

McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX

From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 5:51 PM
To: Cadario, Michele PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Gjoka, Ina PREM:EX; Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; McPhee, Adam PREM:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Cc: Surovy, Kyle GCPE:EX; Brendeland, Deb GCPE:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Dwivedi, Anish GCPE:EX; Fraser, John Paul GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX; Mann, Carter GCPE:EX; Ross, Kara L PREM:EX; van Marum, Karen GCPE:EX
Subject: Itinerary - Nov. 21st - Indigenous Child Welfare Event - GC Edward John Ceremonial Delivery of Final Report
Attachments: Itinerary - Nov 21 - Child Welfare Event - GC Edward John Ceremonial Delivery of Final Report.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached for the itinerary for Monday's event at the Musqueam Cultural Pavilion. PCC's arrival is at 1:00pm.

Time	Event Itinerary
9:00 AM	Tim Wong on site for set up
10:00 AM	ProShow AV on site for technical set up Pre-test at 12:30pm for Media Dial-In: 1-877-353-9184 / passcode: 22352# / Speaker: s.15.s.1
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1:01 PM Pre-brief	Premier Clark enters the s.15 and is met by the rest of the platform party. Pre-brief led by Tim Wong with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Premier Clark- Minister Cadieux- Grand Chief Ed John- Chief Wayne Sparrow- Howard Grant, Councillor, Musqueam First Nations- Alec Dan (singing the Musqueam Welcome Song)- Carl Point (singing the Musqueam welcome song)
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Cc: McPhee, Adam PREM:EX
Subject: GC Ed John's Invite List
Attachments: GC Ed John List of invites for release event as of 430 pm Nov 18.docx

Good Afternoon,

I've attached the invite list from the Grand Chief. I've copied the results below for your convenience.

Confirmed = Yellow

Regrets = Green

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Cc: Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Subject: FYI - Ed John's Invite List
Attachments: GC Ed John List of invites for release event.pdf

FYI - Attached is the Grand Chief's invite list for the report release event.

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Strengthening Families, Protecting Children *Grand Chief Ed John Report*

Musqueam Cultural Pavilion
4000 Musqueam Ave., Vancouver, BC

Date: Monday, November 21st, 2016
Podium: Yes

Arrival Time: 1:00 PM
Dress: Business

Event Summary: Premier Clark attends and speaks at the ceremonial delivery of the final report by Special Advisor Grand Chief Edward John.

Action/Visual: Premier Clark and platform party will be led into the main room by 2 drummers/singers. Platform party will be seated behind the podium. There will be a ceremonial delivery of the reports prior to the remarks.

Key Photo-Ops: Procession, ceremonial delivery of reports, gift for the Grand Chief, group photo.

Venue Audience: Musqueam Chief and Council, First Nation Leaders

MLAs attending: Minister Cadieux

Melanie Mark, MLA Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, Child and Family Opposition Critic

Additional VIP's: Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam First Nations

Grand Chief Edward John, First Nations Summit

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President UBCIC

Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson, BCAFN

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Grand Chief Ed John Report

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Grand Chief Edward John Special Advisor on Aboriginal Child Welfare

List of GC Ed John invitees

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As of November 16, 2016

Subject: Re: New video for approval: Special advisor delivers report on Indigenous child welfare

Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:37:26 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

To: Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX

CC: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX

Ps - do you mind flipping to Will as well for Twitter posting?

On Nov 21, 2016, at 6:31 PM, Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX <Chelsea.Dolan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Just making sure you guys are good with the video before I approve.

Sent from my BlackBerry - the most secure mobile device - via the TELUS Network

From: Kyle.Surovy@gov.bc.ca

Sent: November 21, 2016 18:17

To: Chelsea.Dolan@gov.bc.ca

Cc: Will.Zylmans@gov.bc.ca; s.17

Subject: New video for approval: Special advisor delivers report on Indigenous child welfare

Hi Chelsea,

Here is the video from today's event:

<https://youtu.be/LNxSNH3nM74>

Let us know if it is approved and we'll post it. Thanks!

Kyle

Subject: FW: Media Availability: Premier - indigenous children in care
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 3:54:32 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
To: Palmer, Vaughn

Here you are.

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

From: "tno@gov.bc.ca" <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 3:52 PM
Subject: Media Availability: Premier - indigenous children in care

Media Availability
Clark/Cadieux - Musqueam Cultural Pavilion - Edward John ICC report
21-Nov-2016 13:11

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Subject: Re: Request for Premier Clark

Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 1:15:14 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

To: Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

Can you please let her know? Not sure if Ed John is doing media at all?

On Nov 21, 2016, at 12:49 PM, Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX <Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Stephen - sorry...minister has to be back in her constit right after the event. She is u available this afternoon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2016, at 12:39 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Karen,

PCC not available for this request from On the Coast. Passing your way in case MSC wants to take it.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Polly Leger <polly.leger@cbc.ca>

Date: November 21, 2016 at 12:31:50 PM PST

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

Subject: Re: Request for Premier Clark

Thanks Stephen, I'd appreciate it

On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 12:31 PM, Smart, Stephen PREM:EX <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Polly. I'm sorry, this won't work today for the Premier. Do you want me to see if the Minister is available instead?

On Nov 21, 2016, at 10:50 AM, Polly Leger <polly.leger@cbc.ca<<mailto:polly.leger@cbc.ca>>> wrote:

Hi Stephen,
I'm with On The Coast on CBC Radio One.

We'd like to have Premier Clark join us at 5:10 with regards to today's Indigenous Child Welfare report.

We could do it over the phone. It would be 6-7 minutes with Stephen Quinn.

My line is 604-662-6467.

Thanks,

-Polly Leger
Associate Producer
CBC Vancouver
Mobile: 604-704-8941

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Associate Producer
CBC Vancouver
Mobile: 604-704-8941

Subject: Re: For your final review and approval - MA to of 7am Monday - Province-wide
Date: Friday, November 18, 2016 at 3:38:10 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
To: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
CC: McPhee, Adam PREM:EX, McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX, Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX, Kay, Maclean PREM:EX, Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX, Wong, Tim GCPE:EX, Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX, Boudreau, Marc GCPE:EX, Carruthers, Dana GCPE:EX, Chant, Jon GCPE:EX

Approved.

Thanks!

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

On 2016-11-18, 3:35 PM, "Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX" <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Stephen,
On approval, going provincewide at 7 a.m. Monday and to all ethnic and
Aboriginal media.
Thanks,
Grant

Nov. 21, 2016

MEDIA ADVISORY Office of the Premier

VANCOUVER Media are invited to join Premier Christy Clark and Special
Advisor Grand Chief Ed John for the release of a report into Indigenous
Child Welfare in British Columbia.

Event Date: Monday, Nov. 21, 2016

Time: 1 p.m.

Location:
Musqueam Cultural Pavilion
4000 Musqueam Avenue
Vancouver

Special instructions:
A dial-in is available for media unable to attend in person (listen only)

Call-in Number: 1 877 353-9184

Passcode: 22352#

Contacts:

Stephen Smart

Press Secretary

Office of the Premier

778 389-6202

Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:16 AM
To: 'Colin Braker'
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Hi Colin,

I'm actually thinking of removing the stage entirely. We'll have media cameras centred to the podium with seating on both sides.

I'll contact Musqueam staff to sort it out.

Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [<mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Hi Tim,

Musqueam staff are asking for an idea of what the setup will be for Monday. Does the attached chart reflect what you were thinking?

They also asked if you have ordered a ramp. They said they do know where to get one that fits the height of their stage.

Colin



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [<mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 4:26 PM

To: Colin Braker <colin.braker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <wade.grant@fns.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Thanks Colin. I'll send you a draft tomorrow.

Also, 1:00pm is good to go on our end.

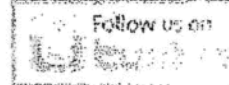
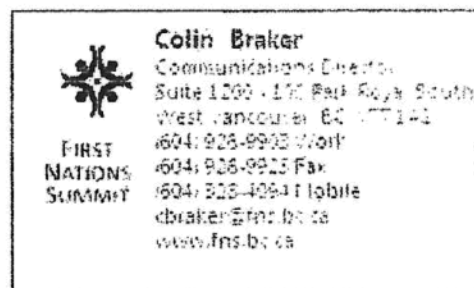
Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [colin.braker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Tim,

As discussed, I've attached a PDF of the cover of Ed's report. I think a blowup of this would make a great sign for the front of the podium.

Colin



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [tim.wong@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Colin Braker <colin.braker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <wade.grant@fns.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Hi Colin,

When you have a moment, can you advise who will be speaking at the event on Monday? I want to make sure the Minister's speaking notes include all of the necessary information.

Thanks,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [colin.braker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:05 AM

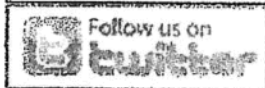
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Ed's list of invites

Hi Tim,

Attached is the latest list of those Ed has sent invitations to for next week. I think it's unlikely very many of the out of town invitees will attend as some have already sent regrets.

Colin

 FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT	Colin Braker Communications Director Suite 1200 - 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver BC V7T 1A2 (604) 926-9903 Work (604) 926-9923 Fax (604) 328-4094 Mobile cbraker@fns.bc.ca www.fns.bc.ca



Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:44 PM
To: 'Colin Braker'
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

Great. Thanks, Colin.

From: Colin Braker [<mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:43 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

No, I had a discussion with Ed about it though. He realizes the time constraints. I would say at this point it is "unlikely" the FNLC will speak. Ed will speak to them about it on Monday morning.



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [<mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

Thanks Colin. Can you confirm that the FNLC will not be speaking after the Premier?

Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [<mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

Attached is what I have. Please note this is not for distribution to anyone, we are just using it as an internal guide.

I have also attached a copy of the latest RSVP's

Let me know if you have any questions



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [<mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Subject: Itinerary + RSVP

Hi Colin,

When you have a minute can you send me your most up to date itinerary? I just want to make sure both of our event outline align and that we're on the same page. Also, if you can sent me the RSVP list, that would be great.

Thanks!

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From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: FINAL NR for 1:30 p.m.
Attachments: 2016CFD0056-002461.pdf

20 copies. Back to back. Stapled. Black and white is fine.

Thanks!

Sent via the [BlackBerry Hub for Android](#)

From: Shawn.G.Larabee@gov.bc.ca
Sent: November 21, 2016 9:00 AM
To: Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca; Holden.Chu@gov.bc.ca; Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca; Debbie.MacLean@gov.bc.ca
Subject: FINAL NR for 1:30 p.m.

Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Howard Grant <hgrant@fns.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: Ceremony

Wade, Ed has chosen to start his presentation with a Hunquminam speaking people's ceremony that was most often used in our potlatching ceremonies.

In the ways of our people, whenever they hosted an event significance they would have a "goat hair" blanket as a centrepiece. As a significant part the ceremony one of these blankets would be cut up in many pieces and then handed out to specifically chosen individuals. The purpose/significance of this was that these individuals carried a responsibility to return over time (when they had the opportunity to acquire the resources/wealth/ ability) to build/rebuild the blanket.

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In todays terms , a blanket will be cut into 8 pieces . These 8pieces will be used individually to wrap 8 of Ed's report and presented to; Premier, Minister, RCY?, Delegated Agency rep., FNS, UBCIC, AFN-BC, ?? ...These wrapped documents will be given to each by child/parent, child/grandparent, etc. to these respective people.

This is a sacred ceremony that provides a tangible roadmap of next steps and opportunities.... This ceremony "GIVES IT (report) LIFE....

These 8 pieces must come back periodically to ensure that the current two (2) year old child will either not still be there when they reach the age of 19 or a full transfer to FN's has occurred

Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 3:29 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Ceremony

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Howard Grant <hgrant@fns.bc.ca>
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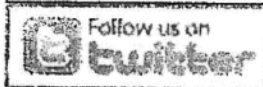
From: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2016 2:57 PM
To: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: Question re: Report release
Attachments: Colin Braker.vcf

Hi Wade,

I understand there has been agreement to have the release of Ed John's report take place on Monday November 21st to facilitate the Premier's attendance. Would 10:30 am work?

The event is scheduled for the Musqueam Cultural Pavilion.

CB



Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 8:49 AM
To: McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX; Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: November 21
Attachments: Colin Braker2.vcf

Thanks Jordan



From: McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX [<mailto:Jordan.McPhee@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 8:21 AM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>; Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: November 21

Hi Colin,

Wade, thanks for the introduction. I'm just juggling a couple things on that day and should let you know if 10:30am will work for us shortly.

Regards,

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From: Colin Braker [<mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2016 12:19 PM
To: Grant, Wade PREM:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX
Subject: RE: November 21

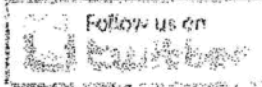
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Colin Braker



From: Grant, Wade PREM:EX [mailto:Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 11:51 AM

To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX <Jordan.McPhee@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: November 21

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Wade

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To: McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX; Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: November 21
Attachments: Colin Braker3.vcf

Yes, 10 am should work fine.



From: McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX [mailto:Jordan.McPhee@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>; Wong, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: November 21

Colin, can we make it 10am? I'm copying Tim Wong who will be the events coordinator from our office to assist in putting this together.

Regards,
Jordan

From: Colin Braker [mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 12:26 PM
To: McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: November 21

Hi Jordan,

Any confirmation of the time for November 21st? Does 10:30 am work?

I need to confirm ASAP.

Colin



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Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:42 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites
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Ed will speak as well as Cheryl Casimer from the First Nations Summit and Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson from BCAFN. I am still waiting from UBCIC for them to confirm a speaker.

Also, do I still need to check with Ed about the Premier speaking first?

Colin



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:15 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

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Thanks,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:05 AM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Ed's list of invites

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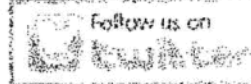
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OK, contact Mary Point at the following;

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C: 778.238.1452
F: 604.263.4212
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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:16 AM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Hi Colin,

I'm actually thinking of removing the stage entirely. We'll have media cameras centred to the podium with seating on both sides.

I'll contact Musqueam staff to sort it out.

Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Hi Tim,

Musqueam staff are asking for an idea of what the setup will be for Monday. Does the attached chart reflect what you were thinking?

They also asked if you have ordered a ramp. They said they do know where to get one that fits the height of their stage.

Colin



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Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 4:26 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Thanks Colin. I'll send you a draft tomorrow.

Also, 1:00pm is good to go on our end.

Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed's list of invites

Tim,

As discussed, I've attached a PDF of the cover of Ed's report. I think a blowup of this would make a great sign for the front of the podium.

Colin



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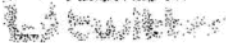


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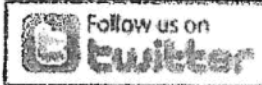
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Grant, Wade PREM:EX

From: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:43 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP
Attachments: Colin Braker2.vcf

No, I had a discussion with Ed about it though. He realizes the time constraints. I would say at this point it is "unlikely" the FNLC will speak. Ed will speak to them about it on Monday morning.



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX <Wade.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

Thanks Colin. Can you confirm that the FNLC will not be speaking after the Premier?

Best,
Tim

From: Colin Braker [mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Cc: Grant, Wade PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Itinerary + RSVP

Attached is what I have. Please note this is not for distribution to anyone, we are just using it as an internal guide.

I have also attached a copy of the latest RSVP's

Let me know if you have any questions



From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX [<mailto:Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 3:13 PM

To: Colin Braker <cbraker@fns.bc.ca>

Subject: Itinerary + RSVP

Hi Colin,

When you have a minute can you send me your most up to date itinerary? I just want to make sure both of our event outline align and that we're on the same page. Also, if you can sent me the RSVP list, that would be great.

Thanks!

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Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX

From: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 9:02 AM
To: McPhee, Adam PREM:EX
Subject: FW: For Approval - Podium Sign for Indigenous Child Welfare Event
Attachments: Itinerary - Nov 21 - Child Welfare Event.docx; 4710
_IndigenousChildWelfare_Podium.pdf

Didn't see your name on this, wanted to make sure you had the logistics of the blanket.

From: Wong, Tim GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: For Approval - Podium Sign for Indigenous Child Welfare Event

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the draft itinerary and also the podium sign proof. Let me know if the podium sign is good to print. The podium sign is designed to resemble the title page of the report.

Also, below is a explanation from Howard Grant regarding the report presentation that will happen after the welcome remarks from Chief Sparrow:

Ed has chosen to start his presentation with a Hunquminam speaking people's ceremony that was most often used in our potlatching ceremonies. In the ways of our people, whenever they hosted an event significance they would have a "goat hair" blanket as a centrepiece. As a significant part the ceremony one of these blankets would be cut up in many pieces and then handed out to specifically chosen individuals . The purpose/significance of this was that these individuals carried a responsibility to return over time (when they had the opportunity to acquire the resources/wealth/ ability) to build/rebuild the blanket.

*This Ceremony represents the "KEY ELEMENTS of the Report is to help our people
It has the responsibility to help non Indigenous people to understand
It reminds us that we have a responsibility to come back together periodically to to help FN to rebuild
And it gets us to look forward to the final steps of the First Nations taking control*

In todays terms , a blanket will be cut into 8 pieces . These 8pieces will be used individually to wrap 8 of Ed's report and presented to; Premier, Minister, RCY?, Delegated Agency rep., FNS, UBCIC, AFN-BC, ?? ...These wrapped documents will be given to each by child/parent, child/grandparent, etc. to these respective people.

This is a sacred ceremony that provides a tangible roadmap of next steps and opportunities.... This ceremony "GIVES IT (report) LIFE....

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Indigenous Child Welfare Event

Musqueam Cultural Pavilion
4000 Musqueam Ave., Vancouver, BC

Date: Monday, November 21st, 2016
Podium: Yes

Arrival Time: 1:00 PM
Dress: Business

Event Summary:

Action/Visual:

Venue Audience:

MLAs attending:

Additional VIP's:

Media Relations: Stephen Smart / Mary Lo

Time	Event Itinerary
9:00 AM	Tim Wong on site for set up
10:00 AM	ProShow AV on site for technical set up
1:00 PM	Premier Clark arrives at the Musqueam Cultural Pavilion and is met by Tim Wong. The Premier and staff proceed to through s.15
1:01 PM	Premier Clark enters the s.15 and is met by the stage guests. Pre-brief led by Tim Wong with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister Cadieux - Grand Chief Ed John - Chief Wayne Sparrow - Howard Grant, Councillor, Musqueam First Nations - Alec Dan (singing the Musqueam Welcome Song) - Carl Point (singing the Musqueam welcome song)
1:08 PM	Premier and stage guests are lined up prior to entering the room. (front-back) Alec Dan, Carl Point, Grand Chief Ed John, Premier Clark, Minister Cadieux, Howard Grant
1:09 PM	Alec Dan and Carl Point leads the party into the main room while performing a Musqueam welcome song. Stage guest proceed to their seats (marked on the ground)
1:13 PM	Once the welcome song concludes, Chief Wayne Sparrow steps to the podium and welcomes guests
1:15 PM	Howard Grant steps to the podium and begins the ceremony to present the report There will be 8 reports printed. A traditional "goat hair" blanket will be cut into 8 pieces and each piece will be wrapped around the report. There will be 8 children holding the report and together with their parent will hand each of the stage guests the report. The idea is that the cut blanket signifies there is work to be done after the report is released.
1:25 PM	Minister Cadieux thanks Howard Grant, delivers welcoming remarks and invites Grand Chief Ed John to deliver remarks about the report
1:26 PM	Grand Chief Ed John delivers remarks
1:36 PM	Minister Cadieux thanks Grand Chief Ed John and invites the Premier to the podium
1:37 PM	Premier Clark delivers remarks Premier to step to the side of the podium following remarks
1:42 PM	Minister Cadieux thanks the Premier, delivers closing remarks and invites Grand Chief Ed John to the podium to join the Premier for a media availabilitiy

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1:44 PM	Media Availability Moderator: Stephen Smart Media Relations: Mary Lo Media Dial-In:
1:55 PM	Photo-Op: Stage guests are invited to take a group photo
2:00 PM	Event concludes, Premier departs.

Contacts

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Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX

From: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 9:07 AM
To: McPhee, Adam PREM:EX
Cc: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: FW: FINAL NR for 1:30 p.m.
Attachments: 2016CFD0056-002461.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Importance: High

Final NR for today's report

From: MacLean, Debbie MCF:EX
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 9:05 AM
To: Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Cc: White, Zac MCF:EX; Mills, Shane PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: FINAL NR for 1:30 p.m.

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Larabee, Shawn G GCPE:EX" <Shawn.G.Larabee@gov.bc.ca>
To: "Wong, Tim GCPE:EX" <Tim.Wong@gov.bc.ca>, "Chu, Holden MCF:EX" <Holden.Chu@gov.bc.ca>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca>, "MacLean, Debbie MCF:EX" <Debbie.MacLean@gov.bc.ca>
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Good morning,

Here is the final news release, which will be sent out to media at 1:30 p.m.

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2016CFD0056-002461
Nov. 21, 2016

Ministry of Children and Family Development

Special advisor delivers report on Indigenous child welfare

VICTORIA – A final report from the Ministry of Children and Family Development’s special advisor provides 85 recommendations to overhaul British Columbia’s Indigenous child welfare system and improve outcomes for Indigenous children and youth by changing focus from intervention and separation to strengthening families.

Grand Chief Edward John’s final report, *Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions*, summarizes his activities and engagement over the past year and provides a detailed analysis of Indigenous child protection in B.C.

The report’s 85 recommendations are themed to focus on:

- reducing the need for Indigenous children and youth to come into care;
- increasing support services that help keep families together;
- enabling greater access to judicial services;
- creating a more equitable funding formula between the Province and the federal government;
- increasing early intervention services; and,
- specifically targeting more Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff within First Nations communities.

The recommendations are directed variously to MCFD, B.C.’s delegated Aboriginal agencies (DAAs), First Nations leadership and the federal government.

Of the recommendations directed at MCFD, work on 40 of them is either being wrapped into the ministry’s multi-year operations plan or is currently underway. For instance:

- A commitment to regular regional meetings with Métis and First Nations leaders.
- Job performance measures for the ministry’s regional directors that explicitly reflect a commitment to strengthening relationships with Indigenous leaders, families and communities.
- Incorporating a stronger Indigenous voice within the Youth Advisory Council.
- Developing a plan to recruit and retain Indigenous individuals for social work and leadership positions within MCFD.
- Providing enhanced training to DAAs around permanency plans for children and youth.
- Working with the First Nations and Métis Nation BC to better inform Indigenous people about the child welfare system, the assistance available to them and their rights under child welfare legislation.
- Working with INAC to finalize policy to protect the rights to cultural and family connections for all Indigenous children who are adopted in B.C.

- Working with staff and adoptive parents to strengthen cultural safety agreements.

Addressing the remaining recommendations from Grand Chief John's report will require a significant injection of funding – often in co-ordination with the federal government. Alterations will also need to be made to existing legislation. Ultimately, this report demands a shift in practice and a broader reassessment of how MCFD and DAAs engage with the federal government and with Indigenous communities to mitigate and address Indigenous child welfare concerns.

Grand Chief Edward John was appointed to the special advisor position in September 2015 with a mandate to: engage with Aboriginal, First Nation and Métis communities on permanency discussions; review policy and legislation within the ministry to find ways to improve the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in care; and provide Early Years advice to the minister. His initial term was set to end March 31, 2016, but was extended to allow for a more thorough consultation process. In his role as senior advisor, Grand Chief John met with 86 First Nations, 10 Delegated Aboriginal Agencies and 12 organizations or interest groups over a 14-month span.

For a summary of recommendations, visit: <http://fns.bc.ca/pdf/Special-Advisor-Indigenous-Child-Welfare-Report-2016-Summary-of-Recommendations.pdf>

Read the full report at: <http://fns.bc.ca/pdf/Final-Report-of-Grand-Chief-Ed-John-re-Indig-Child-Welfare-in-BC-November-2016.pdf>

Quotes:

Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia –

"I want to thank Grand Chief Ed John for his thoughtful, heartfelt, and comprehensive report. Right now, Indigenous children are 15 times more likely than others to be in foster care – that must change, and it will. Chief John's recommendations mean systemic, wide-scale change, and a shift in thinking from intervention to protecting families. We can't do it alone, and it can't happen overnight, but it must happen. We are committed to working with our federal, provincial and First Nations partners to do what is necessary to give Indigenous families better supports and help create a brighter future for their kids."

Grand Chief Edward John, special advisor to the Minister of Children and Family Development on Indigenous children in care –

"We will not see the desired change without strong and sustained leadership and action by Canada, B.C. and Indigenous parents and communities. I know the willingness is there and I hope that this report helps advance an understanding of the steps required to both address the root causes of the existing ills of the child welfare system and practices, and work with Indigenous peoples to support root solutions."

Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development –

"We don't accept the over-representation of Indigenous children in government care as a simple matter of course. That's why we brought in Grand Chief John to undertake this work and help us improve our child and family-supporting system. His report gives us the basis on which to advance our efforts and expand them with support from the federal government and

working hand-in-hand with B.C.'s Indigenous communities and leadership.”

Quick Facts:

- Though the number Indigenous children and youth in government care has declined by 21% since 2007 (from 63.6 to 55.3 per 1,000 Indigenous 0-18 year olds), the trend for non-Indigenous children in care numbers is even stronger – a 45% decline over the same time frame. Consequently, Indigenous children and youth represent 61.2% of all children and youth in government care in British Columbia.
- Evidence shows that, where it is safe and appropriate to do so, keeping families together rather than placing a child into care results in better outcomes overall for these children. Increasingly, MCFD's practice has emphasized family preservation, keeping Aboriginal children and youth from coming into government care.
- In circumstances where a child needs to be placed in care, evidence stresses the importance of finding permanency through either reunification with parents, adoption or permanent transfer of guardianship to another caring adult or adults.
- When permanency is being planned for Indigenous children or youth, the child or youth's Indigenous community must be involved. The priority is always for an Indigenous child or youth to be placed with family, extended family or clan, or a family that is part of the same community or nation.

Learn More:

For information on key ministry programs and services available to Indigenous children, youth and families in British Columbia, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/aboriginal-people/supporting-communities/child-family-development>

For more on Grand Chief John's work with the First Nations Summit, visit:

<http://www.fns.bc.ca/>

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions

Grand Chief Edward John was contracted in September 2015 as Special Advisor to Children and Family Development Minister Stephanie Cadieux on Indigenous children in care, Permanency and Early years. Since that time, the Grand Chief has led discussion with First Nations leaders, Delegated Aboriginal Agencies and the ministry throughout B.C., as well as with federal government representatives.

Concluding his mandate, he has produced his final report, Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions, which provides a detailed analysis of Aboriginal Child Welfare in British Columbia. The report is based on the Grand Chief's personal experiences meeting with families, leaders in Indigenous communities and other stakeholders all across the province, as well as his past experiences and understanding of B.C.'s legal and legislative landscape.

In his report, Grand Chief John stresses the need for targeted resources to help build capacity for Indigenous peoples and communities, enabling them to better exercise their inherent rights concerning child and family services. It also points the need to provide stronger, more-sustained support to Indigenous families and parents so that Indigenous children have a better opportunity to remain at home, connected to their family and community.

There are 85 recommendations, with an additional 92 sub recommendations and clarifying statements. The recommendations are divided into ten areas for focused action:

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Nov. 21, 2016

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Strengthening Families, Protecting Children

Grand Chief Ed John Report

Musqueam Cultural Pavilion
4000 Musqueam Ave., Vancouver, BC

Date: Monday, November 21st, 2016

Podium: Yes

Arrival Time: 1:00 PM

Dress: Business

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Action/Visual: Premier Clark and platform party will be led into the main room by 2 drummers/singers. Platform party will be seated behind the podium. There will be a ceremonial delivery of the reports prior to the remarks.

Key Photo-Ops: Procession, ceremonial delivery of reports, gift for the Grand Chief, group photo.

Venue Audience: Musqueam Chief and Council, First Nation Leaders

MLAs attending: Minister Cadieux

Melanie Mark, MLA Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, Child and Family Opposition Critic

Additional VIP's: Chief Wayne Sparrow, Musqueam First Nations

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Ministry of Children and Family
Development

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Grand Chief Edward John's final report, *Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions*, summarizes his activities and engagement over the past year and provides a detailed analysis of Indigenous child protection in B.C.

The report's 85 recommendations are themed to focus on reducing the need for Indigenous children and youth to come into care, increasing support services that help keep families together, enabling greater access to judicial services, creating a more equitable funding formula between the Province and the federal government, increasing early intervention services and specifically targeting more Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff within First Nations communities. The recommendations are directed variously to MCFD, B.C.'s delegated Aboriginal agencies (DAAs), First Nations leadership and the Federal government.

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work on 40 of them is either being wrapped into the ministry's multi-year operations plan or is currently underway. For instance:

- A commitment to regular regional meetings with Métis and First Nations leaders.
- Job performance measures for the ministry's regional directors that explicitly reflect a commitment to strengthening relationships with Indigenous leaders, families and communities.
- Incorporating a stronger Indigenous voice within the Youth Advisory Council
- Developing a plan to recruit and retain Indigenous individuals for social work and leadership positions within MCFD.
- Providing enhanced training to DAAs around permanency plans for children and youth.
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- Working with INAC to finalize policy to protect the rights to cultural and family connections for all Indigenous children who are adopted in B.C.
- Working with staff and adoptive parents to strengthen cultural safety agreements.

Addressing the remaining recommendations from Grand Chief John's report will require a significant injection of funding – often in coordination with the Federal government. Alterations will also need to be made to existing legislation. Ultimately, this report demands a shift in practice and a broader reassessment of how MCFD and DAAs engage with the Federal

government and with Indigenous communities to mitigate and address Indigenous child welfare concerns.

Grand Chief Edward John was appointed to the special advisor position in September 2015 with a mandate to: engage with Aboriginal, First Nation and Métis communities on permanency discussions; review policy and legislation within the ministry to find ways to improve the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in care; and provide Early Years advice to the minister. His initial term was set to end March 31, 2016, but was extended to allow for a more thorough consultation process. In his role as senior advisor, Grand Chief John met with 86 First Nations, 10 Delegated Aboriginal Agencies and 12 organizations or interest groups over a 14-month span.

Read the report here: [\[link\]](#)

Quotes:

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Grand Chief Edward John, special advisor to the Minister of Children and Family Development on Indigenous children in care –

“We will not see the desired change without strong and sustained leadership and action by Canada, B.C. and Indigenous parents and communities. I know the willingness is there and I hope that this report helps advance an understanding of the steps required to both address the root causes of the existing ills of the child welfare system and practices, and work with Indigenous peoples to support root solutions.” *[suggested quote]*

Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development –

“We don’t accept the over-representation of Indigenous children in government care as a simple matter of course. That’s why we brought in Grand Chief John to undertake this work and help us improve our child and family-supporting system. His report gives us the basis on which to advance our efforts and expand them with support from the federal government and working hand-in-hand with B.C.’s Indigenous communities and leadership.” *[suggested quote]*

Quick Facts:

- Though the number Indigenous children and youth in government care has declined by 21% since 2007 (from 63.6 to 55.3 per 1,000 Indigenous 0-18 year olds), the trend for non-Indigenous children in care numbers is even stronger –a 45% decline over the same

time frame. Consequently, Indigenous children and youth represent 61.2% of all children and youth in government care in British Columbia.

- Evidence shows that, where it is safe and appropriate to do so, keeping families together rather than placing a child into care results in better outcomes overall for these children. Increasingly, MCFD's practice has emphasized family preservation, keeping Aboriginal children and youth from coming into government care.
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Learn More:

- For information on key ministry programs and services available to Aboriginal children, youth and families in British Columbia, visit:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/aboriginal-people/supporting-communities/child-family-development>
- For more on Grand Chief John's work with the First Nations Summit, visit:
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A backgrounder follows.

BACKGROUND

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There are 85 recommendations, with an additional 92 sub recommendations and clarifying statements. The recommendations are divided into ten areas for focused action:

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- Prevention Services – Keeping Families Connected
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You approved, correct?

Sent from my iPhone

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Kay, Maclean PREM:EX

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Tweaked NR attached. Please adjust or rewrite as you see fit.

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ACKNOWLEDGE:

Grand Chief Ed John
Chief Sparrow (welcome)
Stephanie Cadieux (MC)

I want to start by acknowledging Traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples and Musqueam Indian Band.

And above all, I want to thank Grand Chief John – Ed – for his careful review.

Not just for the hard work. But also his approach.

I know he brought both his head and his heart to this sometimes very painful report. To make truly wise decisions, you need both.

We need his wisdom. Right now in BC, indigenous children are 15 times more likely to be in foster care.

And statistics alone don't tell the whole story.

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Stephanie Cadieux will go into more detail on some of the steps we are already taking.

Make no mistake: this means a significant investment.

We're talking about much more than a simple policy adjustment. We're talking about a shift in thinking.

We need to go from "how do we protect children" to "how do we strengthen families?"

We will take the time to do it right.

There will be times when intervention is necessary. But too many kids are taken away from their parents. That has to change. And it will.

It will be a challenge. But it is one British Columbians are up to. Because it's the right thing to do.

Ultimately, that's reconciliation. Doing the right thing.

For most families – that means doing everything possible to keep them together.

Because that's where kids belong.

Ed has shone a light on the path ahead. We are committed to walking it with you.

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Cc: Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX
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Instead of "that starts today" let's say "today we're taking an important step forward"

With that g2g

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To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Cc: Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ed John Report SN

Attached.

Currently, MSC is the emcee, and speaking briefly after PCC, and will go into some more detail about some of the steps her ministry is already working on.

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 6:02 PM
To: Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Cc: Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Ed John Report SN

This looks good Maclean, in the event plan is PCC the only one speaking for government? If so I think we need to be more descriptive about what we will do immediately as per NR. 'there's a lot to do, and we will take the time to do it right. Work with Ottawa, etc. There are things we can do immediately...x y z

And I think we need to talk about meaning of reconciliation to end it. Linking the sht from protecting the child to supporting families in order to protect the child...To provide the supports so that there are opportunities to succeed.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 5:39 PM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
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Subject: Ed John Report SN

Good evening,

First kick.

Cheers,

Maclean Kay
Communications Manager
Office of Premier Christy Clark
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Chin, Ben PREM:EX

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 7:46 AM
To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier

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Original Message

From: Chin, Ben PREM:EX <Ben.Chin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 7:45 AM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: Re: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier

I don't think I can get you this one (I don't have it). May have something else for you regarding tomorrow's announcement

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Original Message

From: Shaw, Rob
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 7:24 AM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX
Subject: Re: MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier

What are the chances of getting an embargoed copy of this report so we can have something ready for web when premier starts announcing?

Might not be me. Might be Lori Culbert. But she'd agree to embargo as well.

> On Nov 21, 2016, at 7:01 AM, Government of British Columbia <GCPE.News@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Nov. 21, 2016

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- > MEDIA ADVISORY - Office of the Premier
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- > VANCOUVER - Media are invited to join Premier Christy Clark and
- > Special Advisor Grand Chief Ed John for the release of a report into
- > Indigenous Child Welfare in British Columbia.
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- > Event Date: Monday, Nov. 21, 2016
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- > Time: 1 p.m.
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- > Location:
- > Musqueam Cultural Pavilion
- > 4000 Musqueam Avenue
- > Vancouver
- >
- > Special instructions:
- > A dial-in is available for media unable to attend in person (listen
- > only) Call-in Number: 1 877 353-9184
- > Passcode: 22352#
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- > Contacts:
- >
- > Stephen Smart
- > Press Secretary
- > Office of the Premier
- > 778 389-6202
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