

Wray, Stephanie PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Wray, Stephanie PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Interview Request

Hi Steph, this is for call for records 62038

Ben Chin
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Chin, Ben PREM:EX" <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 9, 2015 at 7:19:06 AM PST
To: Matt Lee <Matt.Lee@corusent.com>
Cc: "Oliphant, Sam" <Sam.Oliphant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Interview Request

Yes, as I said to Mark there's no merit to those claims. Premier was not aware of any renewable energy proposal for the area connected to Bruce Clark.

By the way, Matt, I did do a search for Broadwing Renewables Inc after Mark Hume brought this to my attention. On the BC Hydro site, the only thing that comes up is that Broadwing was one of 26 proposals submitted to a 'request for expressions of interest'. And as of 2014, BC H has decided not to proceed to commercial process with any of the 26 proposals.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message

From: Matt Lee
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 7:13 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Cc: Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Interview Request

Hi Ben,

Thanks for the follow up.

Can you therefore deny these allegations coming from Mr. Davidson, at least for the record?

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX [<mailto:Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 6:51 AM

To: Matt Lee

Cc: Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX

Subject: Re: Interview Request

Hi Matt, this is a project proposal the provincial government has been discussing for more than a year. If built, the school gym could serve First Nations and non-First Nations in the area. We've committed to working with the Federal Government and Old Massett Village Council regardless of the outcome of any election.

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From: Matt Lee

Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 6:32 AM

To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

Cc: Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX

Subject: Interview Request

Good morning Ben,

Following up with the Globe and Mail's story where Kimball Davidson accuses Premier Clark of interfering in the Old Massett election.

While I understand it's unlikely Premier Clark could be unavailable to speak on this matter, it would be appreciated. And if not, a statement addressing the allegations would be welcomed as well.

Please follow up with me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks.

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Dear Sir:

RE: Old Massett Village Council On-Reserve School Expansion

Chief and Council of Old Massett, located on Haida Gwaii is keenly interested and committed to the pursuit of an on-reserve school expansion up to and inclusive of grade seven [7]. Due to the declining population and resultant implications of funding levels, School District #50 has been exploring options to address these issues locally. One option put forward was that of relocating the elementary school and combining it with the secondary school in Massett. Upon consideration, Old Massett Chief and Council would not find this to be an appropriate learning environment for the younger children.

Alternatively, Old Massett would propose an expansion of Chief Matthews, our school on reserve, to provide educational service and accommodation of all children in our catchment area up to and including grade seven [7]. Our school is FNEESC accredited and we have a reciprocal tuition agreement with the Province of B.C. We are able to accommodate children to grade five [5], space permitting.

In order to proceed and move this proposal forward, Old Massett Village Council would respectfully request to have a meeting with you and Mr. Eric Magnuson of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Our members are flexible and willing to meet at your earliest convenience and selected location.

Your attention to and consideration of this matter is appreciated. I can be reached on my cell phone at 250 626-7969 if you require additional information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Rea', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ken Rea

Chief Councillor

c.c. Eric Magnuson, Regional Director General
B.C. Region, Aboriginal Affairs and
Northern Development Canada

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
BRIEFING NOTE**

DATE: November 21, 2014
CLIFF # 178649
PREPARED FOR: Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister, and Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, for **Information** at the request of Deputy Minister's Office for a meeting with the Old Massett Village Chief and Council and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Regional Director General Eric Magnuson on Friday, November 28, at 10:00am, 1138 Melville Street, Vancouver (AANDC's building).
SUBJECT: Expansion of Chief Matthews on-reserve school to Grade 7

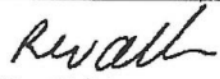
BACKGROUND:

The Village of Old Massett is on the northern shore of Haida Gwaii's Graham Island. Old Massett Village Council members are Chief Councillor Ken Rea and Councillors Buster Bell, Lisa Bell, Cecil Brown, John T. Jones, Brandon Kallio, Danny Matthews, and Harold Yeltazic. (Old Massett Village Council Education Administrator is Florence Lockyer.)

The Old Massett Village Council has expressed an interest in expanding their on-reserve school, Chief Matthews, to include students up to Grade 7 and providing space for all students in the catchment area, including non-status First Nations and non-First Nations.

DISCUSSION:

- The Federal Government through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada has fiduciary responsibility for the education of status on-reserve First Nations.
- Chief Matthews School is a First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA) accredited school which allows them to take advantage of the Ministry of Education's reciprocal tuition program.
- The reciprocal tuition program provides funding to First Nations schools to cover tuition of students attending these schools who are the responsibility of the province, usually non-status or non-First Nations students.
- School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) has no formal plans at this time to close the local elementary school (Tahayghen Elementary) or consolidate the elementary school with the local secondary school (George M. Dawson).
- Current enrolment at Tahayghen Elementary is 79. Current enrolment at George M. Dawson is 115. Current enrolment at Chief Matthews is 71 – nursery to Grade 5.

Contact Information	Approvals / Date signed
Learning Division – Manager, Division Operations	Elda Bolton Nov 21/14
Executive Director:	
ADM:	 Nov 21/14

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
BRIEFING NOTE**

DATE: January 19, 2015
CLIFF #: 179503

PREPARED FOR: Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, for **Information**, at the request of
Rod Allen, Assistant Deputy Minister, **Learning Division**

SUBJECT: Phone call with School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) regarding
Old Massett Village Council's plans to expand local First
Nations School

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 2014, the Deputy Minister (DM) met with the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Regional Director and a team from Old Massett Village Council (OMVC) to discuss possible provincial participation in expanding their on-reserve First Nations school, Chief Matthews Elementary, to include up to Grade 7. This expansion plan included a theatre and possibly a pool.

AANDC noted that \$500 billion was announced by Ottawa to provide improved First Nations school infrastructure and their hope would be a joint venture with the Province. They estimated that \$2.2 million would be needed to expand Chief Matthews school.

The DM did not commit to any provincial participation but committed to investigating the capital plans for School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) to see if there is a possibility of them working with Old Massett Village Council to come to a common plan to move forward. He suggested that OMVC connect with School District 50 (SD50) before the Ministry followed up with the District.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Matthews School is a federal school funded by Canada, through AANDC and operated by Old Massett Village Council. SD50 is aware that OMVC would like to expand Chief Matthews and this could have implications for the School District's capital infrastructure planning, since there is a public elementary school, Tahaygen Elementary, located in the village of Masset.

The School District has indicated to the Ministry that both schools in Masset (Tahaygen Elementary and George M. Dawson Secondary) are in need of major renewal so the Board has requested a single amalgamated school to replace both. This is the Board's *second* highest priority, with the replacement of Agnes Mathers Elementary/Secondary (in Sandspit) being their highest priority. The need at Agnes Mathers is immediate, though no Ministry funding has been committed. The Ministry views this possible replacement as an extension of our Modular School Pilot Program (i.e., replacing rural school's classroom blocks using full day kindergarten-style modulars).

Unless the replacement of the Masset schools is taken on as an emergent project need under the Ministry's current capital plan, it would have to wait for future funding support under an influx of new capital investment by the Province.

CONCLUSION:

School District 50 (Haida Gwaii), in discussion with Old Massett Village Council, may be able to come to a common plan to move forward given that the population of the area is small and has declined over the past few years and that the schools are in need of an upgrade.

There may be policy implications to consider with a joint venture between AANIDC/OMVC and the Ministry at Chief Matthews. There may also be *School Act* (such as subcontracting educational services) and Teacher Certification implications that need to be looked into in more depth.

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Manager, Division Operations	Elda Bolton Jan 19/15
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DM : Dave Byng	

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
BRIEFING NOTE**

DATE: November 12, 2015

CLIFF: 184865

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister, for **Information**

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study – Gymnasium Additions Old Masset First Nations – Chief Matthews School

BACKGROUND:

In September 2015 at the All Chiefs meeting in Vancouver, Chief Ken Rae of the Old Masset Band Council (OMBC) met with the Minister of Education and requested \$2M in funding support for a gymnasium / auditorium addition to their existing Band School, Chief Matthews Elementary. The OMBC also have a funding request with the Federal Government for a contribution of \$2M to expand classroom space at the same facility.

Chief Matthews Elementary is an on-reserve Band school that enrolls kindergarten to grade 4 students. The OMBC believe investments in Chief Matthews Elementary would benefit both First Nation and non-First Nation students and the community at large. As such, they have approached both Federal and Provincial levels of government.

The Old Masset Indian Reserve is located two kilometres from the Village of Masse on Haida Gwaii.

The Ministry of Education provides capital funding to the off-reserve schools in Haida Gwaii. The Federal Government provides capital funding to the on-reserve schools in Haida Gwaii. As such, the Ministry has sought a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Ministry to expend provincial funds to construct on-reserve infrastructure.

DISCUSSION:

There are three schools within the Village of Masset and Old Masset. One elementary and one secondary in Village of Masset operated by School District 50, Haida Gwaii, and the on-reserve Band school in Old Masset.

Representatives of OMBC believe there will be parent and School District support for the expansion recognizing the potential for broader community benefit to the Masset area. Representatives have also indicated support from the Federal government for a \$2M funding contribution.

School District representatives have indicated there has been very limited local discussion between the School District and the OMBC to date and are unaware of public engagement that may have been undertaken at this point, but have indicated a willingness to engage in dialogue with the OMBC. The Federal Government has indicated there has been preliminary discussion on the matter with the OMBC; with no funding commitment made to date.

Given the facts above, the Ministry of Education proposes to conduct a feasibility study valued at approximately \$150,000 to determine options for a gymnasium addition, define the project scope, schedule, budget, risks and potential funding sources. Providing the OMBC are supportive of this approach, the Terms of Reference for the feasibility could be completed, in consultation with the OMBC and posted prior to December 31, 2015.

Depending on the degree of engagement and required consultation with both the OMFN and School District, the feasibility study could be completed this spring with a funding decision advanced summer 2016. However, the time required to complete the study will be directly impacted by the pace of participation by the OMBC. The Ministry has yet to consult with the OMBC on the proposed project timeline and may require more time once consultation has occurred.

A proposed timeline for the project is outlined below:

Feasibility Study Timeline

Feasibility Study Tender	December 31, 2015
RFP Closing	January 30 th , 2016
RFP Evaluation and Award	February 28 th , 2016
Feasibility Study & Stakeholder Consultation	March – April 2016
Review Draft Report	May 2016
Advance for Funding Decision	June 2016

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Should the feasibility study determine the project is feasible, a decision on both the provision and source of funding will be required.

CONCLUSION:

A feasibility study will provide detail on educational/community needs of the area and the initial costs and benefits of the gymnasium/auditorium improvements requested for Chief Matthew School. This will enable government to make an informed decision on the request for \$2M in capital funding.

Attachment(s): Photo Chief Matthews Elementary

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Chief Matthews School



Old Masset – Haida Gwaii



September 11, 2014

Thursday

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

**BC Cabinet and First Nation Leaders' Gathering - s.22
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September 8, 2015

Tuesday

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Time for PCC and Dan -- PVO
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Issues Briefing -- PVO - Andrew to dial Scott MacDonald on his cell - s.22
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Event/Media Avail -- PVO
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Meeting with Barinder -- PVO
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet with Dan, John, Michele and Elizabeth -- PVO
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Cabinet -- PVO
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Time for PCC and John -- PVO
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	BC Cabinet and First Nation Leaders' Gathering Joint Reception with BCBC and Industry -- s.15 s.15

September 9, 2015

Wednesday

8:15 AM - 8:25 AM	Daily Call
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Attend All Chiefs Breakfast -- s.15
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Meeting with Michele -- s.15
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	All Chiefs Pre-brief with John, Dan and Kim -- s.15 s.15
10:20 AM - 10:35 AM	Meet with BCAFN -- s.15
10:40 AM - 10:55 AM	Meet with Chief Ellis Ross, Haisla Nation Council - MRC attending -- s.15
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet with FNLC -- s.15
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Meet with TNG - MJR to attend -- s.15
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Meet with Westbank First Nation -- s.15
1:20 PM - 1:35 PM	Meet with Chief Mary Anne Enevoldsen (Homalco) MBB to attend -- s.15
1:40 PM - 1:55 PM	Meet with Chief Karen Ogen (Wetsuweten) MRC to attend -- s.15
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Meet with Chief Joe Bevan (Kitselas) MRC to attend -- s.15
2:20 PM - 2:35 PM	Meet with Chief Clemant Seymour (Seabird Island) MSB and MAW to attend -- s.15 s.15
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Meet with Chief Girard Peters (In-Shuck-ch) MJR to attend -- s.15
3:20 PM - 3:35 PM	Meet with President Chad Day (Tahltan) MBB to attend -- s.15
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet with Maclean -- s.15

September 10, 2015

Thursday

9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Daily Call
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet with Dan -- s.15
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Meet with Chief Wilf Adam (Lake Babine) MJR to attend -- s.15
11:05 AM - 11:20 AM	Meet with President Peter Lantin (Haida Council) -- s.15
11:50 AM - 12:35 PM	Closing Address at All Chiefs Meeting / BC Cabinet and First Nation Leaders' Gathering - **Deb Brendeland/Katherine on site -- s.15
12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	All Chiefs Meeting / BC Cabinet and First Nation Leaders' Gathering -- s.15
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Pre-brief with IGR -- PVO
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Meet with HE Kenjiro Monji, Ambassador of Japan to Canada -- PVO
2:50 PM - 3:10 PM	Meeting with Dan -- PVO
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Meet with Jerry Dias, National President of Unifor -- s.15