

From: s.17
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Doyle, Dan PREM:EX
Subject: Memo
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Dan, as discussed. Please send this memo to all Political Staff

From: s.17
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 11:09 AM
To: Rustad, John ABR:EX; Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX; Letnick, Norm AGRI:EX; Cadieux, Stephanie MCF:EX; Fassbender, Peter CSCD:EX; Bernier, Mike EDUC:EX; Bennett, Bill MEM:EX; Polak, Mary ENV:EX; de Jong, Michael FIN:EX; Thomson, Steve FLNR:EX; Lake, Terry HLTH:EX; Wat, Teresa MIT:EX; Bond, Shirley B JTST:EX; Anton, Suzanne JAG:EX; Oakes, Coralee SBRT:EX; s.17 _ Stilwell, Michelle SDSI:EX; Virk, Amrik MTIC:EX; Stone, Todd TRAN:EX; Yamamoto, Naomi TRAN:EX
Subject: Memo from the Premier
Attachments: 2015 10 23 Letter.pdf
Importance: High

Good Morning,

In light of the recent OIPC report I would like to draw to your attention to this memo. Please confirm that you have received this email and will be following the new procedures.

Regards,
Premier Clark



October 23, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

I know you share my sense of duty to British Columbians to ensure we lead a government that is open and accountable.

To that end, we will be taking action on the Privacy Commissioner's recommendations. I have asked David Loukidelis to help us strengthen our processes and training around Freedom of Information, and give us advice on the best ways to implement actions in response to this report.

Until Mr. Loukidelis completes his work, I am further directing my Cabinet Ministers and all political staff, to keep all the emails they send, regardless of whether they are transitory or not.

There can be conflicting views on how the rules have been applied over the decades. It is my expectation that we do our utmost to follow the regulations around Freedom of Information. But, we also need to recognize that technology, as well as public expectations are evolving.

We can, and should, take this additional step to give our citizens greater confidence that their government is open and accountable.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

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Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 11:07 AM
To: Rustad, John ABR:EX; Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX; Letnick, Norm AGRI:EX; Cadieux, Stephanie MCF:EX; Fassbender, Peter CSCD:EX; Bernier, Mike EDUC:EX; Bennett, Bill MEM:EX; Polak, Mary ENV:EX; de Jong, Michael FIN:EX; Thomson, Steve FLNR:EX; Lake, Terry HLTH:EX; Wat, Teresa MIT:EX; Bond, Shirley B JTST:EX; Anton, Suzanne JAG:EX; Oakes, Coralee SBRT:EX; s.17 Stilwell, Michelle SDSI:EX; Virk, Amrik MTIC:EX; Stone, Todd TRAN:EX; Yamamoto, Naomi TRAN:EX; Ashton, Dan A FIN:EX; Barnett, Donna FLNR:EX; Gibson, Simon EDUC:EX; Hogg, Gordon CSCD:EX; Kylo, Greg J JTST:EX; Larson, Linda SDSI:EX; Morris, Mike PSSG:EX; Plecas, Darryl HLTH:EX; Reimer, Linda CSCD:EX; Sturdy, Jordan ENV:EX; Thornthwaite, Jane A MCF:EX; Throness, Laurie JAG:EX; Yap, John SBRT:EX
Subject: Loukidelis Report
Attachments: 2015 12 16 Letter from Premier Clark.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached my letter responding to the recommendations put forward by Mr. Loukidelis. Please confirm that you have received this email and will abide by what has been outlined.

Regards,
Premier Clark

From: s.17
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 1:18 PM
To: Carr, Steve MNGD:EX
Subject: FW: Loukidelis Report
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Steve,

Please see the attached letter that I sent to cabinet. Can you please confirm that you have received this email and will abide by what has been outlined?

Also, please share with MO staff.

Regards,
Premier Christy Clark

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Regards,
Premier Clark



December 16, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

I have always been motivated by a commitment to ensure our government is open and transparent. We have taken many steps to enhance our laws, policies and procedures to meet this commitment.

The Privacy Commissioner's report has identified specific areas in which we can improve, and Mr. Loukidelis has provided additional thoughts and recommendations on how best to implement these improvements. Today, I am announcing that we are accepting all of Mr. Loukidelis' recommendations, and will take further actions to ensure our records management and freedom of information practices meet public expectations.

The practice of 'triple-deleting' will be prohibited, ministers and political staff will continue to retain sent emails and a new policy and specific training will be developed. As soon as practicable, senior public servants will be made responsible for the search of records responsive to information requests on behalf of ministers and political staff. Government also agrees with Mr. Loukidelis's recommendations to study and consider the establishment of duty to document which is currently under review by the Special Committee to Review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Finally, the position of Chief Records Officer, along with responsibility for Information Access policy and operations, will reside in the Ministry of Finance to provide corporate over-site and guidance to all ministries and ensure alignment with the agency responsible for human resources across government. This office will also begin work to develop service enhancements aimed at improving our duty to assist freedom of information applicants.

I am confident the actions announced today provide the assurance the public deserves to be confident government is operating in the most open and accountable manner possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christy Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christy Clark
Premier