

From: s.22

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 5:52 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: You know you've made when?

Premier;

You know you've made it when, your stipend is the subject of a New York Times article.

Congratulations.

It may be legal, but is it right?

You and Justin birds of a feather

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From: Ian Zhang [mailto:ianzhang@singtao.ca]  
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 5:46 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: comments on political contribution

Hi Premier Christy Clark

This is Ian from Sing Tao Daily. The New York Times report on BC, and saying BC is the wild west of Canadian political cash.

In the article it says BC does not put limits on political donation, as well as saying quite a lot of money goes to the pockets of the premier.

The article also implied that the conflict of interest commissioner says No conflict of interest on people paying tens of thousands of dollars to meet with premier at private

fund-raisers because of the commissioner's son is working in Ms. Clark's cabinet.

I am looking forward to hearing some feedback from you regarding the article. The link is attached for your reference. Thanks

<http://globalnews.ca/news/3181182/new-york-times-bc-wild-west-political-cash/>

Warm regards,

Ian from Sing Tao Daily.

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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Congratulations on making the New York Times!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/13/world/canada/british-columbia-christy-clark.html>

From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 6:06 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Re: liberal 12. million in party wild west dough nations

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Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:34 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: FW: NYTimes: British Columbia: The 'Wild West' of Canadian Political Cash

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From: <sup>s.22</sup>

Sent: January 16, 2017 3:01 AM

To: Clark.MLA, Christy

Subject: NYTimes: British Columbia: The 'Wild West' of Canadian Political Cash

Nice job Christy.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/13/world/canada/british-columbia-christy-clark.html?smprod=nytcare-iphone&smid=nytcare-iphone-share>

British Columbia has no limits on political donations, leading critics to say the provincial government has become a lucrative business dominated by special interests.

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As a tax paying citizen of BC ,I am asking that you phone me in regard to various concerns, among them being: The Site C Dam, wolf culling, grizzly bear trophy hunting,and pay for access to the premier.

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Subject: Legislature session

Ms Clark,

After a lengthy and mostly unsatisfactory discussion with a receptionist in your office, I am submitting the following questions with the expectation they will be answered :

1. Why was the 2016 fall session of the legislature cancelled?
2. What was your attendance record for the 2016 legislature sessions?
3. Why does your government continue to elicit and accept donations from both foreign and domestic sources while the federal and many provincial governments have either banned or set limits for donations? The obvious perception is that these sources are seriously influencing your decisions which in a democracy should not be the case.

Thank you,

s.22

Response sent Jan 17, 2017

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Hello <sup>s.22</sup> and thank you for your email.

You mention the Premier's attendance in the Legislature. We can assure you that the Premier consistently attends to her important duties both inside and outside of the Legislature. She is involved in setting the Government's agenda, and in policy discussions and legislative review discussions that sometimes lead up to new or amended legislation. Those Bills are then debated by all Members of the Legislative Assembly when the House is in Session. Every effort is made to schedule her days, during Session, to include Question Period and Votes as often as possible.

You have also asked about our Spring and Fall Legislative Sessions. Generally speaking, the bulk of our legislative work is done during the Spring Session. If we are not able to complete that important work during that Session, we tend to meet again for a Fall Session. We also sit in the Fall if matters of urgent and pressing legislative business arise. Our next Spring Session begins on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

When the House is not in Session, MLAs work in their Constituencies, advising and helping their constituents in dealing with government programs and services, and bringing their recommendations and concerns forward in caucus discussions. MLAs who are Ministers of the Crown have the additional responsibilities related to their Ministries.

You have mentioned political donations; as a government office, we are not able to comment on that topic. We can only suggest you contact the Party office for that discussion.

We appreciate this opportunity to respond to your email and hope you find this information helpful.

From: s.22

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:22 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Cash for access. End it yesterday.

Dear Madam Premier,

Time to end the unseemly practice of accepting bribes...ehem, I mean "donations" from businesses. It reeks of insider access. "Gee I could have dinner with the premier if only I had a spare 10,000 lying around."

Our polity deserves better than this continual exacerbation of inequity.

And the early release of the party's "donor" list doesn't even come close to the transparency your and your predecessor promised.

Per vote subsidy is the most equitable and transparent solution.

I have not spent of time crafting a thoughtful letter because my "lived experience" of corresponding with the office of the premier is that you'd much rather disregard contrary points of view than engage with them.

Respectfully,

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:56 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Kickbacks for the Premier?

The details revealed in the following article are very worrisome to me and my family. Money should not so blatantly garner political clout. As the article states, you should be embarrassed to be collecting any money from donors, regardless of the technical legality.

My family recently moved to BC from Ontario, and I am disappointed and dismayed at what you and your party are getting away with here on the coast. Address this issue quickly and definitely and you may yet earn my vote.

Good day.

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Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:34 AM  
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Subject: FW: greed update

From: s.22  
Sent: January 16, 2017 3:02 AM  
To: Clark.MLA, Christy  
Cc: Throness.MLA, Laurie  
Subject: RE: greed update

This soul is alarmed at the rise of government authoritarianism as we are going back to the dark ages of freedom! The Liberal government is displaying some of these symptoms as all news cannot be fake!!! We have our own Donald Trump Christy Clark who "thumbs her nose" continuously at many social issues of struggling souls struggling to maintain a frugal dignified life with some wholesome food on the table. Recently the Christy Clark Liberal government had their fingers rapped in Supreme Court by the teachers union. Our vapid narcissistic elected government souls Provincial and Federal seem to have an excessive need to gratify their financial libido. From reading the news our elected government souls are only engaged in the extreme pleasure of adding to their financial loins personally and politically. A public opinion survey would produce the same results I strongly believe in. Oh I forgot the news is fake!!! I am struggling to heat my home and keep the electricity on and more. Many senior's with no golden pension are struggling to not be homeless.  
Respectfully s.22

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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: FW: Disgusted.

From: s.22  
Sent: January 13, 2017 6:40 PM  
To: Clark.MLA, Christy  
Subject: Disgusted.

You need to resign. You are incompetent, and corrupt. How do you sleep at night? You should be ashamed.

[https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/01/13/world/canada/british-columbia-christy-clark.html?\\_r=0&referrer;=](https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/01/13/world/canada/british-columbia-christy-clark.html?_r=0&referrer;=)

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Comments & Feedback

Christy Clark should spend a lot more time helping the poor in this Province and a lot less time lining her own pockets and wasting our tax dollars trying to make herself look good. Shame on you all !

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Preimer Christy Clark, do the right thing and ban union and corporate donations.

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Subject: Political funding.

Dear Premier:

Interesting how a foreign newspaper is able to draw attention to a very serious problem that the local news media do not.

Unregulated donations to political parties is obscene, and serves only the party in power.

Long past time when your government should have passed laws to restrict donations to

Canadians, no corporate or union money, and small limits to personal donations, such as \$400.

Your list of donors is a joke. All donors must include the name of the person responsible for the donation and address, not just a company registration number.

This certainly is the best place in the world, as shown in the article, but only if you are the party in power.

Unlimited donations and extra money for the premier, what could be better? Smile on.

Sincerely

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Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 5:16 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: donations from oil and gas companies

Dear Premier Clark,

I see that the BC Liberals have received over \$700,000 in donations from oil and gas companies since 2005. Could this be why you were so eager to approve the Kinder Morgan pipeline, by any chance? Our provincial government is selling out the people of BC to fossil fuel companies. I hope you will find out at the next election just what we think of this.

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B.C.'s system of political donation continues to be a hot topic, with controversy over Premier Christy Clark's \$50,000 party stipend, pressure by Opposition parties to ban corporate and union donations, and allegations of conflict of interest over fundraisers in which the governing B.C. Liberals are accused of selling access to the premier and cabinet ministers to wealthy donors. The debate so far has focused on the lack of limits and disclosure around private donations. But lost in the shuffle has been a look at the costs to taxpayers of a political tax credit system that's almost four decades old.  
The program gives political donors a tax credit worth 75 per cent of their first \$100 donation, 50 per cent up to \$500 and 33.3 per cent for donations in excess of a \$550 donation to a registered political party. The top end is a \$500 tax credit, for which someone would have to donate \$1,150. "It's really very generous," said University of B.C. professor and tax expert Kevin Milligan. "A 75 per cent tax credit, you don't get that for anything else, pretty much. For every \$1 you give, (the party gets) \$3 from the public chest. That's a very generous tax credit."  
It's far more lucrative than the tax credits for donating to a charity, which would give you a combined federal and provincial tax credit of \$20.06 for a \$100 donation, compared to \$75 credit for the same donation to a political candidate, party or constituency association.



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**Subject:** Re: Request for interview with Premier Clark (Indo-Canadian Voice)

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 10:30:25 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

**To:** Surbhi Bhatia

Thank you!

S.

**Stephen Smart**

Press Secretary

Office of the Premier of British Columbia

Phone: (778) 389-6202

Email: [stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca)

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**To:** Stephen Smart <[stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Request for interview with Premier Clark (Indo-Canadian Voice)

Hello Mr Stephen,

Here is the list of questions for Premier Clark. I have also attached the word document.

*Thank you Premier Clark for taking time out of your busy schedule to answer the interview questions. Desi Today Team wishes you all the best for the next elections.*

- 1) While there is still some time before we see a formal 2017 Platform for the upcoming elections, what are some of the top areas that you feel should be any premier's priority for British Columbia's growth?
- 2) In the recent Liberals party convention you said, "we are going to have to fight to succeed in 2017 like we have never fought before..." Did this statement come out as a leader's natural way to motivate the party or you really think, 2017 elections will be a tough fight for the Liberals?
- 3) What were some of the biggest challenges you faced after 2013 elections?
- 4) A lot has been said and written about B.C.'s unaffordable housing market. Ironically the government came out with various plans at the beginning of the year to make housing affordable with more than 800 million dollars investment, the housing market became hot this year. What according to you went wrong that the real estate became so expensive? What were some of the challenges in front of the government before rolling out plans for the damage control?
- 5) Day-to-day affordability is one of the biggest challenge residents of B.C. are facing today --rents, student debts, ICBC rates, MSP plans. How do you plan to curb the rising cost of living in B.C in your next tenure?

6) Quality education remains another concern for the B.C. parents especially after the much infamous B.C. teachers' strike and school closures. You think adding a 1000 more jobs is enough or there is a lot more to come from Liberals if they win the next elections?

7) The province has given a nod for the construction of Trans Mountain pipeline however the project still faces opposition from environmental groups, some mayors of B.C. communities affected by the pipeline and aboriginal leaders who have threatened legal action to block it. Do you think the battle is won?

8) Many eyebrows have been raised after The New York Times published the article on BC's policy to accept donations from big Corporates. How do you respond to that? Do we see any legal changes coming in Province's Conflict of Interest Act?

9) What is your message to the people of British Columbia?

On Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 1:24 PM, Surbhi <sup>s.22</sup>

wrote:

Thanks so much. Will get them in soon.

Surbhi

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**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

**Sent:** 2017-01-11 11:54 AM

**To:** Surbhi

**Subject:** Re: Request for interview with Premier Clark (Indo-Canadian Voice)

No problem. Please send the questions and we will get you answers from her by your deadline. Thanks!

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Stephen Smart

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