

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:11 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Christy Clark reveals personal reason for supporting sexual assault bill
Importance: High

Ms. Clark,

I am touched to the core by your thoughts. Your words are what haunt my thoughts! Just change the 'she' to 'he'.

I too, am a victim of an ongoing assault by an older man during my early teen years. This was s.22

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s.22 I still live in fear of what I would do if this man was still alive. And ashamed that I have never done anything to stop more of his victims.

I have shared a little but not much of this with my wife and family. I do know that this may be the most important thing you do in your life. Please never forget about the young boys, young men and men in general that endure this in their lives.

People like yourself and Sheldon Kennedy are so important in helping people like me in understanding a little about ourselves.

Men can feel lost in today's world, sometimes we can do no right. Please always keep that in mind. We too suffer in similar ways. Also, help men speak out, without shame and being looked at as weak. Men face the same, but different path.

I have printed the Calgary Herald article and given to s.22 to read, I will also give it to my s.22

I will then sit and discuss this issue and how it does and will effect them. And I will also share my past. I think it is that important.

This maybe the most important letter I ever write.

Thank you!

s.22

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

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:36 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Assault

Madam premier I would to thank you for your coming out with an incident that happened when you were 13. I understand you not talking about it as I had a similar incident when I 1. It's something for many reasons you choose not to fully talk about.

The reason I'm writing is I have read many comments about this being political which surprises me because they come from the same people who preach we should believe a person at their word for a sexual assault. So thank you and please this is confidential!

Thank you ^{s.2}₂

Sent from my iPad

From: Admin Support [mailto:adminsupport@dixonsociety.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 12:09 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Support Survivors of Domestic Violence

Dear Christy,

I hope you had a great week so far. First off, I apologize for this cold email. I know you must receive hundreds of request for support as a leader in the community. I am reaching out to you directly because of strong admiration for your brand, business, and philanthropic endeavours.

I admire your strength for coming forward with you story of sexual violence. As an organization that works with women and children escaping violence we admire your advocacy for stopping violence against women. We need advocates like you to open the dialogue about violence against women. We would be honoured to work with you.

On June 26th we are running the Charity Challenge in support of women and children survivors of domestic violence. We are setting a lofty goal of raising ten thousand dollars to support the women and children in our programs. Would you consider a contribution here? Your donation would make an enormous difference!

Last year we served over 609 women and children. According to Statistics Canada, every day 3000 women and children are turned away from shelters due to lack of space. The need for our services continues to be an absolute necessity in our society.

Who is Dixon Transition Society you might be asking? We provide support and services for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

- Housing programs-Transition House, Second Stage Housing, Third Stage Housing
- Housing outreach-to help women and children find permanent, independent, safe housing
- Counselling programs-Stopping the Violence, Family Counselling
- Nutrition and resource support-addressing all immediate needs ranging from medication to clothing to comfort

Would you be interested in supporting our fundraising efforts?

I would be happy to jump on a call to discuss. Please let me know.

Warmest regards,

Lucia Stokovac
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Dixon Transition Society
Office: (604) 433-4191
www.dixonsociety.ca

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:28 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Sexual Assault CBC Interview

Hello, I just listened to your interview on the cbc regarding your open letter and the troubling topic that surrounds it. I wanted to touch on some points that I believe can help our society make the attitude adjustments required to create a safer environment for women and to help young men function and behave with more maturity.

I'm sure we can agree that once a woman steps through the doors of a crisis center, somewhere, somehow she has been wronged by a man. It is true that these facilities need continued and probably improved funding, however I believe the behavior of the man or men that harmed the poor girl is what should be examined more thoroughly and efforts should be made to create a stronger mentality in men that perpetrates a greater respect towards women. Once she walks through those doors, society has failed her, the need to abolish the abusive behavior is just as great as the need to help the victim recover.

I believe that the internet and much of its perverse content these days can and will directly effect young men's views toward women. s.22 and count myself lucky enough to have met my wife before the days of online dating. The sexual content on the internet can be viewed by anyone, on any number of devices. If a person can perform grade 3 math, they can give a website a false age description. Parental controls are great but I believe a fully censored internet should be available to youth. I'm not a data expert nor do I have any programming experience but certainly the technology exists. Why can't British Columbia offer its youth some age appropriate internet packages? Surely we can create an age 5-10 bundle, 10-13, 13-16, etc, etc. I don't mean to sound like an evil ruler from an Orwell novel or a communist oppressor, but I can tell you this, children don't need full access to the world wide web. With all the pressures put on young women through society's views, we often forget that young men can be just as vulnerable. If a young man's only interaction with pretty girls comes from tumblr or some porno site, he will lose some level of self confidence in real life social settings. His respect for living breathing women will be quite shallow. If a 14 year old boy is getting swipped left all the time, he will begin to lose respect for himself. If he's not wearing the latest Nike's, doesn't have the latest phone, can't afford to play sports, he just may get mocked and bullied by his peers. Maybe the same girls that are swiping him left are laughing at him in the lunchroom? Of course they don't deserve to be abused, but they have left their mark. If he can't live up to the cool kid image as portrayed by the internet generation, who's to say he isn't gonna find safe haven on his tablet, alone in his room, far away from the social interactions that kids just aren't having as much anymore. In his loneliness he grows more and more awkward and cowardly around women, he turns to booze, he becomes the kid in the Neil Young song that never gets to go to school, never gets to fall in love, never gets to be cool.

Growing up in a small community, many of our organized sports and youth activities were co-ed, if they weren't then quite frankly we wouldn't have had the numbers. Its real life social interactions with the opposite sex that can help introverted youth become a little healthier. Parents can help, but these days we're all addicted to something on the internet and our tech addictions are creating a wave of ignorance towards our children; children who may very

well be more internet addicted than their parents.

Obviously there are many other social and economic issues that can lead to disruptive and abusive behavior in young people. Alcohol, drugs, poverty, perhaps even some cultural confusion. I believe certain content viewed by youth on the internet is absolutely one of these issues.

Here's an example: Yesterday I received a meme type image, it consisted of Brock (the rapist kid all over facebook) standing over Sleeping Beauty (Disney) with a "devil on his shoulder" as Bill Cosby. Talk about perverse content. I laughed at it, shame on me. I can guarantee that the same image and many like it are flowing through the halls of every high school in BC. Shame on everybody.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 11:56 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Sexual Assault

No political games. No grandstanding. No personal power plays. Just pure honesty and doing what is right. Now THAT is Leadership. Thank you!!

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 11:33 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Do Not Be Ashamed

Dear Ms. Clark:

I doubt you will see this note, but I want to express my support for you and your story about the sexual assault when you were 13 years of age. This is not something to be ashamed of. It is something that needs to be addressed. There is way too much of this in our society and it is totally unacceptable.

I recall an incident many years ago involving my youngest daughter who experienced a similar situation when she was probably about 10 years of age or younger. She was followed by a man and grabbed as she was on her way to a friend's house. She managed to get away and ran to her friend's home. She was severely traumatized by the incident, as I am certain you must have been. With the help of the Calgary Police Service we managed to track down the "perp" who turned out to be a grandfather living with his son or daughter and their young family, including several young children. The family refused to believe the incident happened - DENIAL! That is a huge problem with sexual assault - there is too much denial!

Shame on the offenders and congratulations to you on sharing your story!

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Thank you Premier Clark

Dear Premier Clark.

Thank you.

I have no words.

Thank you.

I am not prone to writing politicians or expressing my opinion in public forums. I am not prone to crying as I read the paper. I'm a hard-working professional, an engineer who worked in extremely tough industries and countries, from an immigrant family, a recently started consulting business owner late in my career, a manager, a mother, a sister, a daughter, a wife, a home owner and generally an inobtrusive law-abiding Canadian.

And I am forever in your debt.

Thank you for being so brave. Thank you for enabling the rest of us to be so and for my children to have to be less and less so.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Forever.

Sincerely
s.22

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 10:49 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Re sexual assaults

I agree with you about not telling anyone. I never told anyone when I was sexually assaulted for 5 years from grade 3 to grade 8. He was a friend of my parents and I never told anyone not because I was ashamed but because I thought my Dad would have killed him. Then my Dad would have been jailed.

I am now 78 years old and I still remember the whole thing. Thank goodness my assailant is dead from a heart attack. I don't know how many he assaulted.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 6:39 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Premier Clark: Speech on Sexual Assault

For: BC Premier Christy Clark premier@gov.bc.ca
From: s.22, retired, Ottawa Ontario. s.22
Subject: Premier's Speech before the Provincial Legislature, June 2016, endorsing a law on sexual assault.

Madame Premier,

Who would dare oppose the law you endorse on sexual assault? I taught the only course on "Men's Lives" in North America, until in 2000, my career was terminated by the professoriat Sisterhood.

I live in Ontario. Ontarians are well familiar with sexual politics, including educational indoctrination to redefine the family.

Please see my comment appended to the National Post article, bottom, below.

s.22

10 Jun 2016 National Post

The courage to speak out

IN HER OWN WORDS, B.C. PREMIER CHRISTY CLARK TELLS HOW SHE WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AS A YOUTH

B. C. Premier Christy Clark reveals for the first time that she was sexually assaulted 35 years ago and describes why she supports an Opposition bill on a sexual misconduct code for universities.

"I wish I'd had the courage to say something then. I do now," says B.C. Premier Christy Clark of being assaulted.

Governments al - most never 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 over-scheduling, 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 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.

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. I do now.

1 Comment(s)

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Although Premier Clark allows her new law, "... speaks to the large number of women and men who stay silent about their experiences." But she defends, "my half of humanity ... I am BC's first elected female premier ... women ... women ... "

As the Premier concedes, she was assaulted, but not sexually, with no lasting physical harm. Premier Clark bemoans, " ... sexual advances from strangers: getting flashed, groped, spied on. Things that no person should experience, let alone a young girl or teenager."

Premier Clark attests to her gumption and determination to get on with life, which contributed to her lifetime successes, including in politics and elections to premier.

Permit a reminiscence from the life of a teen boy. At age 12, as I walked out of my Bar Mitzvah lessons in the local Talmud Torah, three waiting boys pinned my arms behind a tree, then took turns punching me, until my nose and teeth bled. They kicked me to the ground and laughed, "Dirty Jew!" My father assured me the police would do nothing. "Only walk in groups of three boys. If you have to, run."

A 17 year old boy remembered a friend's mother, more than double his age, over months, repeatedly enticing him sexually. Only when a grandfather did he tell me.

Some of my friends' parents were Holocaust survivors. Most did not recount the horrors they experienced, until late in life. Every day, they feared death. Most of their parents 'went up the chimney.'

Yes, some men and women behave appallingly. But generalization exposes prejudice. Feminists denounce biological sexual attraction of men to women as a liability. That enhances power over men through cognitive dissonance. The power of beauty is apparent on almost every advertisement and female media career.

Handsome contributed to the elections of Benito Mussolini, Jack Kennedy, Robert and Ted Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Barak Obama. Take another look at Obama's radiant smile. For a successful male politician, add a pretty wife.

As for Premier Clark's 'half of humanity,' Consider the political successes of Jiang Qing, Eva Peron, Margaret Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto, Yulia Tymoshenko, Yingluck Shinawatra, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner - all benefited from their attractiveness for their success. Premier Clark apparently does not consider that an important element of her success is that she is pretty.

Premier Clark claims, "I knew it was the right thing to do."
Feminist jurisprudence makes for misandrist law.

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: THANK YOU

Dear Premier Clark:

Thank you for speaking out and telling your personal story about sexual assault and for supporting the member's bill on sexual assault. You absolutely did the right thing and I commend you highly for doing this. When I was 16 in 1941, my sister's husband, age 33, assaulted me in my family home and this was followed by sexual harassment and verbal abuse which left me afraid of him until he died in 2011. I should have told my father about what happened as he would have done something about it, probably barred this man from our family home. I didn't tell anyone until just a few years ago when I started going to counsellors. This has affected my whole life and left me with P.T.S.D. I am now 80. I also experienced sexual harassment on the job and also in high school. There were 2 male teachers, one was school principal, and they sexually harassed the girls but we didn't tell our parents. The principal taught history and his favourite trick was to try and get into our seats with us so as appearing to help us with history. He never got into my seat. Our algebra teacher was the other harasser and his favourite trick was to flick us on the backside with his ruler. We just tolerated these things but in looking back, I wish I had protested, said something, spoken up. That was in the 1950's I went to high school and in those days no one said anything, we just tolerated all that garbage. I hope that no teacher today would get away with what those 2 men were doing.

Thank you for what you are doing. This is something that should be brought out in the open and never covered up. My blessings go to you for doing this, for speaking out, for taking a stand, and for supporting that bill.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 9:56 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: THANK YOU

This is something that has been covered up for all too long. I think that what Premier Clark has done, by speaking out publicly about her own personal experience, is very courageous of her. When people who are well known speak out about something that has happened to them that is also affecting a lot of other lives, they are doing something that is very beneficial. I wasn't a supporter politically of Jack Layton but came to admire him so much when he spoke out publicly about his cancer. My husband was dealing with cancer in 2005, is still in remission, and I wrote to Jack and thanked him for what he was doing. He sent me a very nice reply. When he was diagnosed again, I wrote to him but he was too sick at that time to reply. I felt very sad when news came about his death.

My thanks again to Premier Clark for speaking out on behalf of all women and girls who have been sexually assaulted.

Sincerely,

s.22

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

From s.22

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 12:09 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: CBC Almanac today with Gloria Mackarenko

Dear Premier Clark,

I happened to hear the subject of the noon time discussion today as I was doing some business at UBC Vancouver. When Andrew Weaver was introduced, I quickly dialled *690 on my cell phone 16 times and then got a ring and waited for the producer to answer.

What I said as the first caller in is that, like you, 1 out of 4 women have experienced unwanted attention, comments, touching or assault in the lives. (I think it's more like 3/4). Anyway, my comment was that I am a strong supporter of yours and that I would stand IN FRONT of you if ANYONE dared accuse you of using this event from your past for personal gain. I also said it must have been difficult to have that conversation with Hamish, as it was when I told my 3 children about what happened to me as a youngster.

I strongly believe you should stay completely silent about any of the detractors and refuse to answer anyone's questions about the event. NOT because you are ashamed! But because it's no one else's concern.

It reminded me of what Emilio Estevez said so many years ago about something Charlie Sheen had gotten into. He said, "you know, I'm not really sure it's any of my business what happened, but I know for certain it's none of yours."

Good night and God Bless.

s.22

From: Clark.MLA, Christy [mailto:Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Empathy

For you, not our constituent.

From: s.22
Sent: June 9, 2016 9:41 AM
To: Clark.MLA, Christy ; ViewerContactBC@globalnews.ca; cbcnewsvancover@cbc.ca
Subject: Empathy

I commend and thank Christy Clark for coming forward with her story of sexual abuse, and for helping in that area.

However, I wish that Premier Clark's empathy would stretch to all victims - in particular, those people on waiting lists for "elected" operations - operations that would reduce or eradicate their constant, life-altering, mind and soul-destroying pain. I guess we'll have to wait for a premier who suffers greatly from deteriorating bones or kidney stones or many other day to day challenges, and who doesn't have the money to travel abroad for help because of "shortages".

Sincerely, s.22
s.22

I gladly supply my name, address and telephone number.
s.22

---Original Message-----

From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:31 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Rape

Dear Christy Clark

I just listened to your story on our local TV news cast. s.22

s.22 . In 1950 I got put in the back of a van, and was taken up into the hills, and raped by three of Pentictons finest. These three guys also did this to my best friend, plus a girl that I didn't know to well. My understanding is that she took them to court, but was called a whore, and laughed out of court. This has haunted me my whole life. After this happened, I didn't care what happened to me. No one to talk to. No help any where. I'm crying while I write this. It still haunts me. This made the rest of my life a disaster. Thank goodness my life is pretty stable today. Please make sure that there are good programs for those poor girls, that need help. I wasn't a fan of you, but after I heard your story I am now.

Your truly s.22

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 4:14 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Your comment

Dear Premier Clark:

Thank you for your candor in speaking out today. Many women will benefit from your courage.

Congratulations on your inspirational leadership.

Sincerely.

s.22

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

From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:47 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Women

I follow politics. But I don't communicate with politicians EVER, until now. Not my thing.

I am a woman. I am University educated. I am white. I am over 40. I have had every advantage. I have read the Stanford rape victims letter. But I have NEVER written to a politician. I will never identify myself as someone who has been sexually assaulted. EXCEPT, when I was twelve, a man exposed himself to me, when I was fourteen a man leaned out his car to pat my ass while I was biking up a hill, when I was seventeen a teacher repeatedly patted me ass and other touching, when I was nineteen, I dragged my two friends out of a house party gone so very VERY wrong (alcohol was involved). But I never told anyone about any of these events. Not a one. Not ever. Not until 20 years had expired. (actually there are a few more incidents, but more minor in nature - OMG, what does that say???)

I have learned over a lifetime, to look at men and size them up for "wrongness" that little thing that makes you go hmmm, maybe not. I have learned how to "deal" with them. They are after all cowards, unprepared for a strong woman. Not really hard at all.

Then began my working career in a male dominated industry. I succeeded when other women did not seem to have "what it takes to succeed in a man's world". Yeah, that's what happened.

I wish to applaud your recent remarks. There are statistics. One in four, etc. but the truth is EVERY woman knows EXACTLY what you are saying. Three in four have no trouble understanding precisely what you have described.

You are starting with post secondary, great. Start wherever you want. Don't back down.

I can imagine what other women have experienced - as you know, we talk. Although I worry about what I don't know about about minority women. I am horrified to think about it. It's about power after all. So, well, it's not that hard to imagine. But terrifying to think about.

Fifty percent of the electorate are women. I don't actually agree with your politics. But you are making statements that resonate with me. We'll see how it goes.

As a woman I very much applaud you. Go Christie.

s.22

Bc resident.

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

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 2:11 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: violence

Dear Hon. Christy Clark,

Thank you for speaking for victims of violence.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Thank You

Christy,

I am s.22, you may or not remember me. (Knew you through 2001 years when you were MLA in PM and s.22

Your story today struck me hard and made me cry.
s.22

Almost word for word I grew up in the same circumstances, s.22

We made our own way around. My mum didn't drive. I walked to school until I went to Burnaby South and I used to catch the bus in front of the Simpson Sears bus stop. I used to go early in the morning because I ran track. Every morning a man used to stand across the street at gas station facing my bus stop and "reveal himself"

I could never say anything as I had no one really to talk to, and quite frankly I would never have know how to. It confused me at first and I was always upset. Who would I have gone to?

It's weird how I remember it like yesterday, as obviously you do. We didn't talk about "those" things then!

My experience certainly wasn't as traumatic as yours (yours was so physical) but I want you to know that I "get" it.

As our Premier, I want to thank you for sharing. To this day, I have never told my own mother what I had to deal with day after day.

Stay Strong. You will always have our support
s.22

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

From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:17 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Regarding sexual assault

Dear Ms. Clark,

I am writing to you to offer both my support and my heartfelt appreciation for your courage in speaking out about your own personal experiences with sexual assault. I know that your story was very similar to mine and to the stories of many other women.

I am a ^{s.22} working with women who have survived violence, whether physical, emotional or sexual and I know how difficult it can be to discuss painful incidents and memories. I believe that your example will help other women find their voice as well.

I am very far from you on the political spectrum, but this is an issue that impacts all of us as women, and so again, thank you for adding your voice to this struggle.

Sincerely,

s.22

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

From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 3:58 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Outraged!

To: The Premier

You have sunk to a new low. That you would use your personal experience to explain why you support a sexual assault bill makes my blood boil. Obviously you will use anything to be re-elected. (You couldn't get elected in your own riding, remember.) I am sorry you were grabbed by a man but to use that now is despicable. Think of all the rape victims who have gone through horrendous experiences and you decided to dredge up your experience to garner sympathy, and votes!

You should be supporting the sexual assault bill because you care about females' safety. You should have done it long ago.

Sincerely,

s.22

From s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 1:57 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX

Subject: Be Well

June 9th

Ms. Clark:

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/06/09/christy-clark-sex-assault-bill-greens-op-ed_n_10372784.html?ncid=fbklnkcahpmg00000005

Be Well.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 2:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; s.22
s.22
Subject: Personal Story

It was wise of you to speak out.

Assaults on women are an epidemic in most country's, certainly Canada, because no one speaks out and when they do a male judge gives an anemic sentence to the accused.

Children should be taught every year in school to speak out.

No one speaks out because the problem in our society is the bone headed judges [in most cases all males] who, as is obvious from recent and historic cases, are unfit to judge. The sentences are insulting to women.

Women and children who get victimized/sexually assaulted by a pervert/coward are victimized again by a male judge.

Sex cases should only be judged by women, and the penalty should be 40 years in prison for raping a women or child. It affects a child and women for the rest of their lives.

Stop saying "a man attacked me". Men don't attack women and children, perverts/cowards do.

You and other women with prestige and power should speak out about the male judges in this country, a lot of them should be dismissed immediately they are a big part of the problem.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:43 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Jenny Kwan
Subject: PULLED IN BUSHES

No one has that much to drink. Nice try Christy.

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Victoria, B.C.

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: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:46 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject:

<http://www.winnipegsun.com/2016/06/08/kinew-presses-for-on-campus-harassment-policies>

how did they get the same idea out here? Timing is interesting.

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/b-c-now-requires-universities-to-have-sexual-assault-policies>

VICTORIA - British Columbia has become the second province in Canada to require post-secondary institutions to have policies to prevent and respond to sexual violence. The Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act received royal assent on Thursday, less than a month after it was introduced in the legislature. The legislation is based on a private-member's bill introduced by provincial Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, who Premier Christy Clark vowed to work with pass the law. Several universities in B.C. have faced allegations they are failing and silencing survivors of sexual assault, in part because they lack specific policies to deal with reports. The bill will come into effect one year after royal assent, in order to give institutions time to create and establish policies with the input of students. Ontario was the first province in Canada to adopt similar legislation earlier this year.

After all I have been through.....I take this with a grain of salt.

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Jody.Wilson-Raybould@parl.gc.ca
Subject: You don't want anyone to feel alone?

Dear Hon. Christy Clark:

I just say the article <http://www.msn.com/en-ca/lifestyle/smart-living/bc-premier-says-she-kept-quiet-about-sexual-violence-for-35-years/ar-AAgQHrA?li=AAggFp5>

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has revealed she has very personal reasons for supporting an opposition party bill relating to sexual assault at public post-secondary schools. The bill introduced by Green party MLA Andrew Weaver requires the institutions to have policies to prevent and respond to sexual violence. With Clark's support, it passed last month, making B.C. the second province in Canada with the requirement. "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," she wrote in an op/ed published in The Vancouver Sun.

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I want women who have never said anything about sexual violence in their lives to know they are not alone."
Clark said she was "not speaking out for sympathy," but was using her public platform as premier to help build a community where people who have dealt with sexual violence can feel safe speaking about their experiences.

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"We want them to be safe.

Personal experience....safety just does not exist.
The Manitoba Human Rights Commission has re-enforced that notion in my mind.

I sent an email to you back on March 8, 2016. I get it....it is no one's jurisdiction to care about that.

What do you think lead to me having a depression crisis?
My Administrator....(who is a nurse) new about a rape I was dealing with in 2010.

She knew I was getting help. Well she used that knowledge to cause me to have an emotional crisis at work. And it did not matter who I told all the way up to the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and beyond. The Manitoba Human Rights Commission covered up their lies and their forged documents in my personnel file and the underlying reason I had the emotion break down that they failed to reasonablely accommodate me at that time. Not feeling alone....I was better off not telling anyone about the rape. Sorry I ever did.

The line in my performance review that started the crisis...it actually says..."One person refuses to work while you are working!" and failure to comply will result in my termination. (How is that related to my performance? That is related to one person's opinion. And my Administrator she reviews and knows it was going to be in there. She knew I was raped I could not tell you who did it." That one line brought back all the hurt and yes I repeated my story again and again and again.

No one cares and the Manitoba Human Rights process is a complete joke. I don't believe in help.

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:52 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject:

It was the line:

Several universities in B.C. have faced allegations they are failing and silencing survivors of sexual assault, in part because they lack specific policies to deal with reports.

Did you hear about the universities in Manitoba and the policies they had? A student could get expelled possibly for reporting abuse...Brandon university....it was in the papers.

Might take me some time but I could find that article for you.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/brandon-university-behavioural-contract-1.3520568>

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From:s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 1:00 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Thank you.

Many times I have hated what you are doing to this Province I love so much. This time, I can only say thanks. I'll be 80 soon, but my story could be word for word the same as yours. At the age of thirteen, my family moved from a tiny town to the city.

It was Summer and I had not yet made friends. I was vulnerable and was fooled by a smart young man in a car. I told no one.

It was a shameful thing and I carried it with me 'till I was almost 60.

Finally, the agony was too much and I went to the Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Even then my family didn't support me.

Like people I am hearing today, some are blaming you. I believe you.

You must find money for organizations who know how to help.

I have given donations every year because so far they have kept me from committing suicide.

s.22

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 12:31 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: merci madame

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/christy-clark-sexual-assault-1.3623936>

Bonjour Madame,

As an s.22 I had the opportunity to meet you and interview you numerous occasions in your MLA's office in Victoria.

I am now retired and living on the east coast and was reading the electronic version of the Vancouver Sun this morning when I saw this article.

I wanted to thank you for this letter, for your courage and for your leadership. It is a great honour to have met you and a joy to have talked to you.

Merci Madame in the name of all those who support women's rights and respect their wives, girl friends, friends and working colleagues.

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From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:47 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: B.C. Premier Christy Clark reveals personal story behind support for campus sex assault bill

Hon. Christy Clark, Premier and President of Executive Council

Dear Premier Clark:

As a 75 year old male I am very proud of you not only to have spoken about your unfortunate experiences, but for your decision to support a private member's bill regarding sexual assault.

It is hard to believe what you must have endured all these years and I applaud you for your courage. How many other women and girls have also endured such assaults.

By speaking about your experience, you are giving a voice to other women and girls to come forward and report such matters to authorities and police.

I would like to wish you continued success as the Premier of British Columbia.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: THANK YOU

Dear Premier Clark:

Thank you for speaking out and telling your personal story about sexual assault and for supporting the member's bill on sexual assault. You absolutely did the right thing and I commend you highly for doing this. When I was 16 in 1941, my sister's husband, age 33, assaulted me in my family home and this was followed by sexual harassment and verbal abuse which left me afraid of him until he died in 2011. I should have told my father about what happened as he would have done something about it, probably barred this man from our family home. I didn't tell anyone until just a few years ago when I started going to counsellors. This has affected my whole life and left me with P.T.S.D. I am now 80. I also experienced sexual harassment on the job and also in high school. There were 2 male teachers, one was school principal, and they sexually harassed the girls but we didn't tell our parents. The principal taught history and his favourite trick was to try and get into our seats with us so as appearing to help us with history. He never got into my seat. Our algebra teacher was the other harasser and his favourite trick was to flick us on the backside with his ruler. We just tolerated these things but in looking back, I wish I had protested, said something, spoken up. That was in the 1950's I went to high school and in those days no one said anything, we just tolerated all that garbage. I hope that no teacher today would get away with what those 2 men were doing.

Thank you for what you are doing. This is something that should be brought out in the open and never covered up. My blessings go to you for doing this, for speaking out, for taking a stand, and for supporting that bill.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 9:09 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: HELLO AGAIN FROM P.E.I.

Dear Premier Clark:

What was so life changing for me in regard to sexual assault was that this brother-in-law married my sister when I was only 5 and I thought of him as an older brother. The shock was so severe that it has affected me my whole life. I kept it from my sister as she wasn't well and I didn't want to tell her anything that would hurt her. That was my mistake, I should have told someone. This is the biggest mistake that the victim can do, keeping it quiet. Then again, I can understand why victims do because a lot of the time, no one believes them.

Sincerely,

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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
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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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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: Regan Hasegawa
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 4:21 AM
To: 'premier@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: Mike Bothwell
Subject: Global BC Interview

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 7:43 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Thank you

Christi,

Thank you for your recent letter that was released regarding your sexual assault encounter as a young teen. That was very brave of you.

I am a 56 year woman who was assaulted twice in my early twenties. I too never talked about it and blamed myself. It has affected my life greatly. I hope myself and others can start talking about their encounters and start healing.

Thanks again.

s.22

Sent from Samsung tablet