



January 28, 2015

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this as confirmation that Andrew Ives, Ministerial Assistant to the Premier, has prior approval to travel with me outside the province and country.

This letter replaces the need to fill out the "Travel Authorization" form each time Mr. Ives travels outside the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Christy Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christy" being more prominent than the last name "Clark".

Christy Clark  
Premier



July 22, 2013

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this as confirmation that Ben Chin, Director of Communications, has prior approval to travel with me outside the province and country.

This letter is also authorization for the recent travel in June to Winnipeg and replaces the need to fill out the "Travel Authorization" form each time Mr. Chin travels outside the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Christy Clark". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Christy Clark  
Premier

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## **Wharf, Sandy PREM:EX**

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**From:** Dyble, John C PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:14 PM  
**To:** Shoemaker, Wes ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Wharf, Sandy PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Approval for International Travel - 21st Conference of the Parties, Paris, France - Dec. 3 - 11, 2015

Wes,

Travel is fine.

Will you be travelling with the Minister and will she need you for briefings on the flights?

John

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**From:** Shoemaker, Wes ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:34 AM  
**To:** Dyble, John C PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Wharf, Sandy PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Approval for International Travel - 21st Conference of the Parties, Paris, France - Dec. 3 - 11, 2015

John,

As you are aware, BC is preparing for and planning to attend the next round of Climate Negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in Paris, France in December.

Provinces and Territories have only a short time to finalize and submit their delegates to the federal government so they can be formally accredited as part of the Canadian delegation. Hotels have mostly been sold out for months, but BC has reserved a few blocks of rooms to ensure that we have secured accommodations pending the formal approval to attend the event.

At this point, the proposed BC delegation will be relatively small when compared with the delegations of other Provinces such as Quebec and Ontario (whose delegation will be approximately 30 - 50 provincial staff). The delegation at this point will be PCC, plus 2 political staff (and security), Minister Polak and her Chief of Staff, myself and Susanna Laaksonen-Craig. As there will be instances where PCC and MMP will be participating in separate events at the same time, Susanna and I will have to split up to ensure that they each have staff support who are knowledgeable on BC's climate policies and objectives. Additionally, the federal government is prepared to include only Deputies in the confidential daily briefings as to the progress/strategies of the on-going negotiations.

Below is the rationale for our request to attend the COP21 negotiations. As there is currently an Air Canada sale offering business class fare for a significant discount, we'd like to seek your approval to travel and take advantage of these attractive fares. Preliminary estimates for a business class return fare to Paris during this timeframe will be approximately \$3200 plus tax (which is normally well over \$5000) and is comparable to premium economy fares for the roughly 17 hour flight. Hotels will run approximately \$250 euros per night.

I am therefore requesting your approval for Susanna and myself to be part of the BC delegation and as per policy, requesting your approval to purchase business class tickets.

- **Event:** Climate Negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21)
- **Where/When:** Event starts November 30, runs to December 11; Paris, France.
- **Rationale for BC MoE staff to attend COP 21:**
  - The purpose of COP 21 is to achieve lasting international agreement to avoid dangerous climate change impacts.
  - Canada's COP 21 delegation will include the participation of: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal environment minister and Environment Canada staff, and political leadership and staff from PTs. Almost every PT is planning engagement at COP 21, including Alberta, Quebec, and Ontario (ON's delegation will tentatively include 30 – 50 staff.)
  - Rationale for sending BC MoE staff includes the following:
    - **Objectives:**
      - Contribute to Minister of Environment's mandate letter goal to prepare and position BC to make a meaningful contribution at COP 21;
      - Participate with EC in developing Canada's positions during the negotiations to ensure that BC's interests are protected and represented;
      - Demonstrate value of leadership at the subnational level through success of BC's suite of climate policies;
      - Create an international platform to introduce BC's new draft Climate Leadership Plan and other key climate change / land use announcements; and
      - Develop and build relationships with key representatives from global business and trade partners, to further BC's strategic and economic development priorities going forward
    - **Requirements for MoE staff attending COP 21:**
      - Support Premier and Minister of Environment on policy and logistics for speaking engagements and meetings with national and subnational governments and international corporations;
      - Participate in forums featuring senior public officials to discuss climate policy success in British Columbia (including carbon tax, carbon neutral government, climate action charters, etc.); and
      - Provide detailed and substantive input to Canada's negotiating team on the text of the Agreement as it is developed through the COP 21 meeting.
    - **Outcomes:**
      - By sending BC MoE staff to COP 21, the government of British Columbia will be well-positioned to make a meaningful contribution to COP 21, to demonstrate subnational climate leadership by using BC's success as a case study, to create and support a platform to release BC's draft Climate Leadership Plan, and to further BC's trade, investment and strategic priorities with global businesses and trade partners.

I await your approval.

*Wes*

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