

From: Philip Tsekouras [mailto:Philip.Tsekouras@bellmedia.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:37 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: REQUEST FOR PREMIER CHRISTY CLARK *****URGENT*****

Hi there,

We're looking to speak with the premier at 19:05 PM ET (16:05 PM PT) on her support for Bill 23.

Please email or call me back to set-up an interview.

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2016/06/09 Correspondence Sent to communications

From: Regan Hasegawa [mailto:Regan.Hasegawa@globalnews.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:21 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Mike Bothwell
Subject: Global BC Interview

Good Morning,

My name is Regan Hasegawa and I am a writer for Global News Morning. We would like to have the Premier on the show this morning to discuss her open letter in the Vancouver Sun on her personal story behind the sexual assault bill. Please let us know if and when she is available this morning.

Thank you,
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2016/06/09 Correspondence Sent to communications

From: Regan Hasegawa [mailto:Regan.Hasegawa@globalnews.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:43 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Mike Bothwell
Subject: RE: Global BC Interview

Good Morning,

It appears there was a miscommunication on our end. I understand we already have something set up with the Premier later today.

Thanks!
Regan

From: Alex Karageorgos [mailto:alex.karageorgos@cbc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:50 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CBC Interview Request

Hello Premier Clark,

Wondering if you would be available for a live television interview on CBC News Network regarding your article in the Vancouver Sun and your personal connection as to why you support the opposition's sexual assault bill.

Please let me know if this can be arranged.

You can reach me at 416-205-6389 or email me back.

Thanks.

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Alex Karageorgos
CBC News Network
alex.karageorgos@cbc.ca

2016/06/09 Correspondence Sent to communications

McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:40 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX
Subject: Re: CBC The National - ATTN: STEPHEN SMART

On it. Thanks!

On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:38 AM, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

From: KRISTY HUTTER [<mailto:kristy.hutter@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CBC The National - ATTN: STEPHEN SMART

Hello Stephen,

My name is Kristy and I'm a producer with The National at CBC News. I'm reaching out to you to request an interview with Premier Clark for Sunday's show (hosted by Wendy Mesley). We read her piece in the Vancouver Sun about her experience and wanting to address the problem of sexual violence, and believe there is appetite from our audience to hear from her.

I am also producing a panel airing on Sunday about sentencing in sexual assault cases (in light of the Stanford rape case), so having Premier Clark on the show will only help boost our coverage of this systemic problem.

I hope we can work something out. Ideally, we would tape it on Sunday, but can do today if that would work better.

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing back,

Kristy Hutter

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McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:16 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Cc: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Toronto Star calling

From: Coyle, Jim [<mailto:JCoyle@thestar.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 9:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Toronto Star calling

Good morning:

Jim Coyle here from the Toronto Star.

Our editors are very keen on running a story based on Premier Clark's brave statement yesterday on sexual abuse.

I'm hoping she'd be available to chat for a few minutes today by phone.

I'm at 416-869-4967.

Thanks so much.

Jim Coyle

Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX

From: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 1:21 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: \$70m sex assault figure

I just approved a response to go to rob. I will follow up with him in 20 or so and make sure he has enough

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2016, at 12:26 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please. It's for the Saturday paper so would hate not to get all the facts out.

On Jun 10, 2016, at 11:59 AM, Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX <Katy.Merrifield@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Caroline has the breakdown, I can confirm with Rob that he got what he needed though.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2016, at 11:53 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Katy,

See my convo with Rob below. s.22 so can you see about coordinating to make sure Rob has all of the info. I know it's cross ministry so I'd hate for something to get missed.

S.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shaw, Rob" <rshaw@vancouver.sun.com>
Date: June 10, 2016 at 11:47:54 AM PDT
To: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: \$70m sex assault figure

s.22 and
punted it to you. I
will phone Caroline McAndrews at PSSG and start
with her. No worries.

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On 2016-06-10, 11:46 AM, "Smart, Stephen
PREM:EX"
<Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

It is \$70 mill for victims services, support for victims, etc. Can you
connect with Ben on it?

On Jun 10, 2016, at 11:40 AM,
Shaw, Rob

<rshaw@vancouver.sun.com<<mailto:rshaw@vancouver.sun.com>>> wrote:

Hey, editors want me to take that
\$70m figure Clark mentioned
yesterday

on sexual assault/victim services and
break it down into what's spent
where. Also, want me to compare it
to previous years.
Who in gov would I go to get that?
JAG? MCFD? Gleeson?

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Thank
you.

McPhee, Adam PREM:EX

From: James, Ben <Ben.James@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:01 AM
Subject: News You Can Use: Premier Clark's Op-ed on Sexual Violence

News You Can Use: Premier Clark's Op-ed on Sexual Violence

Good morning,

The Vancouver Sun has published an opinion editorial from Premier Clark on sexual violence. If highlighting the op-ed on social media, please consider including one or more of following links which provide resources for people who are victims of sexual violence or at risk of sexual violence.

Link to op-ed: <http://ow.ly/P1fo3015ELh>

Links to Resources:

- [Help Starts Here](#)
- [VictimLinkBC](#)
- [Victim Service Programs](#)
- [Provincial Map of Victim Service Programs](#)
- [Emergency Housing](#)
- [Map of Emergency Housing Programs](#)
- [Health/Medical Services](#)
- [Third Party Reporting \(Anonymous Reporting to Police\)](#)
- [Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs](#)
- [Outreach Services Programs](#)
- [Multicultural Outreach Services Programs](#)
- [Helpline for Children](#)
- [Seniors Abuse and Information Line](#)
- [Aboriginal Organizations and Services](#)

The importance of B.C.'S campus sex assault bill – Vancouver Sun

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By Christy Clark

Governments hardly ever consider bills introduced by the Opposition. There are a lot of reasons for that - some good, some not so good - but it's a long, unfortunate tradition in Canada's notoriously partisan parliaments.

In B.C., we broke from that tradition.

Earlier this spring, the Greens introduced a bill that would set clear guidelines for sexual assault and misconduct at all public postsecondary institutions in B.C. I happened to be reading it during question period when I was surprised with a question about whether or not we would pass it.

As I got up to answer, I decided that our government would pass the legislation. I knew it was the right thing to do.

Why? It's about changing the environment in which post-secondary students spend most of their time, and providing more support for victims of sexual assaults and sexual violence on college and university campuses. It speaks to the large number of women and men who stay silent about their experiences.

As I sat in my chair on the floor of the legislature, it struck me: I knew all too well why women stay silent. For over 35 years, I've been one of them.

I grew up in suburban Burnaby, the youngest of four kids in a community where it seemed like there were four children in every house. The road up the hill was teeming with kids walking to school, and then back home for lunch at noon.

In 1978, nobody drove anybody anywhere. You either hoofed it, or when you were old enough, took a bus.

It was back in the day when there were lots more kids than parents around. The days before chronic overscheduling, when kids were allowed to waste time and wander.

I don't remember everything from my youth, but I do remember all of the sexual advances from strangers: getting flashed, groped, spied on. Things that no person should experience, let alone a young girl or teenager.

Most of all, I remember the time a stranger pulled me off the sidewalk into the bushes. There was no doubt in my mind that he wanted to hurt me.

I'll never know what might have happened. What I do know is that I never told anyone about it.

It was a sunny day, and I was walking to work at my first job. A man suddenly jumped out, grabbed me and pulled me out of sight into a deep copse of shrubs.

He didn't say anything. I don't even remember what he looked like.

I remember wondering where he had come from, and why I hadn't seen him. And I remember being very scared.

Luckily, it didn't last long.

When he pulled me down the little slope, it must have shifted him off-balance. He loosened his grip for a moment, giving me a chance to wriggle away, clamber a few feet forward, and get out of the bush.

Once I got out into the sunlight, I ran like the wind. When I got to my restaurant job, overflowing with relief that I was safe, I stopped outside to catch my breath. Then I went in, put on my apron, and got to work.

I never told anyone. Not about this or any of the other frightening things of a sexual nature that happened to me as a child or a teenager. For 35 years, it's as though they never happened.

Over the last few weeks, I've shared this story with female friends and colleagues. Almost every single one of them also had a story. Like me, none of them had said a word.

That's why the stories of so many women who stay silent have struck me so deeply. Many of their stories are much worse; horrifying events that will take years of determined effort to heal. Nonetheless, many of us share something in common: we have never spoken about it, not to the authorities, or to our parents or spouses.

I don't claim to speak for all women in explaining why I didn't tell, but for me, as a child and then a teenager, I was ashamed. It made people uncomfortable. I suppose I felt that if I hadn't been physically hurt, people would think I was self-absorbed, overly upset about something that was just part of life for my half of humanity.

I told myself: Get over it. Bad things happen. It was trivial.

Sexual violence is common. Unfortunately, so is staying silent about it. Our silence makes it easier for those who wish to harm us. We don't share our stories, we don't think anyone would care much if we did, and then we live with the warped impression that we are alone in our fear and shame.

I'm not speaking out for sympathy; I don't need it. I am speaking out because as premier of British Columbia and B.C.'s first elected female premier, I am privileged to have a public platform.

I want women who have never said anything about sexual violence in their lives to know they are not alone.

Shame is painful. It's also pervasive and isolating, but the capacity to survive and heal is achievable through the sharing of our experiences. Let's build a community where women and men who have dealt with sexual violence can feel safe and comfortable talking about it.

Let's build strength in numbers. Let's help the institutions where we work, go to school and live our everyday lives, understand the breadth of this problem. Let's get to work on addressing it.

You know what bothers me the most about what happened to 13-year-old me? Not knowing if the man who pulled me into the bushes kept going until he caught a girl who couldn't get away.

I wish I'd had the courage to say something then.

Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:43 PM
To: 'Hunter, Justine'
Subject: RE: violence against women

I think that's right... S.22
S.22 she was 13, no?

From: Hunter, Justine [<mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: RE: violence against women

Small clarification please. CP says the premier was 13 when the incident occurred S.22
S.22 . Can you clarify?

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX [<mailto:Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 12:05 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: violence against women

Some facts...

- We continue to invest more than \$70 million a year in prevention and intervention services for victims of violence and other crimes.
- In April 2015, we committed \$5 million to projects focused on ending violence against women and preventing crime, in support of the Vision for a Violence Free BC strategy. Of this, \$3.6 million supported vulnerable women, including \$1 million specifically for 58 projects focused on supporting Aboriginal communities.
- We provide \$2.5 million in ongoing annual funding for services and supports to victims of crime and women who have experienced violence in Northern B.C., including 14 programs designed to serve Aboriginal victims of violence, plus eight programs run by Aboriginal organizations.
- The Province continues to provide funding to organizations delivering drop-in and outreach programs that serve vulnerable populations, including Aboriginal women (e.g., \$750,000 in annual funding to the WISH drop-in centre in Vancouver).
- The Province contributed to development of a Real Time Intelligence Centre to ensure information can be shared more readily and enhance the ability of police to investigate all crimes, including those of missing persons.
- Domestic violence units, which serve vulnerable women and children have received startup funding from the Province, including more than \$94,000 to establish the Nanaimo DVU and almost \$200,000 to establish the newly integrated DVU in Surrey.

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Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Palmer, Vaughn
Subject: Re: premier on almanac friday

s.22

so I didn't hear. But it wouldn't surprise me

From: Palmer, Vaughn
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: premier on almanac friday

Did not hear it myself but I gather she got a rough ride.

Any regrets?

-vaughn

Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:40 AM
To: Vaughn Palmer
Subject: Re: oddest quibble overnight

And you too. You've all been very patient.

Original Message
From: Vaughn Palmer
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:36 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: oddest quibble overnight

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s.22

-vaughn

Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:23 AM
To: Vaughn Palmer
Subject: Re: oddest quibble overnight

Weird. s.22

The paper handled this really well. Hats off to Harold and to you, Vaughn.

From: Vaughn Palmer
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:18 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: oddest quibble overnight

twitter challenge: christy clark was working in a restaurant when she was 13?

s.22

--vaughn

Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:02 AM
To: vpalmer+shawlink.ca
Subject: Re: premier

Yes..I think it will be a day of fending folks off for a day. Just Rob, and Sophie Lui

Original Message

From: vpalmer+shawlink.ca
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 10:21 PM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: premier

Will be posted in sun website at 11 pm. She is doing limited interviews on Thursday. Rob and baldrey?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 8, 2016, at 10:14 PM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Yes agree. And you can hear her voice

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> Original Message

> From: vpalmer+shawlink.ca

> Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 10:13 PM

> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

> Subject: Re: premier

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> Very well written.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jun 8, 2016, at 9:51 PM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>> Yes. And I agree with you. We really couldn't write even suggestions for her on this one. I read it and it was her words on her experience and there wasn't a change I wanted to suggest

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>> From: Vaughn Palmer

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:12 PM

>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>> Subject: premier

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>> powerful piece. all her own work?

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>> -vaughn

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Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Vaughn (Vancouver Sun) Palmer
Subject: Re: so here's a question i got today

It's the personal nature of this. Just want to make sure it starts with an op ed in her own voice. The roll-out afterwards is about two things: one, to give the Premier some time and space. She's used to it, being out there in the media, but never in this personal a way. I think the interviews with Rob and Sophie will be good, but emotionally draining. The second reason is more transactional, it's fair to give the paper that runs the op ed first opportunity on an interview along one other that isn't really a competitor.

I think we couldn't do this if it was just spot news, as I was saying earlier. In my judgement, there's no real rush to have to do this day of for media (as much as everyone would want to). It's not time-limited. The op ed is out there, and there are plenty of others who will be willing to talk about the topic. Which is here intent as well...put the oped out there and get others talking.

From: Vaughn (Vancouver Sun) Palmer
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: so here's a question i got today

If this is not a cynical ploy to maximize coverage while controlling content at the same time, why handle it this way—exclusive to one paper, and just two follow-up interviews?

Not to sound ungrateful or anything...

-vaughn

Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:46 AM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: Re: Premier's op Ed in the sun today

She's talking to Shaw and to Sophie Lui today.

Original Message
From: Hunter, Justine
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:35 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Premier's op Ed in the sun today

Do you mind telling me who she is doing interviews with?
Obviously the decision has been made, but I'm particularly curious as I would be, I'm pretty sure, one of the few members of the press gallery who would actually share similar experiences. So I'm trying to understand this roll-out.
jh

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 7:28 AM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> S.22 I think this isn't really time dated...there's more space for a reflective
piece on this one. We have a commitment with the Sun we have to honour today
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> Original Message
> From: Hunter, Justine
> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:26 AM
> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
> Subject: Re: Premier's op Ed in the sun today
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> S.22 I don't see what I could do for dispatch based on 4-day-
old material from the Sun.
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> who is she doing interviews with?
> jh
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> Sent from my iPad
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>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 7:13 AM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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>> Hey Justine, we've agreed to just 2 interviews today, but Smarty is making the oped available for everyone. Any thought on your side to do something for Saturday or dispatch?

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>> Original Message

>> From: Hunter, Justine

>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:06 AM

>> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>> Subject: Premier's op Ed in the sun today

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>> Interesting read. Is she available today?

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>> Sent from my iPad

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:29 AM
To: Farrah Merali
Subject: Re: Premier this mornign

PS - Wasn't ignoring your call... just trying to work one-handed and s.22
s.22

From: Farrah Merali <farrah.merali@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:20 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Premier this mornign

Hi Stephen! Thanks for letting me know. Would we be able to get a copy of the letter then?

Let me know if you can.
Thanks,
FM

On Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 6:18 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Hey Farrah,

Thanks for your message. I'm sorry, but the Premier is not doing any interviews this morning.

Apologies!

Stephen



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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 12:59 PM
To: Nick Gamache
Subject: Re: Wow again

Glad we could make it happen. And in studio no less! Thank you for reaching out.

On Jun 10, 2016, at 12:49 PM, Nick Gamache <nick.gamache@radio-canada.ca> wrote:

Hearing her talk about it...
Very powerful

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 1:16 PM
To: 'Munro, Harold'
Cc: 'Enchin, Harvey'; 'Shaw, Rob'
Subject: RE: Op Ed as discussed

Hi Harold and Harvey,

I will have the final to you at 2pm. Just giving the Premier time to give it one last look. Also, I've spoken to Rob Shaw and will set things up for tomorrow.

Many thanks again!

Stephen

From: Munro, Harold [<mailto:HMunro@postmedia.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Cc: Enchin, Harvey
Subject: Re: Op Ed as discussed

Hi Stephen,

We are good to go with publication in Thursday's paper. Please send final version to both Harvey and I when you have completed edit. As soon as possible would be appreciated because we have to remake our opinion pages to accommodate.

Thanks again for thinking of us with this important piece.

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From: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 10:31 AM
To: "Harold (Vancouver Sun) Munro" <HMunro@postmedia.com>
Subject: Op Ed as discussed

Hello Harold,

Here is the op ed as it stands now. Let me know if you need it trimmed for length. Given the nature of it, we'd certainly like to be able to do the trimming ourselves so that I can make sure the Premier is comfortable with the end version. We also have not yet done a fine tooth comb grammar/spelling check.

And yes, we can absolutely make the time to have her talk to Rob or Vaughn tomorrow before she talks to anyone else for a follow up story.

Many thanks,

Stephen

Stephen Smart
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Munro, Harold
Subject: Re: Premier op-ed

Hi Harold. Just left you a voicemail. Feel free to give me a shout when you are back at your desk. 778-389-6202

Many thanks!

Stephen

> On Jun 7, 2016, at 8:31 PM, Munro, Harold <HMunro@postmedia.com> wrote:

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> I'm on a call scheduled for 6:30-8:30 am. Could try 9 am or 10 am of either time works for you.

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Jun 7, 2016, at 6:46 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>> Harold,

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>> I hope this email finds you well! Are you free to have a conversation tomorrow morning about that op-ed from the Premier that I was talking about a few weeks ago. We were hoping that we might be able to submit it for Thursday's paper. I'm not sure if I mentioned any details about it before. The topic is of a very personal nature and we are only approaching you with it. I will of course fill you in on all the details.

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>> Let me know what time might work for you.

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>> Thanks so much!

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>> Stephen

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:38 PM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: okay with that times

Yeah I totally agree. I'm curious too. I just hope that it stirs up a conversation on this issue. Not that I didn't feel this way before, s.22 the attitude of some people on this issue just infuriates me. The Stanford case in the news this week, the Parsons case out of the Maritimes, just the prevalence of sexual assaults still in our society today.

From: Shaw, Rob <rshaw@vancouver.sun.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 9:33 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: okay with that times

Alright, let me know tomorrow. Only issue on my end would be rescheduling the videographer, but don't think that's a problem.

It will be interesting to see the reaction to this when it lands tomorrow.
I think it's going to be a pretty big story. National. Maybe even international.

On 2016-06-08, 9:31 PM, "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>Hey Rob,
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>
>Not 100% yet, but we may have been able to juggle her sched to move up
>the interview slightly. So would be more like 1:30/1:40 versus 2:15. I
>know that's not a lot earlier, but I figured even a little would be
>helpful. Again, I'm sorry that mid-morning wasn't doable.
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>I'll confirm the exact time in the morning.
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>From: Shaw, Rob <rshaw@vancouver.sun.com>
>Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 4:06 PM
>To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
>Subject: okay with that times
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From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 2:37 PM
To: 'Enchin, Harvey'; 'Munro, Harold'
Cc: 'Shaw, Rob'
Subject: RE: Op Ed as discussed

Thanks all. Much appreciated. And Rob, I'm hoping to finalize that interview time in the next little while. I'll call you when that's done. Sorry to keep you waiting on it!

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

From: Enchin, Harvey [mailto:henchin@postmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Munro, Harold; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Cc: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: Op Ed as discussed

Will do. Adding a note to copy.

On 2016-06-08, 2:28 PM, "Munro, Harold" <HMunro@postmedia.com> wrote:

>Harvey, can you please talk to web team and make sure it gets pushed
>back to 11 pm.
>
>Sent from my iPad
>
>> On Jun 8, 2016, at 2:22 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
>><Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>>
>> Hi Harvey,
>>
>> Could you make it 11pm? That way the late night TV news has gone to air.
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>> That would be much appreciated.
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>> Stephen
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Enchin, Harvey [mailto:henchin@postmedia.com]
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 2:20 PM
>> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Munro, Harold
>> Cc: Shaw, Rob
>> Subject: Re: Op Ed as discussed
>>
>> Hi Stephen,
>> Copy received, thanks.
>> We were thinking of delaying online publication until 10 pm. tonight.

>> Trust that is OK.
>> Regards,
>> Harvey
>>
>> Harvey Enchin
>> Editorial Pages Editor and Columnist
>> The Vancouver Sun
>> Suite 1 - 200 Granville St.
>> Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3N3
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>> On 2016-06-08, 2:13 PM, "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX"
>> <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>
>> wrote:

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>>> Harold and Harvey,
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>>>

>>> Please find attached the final version of the Premier's Op Ed as
>>> discussed earlier. Thanks for your patience while we made sure she
>>> didn't want to make any other changes. I believe we have caught all
>>> grammatical and spelling errors, but none of us claim to be copy
>>> editors so apologies if anything slipped past.
>>>

>>> Also, we're having some server issues and I am sending this from a
>>> web based version of our email system that I've never used before so
>>> please let me know that you have received this document.
>>>

>>> I also should have asked earlier that this not go up online until
>>> sometime overnight. Does that work for you?
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>>> Many thanks,
>>>

>>> Stephen
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>>> _____
>>> From: Munro, Harold <HMunro@postmedia.com>
>>> Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 11:05 AM
>>> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
>>> Cc: Enchin, Harvey
>>> Subject: Re: Op Ed as discussed
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>>> Hi Stephen,
>>> We are good to go with publication in Thursday's paper. Please send
>>> final version to both Harvey and I when you have completed edit. As
>>> soon as possible would be appreciated because we have to remake our
>>> opinion pages to accommodate.
>>> Thanks again for thinking of us with this important piece.
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>>> From: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX"
>>> <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>>

>>> Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 10:31 AM
>>> To: "Harold (Vancouver Sun) Munro"
>>> <HMunro@postmedia.com<mailto:HMunro@postmedia.com>>
>>> Subject: Op Ed as discussed
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>>> Hello Harold,
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>>> Here is the op ed as it stands now. Let me know if you need it
>>> trimmed for length. Given the nature of it, we'd certainly like to
>>> be able to do the trimming ourselves so that I can make sure the
>>> Premier is comfortable with the end version. We also have not yet
>>> done a fine tooth comb grammar/spelling check.
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>>> And yes, we can absolutely make the time to have her talk to Rob or
>>> Vaughn tomorrow before she talks to anyone else for a follow up story.
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>>> Many thanks,
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>>> Stephen
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>>> Phone: (778) 389-6202
>>> Email: stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca<mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca>
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: okay with that times

Done. 2:15 is yours. If there is any way to push things earlier I will and I'll let you know. And if you are bringing a photog then you'd probably want to arrive 10 or 15 mins early.

The address is s.15

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Munro, Harold
Subject: Re: Op Ed as discussed

Perfect.

> On Jun 8, 2016, at 11:37 AM, Munro, Harold <HMunro@postmedia.com> wrote:

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> I've spoken with Rob just now and asked him to call you. He

> understands that all this remains under wraps until publication.

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> On 2016-06-08, 11:34 AM, "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX"

> <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>> Sounds good. Thanks Harold. Also, would you like me to talk to Rob

>> about the follow up tomorrow or would you like to speak to him first?

>> The latter makes more sense to me but I'm happy with whatever you

>> think is best.

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: website comments

Thank you sir. Did you see the Twitter comments from that Vancouver teacher? Baldrey was calling him out.

On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:06 AM, Shaw, Rob <rshaw@vancouver.sun.com> wrote:

I've asked if we still have them, waiting to hear back.

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:38 PM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: Question...

We're doing some follow up tomorrow and just wanted to use them as examples of what women who do speak out have to go through.

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:26 PM, Shaw, Rob <rshaw@vancouver.sun.com> wrote:

>
> I think we took them down after Michelle Cadario told me while we were waiting in the premier's office that Athana had spotted some offensive ones about raping and killing her or something. Which is insanely inappropriate. I can ask if they are archived. Do you want one in particular?

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>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 7:56 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>>
>> It looks to me like the comments section has been taken down from the Premier's original piece. There isn't any wait to see those comments again are there?

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:45 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Will do!

> On Jun 13, 2016, at 7:44 AM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>

> Pvo is better if it can be managed

>

> Ben Chin

> Executive Director

> Communications & Issues Mgmt

> Office of Premier Christy Clark

> Government of British Columbia

> 250-588-3113

>

>> On Jun 13, 2016, at 7:41 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>>

>> Either PVO or at their studio if we are on the way to the airport. Dependent on timing. Strong feelings either way?

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>>> On Jun 13, 2016, at 7:38 AM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>>> You're planning for pvo?

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>>> Original Message

>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>> Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:28 AM

>>> To: Kiran Rhines

>>> Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>> Vancouver.

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>>>> On Jun 13, 2016, at 7:27 AM, Kiran Rhines <Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca> wrote:

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>>>> Hi Stephen,

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>>>> Is she in Vancouver or Victoria? I'm not sure what our local stations have on their plate today. It will also depend on the location we need to shoot this.

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>>>> Cheers,

>>>> Kiran

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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]

>>>> Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:19 AM
>>>> To: Kiran Rhines
>>>> Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
>>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today
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>>>> Hey Kiran,
>>>>
>>>> Let me check on timing/location and get back to you shortly. What is your window for both live or tape?
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>>>> Thanks!
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>>>> S.
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>>>>> On Jun 13, 2016, at 7:17 AM, Kiran Rhines <Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca> wrote:
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>>>>> Let me know!
>>>>>
>>>>> Cheers,
>>>>> Kiran
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>>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:52 AM
>>>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
>>>>> Cc: Kiran Rhines
>>>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today
>>>>>
>>>>> Hey Kiran,
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>>>>> Happy to see what might work. Will get back in touch a little later this morning.
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>>>>> Thanks!
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>>>>> S.
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>>>>>> Original Message
>>>>>> From: Kiran Rhines
>>>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:47 AM
>>>>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
>>>>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
>>>>>> Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

>>>>>

>>>>>

>>>>> Hi Ben,

>>>>>

>>>>> We would certainly still be interested on Monday. I think you're absolutely right that this story isn't going away and I can appreciate why she wouldn't want to do all the media right away. That being said, I hope you can understand that if she appears on Power and Politics tonight Don will be quite upset.

>>>>>

>>>>> In terms of Monday - would live or pretaped be better for the Premier. Where will she be located and will we need to send a camera to her? Just want to get the ball rolling!

>>>>>

>>>>> Cheers,

>>>>> Kiran

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>>>>> To: Kiran Rhines

>>>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

>>>>>

>>>>> Is there any chance Don would want to do this for Monday? I don't think this is one of those stories that are likely to become dated. We're not doing any media today except two...and I think there won't be any opportunities to follow until potentially the weekend shows (although no requests yet). I think with someone like Don, he'd be able to take this on in a more reflective way next week as opposed to spot news.

>>>>> Part of this roll out is also about the Premier...we're not taking this on in the usual way. That is, we want to let the oped stand on its own, honour the two commitments for interviews today, and protect her time and space as much as we can today

>>>>>

>>>>> Original Message

>>>>> From: Kiran Rhines

>>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:36 AM

>>>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>>>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>>>> Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>>>>

>>>>> Hi Ben,

>>>>>

>>>>> Our preference is of course for today but we would be interested in doing this another day. Unfortunately Don doesn't host on Friday's though. So if she wanted to talk to Don this week today would be the better day.

>>>>>

>>>>> Cheers,

>>>>> Kiran

>>>>>

>>>>> -----Original Message-----

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

>>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:27 AM

>>>>> To: Kiran Rhines

>>>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

>>>>>

>>>>> Hi Kiran, thanks for this. I think the Premier would want to speak with Don in particular, but we have to honour a couple of commitments today...with the Sun in particular. Would you have an interest in doing this for another day?

>>>>>

>>>>> From: Kiran Rhines

>>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:19 AM

>>>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>>>>> Subject: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>>>>

>>>>> Good morning,

>>>>>

>>>>> I read the Premier's piece in the Vancouver Sun this morning. It was such a compelling piece I was hoping she'd be interested in joining us for an interview to talk more about the legislation.

>>>>>

>>>>> We'd like to do this live in the show (between 5pm and 6pmET). But if that's not possible we can tape something at an alternate time.

>>>>>

>>>>> Would she be able to go into studio? If not we can send a camera to her. Is she in Victoria or Vancouver today?

>>>>>

>>>>> The interview would be about 5 minutes long, one-on-one with our host Don Martin.

>>>>>

>>>>> Please let me know whether she'd be available.

>>>>>

>>>>> Many thanks,

>>>>> Kiran

>>>>>

>>>>> Kiran Rhines | Associate Producer, Power Play

>>>>>

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:04 AM
To: 'Kiran Rhines'
Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Done. Confirmed for 1:30 PDT

s.15 . It's the Premier's Vancouver Office and most of the local guys have been here before.
We'll either set up s.15 Just checking which is available, but both are in the
same office s.15

Is Don hosting today?

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

From: Kiran Rhines [mailto:Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 11:00 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Our local station has confirmed they can shoot this for us at 1:30pmPT.

Do you have a more specific location at s.15 ? Is this in her s.15 ? If you could give me a
room number that would be helpful as well!

Cheers,
Kiran

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

From: Kiran Rhines
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 1:56 PM
To: 'Smart, Stephen PREM:EX'
Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

We already have a pretape scheduled for 1:15pmPT. We would prefer to stick to a 1:30pmPT roll time

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

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Kiran Rhines
Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Sorry, scrap that last note on timing, just found out I can get her a tad earlier. Say 1:15. Would that work?

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
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Let me check on that. Our preference would be closer to 1:30pmPT.

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From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 1:13 PM

To: Kiran Rhines

Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Hey Kiran,

Sorry to keep you waiting. I might have a window for her between 130-215 our time at s.15, but would need to confirm that. Just wanted to see if that's a potential window for you first.

S.

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

From: Kiran Rhines [mailto:Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:32 AM

To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

That should make things easier. I'd like to avoid 12-1pmPT due to their noon newscast. But let me know when/where the Premier is available and we will try to work around her schedule.

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>>> Hi Ben,
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>>> We would certainly still be interested on Monday. I think you're absolutely right that this story isn't going away and I can appreciate why she wouldn't want to do all the media right away. That being said, I hope you can understand that if she appears on Power and Politics tonight Don will be quite upset.

>>>

>>> In terms of Monday - would live or pretaped be better for the Premier. Where will she be located and will we need to send a camera to her? Just want to get the ball rolling!

>>>

>>> Cheers,

>>> Kiran

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>>> -----Original Message-----

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

>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:44 AM

>>> To: Kiran Rhines

>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>> Is there any chance Don would want to do this for Monday? I don't think this is one of those stories that are likely to become dated. We're not doing any media today except two...and I think there won't be any opportunities to follow until potentially the weekend shows (although no requests yet). I think with someone like Don, he'd be able to take this on in a more reflective way next week as opposed to spot news.

>>> Part of this roll out is also about the Premier...we're not taking this on in the usual way. That is, we want to let the oped stand on its own, honour the two commitments for interviews today, and protect her time and space as much as we can today

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>>> Original Message

>>> From: Kiran Rhines

>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:36 AM

>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>> Subject: RE: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>> Hi Ben,

>>>

>>> Our preference is of course for today but we would be interested in doing this another day. Unfortunately Don doesn't host on Friday's though. So if she wanted to talk to Don this week today would be the better day.

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>>> Cheers,

>>> Kiran

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>>> -----Original Message-----

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

>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:27 AM

>>> To: Kiran Rhines

>>> Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

>>> Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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>>> Hi Kiran, thanks for this. I think the Premier would want to speak with Don in particular, but we have to honour a couple of commitments today...with the Sun in particular. Would you have an interest in doing this for another day?

>>>

>>> From: Kiran Rhines

>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:19 AM
>>> To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
>>> Subject: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today
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>>> Good morning,
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>>> I read the Premier's piece in the Vancouver Sun this morning. It was such a compelling piece I was hoping she'd be interested in joining us for an interview to talk more about the legislation.
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>>> We'd like to do this live in the show (between 5pm and 6pmET). But if that's not possible we can tape something at an alternate time.
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>>> Would she be able to go into studio? If not we can send a camera to her. Is she in Victoria or Vancouver today?
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>>> The interview would be about 5 minutes long, one-on-one with our host Don Martin.
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>>> Please let me know whether she'd be available.
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>>> Many thanks,
>>> Kiran
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>>> Kiran Rhines | Associate Producer, Power Play
>>>
>>> CTV News Ottawa Bureau | c 613.222.6548 | t 613.236.7343 |
Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca<mailto:Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca>
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>>> <http://www.ctv.ca><<http://www.ctv.ca>>
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>>> [CTV2]
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:24 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

Sure, if you don't mind. Realistically, I don't think tomorrow would happen given our schedule. So perhaps make the response a little bit more open ended.

On Jun 9, 2016, at 7:22 AM, Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Do you want to respond? I'm thinking we tell her we have to honour our commitments but could do tomorrow?

From: Kiran Rhines <Kiran.Rhines@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:19 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Interview Request - CTV's Power Play - Today

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I read the Premier's piece in the Vancouver Sun this morning. It was such a compelling piece I was hoping she'd be interested in joining us for an interview to talk more about the legislation.

We'd like to do this live in the show (between 5pm and 6pmET). But if that's not possible we can tape something at an alternate time.

Would she be able to go into studio? If not we can send a camera to her. Is she in Victoria or Vancouver today?

The interview would be about 5 minutes long, one-on-one with our host Don Martin.

Please let me know whether she'd be available.

Many thanks,
Kiran

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:49 AM
To: 'Hunter, Justine'
Subject: Op-Ed
Attachments: Premier Op Ed - Final for submission.pdf

Here is the copy of the Premier's Op-Ed...

Thanks!

S.

Stephen Smart
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:48 AM
To: 'Jenni Sheppard'
Cc: 'Farhan Mohamed'; 'Daniel Bettridge'
Subject: RE: Premier's Op Ed

Hey Jenni,

No nice to hear from you! Congrats on the Daily Hive gig. Awesome people there (who I know are cc'ed... ☺) She wrote it and submitted it to the Vancouver Sun, but they have no rights over it. The only credit for it goes to Premier Christy Clark.

Thanks!

S.

From: Jenni Sheppard [<mailto:jenni@dailyhive.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Cc: Farhan Mohamed; Daniel Bettridge
Subject: Re: Premier's Op Ed

Hey Stephen,

Long time no hear I know! How are you?I'm at Daily Hive now.

Can I just check, did Christy Clark write this exclusively for the Sun?

Want to make sure we credit it appropriately.

Thanks!

Jenni Sheppard
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Hi Farhan,

I hope you are doing well! I just wanted to send you a copy of the Premier's Op-Ed on why she supported the BC Green Party's campus sexual assault bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best!

Stephen

Stephen Smart

Press Secretary

Office of the Premier of British Columbia

Phone: (778) 389-6202

Email: stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Mike Hennigar
Subject: Confirmed for 1pm

s.15

It's the Premier's Vancouver Office/Cabinet Offices so your guys have definitely been here before.

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Koölsbergen, Nick LASS:EX; Mills, Shane PREM:EX
Cc: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Messaging on supports for victims of abuse/sexual abuse

Hi there,

I have seen a bit of commentary this morning that (mostly sensitively) suggests this would be an opportunity for the Premier to provide more funding for support services. Given that this may come up in her interviews later, do we have any messaging that I can give to her about what supports we provide currently?

Thanks!

S.

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:42 AM
To: Paul Bisson
Subject: Re: PREMIER today?

Hi Paul. I'm afraid she won't be available today, but definitely open to the coming days if you would be interested?

On Jun 9, 2016, at 8:48 AM, Paul Bisson <paul.bisson@cbc.ca> wrote:

Possibly available for a chat with Rosemary today?

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Charlie Cho
Subject: Re: TODAY NOON interview request - CBC Radio B.C. Almanac

Hey Charlie,

I'm afraid the Premier is not available today, but I was going to reach out to you guys for a possible follow after today. Would you be open to that?

S b

On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:19 AM, Charlie Cho <charlie.cho@cbc.ca> wrote:

Good morning, Stephen.

Busy day!

I heard Premier Christy Clark would not be available this morning to talk about her op-ed.

Any chance she would be available **today at 12:05 p.m.** to do a live, five-minute interview with Gloria Macarenko?

Please let me know **as soon as you can** what is possible.

My phone number is **604-662-6982**.

Many thanks,

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Charlie Cho
Associate Producer
The Early Edition / B.C. Almanac
CBC Radio Vancouver
604-662-6982

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:42 AM
To: JOAN MARSHALL
Subject: Re: Wow

Hey Joan,

Thanks for the note! I have to say, I am very proud to be working for her on a day like this....she has really put herself out there.

I'm sorry, but she is not going to be available to everyone today. We are trying to strike a balance in getting her story out there, but recognizing how personal this is for her.

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Chat soon I hope!

S.

On Jun 9, 2016, at 8:54 AM, JOAN MARSHALL <joan.marshall@cbc.ca> wrote:

Hi Stephen

Wow that was bombshell ...Is she talking today? I hope so because I dont want to have to do Kathy Corrigan and her experience

Let me know...Hope all is well
s.22

J

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CBC News Vancouver
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:35 AM
To: matt.kieltyka@metronews.ca
Subject: Premier Op Ed - Final for submission.pdf
Attachments: Premier Op Ed - Final for submission.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Here you go sir....

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Kieltyka, Matt
Subject: Re: Premier's Op-Ed in the Vancouver Sun

Hey Matt. Thanks for the note. She is not doing a full media avail today I'm afraid, but I am happy to send you a copy of the Op-Ed. Coming in a separate email...

Thanks!

S.

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:20 AM, Kieltyka, Matt <matt.kieltyka@metronews.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Stephen,

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> Is the Premier doing any media or availability today about her Vancouver Sun op-ed today outlining her reasons for supporting Andrew Weaver's bill. It's quite the personal, powerful story. Rare to hear, especially coming from a premier. Which is great, good for her.

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> Cheers,

>

> Matt

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:32 AM
To: Meissner, Dirk
Subject: Re: Premier, talk?

Hey Dirk,

I'm sorry but given the nature of her piece, the premier is not doing a full media availability today. She will be out tomorrow. Apologies, I know that doesn't help you for today.

Also, Beth from CP in Vancouver left me a message looking for a copy of the Op-Ed. I trust she knows you have it?

Thanks!

S.

On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:24 AM, Meissner, Dirk <Dirk.Meissner@thecanadianpress.com> wrote:

Hello, is Premier available to speak about this today? I'm available to hear her thoughts. Thanks, Dirk.

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:12 AM
To: Meissner, Dirk
Subject: Re: Clark letter

Coming in just a few mins...

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 8:05 AM, Meissner, Dirk <Dirk.Meissner@thecanadianpress.com> wrote:
>
> Hello Stephen, you probably have had many requests for the letter by premier, can I get it too
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:19 AM
To: Alex Karageorgos
Subject: Re: CBC Interview Request

Hey Alex,

Thanks for reaching out. Given the nature of the subject matter, the Premier is not doing widespread interviews today. My apologies! But definitely happy to look at opportunities in the coming days if that is of interest to any of your programs.

Best,

Stephen

From: Alex Karageorgos <alex.karageorgos@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:01 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: CBC Interview Request

Hello Stephen,

Wondering if Premier Christy Clark would be available for a live television interview on CBC News Network sometime today regarding her article in the Vancouver Sun and her personal connection as to why she supports the opposition's sexual violence bill.

Please let me know if this can be arranged. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, that would be greatly appreciated.

You can reach me at [416-205-6389](tel:416-205-6389) or email me back.

Thanks.

Alex Karageorgos
CBC News Network
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:11 AM
To: Meissner, Dirk
Subject: Re: Premier's open letter

Hey there. Should be able to get that to you shortly. Thanks!

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 7:09 AM, Meissner, Dirk <Dirk.Meissner@thecanadianpress.com> wrote:

>
> Morning Stephen, are you able to send me the open letter from the premier published in today's Sun. Thanks, Dirk
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 6:27 AM
To: Mike Laanela
Cc: farrah.merali@cbc.ca; madeline.green@cbc.ca
Subject: Re: Christy Clark letter

Hey Mike,

Let me see what I can do on the letter front and I'll get back to you.

S.

PS - CC'ing Farrah and Madeline on this as they both asked the same question.

From: Mike Laanela <mike.laanela@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 5:51 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Christy Clark letter

Hi Stephen

Just hoping you can send me a copy of the Premier's letter ASAP so I don't have to quote from the Vancouver Sun this morning!

Mike

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:56 AM
To: John O'Dowd
Subject: Re: URGENT! CKNW - interview request

John,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm sorry, but the Premier is not available this morning for any interviews.

Apologies!

Stephen

From: John O'Dowd <john@cknw.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 4:21 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: URGENT! CKNW - interview request

Hi Stephen,

I was hoping the Premier would be available to chat with Simi Sara (filling in for Jon McComb) on this morning's show regarding her opinion piece in the Vancouver Sun?

We have time slots available at:

- 7:35am
- 7:45am
- 8:38am
- 8:50am
- 9:05am
- 9:15am
- 9:35am
- 9:45am

It would be a 7-8 minute phone interview with general questions.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
John

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:56 AM
To: Madeline Green
Subject: Re: op-ed

Hey Madeline,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm sorry, but the Premier is not available this morning for any interviews.

My apologies!

Stephen

From: Madeline Green <madeline.green@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 5:23 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: op-ed

And of course, TEE is also interested.
We could try for back to back?
We have lots of flexibility!
mg

On Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 5:10 AM, Madeline Green <madeline.green@cbc.ca> wrote:
Morning Stephen,

Is the Premier available for an interview?

Madeline

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Morning News
On The Island
CBC Radio One
Victoria
[250-414-4711](tel:250-414-4711)
madeline.green@cbc.ca

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Morning News
On The Island

CBC Radio One
Victoria
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madeline.green@cbc.ca

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:30 PM
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: PCC op ed tomorrow

Guys,

Apologies if this is old news to you, but I wanted to make sure you were aware of the op ed that PCC has submitted to the Vancouver Sun for tomorrow (Thursday's) paper. It's her personal story about why she supported Andrew Weaver's campus sex assault bill.

Let me know if you want more info tonight...

S.

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 9:25 PM
To: Michael Hennigar
Subject: Op Ed and tomorrow
Attachments: Premier Op Ed - Final for submission.pdf

Mike,

Nice chatting with you today and I'm glad we're set for tomorrow. I know 1:45 is a tad later than you'd ideally like for the interview so I'm working to move a few things around in her sched and have Sophie in at 1pm instead. I'll be able to confirm that in the morning.

In the meantime, here is the op ed we submitted to the Sun this afternoon so you get a sense of what the Premier is saying. Feel free to share with Sophie tonight if you'd like but please don't distribute it any wider than that and obviously this is just for your background and not for broadcast/publication, etc before the interview. Sorry... just the paranoid Press Secretary needing to say that! :)

S.

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Farhan Mohamed
Subject: Re: Premier's Op Ed

Hey Farhan,

Apologies, I'm late replying to you on this. The Op-Ed was originally submitted to the Sun so I was in the position of not being able to send it to anyone else until a little later in the morning. But sometimes I am able to send things ahead of time under embargo so that you can have them ready to go at a certain time. I would just need to know that the embargo would be adhered to. Who would be the best person in your shop to talk to about that? Do you have a senior reporter type person?

And yes, we definitely need to do a meeting. What's your late June/early July looking like?

S b

On Jun 9, 2016, at 2:07 PM, Farhan Mohamed <farhan@dailyhive.com> wrote:

Hey Stephen,

Obvs great to get this (especially when it wasn't an exclusive). How can we get things like this ahead of time?

And we still need to get our teams together! Let me know what works for you this month.

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On Jun 9, 2016, at 11:39 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
<Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Farhan,

I hope you are doing well! I just wanted to send you a copy of the Premier's Op-Ed on why she supported the BC Green Party's campus sexual assault bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best!

Stephen

Stephen Smart

Press Secretary

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:19 PM
To: 'Terry Schintz'
Subject: RE: Premier's availability

Schintzy,

I'm so sorry, I completely missed this email in the flood of messages that I got yesterday. I apologize for ignoring you... not intentional at all!

S.

From: Terry Schintz [<mailto:tschintz@cknw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:22 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Premier's availability

Good Morning Sir-

Premier limiting her availability to Global at 2pm?

Hope you are well.

Schintz



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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:59 PM
To: 'April Lawrence'
Subject: RE: Interview

April,

I'm so sorry!!! I got such a flood of emails yesterday morning and completely missed this one.

I thought your story was really nice and good on Maurine Karagianis for keeping the politics out of her reaction. s.22
s.22 Such a nice person.

Anyway, apologies again and I hope all is well with you!

Steve

From: April Lawrence [<mailto:alawrence@cheknews.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Interview

Hi Steve!

I think I know the answer to this but is the premier doing any interviews regarding her letter to the Province today?

Thanks!

April

April Lawrence
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CHEK News
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cell: (250) 415-8168
alawrence@cheknews.ca

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:10 PM
To: 'KRISTY HUTTER'
Subject: RE: CBC The National - ATTN: STEPHEN SMART

So it sounds like this probably isn't doable then as our timing on Saturday would have needed to be early afternoon our time. Sorry Kristy, I would very much like to have made it happen. The National would have been such a great platform to further this conversation.

From: KRISTY HUTTER [<mailto:kristy.hutter@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 1:34 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: CBC The National - ATTN: STEPHEN SMART

Hi again,

Thanks for trying to make this happen! I just ran this by Wendy and she has a^{s.22}
s.22 so I'm not sure if this is possible for her^{s.22}. But let me ask her
again...maybe we can squeeze it in before noon...which would be 9am your time.

No way to do it tonight or Sunday, eh?

Kristy

On Fri, Jun 10, 2016 at 3:28 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
Hey Kristy,

So I think for this to happen it would have to be on Saturday. I apologize, I know that's not ideal. Can you let me know how that might look, if it's possible.

Thanks!

S.

On Jun 10, 2016, at 11:30 AM, KRISTY HUTTER <kristy.hutter@cbc.ca<<mailto:kristy.hutter@cbc.ca>>>
wrote:

Hi Stephen,

Thanks so much for getting back to me. I think the ideal time for us would be Sunday at 7pm our time (4pm your time) out of the Vancouver bureau. We can be flexible though. I'm not sure the length of the interview. Going to say 5 minutes for now, but I can confirm. Also, Saturday may be tricky, but we MAY be able to swing it. I can ask Wendy and find out. And like I said earlier, we can do tonight too (around 4pm your time) if that's preferable.

Thanks again!
Kristy

On Fri, Jun 10, 2016 at 1:43 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
<Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>>> wrote:
Hi Kristy,

Happy to chat with the Premier about this. Can you give me a sense of timing on this? What time on Sunday, how long would the segment last? Also, if it was the only option is there any chance of taping on Saturday?

Just so I know what we have to work with.

Thanks!

Stephen

On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:38 AM, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
<Premier@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca>><<mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca><<mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca>>>> wrote:

From: KRISTY HUTTER [<mailto:kristy.hutter@cbc.ca><<mailto:kristy.hutter@cbc.ca>>]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CBC The National - ATTN: STEPHEN SMART

Hello Stephen,

My name is Kristy and I'm a producer with The National at CBC News. I'm reaching out to you to request an interview with Premier Clark for Sunday's show (hosted by Wendy Mesley). We read her piece in the Vancouver Sun about her experience and wanting to address the problem of sexual violence, and believe there is appetite from our audience to hear from her.

I am also producing a panel airing on Sunday about sentencing in sexual assault cases (in light of the Stanford rape case), so having Premier Clark on the show will only help boost our coverage of this systemic problem.

I hope we can work something out. Ideally, we would tape it on Sunday, but can do today if that would work better.

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing back,
Kristy Hutter

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CBC News
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The National

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Kristy Hutter

Associate Producer

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The National

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Nicole Green
Subject: Re: Premier Clark

No problem at all. Just felt bad about the Ottawa trip so wanted to reach out. Have a great weekend!

S.

> On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:44 AM, Nicole Green <Nicole.Green@bellmedia.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Stephen,
>
> I am SO SO sorry to do this at the last minute, but we cannot get Vancouver crew to shoot this. Our national crew is filing a story today, and the local crew is short staffed so they cannot help us with this.
> So we will unfortunately have to pass up this opportunity.
>
> Thank you so much for reaching out today, Nicole
>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>]
> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 11:13 AM
> To: Nicole Green
> Subject: Re: Premier Clark
>
> Haha... Yeah, I guess that would be important!

> s.15 The Vancouver folks will know it.

>> On Jun 10, 2016, at 8:07 AM, Nicole Green <Nicole.Green@bellmedia.ca> wrote:

>>
>> Sorry what's the address?

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>]
>> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 11:02 AM
>> To: Nicole Green
>> Subject: Re: Premier Clark
>>

>> We can make that work. Are you able to send a Camera to our office? That way they can be set up and ready to go when we arrive.

>>> On Jun 10, 2016, at 7:58 AM, Nicole Green <Nicole.Green@bellmedia.ca> wrote:

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>>> OK, we could push it back to 1pm pacific, but we have to be clear by 1:15. If not, we get kicked out of our studio here.

>>> Do you think it's possible, or is this too tight?

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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>]
>>> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:46 AM
>>> To: Nicole Green
>>> Subject: Re: Premier Clark
>>>
>>> Hmm... So timing could be an issue, but just barely! We are at CBC radio until about 12:45 (our time). That means we could either be back at our office or in the CTV studio by 1pm exactly.
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>>>> On Jun 10, 2016, at 7:38 AM, Nicole Green <Nicole.Green@bellmedia.ca> wrote:
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>>>> Hi Stephen,
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>>>> I appreciate the note! Yes, Bob would really like to do this. I know you have a small window, but we would have to do this prior to 1pm Pacific. Also, would we be sending a camera to the Premier's office?
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>>>> Thanks,
>>>> Nicole
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>]
>>>> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:25 AM
>>>> To: Nicole Green
>>>> Subject: Premier Clark
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>>>> Hey Nicole,
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>>>> It's Stephen Smart here from Premier Christy Clark's office. We are doing a few media follow ups today to the op-ed that the Premier has done around her personal experience with sexual violence. It occurred to us that we had to turn you down when we were in Ottawa recently and so I thought I would just reach out and see if you had any interest in having the Premier on the Question Period this week. We don't have a ton of flex time today, but I do have a bit of a window early this afternoon that could work.
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>>>> Anyway, just thought I'd touch base in case you were interested.
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>>>> Stephen
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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Carey, Linda J PREM:EX
Subject: Re: media call - Toronto Star

Got it. Thanks!

On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:16 AM, Carey, Linda J PREM:EX <Linda.Carey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Stephen – Jim Coyle from the Toronto Star called wanting an interview today with PCC regarding the Sexual Assault article.

416-869-4967

Thanks
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<image001.jpg>

Linda Carey
Administrative Assistant
Office of the Premier
West Annex - Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC V8W 9E1
☎ 250-387-1715 | ✉ linda.carey@gov.bc.ca

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Tamara Slobogean
Subject: Re: Premier/Op-Ed

Sold! Thank you for accommodating us.

> On Jun 10, 2016, at 10:03 AM, Tamara Slobogean <Tamara.Slobogean@rci.rogers.com> wrote:

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> We'll set 7 minutes aside for the segment. We will expect her at 8:10am Monday, on air at 820.

> Thanks again,

> ts

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]

> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 9:09 AM

> To: Tamara Slobogean

> Subject: Re: Premier/Op-Ed

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> We will absolutely be there by 810. s.22

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> No hard out, what were you thinking in terms of timing?

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>> On Jun 10, 2016, at 9:03 AM, Tamara Slobogean <Tamara.Slobogean@rci.rogers.com> wrote:

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>> Perfect. 8:10 is a little tight, but as long as we're talking about a true 8:10, we should be ok. Will the Premier be make-up ready then? Because we do offer make up, but that will be too tight. Is there a hard out time? We were hoping for a good shake at a candid conversation...

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>> Thanks again Stephen,

>> ts

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]

>> Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 8:23 AM

>> To: Tamara Slobogean

>> Subject: Re: Premier/Op-Ed

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>> Hey Tamara,

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>> We are good for 8:20 Monday morning! :)

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>> We'll arrive by 8:10. Is it the main entrance of your building?

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>> S.

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>>> On Jun 10, 2016, at 5:07 AM, Tamara Slobogean <Tamara.Slobogean@rci.rogers.com> wrote:

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>>> Good morning Stephen,
>>> If we are going ahead for Monday, are we able to confirm the Premier's appearance by 8:30am today? We would love to be able to give this proper promotion - (we tape our promos for Monday at 9am).
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>>> Please advise!
>>> Thank you,
>>> Tamara
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]
>>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 5:33 PM
>>> To: Tamara Slobogean
>>> Subject: Re: Premier/Op-Ed
>>>
>>> That might work. What time slots are available? The 8 o'clock hour is probably the most doable.
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>>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 5:12 PM, Tamara Slobogean
<Tamara.Slobogean@rci.rogers.com<mailto:Tamara.Slobogean@rci.rogers.com>> wrote:
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>>> Hi Stephen - always great to hear from you. And yes please - we would love to have her next week. Any chance for Monday?
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>>> Thank you for reaching out!
>>> Tamara
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>>> Get Outlook for iOS<<https://aka.ms/o0ukef>>
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>>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca<mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca>>
>>> Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:43 PM
>>> Subject: Premier/Op-Ed
>>> To: Tamara Slobogean <tamara.slobogean@rci.rogers.com<mailto:tamara.slobogean@rci.rogers.com>>
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>>> Hey Tamara,
>>>
>>> Long time no speak... I hope you are doing well!
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>>> Emailing a bit out of the blue here regarding the Op-Ed that the Premier had in the Sun today. We are doing some follow up media over the coming days that strays a bit from the media outlets that we'd normally do and given the subject matter, outlets that reach more younger people than some of the traditional super hour newscasts with the hope of spurring conversations about sexual assault or misconduct and letting people know that supports are there for those who want them.
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>>> Anyway, I just thought I'd drop you a line to see if you had any interest in having the Premier on the program next week? Happy to see if schedules align if you do.
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>>> Chat soon!
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>>> Stephen
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>>> Stephen Smart

>>> Press Secretary

>>> Office of the Premier of British Columbia

>>> Phone: (778) 389-6202<tel:(778)%20389-6202>

>>> Email: stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca<mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca><mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca>

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Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:26 PM
To: 'richard.zussman@cbc.ca'
Subject: RE: Good for Almanac at 12:10 if you guys are

That's a good question about calls... let me check if she has strong feelings. Is that a deal breaker on your end?

From: richard.zussman@cbc.ca [<mailto:richard.zussman@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:24 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Good for Almanac at 12:10 if you guys are

Perfect.

Would she be willing to take questions from the phone?

I have also told Nick about 12:30 and I'm working on booking the line.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2016, at 4:22 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Stephen Smart
Press Secretary
Office of the Premier of British Columbia
Phone: (778) 389-6202
Email: stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Marcella Bernardo
Subject: Re: Clark availability?

Hey Marcella,

I don't remember hearing from her, but apologies if I missed it somehow. The Premier is not doing any more interviews today... She only did two... but will be having an avail as part of an event in Burnaby tomorrow morning. An advisory will be out first thing tomorrow, but the event is an education announcement and will be at 10:15 a^m.¹⁵ school.

Thanks,

Stephen

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 3:55 PM, Marcella Bernardo <marcella@roundhouseradio.com> wrote:

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> Hi Stephen,
>
> Our reporter Taran Parmar reached out earlier today and I'm following up to see if the Premier's planning to make herself available to the media to talk about the item below?

>
> We'd really like to book her as a guest on one of our talk shows or at least chat with her by phone.

>
> I'm at my desk now at 604-449-5517 if you need more details.

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> Thanks,
> Marcella

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>
> Marcella Bernardo | News and Content Director Roundhouse Radio 714
> Alexander Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6A 1E3
> Office: 604 449 5517 Mobile: 604 802 1730

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> (BC-Premier-Sex-Assault) 1pm/cp mb/rr

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- > Premier Christy Clark says she knows supporting a private member's bill against sexual assault is "the right thing to do" because of her own experience of being groped, flashed and grabbed.
- > In an open letter, she says it's time to end the silence and support victims of sexual assault.
- > She says that's why her government is backing the bill proposed by the Green Party leader, which calls for stand-alone sexual assault policies at all post-secondary institutions in B-C.
- > Clark also revealed at the age of 13, she was pulled into bushes by an unknown man -- and although she was able to get away.... she's always wondered if her silence allowed him to find a victim who could not escape.

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 2:43 PM
To: 'Ethan Faber'
Subject: RE: Premier's Op-Ed Copy

Ethan,

I've just had a chance now to get those details from the Premier. It was on a little street called Jubilee, which Google maps tells me is still there. The school she was coming from was Royal Oak Secondary and the restaurant she was going to work at when it happened was near Nelson and Imperial.

Stephen

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

From: Ethan Faber [<mailto:Ethan.Faber@bellmedia.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 1:49 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Premier's Op-Ed Copy

Any update on this? Or too busy setting up the global exclusive with the premier and upsetting everyone else in the industry? Could you please let me know? Not happy to see the media games being played with something so personal.

> On Jun 9, 2016, at 10:42 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Hmmm... That's an excellent question. Let me see if I can find out and I'll let you know.

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>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 10:41 AM, Ethan Faber <Ethan.Faber@bellmedia.ca> wrote:

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>> Stephen is there any more info on where this attack happened? Even a street and block. And the restaurant? Not being crass, just trying to tell story for TV. Please let me know if there is anything to help with vis? E

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>>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:33 AM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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>>> Thanks Ethan. Couldn't agree more... Pretty darn proud to be working for her to put herself out there like that.

>>>

>>> On Jun 9, 2016, at 9:22 AM, Ethan Faber <Ethan.Faber@bellmedia.ca<<mailto:Ethan.Faber@bellmedia.ca>>> wrote:

>>>

>>> That's an incredible story, Stephen. Very brave of her. Hope all is well with you. Ethan

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>>> Begin forwarded message:

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>>> From: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>>>

>>> Date: June 9, 2016 at 9:03:36 AM PDT

>>> To: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX" <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>>>

>>> Subject: Premier's Op-Ed Copy

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>>> Hi there,

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>>> Please find attached a copy of the Premier's op-ed.

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>>> Thanks!

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>>> Stephen

>>> <Premier Op Ed - Final for submission.pdf>

Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:27 PM
To: 'Kathryn Stewart'
Subject: RE: Checking in

Hey Kathryn,

I'm sorry, but today won't work. That said, what are you and Lynda up to next week? S.22
S.2 and we can chat about a good time to have her on?

S.

From: Kathryn Stewart [<mailto:kathryn@cknw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Checking in

Hey Stephen!

Any chance the Premier has a few minutes to speak to Lynda this afternoon specifically re: her editorial?
We're pretty much wide open – but 4:30pm would be ideal.
Let me know – thanks!

Cheers,
K.

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Kathryn Stewart
Senior Producer, The Lynda Steele Show
T. 604.331.2733 | kathryn@cknw.com

Proposed Op-ed Rollout

Van Sun Placement – Thursday

Global (Gailus) sit down – Thursday

Outlets/Programs to pitch for follow up

- QMFM (Nat/Drew Morning Show)
- BC Almanac (Gloria Macarenko)
- Breakfast Television
- The Social (Toronto via CTV Vancouver)
- The Current – CBC Radio
- Macleans
- Chatelaine

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V3

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As I got up to answer, I decided that our government would pass his legislation. I knew it was the right thing to do.

Why? It's about changing the environment in which post-secondary students spend most of their time, and providing more supports for victims of sexual assaults and sexual violence on college and university campuses. It speaks to the large number of women and men who stay silent about their experiences.

As I sat in my chair on the floor of the legislature, it struck me: I knew all too well why women stay silent. For over 35 years, I've been one of them.

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Nobody drove anybody anywhere. You either hoofed it, or when you were old enough, took a bus.

It was back in the day when there were lots more kids than parents around. The days before chronic overscheduling, when kids were allowed to waste time and wander.

I don't remember everything from my youth, but I do remember all of the sexual advances from strangers: getting flashed, groped, spied on. Things that no person should experience, let alone a young girl or teenager.

I remember every single time.

Most of all, I remember the time a stranger pulled me off the sidewalk into the bushes. I have no doubt that he wanted to hurt me.

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He didn't say anything. I don't even remember what he looked like.

I remember wondering where he had come from, and why I hadn't seen him. And I remember being very scared.

Luckily, it didn't last long.

When he pulled me down the little slope, it must have shifted him off balance. He loosened his grip for a moment, giving me a chance to wriggle away, clamber a few feet forward, and get out of the bush.

Once I got out into the sunlight, I ran like the wind to the restaurant.

When I got there, overflowing with relief that I was safe, I stopped outside to catch my breath. Then I went in, put on my apron, and got to work.

I never told anyone. Not about this or any of the other frightening things of a sexual nature that happened to me as a child or a teenager. For 35 years, it's as though they never happened.

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That's why the stories of so many women who stay silent have struck me so deeply. Many of their stories are much worse; horrifying events will take years of determined effort to heal. Nonetheless, many of us share something in common; we have never spoken about it, not to the authorities, or our parents or spouses.

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Earlier this spring, the Greens introduced a Bill that would set clear guidelines for sexual assault and misconduct at all public post-secondary institutions in BC. I happened to be reading it during Question Period when I was surprised with a question about whether or not we would pass it.

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It was a sunny day, and I was walking to work at my first job. A man suddenly jumped out, grabbed me and pulled me out of sight into a deep copse of shrubs.

He didn't say anything. I don't even remember what he looked like.

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INITIAL DRAFT FROM PCE

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In BC, we're breaking from that tradition. This month our government will be voting to support a Bill that originated with the Green Party.

A few weeks ago, the Greens introduced a Bill that would set clear guidelines for sexual assault and misconduct at all public post secondary institutions in BC. I happened to be reading it at my desk in the chamber when he surprised me with a question about it in the daily Question Period.

I decided, as I got to my feet to answer, that our government would pass the legislation he was promoting. It was a split second decision and I knew it was the right thing to do from the moment I made it.

Why? Because the bill is all about changing the environment in which post secondary students spend most of their time. Providing more supports for victims of sexual assaults and sexual violence on college and university campuses. It speaks to the large number of women and men who stay silent about their experiences - because they believe their reports won't be taken seriously and that nothing will change if they do speak up.

As I sat in that chamber, it struck me that I knew all too well why they do not. I understood intimately why women stay silent. For over 35 years, I've been one of them.

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Nobody drove anybody anywhere in those days. You either hoofed it or, when you were old enough and could grub the bus fare off your parents, you took a bus.

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I don't remember everything from my youth but I do remember some things well, including all of the times I encountered sexual advances from strangers. Getting flashed, groped, spied on. Every single one of them.

I remember the time a stranger pulled me into the bushes as I walked down the street on a sunny day. I have no doubt that he wanted to hurt me. I believe he would have assaulted me if I hadn't shaken him loose and run away.

Or he may not have. I'll never know. What I do know is that I never told anyone about it.

I was walking to work at my first job. My shift started at 330 pm so I found my own way along side streets directly from school to the restaurant on work days. On one of those days, as I made the half hour walk, a man - a young man I think - suddenly jumped out, grabbed me and pulled me off the sidewalk into a deep copse of bushes. He didn't say anything and I even don't remember what he looked like. I remember wondering where he had come from, why I hadn't seen him. And I remember being very scared.

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