

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION MEETING NOTE

DATE: February 27, 2024

PREPARED FOR: Susie Chant, Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility

MEETING DETAILS: **Topic:** Meeting with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), in recognition of Jewish Disability Advocacy Day (Feb. 29)

Attendees: Nico Slobinsky (Vice President, CIJA Pacific Region)
David Decolongon (Associate Director of Policy and Communications, CIJA Pacific Region)

Date: February 29, 2024

BACKGROUND:

Members of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) have reached out to schedule a meeting with PS Chant on February 29, coinciding with Jewish Disability Advocacy Day. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the meaningful work that is being done to support persons with disabilities in the Jewish community. The request for the meeting came from Nico Slobinsky, Vice President of CIJA Pacific Region, and David Decolongon, Associate Director of Policy and Communications for CIJA Pacific Region.

CIJA is the advocacy agent of the Jewish Federations of Canada. As a Canada-wide, non-partisan, non-profit organization, CIJA represents the diverse perspectives and concerns of more than 150,000 Jewish Canadians affiliated with their local Jewish Federation. As the Canadian affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, and as representative to the Claims Conference and to the World Jewish Restitution Organization, CIJA is also connected to the organized Jewish community internationally.

CIJA's mission is to preserve and protect Jewish life in Canada through advocacy. Recently, CIJA has seen a \$25 million investment for the Jewish Community Centre redevelopment project, the announced rollout of the racist incident helpline, and the inclusion of mandatory Holocaust education in the provincial K-12 curriculum.

ISSUES:

According to CIJA's Jewish Community Priorities Guide (see Appendix 1), the organization is advocating for several significant issues directly related to accessibility and supporting people with disabilities in the province:

Housing: CIJA is asking the B.C. government to work with housing providers to deliver affordable housing solutions that accommodate ethnocultural communities, families, seniors, single parents, persons with disabilities, and those with complex care needs.

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Supporting families: CIJA is asking the B.C. government to increase program funding and support so families that have children with disabilities, children and youth with support needs, and complex medical needs have timely, universal, and portable access to care. This care includes early intervention assessments, family respite, medical and in-home support, and resources in schools.

Poverty reduction: CIJA is asking the B.C. government to make the full amount of the \$300 temporary income and disability assistance supplement permanent and explore further increases, including to the annual earnings exemption.

RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Thank the attendees for their continued advocacy on behalf of B.C.'s Jewish community.
- Recognize that it takes significant time and effort to conduct their work.
- State that advocates, self-advocates, organizations, and communities have been instrumental in making B.C. more accessible and inclusive for everyone.
- State that government is committed to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to enjoy full and equitable participation in their communities.
- Note that the mandate of the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility ensures that the voices of people living with disabilities are heard in all policy development.

May wish to highlight the following initiatives:

Housing:

- Note mandated work with the Minister of Housing on ensuring the next iteration of the BC Building Code includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people.
- The 2024 BC Building Code delivers on government's mandate to make new buildings more accessible for all people.
- Changes to increase accessibility in public buildings, like power-operated doors for entrances and accessible washrooms, will come into effect in March 2024.
- Updated BC Building Code requirements for adaptable dwellings take effect in March 2025 so more units can be more easily and cost effectively renovated to meet peoples' specific needs.
- Beginning in May 2022, government created a minimum shelter allowance to support unhoused people who receive income assistance, disability assistance and hardship assistance.
- In 2022, the Province announced \$164 million over three years to deliver the first phase of Complex Care Housing. The aim is to meet the needs of people with overlapping mental health challenges, substance-use issues, trauma and acquired brain injuries

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- Note mandated support for the Minister of Education and Child Care to continue providing supports for children and youth with disabilities and special learning needs.
- Through the ChildCareBC initiative, British Columbia continues to fund thousands of high-quality, affordable childcare spaces, build better facilities, lower fees for families, and train more people to become early learning professionals.
- Recognizing that caring for a child with significant disabilities can come at a high cost for families, in 2022, the Ministry of Children and Family Development announced a \$10 million funding increase to medical equipment benefits under the At Home Program. This program helps to significantly lower the cost of medical equipment for B.C. families of children and youth with physical disabilities and other complex care needs.

Poverty reduction:

- Note that SDPR's Poverty Reduction Strategy has initiated several programs to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to inclusion, and to provide much-needed support to people with disabilities across B.C.
- Highlight some of the key updates regarding SDPR's Poverty Reduction Strategy:
 - This is a five-year plan to reduce child poverty by 50% and overall poverty by 25% in B.C.
 - Since 2017, 313,000 people, including 77,000 children, have exited poverty.
 - Last year, B.C. hosted a wide-ranging public engagement and more than 10,000 people – over 70% of them with lived experience of poverty – gave advice. We are so grateful for the valuable insights, and they will significantly The strategy has engaged over 10,000 people, 70% with lived experience of poverty.
 - This input will shape the next poverty reduction strategy, which will be released during the spring legislative 2024.

Accessibility Standard Development:

- Note continued work to engage with advocates, communities, and businesses to ensure the new accessibility legislation is well understood and effective at making B.C. more accessible and inclusive for everyone – including the implementation of accessible service delivery and employment accessibility standards.
- Note that from May to July 2024, SDPR's Accessibility Directorate will lead a public consultation and engagement process to help inform the new accessibility standards, in accordance with requirements under Section 16 of the Accessible BC Act.

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Enclosures/Attachments

Appendix 1: [Jewish Community Priorities Guide](#)

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Reviewing path: Sarah Omware, Director / Sam Turcott, ADM /
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Topic:	Jewish Disability Advocacy day
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Description
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Baleinamoto, Mere SDPR:EX
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Yes
Blueprint Type
Other
Category
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SDPR GCPE
Division
SDPR GCPE
Other Number
221868
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2024-02-22
Date Completed
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Raiqiso, Brooke edited the item's details [as Business Admin]

2024-02-28 4:24 PM
Raiqiso, Brooke forwarded the item to Omware, Sarah [as Assigned User]
for update as per GCPE note. Urgent.

2024-02-28 4:22 PM
Khalaileh, Aygul forwarded the item to Raiqiso, Brooke [as Assigned User]
Approved with one comment

2024-02-28 11:10 AM
Turcott, Sam R approved and forwarded the item to Khalaileh, Aygul [as Assigned User]

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2024-02-27 3:06 PM
Norfolk, Alexander forwarded the item to Omware, Sarah [as Assigned User]
Meeting note ready for review.

2024-02-27 3:05 PM
Norfolk, Alexander added a document: 221868 CIJA MO_Meeting Note Draft.docx

2024-02-27 12:27 PM
Omware, Sarah forwarded the item to Norfolk, Alexander [as Assigned User]

2024-02-27 11:44 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere added a comment [as General Admin]
I have attached a Bullet Template to provide further information.

2024-02-27 11:42 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere added a document: Bullet Points Template (1).dotx

2024-02-27 11:37 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere forwarded the item to Omware, Sarah [as General Admin]
MO has requested KM for EOD today. Thanks so much!

2024-02-27 10:26 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere added a document: Letter to Hon Sheila Malcolmson.pdf

2024-02-27 10:26 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere added a document: 2024 BC Priorities Guide.pdf

2024-02-27 10:25 AM
Baleinamoto, Mere added a document: MO Information Request Form - CJIA Feb.docx

2024-02-16 10:49 AM
Wilson, Jennifer L created the item and assigned it to Khalaileh, Aygul [as Initiator]
Please see attached MO request for KMs for PSSC's Feb 29 mtg with CIJA, due back to MO Feb 22. Thanks!

From: Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX(Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca)
To: SDPR DMO SDPR:EX (SDPR.DMO@gov.bc.ca)
To: Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: KMS/ BULLETS MEETING FW: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day
Sent: 02/16/2024 18:05:33
Attachments: Letter to Hon Sheila Malcolmson.pdf, 2024 BC Priorities Guide.pdf, MO Information Request Form - CIJA Feb.docx

Hi team,

Please find the attached MO request form and other items related to the meeting PSC has with the CIJA on February 29th.

With thanks,
Darcy

From: Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; 'David Decolongon' <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Subject: FW: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day

Hi Darcy: please met David, with CIJA.

David: please meet Darcy, my colleague who is lead support for PS Chant.

Darcy: David is hoping that you and he can set up a time on Feb 29 for PSC (zoom is fine) to meet with folks in the Jewish community who can share their perspective on disability issues and hear from her about her work.

Warm regards, Samuel

Samuel Godfrey

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

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From: David Decolongon <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:41 PM
To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nico Slobinsky <nslobinsky@cija.ca>
Subject: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day

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Room 236 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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Subject: RE: Thank you
Sent: 03/01/2024 17:08:48

Hi David,

Thanks for your very kind follow-up and for sharing the screenshot. I look forward to connecting with you again.

Sam

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Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:16 PM
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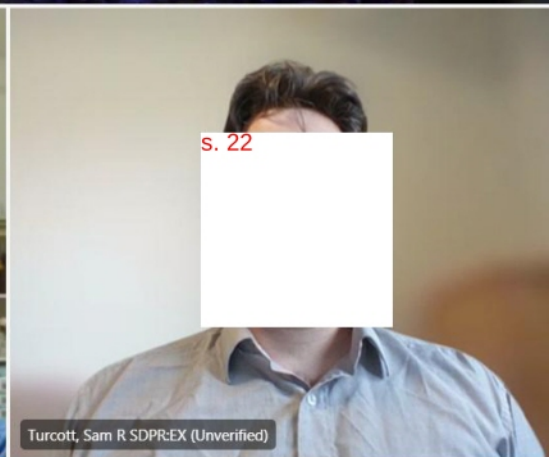
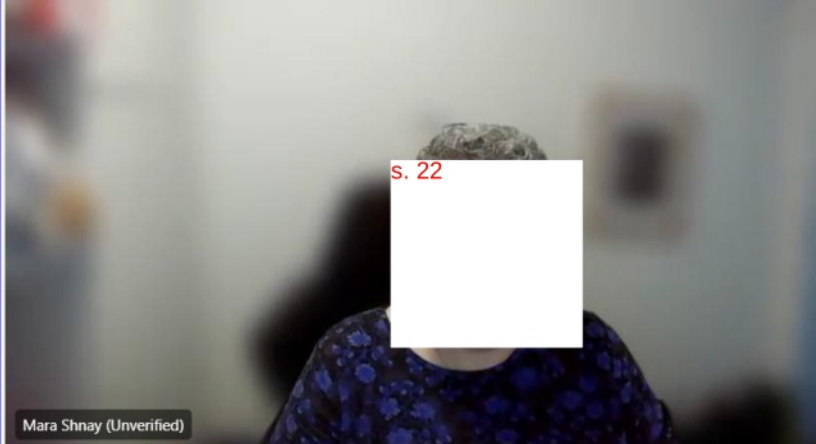
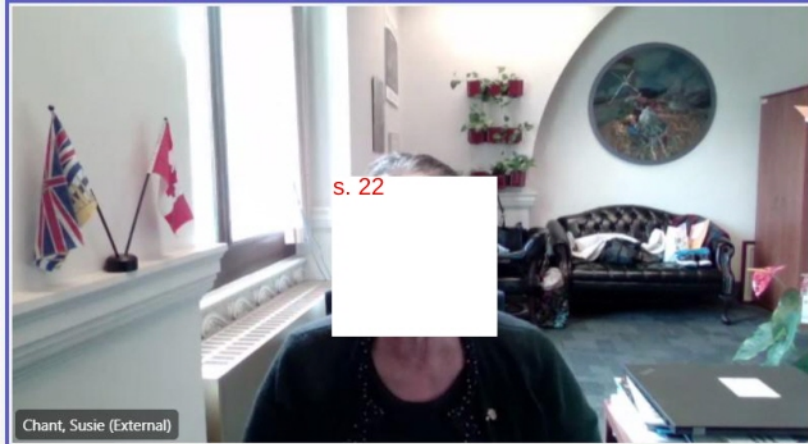
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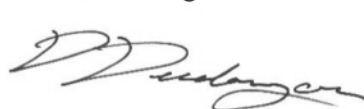
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To: SDPR PS Inbox SDPR:EX (SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: FW: 2024 Jewish Community Priorities Guide
Sent: 02/13/2024 17:18:21
Attachments: 2024 BC Priorities Guide.pdf, Letter to PS Megan Dykeman.pdf

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Subject: 2024 Jewish Community Priorities Guide

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Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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We wish you a wonderful 2024 and hope to hear from you soon.

Warmest Regards,

Nico Slobinsky



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To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX (SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: Invitation to Jewish Community Celebration for Israel's 75th Independence Day
Sent: 03/15/2023 21:59:12

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To: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca); Sarah Mackenzie (smackenzie@CIJA.ca)
Subject: PSD / CIJA meeting
Sent: 04/15/2024 18:02:44

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Materials:	Advocacy Guide (link)
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Subject: PSD / CIJA meeting
Sent: 03/25/2024 19:06:09

Meeting Details	
Date/Time:	<i>April 17th 10:30 – 11:00</i>
Location:	<i>MS Teams</i>
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Subject: RE: 2024 Jewish Community Priorities Guide
Sent: 02/13/2024 18:44:25
Attachments: Letter to PS Megan Dykeman.pdf, 2024 BC Priorities Guide.pdf

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Hi Madison,

Thank you for forwarding our email to the appropriate email.

We will also be requesting a meeting with her in her role as Parliamentary Secretary. I have copied her Ministry email for the request.

Kind Regards,
David Decolongon

From: Dykeman.MLA, Megan <Megan.Dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:19 AM
To: David Decolongon <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Cc: Nico Slobinsky <nslobinsky@cija.ca>
Subject: RE: 2024 Jewish Community Priorities Guide

Hello David,

Thank you for your email. As this is the Constituency office email address for MLA Dykeman, I've forwarded your email to PS Dykeman at SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca. This gov.bc.ca email address is the correct email address to send to Parliamentary Secretary Megan Dykeman and her PS team. Could you please send any future emails there?

Thank you so much. Have a wonderful day!

Kind Regards,

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To: Sarah Mackenzie (smackenzie@CIJA.ca)
Subject: RE: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day
Sent: 02/29/2024 19:19:40

Hi Sarah,

I've just sent Mara a meeting invite. Thank you for letting me know.

Kindest Regards,

Sophia Heston (She/Her)

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The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson | Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
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From: Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:21 PM
To: Godfrey, Samuel SDPR:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; 'David Decolongon' <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Cc: Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day

Thank you for the introduction, Samuel.

Hi David,

I will reach out to you later today with a couple time options for you to choose from. Once we have secured a time, Sophia or I will share a Teams invitation with you for the day of the meeting.

Warm regards,

Darcy

Darcy Olsen (she/her)

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Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Olsen, Darcy SDPR:EX <Darcy.Olsen@gov.bc.ca>; 'David Decolongon' <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Subject: FW: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day

Hi Darcy: please met David, with CIJA.

David: please meet Darcy, my colleague who is lead support for PS Chant.

Darcy: David is hoping that you and he can set up a time on Feb 29 for PSC (zoom is fine) to meet with folks in the Jewish community who can share their perspective on disability issues and hear from her about her work.

Warm regards, Samuel

Samuel Godfrey

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

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From: David Decolongon <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 4:41 PM

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

Cc: Nico Slobinsky <nslobinsky@cija.ca>

Subject: 221820 Meeting Request - February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day

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Dear Hon. Sheila Malcolmson,

I hope this email finds you and your office well. We are reaching out to you for two reasons, which are further discussed in the attached letter.

February 29 is Jewish Disability Advocacy Day, and we would greatly appreciate a Zoom meeting with you, our team, and some of our community partners.

Additionally, we are pleased to present you with a copy of our latest Advocacy Guide.

Kind Regards,

David Decolongon (he/him)

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To: Nico Slobinsky (nslobinsky@cija.ca); Sarah Mackenzie (smackenzie@CIJA.ca); SDPR PS Inbox SDPR:EX (SDPR.ParlSec@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: Follow-up items from meeting with PS Dykeman
Sent: 05/16/2024 17:32:36

Hi David,

Thank you for reaching out to follow up on your May 13th meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Dykeman. I am glad to hear it was productive.

The end of session is bringing a shift in focus for the Members and PS Dykeman's schedule for the next few months is still in flux. Her staff have asked that we check back in when her schedule is more finalized. I look forward to working with you in the near future to set up a visit.

Kind Regards,

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From: David Decolongon <ddecolongon@CIJA.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:47 AM
To: Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX <Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nico Slobinsky <nslobinsky@cija.ca>; Sarah Mackenzie <smackenzie@CIJA.ca>
Subject: Follow-up items from meeting with PS Dykeman

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Hi Sophia,

Thank you for helping setup today's meeting with PS Dykeman. We had a great conversation and the Parliamentary Secretary expressed interest in visiting the Jewish Food Bank. If you could provide us with some potential dates and availabilities that would be greatly appreciated.

Once we know her availabilities, we can work on putting things together on our end.

Kind Regards,

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To: Heston, Sophia SDPR:EX (Sophia.Heston@gov.bc.ca)
To: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX (Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: PSD meeting request FW: Jewish Community 2024 Priorities
Sent: 04/15/2024 18:11:57

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Dear Sophia,

Thank you so much for your kind understanding.

Warm regards,
Sarah

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:05 AM
To: Sarah Mackenzie <smackenzie@CIJA.ca>
Cc: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PSD meeting request FW: Jewish Community 2024 Priorities

Hello Sarah,

Wonderful, I have updated the calendar invitations and they should resend to all the attendees. The Teams link has remained the same.

Thank you,

Sophia Heston (She/Her)
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Cc: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PSD meeting request FW: Jewish Community 2024 Priorities

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Dear Sophia,

May 13 from 9:00 – 9:30 would be most ideal!

Thank you so much,
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Cc: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PSD meeting request FW: Jewish Community 2024 Priorities

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for letting me know. Unfortunately, PS Dykeman does not have availability during those times on the 18th and 19th. She has the following availability in May,

May 8th 9:00 – 9:30 or 10:00 – 10:30
May 13th 9:00 – 9:30
May 22nd 10:00 – 10:30

Please let me know if any of those options will work for you and once confirmed I will adjust the calendar invite.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: D'Argis, Julie SDPR:EX <Julie.DArgis@gov.bc.ca>; Sarah Mackenzie <smackenzie@CIJA.ca>
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Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:01 AM
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To: White, Christine PSFS:EX (Christine.White@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: PSD meeting request FW: Jewish Community 2024 Priorities
Sent: 04/12/2024 19:56:35

I think so, yes

From: White, Christine PSFS:EX <Christine.White@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 12:50 PM
To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>
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I think this is a SDPR thing... right?

Christine White

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To: McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX <Valerie.McKnight@gov.bc.ca>; White, Christine PSFS:EX <Christine.White@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Roundtable invitation - Jewish Community
Sent: 07/17/2023 21:11:02

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Dear Parliamentary Secretary Dykeman,

We are following up on the visit/meeting request we sent out on July 7th to your team. We would be delighted if we could work with your team to plan a time for you to visit the Jewish Community Centre and participate in a roundtable conversation with the Jewish non-profits.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Best Regards,
Nico

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From: Nico Slobinsky
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 11:26 AM
To: SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca; sdpr.parlsec@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Shelley Rivkin <srivkin@jewishvancouver.com>; Shirley Berelowitz <sberelowitz@CIJA.ca>; Gabrielle Bloomfield <gbloomfield@jewishvancouver.com>; Sarah Mackenzie <smackenzie@CIJA.ca>; megan.dykeman.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Roundtable invitation - Jewish Community

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To: Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX (SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: Reminder: Invitation to Jewish Community Celebration for Israel's 75th Independence Day
Sent: 05/05/2023 18:29:24

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