

From: [Dawn Hemingway](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Free Educational Sessions re Personal Planning
Date: September 3, 2019 11:00:11 AM

Hi Mable: Hope all's well with you these days. Given your interest in and support of the Personal Planning work undertaken by Nidus, I wanted to make you aware of some educational opportunities that you might want to share with others....Just in case you haven't already received it. There are a number of free sessions on a range of personal planning issues put on by the Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry during Personal Planning month – which is October. Information can be found at this link: http://www.nidus.ca/?page_id=9894. Thanks for passing it on as appropriate. Best Dawn

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From: [At Work News PSA:EX](#)
Subject: @Work Newsletter | September 4, 2019: Learn about IYIP, Work-Able and More
Date: September 4, 2019 11:02:26 AM

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@Work Newsletter | September 4, 2019: Learn about IYIP, Work-Able and More



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A Little Goes a Long Way



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Support your health and well-being at work with small, but powerful actions.

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A Grateful Goodbye



A Grateful Goodbye

It's time to say goodbye to the IYIP year 12 cohort as they head off to new adventures.

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Willing and Work-Able



Willing and Work-Able

Thank you to the 2018/19 interns for sharing their experience and insight!

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Everyone is a Risk Manager



Everyone is a Risk Manager

Whether you are aware of it or not, you manage risk every day.

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Take Note

- Get some [amazing deals on office and back-to-school supplies](#) as a BC Public Service employee.
- [Connect 2019](#) is sold out, but you can still get on a waitlist for tickets.

- Although this year's wildfire activity has been much lower than 2018, much of the province is still in High or Moderate fire risk. See [BC Wildfire](#) for more information.

Did You Know?

The PECSF team is offering training throughout September for anyone interested in coordinating or volunteering at events. Training is available through the Learning Centre and provides an overview of PECSF, as well as important information for volunteers and coordinators to know about gaming. To enroll, head to the [Learning System](#) and search for PECSF.

There's a new Chief Digital Officer in town

Jaimie Boyd joins the OCIO as BC's first Chief Digital Officer.

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Posted by: [Moore, Emily](#) CITZ:EX

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"Congratulations to all of you powerful, strong, compassionate, giving, dedicated and resilient warriors!

Thank-you for coming into BC Public Service and making it even better than when you found it. With your heart, knowledge and love that I know you have shared and given, is unlike any other and I know is extremely appreciated. You all went through a lot to get here and some went through a lot to stay, as a fellow alumni I understand that, I see you and I raise my hands up to you all.

Thank-you for your courage, your wisdom and your light. Gilak'asla (thank-you) beautiful ones!"

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Posted by: [Larkin, Rakiya](#) TRAN:EX

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From: [Lund, Rose SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Cc: [Gill, Ganeet LASS:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FOI Call for Records MSD-2019-95252 Due Sept 18
Date: September 5, 2019 11:27:03 AM
Attachments: [MSD-2019-95252 CFR.pdf](#)
[FOI Harms Assessment Info - Cheat Sheet.pdf](#)

Hi Mable,

I have an FOI for your government phone's text messages etc.

Thank you,

Rose Lund

Administrative Assistant to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Room 247, Parliament Buildings | Phone: (250) 419-8997

From: Green, Jessie M SDPR:EX
Sent: September 5, 2019 11:25 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>; Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX <Brenda.Tombs@gov.bc.ca>; Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca>; Lund, Rose SDPR:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>; MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX <Karen.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOI Call for Records MSD-2019-95252 Due Sept 18

Good morning,

Please see the attached Call for Records form for MSD-2019-95252.

Records of any and all text messages, BBMs, slack messages, WhatsApp messages, and/or other SMS/messaging applications sent from or received by the Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Reduction, in original conversation format.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2019 To 07/31/2019) Date Format: MM/DD/YYYY

- If you have **no records**: please '[reply all](#)' indicating so along with a brief description of why there are no records found on/or before **Sept 18, 2019**.
- If you **estimate** that search and retrieval of the records will take more than 3 hours and/or the total volume of records will exceed 200 pages: please fill in the **fee estimate portion** of the Call for Records form and '[reply all](#)' with it by: **Sept 18, 2019**.
- If you will be providing **records**: please review them and identify any harms* in the records and '[reply all](#)' with your records to the DMO by **Sept 18, 2019**.

* A clean copy of the records and a marked copy where HARMS have been identified according to

FOI's Exceptions to Disclosure Disclosure are required. Please ensure when identifying HARMS that any information to be redacted is highlighted and the corresponding section is noted. Please flag each page where exceptions are found. There is a document attached to assist with identifying harms.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please "reply all" to this email.

Thanks,

Jessie Green | Administrative Coordinator | Deputy Minister's Office, SDPR | 250-387-2325

From: [Rempel, Lindsay FIN:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Copy files for TB for M_Elmore
Date: September 9, 2019 2:35:28 PM

TB Material has now been uploaded for the September 11th Major Meeting and will be available upon syncing.

From: [Gill, Goneet](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: PSME's TELUS Bill
Date: September 10, 2019 3:28:52 PM
Attachments: [PSME June Telus bill.pdf](#)
[PSME-July Telus Bill.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Hi Mable,

Please sign the attached phone bills and get back to me as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Goneet Gill | Legislative Assistant | New Democrat BC Government Caucus
T: 250-953-4701 | goneet.gill@leg.bc.ca | www.bcndpcaucus.ca

From: Lund, Rose SDPR:EX [mailto:Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Gill, Goneet <Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PSME's TELUS Bill

Hello Goneet,

I have PSME's July Telus Bill to be signed.

Thank you,

Rose Lund
Administrative Assistant to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Room 247, Parliament Buildings | Phone: (250) 419-8997

From: Lund, Rose SDPR:EX
Sent: August 27, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Gill, Goneet LASS:EX <Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: PSME's TELUS Bill

Hi Goneet, just following up on this.

Thank you!

Rose

From: Lund, Rose SDPR:EX
Sent: August 12, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Gill, Goneet LASS:EX <Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: PSME's TELUS Bill

Hi Goneet,

Please find attached PSME's June TELUS bill to be signed.

Thanks so much!

Rose Lund
Administrative Assistant to the
Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Phone: (250) 419-8997 Fax: (250) 356-7292

From: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX on behalf of MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX
To: Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX
Subject: Canceled: PRE-BRIEF- PRAC
Start: September 18, 2019 4:30:00 PM
End: September 18, 2019 5:15:00 PM
Importance: High

From: [Catherine Ludgate](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Can we schedule a time to talk?
Date: September 13, 2019 4:28:17 PM

Just trying to phone each other is not working!
Do you have any time Tuesday or Wednesday?

Best wishes,

Catherine Ludgate (she/her/hers)
senior manager, economic inclusion
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Subject: Provincial Invitation - Ministry of Health - Vancouver - September 15, 2019
Date: September 13, 2019 4:57:31 PM
Attachments: Invitation - Ministry of Health - Sunday September 15.pdf

The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, invites you to attend an important announcement regarding primary care services in Vancouver.

Time: 11 a.m.

Date: Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

Location: 2970 Nanaimo Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Please RSVP to: healthRSVP@gov.bc.ca

From: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
To: "Catherine Ludgate"; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX
Subject: PRAC agenda
Date: September 16, 2019 5:13:54 PM
Attachments: 2. PRAC Agenda Sept 20 V1 (002).docx

We are getting closer to finalizing! Catherine, ^{s.13}
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Your feedback is welcome!

I will be sending out a proposed package tomorrow.

Alissa Brandt
Senior Ministerial Assistant to Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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From: Catherine Ludgate
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: PRAC agenda
Date: September 17, 2019 11:07:34 AM

Looks pretty good.

Is this section interactive:

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Annual Report Indicators

(Rob Bruce)

- What are indicators?

From: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Catherine Ludgate <Catherine_Ludgate@vancity.com>; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: PRAC agenda

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From: [Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX](#)
To: ["Catherine Ludgate"; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Cc: [Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX](#); [Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: PRAC Package
Date: September 17, 2019 4:15:19 PM
Attachments: [1. Table of Contents.docx](#)
[2. PRAC Agenda Sept 20 V1.docx](#)
[3. PRAC Record of Meeting May 24.docx](#)
[4. Revised - Status of Key Initiatives in TogetherBC V3 NO PREV STATUS.docx](#)
[6. PRAC Discussion Guide - Mobile Tool for Low Income Supports CLEAN.docx](#)
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[8. PT Poverty Approaches - Updated August 2019.docx](#)
[Newfoundland prs progress report.pdf](#)
[Nunavut - Minister's Poverty-Reduction-Annual-Report-2016-2017.pdf](#)
[Ontario - Poverty-Reduction-Strategy-Annual-Report-2017.pdf](#)
[Manitoba - poverty reduction annual report 17_18.pdf](#)
[New Brunswick - OPT2ProgressReport2014-2019.pdf](#)
[8. PT Poverty Approaches - Updated August 2019.docx](#)

Attached is most of what we are proposing to send out to PRAC members in advance of the meeting on Friday. A PowerPoint is being finalized and will be ready for review at the briefing tomorrow. And there might be a slight change to the agenda (very slight).

Alissa

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: September 17, 2019 09:43
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca>; Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: PRAC Package

Morning,

Please find the package for PRAC attached.

Leah

From: Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: PRAC Package

Full package here, minus GCPE Key Investments doc.

Attached materials for package:

1. Table of Contents
2. PRAC Agenda
3. May 24 Record of Meeting
4. Status of Key Initiatives

5. Investments in Affordability and Services (*NOT ATTACHED still being updated by GCPE*)
6. Backgrounder: Low Income Supports Tool
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8. FPT Jurisdictional Poverty Approaches Summary Table
9. PT Progress Reports (NB, NFL, NVT, ONT, MB) *Not to be included in packages, just several printed of each to circulate

From: [At Work News PSA:EX](#)
Subject: @Work: Learn About the Emerging Leader Vote and More | September 18, 2019
Date: September 18, 2019 12:58:13 PM

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Emerging Leader Vote

Win your way to the Premier's Awards ceremony in Victoria. Vote now!

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Region to Region Interior

Join your colleagues for Region to Region in Kamloops on October 3.

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Time for the Tour



Time for the Tour

Two of our own BC Public Service employees are participating in the 2019 Tour de Rock.

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Take Note

- Wear your [orange shirt](#) to work on Monday, September 30 in the spirit of reconciliation and hope.
- Have your say about the Province's [plan to reduce plastic pollution](#) before September 30.
- The application deadline for the fall [Pacific Leaders](#) intake is September 30.

Did You Know?

There are more than 926,000 British Columbians over the age of 15 with some form of disability. This represents nearly 25 per cent of the population. The B.C. government is asking British Columbians to help define future legislation that will make B.C. a more accessible and inclusive province. [Complete the online questionnaire](#) or see other ways of submitting your feedback by November 29.

Promising Practices

The Peer to Peer Program is one of many you'll learn about during this Learn at Work Week session on Thursday at 9 am. Pre-registration is required.

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Posted by: [XT:Bourns, Megumi JAG:EX](#)

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Posted by: [King, Lisa A PSSG:EX](#)

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From: [Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: PSME Speaking notes
Date: September 18, 2019 3:41:06 PM
Attachments: [PSME Speaking Notes.docx](#)

Here are the speaking notes for Friday.

Alissa

From: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX
Sent: September 18, 2019 15:32
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PSME Speaking notes

Attached. We'll see you in about an hour.

From: [Squance, Leah SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: PRAC Package Materials
Date: September 18, 2019 4:38:39 PM
Attachments: [1. Table of Contents V2.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[2. PRAC Agenda Sept 20 V2.docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
[3. PRAC Record of Meeting May 24.docx](#)
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[5. Investments in Affordability and Services UPDATED SEPT 2019 CLEAN.docx](#)
[ATT00005.htm](#)
[6. PRAC Discussion Guide - Mobile Tool for Low Income Supports CLEAN.docx](#)
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[ATT00007.htm](#)
[8. PT Poverty Approaches - Updated September 2019.docx](#)
[ATT00008.htm](#)
[9. MBM PRAC September 2019 v3.pptx](#)
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[ATT00010.htm](#)
[BC Laws - Poverty Reduction Strategy Act.pdf](#)
[ATT00011.htm](#)
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[ATT00013.htm](#)
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX" <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 18, 2019 at 1:55:22 PM PDT
To: "Kerr, Christie SDPR:EX" <Christie.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: PRAC Package Materials

Hi Christie,

Please find attached package materials for the Minister's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting on Friday. The materials included here will be in the Minister's and PSME's package.

The package materials for committee members include 1-9, but DO NOT include:

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- BC Laws – PRS Act
- MSS bullets
- MSS speaking notes
- PSME speaking notes

We will also be handing out hard copies of the following PT Poverty Progress reports (links here as these files are very large):

- Newfoundland [Second Progress Report 2014](#)
- New Brunswick [2019 Progress Report](#)
- Ontario [2017 Progress Report](#)
- Nunavut [2016/17 Annual Report on Poverty Reduction](#)
- Manitoba [2017/18 Progress Report](#)

Please note, item #5 may have additions before Friday. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these materials.

Thanks,
Jordan

Jordan Deppiesse

A/Manager, Poverty Reduction

Strategic Policy Initiatives Branch | Research, Innovation and Policy Division

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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Living and working on the territory of the Lekwungen and SENCOTEN speaking peoples, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

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[Moccia, Margaret SDPR:EX](#); [Gardiner, Brian](#); [Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX](#); [Squance, Leah SDPR:EX](#); [Tombs, Brenda SDPR:EX](#); [Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX](#); [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#); [Campbell, Debbie](#)
Subject: Minister's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Package Materials
Date: September 19, 2019 2:41:44 PM
Attachments: [PRAC Materials Linked.pdf](#)
[Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Bios.docx](#)

Hello All,

Please find attached a package for the second meeting of the Minister's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee. We will have physical packages for everyone, so there is no need to print what I have attached here.

The attached PDF has a linked Table of Contents, which allows you to select documents and jump to them within the document. We will be reviewing all of these tomorrow.
Also attached are committee biographies for your reference.

Several links are also provided below. These links are poverty reduction progress reports from various Canadian Jurisdictions. We will have a number of paper copies available at the meeting as well.

- Newfoundland [Second Progress Report 2014](#)
- New Brunswick [2019 Progress Report](#)
- Ontario [2017 Progress Report](#)
- Nunavut [2016/17 Annual Report on Poverty Reduction](#)
- Manitoba [2017/18 Progress Report](#)

Please note, tomorrow's meeting is **10:00 am – 3:00 pm in Room 2300 at SFU Segal Building, 500 Granville Street.**

If anyone has difficulty finding the room or address, please feel free to call Jordan at (250) 216-5382 for assistance.

Thanks,
Jordan

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Cc: [Moccia, Margaret SDPR:EX](#); [Tannas, Darren SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Additional Committee Meeting Materials
Date: September 19, 2019 2:42:11 PM
Attachments: [1. Table of Contents V2.docx](#)
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[BC Laws - Poverty Reduction Strategy Act.pdf](#)
[MSS Bullets Final.docx](#)
[MSS Speaking Notes - Final.docx](#)
[PSME Speaking Notes.docx](#)
[RSVP Tracking - Sept 20 Final.docx](#)

Hello All,

In addition to the email I just sent to committee members, please find several ministry-staff only documents including speaking notes, background documents, and an RSVP list.

Again, I have printed all of these materials and they will be included in your packages with the materials sent to PRAC.

Please let me know if there are any concerns. I will have access to all these documents tomorrow.

Thanks,
Jordan

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Subject: Re: Minister's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Package Materials
Date: September 20, 2019 9:34:47 AM

Please note that I will be late. I am double booked but will head over as soon as I'm able. Thank you.

Cheryl Casimer
Political Executive
First Nations Summit

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Okay!

Best wishes,
Catherine

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Cc: [Elmore, Mable](#)
Subject: SDPR Announcement (SDPR-93761)
Start: September 23, 2019 12:15:00 PM
End: September 23, 2019 12:45:00 PM
Attachments: [Fwd UBCM SDPR announcement .msg](#)

From: [Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: SN_UBCM_MC Elmore_23 Sept 2019_to_MO
Date: September 20, 2019 11:28:14 AM
Attachments: [SN_UBCM_MC Elmore_23 Sept 2019_to_MO.docx](#)

We will bring a hard copy with us to the event.

From: [Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: PSME - WorkBC Marpole Background and KMs
Date: September 24, 2019 3:55:00 PM
Attachments: [EP - Marpole Disability Event - Sept.25.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX" <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 24, 2019 at 15:53:06 PDT
To: "Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX" <Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: PSME - WorkBC Marpole Background and KMs

Hi Jayne -

This is for PSME to take with her to the Marpole Neighbourhood House DEM event tomorrow. She is not asked to speak, but we have provided some approved messaging for her in case she has the opportunity.

Thanks!

Cassandra

From: [Gill, Goneet](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Mable Elmore - Telus Bill for Signing
Date: September 24, 2019 4:16:54 PM
Attachments: [Elmore Telus Inv. 20190924.pdf](#)

Hi Mable,

Please see the attached phone bill.

Thank you,

Goneet Gill | Legislative Assistant | New Democrat BC Government Caucus
T: 250-953-4701 | goneet.gill@leg.bc.ca | www.bcndpcaucus.ca

From: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX [mailto:Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 4:11 PM
To: Gill, Goneet <Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Mable Elmore - Telus Bill for Signing

Hi Goneet,

Please see attached Mable's Telus bill for the month of September. If you could please get her to sign and return back to me, that would be great!

Thank you,

Taylor Hixson | Administrative Assistant
Honourable Shane Simpson | Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Room 247, Parliament Buildings | Phone: (250) 419-8810

From: Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca on behalf of [Elmore, Mable](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: Disability Employment Month Event – “Embrace Ability”
Start: September 25, 2019 1:30:00 PM
End: September 25, 2019 3:30:00 PM
Attachments: [EP - Marpole Disability Event - Sept.25.docx](#)

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Event Disability Employment Month Event – “Embrace Ability”

Location Marpole Neighbourhood Houses, 8585 Hudson Street

Proposed Date/Time September 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Provincial Rep MLA Mable Elmore

BACKGROUND

WorkBC Vancouver South has planned an informative workshop and networking event for disability service providers in South Vancouver. The goal of this event is to connect WorkBC and service providers to provide seamless access to services for the catchment’s residents with disabilities.

The following service providers will give a 10-minute talk about their services:

1. Centre for Abilities
2. Development Disabilities Association
3. The Kettle Friendship Society
4. CAP Aircraft Detailing: An owner and employer will speak about his organization’s experience hiring persons with disabilities

Attachment:

From: MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Gill, Goneet LASS:EX
Subject: MEETING: Prince George (TBC)
Start: September 25, 2019 3:00:00 PM
End: September 25, 2019 3:20:00 PM

From: Executive Update PSA:EX
Subject: Diversity and Inclusion Survey Results
Date: September 26, 2019 9:36:12 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



Diversity and Inclusion Survey Results

Earlier this year, you received an invitation to complete a survey seeking to better understand your experiences and perceptions about diversity in our workforce and inclusion in our workplaces. Almost 49% responded to the survey and today, we are [sharing its results](#).

While most respondents stated feeling respected and a sense of belonging, the likelihood that employees will have positive or negative experiences can vary across demographic groups. The survey results will assist us in identifying barriers and opportunities to address them.

A public service with a diverse talent pool and inclusive culture is better equipped to serve and support British Columbians. We remain committed to enhancing efforts to become more inclusive and diverse. The 2019 survey is one of the tools at our disposal to hear directly from you, assess where we are as an organization and help us chart the way forward.

We would like to thank everyone who completed the survey and we welcome your ongoing feedback on how to improve our workplaces.

Sincerely,
Okenge Yuma Morisho
Deputy Minister
BC Public Service Agency



Where ideas work

From: [Elmore.MLA, Mable](#)
To: [Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Building on the Together BC framework
Date: September 27, 2019 6:17:50 PM

FYI - K

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

From **s.22**

Sent: September 27, 2019 1:58 AM

To: SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Weaver.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; info@bcpovertyreduction.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, FIN I FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Building on the Together BC framework

Dear Minister Shane Simpson and Parliamentary Secretary Mable Elmore, (cc'd Premier John Horgan, Opposition Leader Andrew Wilkinson, Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, and Minister of Finance Carole James)

Congratulations on the launch of the first-ever poverty reduction plan for BC!

I am pleased to see that you recognize the importance of a comprehensive framework with cross-ministry responsibilities and investments, a foundation in reconciliation, a gender-based plus analysis (which includes tracking impact on low income people), and measures to reduce and prevent poverty. These are critical for a strong foundation to a poverty reduction plan. The Child Opportunity Benefit coming in Fall 2020, alongside a continued commitment to building a quality, affordable child care system in BC, will make a significant difference for children and families in poverty. Eliminating or limiting some of the cruellest elements of the income assistance system is also a welcome step to a more supportive system.

However, your report also identifies priorities named in the province-wide consultation process that are not yet met in TogetherBC including "better access to good food for families, enhanced investments in affordable transportation, and improved income security, including assistance rates." Recognizing the human rights of people living in the deepest poverty requires increasing income assistance rates far beyond the recent \$50/month announcement and linking them to the actual cost of living. Tied to this, BC should re-implement vacancy control to ensure those increases are going to the people you want to benefit.

Over the next 5 years, we also need more to address housing, child care, education, employment, health, transportation, access to justice and food security. This includes actions recommended by the #AllOnBoard campaign such as free transit for children and youth and a sliding scale transit pass for all based on income.

TogetherBC outlines many reasons to reduce poverty in B.C. "Because it's the right thing to do. Because we care about our neighbours. Because we care about the kind of world we want to leave behind for our children. And there are costs to inaction...costs that stretch across the system – from health care to policing to social services."

Please ensure that you build on the strong start tracked in TogetherBC and realize these principles in concrete action moving forward.

Thanks again for launching BC's poverty reduction strategy!

Sincerely,

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