

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Saturday, December 1, 2018 5:52 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: RUSH -s.12,s.13

Yes to this if I didn't say so already.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-11-30 14:43 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: RUSH -s.12,s.13

From: MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 12:17 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: RUSH - s.12,s.13
Importance: High

From: Quigley, Shanna SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 10:23 AM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX; MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX
Subject: RUSH - s.12,s.13
Importance: High

Good morning,

Please find attached the s.12,s.13

Would we be able to have the Minister review and approve today?

Thank you,

Shanna Quigley

Secretariat for DMCSI and Senior Executive Assistant
To Deputy Minister David Galbraith
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
778-698-7600

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2018 8:36 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: Infante, James SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Minister's Message Accessibility Report

I think I said ok to this.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 28, 2018, at 11:37 AM, Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi MSS,

Minister's message for the beginning of the Accessibility Progress Update, for your approval. The premier's message has been approved.

Text for yours is:

Message from the Minister

This report is a chance to honour and celebrate the collective progress we've made in breaking down barriers for people with disabilities. It is also an opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to making B.C. truly accessible.

As part of our poverty reduction strategy consultation, this time last year we heard from thousands of British Columbians with disabilities about the challenges they face on a daily basis. People told us about the lasting impacts of social isolation, and inaccessible services and infrastructure, and as a ministry, we committed to making changes that would have lasting positive effects for people with disabilities

Over the coming months, we will be talking to people in the disability community, businesses, Indigenous groups and municipalities about what's next, as we start to shape a new vision for an accessible B.C. This will include moving forward with accessibility legislation that will further our goals to create a truly inclusive province.

Working together, I know we can build a better future for people with disabilities in B.C.

Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

<MM PM - Accessibility Report - DR5.docx>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 6:09 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: PLEASE NOTE Invitation: clean BC launch - Dec 5/Wed

Yes

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX" <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-03 16:16 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: PLEASE NOTE Invitation: clean BC launch - Dec 5/Wed

Hi Minister,

Would you like this as an FYI in your calendar?

Thank you,
Valerie

From: Giuliano, Angela [mailto:Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 2:20 PM
To: LP Administrative Coordinators; LP Support Staff
Cc: LP Executive Assistants; LP Ministerial Assistants; LP Senior Ministerial Assistants
Subject: PLEASE NOTE Invitation: clean BC launch - Dec 5/Wed
Importance: High

Hi,

Please see below and attached for your MINs attention. This is not a whipped event, however, please let me know if your Minister plans to attend. This invite was sent to private MLAs email and CAs – fyi.

Thank you!
Angela

From: Moran, Roseanne
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 1:08 PM
Subject: Invitation: clean BC launch

Please find attached an invitation to the launch of clean BC on Wednesday, December 5 at the Vancouver Public Library. Vancouver MLAs have already been invited, and all MLAs are welcome.

Event will run from 11:45 am until about 1 pm in the Alice McKay Room. There will be a diverse audience from many sectors and communities. The Premier will speak, as well as Minister Heyman and Andrew Weaver.

If you are planning to go, please let Angela Giuliano know as well as RSVP'ing to events@gov.bc.ca as requested on the invitation.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 8:21 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Tomorrow

I will be there having a coffee upstairs before 9:30 (not a lot before)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Baker, Tammy B SDPR:EX
Subject: Hi!

Hi Tammy

Welcome to the team. Will see you on Thursday I suspect. Great to have you with us.

Shane

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 8:39 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Voucher

Not sure i approved Nov voucher. If not i approve. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:33 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: receipts

Val please consider this approval to add my signature to the receipts. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 5, 2018, at 9:09 AM, Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Minister

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> I will need your approval for the cost of my hotel, which as you can see from below is over the current rules in Finance for hotel rates. Val has a form for you to sign when you're over tomorrow but you might also just be able to email approval.

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> Thanks,

> Leah

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

> From: FIN FSA MIN OFF, FIN FSA MIN OFF FIN:EX

> Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 8:05 AM

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

> Subject: RE: receipts

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> Hi Leah,

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> Double checked your valet parking is ok the secure parking by the hotel is more. But your hotel cost of \$224.00 is over the CSA amount of \$135.00 you will need the hotel signed off by the Minister.

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> Pat

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> Pat Laird

> Ministry of Finance

> Corporate Services Division

> Executive Financial Clerk

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

> From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX

> Sent: December 3, 2018 9:42 AM

> To: FIN FSA MIN OFF, FIN FSA MIN OFF FIN:EX

> Cc: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX; Infante, James SDPR:EX

> Subject: receipts

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> Please find receipts attached for expense claim E130190. I've separated the parking and removed the charges for the hotel upgrade and associated taxes, but please let me know if I made any calculation errors.
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> Also please note that valet parking was the only option at that hotel. There's no other access to their lot.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
> Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 9:37 AM
> To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
> Subject: Ferry receipt
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: visit UVic to see James the robot in action

Sure

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-06 10:29 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>, "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: visit UVic to see James the robot in action

Hi MSS,

An invitation to visit Nigel at the UVic lab and see the robot James in action. I'm thinking you'd like us to set this up?

Brenda

From: Nigel Livingston [mailto:njl@uvic.ca]
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:19 AM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX
Subject: To Brenda Tombs

Dear Brenda:

It was a pleasure meeting you and Minister Simpson on Monday.

Just to follow up on my conversation with the Minister, I would be delighted if you could visit my lab at UVic to see our technology first hand and discuss my team's vision for James's future deployment. Perhaps we could arrange a visit early in the New Year.

As I mentioned at the presentation, we are on schedule to deploy James at Aberdeen Hospital in late January. He will serve a long-term patient there. We believe that this deployment will be the first of its type anywhere in Canada.

We are confident that there are huge opportunities to deploy James in residential settings. For example, to bring medicine and water to the bedside in the home, or simply connect users to family and friends, or to accompany them when they venture outside.

We also believe that James could serve as a significant bridge to full accessibility, allowing persons with disabilities to access buildings (opening doors, operating elevators etc.) that are not designed or modified to be fully accessible.

Of course, we are very excited about the “James at UVic” project. Our vision is to see James at campuses and educational institutes across the province. The deployment at UVic will be the first such deployment at a university in the world.

We would love to engage your ministry and other ministries in our vision.

All the best,

Nigel

Nigel Livingston
Professor, University of Victoria
250 812 5585

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: Infante, James SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: For approval: News release

Good

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-10 10:46 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Infante, James SDPR:EX" <James.Infante@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For approval: News release

Here's the revised release. This is signed off by Craig, me, and Robb Gibbs – hope it's okay by you.

Your quotes for approval:

"Too many British Columbians — working, on a pension, suffering from illness — have been left behind for far too long, said Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Shane Simpson. "This level of homelessness should never have been allowed to take hold. The numbers we're seeing make us even more determined to make housing more available and affordable for all British Columbians."

AND

"This report is another reminder of why we have made it a priority to rebuild the social programs people rely on," added Simpson. "Many people living on the street are struggling with challenges that are intensified through their experience of being homeless. You can't live on the street and not be affected both mentally and physically by the constant struggle."

"In the coming months we will be looking to other levels of government and our community partners to help us deliver a wide range of supports, with a focus on early intervention services that will help prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place."

Leah Squance
Senior Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
c: 250-882-1445 w: 250-387-1428 e: leah.squance@gov.bc.ca

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:28 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Travel Voucher

This is fine

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 12, 2018, at 2:13 PM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

There is a new travel voucher on your iPad for approval.

Thanks

Val

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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<https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/>.*

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: interview contact info

Done

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-14 16:25 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: interview contact info

From: Brittany Gervais [mailto:brittany.gervais@terracestandard.com]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 4:15 PM
To: Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Quick question

250-638-7283 :)

Brittany Gervais
Reporter, Terrace Standard

Direct: 250 638 7283
Cell: 587 583 9377
brittany@terracestandard.com

On Dec 14, 2018, at 4:13 PM, Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

What's the best number for you to be reached at?

Kirsten Youngs | Communications Manager
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Government Communications and Public Engagement
T: (250) 356-0543 | C: (250) 858-0555

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Greeter story

Good story. Good initiative.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-18 10:46 (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>, "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Greeter story

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 18, 2018 at 10:25:16 AM PST
To: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>, "Infante, James SDPR:EX" <James.Infante@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Greeter story

Some of the stuff we are doing to try to change things around.

David Galbraith
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Social Development and
Poverty Reduction

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX" <Debi.Upton@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 18, 2018 at 11:21:23 AM GMT-7
To: "Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX" <Daryn.Martiniuk@gov.bc.ca>, "Randhawa, Inderjit K SDPR:EX" <Inderjit.Randhawa@gov.bc.ca>, "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Greeter story

Not long winded at all – this is such a great good news story and well worth the read. Copying the DM in.

From: Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX <Debi.Upton@gov.bc.ca>; Randhawa, Inderjit K SDPR:EX <Inderjit.Randhawa@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Greeter story

The story is a little long-winded... However, this piloted approach seems to result in the desired outcome.

This is an extension of Line-up Strategy that has our folks out in the line-up during cheque issue. The staff member is at a “general enquires” station with a Surface in the waiting room – it just goes to show you the impact a different perspective can have.

Thanks,

Daryn

From: Gault, Jeanette C SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 9:52 AM
To: Martiniuk, Daryn SDPR:EX <Daryn.Martiniuk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Grantham, Kim SDPR:EX <Kim.Grantham@gov.bc.ca>; Elsom, Val SDPR:EX <Val.Elsom@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Greeter story

Hi Daryn, as you know we are piloting a “reception” role at Vefra, mirroring some of our SBC partner sites. Kim and Val asked Christina to recount a couple of her experiences; great examples of service excellence.

J

Jeanette Gault
Director of Service Delivery
Local Office Services & Outreach
Service Delivery Division
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
(250) 588-9898

From: Logan, Christina SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Elsom, Val SDPR:EX
Subject: Greeter story

Hey Val,

Here is my write-up about that client 😊

On December 11, 2018 I was the Greeter in the lobby. While I was greeting clients I noticed there was a young man sitting in the

waiting room s.22
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s.22 . had I not been in the lobby the CSWs would not have seen this client's need as the counter blocks their view. It was so empowering to see a need and be able to act on it right away.

Additionally, I was at a union course yesterday and I met one of our community partners. During our conversation I told her the office I worked in and she started to praise how wonderful the greeter position has been for our clients. She has had clients come back to her repeatedly saying how very helpful it has been to have someone to connect with as soon as you come in. She works with a lot of our outreach clients and she also was very impressed with our new addition of having a CSW in the outreach area. She said this little

change will make an extremely huge difference to our clients that need a little additional support.

Christina Logan, EAW – Local Office Services Lync
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Victoria, BC | Phone 778-974-2280| Fax 1-855-771-8771



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Social Development
and Poverty Reduction

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Cc: Infante, James SDPR:EX; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Poverty Reduction - MNBC

Ok

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-21 9:11 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Infante, James SDPR:EX" <James.Infante@gov.bc.ca>, "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Poverty Reduction - MNBC

From: Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>; Infante, James SDPR:EX <James.Infante@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Poverty Reduction - MNBC
Importance: High

From: Lissa Smith <lsmith@mnbc.ca>
Sent: December 20, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>; Dawn.Hemingway@unbc.ca
Cc: Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>; McGaghey Jones, Stacey SDPR:EX <Stacey.McGagheyJones@gov.bc.ca>; Borowko, Whitney SDPR:EX <Whitney.Borowko@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Poverty Reduction - MNBC
Importance: High

Good Morning and Merry Christmas to you all. I am hoping this message can be passed on to Minister Simpson.

Last week in Ottawa the Metis National Council of which MNBC is a member held sessions on homelessness, housing and poverty reduction. As we move forward on our Self Governance with Canada we anticipate that the Province of BC will be invited to the table on many issues including the above listed. As we near the holidays it is my intent to set up a meeting with Minister Simpson in the new year and some of our key staff to begin further discussion. It is

very important for MNBC to be included in the poverty reduction strategy moving forward so we may look after the nearly 90,000 self-identified Metis people in BC.

Lissa Dawn Smith, BSW
Vice-President Metis Nation BC
Minister Responsible for Veterans, Justice and Metis Rights
cell: 250-213-5171

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Thank you and all the best in the New Year to you all, Lissa

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX
Cc: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: FNLG letters to go out

Will look at these today.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2018-12-27 12:56 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>, "Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX" <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FNLG letters to go out

Hi MSS. Attached are 13 letters to go out to Indigenous groups post FNLG meetings. Leah and I have looked through them all and we've both provided edits when necessary, which are incorporated into the attached letters.

Could you please take a look and let me know of any changes as soon as you can? I'd like to give the DMO the green light to send them out tomorrow if possible. Thanks!

Brenda