

Richards, Erin PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2018 11:31 AM
To: s.22
Subject: Nowruz celebration video
Attachments: 2018-03-14-PJH-Nowrouz-Message-V2.mp4

Majid and Sherry,

Please find attached a video from Premier John Horgan celebrating Nowruz in the legislature.

Regards,

Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: RE: PWEC Thank You Ltrs

Yes, autopen is fine.

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: PWEC Thank You Ltrs
Importance: High

Hi Jen – JTT has drafted letters of thanks for the 13 women who were serving on the Premier's Women's Economic Council (appointed by CC). All of the letters are the same. I've attached one as a sample.

Are you fine with them being autopenned? They don't rise to the level of scrutiny that I think necessitates Geoff's review, other than being sure everyone is in the loop with the PWEC being disbanded...

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2018 9:55 AM
To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: letters to be formatted
Attachments: Draft letters - pulp and paper.docx

Hi Susan,

Attached are three letters we need to get out today. As a first step, can you please have them formatted to give to Geoff and then the Premier for approval and signature?

Thanks!

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 19, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX; Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: RE: ****CONFIDENTIAL****

Thanks Allegra,
Please do forward to MOTI for their attention and follow up.

Thanks,
Jen

From: Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:45 AM
To: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: FW: ****CONFIDENTIAL****

Hello,

Back in September this writer sent the Premier a letter about the Port Mann Bridge audit (attached for your reference), and he has now sent another letter asking to speak with the Premier about this issue. When the first one came in, I shared it with Matt and Kate as an FYI and Susan spoke to someone in the Transportation Minister's Office about it as well. My understanding was that nothing further was done with the letter at that point. Could you please let me know if you would like me to send this to MOTI for handling or if anything further needs to be done with it?

Thanks!
Allegra Wolansky
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From: Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: FW: ****CONFIDENTIAL****

Hi Susan,

Not sure if you recall but this writer sent a previous letter in September on this same issue (Port Mann Bridge audit, I've attached for your reference). At that time we shared with Matt and Kate as an FYI and I believe you talked to someone in MOTI Minister's Office about it as well. He has now sent a follow up letter asking to talk to the Premier about this issue. Do you want me to share with anyone in the PO or should I send to MOTI for handling?

Thanks,
Allegra

From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 7:48 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: ****CONFIDENTIAL****

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 12, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: Fact check on the carbon tax

A quick fact check on what the Liberals were suggesting in QP today:

Johal suggested today that we were increasing the carbon tax on gas by 5 cents a litre this year. That's inaccurate – it's actually only 1.1 cents a litre.

The increase in the Carbon Tax is to meet the federally mandated carbon price of \$50 per tonne while giving certainty to business and individuals.

The Budget also details an additional \$40 million per year to low and moderate income British Columbians through enhancements to the low income climate action tax credit (page 75).

From page 137 of the budget doc: http://bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/bfp/2018_Budget_and_Fiscal_Plan.pdf

Table A5 Material Assumptions – Revenue (continued)

	Updated Forecast 2017/18	Budget Estimate 2018/19	Plan 2019/20	Plan 2020/21
Provincial sales tax	\$7,129	\$7,428	\$7,672	\$7,989
Provincial sales tax base growth (fiscal year)	7.0%	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%
<u>Calendar Year nominal expenditure</u>				
Consumer expenditures on durable goods	14.0%	2.6%	2.3%	2.2%
Consumer expenditures on goods and services	7.2%	5.0%	4.6%	4.7%
Business investment	5.2%	6.0%	5.2%	4.8%
Other	7.3%	5.0%	3.8%	3.7%
<u>Components of Provincial sales tax revenue</u>				
Consolidated Revenue Fund	\$7,120	\$7,419	\$7,663	\$7,980
BC Transportation Financing Authority	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9
Fuel and carbon taxes	\$2,243	\$2,491	\$2,736	\$2,992
<u>Calendar Year</u>				
Real GDP	3.4%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%
Gasoline volumes	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Diesel volumes	2.2%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Natural gas volumes	5.2%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%
<u>Carbon tax rates (April 1)</u>				
Carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (\$/tonne)	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45
Natural gas (cents/gigajoule)	148.98¢	173.81¢	198.64¢	223.47¢
Gasoline (cents/litre)	6.67¢	7.78¢	8.89¢	10.01¢
Light fuel oil (cents/litre)	7.67¢	8.95¢	10.23¢	11.51¢
<u>Components of revenue</u>				
Consolidated Revenue Fund	\$520	\$518	\$523	\$527
BC Transit	\$12	\$19	\$19	\$19
BC Transportation Financing Authority	<u>\$463</u>	<u>\$466</u>	<u>\$469</u>	<u>\$472</u>
	\$995	\$1,003	\$1,011	\$1,018
Carbon tax revenue	\$1,248	\$1,488	\$1,725	\$1,974
Property taxes	\$2,380	\$2,626	\$3,000	\$3,109

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 12, 2018 9:27 AM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: FYI on daylight saving time emails - from correspondence

From Susan Farmer:

We received 3625 emails in total from 2017. These were mostly original emails – no clear template/form letter being used.

Of those, just over 100 wanted to keep things as is (switching as we currently are).

The rest wanted to abolish it – however, some of those wanted to keep us on the DST time forever (summer schedule) – so there were different opinions on that.

For 2018, it had been pretty quiet, up until this past weekend & the days leading up to it. We've had 231 come in. Some of these are via a form letter that also requests a referendum about it. Haven't looked through all of the 2018 ones (they're not sorted) – almost all are saying to stop it – with differing thoughts as to which timing we should remain on year-round. I've only come across one in support of continuing DST for 2018 so far.

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 9, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: draft letter from PJH in response to invitation - Tsilhqot'in exoneration event

Hi Amber, Kate,
Here is a draft of the letter requested from PJH:

Dear Chief Joe Alphonse,

Thank you for your February 21, 2018, letter extending an invitation to attend the exoneration of the Tsilhqot'in War Chiefs by Canada in Parliament on March 26, 2018. I know this is an important day for the Tsilhqot'in people, and I am honoured by your invitation to witness this historic event.

I was present at the ceremony held in Quesnel on October 26, 2014, commemorating the 150-year anniversary of the wrongful hanging of the six Tsilhqot'in War Chiefs. I was moved that day watching the Tsilhqot'in community members finally hear the Province of BC exonerate their heroes. I am very pleased the Government of Canada is ready to do the same.

As much as I'd like to stand beside you on this momentous occasion, my schedule does not allow me to attend. However, I have asked Laurel Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to attend to witness on behalf of the province. I offer my best wishes to you and to all the Tsilhqot'in Nation members who will be travelling to Ottawa. I know this critical correction of our collective history will live in the minds and memories of every Tsilhqot'in person now and for generations to come.

Again, sechanalyagh (thank you) for the invitation and safe travels to you all.

Sincerely,

John Horgan
Premier

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 9, 2018 1:24 PM
To: dirk.meissner@thecanadianpress.com
Subject: Notley

Hey Dirk,

Not sure if you're doing anything on Kinder Morgan/ Notley's throne speech and the impact on gas prices today, but thought I'd note:

There's a lot of evidence to indicate this is political posturing and that Notley would not and likely could not restrict shipments. When Kenney originally suggested that the taps be turned off, Notley said it would hurt Albertans and that the oil industry didn't want it. Now that she is feeling pressure from Kenney she has reversed her position. From Feb 1:

The leader of Alberta's Opposition, Jason Kenney, made some suggestions on Wednesday about what he would do to penalize B.C., but **Notley says his ideas would hurt Albertans.**

"The kinds of things that Mr. Kenney is proposing is akin to 'cutting off your face to spite your nose'. It is something the industry doesn't want and something that would actually hurt Albertans. That's not what we're doing.

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/notley-suspends-talks-between-alberta-and-b-c-over-electricity-purchase-1.3785869>

And Notley on Feb 1 from the Calgary Sun:

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<http://calgarysun.com/opinion/columnists/bell-a-weak-kneed-trudeau-comes-to-alberta>

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https://twitter.com/andrew_leach/status/971930946436972544

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 9, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: FW: DRAFT - IUOE
Attachments: 2018 IUOE Local 115.doc

This looks great! Amber, I believe this is what you were looking for.

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: RE: DRAFT - IUOE

Oops – hadn't saved the draft after I'd made a couple more minor tweaks – review this version instead.

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: DRAFT - IUOE
Importance: High

Hi – I called back, again, & was finally able to speak with someone who could share some info with me (yay). That being said, there is no theme or specific focus to the meeting & I didn't really get a ton of useful info in the end.

Additional items that were mentioned that will be on the agenda are:

- Long service awards will be given out (members who have reached milestones ranging from 10-60 yrs)
- An update on PLAs (project labour agreements)

There didn't seem to be a particularly cohesive way to incorporate those items into this msg – plus, I would think that anything related to PLAs would be more apt to be delivered by the Minister / News Release.

But, flagging in case you want some messaging included.

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 5, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Cc: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Subject: Premier's statement on tariffs
Attachments: 20180305 SN Aluminum Tariffs_FINAL DRAFT.DOCX

For those interested, here is a copy of the Premier's statement on aluminum tariffs in the house today.

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 2, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2018-80854 Records Due March 1, 2018
Attachments: NR

Hi Alison,
Responsive records are attached. I've identified harms in the pdf documents and indicated with red boxes advice that should be redacted under section 13.

Thanks,
Jen

From: Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:49 PM
To: LP PO Executive Office; LP PO Deputy Minister; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Cavanagh, Judy PREM:EX; Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX; Loubert, Danny PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Szabo, Maria PREM:EX; Tello, Romeo PREM:EX; Della Mattia, Marie PREM:EX
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-80854 Records Due March 1, 2018

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by March 1st whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

All records including e-mails, briefing notes, and polling - but excluding media releases or clippings - on the B.C. government response to Alberta's decision, announced February 6, 2018, to have the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission immediately halt the import of all wines from British Columbia.

UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.

If you think that the search for records will take you over 3 hours and/or the total volume of records will exceed 200 pages, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: March 1, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2018-81092 Records Due March 7, 2018
Attachments: NR

Please find records attached.

Jen

From: Wensink, Alison PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:45 PM
To: LP PO Executive Office; LP PO Deputy Minister; LP Premiers Vancouver Office
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-81092 Records Due March 7, 2018

Hello,

Please let me know by March 7th whether or not you have any records responsive to the following request:

Canvassed: All staff

For the Premier and Office of the Premier staff: All mentions of Desmog/DeSmog Blog, including communication with Desmog.ca staff.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 07/18/2017 To 02/20/2018) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.

If you think that the search for records will take you over 1 hour and/or the total volume of records will exceed 100 pages, please let me know as soon as possible.

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