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Subject: Fwd: Site C issues note: Old Fort Road landslide
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Hi - just want to make sure you are in the loop.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Site C issues note: Old Fort Road landslide

Melissa and David,
Here is the issues note on the Old Fort Road landslide.
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Greg

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BC HYDRO ISSUES NOTE

Issue:	LANDSLIDE ABOVE OLD FORT ROAD
Spokesperson:	Greg Alexis, Public Affairs Manager, Site C

ISSUE SUMMARY

A landslide took place above Old Fort Road overnight Saturday, September 29. The slide location is approximately 1 km past the eastern entrance to the Site C project site.

BACKGROUND – LANDSLIDE

- Sometime late Saturday night (Sept. 29) / early Sunday morning (Sept. 30), a landslide took place above Old Fort Road.
 - The slide location is off dam site and approximately 1 km past (east of) the Gate 'B' entrance to Site C.
- The slide has caused damage to the road. Access to the community of Old Fort is closed until the area can be determined to be safe to allow crews to enter to start the repairs.
- There is a gravel pit (Blair's Sand & Gravel) located directly above the slide.
 - The gravel pit operation is located outside of Site C boundaries
 - BC Hydro does not have a contract with Blair's Sand & Gravel for stockpiling or other uses, nor has it been used by any of the Site C contractors or sub-contractors.
- There is no evidence at this time that the slide is related to Site C or any of the work taking place on the project.
- Operations at the project site have not been impacted and work is continuing as planned.
- The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) issued an evacuation order for the area directly above the slide area, including the Peace River Lookout and the lands directly south and south east.
- Safety is our top priority and we are monitoring the situation closely.
- BC Hydro is working with the RCMP, the PRRD, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and local authorities to assist in any way we can.

BACKGROUND – SLOPE STABILITY

- Prior to the start of Site C construction, BC Hydro conducted extensive engineering investigations, analysis and review into the geology of the Site C project area.
 - Identified geotechnical risks, along with mitigation measures, were reported in the Site C Project's Environmental Impact Statement.

- Historical landslide complexes in the Peace Valley are very common and are addressed in the design and assessment of all Site C project areas, including:
 - the Highway 29 realignment
 - the Hudson's Hope berm;
 - the Site C earthfill dam and associated permanent features.
- Historical slides are addressed with the project excavations and stabilization measures at the dam site.
- This includes the left bank overburden excavation which is a slope stabilization of over 11 million cubic metres.
- An extensive inventory of existing slides is incorporated into the reservoir impact lines, which outlines the predicted effects of the Site C reservoir on slope stability and erosion.
- Stability issues and the potential for tension cracks on the north bank were expected, which is why the slope is being excavated to remove unstable overburden materials prior to completion of the permanent works.
- As part of Site C construction, work has been underway since the summer of 2015 to remove unstable material on the north bank to create stable slopes for eventual dam construction.
 - This work is being done in accordance with international and Canadian safety practices to withstand unlikely events, such as an extreme earthquake.
 - Slope stabilization activities include the construction of access roads and haul roads, excavation of unstable materials and relocation and storage of excavated materials for future use in other areas of the project.
- As of August 2018, more than 11 million cubic metres of material (including overburden and shale bedrock) have been excavated from the north bank.
- Keeping with international best practice, BC Hydro also has a Technical Advisory Board for Site C that provides on-going technical advice on the engineering and design of the project.
- The members of the Site C Technical Advisory Board are globally recognized for their technical knowledge and experience with the design of hydroelectric projects around the world.

KEY MESSAGES

- BC Hydro is committed to safely and responsibly advancing the construction of the Site C project.

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- For further information about the landslide, please contact the Ministry of Transportation of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI).

TOP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **People are saying that the gravel pit, located above Old Fort Road, triggered the landslide. Was the gravel pit being used as a stockpile site for the Site C project?**
 - No. BC Hydro does not have a contract with Blair's Sand & Gravel for stockpiling or other uses, nor has it been used by any of the Site C contractors or sub-contractors.
2. **Why would BC Hydro build a dam in an area that has history of landslides?**
 - BC Hydro is committed to safely and responsibly advancing the construction of the Site C project.
 - BC Hydro has conducted extensive engineering studies into the geology of the project area – including the dam site – for decades.
 - The issue of historical slides in the area is well documented and is being addressed with the excavations and stabilization measures that have been taking place at site since construction started in 2015.
 - For example, BC Hydro has removed more than 11 million cubic metres of overburden materials on the north bank to create a stable slope for the dam.
3. **Why is BC Hydro building a dam on shale?**
 - Site C is being built – and will be maintained – to international and Canadian safety standards so it can withstand major events like earthquakes and floods.
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 - The presence of shale bedrock is well documented in the project's environmental impact statement (EIS).
 - The EIS was reviewed by the Site C Joint Review Panel and later approved by the provincial and federal governments in 2014.
 - Building hydro-electric dams on shale bedrock is not uncommon.
 - The environmental impact statement for Site C identified 16 other earthfill dams around the world that were built on similar bedrock.
 - BC Hydro has incorporated into the design a concrete buttress that will be placed under the spillway and generating station for increased stability and seismic protection.

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You want to get these too, right?

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Topic:	Support of gov position	Want PGOV to	Total received
LNG FID Announcement	4	175	179
Rental Increase Formula – 4.5%	0	67	67
Rental Increase Formula – 2.5%	17	23	40
Cannabis Legalization	0	19	19
Daylight Savings Time	0	12	12
Old Fort Landslide	0	5	5
ICBC ‘Extra Driver’ Fee	0	20	20
Bill 92/Private Healthcare	0	7	7
Total Weekly Mail			Approx. 604 (excl. topics logged in batches)

Hello everyone! Apologies for the delay in the correspondence report. These should be sent out every Monday going forward! I hope session is going well for you all.

LNG FID Announcement – We received a majority of these incomings just after the FID decision was made. They are largely commentary about emissions and broken promises on climate change. The supportive messages include stakeholders from LNG Canada as well as the Haisla and local government.

Rental Increase Formula – The lay out of this may seem a bit confusing. The first cell, Rental Increase 4.5%, were messages sent before the announcement and implementation of the reduced 2.5% (only inflation) increase. The second cell, Rental Increase 2.5%, are messages from people after the decrease announcement. Before the announcement, people were writing about how this increase happens every year without fail and they feel like they are being penalized. After the announcement, we received largely praise from renters and criticism from property owners and landlords complaining about how their costs will continue to rise.

Cannabis Legalization – Most of these incomings are people seeking clarification on BC policy on legalization, from where you can smoke to how much you can buy etc. We have had a few complain about public health effects and questions about how to keep drugs out of the hands of children etc.

DST – As is tradition, when the time change approaches people will send us emails about how they want to stay on one time, either DST or PST. The consensus among writers is to abolish the change.

Old Fort Landslide – Citizens affected by the Old Fort landslide writing in about the lack of supports or communication with ministry officials. These are passed on to Emergency Management BC to ensure they are getting the supports they need.

ICBC ‘Extra Driver’ fee – In an attempt to reduce fees, ICBC has introduced an ‘extra driver’ fee of \$50 to allow drivers not on the insurance to drive the vehicle. If someone is in an accident and is not under the insurance, they will likely have to face much stiffer penalties. Drivers are writing in saying this is gouging and they should not have to pay.

Bill 92/Closure of Private Health Clinics – As a result of private health care clinics, the province has been fined 15.9 million dollars under the Canada Health Act due to extra billing. A recent crackdown on private clinics has resulted in patients writing in to the Premier about the advantages of this system and how they feel it is not unfair.

Apologies for the length on this one. As always, if you would like clarification or examples of correspondence, please let me know! Have a great week.

Jake Rochon

Correspondence Coordinator

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Ok I'll wait, I've been trying to get my Surface to work this s.22 . I want to throw it like a Frisbee off the balcony at VCO.

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Actually going to send one more page very shortly. Sorry.

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Thanks I'll print this right now

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On Oct 10, 2018, at 9:26 AM, Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX <Matt.Hannah@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Director of Issues Management

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Background:

- A new study finds the 2014 decision to raise speed limits on some B.C. highways led to an increase in fatalities, injuries, crashes and insurance claims.
- It found the number of fatal crashes more than doubled (118 per cent increase) on roads with higher speed limits.
- The study was led by Vancouver General Hospital emergency room physician Dr. Jeff Brubacher and co-authors included road safety engineers at the UBC Okanagan campus.
- Brubacher says "the mistake should be admitted and speed rolled back because, from a safety point of view, it was the wrong decision."

Message:

- Above all, we want people to be safe on our province's highways.
- We value the advice of safety experts and thank them for bringing this study and their concerns forward.
- The previous government introduced these changes. I know that many experts, including Dr. Brubacher, raised concerns at the time.
- The Ministry is evaluating speed limit changes and will be reporting to minister later this year.

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- On August 31, the Labour Relations Code review panel submitted its report with recommendations to the Ministry of Labour.

Message:

- Every worker has the right to join a union of their choice without interference, intimidation or coercion.
- It must be a fair and timely process — both for employers and employees.

Wait Times for Autism Assessments

Background:

- On Oct. 9, media reported that wait times for autism assessments for children is now at 55.5 weeks according to the Provincial Health Services Authority - more than double what it was five years ago.
- Minister Dix was briefly clipped agreeing with a reporter that the current wait-times aren't acceptable.
- Advocates are urging government to increase resources to get children diagnosed faster so interventions can occur earlier.
- Government has increased the BC Autism Assessment Network's budget by \$1.2 million this year. BCAAN has also transitioned to a new funding model, which has resulted in more assessments being completed.
- The Provincial Health Services Authority just completed a round of provincial assessor training with representatives from a variety of health authorities. There were about 10 representatives present for the first session and the same number are expected at the planned spring session.

Message:

- I can appreciate the stress and frustration this causes families trying to get supports for their kids.
- Any wait is difficult and the current wait-times are too long. We know early intervention is critical.
- This year, our government boosted the budget for the B.C. Autism Assessment Network by \$1.2 million, and a provincial training session for assessors just wrapped up, with another round of training to come in the spring.
- We're going to keep working to increase capacity and bring the wait times down so so that kids can get the supports they need sooner.

Penticton Child Care Denied Funding Grant

Background:

- On Oct 9, Global aired a story about a Penticton child care centre that was denied a grant under the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund.
- The provider has suggested to media that it is because the application form changed.
- We cannot comment on the specifics of individual applications due to privacy, however the Ministry says the changes to the form were minor and would not affect an application.

Message:

- We are investing \$221 million over the next three years to create new spaces and help people find affordable, quality child care.
- Each application to the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund is scored against a number of evaluation criteria to ensure that government is funding high-quality projects that reflect the priorities established under the ChildCare BC plan.
- Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to discuss with application with Ministry staff and re-apply.

Old Fort Landslide

Background:

- A landslide occurred on the Old Fort Road in the early hours of September 30.
- It is situated approximately one kilometre west of the Old Fort community, which is just south of Fort St John.
- The Old Fort Road has been damaged and the road to the community is closed until the site can be determined to be safe to allow crews to enter to start the repairs.
- There is an evacuation order in effect for all residents in the area – an Emergency Social Services Reception Centre has been activated in Fort St. John at the Pomeroy Sports Centre. (200 residents, 62 properties)

Message:

- This is a difficult and uncertain time for residents in the area.
- Minister Farnworth is in the area today to see the situation firsthand.
- An Emergency Services Reception Centre has been activated in Fort St. John.
- 24 hour traffic control is in place and staff are monitoring the slide by air.
- We will keep the community updated every step of the way as more information becomes available.

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BRIEFING NOTE

I. PREPARED FOR: Paul Jeakins, Commissioner

II. ISSUE: Oct. 9, 2018 Enbridge line failure

III. BACKGROUND:

- The Enbridge 36" mainline (regulated by the National Energy Board [NEB]) experienced a catastrophic line failure around 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2018 approximately 13 kilometers north of Prince George.
- Co-located within a common pipeline right of way was a second, 30" gas pipeline also operated by Enbridge (and also regulated by the NEB), and supplying Fortis BC. This line has been shut-in and depressurized.
- At 2:30 a.m. October 10, Fortis revised impacts from this incident to indicate potential loss of gas supply to the lower mainland and other parts of the province.

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- The NEB has indicated the 30" gas line could resume partial service pending an assessment by Enbridge's engineering team.
- A Pembina light, sweet crude oil pipeline is also located within the right of way. At the time of the incident, the line was not flowing, s.15

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- The Pembina line was shut in at points on both sides of the incident, and the company is draining down the line.
- The National Energy Board (NEB), under an existing MOU with the Commission, requested assistance on the incident; the Commission has been responding since it was first reported.

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IV. DISCUSSION:

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V. CONCLUSION:

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This is an evolving situation and the information we have will continue to be updated.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Communications Research Briefing:

Sage to confirm she will be walking in all materials

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Vancouver

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Recent Announcements

Oct. 02, 2018 NR: B.C.'s new LNG Framework to deliver record investment, world's cleanest LNG facility (PREM/EMPR): Project will see construction of natural gas pipeline from northeast B.C. to Kitimat, a new terminal will process and ship LNG to Asian markets, generating \$24 billion of direct investment in B.C.

Sept. 26, 2018 NR: Province cuts rent increase to ease pressure on renters (PREM/MAH): Taking action on early recommendation from B.C.'s Rental Housing Task Force, cutting annual allowable rent increase to inflation

Sept 25, 2018 NR: B.C. seniors to get the hours of care they need as funding and staffing increased (PREM, HLTH): Investing \$240 million over three years, increasing direct care seniors receive to 3.36 hours per-resident day, on average, in each health authority by 2021

Sept 17, 2018 NR: Province supports UNESCO designation of Vancouver Chinatown (PREM, TAC): MOU signed between the Province and the City of Vancouver signalling a commitment to pursue United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site designation

Sept 7, 2018 NR: Further supportive housing opens for people in Vancouver (MAH): Opening of a 52-unit modular housing project at 2132 Ash St. in Vancouver. Marked the latest step taken by the Province and the city towards creating 600 supportive homes in Vancouver. There are now 260 new homes on five sites complete and 346 homes on five other sites at various stages of the development and approval process

Sept 4, 2018 NR: Major rapid transit projects to ease congestion in Metro Vancouver (PREM, GC): Announcement of more than \$3 billion in federal and provincial funding for two major rapid transit projects in Metro Vancouver: the Broadway Subway project and the Surrey-Newton-Guildford Light Rail Transit

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Canadian Pacific Railway brushes off 'Amazon effect'

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(Times Colonist, October 5, 2018)

Global executives cool toward mergers amid trade uncertainty

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IMF cuts global growth forecast, stands pat on Canadian outlook USMCA deal may have allowed Canada to escape further downgrade: economists

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International Year of the Salmon

- The International Year of the Salmon (IYS) is a project launched by NPAFC and the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) and other partners. The IYS focal year will be 2019, with projects and activities starting in 2018 and continuing into 2022³
- The IYS organization includes independent Pacific and Atlantic IYS steering committees, which includes partners that oversee outreach activities, identify research priorities, support fund raising and establish reporting procedures
- Outreach and research will be planned at three spatial scales—the hemispheric or “*salmosphere*” scale, the basin scale (Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic or Baltic), and at the local coastal level⁴

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Recent Announcements

Salmon

June 6, 2018 NR: Wild salmon protection driving newly appointed Wild Salmon Advisory Council (AGRI): The Wild Salmon Advisory Council will provide key insights and guidance on protecting wild salmon and maximizing the value of this important resource for British Columbia. Premier Horgan announced the new council alongside Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, and Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands

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On the brink in the Salish Sea “...

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Clayoquot Sound fish farm temporarily closed over sea-lice outbreak

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Retired DFO scientist plans wild salmon research expedition

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Symposium focuses on strategies to save BC salmon

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It's time to protect B.C.'s northern coast “...

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Mission Chamber of Commerce Pro Rep Debate Cancellation

Background:

- The Mission Chamber of Commerce had scheduled an October 11th discussion on proportional representation.
- Andrew Wilkinson was scheduled to represent the No side. On Oct 3rd, the Chamber confirmed that Ravi Kahlon would represent the Yes side.
- On Oct 4th, Kahlon was unexpectedly uninvited by the Chamber. In response, Kahlon urged the Chamber to have both sides represented. He indicated he was still willing to attend to represent the Yes side if the Chamber agreed.
- On October 10th, the Chamber cancelled its involvement in the event: “After a failed attempt to have both sides represented in the conversation at our October 11th Proportional Representation Discussion, The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce will be withdrawing support of this event.”
- The event is proceeding as a BC Liberal caucus event featuring Andrew Wilkinson.

Message:

- We appreciate the Mission Chamber’s commitment to having both sides represented.

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University Hospital of Northern BC (UHNBC)

Background:

- This week government has announced a new hospital in Fort St. James and a new urgent primary care centre in Quesnel.
- On Oct. 10, media in Prince George asked when Prince George can expect news on their hospital. MLA Bond expressed frustration that Fort St. James got a hospital while Prince George continues to wait.
- Northern Health is awaiting provincial approval on the concept plan for a new surgical tower at UHNBC. MLA Bond has been vocal that she would like the project approved.
- In the interim, Northern Health is moving forward a new 24 bed unit with funding from the Province. Construction on that started in July.
- The University Hospital struggles with capacity issues, and at times has all contingency areas in use.

Message:

- After years of neglect in our healthcare system, there is a huge backlog of much needed healthcare infrastructure projects across the province.
- We've been working our way through that backlog and will continue to work to British Columbians can get the healthcare they need.
- This year we're rolling out a new primary care network in Prince George as part of our new, team-based approach to get people the health care they need faster and closer to home.
- We're increasing the number of MRIs in the north by 70% this year, and increasing hip and knee surgeries to cut wait-times for people.

Orkambi Review

Background:

- Media has been continuing to report on the challenges of expensive drugs for rare diseases.
- On Oct. 4, for a second time, the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health's (CADTH) recommended to the provinces that Orkambi not be funded by public drug plans.
- As part of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA), B.C. is reviewing the recommendation through their collective process with all other Canadian jurisdictions.
- The pCPA will be meeting with Vertex on Friday to communicate next steps.
- On July 24, 2018, Canadian Cystic Fibrosis patients launched a class action lawsuit in B.C. court against the B.C. and federal governments, CADTH and the pCPA. They are seeking damages of one billion dollars and an injunction compelling B.C. to cover Orkambi provincially.

Message:

- B.C. is committed to an evidence-based drug listing process.
- The pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance - of which B.C. is a member - is reviewing the recommendation and is meeting with the manufacturer this week.
- We'll have more to say after that.

If asked about the class action lawsuit:

- It's an incredibly tough situation for people impacted by this.
- I can't speak specifically to the case.
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SOGI & School Board Elections

Background:

- Media continues to report on anti-SOGI school board trustee candidates. An Oct. 7 CBC story highlighted that any anti-SOGI trustees would have little power to change SOGI policies at the district level.
- The SOGI component of the provincial curriculum is mandatory, as are SOGI-inclusive codes of conduct and anti-bullying policies.
- However, the Ministry does not require boards to use any particular learning resources.
- SOGI 123 is a resource that provides schools and teachers with grade-level appropriate lesson plans, templates and tools that align with B.C.'s curriculum.
- A school board would be free to review the use of the SOGI 123 resources in accordance with its own policies for resource approval.

Message:

- There is no room for any type of discrimination in our schools.
- All students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves.
- SOGI education and policies are well supported by teachers, trustees and parent groups who want to eradicate all forms of discrimination and bullying from our schools.
- Every school board and independent school in B.C. must have codes of conduct and anti-bullying policies that are SOGI-inclusive.
- No student should be excluded or bullied because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Unlicensed Cannabis Dispensaries

Background:

- A number of media outlets have raised questions around the existence of illegal dispensaries once legalization takes effect on October 17.
- Alex Robb, owner of a Victoria dispensary called “Trees Cannabis” suggests they won’t be shut down:
 - "I don't think anybody wants this to be a situation where cannabis is legalized and you can't get cannabis anywhere anymore. I don't think there's a desire to immediately cut off [retailers], or re-criminalize them, while there still isn't a way for them to access the legal system."
- B.C.’s new Community Safety Unit will have the authority to deal with illegal sales outside of the provincial framework.
- The Community Safety Unit will have authority to enter illegal cannabis retailers without a warrant, and will be able to seize illegal product and records. They may also seek the assistance of police where appropriate.

Message:

- Unlicensed retailers won’t be shut down overnight.
- In fact, we anticipate many illegal dispensaries will voluntarily come into compliance with the law by obtaining a retail licence, or shutting down.
- As more legal retail stores open up across the province, enforcement activity against illegal dispensaries that continue to operate will increase.

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Heiltsuk First Nation Lawsuit – Nathan E Stewart

Background:

- Today the Heiltsuk First Nation filed a Notice of Civil Claim against Kirby Corporation and the federal and provincial governments over the Nathan E Stewart oil spill.
- Also today (October 10th) the Province completed a settlement with Kirby for approximately \$400,000 to recover costs associated with the spill.
- Chief councillor Marilyn Slett said “the Governments of BC and Canada and their agencies, and the polluter responded slowly, ineffectively and with shockingly little regard for the health and safety of our people and our way of life.”
- The Heiltsuk are seeking compensation for cultural and financial losses associated with harvesting and cultural disruptions and the cost of environmental testing.
- In November, 2017, the Heiltsuk Nation proposed for an Indigenous Marine Response Centre near Bella Bella. The province has supported their proposal to the federal government.

Message:

- I’m unable to discuss the details of the case as it is before the courts.
- This is a situation that happened under the previous government. We have inherited it and will respond through the courts.
- Outside of this case, we have been supporting the Heiltsuk Nation in working with the federal government on improving marine spill response.
- BC supports adding new marine response resources through the federal Oceans Protection Plan and including indigenous communities in a robust marine response regime.

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Gas Pipeline Incident and Possible Shortage

Background:

- The Enbridge 36" mainline (regulated by the National Energy Board [NEB]) experienced a catastrophic line failure around 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2018 approximately 13 kilometers north of Prince George.
- Enbridge depressurized an adjacent 30" natural gas pipeline as a precaution and a nearby Pembina light oil pipeline was not flowing at the time of the incident but was also shut down.
- The RCMP and first responders attended the scene and there have been no reports of injuries or deaths.
- Approximately 100 Lheidli T'enneh First Nation residents were evacuated as a precaution and stayed in hotels in Prince George.
- The cause of the incident has not been determined and full investigation will be undertaken by the RCMP, the NEB, the Oil and Gas Commission and other provincial staff.
- The two Enbridge pipelines are the supply lines to the Province of BC. Fortis has expressed concerns about a potential loss of gas supply to the lower mainland and other parts of the province.

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- Fortis has asked people to conserve gas by turning down thermostats and refraining from non-essential uses of natural gas like fireplaces.

Message:

- I'm glad that we have seen no reported injuries or damage to property, and I'm thankful for the emergency personnel that responded last night.
- We don't yet know what caused the incident and provincial regulators have begun a full investigation in cooperation with RCMP, and federal regulators.
- This sort of incident is exceptionally rare so we will need to determine the cause.
- Of immediate concern is the potential impact on gas supply for the lower mainland and other parts of the province.
- Fortis has asked British Columbians to conserve gas by turning down their thermostats and limiting use of appliances.
- I encourage everyone to do their part as we work to address the situation.

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What about impact on gas supply? Will we see shortages?

- There is a very real risk and Fortis has notified customers, asking them to curtail their use.
- Crews are working with federal regulators to see if they can restart, at least partially, the second pipeline to restore some supply.
- I would ask people to please heed Fortis' call and do whatever you can to reduce your consumption.

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Study Shows Speed Limit Increase on Highways Led to More Crashes

Background:

- A new study finds the 2014 decision to raise speed limits on some B.C. highways led to an increase in fatalities, injuries, crashes and insurance claims.
- It found the number of fatal crashes more than doubled (118 per cent increase) on roads with higher speed limits.
- The study was led by Vancouver General Hospital emergency room physician Dr. Jeff Brubacher and co-authors included road safety engineers at the UBC Okanagan campus.
- Brubacher says "the mistake should be admitted and speed rolled back because, from a safety point of view, it was the wrong decision."

Message:

- Above all, we want people to be safe on our province's highways.
- We value the advice of safety experts and thank them for bringing this study and their concerns forward.
- The previous government introduced these changes. I know that many experts, including Dr. Brubacher, raised concerns at the time.
- The Ministry is evaluating speed limit changes and will be reporting to minister later this year.

UN Panel Report on Climate Change (Implications for Natural Gas)

- The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a new report warning urgent action is needed to prevent global warming beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius.
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- In most modelled pathways to 1.5 degrees change, natural gas use between 2020 and 2050 decreases between 16% and 60%. However in some pathways, natural gas use increases but with use of carbon capture and storage technology.
- A BC scientist who co-authored the report said that decisions in Canada like approving LNG Canada, and pushing to build the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion are going in the opposite direction.

Message:

- Our government is committed to living up to our obligations to combat climate change.
- We legislated new greenhouse gas reduction targets earlier this year and we are developing a strategy to meet those targets while growing our economy.
- We have already begun predictable, staged increases to the Carbon Tax and will be bringing in measures to help individuals and businesses cut their emissions and green our economy.
- This report is a reminder that we all have a responsibility to act on climate change. Our government is committed to doing our part.

Orca Poll on Secret Ballots

Background:

- According to a poll done exclusively for The Orca by One Persuasion Inc., only 9% of British Columbians support getting rid of the secret ballot and returning to card check.
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USMCA / NAFTA

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- Washington State has a significant dairy sector which stands to potentially gain from the increased access to Canadian markets under the new deal.
- The federal government has confirmed that they will be offering compensation for Canadian producers. They are currently examining what that might look like.
- The Chinese Embassy in Ottawa says that section 32.10, which calls on countries to notify each other if they enter into trade talks with a "non-market" economy, amounts to an act of political dominance by the U.S., arguing it gives the Americans a veto.
- Opposition members are claiming that B.C.'s interests are not front and center in Ottawa because the softwood lumber dispute was not mentioned by the federal government in the context of USMCA.

Message:

- We worked closely with the federal government to advocate on behalf of B.C. workers.
- Minister Ralston proactively met with trade officials in Ottawa in May and B.C. sent a provincial official to every negotiating round to represent our province.
- In light of threats of further unfair US tariffs, a new agreement will bring greater certainty for BC businesses.

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Nanaimo Tent City

Background

- A tent camp was set up in May, 2018, in response to a growing homelessness crisis and the city's decision to turn down modular housing funded by the Province.
- On Sept 21st the Supreme Court granted the City of Nanaimo on an injunction for camp residents to leave within 21 days (by Oct 12th).
- On Oct 5th, government announced it is providing 170 units of temporary workforce modular housing, which will come online by the end of November.
- Nanaimo Council has agreed to provide land for workforce modular housing, but so far has not agreed to the Province's proposal to allow campers to remain at the current site under increased security and monitoring until the housing comes on line.
- Media reports over the weekend indicate that the Mayor is increasingly open to the proposal.
- On Oct 5th activists from the Alliance Against Displacement broke into an empty elementary school in Nanaimo to protest a lack of affordable housing. They were removed and arrested by the RCMP.
- The school district has indicated remediation costs from the break-in will total \$100,000 or more.

Message:

- We're working to end the tent city as soon as possible by providing temporary housing for people.
- We are pleased we have reached agreement with the City of Nanaimo that will allow us to bring in 170 temporary workforce modular housing units for people at the camp.
- We continue to work with the city on a plan for the campers between the date the injunction is enforceable (Oct 12th) and the time the temporary housing comes online at the end of November.
- Our ultimate goal is to get people into longer-term housing and we remain committed to working with the city to build the permanent housing people need.

How do you respond to the break-in at the school?

- It's not acceptable to damage public property.
- It's a really unfortunate situation, especially after we reached agreement with the city on temporary housing for people at the camp.
- We're making progress on resolving the tent city by providing more housing, but these type of actions are not constructive.

Goldstream/Saanich Tent City

Background:

- Homeless campers at Goldstream were offered shelter space at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and several others in the region. Approximately 18 campers declined the offer.
- David Shebib, Saanich mayoral candidate, invited the campers to stay on property in Saanich that his son is renting.
- The property owner and landlord, Sam Seera, is upset and wants the campers to leave.
- Chrissy Brett has indicated publicly that campers intend to move elsewhere by Oct 12. She has given no indication of where, but has suggested it may be provincial land.

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When will the park re-open?

- The day use area of the park and group camping sites remain open.
- I was pleased to hear that community members did a walkthrough and reported that the campground is in good condition.

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Cannabis Supply

Background:

- Multiple media outlets have reported on the expected shortage of supply of some strains of legal cannabis.
- Cannabis activist Dana Larsen has expressed concern over the supply shortages, predicting many British Columbians will continue to seek black market cannabis.
- The LDB has said it may not have enough supply to meet demand for particular types of cannabis.
- However, it expected the LDB will have sufficient product on hand to meet overall demand.

Message:

- We have received assurance from the staff at the Distribution Branch that British Columbia will have sufficient cannabis for anticipated demand on October 17 and the initial period following legalization.
- Given uncertain projections from licenced producers establishing new operations, and undefined demand from British Columbians in a new market, it is possible some products may not be available initially in the quantity required.
- We know it will take time to find the right balance, but government will continue to monitor demand and supply to ensure British Columbians who choose to use cannabis will have access to the products they want.

Cannabis Stores

Background:

- Media coverage has focused on the number of stores that will open on legalization day - 1 in BC, compared to dozens in Alberta.
- Stores have to have local government or Indigenous nation approval, as well as have successfully completed the robust licensing requirements, including a security clearance and financial integrity check.
- The province has received more than 125 paid applications for retail locations coming in from all regions of the province. The applications are in various stages of assessment.
- While one government store is set to open on October 17, we expect private retail to open in coming months.

Message:

- Moving to a legal regime for a product that has been banned for a century will take some time.
- Had the previous government started on this file earlier, we would not have been in such a pinch to get the stores in place.
- We will see more locations open up in the coming months.
- An online sales platform will be launched on October 17th to ensure British Columbians can purchase cannabis no matter where they live.

ICBC Acid Spill Lawsuit Names Provincial Ministries

Background:

- ICBC has filed a notice of civil claim related to two sulfuric acid spills on the highways near Trail, BC (April 10 and May 23) by a contractor transporting the material from Teck Trail Operations.
- The Notice of Civil Claim names Teck, IRM (the receiver), Westcan (the transporter), the drivers, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Trail, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Ministry of Environment.
- ICBC is alleging corporate, municipal, and provincial government defendants did not deploy qualified responders to the incidents, promptly neutralize the spill, failed to notify the public immediately when the spills occurred, take reasonable precautions to close the highway, and properly report the incident to the authorities.
- It is common in civil claim proceedings to list all potential parties and all potential types of neglect so that any potential negligence is covered and can be investigated further during proceedings.
- As of October 2nd, about 3,800 claims had been filed with ICBC. Almost 2,000 vehicles have been found not to have had any exposure to acid and about 500 vehicles have been deemed total losses at a cost of approximately \$10 million.

Message:

- I know these spills have caused a great deal of concern for drivers in Trail.
- ICBC, to their credit, has been swift in increasing staffing to process claims for people.

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Does this mean the province was negligent in their response?

- No. It is common to list all potential defendants at the outset of a claim and then sort through the details during proceedings.
- The ministries will respond in due course.
- I am unable to discuss the details of the case as it is before the courts.

LNG Canada

Background:

- LNG Canada will create \$23 billion in revenues for the BC government, generate 10,000 construction jobs and 950 permanent jobs in Northern BC.
- Media have covered environmental groups saying that emissions will be more than twice what the government has projected. Their claims are based on including emissions from both Phase 1 and Phase 2 (which has not been approved by investors) and inaccurate assumptions about gas sourcing.
- Andrew Weaver has said that he opposes the project and will vote against the measures in the new LNG framework but is working with the government on developing a climate strategy.

Message:

- This is the largest private sector investment in Canadian history - it is a strong vote of confidence in BC and good news for the people of our province.
- Our government introduced a new LNG framework which was essential to unlock this investment and the benefits for British Columbians.
- We can and will create these opportunities while living up to our responsibilities to guarantee clean air, land and water for the generations who follow.
- Our government has a different approach - one that ensures we are creating good jobs and a fair return for British Columbians, that First Nations are made partners, and that we live up to our climate commitments.

How do you respond to suggestions this will wreck your climate plan?

- Our government is committed to living up to our climate obligations which we enshrined in legislation earlier this year.
- Minister Heyman has been working hard on a strategy to meet our climate targets while supporting good jobs.
- We have been clear all along that LNG development must fit within our climate goals and we are confident that LNG Canada will.

Is the new LNG framework a \$6 billion subsidy?

- Not at all. Without the new LNG framework there would be no LNG Canada.
- We brought in a new framework that puts LNG on a level-playing field with other industries and ensures benefits for British Columbians.

- The project will generate \$23 billion in new revenues that can support schools and hospitals and other services.

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