

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST - Globe and Mail - Encampments

Looks good

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-30 7:17 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MEDIA REQUEST - Globe and Mail - Encampments

Looks like a good opportunity.

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 19:15
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX <Trish.Rorison@gov.bc.ca>; Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MEDIA REQUEST - Globe and Mail - Encampments

Alissa, here's the media request I mentioned. She's interested in doing a feature. We thought we could have Minister Simpson set the stage, and then also have her interview Shayne Ramsay and BC Housing advises that that they can also reach out to service providers who they think would be willing. It looks like MSS has time in his calendar Monday morning, so could try to set up an initial interview then. Let me know your thoughts.

Cheers,

Vivian

Reporter

Andrea Woo, Reporter
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau
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Request

From the reporter: "I'm writing in hopes of talking to someone at the Ministry about the possibility of a larger project on the Herculean task of moving some of our hardest to house people indoors."

Some background: I'm Vancouver-based and report primarily on mental health, substance use, poverty, etc. For the past five years, that has meant a big focus on the overdose crisis. This year, it's the overdose crisis and COVID-19.

Every day has been a torrent of information, numbers, announcements. What I would like to do is spend some time talking to the people who have been working to make this housing endeavour -- moving folks from Topaz Park, Pandora Ave. and Oppenheimer Park -- into hotels: What were those conversations like, about B.C. wanting to do this? Who pushed for it, and why? How do we execute it? What are the challenges? I would like the piece to focus on the humans involved: The government officials, peers, advocates, the homeless themselves. I'm sure there are activists who say this is overdue. Critics who say this is insane and should not be done at all.

If this is a possibility, I would of course be sure to protect the privacy of those involved. With past stories on the overdose crisis, for example, I have done many ridealongs with first responders and followed outreach teams as they talked to clients. No buildings would be identified. No individuals either, without their consent.

Can you let me know if there's someone I can talk to there about this?"

Recommendation

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: media response for your approval

Ok.

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From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-30 6:02 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: media response for your approval

Yes, as background for her story. No quote. I should have been more clear.

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 18:01
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: media response for your approval

So is the thinking that the commentary attached will be sent to Judith?

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-30 5:55 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: media response for your approval

Reporter

Judith Lavoie, Reporter
Focus Magazine
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Deadline Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:00 PM

Request

I am doing a story for Focus on the move into hotels and, unfortunately, it's a fast deadline and has to be completed today.

Are you the best contacts for housing or is there someone who deals specifically with BC Housing?

Some of the basic questions

How is the move going?

How many hotels are involved and how were hotel owners persuaded? Is it a bonus for hotel owners because of empty rooms or is there a lot of concern? Anecdotal stories already about air conditioners and TVs being taken from rooms and sold on the street - is that true? How is that being dealt with? Once the pandemic is over, what compensation will be offered to hotel owners? How much is this program likely to cost? Is there consultation with people in the neighbourhood of hotels, especially in view of what is happening around Topaz?

Advocates say that the pressing need will be for more mental health and addiction treatment on Vancouver Island. Is there a move in that direction? What is being done about providing permanent accommodation?

How unusual is it to move people into hotels? Has this been done in other communities? Are people being separated - addiction/no addiction etc. How many youths have been found in Pandora and Topaz?

360 rooms and 1,500 homeless. What happens to the others. What is being done about people camping in Beacon Hill Park and outside Rock Bay? What about the people who do not want to move inside - what will be done with them?

I realize some of these questions may be better answered by others and hope you can point me in the right direction.

Background for MO:

In terms of anecdotal stories about air conditioners and TVs being taken from rooms and sold on the street, this was occurring at Paul's Motor Inn. The Inn is currently being leased by the City and BC Housing hasn't been involved in the site up until this point. There were two evictions approximately two weeks ago in response to thefts in the Inn. The building has since settled down.

Recommendation – MAH to provide background

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Fenced out of unceded land: Land protectors, activists and residents occupy Main and Hastings

Will look for language that respectfully deals with this when we meet.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 30, 2020, at 4:24 PM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

From: Fiona York <fiona@carnegieaction.org>
Sent: April 30, 2020 16:00
Subject: Fenced out of unceded land: Land protectors, activists and residents occupy Main and Hastings

Fenced out of unceded land: Land protectors, activists and residents occupy Main and Hastings

Unceded territories, April 30, 2020 — On Tuesday evening, marking the end of a seven-day sacred fire in Oppenheimer Park, land protectors, activists and park residents responded to the lock-down of sections of the park by marching to Main and Hastings and occupying the intersection.

The northwest corner of the park was enclosed by city workers with a high metal fence topped with metal spikes on Tuesday afternoon. The fencing follows a Public Safety Order issued by Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth on April 25, stating that residents must evacuate the park by May 9 and prohibiting camping, residing or occupying the area.

The Order refers to “alternate living arrangements” secured specifically for park residents — 300 temporary rooms in hotels and other facilities. At last count prior to the Order, there were 230 tents and at least 300 people in the park. A further 900 homeless people live in the Downtown Eastside. A disproportionate number are Indigenous.

“This is divide and conquer and hurts First Nation people most. We need everyone housed in East Hastings,” says Geronimo, Eastside Warriors.

“The camp community at Oppenheimer Park is on unceded territories. Fencing it off is like they’re conquering us, like what is happening up North with the LNG project. The pandemic could affect our elders and hereditary chiefs, like any other seniors and elders, and our traditional culture. We’re asked to stand down as land protectors because of this pandemic, yet they continue the LNG project. It should be suspended till after this pandemic.”

“Fencing off the park is unacceptable. It needs to be respected and should be under First Nations jurisdiction, knowing the community and what the community needs. We need to move

on in a different positive direction in the Peoples' Park. All homeless should be housed; no fence around unceded territories and suspend LNG project."

Long considered a safe place and social justice zone, Oppenheimer Park has a long history for Indigenous people. "From time immemorial, this area was a gathering place for Aboriginal people, a place to hunt and gather and meet others. A memorial totem pole carved in 1997 pays tribute to people who have died unnecessarily in the area and to the courage and strength of those who have survived." — by Daphne Marlatt, with contributions by Savannah Walling

The Downtown Eastside is located on the unceded territory of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Demands:

- House the most vulnerable — not just the most visible. Follow the example of other cities by triaging and housing those with the highest risk factors (over 65 years old, those with underlying health conditions) amongst ALL homeless people — not just in Oppenheimer Park
- Don't "enforce" the Order by displacing and forcing out those for whom the rooms offered are inadequate or inaccessible
- Invest in the guidance and direction of peers and their allies to ensure the efficacy and appropriateness of the response
- Don't fence the park, suspend LNG — both further displace Indigenous people from unceded land. Return the park to displaced peoples
- Provide support for homeless people to "space out" through empty park and greenspace assets without risk of removal or persecution
- Ensure clear communication with those most impacted. Follow the new Protocol on Tent Encampments released today <https://www.make-the-shift.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-National-Protocol-for-Homeless-Encampments-in-Canada.pdf>
- Provide appropriate supports so that people can safely self-isolate in hotels; including meals, safe supply, storage, guest access, and post-pandemic transition to permanent housing
- Ensuring access to real safe supply. The opioid crisis remains the biggest health and safety threat in the Downtown Eastside

Media contacts:

Geronimo
Land defender
778-938-2448

Erica Grant
Community advocate
778-919-4612

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Fiona York

CCAP Coordinator and Administrator

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: URGENT FW: NEEDS ACTION ASAP - INTERVIEW REQUEST - MSR CHEK re: Homeless housing/Travelodge

Yes

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-30 11:43 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: URGENT FW: NEEDS ACTION ASAP - INTERVIEW REQUEST - MSR CHEK re: Homeless housing/Travelodge

Are you okay with this?

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 11:43
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: NEEDS ACTION ASAP - INTERVIEW REQUEST - MSR CHEK re: Homeless housing/Travelodge

Here's draft statement to be attributed to Minister Simpson for review. We could use the same for CFAX and CTV.

- I understand and appreciate the stress that the family is feeling. Our expectation is that no one will be without a place to stay.
- BC Housing staff are reaching out to the family today to help them find more suitable housing.
- Our focus is always to house those that need housing.

Information that was sent to the reporter yesterday

- We are grateful to the hotel operators who have stepped up to assist vulnerable people in these challenging times.
- BC Housing spoke to operators about our expectation that no one be displaced to accommodate new residents moving.
- Given this information, BC Housing will be reaching out to these individuals to support them, and will work with them to find them housing if needed. Our focus is always is to house those that need housing.

Reporter

April Lawrence, Reporter
CHEK TV - Victoria
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250-480-3700 c: 250-415-8168

Deadline ASAP

Request

I was wondering if Minister Robinson would be available for a Skype/video interview today about the homeless housing situation. Just how the transition is going and touch on what happened with tenant evictions at the Travelodge and how it's being addressed.

Background

Recommendation

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 29, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Response to MLA Chouhan

Looks fine

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

From: "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-29 3:54 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Response to MLA Chouhan

Hi Minister,
I know you have a lot on the go, but would appreciate if you could take a look at this draft response for MLA Chouhan.

Thanks!
Anne

Anne Vavrik
Executive Assistant to the Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 29, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Leave request for Minister Conroy Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Ok

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-29 12:14 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Leave request for Minister Conroy Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Hi Minister,

Minister Conroy is requesting leaving from SI on May 5th s.22
This is the second Minister that has requested leave on this date.

Thanks,
Rose

From: Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 29, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>; Reimer, Neil PREM:EX <Neil.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Leave request for Minister Conroy Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020
Importance: High

Hello there.

Minister Conroy is seeking leave from AOC on May 5th s.22

Please advise if leave is approved.

Thank you.

Sarah

From: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 3:32 PM

To: Baumann, Zita PREM:EX <Zita.Baumann@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>; Crowe, Cassidy LASS:EX <Cassidy.Crowe@leg.bc.ca>; Demelo, Paula IRR:EX <Paula.Demelo@gov.bc.ca>; Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>; Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>; Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX <Andrew.Douglas@gov.bc.ca>; Dunnett, Jennifer TAC:EX <Jennifer.Dunnett@gov.bc.ca>; Falkins, Paige LASS:EX <Paige.Falkins@leg.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>; Fullaway, Elijah HLTH:EX <Elijah.Fullaway@gov.bc.ca>; Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Grant, Lisa EDUC:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>; Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX <Sara.Hembree@gov.bc.ca>; Higgins, Keira PREM:EX <Keira.Higgins@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Hontiveros, Jenelyn LBR:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>; Iliffe, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Iliffe@gov.bc.ca>; Kang, Gurbrinder LASS:EX <Gurbrinder.Kang@leg.bc.ca>; Kerr, Christie SDPR:EX <Christie.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>; Larson, Lori MCF:EX <Lori.Larson@gov.bc.ca>; London, Kathy HLTH:EX <Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca>; Loubert, Danny PREM:EX <Danny.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>; Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>; Ma, Tiffany J FIN:EX <Tiffany.Ma@gov.bc.ca>; Marquis, Yvette MMHA:EX <Yvette.Marquis@gov.bc.ca>; Maygard, Trudy LASS:EX <Trudy.Maygard@leg.bc.ca>; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX <Kaitlin.Morton@gov.bc.ca>; Mulloy, Eleanor PREM:EX <Eleanor.Mulloy@gov.bc.ca>; Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>; Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>; Reid, Heidi FIN:EX <Heidi.Reid@gov.bc.ca>; Reid, Nicole MMHA:EX <Nicole.Reid@gov.bc.ca>; Reimer, Neil PREM:EX <Neil.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX <Connie.Roberts@gov.bc.ca>; Scambler, Teresa LASS:EX <Teresa.Scambler@leg.bc.ca>; Squires, Paul E PREM:EX <Paul.Squires@gov.bc.ca>; Szakacs, Kaylee LASS:EX <Kaylee.Szakacs@leg.bc.ca>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>; Wensink, Alison PREM:EX <Alison.Wensink@gov.bc.ca>; White, Christine MAH:EX <Christine.White@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Please confirm the attendance of your Minister/Official by responding to this email **ASAP**.

Also, please indicate **where** your Minister/Officials will be attending.

If requesting leave, please contact Rose Lund, and CC: Neil Reimer, and myself for the attendance survey.

SI

Tuesday, May 05, 2020

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

s.15 Teleconference

Thank you,

Dawn-Alena Brown

Cabinet Operations | Office of the Premier

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 28, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Covid-19 Response

Nice

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-28 4:29 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Response

Trying to catch up on some emails.

From: Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2020 16:25
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Covid-19 Response

Alissa please pass on these kind comments to Minister Simpson.

Ross Chilton
CEO

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www.communitylivingbc.ca

Information on COVID-19: CLBC has created webpages on our site with important information, resources and updates related to COVID-19. To find information for individuals and families, [click here](#). To find information for CLBC funded service providers, [click here](#).

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From: Linda Derkach [s.22](#)
Sent: April 20, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Covid-19 Response

Hi Ross -

On behalf of our FamilyNet board, I want to recognize and thank both you and Minister Simpson for your outstanding and sincere support for people with disabilities, and in particular folks served by community living.

You have invited feedback – and responded with effective and efficient solutions.

In particular, the concern of family members and friends has been significantly allayed by your advocacy around allowing family to provide support, communication assistance and comfort should their son or daughter need to be in hospital.

Your response to Covid-19 for people living in BC is a model for the rest of Canada.

With much appreciation,
Linda Derkach, President
BC FamilyNet

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 28, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Ok

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-27 3:48 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Hi Minister,

Minister Dix is requesting leave from SI on May 5th from 1:30-2:00pm due to a meeting with the Premier.
This is the first leave request for this date.

Thanks,
Rose

From: Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Reimer, Neil PREM:EX <Neil.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Attendance confirmation for SI meeting May 05, 2020

Hi rose,

Minister Dix will need leave from 1:30-2:00 he has a meeting with the Premier at 1;30-2:00 on May 5th .

Lucy



Lucy Hansen

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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

s.15 Teleconference

Thank you,

Dawn-Alena Brown

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 28, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: SI: May 5th

Probably teleconference

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-28 10:14 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SI: May 5th

Hi Minister,

On May 5th you have SI, would you prefer to participate via teleconference or **s.15** ?

Thanks,
Rose

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 28, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: SSSR: Media

Not bad.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-28 8:31 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: SSSR: Media

From: Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX <Jonathan.Dube@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 08:20
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Kovacs, Teresa SDPR:EX <Teresa.Kovacs@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SSSR: Media

If not already aware and/or something we could flag at the SSSR meeting:

You're almost certain to use social services in your lifetime

Times Colonist (Victoria)
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
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By Jody Paterson

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 27, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: URGENT sign off

Minutes are fine

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-27 5:08 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: URGENT sign off

Here are the full SI minutes along with speaking notes and ^{s.12}

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 27, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Proclamations for approval - accessibility week & neighbourhood house week

Go for it

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-27 2:53 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Proclamations for approval - accessibility week & neighbourhood house week

Neighbourhood house has an additional whereas about COVID. Other than that it is the same other than the second whereas has been extended slightly.

Accessibility week is largely the same They've combined the first two whereas into one and have reworded the last whereas slightly. There's no mention of COVID.

Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2020, at 2:11 PM, Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Are theythesameas lastyear?

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Proclamations for approval - accessibility week & neighbourhood house week

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Attached are two proclamation. One for accessibility week and one for neighbourhood houses week for your approval. Approval is needed soon in order to process these in time.

Jeff

Jeff Hannah | Ministerial Assistant

Honourable Shane Simpson

Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

250-812-5204

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From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 27, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Proclamations for approval - accessibility week & neighbourhood house week

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Sent: April 27, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Question re: minute on s.12 at today's meeting

Yup

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-27 1:15 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>, "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question re: minute on s.12 at today's meeting

Lets ask Neil to do one.

David Galbraith
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From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Question re: minute on s.12 at today's meeting

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From: "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
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To: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Question re: minute on s.12 at today's meeting

Hi Alissa. s.12; s.13
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Thanks.

Neil Reimer

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 24, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: SN_MSS_Vulnerable People Announcement_April 25 (002)

It is good.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-24 7:55 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SN_MSS_Vulnerable People Announcement_April 25 (002)

I have attached a version that shows where I made changes and a clean version that is... clean.

Let me know if you would like any other changes. I will send the other materials very shortly^{s.22}

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 24, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: quote for your approval - news release will be coming

Would be good to see the release this fits into.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-24 3:24 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: quote for your approval - news release will be coming

Quote approved by JIC

s.13

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DRAFT

Alissa Brandt
Senior Ministerial Assistant to Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Mobile phone: 250-896-4348
Desk phone: 236-478-1322

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 22, 2020 9:12 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Minister's Task Force : the list~

Impressive group. Let's talk to them

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-22 9:07 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Minister's Task Force : the list~

Let's talk about this group again tomorrow.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Catherine Ludgate <Catherine_Ludgate@vancity.com>
Date: April 22, 2020 at 20:28:44 PDT
To: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister's Task Force : the list~

Here's the list, Alissa. It is everyone!

312 Main
Aboriginal Front Door Society
Anhart Community Housing Society
Atira
BC Artscape Sun Wah Centre
BC Government and Service Employees' Union
BIA Gastown
BIA Hastings Crossing
BIA Strathcona
Binnars Project
Bladerunners
Buy Social Canada
CCAP
Ca Phe Vietnamese Coffee House
Canadian Union of Public Employees
Car Free Vancouver

Central City Foundation
Chinatown House
CleanStart
Climate Smart
Co-op Radio
Coast Mental Health
CoV
DEWC
DTES Hub
DTES NH
DTES SRO Collaborative
E. Fry
East Van Roasters/PHS Community Services Society
EcoTrust
Embers
Employ to Empower
Everybody Is In
Exchange Inner City
Firehall Arts Centre
First United Church Ministry Services Society
Four Directions Trading Post
Friendship Catering
Gallery Gachet
HAVE Cafe
Health Sciences Association Union
Heritage Vancouver
HiVE Vancouver Society
Hives For Humanity
Hua Foundation
Jacob's Well
Jacob's Well
Japanese Language Hall
JUMP Foundation
Just Work/Potters/Renos/Catering
Landscaping with Heart (Coast Mental Health)
Megaphone Magazine
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council
Mom 2 Mom
MP Maintenance
Open Door Group
OPS
Our Social Fabric
PACE Society
Peer Workers
Philanthropy Aide
Potluck
Quest Food Exchange (Outreach Society)
RainCity Housing & Support Services Society
Ray-Cam Co-operative Community Centre
Salvation Army Harbour Light
Save On Meats
Scott Shaw

Social Crust Cafe
SOLE Food Street Farms
SpencerCreo
Strathcona Community Policing Centre
SUCCESS
The Bloom Group
The Cleaning Solution
The Dug Out
The Wood Shop
Tourism Vancouver
Transitions Program
UBC Learning Exchange
UGM
Unite Here Local 40
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1518
United We Can
Urban Native Youth Association
Vancity
Vancouver Community Network
Vancouver Economic Commission
Vancouver Native Housing Society
Vancouver Women's Health Collective
VANDU
VEES (Vancouver Eastside Educational Enrichment Society)
Vivian Chan Wai
Watari
WePress Community Arts Space Society
Whole Way House
Wildebeest
WISH Drop-In Centre Society
Working Gear

From: Catherine Ludgate
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Minister's Task Force : request

Just on the call with this group, again (they meet M/W/F). 30+ participants including VDLC, Union Gospel, Central City Fdn, EMBERS, First United Church, Atira, WISH, Binnars, Megaphone... very broadly representative and today we are discussing indoor respite sites and taking responsibility for block by block sanitation. A thoughtful and dedicated group that is being creative and thoughtful and collaborative about community response.

From: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Catherine Ludgate <Catherine.Ludgate@vancity.com>
Subject: RE: Minister's Task Force : request

I'm checking, Catherine. Will get back to you.

From: Catherine Ludgate <Catherine_Ludgate@vancity.com>

Sent: April 21, 2020 16:16

To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Minister's Task Force : request

Alissa, looking for advice on how to get an audience with the Minister for Steven Johnston of the Community Impact Real Estate Society, who is chairing a fabulous collaboration of Downtown Eastside groups for meetings three times a week to talk about solutions in this pandemic.

The group includes funders, trade unions, BIAs, grassroots groups, housing providers, policy groups, etc, and Steven is doing a heroic job of listening to everyone's concerns and charting a forward course.

We think it would be helpful if Minister Simpson and his task force could hear from this on-the-ground collaboration before they make any announcements. How can I help make that so?

Best,
Catherine

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 21, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: SI leave for today's meeting

Yes to all

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-21 1:00 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: SI leave for today's meeting

See below re Minister Dix.

I will let Neil know that you will call the meeting to order and then he will do the roll call.

From: Reimer, Neil PREM:EX <Neil.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2020 12:59
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SI leave for today's meeting

Alissa, could you please pass along to MSS in case he's not yet aware that Minister Dix has leave for the first half hour, and will be leaving for the last half hour? I was not aware of this until today.

Also, since he and I can't communicate directly, I'm assuming that he will call the meeting to order, then ask me to do a roll call of members present as we discussed yesterday. Can you confirm with him?

Thanks.

Neil Reimer

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Leave Request - June 3rd, 2020

Ok

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-20 4:13 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Leave Request - June 3rd, 2020

Hi Minister,

This leave request for MLA Elmore is for SI on June 3rd. This is the first leave request for this date.

Thank you,
Rose

From: Crowe, Cassidy <Cassidy.Crowe@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Leave Request - June 3rd, 2020

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well and that you had a nice weekend.

I am writing on behalf of MLA Mable Elmore, to request leave from the Social Initiatives Committee meeting on Wednesday June 3rd, as a conflicting special committee meeting has come up that overlaps the majority of the time. As this is my first time requesting leave from a cabinet committee meeting, please let me know if there is any further information you require.

Thank you,

Cassidy Crowe | Legislative Assistant | New Democrat BC Government Caucus
P: 250.356.7574
cassidy.crowe@leg.bc.ca | www.bcnepcaucus.ca

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: Re: SI Leave Request

Ok

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 11:25 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

I apologize for the confusion as this was meant for SI. The wrong email was forwarded to me.

Minister Dix does needs leave from SI on April 21st from 1-1:30 and 3-3:30pm, for a meeting with PJH and to present at the COVID update.

Thank you,
Rose

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: PA meeting April 23, 2020 - call in details

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Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 8:33 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning,

Minister Dix is requesting leave from 3-4pm for April 23rd SI. This is the first leave request.

Thanks,
Rose

From: Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>; Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PA meeting April 23, 2020 - call in details

Minister Dix will have to request leave on April 23 from 3-4 he has be COVID 19 Press Conference at that time –

Lucy

<image001.png>

Lucy Hansen

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From: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>; Baumann, Zita PREM:EX <Zita.Baumann@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>; Crowe, Cassidy LASS:EX <Cassidy.Crowe@leg.bc.ca>; Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>; Ellis, Jaelin EMPR:EX <Jaelin.Ellis@gov.bc.ca>; Faust, Marnie L GCPE:EX <Marnie.Faust@gov.bc.ca>; Flesh, Cindy AEST:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Fullaway, Elijah HLTH:EX <Elijah.Fullaway@gov.bc.ca>; Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Hagglund, Jarrett PREM:EX <Jarrett.Hagglund@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>; Higgins, Keira PREM:EX <Keira.Higgins@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Iliffe, Liam GCPE:EX <Liam.Iliffe@gov.bc.ca>; Larson, Lori MCF:EX <Lori.Larson@gov.bc.ca>; London, Kathy HLTH:EX <Kathy.London@gov.bc.ca>; Loubert, Danny PREM:EX <Danny.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>; Maygard, Trudy LASS:EX <Trudy.Maygard@leg.bc.ca>; McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX <Jennifer.Michell@gov.bc.ca>; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX <Kaitlin.Morton@gov.bc.ca>; Mulloy, Eleanor PREM:EX <Eleanor.Mulloy@gov.bc.ca>; Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>; Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>; O'Connor, Lara FIN:EX <Lara.OConnor@gov.bc.ca>; Reid, Heidi FIN:EX <Heidi.Reid@gov.bc.ca>; Ringma, Shalegh FIN:EX <Shalegh.Ringma@gov.bc.ca>; Robb, Amanda EMPR:EX <Amanda.Robb@gov.bc.ca>; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX <Connie.Roberts@gov.bc.ca>; Scambler, Teresa LASS:EX <Teresa.Scambler@leg.bc.ca>; Szakacs, Kaylee LASS:EX

<Kaylee.Szakacs@leg.bc.ca>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>;
Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>; Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
<Alison.Wensink@gov.bc.ca>

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 20, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: Re: PA meeting April 23, 2020 - call in details

s.13

Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 8:33 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning,

Minister Dix is requesting leave from 3-4pm for April 23rd SI. This is the first leave request.

Thanks,
Rose

From: Hansen, Lucy HLTH:EX <Lucy.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 17, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>; Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brown, Dawn A PREM:EX <Dawn.A.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PA meeting April 23, 2020 - call in details

Minister Dix will have to request leave on April 23 from 3-4 he has be COVID 19 Press Conference at that time –

Lucy

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Lucy Hansen

Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Health &
Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
Direct: 778-974-6008
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 19, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: For Cabinet Deliberation

s.13

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 19, 2020, at 5:08 PM, Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Draft com plan. Not for sharing. Other parts to come.

David Galbraith
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Social Development and
Poverty Reduction

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Robb, Katie TRAN:EX" <Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 19, 2020 at 4:35:24 PM PDT
To: "Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX" <Lori.D.Halls@gov.bc.ca>, "Krishna, Kaye MAH:EX" <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>, "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Updated CP

Hi all,

Please see attached with updates after yesterday's call. Highlighted info is TBC based on this week's timing and workplan.

I welcome your feedback on the attached, don't hesitate to reach out directly to me or via your Comms Director.

Many thanks,

Katie Robb
Executive Lead | Joint Information Centre
COVID Provincial Co-Ordination Plan
M: 250.920.8371

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: for review - 204257 Simpson DRAFT

Looks good

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-16 2:51 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: for review - 204257 Simpson DRAFT

Invitation to folks re joining the Disability Working Group. It seems to capture what it needs to capture.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: SPARC BC Grants for COVID Supports

Ok

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-16 12:56 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: SPARC BC Grants for COVID Supports

We are going to do something (news release?) to indicate that SPARC has shifted the focus of their homelessness action grants to initiatives that deal with COVID-19.

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2020 12:51
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>; Kropp, Roxanne GCPE:EX <Roxanne.Kropp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: SPARC BC Grants for COVID Supports

FYI,

Re-allocated funding from SPARC to COVID projects:

OHEART Oceanside Homelessness Ecumenical Response Team
Parksville

Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: to activate a community-based response to address the urgent needs of the homeless in the reality of the COVID-19 emergency and to work together with local government and other partners to jointly develop a plan to ensure that the necessary services and supports are in place to fully meet the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless including a 24 hour shelter, second stage housing and addiction/recovery spaces.

Zero Ceiling Society of Canada
Whistler, BC

Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: to develop strategies for youth who are at risk of homelessness due to lay-offs and staff housing closures arising from the COVID-19 crisis. This funding will enable Zero Ceiling Society to develop a new scattered site model with supports for youth who have lost their employment and their housing due to COVID-19. The goal will be to build partnerships and take action to provide on-going stability in terms of housing and other health needs and supports for 'at risk' youth to allow them to remain in their community and to be in a position to re-enter the labour market as events evolve. This funding is also intended to help to build a wider understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on populations at high risk of losing their housing including youth and those in the service, recreation and hospitality industries, as well as to help inform what types of strategies are optimal in the face of an unprecedented crisis which impacts employment, health and housing.

BC Non-Profit Housing Association

Provincial

Amount: \$50,000

Purpose: to develop an on-line platform to 'match' housing providers who have identified serious staffing needs in the face of COVID-19 with individuals from across different sectors who may have lost employment because of COVID-19 and who wish to help vulnerable and precariously housed populations. A number of measures and indicators will be developed and reported on including the number of submissions made by potential employees and employers, matches made, location, types of jobs secured and duration. There will also be follow-up with and feedback from those who are linked together through this initiative to help determine the success and challenges that occurs which will assist in further adapting and refining the delivery of this service.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: variety of decision letters from TB

s.13

Let's confirm that with David/Jonathan. Thanks.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: s.15 <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2020 11:13
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Scan From <Device Name>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: iPad Upload/Phone Issues

Fixed!

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 16, 2020, at 9:27 AM, Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

No problem! I have informed them.

Thank you,

Taylor

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: iPad Upload/Phone Issues

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Sent from my iPad

On Apr 16, 2020, at 8:51 AM, Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 16, 2020 1:49 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW 204140 Simpson FINAL

Looks good.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 3:04 PM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Letter to go to financial institutions. I will also share with my counterpart in Finance. Would like to get this out as soon as possible.
<204140 Simpson FINAL.docx>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 15, 2020 10:29 PM
To: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: iPad Upload - April 15, 2020

Hi Taylor,

Give me a call after 10 tomorrow. More phone adventures. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 3:13 PM, Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

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Thank you,

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<Proposal - Supporting Vulnerably Housed Populations V13 Clean.docx>

<Encampment Plan COVID V15 Clean.docx>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 15, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Backpack Buddies Emergency Funding request

Forward on to MCFD, education and health through the ministers' offices.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 11:52 AM, Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,
Here is the email that came up on your call with MLA Isaacs. The CU suggested direction is what's written in red: redirecting to MCFD or Health. Thoughts?

Thanks,
Anne

Anne Vavrik, EA
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Cell: 250-883-0384

From: Joanne Griffiths <joanne@backpackbuddies.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane LASS:EX <Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Isaacs.MLA, Joan LASS:EX <Joan.Isaacs.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Davies.MLA, Dan LASS:EX <Dan.Davies.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Backpack Buddies Emergency Funding request

LM: redirect to HLTH re food security or MCFD re children; please check with these ministries to see which would be most appropriate before redirecting; Note: nothing in CLIFF from s.22 [who is mentioned in incoming]

Good morning Minister Simpson
Please find a proposal attached requesting Emergency Funding for our Backpack Buddies program.
Thank you so much for your consideration.
Warm regards
Joanne

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Joanne Griffiths | Executive Director & Co-Founder

| **mobile:** (604) 807-0347

| **site:** www.backpackbuddies.ca



Backpack Buddies acknowledges with gratitude that our work takes place on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

<Province of BC Proposal - Backpack Buddies April 2020 - Hon. Shane Simpson^J MLA.pdf>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 15, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

All good

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 11:50 AM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

David just wants to confirm that you are okay with [s.13](#)
[s.13](#)

From: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 15, 2020 10:31
To: Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>; Schmidt, Randy CLBC:EX <Randy.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Thanks Ross. I've cc'ed Sam and Alissa about [s.13](#)

I think it's a good idea.

Alissa can you check with MSS if he's comfortable about [s.13](#)
[s.13](#) thanks.

David Galbraith
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Social Development and
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From: Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 15, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Schmidt, Randy CLBC:EX <Randy.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca>; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Hi Randy and David. It had made its way across my desk late last week. In part they are still wanting the Minister to announce a disability COVID-19 working group.

I won't be on the call tomorrow as we are interviewing for our VP position but will join when I can.

Ross Chilton
CEO

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From: Schmidt, Randy CLBC:EX <Randy.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 15, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Ross...not sure if you saw that FSI, PLAN, VELA have apologized to Minister...see below and attached. rs

From: Hall, Patricia CLBC:EX <Patricia.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Schmidt, Randy CLBC:EX <Randy.Schmidt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Hi Randy,

Just FYI, s.22 sent the attached letter to the Minister to retract their previous letter (2nd attachment) in light of the positive steps/announcements the Minister has made to

support people during COVID. So this seems like a positive step in the right direction with these stakeholder groups.

Thanks,
Pat

From: Milne, Karen SDPR:EX <Karen.Milne@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 12:03 PM
To: SDPR Executive Correspondence Services SDPR:EX <SDSI.ExecutiveCorrespondenceServices@gov.bc.ca>; Hall, Patricia CLBC:EX <Patricia.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Visco, Greg SDPR:EX <Greg.Visco@gov.bc.ca>; Maw, Laura SDPR:EX <Laura.Maw@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Please ensure that that MO has both of these so they are aware of the second incoming retracting the first. We can then close the log. Thank you

Karen Milne (formerly MacMillan)
Director, Executive Operations
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Social Development and
Poverty Reduction
778-698-7601

From: SDPR Executive Correspondence Services SDPR:EX <SDSI.ExecutiveCorrespondenceServices@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Milne, Karen SDPR:EX <Karen.Milne@gov.bc.ca>; Hall, Patricia CLBC:EX <Patricia.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Visco, Greg SDPR:EX <Greg.Visco@gov.bc.ca>; Maw, Laura SDPR:EX <Laura.Maw@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CLIFF 203744 - To Cancel Response?

Hi Karen,

Regarding CLIFF 203744 [s.22](#), the Minister received a second incoming on April 9th. The leftmost attachment is an apology for their first incoming (rightmost attachment), and a thank-you to Minister Simpson for all he's done to assist PWDs during COVID-19.

Given this information, can we close the log with the attached incoming and cancel the Minister's response?

Thanks,

Brianna

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 15, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: Declaration Rel Party Disclosures.pdf

Answer to all questions is no.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This is required back to DMO by April 30th. If you are unable to print/sign/scan, we can get Taylor to help out.

<Declaration Rel Party Disclosures.pdf>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Krishna, Kaye MAH:EX
Subject: Re: Paper

Thanks. Talk tomorrow.

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 14, 2020, at 11:06 PM, Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Minister and Alissa,
> Kaye is doing some last tweaks. I've asked her to send it directly to you two [s.22](#)
>
> Talk to you in the am.
>
> Thanks Kaye.
>
> David Galbraith
> Deputy Minister
> Ministry of Social Development and
> Poverty Reduction

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: DTES cases - ?update

Good looking document

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-14 6:27 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: DTES cases - ?update

I haven't looked at this yet.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX" <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 14, 2020 at 17:19:14 PDT
To: "Krishna, Kaye MAH:EX" <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>, "Steves, Gregory OHCS:EX" <Gregory.Steves@gov.bc.ca>, "Hope, Melanie SDPR:EX" <Melanie.Hope@gov.bc.ca>, "Kelly, Avery OHCS:EX" <Avery.Kelly@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: DTES cases - ?update

FYI.

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From: Behn Smith, Daniele HLTH:EX <Daniele.BehnSmith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: DTES cases - ?update

Hi David,

As you can see below I followed up with Dr. Daly to confirm the status of positive cases in the DTES, and she does confirm a few cases, but no outbreaks.

Miranda Compton also shared the attached bulletin which provides a great snapshot of what's happening.

Please feel free to share with Minister Simpson; I wanted to make sure you have the most up to date info.

Thanks!
Daniele

From: Daly, Patty [VCH] <Patricia.Daly@vch.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Behn Smith, Daniele HLTH:EX <Daniele.BehnSmith@gov.bc.ca>; Compton, Miranda [VCH] <Miranda.Compton@vch.ca>
Cc: XT:Hayden, Althea HLTH:IN <althea.hayden@vch.ca>
Subject: RE: DTES cases - ?update

Hi Daniele – yes, we would be happy to speak with them. Miranda is also finalizing a document that outlines our approach to the DTES that we can share.

You are correct, no outbreaks in the DTES. Only a very small number of cases identified to date. That has not changed, and there is currently no one in the hotel we established for recovery of community cases.

Also we did an inspection at Oppenheimer Park, where there is a long standing group of people living in tents as you may know, and we will inspect all the shelters in the DTES again this week, including the new shelters, so that we can report back to the City and other partners and make further recommendations for the neighbourhood. We also have regular calls with the social housing providers to update them and answer questions, with the most recent call this afternoon.

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Vancouver Coastal Health
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Vancouver, BC V5Z 4C2
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E-mail: Erika.Bell@vch.ca

From: Behn Smith, Daniele HLTH:EX [<mailto:Daniele.BehnSmith@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Compton, Miranda [VCH]; Daly, Patty [VCH]
Subject: DTES cases - ?update

Hi Patty and Miranda,

I hope you both had a good weekend and were able to get a bit of downtime.

I was on a call with Minister Shane Simpson on the weekend regarding Don Wright's direction to MSDPR to lead a provincial action plan for homeless/street entrenched populations. The work is in development, but not yet finalized.

The topic of the DTES came up and I referenced your work and I believe they will reach out to you, if they haven't already, to seek feedback/guidance.

I described the proactive surveillance you initiated some weeks ago, and that you hadn't been finding many cases of COVID-19 as per your updates at PH measures last week.

I heard from Mark on the PH measures call last night that there may be a few more cases ... I just want to confirm the situation so I can make sure that I've communicated the right info to the Minister of SDPR.

Thanks for letting me know how it's going so I can make sure I'm aligning my messaging with what you're actually seeing/doing on the front lines!

Take care,
Daniele

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Logistics for Biweekly Disability/COVID19 Calls

Good idea to identify a rural person or two.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-14 4:35 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Logistics for Biweekly Disability/COVID19 Calls

Anyone else you want to add to the Disability Working Group? One reminder from the April 9th meeting: Brad McCannell from the RHF had mentioned engaging folks outside of the larger urban centres.

Alissa

From: Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 16:33
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Logistics for Biweekly Disability/COVID19 Calls

Here's the current list (3 new orgs at the bottom):

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
Neil	Belanger	Executive Director	BCANDS - Organization invited CLBC service provider call, Social Sector Services Roundtable or Reimagining Community Inclusion.
Doramy	Ehling	CEO	Rick Hansen Foundation
Gudrun	Langolf	President	Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC
Justina	Loh	Executive Director	DABC
Chris	McBride	Executive Director	B.C. Spinal Cord Injury

Jonathan	Morris	CEO	CMHA – BC
Rob	Sleath	Chair	Barrier Free B.C.
Forrest	Smith	President	GVAD
Lois	Turner	Program Manager	CAYA
Karla	Verschoor	Executive Director	Inclusion BC - Organization invited CLBC service provider call, Social Sector Services Roundtable or Reimagining Community Inclusion.
Albert	Ruel		Canadian Council for the Blind
Vrionis	Tania		MS Society
Sutton	Christopher		Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility

From: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 14, 2020 2:32 PM

To: Jensen, Dana SDPR:EX <Dana.Jensen@gov.bc.ca>; Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX <Debi.Upton@gov.bc.ca>; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX <Jonathan.Dube@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>; Spinoza, Krissi SDPR:EX <Krissi.Spinoza@gov.bc.ca>; Chilton, Ross CLBC:EX <Ross.Chilton@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Logistics for Biweekly Disability/COVID19 Calls

Have we beefed up the list of attendees?

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: could we have a brief conversation?

Sure let's talk

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-14 11:27 a.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: could we have a brief conversation?

Molly and David have requested a briefing with you on this.

From: Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: could we have a brief conversation?

From: Green, David <david.green@ubc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: kesselman@sfu.ca; lindsay.tedds1@ucalgary.ca; Daniel Perrin <dan.perrin@perrinthorau.ca>
Subject: could we have a brief conversation?

Hello Molly,

I know you are probably run off your feet but we would like between 15 minutes and half an hour of your time if possible.

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We could use with some guidance from you on how to think about this.
Take care,
David

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: SI agenda timing

Thanks. Not sure where I will do this from.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 14, 2020, at 11:00 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister

April 21st, 1:30-3:30PM

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From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: SI agenda timing

When is this meeting?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 14, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Make sense re timing of the meeting (see **below**)?

Also – will you be calling in as chair, or will you be at VCO?

Alissa

From: Reimer, Neil PREM:EX <Neil.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2020 10:29
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SI agenda timing

Hi again. With the withdrawal of the^{s.12} from next week's SI meeting, it's highly unlikely we'll need the full two hours. I suggest cutting back by half an hour and have the meeting run from 1:30 to 3:00 instead of 3:30. Can you confirm MSS is fine with this? I'd like to send out materials, including agenda, later today. Thanks.

Neil Reimer

Executive Director | Cabinet Operations

Office of the Premier

Ph. 778-974-3695

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 14, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: Re: SI agenda timing

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Sent: April 14, 2020 10:29
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 9, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Geoff Meggs

Thanks all good

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-09 3:21 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Geoff Meggs

Hello,

PO has moved your call on Saturday to 11:45 and you another meeting on Saturday scheduled directly after with Dr. Behn Smith.

This is in your calendar, I wanted to give you the heads up as it is on the weekend!

Thanks,
Rose

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Geoff Meggs

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 9, 2020, at 10:19 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes the PO sent me confirmation that the Saturday call is needed.

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2020 10:09 AM

To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Geoff Meggs

Hi Rose. Is this new in last few minutes? I spoke to him 20 or so minutes ago. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 9, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

FYI—Geoff Meggs will call your cell at 10:00am on Saturday.

Thanks,
Rose

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 8, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Call/ Geoff Meggs-Saturday April 11th

Yup

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-08 4:06 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call/ Geoff Meggs-Saturday April 11th

Hi Minister,

Geoff Meggs is looking to check in with all Ministers this Saturday between 8am-12:00pm for 15 minutes. Once I confirm if you are available I will receive a move exact time.

Are you available this Saturday for a 15 min call with Geoff Meggs?

Thank you,
Rose

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 8, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: COVID19 Disability Agenda - DRAFT - April 2020.docx

I will do this. s.13

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 8, 2020, at 12:09 PM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Alissa

From: Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 09:47
To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: COVID19 Disability Agenda - DRAFT - April 2020.docx

Thanks David – Alissa, this is the call with the ALCAC disability orgs we discussed with MSS yesterday. Proposed agenda attached.

Let me know if MSS would like to join and be on agenda for sdpr updates and closing remarks

From: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: COVID19 Disability Agenda - DRAFT - April 2020.docx

I'm happy to assuming MSS isn't going to be on the call, did we check to see if he wanted to?

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From: Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 8, 2020 7:27 AM

To: Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: COVID19 Disability Agenda - DRAFT - April 2020.docx

Please find attached annotated draft agenda for call with disability orgs tomorrow.

Notes:

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<COVID19 Disability Agenda - DRAFT - April 2020.docx>

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 7, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: daily update documents

Sounds good

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-07 5:00 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: daily update documents

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Alissa Brandt
Senior Ministerial Assistant to Honourable Shane Simpson,
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Mobile phone: 250-896-4348
Desk phone: 236-478-1322

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 7, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Public inbox auto-reply draft

Looks good to me. Run by Alissa and Jeff for their take. Thanks.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-07 3:44 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Public inbox auto-reply draft

Hi Minister,

The correspondence shop has had a major increase in income emails. They are mostly calling clients back as it's easier to discuss the details of payment and service that way rather than emailing back and forth. Since it takes awhile to work through the queue, they were hoping to add an auto-response to emails. This is the draft. What do you think?

Thank you for taking the time to write to my office. I appreciate hearing feedback and suggestions from British Columbians about the supports and services offered by the ministry, as well as poverty reduction. As I'm sure you can appreciate, due to the high volume of correspondence regarding the COVID-19 pandemic at this time, it is not always possible to respond to every email; however, please be assured that we are listening, and we do read every email that comes into my office.

Your patience is greatly appreciated as we try to navigate how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected almost every aspect of our daily lives. I want to acknowledge how stressful this situation is and want to assure you that our government is doing everything it can to support British Columbians during this time.

Thank you to everyone who is practicing physical distancing, self-isolating, or supporting their families and neighbours—we will get through this together.

If you are a provincial income or disability assistance recipient or applicant in need of ministry support, I encourage you to call the ministry's toll-free phone line at **1-866-866-0800**, or contact the ministry online using the **My Self Serve** system at <https://www.myselfserve.gov.bc.ca/>.

If you are writing about COVID-19, please refer to the information and reference tools below:

- If you or a family member believes they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, please use the **BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool** at <https://covid19.thrive.health/>. If the tool advises you are demonstrating relevant symptoms, please call **811** to speak with a health care professional.
- For **answers to common questions about COVID-19**, please consult HealthLinkBC's website at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19> and the BC Centre for Disease Control's website at <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>.
- For **non-medical information about the virus**, including the latest information on travel recommendations and physical distancing, as well as access to support and services from the provincial and federal governments, please call the toll-free phone line (open 7:30 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week) at 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319).

If you require immediate medical assistance, please refer to the available contacts listed below:

- If there is a medical emergency, please dial **911** from any phone.
- If you are in emotional distress or require immediate mental health support, please call the **Crisis Line**, available 24/7, at 310-6789 or toll-free at 1-800-784-2433 to receive an immediate response.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Anne Vavrik
Executive Assistant to the Honourable Shane Simpson
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Cell: 250-883-0384
Email: anne.vavrik@gov.bc.ca

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 7, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: Re: 3pm: eOICs: 1 OIC for signature

Done. Check to make sure it worked. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 7, 2020, at 9:27 AM, Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

There is an OIC on your iPad that needs to be signed by 3:00pm today.

Thank you,
Rose

From: Dubuc, Michelle PREM:EX <Michelle.Dubuc@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>; Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: eOICs: 1 OIC for signature
Importance: High

Good morning – I have just posted 1 OIC to your Minister's iPad for signature. Please let me know ASAP if you anticipate any issues with signing by **3pm today**.

Many thanks in advance,

Michelle Dubuc
OIC Coordinator | Cabinet Operations
New number: 778 974 5080

From: Dubuc, Michelle PREM:EX
Sent: April 3, 2020 9:11 AM
To: Detlefsen, Kirsten SDPR:EX <Kirsten.Detlefsen@gov.bc.ca>; Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>; Hontiveros, Jenelyn LBR:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>; MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>; Scott, Samantha LBR:EX <Samantha.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Olson, Lianna FIN:EX <Lianna.Olson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: eOICs: Duty Minister and Back-Up - Apr 6 to Apr 12

Good morning,

This is a friendly reminder that Minister Simpson is scheduled as Primary Minister on duty for e-OIC signing from Apr 6 to 12, and Minister Bains as back-up. In addition to myself, you may also receive requests for signing from Lianna Olson for CABRO orders.

There will likely be a few orders over the course of the week. Please let me know if there are any days or times your Minister won't be available for signing.

As always, PREM Tech is on standby to assist with iPad signing, and can be reached at 250-953-5151 or by email: Prem.tech@gov.bc.ca.

Many thanks,

Michelle Dubuc
OIC Coordinator | Cabinet Operations
New number: 778 974 5080

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 6, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: April 6 - Actions on COVID-19 Tracking document

Both if it makes sense. Cas might be able to use this.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-06 5:05 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
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Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: April 6 - Actions on COVID-19 Tracking document

I will inquire... Are you thinking MLAs? Stakeholders? We could probably do a weekly round-up or something.

Alissa

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 6, 2020 17:01
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: April 6 - Actions on COVID-19 Tracking document

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Sent: April 6, 2020 16:52
To: SDPR Executive Committee <HREXEC@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: April 6 - Actions on COVID-19 Tracking document

Please find today's document attached. New items in red.

Thanks,
Leah

Leah Squance (she/hers)
A/ Executive Director
Strategic Policy Initiatives | Research, Innovation & Policy Division
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

VICTORIA, BC | office: 778-974-6096 | cell: 250-882-1445
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
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Sent: April 6, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: UPDATED: FAQ and FS - MLA

They look fine. Thanks.

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From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-06 4:04 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: UPDATED: FAQ and FS - MLA

Not sure if you want to take one last look?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX" <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 6, 2020 at 16:01:49 PDT
To: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX" <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>, "Kropp, Roxanne GCPE:EX" <Roxanne.Kropp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: UPDATED: FAQ and FS - MLA

Clean copies with your edits included.
Thanks Alissa!
Cassandra

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 6, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: Re: FS & FAQ - emergency measures

Two things^{s.13} . Saw one comment on social media asking if the \$300 was a replacement/consolidation of all supplements. Be clear that we don't want people to come to the office but do come if that is your only way to connect.

Otherwise I like that it is simple not too wordy. Anything you see missing?

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2020, at 3:24 PM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Have not reviewed yet. Will do so now.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX" <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 15:22:16 PDT
To: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX" <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>, "Kropp, Roxanne GCPE:EX" <Roxanne.Kropp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FS & FAQ - emergency measures

Now all signed off. Apologies for the delay. Moved some of the comments that were in the FS into a FAQ, since they seemed to fit better there.

Cheers,

Vivian Thomas
Communications Director
Ministry of Social Development
and Poverty Reduction
Tel: 778 974-5809 cell: 250 213-2972
Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca

<FAQ_Emergency Measures_3 April 2020 DRAFT 8.docx>
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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 3, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Lund, Rose FIN:EX
Subject: RE: *FOR CALENDARS* Caucus Call w/Minister Robinson - April 6

Thanks buddy. Appreciate your support!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Lund, Rose FIN:EX" <Rose.Lund@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-03 4:23 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: *FOR CALENDARS* Caucus Call w/Minister Robinson - April 6

Hi Minter,

I am very excited to be providing support to your office.
The below Caucus call is in your calendar. This call is not whipped.

Thank you.
Rose

From: Szakacs, Kaylee <Kaylee.Szakacs@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: April 3, 2020 4:10 PM
To: NDP Legislative Assistants <NDPLegislativeAssistants@leg.bc.ca>; LP Administrative Coordinators <LPACS@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Support Staff <LPSUPPORT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: NDP Management Staff <NDPManagementStaff@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: *FOR CALENDARS* Caucus Call w/Minister Robinson - April 6
Importance: High

Hello everyone,

A Caucus Conference Call has been scheduled for Monday so Members can receive an update from Minister Robinson. This call is not whipped; please add to calendars.

Caucus Conference Call w/Minister Robinson

Date: Monday April 6, 2020
Time: 1:30 - 2:30pm
Call In Number: **s.15; s.17**
Participant Code: **s.15; s.17**
Roseanne Moran to moderate.

I am aware there is double booking at this time regarding South Fraser MLAs. The South Fraser call will be rescheduled – please keep an eye out for that correspondence.

Thank you,
Kaylee

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Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 3, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: REVIEW/APPROVE: MSS Letter to Staff

Looks fine

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From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-03 12:38 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: REVIEW/APPROVE: MSS Letter to Staff

Letter to staff for your review. Would like to get out today.

Alissa

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 3, 2020 12:22
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Kropp, Roxanne GCPE:EX <Roxanne.Kropp@gov.bc.ca>; Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: REVIEW/APPROVE: MSS Letter to Staff

Here's a clean version for MSS review.

Cheers,

Vivian

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 2, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUESTS: Van Sun + Tyee, CBC - COVID-19 - IADA Emergency Supports

Looks fine. s.13

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From: "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-02 12:34 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>, "Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX" <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUESTS: Van Sun + Tyee, CBC - COVID-19 - IADA Emergency Supports

See media follow-up below. Let me know if you are okay with us sending these out. We still have a question from Rob Shaw (his call got dropped).

Alissa

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Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUESTS: Van Sun + Tyee, CBC - COVID-19 - IADA Emergency Supports
Importance: High

Three responses for review. Approved by David.

Reporter

Andrew MacLeod, Reporter
The Tyee
amacleod@thetyee.ca
250-885-7662

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter is looking for clarification on Minister Simpson's announcement regarding income and disability assistance

emergency supports for COVID-19:

- 1) Will the Province relax the asset limits for people on income and disability assistance at this time?
- 2) Please clarify how the federal funding works with the provincial EI exemptions. What happens if people are eligible for some federal supports, but not all. Is there a sliding scale for the \$300 provincial support?

Recommendation – provide background

1. Will the Province relax the asset limits for people on income and disability assistance at this time?

The asset limits for people on IA and DA remain the same at this time. In July 2019, the ministry increased the asset limits for people on income assistance from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for a single person and from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for couples and one or two parent families. In addition the \$10,000 asset limit on a person's primary vehicle was removed.

2. Please clarify how the federal funding works with the provincial EI exemptions. What happens if people are eligible for some federal supports, but not all. Is there a sliding scale for the \$300 provincial support?

There is no sliding scale for the new \$300 per month COVID-19 Crisis Supplement. The temporary \$300 supplement is for people who are on income or disability assistance and are not eligible for the federal EI supplements.

For income and disability assistance clients that are eligible for federal EI benefits, we have exempted these benefits so that clients do not lose any money from their provincial assistance cheques from receiving the federal support. The temporary exemption of EI and the exemption of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit are intended to benefit people who are receiving provincial income or disability assistance and who also have some employment income.

Reporter

Tiffany Crawford, Reporter
Vancouver Sun
ticrawford@postmedia.com
604-605-2118 c: 778-229-8935

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter looking for clarification on MSS 10 a.m. announcement for IADA emergency supports. Specifically, Minister said that IADA exemptions are going from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year - can you please clarify what this means?

Recommendation – provide background

To clarify from the announcement annual earnings exemption for disability assistance clients had been increased from \$12,000 a year to \$15,000 a year; however, this was announced in Budget 2020 and will be implemented as of 2021.

Earnings exemptions allow people receiving income assistance or disability assistance to earn money from working in addition to the shelter and support allowances. They offer people a chance to increase their household income, stay connected to the workforce and community, and build valuable work experience. Exemptions for income assistance clients are determined on a monthly basis. The monthly earning exemptions for a family on income assistance can earn up to \$600 per month without impacting their assistance payments. Disability assistance clients can earn up to an

annual earnings exemption limit any time during the calendar year. The annual earnings exemption for a single person receiving disability assistance is \$12,000 per year without it impacting their assistance payments.

This morning's announcement means that, on top of the earning exemptions for people on income assistance and disability assistance, federal Employment Insurance benefits, including the new \$2,000 Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), will not be deducted from the monthly provincial assistance for people that are currently receiving income assistance or disability assistance, for the next three months. If we did not make this exemption, these people would experience a reduction in their income during this difficult time.

Reporter

Rhianna Schmunk, Reporter

CBC - Vancouver

rhianna.schmunk@cbc.ca

604-662-6002 c: 778-996-5094

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter looking for background information regarding MSS media avail at 10 a.m. this morning for IA/DA supports. From the reporter:

- Is \$300 a month for anyone and everyone who receives IADA or only people that aren't eligible for emergency Fed support? Can you get both? Is it one or the other.

Recommendation – provide background

You cannot receive both federal EI exemptions and the \$300 provincial support.

The temporary \$300 supplement is for people who are on income or disability assistance and are not eligible for the federal EI supplements. For income and disability assistance clients that are eligible for federal EI benefits, we have exempted these benefits so that clients do not lose any money from their provincial assistance cheques from receiving the federal support. The temporary exemption of EI and the exemption of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit are intended to benefit people who are receiving provincial income or disability assistance and who also have some employment income.

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 2, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: iPad Uploads

Thanks Taylor. We haven't had a chance to talk. Hope you and family are doing well in this crazy time.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX" <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2020-04-02 12:16 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX" <Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: iPad Uploads

Hi Minister,

Please see below for documents that I have uploaded to your iPad in two separate folders:

- 3x documents for the teleconference this afternoon at 1PM
- 1x COVID-19 questions and answers

Thank you,



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

Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX

From: Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX
Sent: April 1, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX
Cc: Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX
Subject: RE: Announcement from Minister Simpson: April 2

Jeff has my Facebook land twitter I suspect. Tweak it and put there that will generate a round of interest I suspect

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This message is being sent to PRAC members. We will also send it to Viveca and the five from the letter (DABC, TAPS, Atira, etc). Anyone else?

Alissa

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To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Announcement from Minister Simpson: April 2

For approval

From: Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 1, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Announcement from Minister Simpson: April 2

Dear Advisory Committee Members,

Minister Simpson will be making an announcement tomorrow morning at 10:00am (Thursday, April 2) about the supports the ministry will be providing to people on income and disability assistance, as well as to low-income seniors, as part of government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement will be livestreamed and ASL interpreters will be available. You can watch here:

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/>
On Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovNews?s=20>

On YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ProvinceofBC>