon,

Unfortunately, Minister Simpson is not available for a meeting tomorrow. I apologize again for the confusion of my previous email.

Thank you for your request.

Warm Regards,
Valerie

From: African Descent Society. [mailto:africandescentsocietybc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 9:04 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: HON. JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD JUDGE ONTARIO HIGH COURT AND CHAIR FEDERATION OF BLACK CANADIANS WANT TO MEET WITH BC GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO DISCUSS CANADA NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Hello Valerie.
Yes. Friday 20th, July, 2018.

On Wednesday, July 18, 2018, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

I apologize if I was unclear in my last email, I was asking for clarification of the date, you said Friday 20th, is that July?

Thank you,

Valerie

From: African Descent Society. [mailto:africandescentsocietybc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:47 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: HON. JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD JUDGE ONTARIO HIGH COURT AND CHAIR FEDERATION OF BLACK

CANADIANS WANT TO MEET WITH BC GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO DISCUSS CANADA NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM
FOR INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Hello Ms. Valerie.

Good morning and thanks so much for all your response to Hon. Justice Donald Mcleod requests to meet with the minister on Friday 20th. The Hon. Justice Donald Mcleod will be glad to meet with the Minister on Friday at 2PM. The meeting will be attended by other people coming with Hon. Justice Donald Mcleod such as his secretary for the Federation of Black Canadians and International decade for people of African Descent Ms. Dahabo Muhammed Omer.

I have attached their biograph below.

On Tue, Jul 17, 2018, 4:14 PM McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX, <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, I am following to acknowledge that we have received you meeting request and to ask clarification on when you would like the meeting to take place. Can you please confirm which date you would like to meet?

Thank you kindly for your request.

Warm Regards,

Valerie McKnight

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Honourable Shane Simpson,*

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From: African Descent Society. [mailto:africandescentsocietybc@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:20 AM

To: Minister, AEST AEST:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; AGRI.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX

Subject: HON. JUSTICE DONALD MCLEOD JUDGE ONTARIO HIGH COURT AND CHAIR FEDERATION OF BLACK CANADIANS WANT TO MEET WITH BC GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO DISCUSS CANADA NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Dear Hon. Minister Ministers and special greetings to our BC Premier John Horgan.

Special greetings for the great work doing for BC.

As you are aware the Canada Prime minister last this year on February 12 proposed a new plan to promote Canada National strategic plan for International decade for people of African descent with plan to address mental health, public safety and recognition. The NDP national leader was there in Toronto Black Canadian Summit and I saw him speak on this issue but BC government has not said anything about it. The prime minister pledged over 19 million to go towards address this and he met many black leaders at the Parliament.

The nation saw MP Jenny Kwan gave a powerful speech at the parliament in Ottawa and for this reason, Hon. Justice Donald Mcleod will be in Vancouver to speak about this issue and we hope he will meet with NDP leaders.

The high court Judge of Ontario and chair for national federation of Black Canadians would like to meet with BC government Hon. Ministers to responsible discuss the Canada national action program for the International Decade for the people of African Descent related to a federal government plan to about Mental health and addiction in the Black community in BC. Hon. Justice Donald Mcleod will be in Vancouver on the early morning of Friday 20th, to attend the African Descent Festival and he wants to meet with the minister on Friday to discuss on different things about the decade for people of African descent.

Recently the federal government supports a very huge summit we debriefed the minister early this year and many NDP leaders including the president of NDP all attended this summit in Toronto last year December 4th to 6th which brought hundreds of Black leaders across the Country.

I have attached important documents about the International decade for people of African Descent national program action below.

I will be happy to hear from you.

African Descent Society BC

Thanks

www.africandescentfestival.com

McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 19, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Hi Guillaume,

I can look into inviting Min. Qualtrough.

Thanks,
Val

From: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:13 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Hi Val,

I am following up on my email sent to you earlier this week.

As you may already know, Prime Minister Trudeau did a Cabinet shuffle yesterday and federal Minister Qualtrough got the added portfolio of Accessibility, which means federal Minister Duncan does not need anymore to attend the Presidents Group event on October 19.

Could you please check availability of federal Minister Qualtrough on October 19?

I remain available if you have any questions,

Thank you,
Guillaume

Guillaume Dufresne | Director
Accessibility Secretariat | Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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From: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:42 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Thanks Val, the event would take place in Vancouver in the morning (9am-1pm). Please book October 19 in the calendar of Minister Simpson.

As highlighted in the first email sent by Sue Mader, Minister Simpson also wanted to extend an invite to the federal Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities Kristy Duncan to also participate to the event and speak about the proposed Accessible Canada Act. Now that a date for Minister Simpson is secured, could the Minister's staff reach out and check availability of Minister Duncan on October 19? If federal Minister Duncan is not available, then we would need to check availability of Carla Qualtrough, federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

Thank you,
Guillaume

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SDPR TOP WORK UNIT

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Hello,

Minister Simpson is available on October 19 for the next President's Group Meeting. Will it be in the morning or the afternoon?

Thanks,
Val

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX" <Guillaume.Dufresne@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 13, 2018 at 8:52:52 AM PDT
To: "McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX" <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Mader, Susan SDPR:EX" <Susan.Mader@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX" <Denise.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Good morning Val,

It turns out the date where Presidents Group co-chairs are both available is **October 19**. Could you please confirm the Minister's availability at that date?

Thank you,
Guillaume

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SDPR TOP WORK UNIT

From: Smith, Denise Clair SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Mader, Susan SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX
Subject: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Good afternoon Sue,

Thank you for your email regarding a follow up from the Presidents Group meeting of July 6th.

I am copying this to the Minister's Administrative Coordinator, Val McKnight for her to confirm if the Minister is available during these dates:

Friday October 19 and Friday November 9

Thank you,

Denise C Smith

From: Mader, Susan SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:55 PM
To: MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX <Karen.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX <Guillaume.Dufresne@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Hi Karen,

Right now, the two dates that are looking most promising are Friday October 19 and Friday November 9.

Can you please check if either of these dates could work for Minister Simpson? He may also want his staff to check availability of Minister Duncan and Minister Qualtrough.

Thanks.

Sue

From: Mader, Susan SDPR:EX
Sent: July 9, 2018 11:55 AM
To: MacMillan, Karen MSD:EX (<Karen.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca> <Karen.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Dufresne, Guillaume SDPR:EX <Guillaume.Dufresne@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: follow-up - Presidents Group meeting July 6

Hi Karen,

Sending this to you s.22

In the Presidents Group meeting on July 6th, the Minister committed to participate in a Business Roundtable in the Fall to discuss provincial accessibility legislation. He also wanted to extend an invite to the federal Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities Kristy Duncan to also participate and speak about the proposed Accessible Canada Act. If Minister Duncan is not available, then the invite would be extended to Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

First things first – I need to find some dates for later October or November that would work for the Minister so we can start looking at venues and confirming other key participants. Then we can figure out how to reach out to invite the federal minister.

We are hoping to hold the roundtable from 9 – noon, and are currently looking at Fridays.

Any help you can provide regarding Minister availability would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Sue

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 24, 2018 10:02 AM
To: 'mrobinson@gitxaalanation.com'
Subject: RE: Gitxaala Nation Invites You
Attachments: 20180716163120621.pdf

Dear Ms. Robinson,

On behalf of the Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, I am following up on the letter received from Mr. Clifford White inviting Minister Simpson to the Sagaytk'uulm go'ot – Gitxaala Standing Strong for a Healthier Community conference on Aug. 6th-8th, 2018. Unfortunately, Minister Simpson has previous commitments and will be unable to attend. He sends his regrets and best wishes for a successful conference.

Thank you kindly for the invitation.

Warm Regards,
Valerie McKnight
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From: mrobinson@gitxaalanation.com [mailto:mrobinson@gitxaalanation.com]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Cc: Clifford White; Cindy Ignas
Subject: Gitxaala Nation Invites You

Honourable Shane Simpson,

Please see the attached invite to attend our *Sagaytk'kuulm go'ot – Gitxaala Standing Strong for a Healthier Community* Conference on August 6 – 8, 2018 in Gitxaala.
We kindly request for your RSVP by July 23, 2018.

Best regards,



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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 24, 2018 11:12 AM
To: 'Anna Godefroy'
Subject: RE: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Anne,

Yes, Minister Simpson and his Executive Assistant, Brenda Tombs, will be there at 5:30pm tonight for an hour.

Thanks,
Valerie

From: Anna Godefroy [mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 9:13 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Valerie, I just wanted to confirm that Minister Simpson is meeting us tonight at 5:30pm @312 Main Street for our binners meeting.

Thank you

Anna

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On Jul 4, 2018, at 5:36 PM, Anna Godefroy / Binners' Project <anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org> wrote:

Hi Valerie,

That's great news.

One last question: Is the Minister able to meet beforehand with me for a discussion too or only coming to the binners meeting? I was hoping to have a chance to give him some context and present the work we do and specifically our employment program. I can also meet afterward but it might be too late for the Minister. Please let me know what's possible - I understand the Minister has a very busy calendar. If he can only do 5:30-6:30/7pm we'll make it work!

Anna

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On Jul 4, 2018, at 16:38, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Sorry for not getting back to you right away. Minister Simpson is able to come at 5:30pm on July 24th to meet with the Binners.

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Anna Godefroy / Binners' Project [<mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 12:37 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Valerie,

Yes, that day works for us. Thank you for the follow up on this.

I was hoping the Minister would also join us for our weekly meeting with the binners starting at 5:30pm. Let me know if meeting a little later with him would make sense so that we can go together at the meeting. If not possible, then 2:30pm as you suggested sounds good.

Our office are now at 312 Main Street.

Regards,

Anna

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On Jun 27, 2018, at 00:59, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
<Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Minister Simpson is available the afternoon of Tuesday, July 24th for a meeting. Are you available at 2:30pm that day to meet?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Anna Godefroy [<mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:09 PM

To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Valerie, thank you for your reply. I look forward to hearing back from you about this!

Anna

On Fri, Jun 8, 2018 at 1:41 AM McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anna,

We have been looking into dates in July that the Minister is available and I'm afraid I don't have a time I can offer just yet. The Minister is committed to meeting and I will be following up shortly when I have a date that he is available.

Thank you,

Valerie

From: Anna Godefroy [<mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org>]

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 7:50 AM

To: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX

Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Casey,

I am following up on this – do you have a better sense of when Minister Simpson would be able to come meet us at Binners' Project in July?

I look forward to hearing back from you,

Anna

On Thu, May 17, 2018 at 1:48 AM Anna Godefroy
<anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org> wrote:

Hi Casey,

July is wide open for us so anytime will work. The earlier the better!

Thank you,

Anna

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On 16 May 2018, at 11:54, Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX
<Casey.VanWensem@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Thanks for your response. Unfortunately there isn't a lot of room in the Minister's schedule for a meeting in May as he will be finishing up the legislative session in Victoria. However, he should have some openings on Tuesdays in July. Are there any Tuesdays in particular that won't work for you? We're still sorting out the Minister's schedule for the summer, so Valerie McKnight (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca) or myself can touch base closer to July to confirm a date.

Thank you,

Casey van Wensem

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From: Anna Godefroy [<mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:24 PM

To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX

Cc: Van Wensem, Casey SDPR:EX; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on income assistance among Vancouver binners

Hi Brenda,

Thank you for your quick reply – I appreciate it. Unfortunately I am working remotely for most of the month of June so I won't

be available. Could we schedule a meeting on a Tuesday in July instead, or another day in May before the end of the month?

Thanks,

Anna

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On May 15, 2018, at 3:50 PM, Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
<Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Thanks very much for your email. The minister would be happy to meet with you on a Tuesday evening to discuss the Binner's project. At this point, he's only got June 5th available in the evening, as far as a Tuesday in June goes. I'm copying Casey here and he

can help nail that down with you. I hope that sounds good to you. Thanks again!

Brenda

Brenda Tombs

Executive Assistant

Honourable Shane Simpson

Minister of Social Development and Poverty
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From: Anna Godefroy
[mailto:anna.godefroy@binnersproject.org]
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2018 4:20 PM
To: Simpson.MLA, Shane
<Shane.Simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting request re: minimizing reliance on
income assistance among Vancouver binners

Dear Minister Simpson,

My name is Anna Godefroy, I am the Executive Director of Binners' Project and have had the pleasure of hosting you and Brenda at the Coffee Cup Revolution on Victory Square on a couple instances over the last few years.

Since we last met, our work has expanded considerably, especially with respect to supported employment efforts that are minimizing and

eliminating binners' reliance on social assistance. I'm writing today to request the opportunity to share an update with you on Binnners' Project's growth and this employment initiative, specifically.

Beyond these positive initial outcomes, we've been encouraged by the support of Shayne Ramsay (BC Housing), Hon. Don Davies (Member of Parliament), and Cllr. Andrea Reimer (City of Vancouver), all of whom encouraged meet with you to discuss the project in more detail and determine if/how the Ministry of Social Development and Innovation might be able to support this work.

As you know, Binnners' Project exists to build the capacity of people who collect bottles and cans for a living. We help them harness their knowledge of waste streams/recycling and work ethic to improve their economic opportunity. Traditionally, binners have been volunteers with Binnners' Project, pitching in to help with waste management contracts the project secures for buildings and events across town. In just three years, our membership and operations have matured considerably, and we are consistently attracting and delivering services to clients like Science World, Capilano Suspension Bridge, BC Housing, the PNE, Simon Fraser University's Innovation Centre, and several others.

To keep up with the demand, we have quietly launched an employment initiative.

Through it we're creating supported income generating opportunities for binners who are ready to commit to staff positions. We have already successfully transitioned one binner off income assistance, Davin Boutang, and expect that he will be the first of many.

Together, Davin and I work to deliver the initiative that now has 8 binners in part time employment. On a daily basis, our support staff works shoulder to shoulder with new binner staff supporting them as they take an active part in creation and implementation of our services and directly manage and support their peers. Together, our team ensures even members with considerable addiction, mental health, and/or mobility challenges have a shot at regular work with the program. As we grow their capacity, their responsibilities and income grow too, and we are there to support them as they reconcile that new income with their social assistance status. The assortment of employment and volunteer opportunities, combined with the administrative supports we have arranged for our members, offers a definitive pathway to financial independence for people who are ready to take that step.

The initial results have been gratifying. Davin has been off income assistance for 14 months and we have successfully employed 8 binners who have been with the project for 8-12 months. Of those newly retained staffers, 6 of them have passed their probationary period and are projected to be long-term employees and in a position to transition off welfare in 2019/20.

To that end, it would be our pleasure to host you in Vancouver on a Tuesday evening so that you can meet the team and attend our weekly binners meeting to see firsthand how the Waste System Expert Engagement Initiative works. Alternatively, Davin and I are available to travel to Victoria to brief you on the project at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. I hope to have the opportunity to brief you on this work soon.

Sincerely,

Anna

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McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX

From: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Sent: July 31, 2018 9:16 AM
To: 'Raj.Hundal@pics.bc.ca'
Subject: RE: Invitation to Shane Simpson to attend PICS Mega Job Fair - August 2nd at North Surrey Recreation Centre
Attachments: Invitation - Shane Simpson.docx

Dear Raj Hundal,

On behalf of the Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, I am following up on your invitation to attend the PICS Mega Job Fair on August 2, 2018. Unfortunately, the Minister is unable to attend and sends his regrets.

Thank you kindly for the invitation.

Best Regards,
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From: Raj Hundal [mailto:Raj.Hundal@pics.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Cc: Satbir Cheema
Subject: Invitation to Shane Simpson to attend PICS Mega Job Fair - August 2nd at North Surrey Recreation Centre

Dear Minister Shane Simpson,

Please find attached an official invite from Satbir Cheema, CEO of PICS to attend our PICS Mega Job Fair and Business Expo taking place at North Surrey Recreation Centre (**10275 City Pkwy, Surrey, BC V3T 4C3**) on **Thursday August 2nd**. We would appreciate your attendance and to be our Chief Guest for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Please confirm your attendance.

Thanks,

Raj Hundal
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