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To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; s.17
Subject: FW: BCBC Statement on Site C

From: Cheryl Muir [<mailto:cheryl.muir@bccbc.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: BCBC Statement on Site C

BCBC Statement on Provincial Government Decision to Complete Site C

Posted Dec 11, 2017

Greg D'Avignon, President and CEO of the Business Council of British Columbia released the following statement in response to the Provincial Government's decision to move forward with the completion of Site C:

"We wish to recognize Premier Horgan and his cabinet colleagues for their decision today to proceed with the completion of the Site C dam. Once operational, this generational asset will provide clean, firm power within a basket of renewable assets that will support our province's growing low-carbon commodity and energy exports in a world hungry for what BC produces. This is the right decision for British Columbia and Canada's energy and climate future.

"B.C.'s clean, renewable electricity advantage affords us the opportunity to support neighbouring jurisdictions as they move away from coal as a primary source of electricity. In addition, we can continue to diversify our economy and be a more attractive location for new, innovative businesses that aspire to reduce the carbon footprint of their operations and products. B.C.'s renewable electricity advantage will also support electrification transition opportunities at existing industry operations, further reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

"Today's announcement provides certainty to Site C project contractors and workers. This decision also signals that British Columbia can provide investors the certainty of process that is essential to our reputation as a welcome jurisdiction for capital. B.C. must now turn its attention to improving our overall competitiveness; this focus will grow the economy, support the creation of high paying jobs and provide the public services British Columbians rely upon."

For more details on the Business Council's position on the Site C dam, read Greg D'Avignon's November 30 commentary [Site C will be a strategic asset for a growing economy in the fight against climate change](#).

<http://bccbc.com/news-releases/2017/bcbc-statement-on-provincial-government-decision-to-complete-site-c>

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From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:12 AM
To: s.17 Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: For Review: Site C Op Ed
For your review:

Making the best decision on Site C for people, and for the future of B.C.

As Premier, my priority is to deliver on our commitments we made to British Columbians: to make life more affordable, fix the services people count on, create jobs, protect the environment, and make reconciliation with Indigenous peoples a reality.

For many years, we have been critical of the B.C. Liberal government's decision to build Site C. We questioned their motivations, their business case and their budget. Worse, raided Hydro's accounts to balance their budgets, while making people pay more. Hydro rates are up 24 per cent in four years, 70 per cent since 2001.

For these reasons and more, we sent the Site C project to an independent review by the BC Utilities Commission. The BCUC review validated many of our concerns, and left us with two clear options: Complete Site C at a cost of \$10.7 billion. Or cancel Site C and absorb \$4 billion in construction and remediation costs.

Our government listened, deliberated, and debated. But at the end of the day there was only one decision our government could make.

Site C is not the project our government favoured, and it is not the project we would have started, but we must complete it.

I know this decision will be a profound disappointment to some. However, cancelling Site C would mean asking British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt with nothing to show for it in return, and worse yet, the province could not pay that bill without hydro rates increasing or making cuts to services people count on.

We will not ask the people of B.C. to take on this debt, and we will not put at risk our ability to deliver the housing, child care, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure people desperately need. We have not made this decision lightly. I sat across the kitchen table from families, whose farms and homes overlook the Peace River. I met with Treaty 8 First Nations. I met with workers, whose livelihoods depend on Site C. The decision affects all of these people, and will have profound and lasting impacts for everyone in this province.

To those who demanded that we cancel Site C: I respect the strength of your convictions, and your concern for our future. We share your determination to protect B.C.'s farmland, to move B.C. to a clean, renewable energy future and to move forward with reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We can't change the past; we can only make the best decision for B.C.'s future.

The old government committed billions to Site C without appropriate planning and oversight. Our job now is to do everything possible to turn Site C into a positive contributor to our energy future. We are launching a new project oversight team to ensure the revised Site C budget remains on target.

We will use community benefit agreements to make sure Site C creates training opportunities for British Columbians, and sub-contracting opportunities for local business.

We will enhance food security with new funding to boost the productivity of our agricultural lands, and we will introduce new measures to support reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, including re-opening BC Hydro's standing offer program to trigger new partnerships with First Nations for renewable energy.

We know this decision is not what some First Nations wanted. Your voices were heard and your perspectives were an important part of the deliberations on a very challenging decision. Your voices will be heard as we move forward.

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As we move forward, we will define an energy strategy that protects our environment, delivers on our climate responsibilities, powers future generations, and creates jobs and opportunities for all British Columbians and helps the province exceed its climate goals.

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From: s.17
To: [Nash, Amber PREM:EX](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:58:35 AM

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
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To: s.17
Subject: FW: Site C announcement - from MLA Bob D'Eith

From: D'Eith, Bob
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C announcement - from MLA Bob D'Eith

Dear John,

I was incredibly impressed with how you handed the Site C announcement today with honesty, clarity and compassion. I also appreciate how well you handled the pointed media questions. That had to be very difficult.

I am proud to be in this caucus. It is good to be part of a government that feels genuine pain with these kinds of difficult if not impossible decisions.

Thanks for all that you do for BC, John.

Best,

Bob

ps. have a long a prosperous holiday season my friend

Yours very truly,

Bob D'Eith

MLA Maple Ridge – Mission

From: s.17
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Subject: FW: Site C response
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From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; s.17
Subject: RE: Site C response
By and large this looks good. Made a few edits. My suggestions in track changes.
Sage
778-678-0832

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 5:33 PM
To: s.17 Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C response
Lawrence has crafted the attached response to use in the constituency office when replying to site C emails. If approved LJDF constit office will begin using on Monday.

Amber

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Herzog, Lawrence LASS:EX" <Lawrence.Herzog@leg.bc.ca>
Date: December 15, 2017 at 5:19:30 PM PST
To: "Nash, Amber PREM:EX" <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C response

Hello Amber,

We are aiming to start responding on Monday to the emails opposed to our decision on Site C. Here is the draft I have pulled together. Can you run it through the process for approval? Thanks!

Cheers,

Lawrence

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Lawrence Herzog | Constituency Assistant to John Horgan, MLA, Langford-Juan de Fuca

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Site C response
MLA John Horgan
Updated Dec 15, 2017

Thank you for your email. I appreciate you taking the time to share your perspective with me in such a thoughtful and heartfelt way.

For many years, we have been critical of the decision to build Site C. We questioned the previous government's motivations, their business case and their budget. Worse, they raided B.C. Hydro's accounts to balance their budgets, while making people pay more. Hydro rates are up 24 per cent in four years; 70 per cent since 2001.

For these reasons and more, we sent the Site C project to an independent review by the B.C. Utilities Commission. The Commission's review validated many of our concerns and left us with two clear options: Complete Site C at a cost of \$10.7 billion, or cancel the project and absorb \$4 billion in construction and remediation costs.

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I know this decision will be a profound disappointment to some. However, cancelling Site C would mean asking British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt with nothing to show for it in return. Worse than that, because this debt could not be amortized over 70 years, the province could not pay that bill without hydro rates increasing or making cuts to services people count on.

When Site C is built, the cost can be paid off slowly because it is backed by an asset that generates electricity. But if Site C were cancelled, there is nothing to back up the debt and so it would have to be paid off much more quickly.

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We are launching a new project oversight team to ensure the revised Site C budget remains on target. It will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.

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Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue.

Sincerely,
Hon. John Horgan
MLA, Langford-Juan de Fuca