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**Subject:** RE: Introductions  
**Sent:** 09/26/2023 19:14:00

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Thanks for the introduction 😊😊

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Best,  
Sam

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**Subject:** FW: Thank you!  
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FYI – leave to your discretion if this might be of interest. Noting I'll be away on holiday after today.

Cheers,

Sam

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca>  
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**Subject:** Thank you!

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Hi, Sam —

It was so great to connect with you today; I really appreciate you taking the time to meet.

As mentioned, Disability Without Poverty in BC is working hard to raise awareness about the CDB through both our digital and hardcopy postcard campaigns. We are also trying to reach MLAs in all constituencies around BC to talk about disability poverty, the importance of no clawbacks, eligibility criteria and amounts that would serve their communities to ensure the smoothest integration of the CDB once it rolls out.

Are there any MLAs with whom you can share this information so we might gain some traction in getting our goals met?

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Can you see if we can squeeze this in before I go and send invite?

Thanks!  
Sam

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Thanks, Michelle!

That would be lovely, Sam. Thank you.

This week I have time between 10am-11:30 on Friday and the same for Tuesday or Wednesday next week. If nothing in there works for you, we can look at other times.

I really appreciate the offer.

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Agree with your analysis Suzanne and acknowledging the inherent difficulty of trying to read the tea leaves as to the specific timing.

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**Subject:** RE: Timing of Canada Disability Benefit

That was my read of her quote too.

David Galbraith  
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**Subject:** Timing of Canada Disability Benefit

I went back and checked with staff on the timing of when the CDB might hit people's pockets. A Senate amendment made it somewhat more ambiguous. From staff:

The Senate amendment was accepted and states:

- Regulations enabling the benefit to be paid must be made within 12 months of the legislation coming into force.
- The legislation comes into force on a date to be fixed by Governor in Council that is no later than the first anniversary of Royal Assent.

Minister Qualtrough was quoted in a news article saying that she hopes the regulations will be completed by fall 2024 and that they want to include the program in the spring 2024 budget so it can roll out later in the year.

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Suzanne

# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

**DATE:** May 18, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**ISSUE:** Federal/Provincial Priority Issues – Premier’s Office Briefing

**Ministry:** Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR)

**Issue:** Canada Disability Benefit

**Background:**

On June 2, 2022, the federal government introduced the *Canada Disability Benefit Act* (Bill C-22), to create the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). Bill C-22 is framework legislation enabling Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to set out details in regulation. Bill C-22 has completed committee stage in the Senate. Next stage is third reading and final vote in the Senate, at which point it will either return to the House of Commons for consideration of amendments or be given Royal Assent (if no Senate amendments are passed).

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has indicated optimism Bill C-22 will pass by the end of the current Parliamentary sitting on June 30, 2023. On SDPR’s inquiry, ESDC was unable to say whether Senate amendments may delay the process. CDB design elements, such as criteria and rate, will be specified through regulation which must be drafted within one year of the Bill passing (e.g., by June 2024).

The federal government has engaged with provinces and territories to discuss the CDB, but details regarding design have not been shared. Canada has been clear they would like the CDB to be considered as exempt income under all provincial/territorial income support programs. <sup>s.13</sup>

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**Issues/Opportunities:**

There are over 540,000 people in B.C. aged 25-64 who identify as having a disability (2017 Canada Disability Survey). As of April 2023, 121,146 cases/147,769 clients are receiving disability assistance in BC, who may be affected by the new benefit. The CDB has the potential to lift low-income working age individuals with a disability out of poverty or alleviate their depth of poverty.

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It is possible Canada will target the amount of CDB to meet the Market Basket Measure (MBM) thresholds when combined with disability assistance rates.<sup>s.13</sup>

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## **Conclusion:**

It is critical for BC to monitor the federal CDB and work closely with Canada on the policy and design elements. This includes the criteria, benefit amounts, frequency of payments, and method of administration.<sup>s.13</sup>

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**DATE:** October 6, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**ISSUE:** Canada Disability Benefit – First Nations Leaders' Gathering

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 2, 2022, the federal government introduced Bill C-22, the *Canada Disability Benefit Act* (CDB Act) to create the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) and make consequential amendments to the *Income Tax Act*. The purpose of the CDB is to reduce poverty and to support the financial security of working age persons (18-64) with disabilities.

The CDB Act is framework legislation that enables the federal government to set out details of the CDB (e.g., eligibility, benefit amount, application method, and administration) in regulation. On June 22, 2023, Bill C-22 received royal assent and regulations are expected to be drafted within 12 to 24 months of royal assent.

Provinces and territories (PTs) have worked with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) through the Ministers Responsible for Social Services (MRSS) forum to request information on the design of the CDB. No design elements, however, have been shared by the federal government.

The federal government and disability advocates have advocated for PTs to exempt the CDB from social assistance calculations. Each PT will need to conduct its own policy and program analysis before deciding whether to provide an exemption.<sup>s.16</sup>

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The federal government is consulting with the public and disability community until Winter 2024 to inform CDB design, implementation, and drafting of regulations. In parallel with the regulatory process, the federal government has said it will engage with PTs on the development of the CDB, with a focus on optimizing benefit interaction with provincial disability supports. The federal government has not provided a timeline for PT engagement.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **CDB Design and SDPR Exemption**

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### Implications for First Nations

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### Poverty Reduction

British Columbia's (BC) *Poverty Reduction Strategy Act* commits government to reduce overall poverty by 25% and child poverty by 50% by 2024 (based on 2016 Market Basket Measure levels). As of 2021, BC has reduced overall poverty by 45% and child poverty by 54.6%. However, certain populations, such as Indigenous people and persons with disabilities, continue to be disproportionately impacted by poverty. Persons with disabilities are almost twice as likely to be living in low-income compared to persons without disabilities (in 2020, 8.5% vs. 4.3% (Canadian Income Survey)).

### **CONCLUSION:**

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No substantive information on the design, amount, and implementation of the CDB has been shared by the federal government. It is expected this information will be shared following the ongoing consultation process that is expected to conclude in Winter 2024.

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BC shares Canada's objectives to reduce poverty for people with disabilities. However, details on CDB design elements are required before an informed exemption decision can be made.

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**DATE:** October 6, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**ISSUE:** Income and Disability Assistance On and Off-Reserve -  
First Nation Leadership Gathering

## **BACKGROUND:**

- The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) provides income assistance and disability assistance (IA/DA) to eligible individuals who live off-reserve in British Columbia (BC).
- First Nations deliver IA/DA to individuals who live on-reserve with funding and policy direction from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).
- Since 2002, SDPR has worked with ISC to clarify policy, provide information on new programs, support implementation, and address issues to ensure supports delivered on and off reserve are aligned and reasonably comparable.
- First Nations who have signed treaties are responsible to design and deliver assistance to individuals who live on Treaty Settlement Lands.
- First Nations that have signed "10-Year Grants" with ISC (and Treaty First Nations) are not required to meet comparability requirements and can design their own programs.

## **Maintaining Comparable Services On and Off-Reserve**

- In 1964, a federal treasury board directive authorized ISC to provide IA programming that was reasonably comparable to provinces and territories.
- ISC has regularly implemented SDPR rates and policy changes for on-reserve recipients.
  - For example: ISC has implemented SDPR's maximum shelter allowance increase, Indigenous financial settlements exemption, and other recent supplement rate increases (e.g., crisis supplements, diet-related supplements).
- ISC and SDPR have also aligned these services:
  - The BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society is a contractor of ISC that adjudicates PWD Designation and Monthly Nutritional Supplement applications for on-reserve persons, using the same criteria as SDPR.
  - SDPR has signed a reimbursement agreement with ISC to ensure that on-reserve persons can access the BC Bus Pass program and Community Living BC services.

## **Disparity in On and Off-Reserve Policy**

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## “10-Year Grants”: A New Fiscal Relationship Between ISC and First Nations

- In April 2019, ISC introduced a new funding mechanism which:
  - consolidates funding for several core programs including IA/DA into one fund,
  - reduces reporting requirements, and
  - provides Nations with the flexibility to design and deliver their own programs (no comparability requirement).
- To date, 73 First Nations have signed these agreements with ISC in BC.

## “10-Year Grants”: Funding Levels and Implications

- The 2021 federal budget committed \$2.7 billion over 10 years to address inflationary pressures and key cost drivers for First Nations.

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## On-Reserve Income Assistance Reform

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- In 2018, ISC began a First Nations-led engagement process to evaluate the on-reserve IA program across Canada.
- The engagement aimed to understand how to make the IA program more responsive to client needs and support client transition to employment and education.

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## **CONCLUSION:**

SDPR and ISC work closely to ensure that people receive reasonably comparable services regardless of where they live in BC. Nevertheless, disparity still exists in some health supports, general supplements and with shelter eligibility.

The “10-Year Grant” agreements do not require First Nations to follow SDPR’s policies, however, First Nations continue to maintain comparability. s.16

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Specific design details regarding the on-reserve IA reforms are not yet available. SDPR and ISC meet regularly to stay informed about federal IA reform work.

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**Subject:** FW: Canada Disability Benefit  
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Can you print off Leah's email and include it in both David and my package for Yellowknife.

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**Cc:** Gumiriza, Kayleigh SDPR:EX <Kayleigh.Gumiriza@gov.bc.ca>; Huang, Daniel SDPR:EX <Daniel.Huang@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Canada Disability Benefit

Thank you Leah.

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Hi Suzanne and David,

An FYI that Daniel, Ross Turner and I met with Krista Wilcox, Director General of Disability Issues at ESDC and her staff on Friday, Oct 27 for an update on the CDB. She wasn't able to tell us much, but here's what we did learn:

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Thanks,  
Leah

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**DATE:** November 1, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**MEETING DETAILS:** Disability Without Poverty and the Canada Disability Benefit: November 6-9, 2023.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Disability Without Poverty (DWP) is a national, grassroots, non-partisan organization committed to ending poverty for people with disabilities in Canada. Amanda Lockitch, Community Organizer of the BC DWP branch, Rabia Khedr, DWP's National Director, and Michelle Hewitt, DWP's Board Chair, have requested a meeting to brief the Minister on DWP's upcoming priorities, including those relating to the implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). The CDB is expected to be the main topic of conversation.

In September 2022, Kate Fish, former BC Community Organizer for DWP, met with former Minister Nicholas Simons regarding how CDB income would be treated by SDPR, the CDB's impact to SDPR health benefits and how the federal and provincial governments may work together on reducing disability poverty (Appendix A). No additional details on the CDB have been confirmed by Canada since this meeting.

DWP also participated in the 2023 PRS Engagement by submitting a policy brief with three recommendations:

1. Provide disability assistance to the individual, independent of living arrangements with a partner or spouse, roommates, or family caregivers. Remove the requirement to report joining or separating from a partner, spouse, or roommate. All of these are considered "family units".
2. Index the benefit rate to inflation using the Consumer Price Index to prevent people with disabilities from experiencing even deeper levels of poverty and suffering.
3. End clawbacks of federal benefits and earned income. In particular, whatever new funds are delivered through the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), existing provincial benefits must be protected. Allow the CDB to be supplementary to, and not in place of, provincial support. Allow people to receive and earn funds that will move them at least to or above the poverty line without any impact to benefits.

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## **ISSUES:**

The following issues are likely to be raised at the meeting:

### **SDPR's Treatment of the CDB**

- Minister Qualtrough, former Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion had stated the CDB is intended to supplement, not replace, other forms of income supports and has formally requested that Provincial/ Territorial (PT) Ministers exempt the CDB from social assistance calculations.
- Under current SDPR regulations, income replacement payments from the federal government, such as Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, are not exempt from assistance and are deducted dollar for dollar.

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### *Recommended Response*

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### **FPT Collaboration on CDB**

- SDPR regularly and actively engages with Canada and other PTs through the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Social Services to advance social inclusion, individual potential and the economic well-being of Canadians.
- BC has continued to work closely with ESDC to understand poverty amongst working-age people with disabilities in Canada and how the CDB will interact with B.C.'s provincial income support program.

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## **General**

- There may be a variety of disability related poverty issues brought forward by DWP including:
  - Providing benefits to individuals, not family units;
  - Indexing PWD to inflation; and
  - Ending clawbacks of federal benefits and earned income.

*Recommended Response*  
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## **Enclosures/Attachments**

Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and Disability without Poverty

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**Sent:** 10/27/2023 22:32:22

Hi Mere,

Can you please set up a CLIFF and eApproval for this? Please attach a meeting note template and title it CLIFF number then Disability Without Poverty

Title: Minister Meeting Materials: Disability Without Poverty

Due date: Thursday, Nov 2

Approval path: RIPD – Suzanne – Brooke – David – Jeff/Mere

Please send to Nadia in eApprovals

Please make a calendar reminder on the due date with the eApproval number and title.

Thanks,

**Jeff Keene,**

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Hi,

Val: MSM will do this, with staff.

MSM would like a pre-brief with staff on the CDB subject. She appreciates we still don't have details on the CDB but would like to hear if there are updates, and/or have a discussion on what she can say about the issue in addition to the existing key messages.

Thank you.

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

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I respectfully acknowledge this office is situated on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically of the Lək'wəṇən people, the Songhees and Esquimalt/Xwsepsum Nations.



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**Subject:** Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty

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Dear Minister Malcolmson,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Disability Without Poverty (DWP) to request an in-person meeting with you in Victoria during the week of November 6-9.

I'll be joined in this meeting by **Rabia Khedr**, DWP's National Director, and **Michelle Hewitt**, DWP's Board Chair. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to our organization and our work here in B.C.

By way of background, Disability Without Poverty is a national, grassroots, non-partisan movement focused on getting public support for ending disability poverty. We are led by people with disabilities, and supported by our families, friends, service providers, allies, and organizations. Our vision is for people living with disabilities to be prosperous, realize their power, pursue their passions, and participate in every aspect of society.

Our team in B.C. is focused on advocating for provincial disability poverty issues and bringing a B.C. perspective to the national table. We have established myriad partnerships in the disability, poverty, and interfaith spaces in the province; we are all working together towards disability poverty reduction. We look forward to briefing you on some of our upcoming priorities, including those related to the implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit.

Minister, we look forward to introducing you to Disability Without Poverty and to having a broader discussion about disability poverty here in B.C. Please let us know when might work for a meeting during the week of November 6-9.

Sincerely,

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## **A Poverty Reduction Submission with Recommendations on Reducing Disability Poverty**

This submission is made on behalf of the BC chapter of Disability Without Poverty, a national disability-led movement advocating for the Canada Disability Benefit and the end of disability poverty. Updated October 2022, the BC government's webpage on Diversity of Disability stated that 20.5% of British Columbians between the ages of 15 and 64 live with a disability. They are disproportionately living in poverty. The Service Plan report in February 2023 states, around 118,000 people received monthly Person With Disabilities benefits (disability assistance or disability benefit) from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. That number does not include the 42,000 dependant children. The current provincial benefit is well below provincial and regional poverty lines. Reducing poverty is good socially and economically. We recommend actions that would reduce financial inequities and positively impact people with disabilities. With the recent release of the BC Budget, we see marginal improvements, but not nearly enough to impact the systemic poverty in BC for many people with disabilities. Below we have three recommendations with detailed explanations.

1. Provide disability assistance to the individual, independent of living arrangements with a partner or spouse, roommates, or family caregivers. Remove the requirement to report joining or separating from a partner, spouse, or roommate. All of these are considered "family units".

The shelter rate will increase for the first time since 2007 moving the rate \$375 to \$500. An individual who receives a monthly disability benefit of \$1358.50 will soon receive \$1,483.50. This increase does not apply to people living in subsidized housing, only those individuals who are renting or paying for other housing or shelter costs. The numbers differ if they are in a unit with another person with a disability or if they are in a unit with another person without a disability. The individual monthly benefit should not be influenced by living arrangement.

In a partner or spousal relationship scenario where a person with a disability is receiving the benefit, but their partner doesn't, any income their partner earns could still be counted towards the benefits annual earnings exemption of \$18,000 per year (higher than \$15,000 for a single person). This could make the disabled person ineligible for benefits and their benefits could be cancelled.

Household or "unit" rates create situations that leave people vulnerable and dependent on their partner, or hiding a part of your life for fear of being found out. It means choosing whether to tell a government Ministry details about your personal life and relationship that could potentially backfire on you. For many people it means not taking the next step in their relationship to cohabiting or getting married for fear of changes in their benefits. If someone is in an abusive situation but dependent financially on the other person in their household it makes it harder to leave. And being disabled means not being able to simply get a job or work extra hours.

Living together in a relationship can be positive socially and financially, and it's something people who aren't on benefits can do without systemic repercussions.

We all deserve to be able to live with who we choose.

An individualized benefit would mean eligibility determination and funds are connected and provided to the person who applied for them, and would be attached solely to them and their dependents. This approach would provide people with dignity, independence, support, and safety.

2. Index the benefit rate to inflation using the Consumer Price Index to prevent people with disabilities from experiencing even deeper levels of poverty and suffering.

Statistics Canada has found that in March 2023, inflation rose 8.3% compared with 18 months prior. The basic necessities, food purchased from stores (10.6%) and shelter (6.1%), have increased most substantially. The CPI was up 5.2% as of February 2023.

For people with fixed incomes like disabilities or social assistance an already unfeasible monthly budget becomes even more dire. People report having their housing at risk or not being able to find any housing, and not eating for many days. Others forego medication or medical equipment so they don't starve or become homeless. For people living rurally, the nearest service or healthcare may be many kilometers away and they can't afford gas or transportation to get there. In worst case scenarios, people are dying. The unexpected, unaddressed increased costs are debilitating. Growing costs of food and shelter are connected with other consumer goods and have a ripple effect through people's lives.

The index link would mean that the benefit would be automatically adjusted on an annual basis. There is a lack of dignity in having to advocate for an increase to inflation in every budget, and the delay causes extended periods of time where people experience additional financial struggles.

Two provinces (Québec and New Brunswick) and the Yukon territory have indexed their social assistance programs to inflation with annual adjustments. These cases could provide a model to emulate for British Columbia.

3. End clawbacks of federal benefits and earned income. In particular, whatever new funds are delivered through the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), existing provincial benefits must be protected. Allow the CDB to be supplementary to, and not in place of, provincial support. Allow people to receive and earn funds that will move them at least to or above the poverty line without any impact to benefits.

The current disability assistance is subject to a number of fund recoveries, or clawbacks, from the Ministry. Clawbacks come in to effect once income reaches the annual earnings exemption (\$15,000 for single, \$30,000 for couples where both are receiving disability benefits, and \$18,000 in a couple where one person is not receiving disability benefits).

In addition to money earned from working, unearned income includes federal benefits like Employment Insurance, any type of Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and related benefits, grants, loans, inheritance, and more. In British Columbia, each dollar of income over the

earnings exemption is deducted from a person's benefit. This leads to monthly benefits being reduced, or if monthly income (earned and unearned) consistently exceeds disability rates, being cut off. It's important to remember that the Person with Disabilities program also includes benefits like some healthcare and dental coverage, bus passes, and support for moving expenses. The fear of being kicked off is real and intense.

With the monthly benefit and an annual earnings exemption people are still left to live on an amount that is difficult to live on. This is particularly so because many people with disabilities may be unable or inconsistently able to work, and being disabled is more expensive.

End the clawbacks so people can receive the benefits and supports they're entitled to, and have incentive to work without fear of impacting their benefits. People have paid for the benefits, broadly with taxes and individually through Employment Insurance or Canada Pension Plan - Disability. Clawing it back is double-dipping funds people are entitled to. Not being allowed to "stack" or keep multiple benefits to at least the poverty line creates legislated poverty.

# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING NOTE

**DATE:** November 1, 2023

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**MEETING DETAILS:** Disability Without Poverty and the Canada Disability Benefit: November 6-9, 2023.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Disability Without Poverty (DWP) is a national, grassroots, non-partisan organization committed to ending poverty for people with disabilities in Canada. Amanda Lockitch, Community Organizer of the BC DWP branch, Rabia Khedr, DWP's National Director, and Michelle Hewitt, DWP's Board Chair, have requested a meeting to brief the Minister on DWP's upcoming priorities, including those relating to the implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB). The CDB is expected to be the main topic of conversation.

In September 2022, Kate Fish, former BC Community Organizer for DWP, met with former Minister Nicholas Simons regarding how CDB income would be treated by SDPR, the CDB's impact to SDPR health benefits and how the federal and provincial governments may work together on reducing disability poverty (Appendix A). No additional details on the CDB have been confirmed by Canada since this meeting.

DWP also participated in the 2023 PRS Engagement by submitting a policy brief (Appendix B) with three recommendations:

1. Provide disability assistance to the individual, independent of living arrangements with a partner or spouse, roommates, or family caregivers. Remove the requirement to report joining or separating from a partner, spouse, or roommate. All of these are considered "family units".
2. Index the benefit rate to inflation using the Consumer Price Index to prevent people with disabilities from experiencing even deeper levels of poverty and suffering.
3. End clawbacks of federal benefits and earned income. In particular, whatever new funds are delivered through the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), existing provincial benefits must be protected. Allow the CDB to be supplementary to, and not in place of, provincial support. Allow people to receive and earn funds that will move them at least to or above the poverty line without any impact to benefits.

# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING NOTE

## **ISSUES:**

The following issues are likely to be raised at the meeting:

### **SDPR's Treatment of the CDB**

- Minister Qualtrough, former Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion had stated the CDB is intended to supplement, not replace, other forms of income supports and has formally requested that Provincial/ Territorial (PT) Ministers exempt the CDB from social assistance calculations.
- Under current SDPR regulations, income replacement payments from the federal government, such as Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, are not exempt from assistance and are deducted dollar for dollar.

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### *Recommended Response*

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### **FPT Collaboration on CDB**

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- BC has continued to work closely with ESDC to understand poverty amongst working-age people with disabilities in Canada and how the CDB will interact with B.C.'s provincial income support program.

*Recommended Response*  
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## **General**

- There may be a variety of disability related poverty issues brought forward by DWP including:
  - Providing benefits to individuals, not family units;
  - Indexing PWD to inflation; and
  - Ending clawbacks of federal benefits and earned income.

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## **Enclosures/Attachments**

Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and Disability without Poverty  
Appendix B- DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction

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Hello,

Please find updated materials based on the briefing this morning. These materials are to support the meeting with Disability Without Poverty tomorrow.

Thanks

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# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

**DATE:** September 26, 2022

**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Nicholas Simons, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

**MEETING DETAILS:** Disability Without Poverty: Federal Canada Disability Benefit

## **BACKGROUND:**

On June 2, 2022, the Government of Canada introduced new legislation, the *Canada Disability Benefit Act* (Bill C-22), to create a new benefit called the Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) that will reduce poverty and support the financial security of working-age persons with disabilities.

Disability Without Poverty is a movement led by people with disabilities supported by their families, friends, service providers, allies, and organizations. Their current focus is advocating for the CDB to be implemented as soon as possible and with input from disabled Canadians incorporated into the new benefit.

Kate Fish, Community Organizer with the BC Chapter of Disability Without Poverty, has requested a meeting to discuss how the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) will treat the CDB, the CDB's impact to SDPR's health benefits, and how the federal and provincial governments may work together on reducing disability poverty.

## **ISSUES:**

The following issues are likely to be raised at the meeting:

### **SDPR's Treatment of the CDB**

- Minister Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion has stated that the CDB is intended to supplement not replace Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) supports and has formally requested that Provincial/Territorial (PT) Ministers exempt the CDB from social assistance calculations.
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### **Impact to SDPR's Health Benefits**

- The ministry assists eligible recipients and their families to access the Ministry of Health's medical coverage through the Medical Services Plan (MSP) and no deductible Pharmacare coverage.
- Additionally, specified health supplements are provided to all BCEA Program recipients who meet the eligibility criteria for each supplement.
- Through Medical Services Only (MSO), the ministry provides continued access to specific health supplements, such as medical equipment, to certain categories of former recipients of assistance.
- As the CDB is still being designed and regulatory development is not expected until 2024, many of the details that would inform SDPR's decision making on the treatment of this benefit and how it may impact eligibility for medical benefits are unknown.

## *Recommended Response*

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# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING INFORMATION NOTE

## **FPT Collaboration on CDB**

- SDPR regularly and actively engages with Canada and other PTs through the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Social Services to advance social inclusion, individual potential and the economic well-being of Canadians.
- BC has continued to work closely with ESDC to understand poverty amongst working-age people with disabilities in Canada and how the CDB will interact with B.C.'s provincial income support program.

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Hi Suzanne and Karen,  
PO has a list of fed/prov watch items that doesn't include LMTA or Canada Disability Benefit. Can I ask you to do a one pager on why getting going/clarity/etc for these two things is key? It's ok to attach something with more info. Hoping this isn't onerous. Happy to discuss if I'm not clear. This is for Samuel who will share with PO.

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Hello,

Bill C-22 has passed. The Senate adopted the version of the bill unanimously approved last week in the House of Commons. Here is the best source we have so far:

[https://t.co/3sdlBqWWun #SenCA #CdnPoli https://t.co/pIJT3TE8te" / Twitter](https://t.co/3sdlBqWWun)

Please let us know any questions or briefing needs at this time.

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Key questions that we/our Minister/the Minister of Finance/PDE are likely to get:

- Is BC going to exempt the Disability Benefit?
- The Senate wanted to prohibit private insurers from clawing back the benefit from clients. That amendment was removed from the bill since insurance is in provincial jurisdiction. Is BC going to stop private insurers from clawing this important benefit back?

Adding Sam in for his information.

Suzanne

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Hi team,

CDB Bill C-22 will be considered by the Senate as its first agenda item for the session on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. It looks like it's estimated to be up at around 12:15pm PST, but this could change.

Two Senators who disagreed with the House removing the clause about insurance claw backs have said they would vote to pass the bill anyway, so it seems there is a good chance it will pass on Tuesday.

Kayleigh

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Thank you Leah.

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Hi Suzanne and David,

An FYI that Daniel, Ross Turner and I met with Krista Wilcox, Director General of Disability Issues at ESDC and her staff on Friday, Oct 27 for an update on the CDB. She wasn't able to tell us much, but here's what we did learn:



Thanks,  
Leah

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**Subject:** FW: Timing of Canada Disability Benefit  
**Sent:** 01/04/2024 23:39:07

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Ministry of Social Development and  
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**From:** Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 1:49 PM  
**To:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>; Christensen, Suzanne SDPR:EX <Suzanne.Christensen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Timing of Canada Disability Benefit

Agree with your analysis Suzanne and acknowledging the inherent difficulty of trying to read the tea leaves as to the specific timing.

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**From:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 1:43 PM  
**To:** Christensen, Suzanne SDPR:EX <Suzanne.Christensen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Timing of Canada Disability Benefit

That was my read of her quote too.

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**From:** Christensen, Suzanne SDPR:EX <Suzanne.Christensen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 12:53 PM  
**To:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX <David.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX <Sam.Turcott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Timing of Canada Disability Benefit

I went back and checked with staff on the timing of when the CDB might hit people's pockets. A Senate amendment made it somewhat more ambiguous. From staff:

The Senate amendment was accepted and states:

- Regulations enabling the benefit to be paid must be made within 12 months of the legislation coming into force.
- The legislation comes into force on a date to be fixed by Governor in Council that is no later than the first anniversary of Royal Assent.

Minister Qualtrough was quoted in a news article saying that she hopes the regulations will be completed by fall 2024 and that they want to include the program in the spring 2024 budget so it can roll out later in the year.

s.13; s.16

Suzanne

**From:** Keene, Jeff SDPR:EX(Jeff.Keene@gov.bc.ca)  
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**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX (Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca); McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca); D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca); Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX (Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
**Sent:** 11/02/2023 21:57:32  
**Attachments:** 221130- Disability Without Poverty.docx, Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and Disability without Poverty.docx

Hello,

Please find materials attached for Disability Without Poverty on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Thanks

**Jeff Keene,**  
Senior Executive Assistant,  
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778 974-2048

**From:** SDPR PS Inbox SDPR:EX(SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX (Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 11/02/2023 21:09:31

Coming to discuss

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**From:** Dykeman.MLA, Megan <Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** SDPR PS Inbox SDPR:EX <SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Dykeman, Megan SDPR:EX <Megan.Dykeman@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** Dykeman.MLA, Megan <Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>  
**Subject:** Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty

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Dear PS Dykeman,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Disability Without Poverty (DWP) to request a brief in-person meeting with you in Victoria on November 7, in your capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits.

I'm travelling to Victoria with **Rabia Khedr**, DWP's National Director, and **Michelle Hewitt**, DWP's Board Chair. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to our organization and our work here in B.C. I understand how busy your schedule is, so even 20 minutes would be most appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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**To:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX (Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
**Sent:** 11/02/2023 22:02:29  
**Attachments:** DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction.pdf

Staff just sent me this as an appendix as well, please also include this doc in MSM's material package.

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**From:** Keene, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca>; Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX <Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca>; Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>; D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>; Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX <Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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**Jeff Keene,**  
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**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX(Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX (Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Updated Materials: Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 11/07/2023 19:44:28  
313932- Disability Without Poverty.docx, Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and  
**Attachments:** Disability without Poverty.docx, Appendix B- DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction.pdf

As requested, thanks.

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

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**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Updated Materials: Disability Without Poverty

Hi,

This looks helpful, thank you Leah. It came outside of e-apps but I see changes so assume this is the latest version.

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**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca>; Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX <Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca>; Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>; D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>; Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** SDPR DMO SDPR:EX <SDPR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Updated Materials: Disability Without Poverty

Hello,

Please find updated materials based on the briefing this morning. These materials are to support the meeting with Disability Without Poverty tomorrow.

Thanks



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**To:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX (SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX (Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Follow-up from Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 11/10/2023 17:26:34  
**Attachments:** 2023-11-06 DWP Two-Page.pdf

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<sup>i</sup> <https://maytree.com/changing-systems/data-measuring/social-assistance-summaries/british-columbia/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities/disability-assistance/on-disability-assistance>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1110006601>

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**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX(Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Amanda Lockitch (amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 11/10/2023 17:34:43

Hi Amanda,

Thank you. I know the Minister appreciated the input and perspective of your team ...and your ongoing work!

Warm regards, Samuel

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2023 9:27 AM  
**To:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Follow-up from Disability Without Poverty

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**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX(Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Jeff Ferrier (jeff@framepoint.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit  
**Sent:** 10/20/2023 23:01:22

Hi Jeff,

You are most welcome. Thanks and sounds good. I see a meeting request came in today so I will try to get that scheduled. S.

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <jeff@framepoint.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 6:32 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

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Hi Samuel,

Thanks so very much for the speedy response and the kind words. I'm equal parts excited and terrified by the prospect of running my own business. But one good thing is that I have a freer hand to work with groups like Disability Without Poverty - which is less easy to do in the corporate world.

Disability Without Poverty is a big coalition with local partners including UBC, SPARC BC, Inclusion BC, and Disability Alliance BC.

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At this stage I fully expect the group to focus its advocacy in the spring (built around a potential Legislature Day if we can make arrangements with the whip's office for that). I think they would be very happy with an introductory meeting where they could share information about who they are, what they do, the British Columbians they're trying to help, and what their plans are for the spring. They wouldn't be expecting any kind of commitment at this stage beyond staying in touch with BC as it does its policy review and work. The group was quite involved in the federal policy-making process and so they might be helpful for BC in providing information and context to support that work.

We'll get that invitation in and make sure to cc you. If this is something the minister is completely unable to do, perhaps there is an opportunity for the group to meet someone on the staff and/or public service side with a view to meeting in the spring? Ideally they would like to meet with the minister of course but we're mindful of the dynamics and open to options.

Thanks very much!

**Jeff Ferrier**

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 4:39 PM Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for this and congratulations on Framepoint.

Yes, a meeting is likely do-able, though the timing may be premature. Currently the Minister is not speaking to that specific question as the Ministry has yet to see and analyze the details of what is being proposed federally.

What is the name of the organization?

A meeting request can be made anytime by email to Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX [SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca) and you can certainly have me cc'd.

Warm regards, Samuel

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:15 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

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Hi Sam,

Jeff Ferrier here. I hope this note finds you well.

I'm reaching out with a question regarding the Canada Disability Benefit and its implementation here in British Columbia. Full disclosure: I'm working with the BC chapter of a not-for-profit group led by people with disabilities themselves and family members with disabilities.

The group wondered if it would be possible for them to meet with Minister Malcolmson sometime in November. The group - which has chapters across the country - is meeting with provincial officials across the country to share their hope that the benefits will find their way into the pockets of people with disabilities, and not clawed back into provincial treasuries. I know the risk is probably loss a BC issue than it would be in some other more conservative-leaning provinces, but the group wants to make connections across the country.



I know the minister's schedule is no doubt packed full - but wondered if you could provide some assistance in letting me know what's the best way for the group to reach out to request a meeting - and what would be helpful to you in terms of information about the group (which I'm very happy to share) and the work they're doing (same) to assist with ministry deliberations.

Thanks every so much for your consideration - and happy to jump on a call to discuss / provide additional information / answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 10/27/2023 21:53:57

Hi,

Can you follow-up on this one today? Apparently they haven't heard back from you....

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

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**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:36 PM  
**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX <Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca>; SDPR DMO SDPR:EX <SDPR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty

Hi,

Val: MSM will do this, with staff.

MSM would like a pre-brief with staff on the CDB subject. She appreciates we still don't have details on the CDB but would like to hear if there are updates, and/or have a discussion on what she can say about the issue in addition to the existing key messages.

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2023 11:24 AM  
**To:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <[SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>; [jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)  
**Subject:** Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty

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**To:** Jeff Ferrier (jeff@framepoint.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit  
**Sent:** 10/27/2023 21:55:59

Hi,

I asked for it be scheduled some time ago and just poked our admin coordinator on it. Asked for Amanda to hear back today.

Cheers, S.

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <jeff@framepoint.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 2:20 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

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Hi Samuel,

Happy Friday.

I'm writing to check in to see if you might have an update on the meeting request. As you can imagine, the group is eager to get an answer given their window of availability. I know this is all short notice so thanks ever so much for your consideration and help.

Jeff

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <jeff@framepoint.ca>  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 at 9:14 AM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

Hi Samuel,

Hope you had a great weekend. Thanks ever so much for your note. If there is anything I can do to help - additional information or context - anything - please let me know.

Cheers

**Jeff Ferrier**

[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)

Founding Partner  
604.362.6109



On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 4:01 PM Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

You are most welcome. Thanks and sounds good. I see a meeting request came in today so I will try to get that scheduled. S.

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

Chief of Staff to the Honourable Sheila Malcolmson,  
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
Mobile: 250 208 1359

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 6:32 PM

**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

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Hi Samuel,

Thanks so very much for the speedy response and the kind words. I'm equal parts excited and terrified by the prospect of running my own business. But one good thing is that I have a freer hand to work with groups like Disability Without Poverty - which is less easy to do in the corporate world.

Disability Without Poverty is a big coalition with local partners including UBC, SPARC BC, Inclusion BC, and Disability Alliance BC.

Website: <https://www.disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca/>

List of partners: <https://www.disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca/about/our-partners/>

At this stage I fully expect the group to focus its advocacy in the spring (built around a potential Legislature Day if we can make arrangements with the whip's office for that). I think they would be very happy with an introductory meeting where they could share information about who they are, what they do, the British Columbians they're trying to help, and what their plans are for the spring. They wouldn't be expecting any kind of commitment at this stage beyond staying in touch with BC as it does its policy review and work. The group was quite involved in the federal policy-making process and so they might be helpful for BC in providing information and context to support that work.

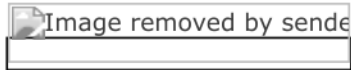
We'll get that invitation in and make sure to cc you. If this is something the minister is completely unable to do, perhaps there is an opportunity for the group to meet someone on the staff and/or public service side with a view to meeting in the spring? Ideally they would like to meet with the minister of course but we're mindful of the dynamics and open to options.

Thanks very much!

**Jeff Ferrier**

[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)

Founding Partner  
604.362.6109



On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 4:39 PM Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for this and congratulations on Framepoint.

Yes, a meeting is likely do-able, though the timing may be premature. Currently the Minister is not speaking to that specific question as the Ministry has yet to see and analyze the details of what is being proposed federally.

What is the name of the organization?

A meeting request can be made anytime by email to Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX [SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca) and you can certainly have me cc'd.

Warm regards, Samuel

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

Chief of Staff to the Honourable Sheila Malcolmson,  
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
Mobile: 250 208 1359

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**From:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:15 PM

**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Question - BC and Canada Disability Benefit

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Hi Sam,

Jeff Ferrier here. I hope this note finds you well.

I'm reaching out with a question regarding the Canada Disability Benefit and its implementation here in British Columbia. Full disclosure: I'm working with the BC chapter of a not-for-profit group led by people with disabilities themselves and family members with disabilities.

The group wondered if it would be possible for them to meet with Minister Malcolmson sometime in November. The group - which has chapters across the country - is meeting with provincial officials across the country to share their hope that the benefits will find their way into the pockets of people with disabilities, and not clawed back into provincial treasuries. I know the risk is probably loss a BC issue than it would be in some other more conservative-leaning provinces, but the group wants to make connections across the country.

I know the minister's schedule is no doubt packed full - but wondered if you could provide some assistance in letting me know what's the best way for the group to reach out to request a meeting - and what would be helpful to you in terms of information about the group (which I'm very happy to share) and the work they're doing (same) to assist with ministry deliberations.

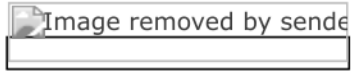
Thanks every so much for your consideration - and happy to jump on a call to discuss / provide additional information / answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Ferrier**

[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)

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604.362.6109



**From:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX(Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX (Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** DWP  
**Sent:** 11/10/2023 20:36:20

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**From:** Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX(Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX (Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 10/31/2023 17:20:54

Darcy,

Is PSC meeting with this group? If not, would that be something she would want to do? I don't really see a PSD angle to this meeting.

**Hasham Kamran (he/him)**

Senior Advisor to Honourable Sheila Malcolmson  
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

C: 250-208-8360 E: [hasham.kamran@gov.bc.ca](mailto:hasham.kamran@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty

Hi Hasham,

Forwarding to you for action.

Thanks,

**Sophia Heston (She/Her)**

Administrative Assistant to  
The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson | Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
Parliamentary Secretary for Community Developments and Non Profits | Megan Dykeman  
Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility | Susie Chant  
O. 250. 356.7750 | D. 778.572.6608 | E. [Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)



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**From:** Dykeman.MLA, Megan <[Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** SDPR PS Inbox SDPR:EX <[SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Dykeman, Megan SDPR:EX <[Megan.Dykeman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Megan.Dykeman@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** Dykeman.MLA, Megan <[Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>  
**Subject:** Meeting in Victoria (Nov 7) - Disability Without Poverty

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Dear PS Dykeman,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Disability Without Poverty (DWP) to request a brief in-person meeting with you in Victoria on November 7, in your capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits.

I'm travelling to Victoria with **Rabia Khedr**, DWP's National Director, and **Michelle Hewitt**, DWP's Board Chair. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to our organization and our work here in B.C. I understand how busy your schedule is, so even 20 minutes would be most appreciated.

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Our team in B.C. is focused on advocating for provincial disability poverty issues and bringing a B.C. perspective to the national table. We have established myriad partnerships in the disability, poverty, and interfaith spaces in the province; we are all working together towards disability poverty reduction. We look forward to briefing you on some of our upcoming priorities, including those related to the implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit.

We look forward to introducing you to Disability Without Poverty and to having a broader discussion about disability poverty here in B.C. Please let us know when might work for a meeting on November 7.

Sincerely,

Amanda Lockitch  
Community Organizer, BC  
Disability Without Poverty

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**From:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX(Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: INVITATION TO MEET NOV 7 FW: Disability Without Poverty Meeting Request (Vic - Nov 7)  
**Sent:** 10/31/2023 22:37:05

Please schedule the meeting below and confirm with Amanda the time and date – cc me.

Thank you,  
Darcy

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**From:** Chant, Susie s.17  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 3:35 PM  
**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: INVITATION TO MEET NOV 7 FW: Disability Without Poverty Meeting Request (Vic - Nov 7)

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OK – go ahead and schedule that meeting. Thx,

*Susie M. Chant*  
MLA North Vancouver-Seymour  
Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility  
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**From:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:16 AM  
**To:** Chant, Susie SDPR:EX <Susie.Chant@gov.bc.ca>; Chant, Susie s.17  
**Subject:** INVITATION TO MEET NOV 7 FW: Disability Without Poverty Meeting Request (Vic - Nov 7)

Hi PS Chant,

You could meet with them from 11:00-11:20am on November 07.

Let me know,  
Darcy

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**From:** Chant.MLA, Susie <Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 9:08 AM  
**To:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Disability Without Poverty Meeting Request (Vic - Nov 7)

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Heather Andrews  
Constituency Assistant

Susie Chant, MLA  
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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)>

**Sent:** October 30, 2023 8:48 AM

**To:** Chant.MLA, Susie <[Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Jeff Ferrier <[jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)>

**Subject:** Disability Without Poverty Meeting Request (Vic - Nov 7)

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Dear PS Chant,

I am grateful to Minister Bailey for the introduction.

As it happens, we are making a trip to Victoria next week for a meeting with Minister Malcolmson. Might you happen to have 20 minutes for an introductory meeting while we are in town on November 7?

I'll be joined by **Rabia Khedr**, DWP's National Director, and **Michelle Hewitt**, DWP's Board Chair. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to our organization and our work here in B.C.

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Please let us know if you can accommodate a brief meeting on November 7 – even 20 minutes would be most helpful.

Sincerely,

Amanda Lockitch

Community Organizer, BC

Disability Without Poverty

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[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)

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**To:** D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca); Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
**Sent:** 11/03/2023 15:45:45  
**Attachments:** 221130- Disability Without Poverty.docx, Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and Disability without Poverty.docx

Please also add to PSC's calendar.

Thank you,  
Darcy

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**From:** Keene, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Keene@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca>; Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX <Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca>; Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>; D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>; Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX <Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Hello,

Please find materials attached for Disability Without Poverty on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Thanks

**Jeff Keene,**  
Senior Executive Assistant,  
Deputy Minister's Office,  
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction,  
778 974-2048

**From:** Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX(Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca); Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
**Sent:** 11/03/2023 15:37:14  
**Attachments:** DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction.pdf

Hi team,

This should be added to PSC's calendar of materials as well.

Thank you,  
Darcy

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 3:02 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca>; Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX <Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca>; Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>; D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>; Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX <Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Materials: Disability Without Poverty Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Staff just sent me this as an appendix as well, please also include this doc in MSM's material package.

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**To:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>; Kamran, Hasham SDPR:EX <[Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Hasham.Kamran@gov.bc.ca)>; Elliott, Cassin SDPR:EX <[Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cassin.Elliott@gov.bc.ca)>; Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <[Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)>; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <[Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)>; D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <[Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca)>; Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <[Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Raiqiso, Brooke SDPR:EX <[Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brooke.Raiqiso@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Thanks

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch(amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)  
**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX (Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 11/01/2023 18:29:00

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Thank you.  
We look forward to it.

Amanda Lockitch  
amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca

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On Oct 30, 2023, at 2:11 PM, McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Great, I'm glad that will work for you. The Minister's office is room 236 at that Legislature. When arriving, you would go through security at the front of the building and a staff person from our office will come to meet you to escort you to the office.

Thank you,  
Valerie

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2023 6:08 PM  
**To:** McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <[Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty

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Hello!

Yes, that time is perfect.  
Thank you very much.  
We look forward to meeting the Minister.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Amanda Lockitch  
[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)

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Good Afternoon,

I am following up on the email below requesting a meeting with Minister Sheila Malcolmson. The Minister is available November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm for a meeting in her office at the Legislature. Would you be available at that time for a meeting?

Thank you kindly for your request.

Warm regards,  
**Valerie McKnight (She/Her)**  
**Administrative Coordinator to the**  
**Honourable Sheila Malcolmson,**  
**Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction**  
**Office: 778 974-6095 Cell: 250 413-7520**

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**From:** Amanda Lockitch <[amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca](mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2023 11:24 AM  
**To:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <[SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <[Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca)>; [jeff@framepoint.ca](mailto:jeff@framepoint.ca)  
**Subject:** Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty

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Dear Minister Malcolmson,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Disability Without Poverty (DWP) to request an in-person meeting with you in Victoria during the week of November 6-9.

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**Sent:** 11/03/2023 21:05:23  
**Attachments:** 221130- Disability Without Poverty.docx, Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and Disability without Poverty.docx, DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction.pdf

Hello,

Attached are the materials for the pre-brief at 9:00am on Monday and meeting on Tuesday at 2pm.

Thanks,  
Val

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Thanks

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313932- Disability Without Poverty.docx, Appendix A- 218518 APPROVED MNS and  
**Attachments:** Disability without Poverty.docx, Appendix B- DWP BC Submission BC Poverty Reduction.pdf

Hi Minister,

The updated materials for the meeting tomorrow with Disability Without Poverty are attached.

Thanks,  
Val

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**From:** Keene, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Keene@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hello,

Please find updated materials based on the briefing this morning. These materials are to support the meeting with Disability Without Poverty tomorrow.

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Meeting Details	
Date/Time:	Nov 7 2:00pm
Location:	MO Room 236
Meeting with:	<b>Disability Without Poverty</b>
Topics:	Introductory meeting and discuss work done by organization.
Attendees:	MSM Samuel to Staff PS Chant  Amanda Lockitch, Community Organizer <b>Rabia Khedr</b> , National Director, <b>Michelle Hewitt</b> , Board Chair
Materials:	Requested
Contact:	Amanda Lockitch Community Organizer, BC Disability Without Poverty 778-991-8356 <a href="mailto:amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca">amanda@disabilitywithoutpoverty.ca</a>
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Samuel to staff

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**Sent:** 11/02/2023 22:02:29  
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Staff just sent me this as an appendix as well, please also include this doc in MSM's material package.

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**Subject:** FW: Meeting in Victoria (Nov 6-9) - Disability Without Poverty  
**Sent:** 10/27/2023 21:53:57

Hi,

Can you follow-up on this one today? Apparently they haven't heard back from you....

**Samuel Godfrey** (he/him)

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Hi,

Val: MSM will do this, with staff.

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