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Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:47 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Ahousaht

Dear Premier Clark

I am writing to encourage the emergency services ministry to quickly implement the changes, as outlined by Premier Clark in her remarks after the whale watching boat tragedy, for the Ahousaht community.

Premier Christy Clark said the emergency services ministry will offer more search and rescue training for those called out to help in marine rescues. She said she will also encourage Telus to speed up delivery of fibre optic cellular service to the west coast.

I was surprised to read that there is no reliable cellular phone service in Ahousaht, even though the residents have long been promised it.

If the Ahousaht community, using their own boats, had not been there to respond to the signal flare for help the loss of life may have been far worse. As I understand it, 30 people from the Ahousaht's volunteer search and rescue group were out in seven boats. They picked up and carried many people to shore and then they plotted the currents and moved further offshore looking for floating survivors.

By the time the federal search and rescue group arrived on the scene, the boats of Ahousaht had scooped up the 21 survivors.

This community of people were ready to help, know the water and shoreline and are the best ones to respond to a disaster. They just need the resources to perform these heroic acts.

I would also like to ask the Ministry to include programs for traumatic incidence stress. Many of the Ahousaht people interviewed on TV news reports seemed to be suffering from the effects of traumatic incidence stress and if, in the future, they are going to be provided resources to respond to emergencies then it only follows that some people will carry the after effects of mental stress.

Thank you for your consideration of my email letter.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22

Date: November 25, 2015 at 8:43:15 PM PST

To: "Stilwell, Michelle"

Subject: FW: note for Premier re Tofino and West Coast emerg planning
Respond?

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Sent: November 24, 2015 4:07 PM

To: Stilwell.MLA, Michelle

Subject: note for Premier re Tofino and West Coast emerg planning

Hello Michelle,

I hope this finds you well! I would like to get this attached note to our Premier's attention. Please feel free to open it as that may give you an idea as to how best to respond. If you can find time for a short reply I will appreciate it.

Thank you,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stilwell, Michelle"

Date: November 26, 2015 at 2:44:13 PM PST

To: "Yamamoto, Naomi"

Subject: Fwd: note for Premier re Tofino and West Coast emerg planning

Sharing this with you as it relates to your ministry. We can talk Friday when I see you.

Michelle Stilwell, MLA Parksville-Qualicum

Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation

Sent from my iPad

From: Holme, Matt TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 3:09 PM
To: De Wit, Antoinette PREM:EX
Subject: FW: note for Premier re Tofino and West Coast emerg planning

FYI

From: Yamamoto, Naomi [mailto:N.Yamamoto@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Holme, Matt TRAN:EX
Subject: Fwd: note for Premier re Tofino and West Coast emerg planning

Sent from my iPhone

From:

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Honourable Premier Christy Clark,

Dear Premier,

I would like to put myself forward to you for assisting in emergency preparedness, particularly in the light of recent tragic events at Tofino.

You may recall meeting with me on several occasions in the past few years, s.22
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Thank you, and all the best,

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November 1, 2015

October 27, 2015

Chief Councillor Greg Louie

Ahousaht First Nation

General Delivery
Ahousaht BC V0R 1A0

Dear Chief Councillor Louie:

British Columbia experienced a terrible tragedy this week on the waters of our West Coast, with the capsizing of the Leviathan II whale-watching tour boat off the coast of Vargas Island near Tofino.

Thanks to the quick action of members of the Ahousaht First Nation, namely s.22 and s.22 many lives were saved. Their heroism and compassion, and that of citizens in the area, truly made a difference to the outcome and for that they should all feel very proud.

My thoughts are with all those who were impacted by this terrible loss, and their families, as well as with the first responders, emergency services and residents in the area who have been absolutely phenomenal in helping out.

Please extend my personal thanks to all members of the Ahousaht First Nation who responded immediately to the rescue effort and to those who provided shelter, food and clothing to the survivors. Reaching out and helping others speaks to the character of everyone involved, and it is what makes us all proud to be British Columbians.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark

Premier

Subject: Leviathan II sinking, Tofino

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> Date: Tue, 27 Oct 2015 16:31:18 -0700

> To: premier@gov.bc.ca

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> Hello Christy,

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> We met many years ago at a TBA meeting here in Tofino. I watched your news conference today, which was very good. There is, however, one glaring omission in this whole media coverage, including your press conference.

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> While many vessels responded to this disaster, it was the heroic effort of the ships crew, working in frigid waters, getting a life raft inflated, holding passengers afloat in 11 degree water, working hard to get as many people either onto rocks or in the life raft and dealing with shocked passengers in a very professional manner.^{s.22} safety regime is second to none, following the incident in 1998.

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> These three brave individuals are true Heros! Without their excellent performance in the 45 minutes prior to the first rescue vessels arriving, many many more people would have died.

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> Sorry to vent, they have received no recognition. They deserve a medal. They are the true and initial Heros.

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> Yours truly,

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> Sent by mysterious modern technology!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:31 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Leviathan II sinking, Tofino

Hello again Christie,

I stand corrected, s.22, it was not 45 minutes. The boat rolled over at 3pm, the first rescuers arrived at 4:20, one hour and twenty minutes valiantly saving lives.

Yours truly,
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On 2015-10-28, at 3:00 PM, "OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX" wrote:

Thank you very much for your follow-up email. Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the tragedy and we can only imagine how very difficult the whole situation has been. You might be interested to know that the Premier referenced the heroism in the Legislature today at around 13:55. The printed version will be available later today in the Hansard transcriptions that you can find at the following link: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/40th-parliament/4th-session> under today's date.

We do appreciate hearing from you^{s.22} , and will be sharing your comments with the Premier at the earliest opportunity.

Again, thank you for writing.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:41 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Leviathan II sinking, Tofino

Thank you for your reply, however reading Hansard is much the same speech our Premier gave in Tofino. I am truly disappointed that there has still been no recognition ^{s.22} brave crew who spent an hour and twenty minutes selflessly saving lives.

Yours truly

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