

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 5:38 PM
To: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX
Cc: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX; Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Monday's Media Avail MA

Approved

From: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>; Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX <Elena.Banfield@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Monday's Media Avail MA

Hi Jen,

Please see the attached MA for your approval.

Thanks,

Erin Richards
250-361-6901

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: January 25, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX <Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>; Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX <Elena.Banfield@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Monday's Media Avail MA

I'll approve.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
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On Jan 25, 2019, at 3:03 PM, Richards, Erin GCPE:EX <Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes, I can do that this afternoon. Should I send it to you or Sheena for approval?

Erin Richards
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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
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Subject: Re: Monday's Media Avail MA

Is your team able to prepare it as part of his package, Erin? s.22
Sheena is contact.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
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On Jan 25, 2019, at 2:36 PM, Richards, Erin GCPE:EX <Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey Jen,

Will you be putting out the MA for Monday's avail? I believe EMPR is also releasing one.

Thanks!

Erin Richards
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX
Cc: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX
Subject: Re: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Joint message is fine by me.

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On Jan 25, 2019, at 12:57 PM, Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

One very small tweak in the attached – other than this is looks great.

MSR would be interested in having this be a joint message if that works, and is good with this content – let me know.

Thanks,
Craig

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From: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX <Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hi Shandi -

Will get this back to you today - thanks.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: "Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX" <Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 2019-01-25 8:51 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX" <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Good morning,

I hope all is well with you today. I wanted to follow up on this request, as the final version must be sent out-of-office for translation before formatting in time to meet the Feb. 8 deadline.

Thanks!
Shandi

From: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX
Sent: January 21, 2019 5:42 PM
To: Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hello Craig,

I've attached a draft message from the Premier for CHRA Congress. We welcome any feedback you may offer, as well as your thoughts on whether this should be reformatted as a joint message with MSR.

Thank you,
Shandi Shiach
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(778) 974-4144
<Canadian Housing and Renewal Association 51st National Congress-ca.docx>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Greeting for approval

Approved. Thanks!

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
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On Jan 21, 2019, at 12:56 PM, Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX <Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Jen,

I've attached a draft greeting that's due Friday. I look forward to hearing back.

Thank you,
Shandi Shiach
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<Chinese New Year 2019 - Vancouver-Singapore Club.docx>

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 4:18 PM
To: 'richard.zussman@globalnews.ca'
Subject: transcript

24-Jan-2019, 10:50

Horgan - LAMC James/Lenz report

By Horgan conf call LAMC James/Lenz report

John Horgan: Thank you for coming. I will advise that I've just received a letter from the leader of the opposition, calling for non-partisanship. I don't disagree with the principle, but I have to draw a bit of a history lesson for all of us in attendance here today.

You'll recall, I think you record these things. I recall in December of last year, the leader of the opposition called the Speaker a rogue and out of control. He said something had to be done about the Speaker. The Speaker was a problem. As recently as this week, the house leader for the BC Liberals said, why did it take so long? Why did it take so long for the Speaker to expose the excesses in the clerk's office? And so today, for the leader of the opposition to say stand with me and defend the indefensible, is not something I'm prepared to do. I'm prepared to support the Legislative Assembly Management Committee. I'm prepared to support the principle that we bring in the Auditor General to get to the bottom of this, but I will not allow the leader of the opposition to pretend that this just happened. This is the result of years of entitlement in this institution. It's offensive to me, it's offensive to British Columbians, and for the leader of the Opposition to have been part and parcel of this for a decade and a half, to be part of a party that imposed Mr James on the Legislature and the people of BC, is not acceptable to me. Putting that aside, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have about the substance of this issue, and that is excesses in the clerk's office.

Reporter: I guess there is no cease fire, here. Do you think he's taking his position because they look much weaker than your party?

Horgan: This is the problem right there. It's about gamesmanship. It's about one-upping. Had the leader of the opposition adopted the position that the government did, and at the time the Green caucus did, about allowing this to run its course, we wouldn't have had the outrageous allegations made against Mr Plecas. We wouldn't have had question periods where questions that were obviously out of order were put time and time again to the Attorney General. That was all politics, and it was all posturing. Now the leader of the opposition wants to pretend to the people of BC that he's above that. Nonsense. Let's get above that by using the tools that we have, here. The Legislative Assembly Management Committee can and should manage these issues in a non-partisan way.

Reporter: You've been around here a long time. Do you think this culture of entitlement extends back to George MacMinn's time?

Horgan: I've been on the record on that for some time. I have been born and raised in Victoria, passionate about this institution, passionate about public service, a member of this place for 14 years, had the honour to be a house leader for the opposition, a leader of the opposition, and now Premier. And in that time, 14 years, Mr James never visited me. Not in my office, not in my home. He didn't expense visits to me. He did to Christy Clark when she wasn't a member of this place. He did visit Mr Barisoff. So in 14 years, Mr James or Mr MacMinn never sought me out, even though I was what would be characterized as an important part of the functioning of the place as an opposition leader and as opposition house leader.

But to see the report from Mr Plecas that Mr James expensed visits to see a former Premier after she left this place, or a former Speaker after he left this place, and allegations of truckloads of alcohol being delivered to a former member of this Legislature, is absolutely appalling for the people of BC. We need to get to the bottom of this. And had Mr Wilkinson adopted that position in December, I would have some confidence that he's being genuine today. But what I see is more partisanship, more entitlement, and an attempt by he and his colleagues to try and somehow spread the blame around to everybody. There's lots of blame to go around. I don't doubt that. But for him to now say stand with me and we'll do this together, after the way he has approached this issue since December, is offensive, quite frankly.

Reporter: You signalled yesterday that the LAMC should revisit the question of who does the audit and give the work to Carol Bellringer. Do you have any thoughts on how far back she should go in that exercise or how it should be decided how far back she goes?

Horgan: Certainly, again, we have members of the Legislature from all parties that sit on LAMC, and the public, I have to say, over the Christmas holiday, a lot of people came up to me and said what the heck is going on at the Legislature? And I had to explain that I am the head of the executive council, I'm the head of the government, and the head of the Legislature is the Speaker. And the body that helps him administer that is called LAMC, and it has members from all parties. You know that, but the public doesn't know that. So they were curious as to why the Premier would not have some sense of what was going on, here.

Having been on LAMC in the past, I would answer your question this way. No one asked me what my views were until yesterday and I gave them. My views again today are that the Auditor General of BC is independent, and the current occupant, Carol Bellringer, is absolutely equipped and capable to do this work, and I would suggest, having had her office and her staff, many of whom are still there, do the thorough audit that happened in 2010 to 2012, and exposed the challenges that we have done our level best to fix, would be absolutely appropriate. Now should she require additional assistance from outside of BC and LAMC wants to direct that, it's up to them. But my view would be that the AG and her staff are more than capable of picking up where they left off in 2010, or they can go back as far as they wish. The public has a right to know how long this has been going on, and how quickly can we fix it.

Reporter: I want to ask you about the byelection.

Horgan: It's happening next week.

Reporter: How important is this byelection that's happening on Wednesday?

Horgan: Really important.

Reporter: A little more than that.

Horgan: It's very important, and we've been doing our level best to make our case to the people of Nanaimo that in the time that we've had as government, we've been delivering for the people in the community. We've been delivering for the people of BC, broadly speaking, whether it be on housing, on child care, on access to resources for health care, for education, delivering on the things that government is supposed to deliver on. And I believe our record is a strong one, and our candidate is particularly strong. Sheila Malcolmson is the former Member of Parliament. She was the chair of the Islands Trust. Well-known in the community. A very solid candidate. In commentary about the byelection, many people have said there are many candidates, and they all have their strengths and their weaknesses, but I believe that our candidate is the best candidate for the community, and I believe that the continuation of our government is in the best interests of the community, and I'm confident that on election day, we will prevail and government will carry on.

Reporter: Were there any red flags that have come up...

Horgan: I'm colourblind. I don't know.

Reporter: You can't see red?

Horgan: Red-green colourblind.

Reporter: Any flags of any colour, checkered or whatever, that have come up, that have made you concerned over time about potential abuses of money and other such things that we've seen in these allegations from the Speaker?

Horgan: I speak to the people of BC directly, and I speak to those that are assembled here. Many of you have been covering this place for a long, long time, and there is always chatter in the hallways. There is always chatter in a government town about what's going on in this ministry, what's going on at the Legislature. And as journalists, you get stuff in your inbox every day. You get the brown envelopes every day that suggest or allege particular activities and wrongdoing. Mr Plecas had a unique opportunity as an independent speaker to exercise that independence and do the review that he did to release the report that you saw earlier in this week.

Now, aside from the bizarreness of the wood splitter and the traveling to London to buy a hat, those things that just rub BCers the wrong way, the notion that there has been excesses at the Legislature, you're all aware of that. I see heads nodding, for those who are seasoned members of the gallery. Mr Plecas was able to expose that because of his independence. Ms Reid has become the subject of attention, as a former speaker. Not only did she have the Legislative Assembly staff at her disposal, she also had access to the Premier. She was a member of the caucus of the governing party, as was Mr Barisoff, and as before that, were NDP speakers and Social Credit speakers. So for this unique moment in time where we have a genuine independent, we were able to get an expose on the

excesses of offices that are exempt from FOI, are exempt from public scrutiny of expenses. So all of that has only been able to happen because of the independence of Mr Plecas.

Reporter: I understand you've been supportive of Linda Reid in the past, in terms of some of the work she did as Speaker. Are you concerned about some of the allegations towards her here, and do you think she should step aside as assistant deputy speaker while all of this gets sorted out and the forensic audit takes place?

Horgan: I got a lot of ridicule for defending Linda Reid over Muffingate, which was the context of the quotations that were referred to in the press today. I got a lot of grief from my colleagues and from the public on that. But at the time, I felt it was appropriate, because Ms Reid was being more transparent than any speaker before her. Having said that, it was an isolated moment in time, and clearly we've seen more now than we would have seen at that time. With respect to her position as assistant deputy speaker, this place operates based on the principle that the opposition nominates the assistant deputy speaker, so that would have been a very good question for Mr Wilkinson, along with why the Liberal-appointed clerk was meeting with Liberals throughout BC, but not meeting with any other member of the Legislature.

Reporter: Do you not think that you missed an opportunity with Linda Reid when there was a ton of attention on her expenses, an RCMP probe into her constituency office at one point, questions about how you get access to all that information. Is it not, in some way, hypocritical for the NDP to now want to go back and reexamine Linda Reid's record as speaker when you and other members of your party gave her a pass in the moment, and how do you justify wanting to retroactively dig into things that at the time none of your MLAs wanted to do?

Horgan: I don't agree with that entirely. You made a litany of allegations against Linda Reid, and I accept those. The context, I believe, at the time of my quote was around the muffins. And I felt that at the time, she deserved some defence. She was new to the position and I had to work with her as a house leader, and it was in my interest and the interests of the Legislature that there be a relationship between the two of us. Having said that, clearly the evidence that has been laid out and the work that you and others did at that time deserves more scrutiny. So I will certainly reverse my position on that, but at the time, it was a question about whether there should be muffins and coffee that I made the comment, and I paid the price for that internally, and maybe now as well.

Reporter: Do you not think that we missed an opportunity, going back and looking at it, we didn't include senior officers in the receipts, we didn't put the Legislature under FOI, we didn't actually break down the door of the Speaker's office to get full transparency here. And despite all the work that was done, and apparently was good enough in the moment, now we're back stuck having to redo it all. And do you reflect on that and think that maybe that was done wrongly by all parties at the time?

Horgan: I will concede that, but let me put it in some context, as well. The sense of entitlement, the power of the office of clerk, which was abundantly clear when the former denizen was able to negotiate an additional two years in his contract to train the next clerk, who was clearly unqualified for the job - he leapfrogged two lawyers who were senior to him to take the position. He's not a lawyer, and one of the fundamental issues in the Legislature is having legal advice at the moment. Putting that aside, at the time of the allegations and the time of my quote, I was of the view that

Linda Reid deserves some defence, but having said that, knowing how the entitlement of the place worked and did work up until Mr Plecas shone light upon it, it seemed to me that the progress had been made with members of the Legislature, of which I am one. I post all of my receipts, everything that I do is there for the public to see. Not being able to capture Mr James within that, I regret very much. But I see an opportunity now, which is abundantly clear by everyone's interest in this, and I think we should thank Mr Plecas for giving us that opportunity.

Reporter: Are you worried about the public's confidence in how politics is done and politicians in this democratic institution?

Horgan: Absolutely, and even going back to the original AG's review of this place. I'm very proud of the work that happens here, and I'm very proud of the people who work here every day in every corner of the building. They are proud of the work that they do, and they are as unhappy about this as the citizens of BC, because whether it be the security staff, the custodian staff, the people that work in the restaurant, the gift shop, the people who clean the leaves off the driveway, people are proud of this institution and the work that happens in it. And when Mr James left the building, Ms Ryan-Lloyd stepped in immediately, and we continue to do the business of this place.

So the institution is strong. I believe that. But we always have to, and Rob's question is a good example of that, we always have to be checking and re-checking to ensure that public confidence is there for the people of BC, that this place is beyond reproach. There were times you'll remember not too long ago when the police of Victoria were walking out of this building with boxes of files that lead to years of investigation. And still no certainty as to what, in fact, that was all about. So these issues, when they emerge, put a black mark on our institutions, and it's our job, the people that are here today, those that are elected and those that cover us, to make sure you do a good job of telling the story about the good things that happen in this place, because there is stuff every single day that goes on here. Moments of kindness, moments of insight, and policy changes that make life better for people, and they get lost when wood splitters become the order of the day. It's disappointing for me profoundly, and I know it is for the people of BC.

Reporter: Darryl Plecas yesterday said that he wants everything completely open and transparent. Would you agree that everything here at the Legislature should be FOI-able, should be transparent, everything.

Horgan: Yes. With the exception of a few things. Making a blanket statement of yes, we need to make sure that when it comes to expenditures, when it comes to public money, it must be transparent. But there are moments, for example, whistleblowers who contact members of the Legislature about issues that they want to bring to the attention of the people who work in the Legislative Assembly, in the chamber. Myself, my colleagues. And those individuals who come to talk to legislators about issues of importance to them, or in their community, could be at risk if that information is made public. And so I believe there needs to be exemptions within FOI when it comes to citizens interacting with their elected representatives. Having made that context, where I spend money should be available to my neighbours. They should know how I run my office. They should know how I do business here in the Legislature. Absolutely. And more importantly, clearly senior members of this place, like the clerk, like the sergeant-at-arms, need to have equal scrutiny.

Reporter: I'm just wondering about the whistleblowers, because the report states 16 people came forward and a number of them lost their job. Is there any sort of whistleblower protection, and should there be?

Horgan: We've been looking at that whistleblower protection legislation. It's been talked about in this place for a long, long time. I will be talking to the Attorney General later today. I know that was on our list of things to do. I'm looking around for someone to nod a head at me. I don't know where we're at on that, but whistleblower protection is in other jurisdictions in the world, and could and should be in place here. The particular instance that's been referred to recently is just one example. And again, I made reference as journalists, you get information all the time. So do members of the Legislature, and it's our job to follow through on those things, to see if there's validity to the allegations, just as you do as journalists.

Reporter: Premier, I'm just wondering if, as audits proceed and there's greater expenses at this building, are you concerned that members of your own party are going to emerge in a bad light?

Horgan: No, not at all, because the work that the AG did in the initial audit cleaned all of that up. In fact, up until this year, I had to sign off on every dollar that went out of my office. The receipts are all available on the internet for people to see. So we made significant steps forward after the work that the AG did within the past decade. And so when it comes to MLAs, that work has already been done. Perhaps there is more that can be done. But the issues that Mr Plecas uncovered was the sense of entitlement within the Legislature. And that's where more work absolutely needs to be done.

Reporter: And following up on that, if the report is an alleged snapshot of the last 18 months, what's your message to BCers who are scratching their heads about a wood splitter and tickets to baseball games and whale watching?

Horgan: Cufflinks. Who buys shirts that don't have buttons on the sleeves? I don't get that. They're all over the place. You don't need cufflinks from London. But I'm sorry, I lost track of the question because the cufflink thing bugs me as much as the wood splitter.

Reporter: What is your message to BCers who are worried this is a deep-seated for decades?

Horgan: I would say to them that this didn't just happen. I would say to BCers that this issue that we are now seeing exposed by Speaker Plecas is, I believe, the tip of the iceberg when it comes to excesses in this institution. It does go back to allegations of alcohol being loaded into a pickup truck and delivered to places unknown. References to a former MLA, a former speaker, those allegations need to be tested. But the notion that staff in this place were asked by their superiors to unload a liquor cabinet and take liquor offsite is offensive and potentially criminal. And that's why we need to also be reminded that there is a criminal investigation underway, and not one, but two special prosecutors. Mr Plecas, as I understand it, laid out what he felt he could do legally in his 76-page brief, and there will be more to come. And to the people of BC, I say have confidence that we are on top of this, and have confidence that the independence of the Speaker's office may well be the best thing that's happened in the past 18 months.

Reporter: I'm confused a bit on the differentiation between the police investigation and the Speaker's report. Nobody can say boo about anything for two months because it's all under police investigation. Everybody had to stay away from it. And then the report comes out, everybody is aghast at the things you've outlined, and the Speaker himself and you say there is potential criminality in this report. What are the police looking at, if this report has criminality in it?

Horgan: I don't know. But this allows me to come back to Rob's point. All of the allegations that Mr Plecas laid before you and the public this week in his report, aside from the wood splitter or the cufflinks or the hat, those specifics, the chatter around this place has been there for a long, long time. So something is amuck. Something doesn't smell right about expenditures, about the authority of the clerk's office, the edicts that come down. All of that has been in your inboxes and it's been around.

So had I said in 2014, we should get to the bottom of the muffingate, the allegations would have been made, denials would have been issued, and life would have gone on. But now we have a Speaker who documented his personal experiences and accounts of events and activities. I don't know how that could have happened at a previous time, and I am genuine when I say that. If I had made allegations years ago about what I had heard walking down Government Street on my way to get a cup of coffee, I would have come to you media representatives, and I would have said, I heard this, what do you think? And you might have reported on it. You might have gone and asked some questions. You would have received denials, and you would have moved onto the next order of business. So having Mr Plecas lay this out from his observations has allowed us to shine further light on this, and I'm certain that the legal actions that are underway will shed more light on it. But I can't go any further than that, because quite frankly, I don't know.

Reporter: Changing the topic a bit, looking at the letter that was signed by Sheila Malcolmson and the other two candidates in Nanaimo, saying that although they disagree on the speculation tax, they all agree with the process that the province is undertaking, and it's not one they would choose. Is that concerning to you? What do you think about the NDP candidate saying they disagree with the process?

Horgan: I don't know what letter you're referring to. I do know that the spec tax affects less than 2% of the population, and I believe that most BCers support the notion of those that have two and three and four homes should make those homes available for BCers that have none.

Reporter: Okay, I'm hearing she actually didn't sign it, but they put it out with her name on it.

Horgan: Well there you go. Then I can't answer the question about the letter that she didn't sign.

Reporter: [inaudible]

Horgan: I think it would be an oddity on Craigslist. Rarely used wood splitter. We could raise some money for the children's hospital. We could do any number of things with it. But I was just in Prince George at the Natural Resources forum, and there's a lot of people there that could use a wood splitter. I don't know. I think the representative from a large media outlet right behind you suggested that there is one fireplace in this building, and it's in the clerk's office. One that works. The one in the

Speaker's office just holds [inaudible]. The one in the clerk's office I've seen burning wood. [sss, zpz, pjjh, pssg, mjag]

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
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To: 'Bailey, Ian'
Subject: RE: Just checking: premier Horgan news conference'

Hey Ian,

Yes. LAMC is already looking at the review by the auditor general and the posting of expenses. In terms of the suggestions of tighter rules on foreign travel, there are lots of other measures that should be considered. That's why an audit is so important.

Jen

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Cc: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Just checking: premier Horgan news conference'

Hi there,

Just checking, on background: The BC Liberal leader proposed three measures in reaction to questions raised by the speakers report. In listening to the premier's response today, via in the dial-in, it appeared he agreed with two ideas – the review by the auditor general and the posting of expenses.

Am I correct in that conclusion? Does he agree with the tighter rules on foreign travel?

Regards

Ian Bailey



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To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Subject: RE: PJH Letter for signature

Sorry, missed this one. Please send to Amber for approval. Thanks!

From: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: PJH Letter for signature

Hi Jen! Just following up on this one. Thank you!

From: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
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To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: PJH Letter for signature

Hi Jen!

We just received this letter from IGR for John's signature. Would you like me to send this onto Geoff/Amber H for approval before sending? Thank you!

From: Dawes, Sandra IGRS:EX
Sent: January 21, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX <Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brubacher, Kelly IGRS:EX <Kelly.Brubacher@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: PJH Letter for signature

Hi Jake –

S.22 I am forwarding you a letter approved by Okenge for PO's consideration for Premier Horgan's signature.

Thanks,
Sandra

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To: 'Hunter, Justine'
Subject: transcript from today

24-Jan-2019, 10:50

Horgan - LAMC James/Lenz report

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Reporter: Are you worried about the public's confidence in how politics is done and politicians in this democratic institution?

Horgan: Absolutely, and even going back to the original AG's review of this place. I'm very proud of the work that happens here, and I'm very proud of the people who work here every day in every corner of the building. They are proud of the work that they do, and they are as unhappy about this as the citizens of BC, because whether it be the security staff, the custodian staff, the people that work in the restaurant, the gift shop, the people who clean the leaves off the driveway, people are proud of this institution and the work that happens in it. And when Mr James left the building, Ms Ryan-Lloyd stepped in immediately, and we continue to do the business of this place.

So the institution is strong. I believe that. But we always have to, and Rob's question is a good example of that, we always have to be checking and re-checking to ensure that public confidence is there for the people of BC, that this place is beyond reproach. There were times you'll remember not too long ago when the police of Victoria were walking out of this building with boxes of files that lead to years of investigation. And still no certainty as to what, in fact, that was all about. So these issues, when they emerge, put a black mark on our institutions, and it's our job, the people that are here today, those that are elected and those that cover us, to make sure you do a good job of telling the story about the good things that happen in this place, because there is stuff every single day that goes on here. Moments of kindness, moments of insight, and policy changes that make life better for people, and they get lost when wood splitters become the order of the day. It's disappointing for me profoundly, and I know it is for the people of BC.

Reporter: Darryl Plecas yesterday said that he wants everything completely open and transparent. Would you agree that everything here at the Legislature should be FOI-able, should be transparent, everything.

Horgan: Yes. With the exception of a few things. Making a blanket statement of yes, we need to make sure that when it comes to expenditures, when it comes to public money, it must be transparent. But there are moments, for example, whistleblowers who contact members of the Legislature about issues that they want to bring to the attention of the people who work in the Legislative Assembly, in the chamber. Myself, my colleagues. And those individuals who come to talk to legislators about issues of importance to them, or in their community, could be at risk if that information is made public. And so I believe there needs to be exemptions within FOI when it comes to citizens interacting with their elected representatives. Having made that context, where I spend money should be available to my neighbours. They should know how I run my office. They should know how I do business here in the Legislature. Absolutely. And more importantly, clearly senior members of this place, like the clerk, like the sergeant-at-arms, need to have equal scrutiny.

Reporter: I'm just wondering about the whistleblowers, because the report states 16 people came forward and a number of them lost their job. Is there any sort of whistleblower protection, and should there be?

Horgan: We've been looking at that whistleblower protection legislation. It's been talked about in this place for a long, long time. I will be talking to the Attorney General later today. I know that was on our list of things to do. I'm looking around for someone to nod a head at me. I don't know where we're at on that, but whistleblower protection is in other jurisdictions in the world, and could and should be in place here. The particular instance that's been referred to recently is just one example. And again, I made reference as journalists, you get information all the time. So do members of the Legislature, and it's our job to follow through on those things, to see if there's validity to the allegations, just as you do as journalists.

Reporter: Premier, I'm just wondering if, as audits proceed and there's greater expenses at this building, are you concerned that members of your own party are going to emerge in a bad light?

Horgan: No, not at all, because the work that the AG did in the initial audit cleaned all of that up. In fact, up until this year, I had to sign off on every dollar that went out of my office. The receipts are all available on the internet for people to see. So we made significant steps forward after the work that the AG did within the past decade. And so when it comes to MLAs, that work has already been done. Perhaps there is more that can be done. But the issues that Mr Plecas uncovered was the sense of entitlement within the Legislature. And that's where more work absolutely needs to be done.

Reporter: And following up on that, if the report is an alleged snapshot of the last 18 months, what's your message to BCers who are scratching their heads about a wood splitter and tickets to baseball games and whale watching?

Horgan: Cufflinks. Who buys shirts that don't have buttons on the sleeves? I don't get that. They're all over the place. You don't need cufflinks from London. But I'm sorry, I lost track of the question because the cufflink thing bugs me as much as the wood splitter.

Reporter: What is your message to BCers who are worried this is a deep-seated for decades?

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Reporter: Okay, I'm hearing she actually didn't sign it, but they put it out with her name on it.

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Reporter: [inaudible]

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Reporter: I guess there is no cease fire, here. Do you think he's taking his position because they look much weaker than your party?

Horgan: This is the problem right there. It's about gamesmanship. It's about one-upping. Had the leader of the opposition adopted the position that the government did, and at the time the Green caucus did, about allowing this to run its course, we wouldn't have had the outrageous allegations made against Mr Plecas. We wouldn't have had question periods where questions that were obviously out of order were put time and time again to the Attorney General. That was all politics, and it was all posturing. Now the leader of the opposition wants to pretend to the people of BC that he's above that. Nonsense. Let's get above that by using the tools that we have, here. The Legislative Assembly Management Committee can and should manage these issues in a non-partisan way.

Reporter: You've been around here a long time. Do you think this culture of entitlement extends back to George MacMinn's time?

Horgan: I've been on the record on that for some time. I have been born and raised in Victoria, passionate about this institution, passionate about public service, a member of this place for 14 years, had the honour to be a house leader for the opposition, a leader of the opposition, and now Premier. And in that time, 14 years, Mr James never visited me. Not in my office, not in my home. He didn't expense visits to me. He did to Christy Clark when she wasn't a member of this place. He did visit Mr Barisoff. So in 14 years, Mr James or Mr MacMinn never sought me out, even though I was what would be characterized as an important part of the functioning of the place as an opposition leader and as opposition house leader.

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Reporter: You signalled yesterday that the LAMC should revisit the question of who does the audit and give the work to Carol Bellringer. Do you have any thoughts on how far back she should go in that exercise or how it should be decided how far back she goes?

Horgan: Certainly, again, we have members of the Legislature from all parties that sit on LAMC, and the public, I have to say, over the Christmas holiday, a lot of people came up to me and said what the heck is going on at the Legislature? And I had to explain that I am the head of the executive council, I'm the head of the government, and the head of the Legislature is the Speaker. And the body that helps him administer that is called LAMC, and it has members from all parties. You know that, but the public doesn't know that. So they were curious as to why the Premier would not have some sense of what was going on, here.

Having been on LAMC in the past, I would answer your question this way. No one asked me what my views were until yesterday and I gave them. My views again today are that the Auditor General of BC is independent, and the current occupant, Carol Bellringer, is absolutely equipped and capable to do this work, and I would suggest, having had her office and her staff, many of whom are still there, do the thorough audit that happened in 2010 to 2012, and exposed the challenges that we have done our level best to fix, would be absolutely appropriate. Now should she require additional assistance from outside of BC and LAMC wants to direct that, it's up to them. But my view would be that the AG and her staff are more than capable of picking up where they left off in 2010, or they can go back as far as they wish. The public has a right to know how long this has been going on, and how quickly can we fix it.

Reporter: I want to ask you about the byelection.

Horgan: It's happening next week.

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Horgan: Really important.

Reporter: A little more than that.

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Reporter: Were there any red flags that have come up...

Horgan: I'm colourblind. I don't know.

Reporter: You can't see red?

Horgan: Red-green colourblind.

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Speaker's office just holds [inaudible]. The one in the clerk's office I've seen burning wood. [sss, zpz, pjhh, pssg, mjag]

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:36 PM
To: 'Brougham, Laura'
Subject: RE: CFX Interview Request - Jan. 25

Ravi Kahlon is the one who has been doing some media on this the last few days. I can see if he's available if you're interested. He has also been up to Nanaimo recently.

Jen

From: Brougham, Laura <laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:32 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CFX Interview Request - Jan. 25

Hi Jen,

I just wanted to check back in.

Andrew Wilkinson will be on with AI at 7:20, so we'd really like to get someone from the NDP on to address this as well. That way we get both sides.

Thanks,

Laura

Laura Brougham | Talk Show Producer

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From: Brougham, Laura
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:48 PM
To: 'Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX'
Subject: RE: CFX Interview Request - Jan. 25

Hi Jen,

Did you have someone specific in mind?

If it's someone involved with the Darryl Plecas report, we'd be interested. So Farnworth or someone else. Although we just had Garry Begg on so unfortunately we'd have to pass on him.

Thanks,

Laura

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Brougham, Laura
Subject: RE: CFOX Interview Request - Jan. 25

Hi Laura,
He's not available. I could see if someone else from the government side is, if you're interested. Let me know.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Brougham, Laura <laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CFOX Interview Request - Jan. 25

Hello Jen,

I was wondering if the premier would be available tomorrow morning to do an interview with Al Ferraby about two topics.

The first would be about Darryl Plecas' report outlining the alleged spending habits of Craig James and Gary Lenz.

The second would be about the Nanaimo byelection. Since Al's show is broadcast across the province on CTV, we were hoping to have him on to talk about the upcoming byelection.

If he's available, we have a time slot open at 8:20 a.m. for a 6-7 minute interview.

Please let me know if that will work.

Thanks,

Laura Brougham

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:36 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90170 Records Due January 22, 2019

No records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Basi, Selena PREM:EX <Selena.Basi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90170 Records Due January 22, 2019
Importance: High

Hello all,

A reminder for this request.

Thanks so much,
-Amanda

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: January 10, 2019 10:23 AM
To: LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2019-90170 Records Due January 22, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 22nd whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

All communications between staff in the Premier's Office/Deputy Minister's Office and Ken Noga.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 05/01/2018 To 08/31/2018) 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.

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

Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator
Deputy Minister's Office | Office of the Premier
Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8W 9E1
Phone: (250) 387-2987

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Cc: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: MEDIA REQUEST: Delta Casino

Hi there,
Can your shop please provide a response to Mike on these questions? He is aware the premier is unavailable.

Thanks!
Jen

From: Hager, Mike <MHager@globeandmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Delta Casino

Hi Jen,

Can we get an answer from the premier on these questions please?

- 1) Knowing what we now know about the extent of money laundering in B.C.'s casinos, would he have stopped the approval of the upcoming Delta Casino?
- 2) Is he willing to now stop the casino from getting built?
 - a. If so, why and how?
 - b. If not, why not?

Sorry, but hoping for answers by 3 p.m. today, is that doable?

Thanks,

Mike

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:31 PM
To: 'Hager, Mike'
Subject: RE: Delta Casino

Hey Mike,
The Attorney General's office will provide you with a response on this. They should be in touch shortly.

Jen

From: Hager, Mike <MHager@globeandmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
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Mike

From: Hager, Mike
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:42 AM
To: 'Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX' <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria; teleconference

Any clarity on dialing in?

Thanks Jen,

Mike

From: noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca <noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Hager, Mike <MHager@globeandmail.com>
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria; teleconference

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:07 PM
To: 'Matthew Lazin-Ryder'
Subject: RE: CBC Radio interview request

She's not, but Ravi Kahlon has been speaking on the issue.

From: Matthew Lazin-Ryder <matthew.lazin-ryder@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: CBC Radio interview request

Who's available? We'd be interested in Carole James if she's available, as Deputy Premier.

Matthew Lazin-Ryder
CBC Radio Vancouver
604 662 6957
matthew.lazin-ryder@cbc.ca

On Thu, 24 Jan 2019 at 11:56, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Matthew,

The premier is unavailable, but I may be able to help arrange someone else from the government side, if you're interested. Let me know.

Cheers,

Jen

From: Matthew Lazin-Ryder <matthew.lazin-ryder@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CBC Radio interview request

Hello Jen

Writing from afternoon show on CBC Radio in Vancouver with Gloria Macarenko.

Would like to request an interview with the Premier, on the subject of legislature finance and oversight, at 5:15pm today.

No callers, but we have requested Opposition Leader Wilkinson for 5:05pm today.

Call-in number would be 604 669 3733

Please let me know if this is possible,

Thank you

Matthew Lazin-Ryder

CBC Radio Vancouver

604 662 6957

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:06 PM
To: 'Jennifer Chen'
Subject: RE: My email - request for Premier Horgan on CBC Radio The Early Edition

Hi Jennifer,

The premier is unavailable, but I may be able to help arrange someone else from the government side, if you're interested. Let me know.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Jennifer Chen <jennifer.chen@cbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: My email - request for Premier Horgan on CBC Radio The Early Edition

Hi Jen

We'd like to have the premier on our program tomorrow morning between 6:10 and 7:40 a.m. We are flexible but our preferred spot is 7 a.m. We can do pretapes as well.

You can reach me at 604-662-6025.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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Jennifer Chen
Associate Producer
The Early Edition
604-662-6025

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY Office of the Premier Victoria; teleconference

Hi Lindsay,
Can we have Jeremy added to the majors list please?

From: Jeremy Hainsworth <jhainsworth@glaciermedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY Office of the Premier Victoria; teleconference

Jen,
Could I be out on the advisory list please.
Thanks
Jeremy

From: noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca [<mailto:noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: January 24, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Tracy, Pat (LMP)
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Victoria; teleconference

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:30 AM
To: 'Jeremy Hainsworth'
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY Office of the Premier Victoria; teleconference

Will add you.

From: Jeremy Hainsworth <jhainsworth@glaciermedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY Office of the Premier Victoria; teleconference

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Jeremy

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 4:22 PM
To: Palmer, Vaughn
Subject: Re: friendly reminder

Hi Vaughn,

Here is a statement from the Office of the Premier (or me as spokesperson, if you prefer):

“Government cannot comment directly on internal conversations held under the CASA because the agreement includes an undertaking on confidentiality.

“However, government has been very clear that tackling the out-of-control housing market is a central priority of the government and of British Columbians. The speculation tax was a core part of the budget and is a key initiative to make housing more affordable for people.”

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On Jan 23, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Palmer, Vaughn <vpalmer@postmedia.com> wrote:

Planning to write about weaver, his comments on spec tax, allegations that government threatened to make it a confidence matter in the house.

Will probably write about it Thursday for Friday paper, because I am leaving early for Nanaimo that day to cover all candidates meeting.

If any response from government to Weaver’s allegations, would be pleased to record it.

If “no comment,” that would be noted as well.

On another matter, if there is a transcript of the premier’s media avail Wednesday and/or his speech, that would also be welcomed by me.

Thank you.

—Vaughn

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 2:57 PM
To: 'vpalmer@postmedia.com'
Subject: transcript

Media Availability
Horgan - Prince George Conference and Civic Centre
23-Jan-2019 13:38

Quoted: Reporter, John Horgan

John Horgan: I want to start by having a comment on the recently released report by the Speaker of the Legislature. Like all of you, I was shocked at the allegations that were brought forward by the Speaker. Clearly, it speaks to the need for further audits. I know LAMC will be working on that. I spoke to my House leader this morning. Minister Farnworth is going to be working with other members of the committee and the Speaker to find a way forward. But it's critically important that we all work on this together.

I'm just reminded that when the events of last fall were unfolding, the Liberal Party, the official opposition, were critical of Mr Plecas for taking action, in the short period of time that he was Speaker, to address what were clearly excessive activities by officers of the Legislature. Clearly, after 16 years of a sense of entitlement at the Legislature, it's time to clean that up. I'm confident that we'll be able to do that. Minister Farnworth is going to work with other members of the LAMC committee to find the best way forward.

But I give full marks to Speaker Plecas for having the courage. Despite the just horrendous smearing that went on from the BC Liberals of his character, he has shed a light on something that all British Columbians are startled and disgusted by, and I think that's a good thing.

Reporter: It would be a fair statement to say forestry's in a bit of trouble these days, between 2 million ha burned, mill curtailments, production curtailment, possibility of mill closures. What can you do to reassure that sector that there's a future here?

Horgan: We announced just last week a coastal forestry revitalization that's going to lead to more logs staying in BC, more opportunity to extend mills, rather than see the closures and the curtailments. The Interior is a different story, and we've been working from our swearing-in back in 2017 on market issues, to make sure that we have markets for our products. The softwood lumber dispute, again, continues to press on, and we have now challenges with our other trading partners, particularly in China.

There are no shortage of challenges for the Interior forest industry. We went through the pine beetle. We went through two of the worst fire seasons in our history. That's had a significant impact on the fibre basket, and we're going to have to work through that. But I have every confidence that Minister Donaldson, leaders in communities as well as leaders in the sector are focused on that, and we're going to do everything we can to continue to see forestry as a sunrise industry in BC.

Reporter: You touched on it every briefly. Export Development Canada has predicted that China will surpass the US as net importers of BC wood products, but that was in November, and things have changed. What is your sense?

Horgan: I travelled to China early on. Actually, it was last year, prior to this conference in Prince George. Met with those who want access to our wood products. It is a clean, green building product that will allow us to reduce carbon

emissions over time, particularly in those places that are heavy on cement and fossil fuels, to create housing stock and industry. So it's a great opportunity for us. For, I guess, gosh, coming on 30 years now, successive provincial governments have looked to Asia to diversify our markets to the south, largely because of the constant harassment around softwood lumber tariffs brought forward almost on decade-by-decade basis by producers in the US.

It's been a conscious effort by successive governments, and we are committed to doing that as well.

I believe that the current trade dispute, which is resulting around an individual and an extradition case that is still making its way through the courts, is a significant challenge. I've been in touch with the consul general for China here in Vancouver, made it clear through Minister Ralston, who's responsible for trade and responsible for diplomatic relations, that BC stands ready to be a free and fair trader with everyone in the world and any disputes between Canada and China should be just that -- Canada and China.

And on the economy and on our ability to provide a quality product to the Asian market, particularly the Chinese market, we stand ready to continue to do that.

Reporter: Going back to the forestry bit and the changes that you announced a couple of weeks ago, will this result in non-renewable licences being more available to smaller producers -- i.e., not the majors? And what kind of changes are coming to the BC Timber Sales program? Sort of the same thing. Is it going to be within reach to some of the smaller producers and those who don't have deep pockets?

Horgan: We want to make sure, first and foremost, that the surrogate bidding that's been blocking small operators from accessing BC logs is stopped so that we don't have people bidding on behalf of other people; we have a fair and free and open log market. I believe that's the beginning of success for those who don't have tenured access to fibre supply.

There are a number of other changes that we announced on the coast that will be also making their way through into the Interior. I believe, first and foremost, we want to make sure people are working in our forest industry. That has been the way of the world for PG, for example, for Mackenzie, all the way out to Rupert for a long, long, long time. We want to keep that going. Similarly, in the Cariboo, south of here, we have challenges where the fires were devastating two consecutive years, when we aired had challenges when it comes to accessing fibre.

These are not solutions that will come overnight, but through cooperation and business-to-business relationships we want to try and share the existing fibre so that we can continue to keep companies going and people employed in a whole bunch of communities, not just in a few.

Reporter: Keith Baldrey had a couple of questions. Do you feel vindicated having opposed the appointment of James as Clerk, and is there any possibility of either of these two officers returning to their positions?

Horgan: Certainly, when Mr James was appointed arbitrarily, at the whim of, at that time, Rich Coleman, who was the House leader -- he was my opposite number -- absolutely unprecedented in BC history. The Clerk of the Legislature is supposed to be impartial, supposed to be there for all members, focused not on themselves, first and foremost, but on the institution. I'm very passionate and proud about our governing institutions, and I said at the time of Mr James's removal last year that within seconds of that happening we were continuing to debate legislation. The deputy, Kate Ryan-Lloyd, stepped into the role, and there was a seamless transition. That said to me, and I think to BCers, that our institutions were stronger than one individual.

Having said that, at the time, in 2011, I spoke passionately in the Legislature, as did Adrian Dix, about how just plain wrong it was for the BC Liberals to just assume that they could dictate how our institutions run. It's not supposed to be that way. That's what we said at the time. And I suppose that there is vindication in that. I take no comfort in that, though. Rather than vindication, I would prefer to have an independent, impartial Clerk making sure that the business of BC is done in an open and transparent way and issues like excessive expenditures on what seem to be some pretty bizarre items just doesn't happen again. We need to do something about that. We brought in the auditor general back

in 2010 to do an audit that led to the better practices that we have today. But clearly those practices have been circumvented by the existing officers of the Legislature. So we have more work to do there. Minister Farnworth's going to be working with other colleagues, Liberal and Green, to find a way to bring in an independent audit. The auditor general of BC, of course, is independent. They had done a review not six years ago, so they've already got the expertise. They know how the ledgers work. I think that's probably the best way forward. But I'll leave it to those people to figure that out.

Reporter: How has your experience been at this year's Natural Resources Forum compared to last year?

Horgan: That's a good question, because 12 months is a long time, and I felt last year I was the new kid on the block. I'd been six months on the job. There was a sense of, well, what's he all about? Who is he? Some of you here had met me before. They'd talked to me before. They knew what I was about. But many in the room last year were uncertain about that. There were issues that people felt were going to be foreclosed because I was Premier. One of them was LNG, and that was, I think, not so much because of anything I had said but what my opponents had said about me. So talk about vindication; I'm very pleased to be standing here a year later, having worked with indigenous communities, worked with the investment community, to see this large investment in Kitimat and across the north by LNG Canada.

I think the reception this year is, well, he said that he was supportive, and here we are 12 months later, and we have a massive investment about to take place in the north that will create opportunity not just in Kitimat but in PG and Fort St John. And of course, the benefits are not just going to be in the north. They're going to be all over BC. So it's very exciting. Again, that doesn't mean that there are not challenges. It wouldn't be a day in my office without a challenge. It's kind of been what I've done since I arrived. But I'm very much excited about that. I think that adversity is how you measure people's character. We've had some adversity. We're not out of the woods yet, as it were, with respect to rights and title and working with the hereditary leadership in the Wet'suwet'en territory. We'll continue to do that. The hard work is there for all of us to participate in. But the investment decision is a go. People are looking forward to a long period of stable employment that will create stronger communities as a result.

Reporter: We were just wondering if you have any plan to meet with the Wet'suwet'en First Nation and if you've already been in contact with them.

Horgan: Last August I went to the office of the Wet'suwet'en in Smithers and I sat down with the hereditary leadership for the day and listened -- not talked to, but listened -- to their concerns, not just about natural gas but a range of other issues around rights and title, about children in care. A disproportionate number of kids in care in BC are indigenous children, and we need to find a way forward. We've, in fact, made progress with Wet'suwet'en and other nations on kids in care. But I have already established those relationships. I didn't go with a video camera or a brass band. I went respectfully to hear from the hereditary leadership in the community. And I think that puts us in a good position now, having already gone to have those discussions, to continue to have a dialogue and find a way forward. So I'm very enthusiastic about that, and we have been in contact since early January, the events at the blockade, and we'll continue to be in contact.

Reporter: I can't let you out of my clutches without asking you -- when are we getting a new surgical tower?

Horgan: Funny you should ask that. I have to give a sort of a glib answer. I read in my notes that Shirley Bond is complaining about that. In fact, the way it came to me was she didn't think Fort St James deserved a hospital before a tower was built here. My response to Shirley is -- where you been? If there was a concept plan, Minister Dix would be able to effect it. For 16 years there was no concept plan, so we're going to do our level best, working with Northern Health, to meet the needs of citizens in Prince George. But we also have to meet the needs of citizens in Terrace and in Dawson Creek and in Fort St James that were also ignored for 16 years.

We have an ambitious capital program when it comes to health care. Minister Dix has gone to places like Terrace, where the BC Liberals said, election after election, a hospital was coming. When we formed government, we went to the officials at Health and said, where's the plan for the hospital in Terrace. And they looked at us as if we'd come off of a

spaceship. There was no plan for a hospital in Terrace. So for Ms Bond to say that we're not moving fast enough on a tower in Prince George, if she wants to know the reason, she should look in the mirror. [sss, pjjh, pssg, zpz, forr, tnf, hlth]

Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Message for Miracle's 18th Anniversary on Feb 21, 2019
Attachments: Message for 18th Miracle's Anniversary.doc

Hi Jake,
Can you please have correspondence work up a greeting on this and send my way for approval? Thanks!
Jen

From: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Message for Miracle's 18th Anniversary on Feb 21, 2019

Hi Sage,
Please see email from Miracle Newspaper below. They would like a message from the Premier on their 18th anniversary. This is a popular newspaper which serves Pakistani-Canadians and is quite supportive of us.

Shruti Prakash-Joshi
Media Relations Officer
Government Communications & Public Engagement
778-587-4521



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From: miraclenews@telus.net <miraclenews@telus.net>
Sent: January 22, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX <Shruti.Joshi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Message for Miracle's 18th Anniversary on Feb 21, 2019

Hi Ms. Joshi
I sent all MLAS this message, if you have a chance please get Premier John Horgan Message for Miracle, otherwise I can send direct to in his office.
Thanks

To: MLA Bruce Ralston (bruce.ralston.mla@leg.bc.ca) <bruce.ralston.mla@leg.bc.ca>; MLA Harry Bains (harry.bains.mla@leg.bc.ca) <harry.bains.mla@leg.bc.ca>; 'Rachna.Singh.MLA@leg.bc.ca' <Rachna.Singh.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; MLA Jinny Sims (jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca) <jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; MLA Raj Chouhan (Raj.Chouhan.MLA@leg.bc.ca) <Raj.Chouhan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; MLA Jag Barar (Jagrup.Brar.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

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‘The Miracle’ newspaper is the first Muslim biweekly & bilingual (English & Urdu) newspaper in Metro Vancouver, which has been serving the BC Community for more than 17 years. The Miracle slogan is **"BRINGING HARMONY TO ALL THE COMMUNITIES"** Every year, the Miracle Media celebrates its Anniversary in unique style.

Since many years, ‘The Miracle’ publishes a special supplement at this occasion, which highlighted the history of first Muslim Newspaper in beautiful British Columbia.

The Miracle is a household newspaper of our Muslim community and popular as well as in other local & ethnic community and in main stream.

In this edition we do cover Miracle messages from all communities, Government officials, politicians, religious scholars as well as Miracle's readers.

We will be continuing the tradition this year. ‘**The Miracle**’ would like to request you to send us your message for the 18th Anniversary to all of our readers.

The Miracle 18th Anniversary Special edition will be published on Friday, Feb 15, 2019 in all color pages.

Please send your complementary message in

Word Document or JPG by February 8, 2019 with your picture.

Thanks.



Regards,
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 12:23 PM
To: 'tanya.fletcher@cbc.ca'
Subject: RE: Question...

Hey Tanya,

On background, officially the BC NDP, at least from the government side of things, isn't working on Singh's campaign. There are, of course, local BC NDP MLAs and activists that will be helping out on it, as there always are. Perhaps some at the party might be able to offer more than that, but I believe they're pretty busy on our own by-election.

Cheers!
Jen

From: Tanya Fletcher <tanya.fletcher@cbc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Question...

Hey Jen!

I just got off the phone with Tyler Hooper, he suggested you might be the best person to talk to...
I'm doing a podcast with Eric Grenier, one of our Parliamentary reporters for the national network.
He's bringing me on to talk about the Nanaimo by-election, but in the script he sent me the first question is this:

1) Before we talk about the Nanaimo byelection, what approach is the B.C. NDP taking with the federal byelection in Burnaby South? Are they pitching in to help out Jagmeet Singh?

Wondering if I could get a bit of background to help answer this.
I wouldn't necessarily need an official comment or statement, but more just some background to help me talk through that answer.
Any position the BC NDP has on that federal by-election in Burnaby-South would be great...

Thanks!

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:54 PM
To: 'shalu.mehta@goldstreamgazette.com'
Subject: RE: following up

Hi again,
The info you asked for earlier is below.

Langford has been severely impacted by the housing crisis with:

-Rental vacancy rates of just 0.7% for the Westshore, according to CMHC. For 3 bedroom family homes, the vacancy rate is 0%.

-Assessment price hikes of 21% for Langford in the last year and a 51% increase in the benchmark price of a home in the last five years.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 4:17 PM
To: shalu.mehta@goldstreamgazette.com
Subject: following up

Hi Shalu,
Following up from our conversation this morning...

In regard to the mayor's comments on Bear Mountain being exempt from the Speculation and Vacancy Tax as a "resort area":

The Speculation and Vacancy Tax applies to the largest urban centres with the most significant housing affordability challenges. This includes Langford, which has been severely impacted by the housing crisis with near zero rental vacancy rates and dramatically increasing home prices. Municipalities cannot remove sub-sections of the Speculation Vacancy Tax area, such as the request to remove Bear Mountain. It would not be appropriate for any city to pick and choose which neighbourhoods or corporate developments the tax applies to.

Our government's focus is on ensuring that all British Columbians can afford a place to call home. We are turning vacant properties into homes for people to actually live in.

In regard to the report:

Government never produced nor received the described report about the application of the Speculation and Vacancy Tax to Bear Mountain.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 5:36 PM
To: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX
Subject: RE: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Please send to Craig. I'd welcome his opinion on joint message or not. Thanks!

From: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hi Jen,

I've attached a draft CHRA Congress message that is from PJH only and has not yet been sent to Craig. Let me know whether I should change it to a joint message with MSR and whether you'd like me to send it to Craig first instead.

Thank you!
Shandi

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Sent: January 18, 2019 4:34 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX <Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hi Jen – further to this, with needing to get the msg translated, it would be great to have things finalized by the end of next week.

Craig is happy to review.

Can you pls confirm with Shandi if you would prefer to see it before or after it goes to him?

Thanks!

FYI – I think there may be a couple of other msgs she may need you to review next week, but she made a valiant effort to get all of the Jan requests completed before I left – unfortunately, we've had some additional last-minute LNY ones come in that has meant a few will carry over until next week.

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Sent: January 17, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX <Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hi Jen – I've let Bruce know that we'll get this in the queue as he wanted to confirm things w/Charla.

Can you pls advise as to whether we should prep this as a msg just from PJH or if we should also include MSR?

FYI – I've also asked Bruce to get confirmation from Charla on the deadline (eg. is it needed by end of day on Fri, Feb 8? Or sooner, as they say the "first week of Feb").

From: Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX
Sent: January 17, 2019 10:05 AM
To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX <Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Over to you.

Bruce Fogg
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Premier John Horgan, MLA
Langford-Juan de Fuca
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From: Charla Huber <charla@makola.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX <Bruce.Fogg@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Kevin Albers <kalbers@makola.bc.ca>; Jeff Morrison <jmorrison@chra-achru.ca>
Subject: FW: CHRA Congress - Premier John Horgan

Hi Bruce,

Jeff Morrison, CEO of Canadian Housing and Renewal Association, is hoping Premier Horgan is willing to submit a letter greeting the delegates of CHRA Congress conference being held in Victoria this spring. The conference is a national conference on Affordable Housing with affordable housing providers from across BC, Canada and internationally.

I have met with Premier Horgan to discuss this conference and he said it was in his calendar.

Attached is a sample letter provided from CHRA. If Premier Horgan agrees to the letter CHRA is hoping to have it by the first week of February. If possible it would be great if the letter could be in both French and English.

The letter can be sent to Jeff Morrison directly and he's been CC'd on this email.

If there is anything I can do to aid in this process please let me know.

Thanks Bruce for all your help and support,
-Charla

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Subject: letter

Hey Jake,

Are you able to have a search for a letter correspondence received in December 2017 apparently alleging some employees of the legislative assembly being terminated without cause. It was referred to Labour, I believe. Not sure who it was from, sorry.

Thanks!

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 12:59 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Reminder: Consultation MOE-2018-86252 Due: January 21, 2019 - 1 page

No concerns.

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On Jan 21, 2019, at 12:52 PM, OOP FOI PREM:EX <OOP.FOI@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Reminder for this 1 page consult due today.

Thank you!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: January 4, 2019 9:51 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Consultation MOE-2018-86252 Due: January 21, 2019 - 1 page

Hi Jen,

The Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy received this FOI request from a Political Party:
Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages sent from the Minister/Minister of State - excluding attachments and any correspondence from individuals responding on behalf of the Minister/Minister of State (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/01/2017 To 10/31/2017)

They identified the attached document as responsive records. Could you please review the attached 1 page and please let me know if you have any concerns with the disclosure of the emails you authored?

Thank you so much!

Alison

<FOI Request MOE-2018-86252- Consultation Documents (003).pdf>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 3:35 PM
To: alawrence@cheknews.ca
Subject: FW: Stew Young

Hi April,

The Ministry of Finance sent your request my way. Here is a statement from me as spokesperson for the Office of the Premier:

“Clearly the mayor misinterpreted the staff person’s comments. Two longtime civil servants that were present at the meeting confirmed that there were no inappropriate comments made. While the Mayor made his disagreement with the policy known, all government staff conducted themselves in a professional manner.

“As with other areas where the speculation tax applies, Langford was included because it is an urban centre with evidence of serious housing affordability challenges. That was the only consideration. Our focus is on ensuring that all British Columbians can afford a place to call home. We are turning vacant properties into homes for British Columbians to actually live in.”

Cheers,

Jen

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Begin forwarded message:

From: April Lawrence <alawrence@cheknews.ca>
Date: January 18, 2019 at 2:27:46 PM PST
To: sonja.zoeller@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Stew Young

Hi Sonja,

Me again. I just finished speaking with Langford Mayor Stew Young and he is insisting he was threatened by a Ministry of Finance staffer (Rob Gillezeau) that if Langford publicly denounced the spec tax Langford would never be exempted. Response from the Ministry?

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 3:24 PM
To: Hallman, Jason
Subject: statement

Hi Jason,

The Premier isn't available, but here's a statement from me as spokesperson for the Office of the Premier:

Clearly the mayor misinterpreted the staff person's comments. Two longtime civil servants that were present at the meeting confirmed that there were no inappropriate comments made. While the Mayor made his disagreement with the policy known, all government staff conducted themselves in a professional manner.

As with other areas where the speculation tax applies, Langford was included because it is an urban centre with evidence of serious housing affordability challenges. That was the only consideration. Our focus is on ensuring that all British Columbians can afford a place to call home. We are turning vacant properties into homes for British Columbians to actually live in.

Have a great weekend!

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 11:33 AM
To: shalu.mehta@goldstreamgazette.com
Subject: statement

Hi Shalu,

You can use this statement from me as spokesperson for the Office of the Premier:

Government met with many stakeholders including the Mayor of Langford. We looked into the matter raised by the Mayor and are confident that all government staff conducted themselves professionally and there was not an exchange like the one the Mayor described.

Langford was always included in the Speculation Tax region because it experiences serious housing challenges and very low vacancy rates.

I will follow up later on your other questions.

Cheers,

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 10:32 AM
To: JHunter@globeandmail.com
Subject: Transcript from yesterday

In case you're interested:

Jan-2019, 13:00

Horgan - forestry reforms & responsive government

By Horgan - 76th annual Truck Loggers Association Convention

John Horgan: Thank you very much for the introduction and for those who -- everyone knows what a joinery is? We were doing a little bit of discussion about that. I worked at the Cowichan joinery many, many years ago on Vancouver Island. We made a door jamb, a window sash and other things. I just pulled the wood and swept up the floor but it was a lucrative business for the owners at that time. I made a little bit of pocket money and it paid for my education.

I also spent some time in a pulp mill in Ocean Falls. I think I talked about that last year. Anyone ever been to Ocean Falls? Bless you. You can't get into a room and not find someone from Ocean Falls. If you've been in the swimming pool, you know that stroke, stroke, turn, stroke, stroke, turn is how you've got Olympic swimmers out of Ocean Falls.

It's great to be here again for my second go-around at TLA. I want to thank President Mike Richardson. I want to thank Dave Elstone for constantly being in our office -- people need to know that he is relentless. I'm not just trying to prop up his career. He is relentless -- you know that. Wherever I go, whether it's talking to people working in the forest industry in the Interior, in the Kootenays, in the north, Dave's always there making sure that I remember my roots as a Vancouver Islander and a coastal dweller, and the importance of TLA issues not just to you in this room but to the province broadly speaking.

To all the board members, to past president Jacqui -- who had the best lunch she's had in five years, I'm told -- and to the TLA staff, thanks very much for the work you do each and every day to maintain and support the good hard work of the members of the TLA here in the room today.

We have a number of members of the Legislature with me, my colleagues from cabinet -- Minister Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services, and of course Minister Doug Donaldson, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -- are both here from the government side. John Rustad and Jordan Sturdy are here from the opposition side, again, also friends of the forest industry. It's good to have a cross-section of the Legislature here to talk about the importance of the work that you do each and every day making it work.

I asked the piper if he know Doug and the Slugs and he said he did, and he was going to -- he said if he'd been given another half an hour, he would've been able to bang out Making It Work on the pipes. Perhaps he's gone away to do that now. I said, you can either do Amazing Grace or that other song you do on the pipes, whatever that one is. It was nice to be piped in again and well done to everyone to make me welcome again. I really appreciate that.

Not only is the TLA making it work but we in government have been doing our level best to make it work as well. It's been 16.5 months -- coming on 17 months, actually, tomorrow -- since I was sworn in as the 36th Premier of BC. I want to certainly acknowledge what a great opportunity, a personal opportunity this has been for me. I am humbled by the opportunity.

I have been buffeted a bit by some of the challenges. Scott talked about the worst fire season ever, which you'll remember was followed by the worst fire season ever. That was my introduction by fire to the office of Premier. It was an opportunity for me to criss-cross the province to talk to people, not just forest fire fighters but people in industry, people in communities, and to recognize the true resilience of BC and the people who have the good fortune to live here.

I hope that the flood season that's about to come upon us with the freshet is not -- and I think it's going to rain for the next 60 days, if I've got the forecast, the weather right this morning -- I'm hopeful that the natural disaster part of my mandate is over and we can start focusing on some other issues. I think many people in the room will know John Allan, who I coerced out of retirement to come back and lead the ministry. John knows a good deal about forestry, as you know, and we're very grateful to have his expertise and experience at the cabinet table assisting Minister Donaldson and government to make sure that when we bring forward policy changes that they're consistent with what is needed in this room and what's needed in communities right across the province.

As your members know and all of you know, the land base is diverse and changing. Many of you have been in the industry for generations. Many of you have just started. I shared a story in the green room -- although I'm colourblind. Was it a green room? -- offstage before we came in about being at a wedding in Campbell River just not last summer but the summer before.

Of course, you're in Campbell River, it's a resource town. My goddaughter was getting married and there were a bunch of young people there, as happens at weddings. Everyone was told by the father of the groom to just leave them alone. Don't bug them. Just leave them alone. After a couple of drinks, as you know at a wedding, often times, people have something on their mind.

A couple of young guys came over and talked to me about forestry. They say, you're not going to wreck stuff, are you? They're really worried about that. I didn't take it personally, nor did I take it as a comment on the NDP. For at least the past 20 years, working in the woods, working in forestry has been challenging. Circumstances changing regularly, government policy changing regularly. Your challenges on the land base, whether it be in the Interior with pine beetle, whether it be addressing the needs of dwindling milling capacity, dwindling opportunities to move logs. It's led to an increase in raw log exports, which has led to a frustration in communities that are detached from industry, but they see wealth leaving BC without any value being added to it.

I know and you know it's a complicated issue but it's not one that we can continue to ignore. With a dwindling fibre basket, the challenges of old growth stands that need to be preserved, we need to find ways to work through all of those issues whether it's public perception or reality. The industry has been and will continue to be under a microscope.

The work that you do is important for your families. It's important for communities. It's also important for BCers. We need to address perception and we need to make sure that our reality is on a track that will benefit the people in this room and the people of the province.

I know that the TLA and others across the province have ideas about how we can renew our coastal forests. There is no magic. There is no solution that will come out of a bag that no one's thought of before. I am confident working with Dave the TLA executive and you at tables around this room and people in communities right across the coast, up and down the island and in the Interior and the Lower Mainland, we can find solutions to ensure that we continue to have a robust forest sector that will continue to provide wealth to the province, wealth to families and wealth to communities.

Finding the right solutions means that we have to work together. Although I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today about coastal forestry, we need to make sure that we're focused on people, on communities and the lives that are so much affected by the work of your sector.

For too long, in my opinion, government's vision for the coastal forest sector has been to ship our natural resources somewhere else. For the last 20 years, employment on the coast has declined by about 40%. Lumber production has dropped by 45%, pulp production by 50%. At the same time, log exports from Crown land have increased by nearly ten-

fold. The impact on communities has been profound. Mills have closed, small businesses have faltered, families have been forced to move away.

I said that I lived in Ocean Falls and Ocean Falls closed back in 1980. I left town and went on to do other things. People left Ocean Falls and they went to Gibsons, they went to Campbell River, they went to Gold River, they went to other places to make money in the forest sector. As time has gone by, the communities to move into have been dwindling. I'm seized of that as a born and raised Vancouver Islander and as a coastal dweller.

I am absolutely committed to making sure that we turn that around, that we ensure that the value that we get out of our forests from our dwindling fibre basket is put to work for you, put to work for your families and put to work for the people of BC. To continue on the track that we're on with respect to leaving too much waste in the woods and shipping too much product offshore without any value added to it is not sensible and it's not sustainable.

I believe there's a bright future in forestry on the coast and in the Interior. Paper Excellence's purchase of Catalyst, I think, sends a signal from the investment community that there is prospects for a greater tomorrow than we had yesterday. That future includes healthy companies, healthy contractors, strong indigenous participation and profitable and sustainable contracting in the industry by the people in this room.

The policy reforms that I'm going to be announcing today are the start of a process. I want to emphasize that. As I was saying to executive members not just today at lunch but in the meetings that I've had over the past 17 months -- 17 months tomorrow -- we need to work together on this. You know more about what's happening on the land base than I do. You know more about how you can better improve efficiencies of your operation than I do. Government can put in place incentives and regulations to develop an opportunity for investment to come here and give you more opportunities to move logs to different companies than the ones you're dealing with today.

How do we manage all of that? It's not to recreate the industry of 20 years ago. That's not going to happen. I get that, you get that, the public needs to get that. I'm determined to return our natural resource wealth to the communities where it comes from, to maximize the benefit to workers, to contractors and everyone that relies on forestry in BC. To that end, I'm pleased to say that we've completed the contractor sustainability review. We'll be moving forward with regulatory changes that will eliminate the fair market rate test, effective as soon as Mr Allan and Mr Donaldson can get that done.

That's the result of hard work by many of the people in this room to make that happen. Doug will have more details on that tomorrow as we roll out the plans. We're moving ahead with other reforms as well that will affect the industry in four key areas. I'm just going to run through those.

Firstly, we're going to rebuild our solid wood and secondary industries by processing more fibre in BC. Simply put, we're going to make sure that more timber can be processed here in BC communities. To accomplish that, we're going to reform raw log export policies. We're going to discourage high grading and curtail the export of minimally processed lumber. This will be a phased-in process and will apply first to new sales through BC Timber Sales programs. Again, this is not going to be the stroke of a pen, a magic wand -- it's going to be hard work but I want to leave no doubt that we are not going to continue to send away unprocessed material to be processed somewhere else, sometimes just a few miles from where we're just having our lunch today. That's not acceptable to me. It's not acceptable to BCers.

We will find a way through incentives and regulations, through carrots and sticks, to make that happen. We know and I know and you know that you can't force people to invest in unprofitable ventures. I get that. You get that. There's no magic here -- it's going to be hard work and it's going to be commitment by all of us to make sure that we can continue to thrive with the forest that we have as we grow the sustainable industry going forward.

Secondly, we're going to improve harvest performance to decrease waste and ensure more fibre is made available for domestic manufacturers, including the pulp and paper sector. This means greater utilization and increased penalties for waste, creating the fibre recovery zone on Vancouver Island and the south coast to make more fibre available for pulp and other activities.

Thirdly, we're going to take steps to prevent surrogate bidding on timber sales. That will ensure that timber sale auctions are fair and free from manipulation by surrogate bidders.

Finally, we are fostering stronger business-to-business relationships. This means it's going to take a number of forms. As an example, the ministry is going to pool volumes across BC Timber Sales with First Nations and other licensees to ensure that we're finding and maximizing economies to scale so that we can use our fibre more effectively. That's all of us working together -- BC Timber Sales, indigenous communities, contractors, tenure holders. Again, I don't want to leave any room for misunderstanding here. This means things are going to be done differently and that we are going to reduce the number of logs that leave BC and increase the amount of activity that we can get out of each log that you take out of the forest.

This is a conscious and deliberate strategy. I want to make that absolutely clear. It is going to be a phased-in process and it will take time to figure out. We were talking about unintended consequences. What I've learned as a member of the opposition for way too long -- and for John and Jordan, I've got some pointers, I can help you out on getting through some of those dark days -- what I learned as an opposition member, what I learned as someone working in the industry, what I learned over the past 16-and-a-bit months as Premier is that there are always unintended consequences. Government needs to be responsive to that.

If we make a mistake as we go forward with these four key changes, we're going to be responsive to that change. There is advantage in being a minority government. Again, I keep talking about what we had at lunch. We should've just had live mics here. It would've been a shorter speech. If there are unintended consequences, government should respond quickly to that. Majority governments tend to sit back and say, well, we'll figure that out over time. Minority governments have to figure it out every day.

I have to be responsive to your membership and to people in communities across BC every day. If we make a mistake, I'm not going to hold fast to that mistake because it was mistake. I'm going to try and fix it. That's the mandate that Doug's been given and that's what we intend to do.

Lastly, I want to talk about one area that I think is critically important. We're going to make amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act to support the revitalization initiative by returning to district managers the authority to manage the land base. They know more about what's going on on the land base than I do. They know more about what's going on on the land base than Doug does. We're not going to second-guess the people you have to work with each and every day. We're going to make the assumption that you and they are going to work in good faith to get the best outcomes off the land, the most fibre to the most people to create the most value for BCers.

I think that transparency is wanted by the public and it will help us with the question of perception over reality by making sure that everybody knows what's going on, why it's going on and it'll be driven by your ability to meet the tests that government has put forward for you, whether it be 20 years ago, whether it be 10 years ago, whether it will be in the next 10 weeks. We have every confidence that you'll be able to adapt.

You in this room and the forest sector has adapted decade after decade to changing circumstances, changing fibre profiles, changing circumstances in the marketplace. Softwood lumber agreements have come and gone. Price have gone up. We've had an extraordinary run over the past 12 months of the highest prices anyone has ever seen. We can't depend on high prices to mask the challenges that you know well are there for all of us to address.

We need to support all of this by making sure that wealth generation capacity in the forest is there for you, for your families, for your companies and for the communities that you operate in. Wherever I go, I talk to mayors, I talk to councillors, I talk to walkers, I talk to contractors. They all have one common theme -- that is wanting to continue to work in the forest industry that has been feeding families for 150 years at least. It also means reconciliation on the land base with indigenous communities.

My government has undertaken what is absolutely a transformative discussion with indigenous communities. Some of that has been represented on television screens recently in the north when it comes to the differences between

hereditary and elected leadership. These are challenges for you every day. These are challenges for government every day. Equally important, these are challenges for indigenous communities every day. It's not up to me or us or you to tell indigenous communities how to manage their government, how to manage the way they work with you.

My job -- our job -- is to make sure that we're making a seamless transition from what we know to what we know we have to get to. A couple of examples that I want to talk about when it comes to reconciliation, two of them very close to me on Vancouver Island. BC Timber Sales recently entered into quite a unique agreement with the Pacheedaht First Nation and the Cowichan Lake Community Forest in what's called Qala:yit Community Forest just north of Port Renfrew in my constituency, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations have entered into an arrangement with Western Forest Products to purchase a portion of TFL 44 and they plan to acquire more.

The face of forestry will be changing. The ability for all of us to work together remains the same. Again, I look back over what has been my time here on Vancouver Island -- which is my entire life -- things have changed decade after decade after decade. One common theme is indigenous communities have always been here. They always will be here. You have always been working in the forest. You want to continue working in the forest. That relationship can only get better. It couldn't get any worse than it was 25, 20, 15 years ago. We are on the brink of successes when it comes to reconciliation that will open up our economy not just for indigenous communities but for all of us.

That is a task worth fighting for. That is a task that I've set for all of my ministers in every mandate letter I sent out, whether it was to Jinny at Community [sic] Services or Doug at Forestry. We need to reconcile with indigenous communities so that we can all move forward in a positive way. We've seen real results from that in the Broughton Archipelago when it comes to salmon aquaculture. Again, I should've written some of this stuff down.

Just before Christmas, we announced a groundbreaking agreement between Marine Harvest and other operators in the Broughton Archipelago with the indigenous communities there to move some fish farms out of the migratory routes for wild salmon and provide opportunities for continued employment, continued economic development but sovereignty on that land base for the people who have been there for millennia.

People, myself included, didn't think that was possible. Yet there we were, just before Christmas, announcing a groundbreaking agreement that will lead to prosperity on the coast, prosperity on the north island where it's desperately needed, and a way forward for every other sector in the province. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is not a veto. It is an opportunity -- an opportunity for all of us to share the benefits and splendour of this spectacular province.

I want to thank you all very much for your patience and perseverance on the land base. I want you to know that you have a partner in me. We will have some bumps along the road but you've seen bumps before. You've overcome those bumps before. Again, with your help and co-operation with the work of newly minted, fresh as a daisy John Allan in the deputy's chair, and Doug Donaldson as minister, we're going to continue to work with the TLA and everyone who wants to work with us so that we can have the prosperity that we all want for ourselves and we want for other BCers. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. I look forward to little unintended consequences and lots of optimism and positivity going forward. Thanks very much.

I forgot the important part because I didn't write it down. That was on training. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We're hovering around four to 4.4% unemployment, which means difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. You know that full well. We've been talking with TLA and I and others in the industry about how we can assist with training the next generation of workers in the forest sector. There have been some very innovative ideas coming from the TLA executive. We're taking that back to Minister Donaldson and Minister Melanie Mark, responsible for Skills Training.

We're closing up Budget 2019 right now. It'll be tabled in less than a month. I wanted to make the commitment today -- and I'm looking at Dave. He's nodding vigorously, so that'll be one less meeting we'll have to have, Dave. That's good. I understand the challenges that you have recruiting and retaining workers, the challenges of training outside of the classroom and how do we make sure that you can bring on younger people, younger men and women who want to be

part of the forest industry without it being debilitating for you. Government has a responsibility to help you train people to help your businesses grow. We're committed to doing that. We'll have more to say about that in the weeks ahead.

I don't want to lead anyone to the view that in the next budget there's going to be a windfall for training. We are fixated on trying to address -- I mean, I don't know if you've noticed, I keep referring to young John Allan. None of us are getting any younger. We need to make sure that the next generation that's going to replace the people around these tables, to replace the executives of the TLA, are getting the training they need now so they're going to be there for all of us in the future. When those hip replacements are going to be needed by all of you, we need young people to making all that happen.

That's the last thing I'll say about that. Training money is to come. Thanks a lot.

Q & A

Reporter: Just regarding the fee on raw logs, could you just outline what the fee is right now and how that's going to change, and what that change will encourage?

Horgan: What currently exists is what's called a surplus test, and tenure holders can't export logs without having demonstrated that there is no capacity in BC to add value to those logs. We're going to turn that upside-down. We're going to make sure that the committee that had been struck back when the previous log export policies came into place some 14 years ago are revisited, and that, again, will be a phased-in process. There's no specific fee. It's about incentives to those who want to invest in forestry, that want to add value to our logs, and it's also regulations to prohibit the reckless abandonment of the notion that our logs are attached to community.

I'll continue answering that question, because I think it's important. What I wanted to make abundantly clear to the Truck Loggers today, who have been 76 years an association in BC working on the coast and on the island, is that we need their sweat and capital to continue to grow our core sector. But we also need to send a signal to the investment community, that if there are dollars that want to come into our forest industry, we have fibre to meet that demand. We want to reduce the amount of logs going out and increase the amount of jobs being created from our logs.

Reporter: So are you bringing any incentives for companies to come?

Horgan: Yes. And that would be developed over the next number of months, working with industry, working with communities, working with trade unions who have been, again, a vital part of our forest industry going forward. And all of these people working together, indigenous communities, all of the people that have a footprint on the land base, is how we're going to find success. But over time, it's become effective profit-making to ship logs raw. If you're in Port Alberni and you're gone down from two shifts to one at the mill and you see logs going onto barges, that's offensive to you. It's offensive to me, and I think it's offensive to most BCers. We want to revitalize our forest sector on the coast. We want to make sure that we're creating more jobs from our fibre.

Reporter: Just regarding that fibre, you say there's emphasis on getting more of the wood waste out of the forest?

Horgan: That's right.

Reporter: What is the incentive for people to pull that out, because obviously that's in some hard-to-reach places and you can't get as much out of that fibre as you can actual timber.

Horgan: You can get pulp and paper, and we just had a significant investment by Paper Excellence in the former Catalyst Mills in Powell River, in Crofton, and in Port Alberni. They all need fibre to drive those mills. Much of that is found in waste, and we want to make it economical to get that waste to someone who can add value to it. And that means incentives to those who are working on the land when they're bringing logs out, but they also bring waste to the roadside so it's easily accessible. These are going to be incremental costs to those who are working in the woods, and that's where the incentives come in. The regulations are no more leaving piles of waste, they're not accessible to those

who want to access that fibre, and that's where you have the carrot and the stick approach to this. It will be a cooperative way forward, and I'm confident that people want to see progress on these issues. Whether they're in the industry or not in the industry, they want to see more value from our forest, and we're intending to do that.

Reporter: Is there an incentive in areas near pulp and paper mills?

Horgan: Again, we've seen a decline in milling capacity over the past 15 years, some 40% reduction. Mills have closed, whether they've been pulp and paper, whether they've been sawmills. And sawmills have historically fed pulp mills, so when you lose a sawmill, you lose fibre for pulp and paper. All the waste that's being left behind can supplement those lost sawmills by bringing the fibre that's needed to market. The challenge is going to be to make that economic, and that's where we're going to work with the industry to make it happen.

Reporter: You received a big standing ovation when you were saying you were going to get rid of the market rate, but silence when you said that you were going to reduce exports and keep more of that here. You're talking about collaboration, working partnerships, all those wonderful words, but it sounds just in the room there, that silence. So how are you going to actually work with the logging companies and get them on your side?

Horgan: I wasn't just speaking to the room when it comes to raw log exports. I was speaking to BCers. And it doesn't take too long to walk down Burrard Street here in Vancouver or any street in any community in BC, and say would you prefer to see logs stay in BC and jobs created from our fibre, or do you prefer to see profits made by sending those logs away? The answer will be overwhelmingly, I want to see more value for my forests. The forests, the public lands of BC, belong to all of you, and everyone wants to see greater value added. The changes that were made by the BC Liberals have enabled log exports to be the easiest way to make quick money. We've seen Canadian companies investing in US mills, not investing in BC. We want to turn that around.

Reporter: So the question is, how are you going to get companies on your side?

Horgan: Again, we start by addressing the contracting issues. You saw enthusiasm. There is still work to be done there, but it's about, how do we bring in incentives to have investments, so that loggers have somewhere for the logs to go? If mills go down, it's not incumbent upon the Truck Loggers Association to recreate those mills. It's incumbent upon us to create a climate and environment where investment will come, as Paper Excellence has done, and start reinvesting in our forest industry. And that means by adding value to our wood and that is a job for government. The contractors that were sitting on their hands today when it comes to raw logs are concerned that the fastest way for them to continue their businesses is to continue with the status quo. But they just want to keep working. And they're happy to sell their logs to a Canadian company, but they don't have any right now. And that's the challenge for government, not for the contractors.

Reporter: I was wondering if you could tell me what kind of incentive compared to foreign companies are Canadian companies going to give to loggers when it comes to processing this wood?

Horgan: It goes back to this surplus test that has been the standard under the former government. We want to make sure that we are providing opportunities for logs coming out of our forest to have value added, or at least minimal manufacturing added to it. That is a challenge for government, not for the contractors that were here today. And again, I want to stress that I was speaking about forest policy. Some of that will be welcomed by the Truck Loggers Association, as you saw today. The rest of it is okay, show me. And that's my responsibility and Doug Donaldson's responsibility, to show the industry that we're going to put in place the incentives and the regulations to protect what is our commonwealth. These forests, public lands, belong to all BCers, indigenous and non-indigenous. We need to find a way forward that benefits everybody. I think people are going to be excited about this.

Reporter: You also mentioned unintended consequences as something that you're focusing on. Given that these companies are exporting, I'm assuming because it's cheaper for them to process it out there, if it's going to be more expensive for them to process it here, are you concerned about what that's going to mean for say, home builders, given our crisis right now? Just those consequences down the line, if it's more expensive for them to process here in Canada?

Horgan: I think everyone in the room today understands the challenges on the land base in BC, whether it's chasing a dwindling fibre supply, whether we're butting up against protected areas, butting up against old growth stands that are more valuable standing than they are laying down, these are issues that didn't arrive yesterday. They've been here for some time. And what I'm hopeful the TLA and those who are interested and passionate about forestry will take away from these initiatives, is that we're going to do our level best to put in place an environment that will encourage investment. We have the hottest economy in the country, low unemployment, strong growth rate, but our foundational industry, forestry, is percolating along, and there's lots of money being made, sufficient so that major companies are making significant investments in Sweden and the US, but not in BC. That's on us to resolve that, to see how we keep some of those dollars that are being made in our forests, but invest it off-shore. Shareholders are happy with that. BCers are not.

Reporter: The Greens and Liberals are critical of the speculation tax, saying your government is treating people like speculators, unless they can prove otherwise. Do you think having every title holder spend ten to 20 minutes to fill out a form every year is reasonable?

Horgan: I do. The alternative would be for me to say, dear speculators, please identify yourselves and let us know when you want to submit your speculation tax. Citizens fill out homeowner grants every year. You have to tick the box and send it back to get your homeowner grant. I've been doing that as long as I've lived in my house. I fill out an income tax form every year. It takes more than ten minutes, and I haven't complained about that. This is an additional activity to protect our housing sector, which has been buffeted by speculation. 99% of BCers will not be affected by this tax, and I think the Liberals and the Greens are making a tempest in a teapot. The Liberals, particularly, are forgetting that the crisis we find ourselves in was of their making, and the fact that someone is doing something about it may offend them, but it doesn't offend BCers. I'm confident that people will be quite happy to tick a box saying I do not speculate in the real estate market, and go out and find those that are, and make them pay the cost that will bring down housing prices for regular families and provide more opportunities for people to live and thrive in BC.

Reporter: On that note, you mentioned that fewer than 1% of BCers will actually be affected by this tax, so you bring up the homeowners grant as a way to compare...

Horgan: Income taxes. Everyone fills out income taxes.

Reporter: But so few people are going to be taxed on this, so how do you argue that everyone is going to have to fill out this form, 99%, yet so few people it's actually going to apply to?

Horgan: The counterargument is, dear speculator, please identify yourself. And I'm not confident that's the most effective way to identify speculation. These issues were debated in the Legislature. The Greens were fully briefed on it over and over again. The Liberals had opportunities in the Legislature to raise concerns if they had them. They didn't. I think the biggest challenge for BC Liberals is, we're trying to do something about speculation in the housing market, and they did nothing.

Reporter: Some experts in housing, a UBC expert I talked to today, said pre-screening could have been another option. Did you look at other alternatives, and if so, why did you decide on this?

Horgan: Carole James was managing this file. You can put that question to her. I'm not aware that we looked at pre-screening as an option, but Carole could certainly answer that question for you.

Reporter: How is your government planning to track the success of the speculation tax?

Horgan: There's a whole host of initiatives that we brought forward to address the housing crisis in BC, a 30-point plan. We're bringing on more supply. BC Housing has been as ambitious in the past 17 months as they've been in the past 17 years in bringing on non-market housing. We're working with communities to try and streamline processes so there can be faster approvals to bring on more supply. The federal government has taken on a number of initiatives that have dampened the real estate market in metropolitan areas across the country, and it's had a significant impact here in

Vancouver. So measuring success for me is, are young people seeing opportunities to live here in homes here in BC, or are they continuing to be priced out because speculators are leaving homes vacant? And again, I want to stress the fastest way to avoid the speculation tax is if you have two or three or four homes, which is not, I suggest to you, the position of the majority of BCers, you can avoid the speculation tax by renting that second or third or fourth home in certain parts of BC, Metro Vancouver, the Lower Island, Nanaimo and Kelowna, you can avoid that by bringing that housing stock onto the market, which will drive down rent costs and address zero vacancy rates in some communities. That's how I measure success.

Reporter: What's being done to make sure homeowners understand the consequences of failing to fill out that form?

Horgan: I want to spend a minute on that. The consequences will be, if you find yourselves being advised that you're speculating on the real estate market and you're not, that can be resolved by a phone call and a conversation with the Ministry of Finance. We are not setting out to make life difficult for people. We're setting out to make sure that we're capturing the speculators. And the best way to do that is to say to homeowners, is your home occupied? That's pretty much what we're doing, here, and I don't think that's onerous, and I'm fairly confident that the benefit to the housing market, the benefit to BCers, will far outweigh the time it will take people to say that.

Reporter: There's going to be over a million homes that will be registered. Who is going to police this and check to see if what these people say is true?

Horgan: The Ministry of Finance has been working on this. It's the first tax of its kind in the country. We've been working for coming onto 18 months on this file. We talked about it in opposition. We've implemented it as government. And we're going to monitor it as it goes forward, and if there are issues that we need to address, we'll address them.

Reporter: Have you crunched the numbers in terms of what the amount will be of rental stock that could possibly come back into these markets that you talked about?

Horgan: We haven't, but we know that there are vacant homes, certainly in Vancouver. That's been identified by the work that was done by the former council to identify vacant homes and address that. But we do know that we have low vacancy rates in places like Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, and if we can bring more stock on without having to build new stock, in other words, if there are homes that are now sitting vacant that we can now occupy with renters, that's going to be a net benefit to the community. A 30-point plan that includes a whole range of issues to address what was the most important issue during the election campaign. And again, I speak to my friends in the Liberal party, perhaps if they had awoken to this issue sooner, they wouldn't be in opposition complaining about it today.

Reporter: The speculation tax, do you think that seniors may get confused, since they don't know what they are doing?

Horgan: I don't think that seniors don't know what they're doing, but if there are challenges, we're going to make sure that we're there to help people along the way. We can do this by phone, you can do it online, you can do it by mail, and if you make a mistake, we'll be quick to resolve it. There's not going to be penalties on people who make a mistake. There will be penalties on those who are purchasing real estate and leaving it vacant. Speculating in our marketplace has led to a ridiculous increase in housing costs. We want to drive that down. The public wants us to drive that down, and 99% of BCers will not be affected by this at all. We're asking them to fill out a form as they do their income taxes, as they do their homeowner grants, in the interest of helping the next generation of BCers find a place to live. [sss, zpz, forr, tnf, ctz, adv, lbr, jtst, fin, pjh, zza]

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John Horgan: Thank you very much for the introduction and for those who -- everyone knows what a joinery is? We were doing a little bit of discussion about that. I worked at the Cowichan joinery many, many years ago on Vancouver Island. We made a door jamb, a window sash and other things. I just pulled the wood and swept up the floor but it was a lucrative business for the owners at that time. I made a little bit of pocket money and it paid for my education.

I also spent some time in a pulp mill in Ocean Falls. I think I talked about that last year. Anyone ever been to Ocean Falls? Bless you. You can't get into a room and not find someone from Ocean Falls. If you've been in the swimming pool, you know that stroke, stroke, turn, stroke, stroke, turn is how you've got Olympic swimmers out of Ocean Falls.

It's great to be here again for my second go-around at TLA. I want to thank President Mike Richardson. I want to thank Dave Elstone for constantly being in our office -- people need to know that he is relentless. I'm not just trying to prop up his career. He is relentless -- you know that. Wherever I go, whether it's talking to people working in the forest industry in the Interior, in the Kootenays, in the north, Dave's always there making sure that I remember my roots as a Vancouver Islander and a coastal dweller, and the importance of TLA issues not just to you in this room but to the province broadly speaking.

To all the board members, to past president Jacqui -- who had the best lunch she's had in five years, I'm told -- and to the TLA staff, thanks very much for the work you do each and every day to maintain and support the good hard work of the members of the TLA here in the room today.

We have a number of members of the Legislature with me, my colleagues from cabinet -- Minister Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services, and of course Minister Doug Donaldson, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -- are both here from the government side. John Rustad and Jordan Sturdy are here from the opposition side, again, also friends of the forest industry. It's good to have a cross-section of the Legislature here to talk about the importance of the work that you do each and every day making it work.

I asked the piper if he know Doug and the Slugs and he said he did, and he was going to -- he said if he'd been given another half an hour, he would've been able to bang out Making It Work on the pipes. Perhaps he's gone away to do that now. I said, you can either do Amazing Grace or that other song you do on the pipes, whatever that one is. It was nice to be piped in again and well done to everyone to make me welcome again. I really appreciate that.

Not only is the TLA making it work but we in government have been doing our level best to make it work as well. It's been 16.5 months -- coming on 17 months, actually, tomorrow -- since I was sworn in as the 36th Premier of BC. I want to certainly acknowledge what a great opportunity, a personal opportunity this has been for me. I am humbled by the opportunity.

I have been buffeted a bit by some of the challenges. Scott talked about the worst fire season ever, which you'll remember was followed by the worst fire season ever. That was my introduction by fire to the office of Premier. It was an opportunity for me to criss-cross the province to talk to people, not just forest fire fighters but people in industry,

people in communities, and to recognize the true resilience of BC and the people who have the good fortune to live here.

I hope that the flood season that's about to come upon us with the freshet is not -- and I think it's going to rain for the next 60 days, if I've got the forecast, the weather right this morning -- I'm hopeful that the natural disaster part of my mandate is over and we can start focusing on some other issues. I think many people in the room will know John Allan, who I coerced out of retirement to come back and lead the ministry. John knows a good deal about forestry, as you know, and we're very grateful to have his expertise and experience at the cabinet table assisting Minister Donaldson and government to make sure that when we bring forward policy changes that they're consistent with what is needed in this room and what's needed in communities right across the province.

As your members know and all of you know, the land base is diverse and changing. Many of you have been in the industry for generations. Many of you have just started. I shared a story in the green room -- although I'm colourblind. Was it a green room? -- offstage before we came in about being at a wedding in Campbell River just not last summer but the summer before.

Of course, you're in Campbell River, it's a resource town. My goddaughter was getting married and there were a bunch of young people there, as happens at weddings. Everyone was told by the father of the groom to just leave them alone. Don't bug them. Just leave them alone. After a couple of drinks, as you know at a wedding, often times, people have something on their mind.

A couple of young guys came over and talked to me about forestry. They say, you're not going to wreck stuff, are you? They're really worried about that. I didn't take it personally, nor did I take it as a comment on the NDP. For at least the past 20 years, working in the woods, working in forestry has been challenging. Circumstances changing regularly, government policy changing regularly. Your challenges on the land base, whether it be in the Interior with pine beetle, whether it be addressing the needs of dwindling milling capacity, dwindling opportunities to move logs. It's led to an increase in raw log exports, which has led to a frustration in communities that are detached from industry, but they see wealth leaving BC without any value being added to it.

I know and you know it's a complicated issue but it's not one that we can continue to ignore. With a dwindling fibre basket, the challenges of old growth stands that need to be preserved, we need to find ways to work through all of those issues whether it's public perception or reality. The industry has been and will continue to be under a microscope.

The work that you do is important for your families. It's important for communities. It's also important for BCers. We need to address perception and we need to make sure that our reality is on a track that will benefit the people in this room and the people of the province.

I know that the TLA and others across the province have ideas about how we can renew our coastal forests. There is no magic. There is no solution that will come out of a bag that no one's thought of before. I am confident working with Dave the TLA executive and you at tables around this room and people in communities right across the coast, up and down the island and in the Interior and the Lower Mainland, we can find solutions to ensure that we continue to have a robust forest sector that will continue to provide wealth to the province, wealth to families and wealth to communities.

Finding the right solutions means that we have to work together. Although I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today about coastal forestry, we need to make sure that we're focused on people, on communities and the lives that are so much affected by the work of your sector.

For too long, in my opinion, government's vision for the coastal forest sector has been to ship our natural resources somewhere else. For the last 20 years, employment on the coast has declined by about 40%. Lumber production has dropped by 45%, pulp production by 50%. At the same time, log exports from Crown land have increased by nearly ten-fold. The impact on communities has been profound. Mills have closed, small businesses have faltered, families have been forced to move away.

I said that I lived in Ocean Falls and Ocean Falls closed back in 1980. I left town and went on to do other things. People left Ocean Falls and they went to Gibsons, they went to Campbell River, they went to Gold River, they went to other places to make money in the forest sector. As time has gone by, the communities to move into have been dwindling. I'm seized of that as a born and raised Vancouver Islander and as a coastal dweller.

I am absolutely committed to making sure that we turn that around, that we ensure that the value that we get out of our forests from our dwindling fibre basket is put to work for you, put to work for your families and put to work for the people of BC. To continue on the track that we're on with respect to leaving too much waste in the woods and shipping too much product offshore without any value added to it is not sensible and it's not sustainable.

I believe there's a bright future in forestry on the coast and in the Interior. Paper Excellence's purchase of Catalyst, I think, sends a signal from the investment community that there is prospects for a greater tomorrow than we had yesterday. That future includes healthy companies, healthy contractors, strong indigenous participation and profitable and sustainable contracting in the industry by the people in this room.

The policy reforms that I'm going to be announcing today are the start of a process. I want to emphasize that. As I was saying to executive members not just today at lunch but in the meetings that I've had over the past 17 months -- 17 months tomorrow -- we need to work together on this. You know more about what's happening on the land base than I do. You know more about how you can better improve efficiencies of your operation than I do. Government can put in place incentives and regulations to develop an opportunity for investment to come here and give you more opportunities to move logs to different companies than the ones you're dealing with today.

How do we manage all of that? It's not to recreate the industry of 20 years ago. That's not going to happen. I get that, you get that, the public needs to get that. I'm determined to return our natural resource wealth to the communities where it comes from, to maximize the benefit to workers, to contractors and everyone that relies on forestry in BC. To that end, I'm pleased to say that we've completed the contractor sustainability review. We'll be moving forward with regulatory changes that will eliminate the fair market rate test, effective as soon as Mr Allan and Mr Donaldson can get that done.

That's the result of hard work by many of the people in this room to make that happen. Doug will have more details on that tomorrow as we roll out the plans. We're moving ahead with other reforms as well that will affect the industry in four key areas. I'm just going to run through those.

Firstly, we're going to rebuild our solid wood and secondary industries by processing more fibre in BC. Simply put, we're going to make sure that more timber can be processed here in BC communities. To accomplish that, we're going to reform raw log export policies. We're going to discourage high grading and curtail the export of minimally processed lumber. This will be a phased-in process and will apply first to new sales through BC Timber Sales programs. Again, this is not going to be the stroke of a pen, a magic wand -- it's going to be hard work but I want to leave no doubt that we are not going to continue to send away unprocessed material to be processed somewhere else, sometimes just a few miles from where we're just having our lunch today. That's not acceptable to me. It's not acceptable to BCers.

We will find a way through incentives and regulations, through carrots and sticks, to make that happen. We know and I know and you know that you can't force people to invest in unprofitable ventures. I get that. You get that. There's no magic here -- it's going to be hard work and it's going to be commitment by all of us to make sure that we can continue to thrive with the forest that we have as we grow the sustainable industry going forward.

Secondly, we're going to improve harvest performance to decrease waste and ensure more fibre is made available for domestic manufacturers, including the pulp and paper sector. This means greater utilization and increased penalties for waste, creating the fibre recovery zone on Vancouver Island and the south coast to make more fibre available for pulp and other activities.

Thirdly, we're going to take steps to prevent surrogate bidding on timber sales. That will ensure that timber sale auctions are fair and free from manipulation by surrogate bidders.

Finally, we are fostering stronger business-to-business relationships. This means it's going to take a number of forms. As an example, the ministry is going to pool volumes across BC Timber Sales with First Nations and other licensees to ensure that we're finding and maximizing economies to scale so that we can use our fibre more effectively. That's all of us working together -- BC Timber Sales, indigenous communities, contractors, tenure holders. Again, I don't want to leave any room for misunderstanding here. This means things are going to be done differently and that we are going to reduce the number of logs that leave BC and increase the amount of activity that we can get out of each log that you take out of the forest.

This is a conscious and deliberate strategy. I want to make that absolutely clear. It is going to be a phased-in process and it will take time to figure out. We were talking about unintended consequences. What I've learned as a member of the opposition for way too long -- and for John and Jordan, I've got some pointers, I can help you out on getting through some of those dark days -- what I learned as an opposition member, what I learned as someone working in the industry, what I learned over the past 16-and-a-bit months as Premier is that there are always unintended consequences. Government needs to be responsive to that.

If we make a mistake as we go forward with these four key changes, we're going to be responsive to that change. There is advantage in being a minority government. Again, I keep talking about what we had at lunch. We should've just had live mics here. It would've been a shorter speech. If there are unintended consequences, government should respond quickly to that. Majority governments tend to sit back and say, well, we'll figure that out over time. Minority governments have to figure it out every day.

I have to be responsive to your membership and to people in communities across BC every day. If we make a mistake, I'm not going to hold fast to that mistake because it was mistake. I'm going to try and fix it. That's the mandate that Doug's been given and that's what we intend to do.

Lastly, I want to talk about one area that I think is critically important. We're going to make amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act to support the revitalization initiative by returning to district managers the authority to manage the land base. They know more about what's going on on the land base than I do. They know more about what's going on on the land base than Doug does. We're not going to second-guess the people you have to work with each and every day. We're going to make the assumption that you and they are going to work in good faith to get the best outcomes off the land, the most fibre to the most people to create the most value for BCers.

I think that transparency is wanted by the public and it will help us with the question of perception over reality by making sure that everybody knows what's going on, why it's going on and it'll be driven by your ability to meet the tests that government has put forward for you, whether it be 20 years ago, whether it be 10 years ago, whether it will be in the next 10 weeks. We have every confidence that you'll be able to adapt.

You in this room and the forest sector has adapted decade after decade to changing circumstances, changing fibre profiles, changing circumstances in the marketplace. Softwood lumber agreements have come and gone. Price have gone up. We've had an extraordinary run over the past 12 months of the highest prices anyone has ever seen. We can't depend on high prices to mask the challenges that you know well are there for all of us to address.

We need to support all of this by making sure that wealth generation capacity in the forest is there for you, for your families, for your companies and for the communities that you operate in. Wherever I go, I talk to mayors, I talk to councillors, I talk to walkers, I talk to contractors. They all have one common theme -- that is wanting to continue to work in the forest industry that has been feeding families for 150 years at least. It also means reconciliation on the land base with indigenous communities.

My government has undertaken what is absolutely a transformative discussion with indigenous communities. Some of that has been represented on television screens recently in the north when it comes to the differences between hereditary and elected leadership. These are challenges for you every day. These are challenges for government every day. Equally important, these are challenges for indigenous communities every day. It's not up to me or us or you to tell indigenous communities how to manage their government, how to manage the way they work with you.

My job -- our job -- is to make sure that we're making a seamless transition from what we know to what we know we have to get to. A couple of examples that I want to talk about when it comes to reconciliation, two of them very close to me on Vancouver Island. BC Timber Sales recently entered into quite a unique agreement with the Pacheedaht First Nation and the Cowichan Lake Community Forest in what's called Qala:yit Community Forest just north of Port Renfrew in my constituency, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations have entered into an arrangement with Western Forest Products to purchase a portion of TFL 44 and they plan to acquire more.

The face of forestry will be changing. The ability for all of us to work together remains the same. Again, I look back over what has been my time here on Vancouver Island -- which is my entire life -- things have changed decade after decade after decade. One common theme is indigenous communities have always been here. They always will be here. You have always been working in the forest. You want to continue working in the forest. That relationship can only get better. It couldn't get any worse than it was 25, 20, 15 years ago. We are on the brink of successes when it comes to reconciliation that will open up our economy not just for indigenous communities but for all of us.

That is a task worth fighting for. That is a task that I've set for all of my ministers in every mandate letter I sent out, whether it was to Jinny at Community [sic] Services or Doug at Forestry. We need to reconcile with indigenous communities so that we can all move forward in a positive way. We've seen real results from that in the Broughton Archipelago when it comes to salmon aquaculture. Again, I should've written some of this stuff down.

Just before Christmas, we announced a groundbreaking agreement between Marine Harvest and other operators in the Broughton Archipelago with the indigenous communities there to move some fish farms out of the migratory routes for wild salmon and provide opportunities for continued employment, continued economic development but sovereignty on that land base for the people who have been there for millennia.

People, myself included, didn't think that was possible. Yet there we were, just before Christmas, announcing a groundbreaking agreement that will lead to prosperity on the coast, prosperity on the north island where it's desperately needed, and a way forward for every other sector in the province. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is not a veto. It is an opportunity -- an opportunity for all of us to share the benefits and splendour of this spectacular province.

I want to thank you all very much for your patience and perseverance on the land base. I want you to know that you have a partner in me. We will have some bumps along the road but you've seen bumps before. You've overcome those bumps before. Again, with your help and co-operation with the work of newly minted, fresh as a daisy John Allan in the deputy's chair, and Doug Donaldson as minister, we're going to continue to work with the TLA and everyone who wants to work with us so that we can have the prosperity that we all want for ourselves and we want for other BCers. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. I look forward to little unintended consequences and lots of optimism and positivity going forward. Thanks very much.

I forgot the important part because I didn't write it down. That was on training. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We're hovering around four to 4.4% unemployment, which means difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. You know that full well. We've been talking with TLA and I and others in the industry about how we can assist with training the next generation of workers in the forest sector. There have been some very innovative ideas coming from the TLA executive. We're taking that back to Minister Donaldson and Minister Melanie Mark, responsible for Skills Training.

We're closing up Budget 2019 right now. It'll be tabled in less than a month. I wanted to make the commitment today -- and I'm looking at Dave. He's nodding vigorously, so that'll be one less meeting we'll have to have, Dave. That's good. I understand the challenges that you have recruiting and retaining workers, the challenges of training outside of the classroom and how do we make sure that you can bring on younger people, younger men and women who want to be part of the forest industry without it being debilitating for you. Government has a responsibility to help you train people to help your businesses grow. We're committed to doing that. We'll have more to say about that in the weeks ahead.

I don't want to lead anyone to the view that in the next budget there's going to be a windfall for training. We are fixated on trying to address -- I mean, I don't know if you've noticed, I keep referring to young John Allan. None of us are getting any younger. We need to make sure that the next generation that's going to replace the people around these tables, to replace the executives of the TLA, are getting the training they need now so they're going to be there for all of us in the future. When those hip replacements are going to be needed by all of you, we need young people to making all that happen.

That's the last thing I'll say about that. Training money is to come. Thanks a lot.

Q & A

Reporter: Just regarding the fee on raw logs, could you just outline what the fee is right now and how that's going to change, and what that change will encourage?

Horgan: What currently exists is what's called a surplus test, and tenure holders can't export logs without having demonstrated that there is no capacity in BC to add value to those logs. We're going to turn that upside-down. We're going to make sure that the committee that had been struck back when the previous log export policies came into place some 14 years ago are revisited, and that, again, will be a phased-in process. There's no specific fee. It's about incentives to those who want to invest in forestry, that want to add value to our logs, and it's also regulations to prohibit the reckless abandonment of the notion that our logs are attached to community.

I'll continue answering that question, because I think it's important. What I wanted to make abundantly clear to the Truck Loggers today, who have been 76 years an association in BC working on the coast and on the island, is that we need their sweat and capital to continue to grow our core sector. But we also need to send a signal to the investment community, that if there are dollars that want to come into our forest industry, we have fibre to meet that demand. We want to reduce the amount of logs going out and increase the amount of jobs being created from our logs.

Reporter: So are you bringing any incentives for companies to come?

Horgan: Yes. And that would be developed over the next number of months, working with industry, working with communities, working with trade unions who have been, again, a vital part of our forest industry going forward. And all of these people working together, indigenous communities, all of the people that have a footprint on the land base, is how we're going to find success. But over time, it's become effective profit-making to ship logs raw. If you're in Port Alberni and you're gone down from two shifts to one at the mill and you see logs going onto barges, that's offensive to you. It's offensive to me, and I think it's offensive to most BCers. We want to revitalize our forest sector on the coast. We want to make sure that we're creating more jobs from our fibre.

Reporter: Just regarding that fibre, you say there's emphasis on getting more of the wood waste out of the forest?

Horgan: That's right.

Reporter: What is the incentive for people to pull that out, because obviously that's in some hard-to-reach places and you can't get as much out of that fibre as you can actual timber.

Horgan: You can get pulp and paper, and we just had a significant investment by Paper Excellence in the former Catalyst Mills in Powell River, in Crofton, and in Port Alberni. They all need fibre to drive those mills. Much of that is found in waste, and we want to make it economical to get that waste to someone who can add value to it. And that means incentives to those who are working on the land when they're bringing logs out, but they also bring waste to the roadside so it's easily accessible. These are going to be incremental costs to those who are working in the woods, and that's where the incentives come in. The regulations are no more leaving piles of waste, they're not accessible to those who want to access that fibre, and that's where you have the carrot and the stick approach to this. It will be a cooperative way forward, and I'm confident that people want to see progress on these issues. Whether they're in the industry or not in the industry, they want to see more value from our forest, and we're intending to do that.

Reporter: Is there an incentive in areas near pulp and paper mills?

Horgan: Again, we've seen a decline in milling capacity over the past 15 years, some 40% reduction. Mills have closed, whether they've been pulp and paper, whether they've been sawmills. And sawmills have historically fed pulp mills, so when you lose a sawmill, you lose fibre for pulp and paper. All the waste that's being left behind can supplement those lost sawmills by bringing the fibre that's needed to market. The challenge is going to be to make that economic, and that's where we're going to work with the industry to make it happen.

Reporter: You received a big standing ovation when you were saying you were going to get rid of the market rate, but silence when you said that you were going to reduce exports and keep more of that here. You're talking about collaboration, working partnerships, all those wonderful words, but it sounds just in the room there, that silence. So how are you going to actually work with the logging companies and get them on your side?

Horgan: I wasn't just speaking to the room when it comes to raw log exports. I was speaking to BCers. And it doesn't take too long to walk down Burrard Street here in Vancouver or any street in any community in BC, and say would you prefer to see logs stay in BC and jobs created from our fibre, or do you prefer to see profits made by sending those logs away? The answer will be overwhelmingly, I want to see more value for my forests. The forests, the public lands of BC, belong to all of you, and everyone wants to see greater value added. The changes that were made by the BC Liberals have enabled log exports to be the easiest way to make quick money. We've seen Canadian companies investing in US mills, not investing in BC. We want to turn that around.

Reporter: So the question is, how are you going to get companies on your side?

Horgan: Again, we start by addressing the contracting issues. You saw enthusiasm. There is still work to be done there, but it's about, how do we bring in incentives to have investments, so that loggers have somewhere for the logs to go? If mills go down, it's not incumbent upon the Truck Loggers Association to recreate those mills. It's incumbent upon us to create a climate and environment where investment will come, as Paper Excellence has done, and start reinvesting in our forest industry. And that means by adding value to our wood and that is a job for government. The contractors that were sitting on their hands today when it comes to raw logs are concerned that the fastest way for them to continue their businesses is to continue with the status quo. But they just want to keep working. And they're happy to sell their logs to a Canadian company, but they don't have any right now. And that's the challenge for government, not for the contractors.

Reporter: I was wondering if you could tell me what kind of incentive compared to foreign companies are Canadian companies going to give to loggers when it comes to processing this wood?

Horgan: It goes back to this surplus test that has been the standard under the former government. We want to make sure that we are providing opportunities for logs coming out of our forest to have value added, or at least minimal manufacturing added to it. That is a challenge for government, not for the contractors that were here today. And again, I want to stress that I was speaking about forest policy. Some of that will be welcomed by the Truck Loggers Association, as you saw today. The rest of it is okay, show me. And that's my responsibility and Doug Donaldson's responsibility, to show the industry that we're going to put in place the incentives and the regulations to protect what is our commonwealth. These forests, public lands, belong to all BCers, indigenous and non-indigenous. We need to find a way forward that benefits everybody. I think people are going to be excited about this.

Reporter: You also mentioned unintended consequences as something that you're focusing on. Given that these companies are exporting, I'm assuming because it's cheaper for them to process it out there, if it's going to be more expensive for them to process it here, are you concerned about what that's going to mean for say, home builders, given our crisis right now? Just those consequences down the line, if it's more expensive for them to process here in Canada?

Horgan: I think everyone in the room today understands the challenges on the land base in BC, whether it's chasing a dwindling fibre supply, whether we're butting up against protected areas, butting up against old growth stands that are more valuable standing than they are laying down, these are issues that didn't arrive yesterday. They've been here for

some time. And what I'm hopeful the TLA and those who are interested and passionate about forestry will take away from these initiatives, is that we're going to do our level best to put in place an environment that will encourage investment. We have the hottest economy in the country, low unemployment, strong growth rate, but our foundational industry, forestry, is percolating along, and there's lots of money being made, sufficient so that major companies are making significant investments in Sweden and the US, but not in BC. That's on us to resolve that, to see how we keep some of those dollars that are being made in our forests, but invest it off-shore. Shareholders are happy with that. BCers are not.

Reporter: The Greens and Liberals are critical of the speculation tax, saying your government is treating people like speculators, unless they can prove otherwise. Do you think having every title holder spend ten to 20 minutes to fill out a form every year is reasonable?

Horgan: I do. The alternative would be for me to say, dear speculators, please identify yourselves and let us know when you want to submit your speculation tax. Citizens fill out homeowner grants every year. You have to tick the box and send it back to get your homeowner grant. I've been doing that as long as I've lived in my house. I fill out an income tax form every year. It takes more than ten minutes, and I haven't complained about that. This is an additional activity to protect our housing sector, which has been buffeted by speculation. 99% of BCers will not be affected by this tax, and I think the Liberals and the Greens are making a tempest in a teapot. The Liberals, particularly, are forgetting that the crisis we find ourselves in was of their making, and the fact that someone is doing something about it may offend them, but it doesn't offend BCers. I'm confident that people will be quite happy to tick a box saying I do not speculate in the real estate market, and go out and find those that are, and make them pay the cost that will bring down housing prices for regular families and provide more opportunities for people to live and thrive in BC.

Reporter: On that note, you mentioned that fewer than 1% of BCers will actually be affected by this tax, so you bring up the homeowners grant as a way to compare...

Horgan: Income taxes. Everyone fills out income taxes.

Reporter: But so few people are going to be taxed on this, so how do you argue that everyone is going to have to fill out this form, 99%, yet so few people it's actually going to apply to?

Horgan: The counterargument is, dear speculator, please identify yourself. And I'm not confident that's the most effective way to identify speculation. These issues were debated in the Legislature. The Greens were fully briefed on it over and over again. The Liberals had opportunities in the Legislature to raise concerns if they had them. They didn't. I think the biggest challenge for BC Liberals is, we're trying to do something about speculation in the housing market, and they did nothing.

Reporter: Some experts in housing, a UBC expert I talked to today, said pre-screening could have been another option. Did you look at other alternatives, and if so, why did you decide on this?

Horgan: Carole James was managing this file. You can put that question to her. I'm not aware that we looked at pre-screening as an option, but Carole could certainly answer that question for you.

Reporter: How is your government planning to track the success of the speculation tax?

Horgan: There's a whole host of initiatives that we brought forward to address the housing crisis in BC, a 30-point plan. We're bringing on more supply. BC Housing has been as ambitious in the past 17 months as they've been in the past 17 years in bringing on non-market housing. We're working with communities to try and streamline processes so there can be faster approvals to bring on more supply. The federal government has taken on a number of initiatives that have dampened the real estate market in metropolitan areas across the country, and it's had a significant impact here in Vancouver. So measuring success for me is, are young people seeing opportunities to live here in homes here in BC, or are they continuing to be priced out because speculators are leaving homes vacant? And again, I want to stress the fastest way to avoid the speculation tax is if you have two or three or four homes, which is not, I suggest to you, the

position of the majority of BCers, you can avoid the speculation tax by renting that second or third or fourth home in certain parts of BC, Metro Vancouver, the Lower Island, Nanaimo and Kelowna, you can avoid that by bringing that housing stock onto the market, which will drive down rent costs and address zero vacancy rates in some communities. That's how I measure success.

Reporter: What's being done to make sure homeowners understand the consequences of failing to fill out that form?

Horgan: I want to spend a minute on that. The consequences will be, if you find yourselves being advised that you're speculating on the real estate market and you're not, that can be resolved by a phone call and a conversation with the Ministry of Finance. We are not setting out to make life difficult for people. We're setting out to make sure that we're capturing the speculators. And the best way to do that is to say to homeowners, is your home occupied? That's pretty much what we're doing, here, and I don't think that's onerous, and I'm fairly confident that the benefit to the housing market, the benefit to BCers, will far outweigh the time it will take people to say that.

Reporter: There's going to be over a million homes that will be registered. Who is going to police this and check to see if what these people say is true?

Horgan: The Ministry of Finance has been working on this. It's the first tax of its kind in the country. We've been working for coming onto 18 months on this file. We talked about it in opposition. We've implemented it as government. And we're going to monitor it as it goes forward, and if there are issues that we need to address, we'll address them.

Reporter: Have you crunched the numbers in terms of what the amount will be of rental stock that could possibly come back into these markets that you talked about?

Horgan: We haven't, but we know that there are vacant homes, certainly in Vancouver. That's been identified by the work that was done by the former council to identify vacant homes and address that. But we do know that we have low vacancy rates in places like Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, and if we can bring more stock on without having to build new stock, in other words, if there are homes that are now sitting vacant that we can now occupy with renters, that's going to be a net benefit to the community. A 30-point plan that includes a whole range of issues to address what was the most important issue during the election campaign. And again, I speak to my friends in the Liberal party, perhaps if they had awoken to this issue sooner, they wouldn't be in opposition complaining about it today.

Reporter: The speculation tax, do you think that seniors may get confused, since they don't know what they are doing?

Horgan: I don't think that seniors don't know what they're doing, but if there are challenges, we're going to make sure that we're there to help people along the way. We can do this by phone, you can do it online, you can do it by mail, and if you make a mistake, we'll be quick to resolve it. There's not going to be penalties on people who make a mistake. There will be penalties on those who are purchasing real estate and leaving it vacant. Speculating in our marketplace has led to a ridiculous increase in housing costs. We want to drive that down. The public wants us to drive that down, and 99% of BCers will not be affected by this at all. We're asking them to fill out a form as they do their income taxes, as they do their homeowner grants, in the interest of helping the next generation of BCers find a place to live. [sss, zpz, forr, tn timer, ctz, adv, lbrr, jtst, fin, pjhh, zza]

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John Horgan: Thank you very much for the introduction and for those who -- everyone knows what a joinery is? We were doing a little bit of discussion about that. I worked at the Cowichan joinery many, many years ago on Vancouver Island. We made a door jamb, a window sash and other things. I just pulled the wood and swept up the floor but it was a lucrative business for the owners at that time. I made a little bit of pocket money and it paid for my education.

I also spent some time in a pulp mill in Ocean Falls. I think I talked about that last year. Anyone ever been to Ocean Falls? Bless you. You can't get into a room and not find someone from Ocean Falls. If you've been in the swimming pool, you know that stroke, stroke, turn, stroke, stroke, turn is how you've got Olympic swimmers out of Ocean Falls.

It's great to be here again for my second go-around at TLA. I want to thank President Mike Richardson. I want to thank Dave Elstone for constantly being in our office -- people need to know that he is relentless. I'm not just trying to prop up his career. He is relentless -- you know that. Wherever I go, whether it's talking to people working in the forest industry in the Interior, in the Kootenays, in the north, Dave's always there making sure that I remember my roots as a Vancouver Islander and a coastal dweller, and the importance of TLA issues not just to you in this room but to the province broadly speaking.

To all the board members, to past president Jacqui -- who had the best lunch she's had in five years, I'm told -- and to the TLA staff, thanks very much for the work you do each and every day to maintain and support the good hard work of the members of the TLA here in the room today.

We have a number of members of the Legislature with me, my colleagues from cabinet -- Minister Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services, and of course Minister Doug Donaldson, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -- are both here from the government side. John Rustad and Jordan Sturdy are here from the opposition side, again, also friends of the forest industry. It's good to have a cross-section of the Legislature here to talk about the importance of the work that you do each and every day making it work.

I asked the piper if he know Doug and the Slugs and he said he did, and he was going to -- he said if he'd been given another half an hour, he would've been able to bang out Making It Work on the pipes. Perhaps he's gone away to do that now. I said, you can either do Amazing Grace or that other song you do on the pipes, whatever that one is. It was nice to be piped in again and well done to everyone to make me welcome again. I really appreciate that.

Not only is the TLA making it work but we in government have been doing our level best to make it work as well. It's been 16.5 months -- coming on 17 months, actually, tomorrow -- since I was sworn in as the 36th Premier of BC. I want to certainly acknowledge what a great opportunity, a personal opportunity this has been for me. I am humbled by the opportunity.

I have been buffeted a bit by some of the challenges. Scott talked about the worst fire season ever, which you'll remember was followed by the worst fire season ever. That was my introduction by fire to the office of Premier. It was an opportunity for me to criss-cross the province to talk to people, not just forest fire fighters but people in industry,

people in communities, and to recognize the true resilience of BC and the people who have the good fortune to live here.

I hope that the flood season that's about to come upon us with the freshet is not -- and I think it's going to rain for the next 60 days, if I've got the forecast, the weather right this morning -- I'm hopeful that the natural disaster part of my mandate is over and we can start focusing on some other issues. I think many people in the room will know John Allan, who I coerced out of retirement to come back and lead the ministry. John knows a good deal about forestry, as you know, and we're very grateful to have his expertise and experience at the cabinet table assisting Minister Donaldson and government to make sure that when we bring forward policy changes that they're consistent with what is needed in this room and what's needed in communities right across the province.

As your members know and all of you know, the land base is diverse and changing. Many of you have been in the industry for generations. Many of you have just started. I shared a story in the green room -- although I'm colourblind. Was it a green room? -- offstage before we came in about being at a wedding in Campbell River just not last summer but the summer before.

Of course, you're in Campbell River, it's a resource town. My goddaughter was getting married and there were a bunch of young people there, as happens at weddings. Everyone was told by the father of the groom to just leave them alone. Don't bug them. Just leave them alone. After a couple of drinks, as you know at a wedding, often times, people have something on their mind.

A couple of young guys came over and talked to me about forestry. They say, you're not going to wreck stuff, are you? They're really worried about that. I didn't take it personally, nor did I take it as a comment on the NDP. For at least the past 20 years, working in the woods, working in forestry has been challenging. Circumstances changing regularly, government policy changing regularly. Your challenges on the land base, whether it be in the Interior with pine beetle, whether it be addressing the needs of dwindling milling capacity, dwindling opportunities to move logs. It's led to an increase in raw log exports, which has led to a frustration in communities that are detached from industry, but they see wealth leaving BC without any value being added to it.

I know and you know it's a complicated issue but it's not one that we can continue to ignore. With a dwindling fibre basket, the challenges of old growth stands that need to be preserved, we need to find ways to work through all of those issues whether it's public perception or reality. The industry has been and will continue to be under a microscope.

The work that you do is important for your families. It's important for communities. It's also important for BCers. We need to address perception and we need to make sure that our reality is on a track that will benefit the people in this room and the people of the province.

I know that the TLA and others across the province have ideas about how we can renew our coastal forests. There is no magic. There is no solution that will come out of a bag that no one's thought of before. I am confident working with Dave the TLA executive and you at tables around this room and people in communities right across the coast, up and down the island and in the Interior and the Lower Mainland, we can find solutions to ensure that we continue to have a robust forest sector that will continue to provide wealth to the province, wealth to families and wealth to communities.

Finding the right solutions means that we have to work together. Although I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today about coastal forestry, we need to make sure that we're focused on people, on communities and the lives that are so much affected by the work of your sector.

For too long, in my opinion, government's vision for the coastal forest sector has been to ship our natural resources somewhere else. For the last 20 years, employment on the coast has declined by about 40%. Lumber production has dropped by 45%, pulp production by 50%. At the same time, log exports from Crown land have increased by nearly ten-fold. The impact on communities has been profound. Mills have closed, small businesses have faltered, families have been forced to move away.

I said that I lived in Ocean Falls and Ocean Falls closed back in 1980. I left town and went on to do other things. People left Ocean Falls and they went to Gibsons, they went to Campbell River, they went to Gold River, they went to other places to make money in the forest sector. As time has gone by, the communities to move into have been dwindling. I'm seized of that as a born and raised Vancouver Islander and as a coastal dweller.

I am absolutely committed to making sure that we turn that around, that we ensure that the value that we get out of our forests from our dwindling fibre basket is put to work for you, put to work for your families and put to work for the people of BC. To continue on the track that we're on with respect to leaving too much waste in the woods and shipping too much product offshore without any value added to it is not sensible and it's not sustainable.

I believe there's a bright future in forestry on the coast and in the Interior. Paper Excellence's purchase of Catalyst, I think, sends a signal from the investment community that there is prospects for a greater tomorrow than we had yesterday. That future includes healthy companies, healthy contractors, strong indigenous participation and profitable and sustainable contracting in the industry by the people in this room.

The policy reforms that I'm going to be announcing today are the start of a process. I want to emphasize that. As I was saying to executive members not just today at lunch but in the meetings that I've had over the past 17 months -- 17 months tomorrow -- we need to work together on this. You know more about what's happening on the land base than I do. You know more about how you can better improve efficiencies of your operation than I do. Government can put in place incentives and regulations to develop an opportunity for investment to come here and give you more opportunities to move logs to different companies than the ones you're dealing with today.

How do we manage all of that? It's not to recreate the industry of 20 years ago. That's not going to happen. I get that, you get that, the public needs to get that. I'm determined to return our natural resource wealth to the communities where it comes from, to maximize the benefit to workers, to contractors and everyone that relies on forestry in BC. To that end, I'm pleased to say that we've completed the contractor sustainability review. We'll be moving forward with regulatory changes that will eliminate the fair market rate test, effective as soon as Mr Allan and Mr Donaldson can get that done.

That's the result of hard work by many of the people in this room to make that happen. Doug will have more details on that tomorrow as we roll out the plans. We're moving ahead with other reforms as well that will affect the industry in four key areas. I'm just going to run through those.

Firstly, we're going to rebuild our solid wood and secondary industries by processing more fibre in BC. Simply put, we're going to make sure that more timber can be processed here in BC communities. To accomplish that, we're going to reform raw log export policies. We're going to discourage high grading and curtail the export of minimally processed lumber. This will be a phased-in process and will apply first to new sales through BC Timber Sales programs. Again, this is not going to be the stroke of a pen, a magic wand -- it's going to be hard work but I want to leave no doubt that we are not going to continue to send away unprocessed material to be processed somewhere else, sometimes just a few miles from where we're just having our lunch today. That's not acceptable to me. It's not acceptable to BCers.

We will find a way through incentives and regulations, through carrots and sticks, to make that happen. We know and I know and you know that you can't force people to invest in unprofitable ventures. I get that. You get that. There's no magic here -- it's going to be hard work and it's going to be commitment by all of us to make sure that we can continue to thrive with the forest that we have as we grow the sustainable industry going forward.

Secondly, we're going to improve harvest performance to decrease waste and ensure more fibre is made available for domestic manufacturers, including the pulp and paper sector. This means greater utilization and increased penalties for waste, creating the fibre recovery zone on Vancouver Island and the south coast to make more fibre available for pulp and other activities.

Thirdly, we're going to take steps to prevent surrogate bidding on timber sales. That will ensure that timber sale auctions are fair and free from manipulation by surrogate bidders.

Finally, we are fostering stronger business-to-business relationships. This means it's going to take a number of forms. As an example, the ministry is going to pool volumes across BC Timber Sales with First Nations and other licensees to ensure that we're finding and maximizing economies to scale so that we can use our fibre more effectively. That's all of us working together -- BC Timber Sales, indigenous communities, contractors, tenure holders. Again, I don't want to leave any room for misunderstanding here. This means things are going to be done differently and that we are going to reduce the number of logs that leave BC and increase the amount of activity that we can get out of each log that you take out of the forest.

This is a conscious and deliberate strategy. I want to make that absolutely clear. It is going to be a phased-in process and it will take time to figure out. We were talking about unintended consequences. What I've learned as a member of the opposition for way too long -- and for John and Jordan, I've got some pointers, I can help you out on getting through some of those dark days -- what I learned as an opposition member, what I learned as someone working in the industry, what I learned over the past 16-and-a-bit months as Premier is that there are always unintended consequences. Government needs to be responsive to that.

If we make a mistake as we go forward with these four key changes, we're going to be responsive to that change. There is advantage in being a minority government. Again, I keep talking about what we had at lunch. We should've just had live mics here. It would've been a shorter speech. If there are unintended consequences, government should respond quickly to that. Majority governments tend to sit back and say, well, we'll figure that out over time. Minority governments have to figure it out every day.

I have to be responsive to your membership and to people in communities across BC every day. If we make a mistake, I'm not going to hold fast to that mistake because it was mistake. I'm going to try and fix it. That's the mandate that Doug's been given and that's what we intend to do.

Lastly, I want to talk about one area that I think is critically important. We're going to make amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act to support the revitalization initiative by returning to district managers the authority to manage the land base. They know more about what's going on on the land base than I do. They know more about what's going on on the land base than Doug does. We're not going to second-guess the people you have to work with each and every day. We're going to make the assumption that you and they are going to work in good faith to get the best outcomes off the land, the most fibre to the most people to create the most value for BCers.

I think that transparency is wanted by the public and it will help us with the question of perception over reality by making sure that everybody knows what's going on, why it's going on and it'll be driven by your ability to meet the tests that government has put forward for you, whether it be 20 years ago, whether it be 10 years ago, whether it will be in the next 10 weeks. We have every confidence that you'll be able to adapt.

You in this room and the forest sector has adapted decade after decade to changing circumstances, changing fibre profiles, changing circumstances in the marketplace. Softwood lumber agreements have come and gone. Price have gone up. We've had an extraordinary run over the past 12 months of the highest prices anyone has ever seen. We can't depend on high prices to mask the challenges that you know well are there for all of us to address.

We need to support all of this by making sure that wealth generation capacity in the forest is there for you, for your families, for your companies and for the communities that you operate in. Wherever I go, I talk to mayors, I talk to councillors, I talk to walkers, I talk to contractors. They all have one common theme -- that is wanting to continue to work in the forest industry that has been feeding families for 150 years at least. It also means reconciliation on the land base with indigenous communities.

My government has undertaken what is absolutely a transformative discussion with indigenous communities. Some of that has been represented on television screens recently in the north when it comes to the differences between hereditary and elected leadership. These are challenges for you every day. These are challenges for government every day. Equally important, these are challenges for indigenous communities every day. It's not up to me or us or you to tell indigenous communities how to manage their government, how to manage the way they work with you.

My job -- our job -- is to make sure that we're making a seamless transition from what we know to what we know we have to get to. A couple of examples that I want to talk about when it comes to reconciliation, two of them very close to me on Vancouver Island. BC Timber Sales recently entered into quite a unique agreement with the Pacheedaht First Nation and the Cowichan Lake Community Forest in what's called Qala:yit Community Forest just north of Port Renfrew in my constituency, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations have entered into an arrangement with Western Forest Products to purchase a portion of TFL 44 and they plan to acquire more.

The face of forestry will be changing. The ability for all of us to work together remains the same. Again, I look back over what has been my time here on Vancouver Island -- which is my entire life -- things have changed decade after decade after decade. One common theme is indigenous communities have always been here. They always will be here. You have always been working in the forest. You want to continue working in the forest. That relationship can only get better. It couldn't get any worse than it was 25, 20, 15 years ago. We are on the brink of successes when it comes to reconciliation that will open up our economy not just for indigenous communities but for all of us.

That is a task worth fighting for. That is a task that I've set for all of my ministers in every mandate letter I sent out, whether it was to Jinny at Community [sic] Services or Doug at Forestry. We need to reconcile with indigenous communities so that we can all move forward in a positive way. We've seen real results from that in the Broughton Archipelago when it comes to salmon aquaculture. Again, I should've written some of this stuff down.

Just before Christmas, we announced a groundbreaking agreement between Marine Harvest and other operators in the Broughton Archipelago with the indigenous communities there to move some fish farms out of the migratory routes for wild salmon and provide opportunities for continued employment, continued economic development but sovereignty on that land base for the people who have been there for millennia.

People, myself included, didn't think that was possible. Yet there we were, just before Christmas, announcing a groundbreaking agreement that will lead to prosperity on the coast, prosperity on the north island where it's desperately needed, and a way forward for every other sector in the province. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is not a veto. It is an opportunity -- an opportunity for all of us to share the benefits and splendour of this spectacular province.

I want to thank you all very much for your patience and perseverance on the land base. I want you to know that you have a partner in me. We will have some bumps along the road but you've seen bumps before. You've overcome those bumps before. Again, with your help and co-operation with the work of newly minted, fresh as a daisy John Allan in the deputy's chair, and Doug Donaldson as minister, we're going to continue to work with the TLA and everyone who wants to work with us so that we can have the prosperity that we all want for ourselves and we want for other BCers. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. I look forward to little unintended consequences and lots of optimism and positivity going forward. Thanks very much.

I forgot the important part because I didn't write it down. That was on training. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We're hovering around four to 4.4% unemployment, which means difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. You know that full well. We've been talking with TLA and I and others in the industry about how we can assist with training the next generation of workers in the forest sector. There have been some very innovative ideas coming from the TLA executive. We're taking that back to Minister Donaldson and Minister Melanie Mark, responsible for Skills Training.

We're closing up Budget 2019 right now. It'll be tabled in less than a month. I wanted to make the commitment today -- and I'm looking at Dave. He's nodding vigorously, so that'll be one less meeting we'll have to have, Dave. That's good. I understand the challenges that you have recruiting and retaining workers, the challenges of training outside of the classroom and how do we make sure that you can bring on younger people, younger men and women who want to be part of the forest industry without it being debilitating for you. Government has a responsibility to help you train people to help your businesses grow. We're committed to doing that. We'll have more to say about that in the weeks ahead.

I don't want to lead anyone to the view that in the next budget there's going to be a windfall for training. We are fixated on trying to address -- I mean, I don't know if you've noticed, I keep referring to young John Allan. None of us are getting any younger. We need to make sure that the next generation that's going to replace the people around these tables, to replace the executives of the TLA, are getting the training they need now so they're going to be there for all of us in the future. When those hip replacements are going to be needed by all of you, we need young people to making all that happen.

That's the last thing I'll say about that. Training money is to come. Thanks a lot.

Q & A

Reporter: Just regarding the fee on raw logs, could you just outline what the fee is right now and how that's going to change, and what that change will encourage?

Horgan: What currently exists is what's called a surplus test, and tenure holders can't export logs without having demonstrated that there is no capacity in BC to add value to those logs. We're going to turn that upside-down. We're going to make sure that the committee that had been struck back when the previous log export policies came into place some 14 years ago are revisited, and that, again, will be a phased-in process. There's no specific fee. It's about incentives to those who want to invest in forestry, that want to add value to our logs, and it's also regulations to prohibit the reckless abandonment of the notion that our logs are attached to community.

I'll continue answering that question, because I think it's important. What I wanted to make abundantly clear to the Truck Loggers today, who have been 76 years an association in BC working on the coast and on the island, is that we need their sweat and capital to continue to grow our core sector. But we also need to send a signal to the investment community, that if there are dollars that want to come into our forest industry, we have fibre to meet that demand. We want to reduce the amount of logs going out and increase the amount of jobs being created from our logs.

Reporter: So are you bringing any incentives for companies to come?

Horgan: Yes. And that would be developed over the next number of months, working with industry, working with communities, working with trade unions who have been, again, a vital part of our forest industry going forward. And all of these people working together, indigenous communities, all of the people that have a footprint on the land base, is how we're going to find success. But over time, it's become effective profit-making to ship logs raw. If you're in Port Alberni and you're gone down from two shifts to one at the mill and you see logs going onto barges, that's offensive to you. It's offensive to me, and I think it's offensive to most BCers. We want to revitalize our forest sector on the coast. We want to make sure that we're creating more jobs from our fibre.

Reporter: Just regarding that fibre, you say there's emphasis on getting more of the wood waste out of the forest?

Horgan: That's right.

Reporter: What is the incentive for people to pull that out, because obviously that's in some hard-to-reach places and you can't get as much out of that fibre as you can actual timber.

Horgan: You can get pulp and paper, and we just had a significant investment by Paper Excellence in the former Catalyst Mills in Powell River, in Crofton, and in Port Alberni. They all need fibre to drive those mills. Much of that is found in waste, and we want to make it economical to get that waste to someone who can add value to it. And that means incentives to those who are working on the land when they're bringing logs out, but they also bring waste to the roadside so it's easily accessible. These are going to be incremental costs to those who are working in the woods, and that's where the incentives come in. The regulations are no more leaving piles of waste, they're not accessible to those who want to access that fibre, and that's where you have the carrot and the stick approach to this. It will be a cooperative way forward, and I'm confident that people want to see progress on these issues. Whether they're in the industry or not in the industry, they want to see more value from our forest, and we're intending to do that.

Reporter: Is there an incentive in areas near pulp and paper mills?

Horgan: Again, we've seen a decline in milling capacity over the past 15 years, some 40% reduction. Mills have closed, whether they've been pulp and paper, whether they've been sawmills. And sawmills have historically fed pulp mills, so when you lose a sawmill, you lose fibre for pulp and paper. All the waste that's being left behind can supplement those lost sawmills by bringing the fibre that's needed to market. The challenge is going to be to make that economic, and that's where we're going to work with the industry to make it happen.

Reporter: You received a big standing ovation when you were saying you were going to get rid of the market rate, but silence when you said that you were going to reduce exports and keep more of that here. You're talking about collaboration, working partnerships, all those wonderful words, but it sounds just in the room there, that silence. So how are you going to actually work with the logging companies and get them on your side?

Horgan: I wasn't just speaking to the room when it comes to raw log exports. I was speaking to BCers. And it doesn't take too long to walk down Burrard Street here in Vancouver or any street in any community in BC, and say would you prefer to see logs stay in BC and jobs created from our fibre, or do you prefer to see profits made by sending those logs away? The answer will be overwhelmingly, I want to see more value for my forests. The forests, the public lands of BC, belong to all of you, and everyone wants to see greater value added. The changes that were made by the BC Liberals have enabled log exports to be the easiest way to make quick money. We've seen Canadian companies investing in US mills, not investing in BC. We want to turn that around.

Reporter: So the question is, how are you going to get companies on your side?

Horgan: Again, we start by addressing the contracting issues. You saw enthusiasm. There is still work to be done there, but it's about, how do we bring in incentives to have investments, so that loggers have somewhere for the logs to go? If mills go down, it's not incumbent upon the Truck Loggers Association to recreate those mills. It's incumbent upon us to create a climate and environment where investment will come, as Paper Excellence has done, and start reinvesting in our forest industry. And that means by adding value to our wood and that is a job for government. The contractors that were sitting on their hands today when it comes to raw logs are concerned that the fastest way for them to continue their businesses is to continue with the status quo. But they just want to keep working. And they're happy to sell their logs to a Canadian company, but they don't have any right now. And that's the challenge for government, not for the contractors.

Reporter: I was wondering if you could tell me what kind of incentive compared to foreign companies are Canadian companies going to give to loggers when it comes to processing this wood?

Horgan: It goes back to this surplus test that has been the standard under the former government. We want to make sure that we are providing opportunities for logs coming out of our forest to have value added, or at least minimal manufacturing added to it. That is a challenge for government, not for the contractors that were here today. And again, I want to stress that I was speaking about forest policy. Some of that will be welcomed by the Truck Loggers Association, as you saw today. The rest of it is okay, show me. And that's my responsibility and Doug Donaldson's responsibility, to show the industry that we're going to put in place the incentives and the regulations to protect what is our commonwealth. These forests, public lands, belong to all BCers, indigenous and non-indigenous. We need to find a way forward that benefits everybody. I think people are going to be excited about this.

Reporter: You also mentioned unintended consequences as something that you're focusing on. Given that these companies are exporting, I'm assuming because it's cheaper for them to process it out there, if it's going to be more expensive for them to process it here, are you concerned about what that's going to mean for say, home builders, given our crisis right now? Just those consequences down the line, if it's more expensive for them to process here in Canada?

Horgan: I think everyone in the room today understands the challenges on the land base in BC, whether it's chasing a dwindling fibre supply, whether we're butting up against protected areas, butting up against old growth stands that are more valuable standing than they are laying down, these are issues that didn't arrive yesterday. They've been here for

some time. And what I'm hopeful the TLA and those who are interested and passionate about forestry will take away from these initiatives, is that we're going to do our level best to put in place an environment that will encourage investment. We have the hottest economy in the country, low unemployment, strong growth rate, but our foundational industry, forestry, is percolating along, and there's lots of money being made, sufficient so that major companies are making significant investments in Sweden and the US, but not in BC. That's on us to resolve that, to see how we keep some of those dollars that are being made in our forests, but invest it off-shore. Shareholders are happy with that. BCers are not.

Reporter: The Greens and Liberals are critical of the speculation tax, saying your government is treating people like speculators, unless they can prove otherwise. Do you think having every title holder spend ten to 20 minutes to fill out a form every year is reasonable?

Horgan: I do. The alternative would be for me to say, dear speculators, please identify yourselves and let us know when you want to submit your speculation tax. Citizens fill out homeowner grants every year. You have to tick the box and send it back to get your homeowner grant. I've been doing that as long as I've lived in my house. I fill out an income tax form every year. It takes more than ten minutes, and I haven't complained about that. This is an additional activity to protect our housing sector, which has been buffeted by speculation. 99% of BCers will not be affected by this tax, and I think the Liberals and the Greens are making a tempest in a teapot. The Liberals, particularly, are forgetting that the crisis we find ourselves in was of their making, and the fact that someone is doing something about it may offend them, but it doesn't offend BCers. I'm confident that people will be quite happy to tick a box saying I do not speculate in the real estate market, and go out and find those that are, and make them pay the cost that will bring down housing prices for regular families and provide more opportunities for people to live and thrive in BC.

Reporter: On that note, you mentioned that fewer than 1% of BCers will actually be affected by this tax, so you bring up the homeowners grant as a way to compare...

Horgan: Income taxes. Everyone fills out income taxes.

Reporter: But so few people are going to be taxed on this, so how do you argue that everyone is going to have to fill out this form, 99%, yet so few people it's actually going to apply to?

Horgan: The counterargument is, dear speculator, please identify yourself. And I'm not confident that's the most effective way to identify speculation. These issues were debated in the Legislature. The Greens were fully briefed on it over and over again. The Liberals had opportunities in the Legislature to raise concerns if they had them. They didn't. I think the biggest challenge for BC Liberals is, we're trying to do something about speculation in the housing market, and they did nothing.

Reporter: Some experts in housing, a UBC expert I talked to today, said pre-screening could have been another option. Did you look at other alternatives, and if so, why did you decide on this?

Horgan: Carole James was managing this file. You can put that question to her. I'm not aware that we looked at pre-screening as an option, but Carole could certainly answer that question for you.

Reporter: How is your government planning to track the success of the speculation tax?

Horgan: There's a whole host of initiatives that we brought forward to address the housing crisis in BC, a 30-point plan. We're bringing on more supply. BC Housing has been as ambitious in the past 17 months as they've been in the past 17 years in bringing on non-market housing. We're working with communities to try and streamline processes so there can be faster approvals to bring on more supply. The federal government has taken on a number of initiatives that have dampened the real estate market in metropolitan areas across the country, and it's had a significant impact here in Vancouver. So measuring success for me is, are young people seeing opportunities to live here in homes here in BC, or are they continuing to be priced out because speculators are leaving homes vacant? And again, I want to stress the fastest way to avoid the speculation tax is if you have two or three or four homes, which is not, I suggest to you, the

position of the majority of BCers, you can avoid the speculation tax by renting that second or third or fourth home in certain parts of BC, Metro Vancouver, the Lower Island, Nanaimo and Kelowna, you can avoid that by bringing that housing stock onto the market, which will drive down rent costs and address zero vacancy rates in some communities. That's how I measure success.

Reporter: What's being done to make sure homeowners understand the consequences of failing to fill out that form?

Horgan: I want to spend a minute on that. The consequences will be, if you find yourselves being advised that you're speculating on the real estate market and you're not, that can be resolved by a phone call and a conversation with the Ministry of Finance. We are not setting out to make life difficult for people. We're setting out to make sure that we're capturing the speculators. And the best way to do that is to say to homeowners, is your home occupied? That's pretty much what we're doing, here, and I don't think that's onerous, and I'm fairly confident that the benefit to the housing market, the benefit to BCers, will far outweigh the time it will take people to say that.

Reporter: There's going to be over a million homes that will be registered. Who is going to police this and check to see if what these people say is true?

Horgan: The Ministry of Finance has been working on this. It's the first tax of its kind in the country. We've been working for coming onto 18 months on this file. We talked about it in opposition. We've implemented it as government. And we're going to monitor it as it goes forward, and if there are issues that we need to address, we'll address them.

Reporter: Have you crunched the numbers in terms of what the amount will be of rental stock that could possibly come back into these markets that you talked about?

Horgan: We haven't, but we know that there are vacant homes, certainly in Vancouver. That's been identified by the work that was done by the former council to identify vacant homes and address that. But we do know that we have low vacancy rates in places like Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, and if we can bring more stock on without having to build new stock, in other words, if there are homes that are now sitting vacant that we can now occupy with renters, that's going to be a net benefit to the community. A 30-point plan that includes a whole range of issues to address what was the most important issue during the election campaign. And again, I speak to my friends in the Liberal party, perhaps if they had awoken to this issue sooner, they wouldn't be in opposition complaining about it today.

Reporter: The speculation tax, do you think that seniors may get confused, since they don't know what they are doing?

Horgan: I don't think that seniors don't know what they're doing, but if there are challenges, we're going to make sure that we're there to help people along the way. We can do this by phone, you can do it online, you can do it by mail, and if you make a mistake, we'll be quick to resolve it. There's not going to be penalties on people who make a mistake. There will be penalties on those who are purchasing real estate and leaving it vacant. Speculating in our marketplace has led to a ridiculous increase in housing costs. We want to drive that down. The public wants us to drive that down, and 99% of BCers will not be affected by this at all. We're asking them to fill out a form as they do their income taxes, as they do their homeowner grants, in the interest of helping the next generation of BCers find a place to live. [sss, zpz, forr, tn timer, ctz, adv, lbrr, jtst, fin, pjhh, zza]

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Horgan - forestry reforms & responsive government

By Horgan - 76th annual Truck Loggers Association Convention

John Horgan: Thank you very much for the introduction and for those who -- everyone knows what a joinery is? We were doing a little bit of discussion about that. I worked at the Cowichan joinery many, many years ago on Vancouver Island. We made a door jamb, a window sash and other things. I just pulled the wood and swept up the floor but it was a lucrative business for the owners at that time. I made a little bit of pocket money and it paid for my education.

I also spent some time in a pulp mill in Ocean Falls. I think I talked about that last year. Anyone ever been to Ocean Falls? Bless you. You can't go into a room and not find someone from Ocean Falls. If you've been in the swimming pool, you know that stroke, stroke, turn, stroke, stroke, turn is how you've got Olympic swimmers out of Ocean Falls.

It's great to be here again for my second go-around at TLA. I want to thank President Mike Richardson. I want to thank Dave Elstone for constantly being in our office -- people need to know that he is relentless. I'm not just trying to prop up his career. He is relentless -- you know that. Wherever I go, whether it's talking to people working in the forest industry in the Interior, in the Kootenays, in the north, Dave's always there making sure that I remember my roots as a Vancouver Islander and a coastal dweller, and the importance of TLA issues not just to you in this room but to the province broadly speaking.

To all the board members, to past president Jacqui -- who had the best lunch she's had in five years, I'm told -- and to the TLA staff, thanks very much for the work you do each and every day to maintain and support the good hard work of the members of the TLA here in the room today.

We have a number of members of the Legislature with me, my colleagues from cabinet -- Minister Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services, and of course Minister Doug Donaldson, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -- are both here from the government side. John Rustad and Jordan Sturdy are here from the opposition side, again, also friends of the forest industry. It's good to have a cross-section of the Legislature here to talk about the importance of the work that you do each and every day making it work.

I asked the piper if he knew Doug and the Slugs and he said he did, and he was going to -- he said if he'd been given another half an hour, he would've been able to bang out Making It Work on the pipes. Perhaps he's gone away to do that now. I said, you can either do Amazing Grace or that other song you do on the pipes, whatever that one is. It was nice to be piped in again and well done to everyone to make me welcome again. I really appreciate that.

Not only is the TLA making it work but we in government have been doing our level best to make it work as well. It's been 16.5 months -- coming on 17 months, actually, tomorrow -- since I was sworn in as the 36th Premier of BC. I want to certainly acknowledge what a great opportunity, a personal opportunity this has been for me. I am humbled by the opportunity.

I have been buffeted a bit by some of the challenges. Scott talked about the worst fire season ever, which you'll remember was followed by the worst fire season ever. That was my introduction by fire to the office of Premier. It was an opportunity for me to criss-cross the province to talk to people, not just forest fire fighters but people in industry, people in communities, and to recognize the true resilience of BC and the people who have the good fortune to live here.

I hope that the flood season that's about to come upon us with the freshet is not -- and I think it's going to rain for the next 60 days, if I've got the forecast, the weather right this morning -- I'm hopeful that the natural disaster part of my mandate is over and we can start focusing on some other issues. I think many people in the room will know John Allan, who I coerced out of retirement to come back and lead the ministry. John knows a good deal about forestry, as you know, and we're very grateful to have his expertise and experience at the cabinet table assisting Minister Donaldson and government to make sure that when we bring forward policy changes that they're consistent with what is needed in this room and what's needed in communities right across the province.

As your members know and all of you know, the land base is diverse and changing. Many of you have been in the industry for generations. Many of you have just started. I shared a story in the green room -- although I'm colourblind. Was it a green room? -- offstage before we came in about being at a wedding in Campbell River just not last summer but the summer before.

Of course, you're in Campbell River, it's a resource town. My goddaughter was getting married and there were a bunch of young people there, as happens at weddings. Everyone was told by the father of the groom to just leave them alone. Don't bug them. Just leave them alone. After a couple of drinks, as you know at a wedding, often times, people have something on their mind.

A couple of young guys came over and talked to me about forestry. They say, you're not going to wreck stuff, are you? They're really worried about that. I didn't take it personally, nor did I take it as a comment on the NDP. For at least the past 20 years, working in the woods, working in forestry has been challenging. Circumstances changing regularly, government policy changing regularly. Your challenges on the land base, whether it be in the Interior with pine beetle, whether it be addressing the needs of dwindling milling capacity, dwindling opportunities to move logs. It's led to an increase in raw log exports, which has led to a frustration in communities that are detached from industry, but they see wealth leaving BC without any value being added to it.

I know and you know it's a complicated issue but it's not one that we can continue to ignore. With a dwindling fibre basket, the challenges of old growth stands that need to be preserved, we need to find ways to work through all of those issues whether it's public perception or reality. The industry has been and will continue to be under a microscope.

The work that you do is important for your families. It's important for communities. It's also important for BCers. We need to address perception and we need to make sure that our reality is on a track that will benefit the people in this room and the people of the province.

I know that the TLA and others across the province have ideas about how we can renew our coastal forests. There is no magic. There is no solution that will come out of a bag that no one's thought of before. I am confident working with Dave the TLA executive and you at tables around this room and people in communities right across the coast, up and down the island and in the Interior and the Lower Mainland, we can find solutions to ensure that we continue to have a robust forest sector that will continue to provide wealth to the province, wealth to families and wealth to communities.

Finding the right solutions means that we have to work together. Although I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today about coastal forestry, we need to make sure that we're focused on people, on communities and the lives that are so much affected by the work of your sector.

For too long, in my opinion, government's vision for the coastal forest sector has been to ship our natural resources somewhere else. For the last 20 years, employment on the coast has declined by about 40%. Lumber production has dropped by 45%, pulp production by 50%. At the same time, log exports from Crown land have increased by nearly ten-

fold. The impact on communities has been profound. Mills have closed, small businesses have faltered, families have been forced to move away.

I said that I lived in Ocean Falls and Ocean Falls closed back in 1980. I left town and went on to do other things. People left Ocean Falls and they went to Gibsons, they went to Campbell River, they went to Gold River, they went to other places to make money in the forest sector. As time has gone by, the communities to move into have been dwindling. I'm seized of that as a born and raised Vancouver Islander and as a coastal dweller.

I am absolutely committed to making sure that we turn that around, that we ensure that the value that we get out of our forests from our dwindling fibre basket is put to work for you, put to work for your families and put to work for the people of BC. To continue on the track that we're on with respect to leaving too much waste in the woods and shipping too much product offshore without any value added to it is not sensible and it's not sustainable.

I believe there's a bright future in forestry on the coast and in the Interior. Paper Excellence's purchase of Catalyst, I think, sends a signal from the investment community that there is prospects for a greater tomorrow than we had yesterday. That future includes healthy companies, healthy contractors, strong indigenous participation and profitable and sustainable contracting in the industry by the people in this room.

The policy reforms that I'm going to be announcing today are the start of a process. I want to emphasize that. As I was saying to executive members not just today at lunch but in the meetings that I've had over the past 17 months -- 17 months tomorrow -- we need to work together on this. You know more about what's happening on the land base than I do. You know more about how you can better improve efficiencies of your operation than I do. Government can put in place incentives and regulations to develop an opportunity for investment to come here and give you more opportunities to move logs to different companies than the ones you're dealing with today.

How do we manage all of that? It's not to recreate the industry of 20 years ago. That's not going to happen. I get that, you get that, the public needs to get that. I'm determined to return our natural resource wealth to the communities where it comes from, to maximize the benefit to workers, to contractors and everyone that relies on forestry in BC. To that end, I'm pleased to say that we've completed the contractor sustainability review. We'll be moving forward with regulatory changes that will eliminate the fair market rate test, effective as soon as Mr Allan and Mr Donaldson can get that done.

That's the result of hard work by many of the people in this room to make that happen. Doug will have more details on that tomorrow as we roll out the plans. We're moving ahead with other reforms as well that will affect the industry in four key areas. I'm just going to run through those.

Firstly, we're going to rebuild our solid wood and secondary industries by processing more fibre in BC. Simply put, we're going to make sure that more timber can be processed here in BC communities. To accomplish that, we're going to reform raw log export policies. We're going to discourage high grading and curtail the export of minimally processed lumber. This will be a phased-in process and will apply first to new sales through BC Timber Sales programs. Again, this is not going to be the stroke of a pen, a magic wand -- it's going to be hard work but I want to leave no doubt that we are not going to continue to send away unprocessed material to be processed somewhere else, sometimes just a few miles from where we're just having our lunch today. That's not acceptable to me. It's not acceptable to BCers.

We will find a way through incentives and regulations, through carrots and sticks, to make that happen. We know and I know and you know that you can't force people to invest in unprofitable ventures. I get that. You get that. There's no magic here -- it's going to be hard work and it's going to be commitment by all of us to make sure that we can continue to thrive with the forest that we have as we grow the sustainable industry going forward.

Secondly, we're going to improve harvest performance to decrease waste and ensure more fibre is made available for domestic manufacturers, including the pulp and paper sector. This means greater utilization and increased penalties for waste, creating the fibre recovery zone on Vancouver Island and the south coast to make more fibre available for pulp and other activities.

Thirdly, we're going to take steps to prevent surrogate bidding on timber sales. That will ensure that timber sale auctions are fair and free from manipulation by surrogate bidders.

Finally, we are fostering stronger business-to-business relationships. This means it's going to take a number of forms. As an example, the ministry is going to pool volumes across BC Timber Sales with First Nations and other licensees to ensure that we're finding and maximizing economies to scale so that we can use our fibre more effectively. That's all of us working together -- BC Timber Sales, indigenous communities, contractors, tenure holders. Again, I don't want to leave any room for misunderstanding here. This means things are going to be done differently and that we are going to reduce the number of logs that leave BC and increase the amount of activity that we can get out of each log that you take out of the forest.

This is a conscious and deliberate strategy. I want to make that absolutely clear. It is going to be a phased-in process and it will take time to figure out. We were talking about unintended consequences. What I've learned as a member of the opposition for way too long -- and for John and Jordan, I've got some pointers, I can help you out on getting through some of those dark days -- what I learned as an opposition member, what I learned as someone working in the industry, what I learned over the past 16-and-a-bit months as Premier is that there are always unintended consequences. Government needs to be responsive to that.

If we make a mistake as we go forward with these four key changes, we're going to be responsive to that change. There is advantage in being a minority government. Again, I keep talking about what we had at lunch. We should've just had live mics here. It would've been a shorter speech. If there are unintended consequences, government should respond quickly to that. Majority governments tend to sit back and say, well, we'll figure that out over time. Minority governments have to figure it out every day.

I have to be responsive to your membership and to people in communities across BC every day. If we make a mistake, I'm not going to hold fast to that mistake because it was mistake. I'm going to try and fix it. That's the mandate that Doug's been given and that's what we intend to do.

Lastly, I want to talk about one area that I think is critically important. We're going to make amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act to support the revitalization initiative by returning to district managers the authority to manage the land base. They know more about what's going on on the land base than I do. They know more about what's going on on the land base than Doug does. We're not going to second-guess the people you have to work with each and every day. We're going to make the assumption that you and they are going to work in good faith to get the best outcomes off the land, the most fibre to the most people to create the most value for BCers.

I think that transparency is wanted by the public and it will help us with the question of perception over reality by making sure that everybody knows what's going on, why it's going on and it'll be driven by your ability to meet the tests that government has put forward for you, whether it be 20 years ago, whether it be 10 years ago, whether it will be in the next 10 weeks. We have every confidence that you'll be able to adapt.

You in this room and the forest sector has adapted decade after decade to changing circumstances, changing fibre profiles, changing circumstances in the marketplace. Softwood lumber agreements have come and gone. Price have gone up. We've had an extraordinary run over the past 12 months of the highest prices anyone has ever seen. We can't depend on high prices to mask the challenges that you know well are there for all of us to address.

We need to support all of this by making sure that wealth generation capacity in the forest is there for you, for your families, for your companies and for the communities that you operate in. Wherever I go, I talk to mayors, I talk to councillors, I talk to walkers, I talk to contractors. They all have one common theme -- that is wanting to continue to work in the forest industry that has been feeding families for 150 years at least. It also means reconciliation on the land base with indigenous communities.

My government has undertaken what is absolutely a transformative discussion with indigenous communities. Some of that has been represented on television screens recently in the north when it comes to the differences between

hereditary and elected leadership. These are challenges for you every day. These are challenges for government every day. Equally important, these are challenges for indigenous communities every day. It's not up to me or us or you to tell indigenous communities how to manage their government, how to manage the way they work with you.

My job -- our job -- is to make sure that we're making a seamless transition from what we know to what we know we have to get to. A couple of examples that I want to talk about when it comes to reconciliation, two of them very close to me on Vancouver Island. BC Timber Sales recently entered into quite a unique agreement with the Pacheedaht First Nation and the Cowichan Lake Community Forest in what's called Qala:yit Community Forest just north of Port Renfrew in my constituency, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations have entered into an arrangement with Western Forest Products to purchase a portion of TFL 44 and they plan to acquire more.

The face of forestry will be changing. The ability for all of us to work together remains the same. Again, I look back over what has been my time here on Vancouver Island -- which is my entire life -- things have changed decade after decade after decade. One common theme is indigenous communities have always been here. They always will be here. You have always been working in the forest. You want to continue working in the forest. That relationship can only get better. It couldn't get any worse than it was 25, 20, 15 years ago. We are on the brink of successes when it comes to reconciliation that will open up our economy not just for indigenous communities but for all of us.

That is a task worth fighting for. That is a task that I've set for all of my ministers in every mandate letter I sent out, whether it was to Jinny at Community [sic] Services or Doug at Forestry. We need to reconcile with indigenous communities so that we can all move forward in a positive way. We've seen real results from that in the Broughton Archipelago when it comes to salmon aquaculture. Again, I should've written some of this stuff down.

Just before Christmas, we announced a groundbreaking agreement between Marine Harvest and other operators in the Broughton Archipelago with the indigenous communities there to move some fish farms out of the migratory routes for wild salmon and provide opportunities for continued employment, continued economic development but sovereignty on that land base for the people who have been there for millennia.

People, myself included, didn't think that was possible. Yet there we were, just before Christmas, announcing a groundbreaking agreement that will lead to prosperity on the coast, prosperity on the north island where it's desperately needed, and a way forward for every other sector in the province. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is not a veto. It is an opportunity -- an opportunity for all of us to share the benefits and splendour of this spectacular province.

I want to thank you all very much for your patience and perseverance on the land base. I want you to know that you have a partner in me. We will have some bumps along the road but you've seen bumps before. You've overcome those bumps before. Again, with your help and co-operation with the work of newly minted, fresh as a daisy John Allan in the deputy's chair, and Doug Donaldson as minister, we're going to continue to work with the TLA and everyone who wants to work with us so that we can have the prosperity that we all want for ourselves and we want for other BCers. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. I look forward to little unintended consequences and lots of optimism and positivity going forward. Thanks very much.

I forgot the important part because I didn't write it down. That was on training. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We're hovering around four to 4.4% unemployment, which means difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. You know that full well. We've been talking with TLA and I and others in the industry about how we can assist with training the next generation of workers in the forest sector. There have been some very innovative ideas coming from the TLA executive. We're taking that back to Minister Donaldson and Minister Melanie Mark, responsible for Skills Training.

We're closing up Budget 2019 right now. It'll be tabled in less than a month. I wanted to make the commitment today -- and I'm looking at Dave. He's nodding vigorously, so that'll be one less meeting we'll have to have, Dave. That's good. I understand the challenges that you have recruiting and retaining workers, the challenges of training outside of the classroom and how do we make sure that you can bring on younger people, younger men and women who want to be

part of the forest industry without it being debilitating for you. Government has a responsibility to help you train people to help your businesses grow. We're committed to doing that. We'll have more to say about that in the weeks ahead.

I don't want to lead anyone to the view that in the next budget there's going to be a windfall for training. We are fixated on trying to address -- I mean, I don't know if you've noticed, I keep referring to young John Allan. None of us are getting any younger. We need to make sure that the next generation that's going to replace the people around these tables, to replace the executives of the TLA, are getting the training they need now so they're going to be there for all of us in the future. When those hip replacements are going to be needed by all of you, we need young people to making all that happen.

That's the last thing I'll say about that. Training money is to come. Thanks a lot.

Q & A

Reporter: Just regarding the fee on raw logs, could you just outline what the fee is right now and how that's going to change, and what that change will encourage?

Horgan: What currently exists is what's called a surplus test, and tenure holders can't export logs without having demonstrated that there is no capacity in BC to add value to those logs. We're going to turn that upside-down. We're going to make sure that the committee that had been struck back when the previous log export policies came into place some 14 years ago are revisited, and that, again, will be a phased-in process. There's no specific fee. It's about incentives to those who want to invest in forestry, that want to add value to our logs, and it's also regulations to prohibit the reckless abandonment of the notion that our logs are attached to community.

I'll continue answering that question, because I think it's important. What I wanted to make abundantly clear to the Truck Loggers today, who have been 76 years an association in BC working on the coast and on the island, is that we need their sweat and capital to continue to grow our core sector. But we also need to send a signal to the investment community, that if there are dollars that want to come into our forest industry, we have fibre to meet that demand. We want to reduce the amount of logs going out and increase the amount of jobs being created from our logs.

Reporter: So are you bringing any incentives for companies to come?

Horgan: Yes. And that would be developed over the next number of months, working with industry, working with communities, working with trade unions who have been, again, a vital part of our forest industry going forward. And all of these people working together, indigenous communities, all of the people that have a footprint on the land base, is how we're going to find success. But over time, it's become effective profit-making to ship logs raw. If you're in Port Alberni and you're gone down from two shifts to one at the mill and you see logs going onto barges, that's offensive to you. It's offensive to me, and I think it's offensive to most BCers. We want to revitalize our forest sector on the coast. We want to make sure that we're creating more jobs from our fibre.

Reporter: Just regarding that fibre, you say there's emphasis on getting more of the wood waste out of the forest?

Horgan: That's right.

Reporter: What is the incentive for people to pull that out, because obviously that's in some hard-to-reach places and you can't get as much out of that fibre as you can actual timber.

Horgan: You can get pulp and paper, and we just had a significant investment by Paper Excellence in the former Catalyst Mills in Powell River, in Crofton, and in Port Alberni. They all need fibre to drive those mills. Much of that is found in waste, and we want to make it economical to get that waste to someone who can add value to it. And that means incentives to those who are working on the land when they're bringing logs out, but they also bring waste to the roadside so it's easily accessible. These are going to be incremental costs to those who are working in the woods, and that's where the incentives come in. The regulations are no more leaving piles of waste, they're not accessible to those

who want to access that fibre, and that's where you have the carrot and the stick approach to this. It will be a cooperative way forward, and I'm confident that people want to see progress on these issues. Whether they're in the industry or not in the industry, they want to see more value from our forest, and we're intending to do that.

Reporter: Is there an incentive in areas near pulp and paper mills?

Horgan: Again, we've seen a decline in milling capacity over the past 15 years, some 40% reduction. Mills have closed, whether they've been pulp and paper, whether they've been sawmills. And sawmills have historically fed pulp mills, so when you lose a sawmill, you lose fibre for pulp and paper. All the waste that's being left behind can supplement those lost sawmills by bringing the fibre that's needed to market. The challenge is going to be to make that economic, and that's where we're going to work with the industry to make it happen.

Reporter: You received a big standing ovation when you were saying you were going to get rid of the market rate, but silence when you said that you were going to reduce exports and keep more of that here. You're talking about collaboration, working partnerships, all those wonderful words, but it sounds just in the room there, that silence. So how are you going to actually work with the logging companies and get them on your side?

Horgan: I wasn't just speaking to the room when it comes to raw log exports. I was speaking to BCers. And it doesn't take too long to walk down Burrard Street here in Vancouver or any street in any community in BC, and say would you prefer to see logs stay in BC and jobs created from our fibre, or do you prefer to see profits made by sending those logs away? The answer will be overwhelmingly, I want to see more value for my forests. The forests, the public lands of BC, belong to all of you, and everyone wants to see greater value added. The changes that were made by the BC Liberals have enabled log exports to be the easiest way to make quick money. We've seen Canadian companies investing in US mills, not investing in BC. We want to turn that around.

Reporter: So the question is, how are you going to get companies on your side?

Horgan: Again, we start by addressing the contracting issues. You saw enthusiasm. There is still work to be done there, but it's about, how do we bring in incentives to have investments, so that loggers have somewhere for the logs to go? If mills go down, it's not incumbent upon the Truck Loggers Association to recreate those mills. It's incumbent upon us to create a climate and environment where investment will come, as Paper Excellence has done, and start reinvesting in our forest industry. And that means by adding value to our wood and that is a job for government. The contractors that were sitting on their hands today when it comes to raw logs are concerned that the fastest way for them to continue their businesses is to continue with the status quo. But they just want to keep working. And they're happy to sell their logs to a Canadian company, but they don't have any right now. And that's the challenge for government, not for the contractors.

Reporter: I was wondering if you could tell me what kind of incentive compared to foreign companies are Canadian companies going to give to loggers when it comes to processing this wood?

Horgan: It goes back to this surplus test that has been the standard under the former government. We want to make sure that we are providing opportunities for logs coming out of our forest to have value added, or at least minimal manufacturing added to it. That is a challenge for government, not for the contractors that were here today. And again, I want to stress that I was speaking about forest policy. Some of that will be welcomed by the Truck Loggers Association, as you saw today. The rest of it is okay, show me. And that's my responsibility and Doug Donaldson's responsibility, to show the industry that we're going to put in place the incentives and the regulations to protect what is our commonwealth. These forests, public lands, belong to all BCers, indigenous and non-indigenous. We need to find a way forward that benefits everybody. I think people are going to be excited about this.

Reporter: You also mentioned unintended consequences as something that you're focusing on. Given that these companies are exporting, I'm assuming because it's cheaper for them to process it out there, if it's going to be more expensive for them to process it here, are you concerned about what that's going to mean for say, home builders, given our crisis right now? Just those consequences down the line, if it's more expensive for them to process here in Canada?

Horgan: I think everyone in the room today understands the challenges on the land base in BC, whether it's chasing a dwindling fibre supply, whether we're butting up against protected areas, butting up against old growth stands that are more valuable standing than they are laying down, these are issues that didn't arrive yesterday. They've been here for some time. And what I'm hopeful the TLA and those who are interested and passionate about forestry will take away from these initiatives, is that we're going to do our level best to put in place an environment that will encourage investment. We have the hottest economy in the country, low unemployment, strong growth rate, but our foundational industry, forestry, is percolating along, and there's lots of money being made, sufficient so that major companies are making significant investments in Sweden and the US, but not in BC. That's on us to resolve that, to see how we keep some of those dollars that are being made in our forests, but invest it off-shore. Shareholders are happy with that. BCers are not.

Reporter: The Greens and Liberals are critical of the speculation tax, saying your government is treating people like speculators, unless they can prove otherwise. Do you think having every title holder spend ten to 20 minutes to fill out a form every year is reasonable?

Horgan: I do. The alternative would be for me to say, dear speculators, please identify yourselves and let us know when you want to submit your speculation tax. Citizens fill out homeowner grants every year. You have to tick the box and send it back to get your homeowner grant. I've been doing that as long as I've lived in my house. I fill out an income tax form every year. It takes more than ten minutes, and I haven't complained about that. This is an additional activity to protect our housing sector, which has been buffeted by speculation. 99% of BCers will not be affected by this tax, and I think the Liberals and the Greens are making a tempest in a teapot. The Liberals, particularly, are forgetting that the crisis we find ourselves in was of their making, and the fact that someone is doing something about it may offend them, but it doesn't offend BCers. I'm confident that people will be quite happy to tick a box saying I do not speculate in the real estate market, and go out and find those that are, and make them pay the cost that will bring down housing prices for regular families and provide more opportunities for people to live and thrive in BC.

Reporter: On that note, you mentioned that fewer than 1% of BCers will actually be affected by this tax, so you bring up the homeowners grant as a way to compare...

Horgan: Income taxes. Everyone fills out income taxes.

Reporter: But so few people are going to be taxed on this, so how do you argue that everyone is going to have to fill out this form, 99%, yet so few people it's actually going to apply to?

Horgan: The counterargument is, dear speculator, please identify yourself. And I'm not confident that's the most effective way to identify speculation. These issues were debated in the Legislature. The Greens were fully briefed on it over and over again. The Liberals had opportunities in the Legislature to raise concerns if they had them. They didn't. I think the biggest challenge for BC Liberals is, we're trying to do something about speculation in the housing market, and they did nothing.

Reporter: Some experts in housing, a UBC expert I talked to today, said pre-screening could have been another option. Did you look at other alternatives, and if so, why did you decide on this?

Horgan: Carole James was managing this file. You can put that question to her. I'm not aware that we looked at pre-screening as an option, but Carole could certainly answer that question for you.

Reporter: How is your government planning to track the success of the speculation tax?

Horgan: There's a whole host of initiatives that we brought forward to address the housing crisis in BC, a 30-point plan. We're bringing on more supply. BC Housing has been as ambitious in the past 17 months as they've been in the past 17 years in bringing on non-market housing. We're working with communities to try and streamline processes so there can be faster approvals to bring on more supply. The federal government has taken on a number of initiatives that have dampened the real estate market in metropolitan areas across the country, and it's had a significant impact here in

Vancouver. So measuring success for me is, are young people seeing opportunities to live here in homes here in BC, or are they continuing to be priced out because speculators are leaving homes vacant? And again, I want to stress the fastest way to avoid the speculation tax is if you have two or three or four homes, which is not, I suggest to you, the position of the majority of BCers, you can avoid the speculation tax by renting that second or third or fourth home in certain parts of BC, Metro Vancouver, the Lower Island, Nanaimo and Kelowna, you can avoid that by bringing that housing stock onto the market, which will drive down rent costs and address zero vacancy rates in some communities. That's how I measure success.

Reporter: What's being done to make sure homeowners understand the consequences of failing to fill out that form?

Horgan: I want to spend a minute on that. The consequences will be, if you find yourselves being advised that you're speculating on the real estate market and you're not, that can be resolved by a phone call and a conversation with the Ministry of Finance. We are not setting out to make life difficult for people. We're setting out to make sure that we're capturing the speculators. And the best way to do that is to say to homeowners, is your home occupied? That's pretty much what we're doing, here, and I don't think that's onerous, and I'm fairly confident that the benefit to the housing market, the benefit to BCers, will far outweigh the time it will take people to say that.

Reporter: There's going to be over a million homes that will be registered. Who is going to police this and check to see if what these people say is true?

Horgan: The Ministry of Finance has been working on this. It's the first tax of its kind in the country. We've been working for coming onto 18 months on this file. We talked about it in opposition. We've implemented it as government. And we're going to monitor it as it goes forward, and if there are issues that we need to address, we'll address them.

Reporter: Have you crunched the numbers in terms of what the amount will be of rental stock that could possibly come back into these markets that you talked about?

Horgan: We haven't, but we know that there are vacant homes, certainly in Vancouver. That's been identified by the work that was done by the former council to identify vacant homes and address that. But we do know that we have low vacancy rates in places like Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, and if we can bring more stock on without having to build new stock, in other words, if there are homes that are now sitting vacant that we can now occupy with renters, that's going to be a net benefit to the community. A 30-point plan that includes a whole range of issues to address what was the most important issue during the election campaign. And again, I speak to my friends in the Liberal party, perhaps if they had awoken to this issue sooner, they wouldn't be in opposition complaining about it today.

Reporter: The speculation tax, do you think that seniors may get confused, since they don't know what they are doing?

Horgan: I don't think that seniors don't know what they're doing, but if there are challenges, we're going to make sure that we're there to help people along the way. We can do this by phone, you can do it online, you can do it by mail, and if you make a mistake, we'll be quick to resolve it. There's not going to be penalties on people who make a mistake. There will be penalties on those who are purchasing real estate and leaving it vacant. Speculating in our marketplace has led to a ridiculous increase in housing costs. We want to drive that down. The public wants us to drive that down, and 99% of BCers will not be affected by this at all. We're asking them to fill out a form as they do their income taxes, as they do their homeowner grants, in the interest of helping the next generation of BCers find a place to live. [sss, zpz, forr, tnf, ctz, adv, lbr, jtst, fin, pjh, zza]

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I totally gapped on phoning in to the Premier's speech at the Truck Loggers Association Convention and I'm interested in listening to what he said on the spec tax exemption. Are you able to flip me the audio?

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To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-88056 Records Due January 9, 2019

No records. Thanks.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 17, 2019, at 3:20 PM, OOP FOI PREM:EX <OOP.FOI@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Reminder for this request.

Jen, Evan, Don, Selena, Eleanor – needing your responses
Amber – needing PJH only

Thank you so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 11:48 AM
To: LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-88056 Records Due January 9, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 9th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

All communications between staff in the Premier's Office and the Deputy Ministers Office and Manuel Alvernaz.

*(Date Range for Record Search: From **05/01/2018 To 08/31/2018**) 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.

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

Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator

Deputy Minister's Office | Office of the Premier

Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings

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Phone: (250) 387-2987

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 6:12 PM
To: Brougham, Laura
Subject: Re: CFX Interview Request - Jan. 18

Hey Laura,

Just saw the story online, and to clarify, the line, "there was no exchange like the one the Mayor described" refers to the mayor's comments on Rob Gillezeau.

The mayor did speak with the premier about the issue after it happened and the premier said he'd look into it.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 17, 2019, at 4:58 PM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

You can use it as a statement from me, as spokesperson for the Office of the Premier.

From: Brougham, Laura <laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: CFX Interview Request - Jan. 18

Hi Jen,

Can I use this as a statement from the premier, or will there be something else coming?

Thanks,

Laura

Laura Brougham | Talk Show Producer

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Brougham, Laura
Subject: RE: CFAI Interview Request - Jan. 18

Hey Laura,

The premier isn't available, but I can tell you that, at the Premier's request, staff looked into the complaint. Government met with many stakeholders including the Mayor of Langford but there was no exchange like the one the Mayor described.

Langford was always included in the Speculation Tax region because it experiences serious housing challenges and very low vacancy rates.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Brougham, Laura <laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:18 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CFAI Interview Request - Jan. 18

Hello Jen,

Today Stew Young, mayor of Langford made a comment about a meeting with Rob Gillezeau, and I was hoping to give the premier a chance to tell his side of the story. I've attached a copy of the quote below for your reference.

If he's available, I currently have an open spot at 8:50 a.m. for a 6-7 minute interview. Or I can make time for him in our 6:50, 7:20, or 8:20 spot.

Please let me know if that will work.

Thanks,

Laura Brougham

Young said,^{Copyright}
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Hall, Sandra
Subject: RE: URGENT: CFX needs clarification on this statement made by Langford Mayor Stew Young on air less than an hour ago.

Hi Sandra,

At the Premier's request, staff looked into the complaint. Government met with many stakeholders including the Mayor of Langford but there was no exchange like the one the Mayor described. Langford was always included in the Speculation Tax region because it experiences serious housing challenges and very low vacancy rates.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Hall, Sandra <Sandra.Hall@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: URGENT: CFX needs clarification on this statement made by Langford Mayor Stew Young on air less than an hour ago.

Hi Jen – Stew Young went on a tear about the speculation tax and relayed a story about being threatened ---his statement is below:

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He maintains he spoke directly to the premier about this and was promised Mr. Gillezeau would be reprimanded. Since Stew took this public, what can you tell us. Did this happen? Has there been action?

I am hoping to have answers as soon as I can, in a few hours if possible.

Sandra Hall | Reporter/Anchor

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Victoria , BC V8W 2B1
Canada



Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:52 PM
To: Hallman, Jason
Subject: RE: Seeking response on comments

Hey Jason,

The Premier isn't available but I can tell you that at the Premier's request, staff looked into the complaint. Government met with many stakeholders including the Mayor of Langford but there was no exchange like the one the Mayor described.

Langford was always included in the Speculation Tax region because it experiences serious housing challenges and very low vacancy rates.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Hallman, Jason <Jason.Hallman@bellmedia.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:26 PM
To: 'Sheena.McConnell@leg.bc.ca' <Sheena.McConnell@leg.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Seeking response on comments

Hi Sheena and Jen,

Langford Mayor Stew Young was on CFX this afternoon and alleged that he was threatened by Rob Gillezeau in regards to the Speculation Tax. He also alleged that Premier Horgan, in conversation with Mayor Young, says that Gillezeau will be reprimanded. We would like a response from the Premier in regards to this please.

Thank you,
Jason

Jason Hallman | Assignment Editor

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Victoria, BC V8W 2B1



Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Shannon Waters
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Premier at Truck Loggers Association convention

Hi Shannon,
He will be! He's speaking at 1pm and will make a forestry announcement. A media advisory will be going out shortly.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Shannon Waters <s.waters@britishcolumbiatoday.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Premier at Truck Loggers Association convention

Good morning!

A little birdie told me the premier will be speaking at the Leaders Luncheon at the TLA convention in Vancouver tomorrow. Can you confirm? Any particular priorities/highlights for his address?

Cheers,
--

Shannon Waters | Reporter | BC Today
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Phone: 236-882-7149
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Subject: RE: BC+ Video mock up - PAEE 2019

Looks fine to me.

From: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BC+ Video mock up - PAEE 2019

Morning folks,

This looks fine to me. It is okay with you both?

Thanks,

Veronica

From: McPhee, Erin GCPE:EX
Sent: January 16, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Maartman, William EDUC:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>; Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX <Corinna.Filion@gov.bc.ca>; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BC+ Video mock up - PAEE 2019

Good morning!

Attached is the proposed script and photos to be used for the 2019 PAEE BC+ Video for the social media campaign for your and the PO's review.

The script has been updated for this year, and the photos were sourced from the finalist videos created for the 2018 awards.

Here is last year's BC+ video for your reference:
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1001173339736436736>

Thanks!
Erin

Erin McPhee
Public Affairs Officer
B.C. Ministry of Education Communications
Office: 250 356-5288
Cell: 778 584-4722

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: FW: spice radio tomorrow

From: Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:57 AM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: spice radio tomorrow

Hello,

FYI - Spice Radio is expecting the Premier to make an imprint of his hand on their campaign wall and write a message tomorrow. They use non-toxic washable paint for this. Washrooms are located on site.

Shruti Prakash-Joshi
Media Relations Officer
Government Communications & Public Engagement
778-587-4521



Where ideas work



Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX
Cc: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Revised for approval - FW: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Vancouver; teleconference

Approved

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

> On Jan 16, 2019, at 9:38 AM, Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>
> Hello Jen,
>
> Editorial would like your approval for the MA attached and below, set to go out at 2:10 pm today.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Danielle Dalzell
> Director of Writing and Content Strategy | Strategic Communications |
> Government Communications and Public Engagement
> Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca | 250-893-2096
>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
> Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:36 AM
> To: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>
> Cc: Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas,
> Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>; GCPE Editorial Services
> <GCPEWES@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
> Subject: Revised for approval - FW: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of
> the Premier – Vancouver; teleconference
>

> With edits. Not sure that we need to specify that a speech call-in line would be listen-only, but better safe than sorry, I suppose.

>
> Colin
> 250 893-0294
>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX [mailto:Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca]
> Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 9:35 AM
> To: McKill, Colin GCPE:EX
> Subject: DRAFT: MEDIA ADVISORY – Office of the Premier – Vancouver;

> teleconference
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> Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the
> summary of the News Release
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> News ID: Not Approved
> NR Type: Media Advisory
> State: Planned
> Planned Release Date: January 16, 2019 at 2:10 pm
> Media Distribution Lists: 059.0 - Prince Rupert, 061.0 - Haida Gwaii, 077.0 - Terrace, BUSIN_BUSINESS, ETHALL_ALL
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> Jan. 16, 2019
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> MEDIA ADVISORY
>
> VANCOUVER - Media are invited to attend Premier John Horgan's speech to the 76th annual Truck Loggers Association
Convention. He will make a forestry announcement.
>
> For those unable to attend in person, there will be an opportunity to listen to the speech and media availability. There
is separate call-in information for the speech and media availability.
>
> Event date: Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
>
> Time: 1 p.m.
>
> Location:
> Westin Bayshore Hotel
> Stanley Park Ballroom
> 1601 Bayshore Dr.
> Vancouver
>
> Dial-in information for speech (listen only):
> In Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260
> From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., toll-free: 1 877 353-9184
> Participant pass code: 93113#
>
> Dial-in information for media Q&A (listen only):
> In Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260
> From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., toll-free: 1 877 353-9184
> Participant pass code: 90275#
>
> Special instructions:

> Media are advised to call 15 minutes prior to register their name and media outlet.
>
> Contact:
>
> Jen Holmwood
> Deputy Communications Director
> Office of the Premier
> 250 818-4881
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>
> Connect with the Province of B.C. at: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/connect>
> <DRAFT.pdf>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Jennifer Kramer
Subject: Re: TLA Premier Horgan attendance- updates

Yes we will be. Thanks.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 15, 2019, at 3:12 PM, Jennifer Kramer <jennifer@tla.ca> wrote:

Hi again,
I'm getting a bit of interest from media ... will you be issuing a release following the Premier's speech on Thursday?

thanks
Jennifer

On Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 10:14 AM Jennifer Kramer <jennifer@tla.ca> wrote:
Sounds good, thanks Jen.

Jennifer

On Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 10:11 AM Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Thanks for getting in touch. This looks fine. If we could keep it to "addressing forestry issues" that would be great at this point. We will also be sending out a media advisory on our side.

Cheers!

Jen

Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Premier | Government of BC

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From: Jennifer Kramer <jennifer@tla.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: TLA Premier Horgan attendance- updates

Hi Jen,

Marlene Behrens gave me your email and phone number to connect regarding the media advisory we are sending out today for the Truck Loggers Association's convention that the Premier will be speaking at.

I have invited media to attend his speech, and Marlene has advised a scrum will follow, also included in the advisory.

I'm looking for direction from you to know what I can say about the Premier's speech - will he be making an announcement, or should I keep it generic and simply state he will be addressing forestry issues?

He is meeting with my executive director today at 11, and I'm hoping to send the advisory out shortly after - if you could please get back to me at your earliest convenience.

The draft advisory is attached.

feel free to give me a call - 905-929-9939

thanks so much,
Jennifer

Jennifer Kramer
Director of Communications
Truck Loggers Association
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Vancouver, BC V6C 1B4
Jennifer@tla.ca
www.TLA.ca Twitter: @truckloggerBC

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jennifer Kramer** <jennifer@tla.ca>
Date: Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 4:34 PM
Subject: Re: TLA Premier Horgan attendance- updates
To: Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX <Marlene.Behrens@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lisa Cruthers <lisa@tla.ca>

Hi Marlene,

Thanks again for meeting with Lisa and I this morning.

As promised, please find attached a few documents.

1. the Session Production Schedule outlines the itinerary, it includes:

- all speakers' notes - including Scott Thomson, President and CEO of Finning, who is introducing the Premier (same as last year)
- a list of all of board of directors members and their company

2. the Leaders Luncheon processional document lists all of the board of directors names who will be seated at the table (same as list in production schedule)

- Mike Richardson, TLA President, and owner of Tsibass Construction in Campbell River will be on the Premier's left
- Bill Nelson, TLA Vice President and partner at Holbrook Dyson Logging Ltd. in Campbell River will be on the Premier's right

3. the draft media advisory

- Just to give you an idea of what I propose for flow - I will update it tomorrow morning following our EDs meeting with the Premier.

I will get back to you about any other government or VIPs

Please let me know if I've forgotten anything.

thanks

jennifer

On Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 3:53 PM Jennifer Kramer <jennifer@tla.ca> wrote:

This is all great, thanks so much.

I will get that list of VIPs to you and the other items you requested asap.

Re: site visit - can we do Monday? I've have a lot of deadlines to meet for today and tomorrow. We have two rooms set aside that can be used for the scrum if you prefer to move it out of the Stanley Park Ballroom - one is the Oak room, I'll have to confirm the other.

Re: media advisory - I will send likely on Monday

Re: media release - I believe my ED is meeting with the Premier on Tuesday morning, which will likely guide what we say in the release. Timing is tight, but do you think that's manageable?

Re: security - just a heads up that the Sierra Club and Ancient Forest Alliance have been in the media a lot re: old growth, and apparently have protested at our convention in the past. I don't know what to expect, but just want to mention it.

Do you see an opportunity at any point for the Premier to mingle with attendees prior to the scrum - if he wants to?

If you need to reach me, I'm working remotely today and tomorrow so call my cell 905-929-9939.

thanks again

Jennifer

On Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 3:39 PM Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX <Marlene.Behrens@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

I've checked in with the Premier's office, and wanted to provide some preliminary updates.

The timing isn't quite confirmed, but I have him arriving at 11:40, then leaving shortly after 1:30, as per our original timeline. We will want to do a scrum after he speaks, but that will mean he won't have time to walk the trade show floor, unfortunately.

I would like to do a site visit, since we're adding a scrum, so we can determine a good spot for it and any of the logistics and tech that will need to be sorted out for that. I'm fairly open for tomorrow and Monday, so let me know if there is any time that would work for you and for the venue.^{s.15}

In terms of a Media Advisory and News Release, if you would like to take care of issuing them that would be great, but yes, the PO would like to review them before they go out. The sooner you can get them to me, the better, but we still have a few days so it isn't a panic yet.

Pending confirmation, it sounds like he will have three staff members with him- probably Evan Brown, Sheena McConnell, and Geoff Meggs. I should have the names confirmed by early next week.

I hope to have more details for you over the next few days, but please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Marlene Behrens | Event Coordinator

Government Communications and Public Engagement

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: RE: China question

Hi,

You can use this quote from me, or the Office of the Premier:

"Planning for future Provincial trade missions to Asia is ongoing, and no decisions have been made on dates or areas of focus yet."

George Chow spoke about it a bit last week as well. Transcript below.

Sing Tao Daily (Western edition)

11-Jan-2019 09:00

[tone5x]

The BC government has planned another trade mission to Asia this year, including China. But since the Canada-China relations have not improved, the trip may be postponed. Minister of State for Trade George Chow said this year's Asia trade mission would include China, Japan, and Korea, and some ASEAN countries that are growing rapidly in recent years will also be included.

In an interview with Sing Tao Daily, Chow, who accompanied Premier John Horgan and Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology Bruce Ralston to visit Asia last year, said trade is about relationship so the communications between governments is important. He said the province planned to visit Asia in March but since the Canada-China relations are still uncertain, they have to wait and watch so the dates, the delegates and countries of the trade mission have not been determined until the situation becomes clear.

Chow said the province hopes to see diversity in trade so besides China, Japan and Korea, the trade mission would also consider visiting Trans-Pacific Partnership member countries or ASEAN countries including Vietnam, Philippines, and Indonesia.

Chow said they also plan to visit some second-tier cities in China, such as cities in the Greater Bay Area. He said with close to 300,000 Canadians living there, Hong Kong is one of the cities that the trade mission would consider visiting. Chow said the public consultation of the Chinese Canadian Museum will kick off this Saturday with two community meetings at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in downtown Vancouver. He said each meeting has 70 spaces and one of the meeting is already full. [jtst, tacz, zhj]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shaw, Rob <rshaw@postmedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: China question

Editors want me to ask: what upcoming trade trips are currently scheduled for China and can I get a statement from gov about whether it plans to continue with those trips or alter plans/attendees after the travel advisory issued by China today and escalating tensions. Figured this might be more PO than international trade GCPE but if you want to forward me on that's fine too. Thanks!

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:17 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: OOP_Consultation for IRR-2018-86537 Due: January 9, 2019 (12 pages)

I have no concerns. Sorry for the late reply.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 9:02 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: OOP_Consultation for IRR-2018-86537 Due: January 9, 2019 (12 pages)

Hi Jen,

Just a reminder for this consult due today.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Oreck, Mira PREM:EX <Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OOP_Consultation for IRR-2018-86537 Due: January 9, 2019 (12 pages)

Hello,

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation received this FOI request from a Political Party:
Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages- excluding attachments – sent from the Minister's Senior Ministerial Assistant(s) - where such a position existed and was staffed during the period. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2017 To 11/07/2017)

They identified the attached document as responsive records. Could you please review the below pages and please let me know if you have any concerns with the disclosure of the emails you authored?

Mira – page 3
Sage – pages 5-10
Jen – page 11

Thank you so much!

Alison

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:15 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90002 Records Due January 16, 2019

No records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 12:33 PM
To: LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2019-90002 Records Due January 16, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 16th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

All communications between staff in the Premier's Office and the Deputy Ministers Office and Chris Feller

*(Date Range for Record Search: **From 05/01/2018 To 08/31/2018**) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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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.

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

Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:14 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90130 Records Due January 21, 2019

No records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 12:41 PM
To: LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2019-90130 Records Due January 21, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 21st whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

All communications between staff in the Premier's Office/Deputy Minister's Office and Glen Hilton.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 05/01/2018 To 08/31/2018) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:03 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Consultation GCP-2018-87953 Due: Jan 23

No concerns.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX <Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Consultation GCP-2018-87953 Due: Jan 23

Hello,

Government Communications and Public Engagement received this FOI request from a Political Party:
Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages - excluding attachments - sent from Cara McGregor (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2018 To 10/31/2018)

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Geoff – page 3
Kate – page 5
Sage – yours and Erin's emails on pages 1, 4, 6-11, 14-15, 18-22
Jen – page 16
Mira – pages 23-25

Thank you,

Alison

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Liza Yuzda; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Media contact for distribution list: Email and cell phone for Liza Yuzda at News 1130

s.22

From: Liza Yuzda <Liza.Yuzda@rci.rogers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 10:01 AM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Media contact for distribution list: Email and cell phone for Liza Yuzda at News 1130

s.22

I am now officially at my new job as News 1130's legislative reporter.
My email is this one (liza.yuzda@rci.rogers.com) – please add it to your contact list.
My cell 250-508-6479.
I will be located in the radio room hall a few doors down from where I was before.
Engineering will be putting in a landline – will send that as soon as I get it.

Liza

Liza Yuzda
Legislative Reporter

Cell 250-508-6479
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: RE: truckloggers Q for Tuesday

Apparently they don't advertise it in advance but a media advisory will be out ahead of it.^{s.22}
s.22

-----Original Message-----

From: Shaw, Rob <rshaw@postmedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: truckloggers Q for Tuesday

Really? It's not in the show calendar or program or website. Richard couldn't find it either.
s.22

On 2019-01-15, 9:13 AM, "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

>He is going...

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>Jen Holmwood

>Deputy Communications Director

>Office of the Premier | Government of BC

>250-818-4881

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>> On Jan 14, 2019, at 9:45 PM, Shaw, Rob <rshaw@postmedia.com> wrote:

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>> In anticipation of Richard and I getting asked this question on stage
>>at our Truckloggers Q&AŠ why is the premier not there? I'm trying to
>>remember the last time a premier didn't go to Truckloggers to speakŠ
>>Horgan was there last year. Usually a big stop on the calendar. Would
>>have to be a good explanation other than Œscheduling conflict¹ ĸ any
>>insight in case we are asked? With such a big year on forestry coming,
>>an odd omission from his schedule.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 1:31 PM
To: richard.zussman@globalnews.ca
Subject: transcript

CHNL, 14-Jan-2019 09:51

Horgan - pipeline protests

By CHNL Shane Woodford

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:31 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2018-87918 Records Due ASAP

I have no records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 12:01 PM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87918 Records Due ASAP

Hi Sheena, Sage and Jen,

Please see the below request and please let me know whether or not you have any records.

All records documenting John Horgan's confirmation on December 12, 2018 that he has discussed with Andrew Weaver that the confidence and supply agreement between his party and the BC Greens could be renegotiated in the New Year.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:20 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: Consultation GCP-2018-87722 Due: Jan 11

No issues. Thanks!

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Consultation GCP-2018-87722 Due: Jan 11
Importance: High

Hi Jen,

Just a reminder for this consult due today.

Thank you,

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 12:17 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Consultation GCP-2018-87722 Due: Jan 11

Hi Sage and Jen,

GCPE received this FOI request from a Political Party:

Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments - sent from Shannon Horlor. (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2018 To 04/30/2018)

They identified the attached document as responsive records. Could you please review the below pages and please let me know if you have any concerns with the disclosure of the emails you authored?

Sage – pages 6-8, 15, 29-35
Jen – pages 1-4, 10-14, 17-28

Thank you so much,

Alison

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Business Cards

Yes please.

From: Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Business Cards

Hi Jen,

Would you like new business cards with your new desk telephone number? I see the old one is on your current cards.

Thanks,

Elizabeth

*Please note my new telephone number below.



Elizabeth Parkinson

Finance and Administration Officer
Office of the Premier

*Direct: 778-974-6082

Reception: 250-387-1715

E-mail: elizabeth.parkinson@gov.bc.ca

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:22 PM
To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Cc: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Letter from Wet'suwet'en

Please just log for now. We will be discussing response.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 11, 2019, at 12:02 PM, Rochon, Jake PREM:EX <Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi all!

We just received this incoming request the Premier apologize for his comments made in his recent news conference from the Wet'suwet'en. How would you like us to proceed? Thank you!

From: Debbie Pierre <dpierre@wetsuweten.com>
Sent: January 11, 2019 11:31 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, IRR IRR:EX <IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>; annmarie.sam@gov.bcv.ca
Subject: FW: Premier Horgan

<Letter to Premier Horgan.pdf>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX
Subject: RE: for confirmation - budget translation

Yes please, and the accompanying media materials being sent out electronically if any. Just Chinese and Punjabi for distribution to those media markets.

From: Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: for confirmation - budget translation

There will definitely be one. Get that translated as well?

Rob Gillezeau
Senior Ministerial Assistant
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
250-413-7048

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: January 10, 2019 4:16 PM
To: Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX <Rob.Gillezeau@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: for confirmation - budget translation

Those are good. Is there a news release?

From: Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: for confirmation - budget translation

Just checking that these work on your end as the documents / languages for translation

Rob Gillezeau
Senior Ministerial Assistant
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
250-413-7048

From: Gee, Susan GCPE:EX
Sent: January 10, 2019 2:37 PM
To: Finn, Heather GCPE:EX <Heather.Finn@gov.bc.ca>; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX <Rob.Gillezeau@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: for confirmation - budget translation

Hello Heather, Rob and Molly – just confirming with you that the following documents are what you would like us to translate for the budget, as in years past.

For confirmation:

- These documents will be translated as part of Budget 2019:
 - **The 8-page Highlights document** – work includes translation as well as populating an InDesign template designed and provided by GCPE Graphics.
 - The document will be translated into:
 - Punjabi
 - Simplified Chinese
 - Traditional Chinese
 - French
 - Korean
 - Tagalog
 - **Opinion Editorial** (approx. 500 words).
 - The document will be translated into:
 - Punjabi
 - Simplified Chinese
 - Traditional Chinese
 - French
 - Korean
 - Tagalog

These were the only documents that were translated last year. They were sent out after the Signal to Release.

Please let me know your thoughts - SG

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:45 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: Re: HARMS: RECORDS DUE NOW OOP-2018-87709

s.13
No harms.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 10, 2019, at 1:43 PM, OOP FOI PREM:EX <OOP.FOI@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Jen,

Thanks for providing your records, could you let us know if you have any harms to provide on these?

Thanks so much,
-Amanda

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX <Jackie.Hendry@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Jackie.Hendry@gov.bc.ca>>>
Subject: Re: RECORDS DUE NOW OOP-2018-87709

Please find attached. Thanks!
<Scan_20190110.pdf>

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 10, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX <Jackie.Hendry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Please provide your “no records response”, or your responsive records for this request **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. The legislated due date for this request is **JANUARY 18, 2019**. The Office of the Premier is **required** to provide a response to the applicant by the due date as per the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jackie Hendry
Director, Executive Operations
Office of the Deputy Minister to the Premier
Desk: 250.952.0527
Cell: 250.893.7467

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX <Jackie.Hendry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87709 Records Due December 18, 2018
Importance: High

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: January 8, 2019 9:21 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87709 Records Due December 18, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Jen,

Another reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 27, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87709 Records Due December 18, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Jen,

Just a reminder for this request.

Thank you!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 6, 2018 12:59 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87709 Records Due December 18, 2018

Hi Jen,

Please see the below request and please let me know by December 18th whether or not you have any records. If you do have a notebook from this time, I am happy to do the scanning of it.

Scanned images of all pages in all notebooks used by Jen Holmwood. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2018 To 11/30/2018)

Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: RECORDS DUE NOW OOP-2018-87709
Attachments: Scan_20190110.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please find attached. Thanks!

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: PJH statement

09-Jan-2019, 11:43

Horgan - Wet'suwet'en protest

By Horgan - press conference - Wet'suwet'en protest

John Horgan: I'd like to acknowledge the events that have taken place and played out in northern BC over the past number of days by stressing it is my hope and expectation that everyone is focused on working toward a peaceful resolution to the impasse. The RCMP enforcement of the court injunction obtained by Coastal GasLink in Wet'suwet'en territory during the past few days is indeed an operational issue for the RCMP.

However, it's my expectation that the RCMP will conduct themselves with the greatest of care to ensure that those in the territory rights are respected. It is also my expectation that all individuals will proceed to a peaceful resolution as early as possible.

We recognize the right of individuals to protest. We recognize the rights of those across the country who wanted to voice their concerns about this project. However, it has been my view that LNG Canada has shown they understand the importance of consultations and meaningful reconciliation with First Nations and that's why they have signed agreements with every First Nation along the pipeline corridor.

This project represents great opportunities for indigenous and non-indigenous peoples alike, but it also recognizes and highlights the challenges of reconciliation. There is no quick fix to resolving issues that go back to 1876 and beyond. There is no quick fix when it comes to addressing differences of opinion within families, within communities, within clans.

Two hundred and three bands under the Indian Act in Canada, thirteen houses, five clans, in Wet'suwet'en territory, speak to the challenges that investors have, the challenges that government has, and the challenges, in fact, indigenous communities have. And that's why Scott Fraser and I visited the office of the Wet'suwet'en in August to talk to hereditary chiefs about their concerns.

We continue to have dialogue on a whole range of issues when it comes to Wet'suwet'en and other communities across the province. Child welfare is the highlight of our successes. There are many, many, others as well. Just before Christmas, we announced a resolution on fish farming in the Broughton Archipelago, a solution that was not expected by anyone, including those that were at the table, yet it was achieved

I'm confident a peaceful resolution can be found. I'm confident that if we keep the doors of dialogue open we will be able to come through this stronger as a country, stronger as a province, stronger as communities. And with that I know there are many, many, questions and I'll invited Sheena to manage that.

Q & A

Reporter: Premier, can you define [inaudible] to this point. Has this company met your definition of consent from First Nations?

John Horgan: When the final investment decision was announced in October, after consultation with LNG Canada, it was our conclusion, the government's conclusion, that the conditions that we had for LNG proceeding in BC had been met. All nations, from wellhead to water line, had signed impacts benefit agreements. We were also, of course, at that time, mindful of the challenges at the Unist'ot'en camp. But we were in dialogue, and continue to be open for dialogue, with hereditary leadership in that community.

Reporter: Is there any chance that this opposition could throw a wrench in [inaudible]?

Horgan: It's our view that the process has concluded. But that's not the end of discussion and dialogue. We believe that LNG Canada has met the obligations that we asked them to achieve and we need to work together. Orders of government, I spoke with the prime minister last night, about this. He understands. The federal government understands, that British Columbia is unique in Canada. We have unceded territory in every corner of the province. We have court ruling after court ruling that has affirmed we need to find a better way forward. The old Indian Act management style still exists. We have to find a way through reconciliation, to bring together the various orders of government in Canada. That's what we intend to do. Reporter: What sort of interpretation should people put on your ministry of Doug Donaldson, that this camp, prior to the police action ... was it a courtesy call or was it an indication of support for their cause? Did he doubt your approval to make that visit?

Horgan: Doug is the local representative for the constituency of Stikine, where Wet'suwet'en territory resides. He was invited. He attended the camp. These are lifetime friends and acquaintances of his. He observed protocol. Brought a gift, which is the protocol in the territory. He heard the concerns that were expressed and he left. This was prior to police action. This was prior to the order of the court being enforced. And I believe it was totally appropriate. Doug has issued a statement that fully explains his position why he was there.

And I believe if we're going to find a solution, you need to have dialogue, and who better than the local MLA to be there before the RCMP enforced the order to hear one last time what the concerns were.

Reporter: Is your definition of free, prior, and informed consent refer to consent by the elected leadership of a First Nation? Does it refer to all FNs within the region having to unanimously agree? Or does it refer to within a FN, as with this one, all houses and clans must approve? What's the actual definition as far as you're concerned?

Horgan: Again, Vaughn, I know that BCers and you and others would prefer to have a nice easy answer to what seems to be on the surface a very straightforward question. But I know that deputy minister Caul would have done his level best to explain the diverse circumstances we find in BC from community to community. When it comes to the Nisga'a Treaty, that was signed outside of the treaty process. But yet it is a treaty.

It identifies and acknowledges the nation of the Nisga'a people, but it was not part of the treaty process. Now the treaty process is underway, some nations chose not to participate in that. The Sechelt signed their reconciliation agreement outside of a treaty process that lays out clearly who deals with who. And the challenge for government, federal and provincial, is determining how we bring together these historic band councils modelled with, as I understand it, the emerging hereditary model that's very much manifesting itself in Wet'suwet'en territory.

So, again, I know people would prefer to have what's the answer, yes or no, but there isn't one. And I know that all of you here who have been covering these issues for a long, long, time understand that every circumstance is different. I used the Broughton Archipelago and the salmon aquaculture issue as an example. We were dealing at that time nation to nation with hereditary leadership, with elected leadership, and not everyone in the region agreed. But those who did did so enthusiastically and now we have a way forward.

So Chief Bob Chamberlin, who's no shrinking violet, said categorically and unreservedly that UNDRIP does not mean a veto. It means we need to sit down and find a way forward on consent. And if this were simple it would have been done a long, long, time ago. I'm very proud of the work we've done in the 17 months we've had the opportunity. Again, the

child welfare issues that we talked directly with Wet'suwet'en leadership about in August are a shining example of where we've made progress.

Again, a lot of work has been done prior to our arrival, but government needs to grasp these issues and deal with them literally on one (inaudible). And what's good for the Osoyoos is not necessarily good for West Moberly, and on and on it goes right across the Peace.

Reporter: The investors, I would think as much as anyone, would like to know what it means (inaudible) your government accepted the definition, and, in fact, put it in (inaudible) to all your ministers. They would like to know what it means, and I think your answer was just it depends (inaudible) is what it means. It must be tough for investors...?

Horgan: I think sophisticated investors, Vaughn, will know the area which they want to invest. If it's an industrial activity it would be a cut block for a forest company, or a mine site, or a tenure, for that activity. And so investors are going to look to who do I have to deal with, who do I talk to, and they're going to do their level best to meet the needs of people in the community that they want to do business.

I appreciate that, again, it would be nice to say we'll just go here talk to those five people and you're good to go. But that's not the experience that we have here in BC, and anyone who's been paying attention know that.

Reporter: I'm going to ask sort of the same question. We've got a municipal government in Victoria... We've got a provincial, federal, (inaudible), indigenous band councils now. Many people might be hearing for the first time hereditary band councils. How do you get people to understand what's going on here?

Horgan: It's the responsibility... And the Prime Minister and I talked about this last night... It's the responsibility of the two orders of government to figure that out. And we do that by working in consultation with band councils and hereditary leadership. And the Wet'suwet'en, who brought forward the Delgamuukw case, which was groundbreaking in this regard, are leading the path in terms of how do we reconcile what's known as the office of the Wet'suwet'en, which is the elected group, versus the 13 houses and the five clans.

Again, I would love to be able to say to you that it's really simple, but it's not, and the key is a commitment to resolution. And we want to see peaceful resolution with respect to the court order that's in place, and we want to see prosperity for all BCers.

Reporter: What advice are you giving to those who are participating in the blockade who are breaking the injunction?

Horgan: I'm not giving any advice to anyone. People are responsible for their actions. I would hope that they would remain peaceful. They have every right to object. That's a fundamental principle in Canada and in BC. I've been at protest lines myself over my checkered career and many of them outside on the lawn here prior to my election, and even since my election. So we're BCers and we will make ourselves known. But I would hope that we would do that in a peaceful manner.

Reporter: But they're breaking the law, and they continue to break the law in a peaceful manner, and for (inaudible).

Horgan: No, if they're breaking the law there are consequences for that and that's why 14 people were arrested yesterday. Again, you have every right to exercise your defence, and you have every expectation that you will have to pay the consequences for that.

Reporter: (inaudible) about the optics, because, yesterday, in the protests across the country (inaudible)?

Horgan: I don't want to diminish the significance of the protests yesterday, but they were uniformly focused on Wet'suwet'en territory. There are no orcas, for example, in Wet'suwet'en territory. There were those that were highlighting that. There were those talking about diluted bitumen. There were those talking about eradicating

capitalism. There was a whole bunch of discontent on display for Canadians to see yesterday. And I absolutely respect that. But when it comes to this project, in the north, particularly, there are nations that are wildly enthusiastic about the prospects that this opens up for their future. And I think that that needs to be balanced in coverage of the protests from yesterday.

Reporter: Further to your comment on the lawn protest, you're on both sides of the fence now. However, in the 90s you were senior staff for the NDP government when they were locking horns with the environmental movement on the war of the woods. Do you see any parallels here and can you draw any lessons from the NDP experience of the 90s in dealing with some really sensitive issues?

Horgan: I certainly take all of these issues to heart. I feel passionately about BC. I feel passionately about the enormous potential we have to see all BCers benefit, indigenous and non-indigenous, from developing our resources; from ensuring that we continue to perpetuate indigenous languages; that we have indigenous housing projects. We have been working relentlessly to try and improve the lives all BCers, with a particular focus on reconciliation after many, many, generations of ignorance about the plight of indigenous communities.

And I would also argue... I think what's been highlighted by the protests that we saw yesterday and the encampment is that there are laws within indigenous territories that are not fully understood by all BCers... Now, we have to ensure that we are working cooperatively to resolve those two solitudes. But that is part and parcel with the responsibility of all BCers and certainly the responsibility of the government. So I take lessons all the time, Keith, from mistakes that I've made, mistakes that others have made. Now, I also like to think that, if we work cooperatively focused on a good outcome for everyone, we're going to get to that.

Reporter: My question is just in regards to the whole hereditary system. I mean, these folks have been camped out there now for seven years so it shouldn't, I guess, come as a surprise that we're at this point now. You saw a similar situation about six or seven years ago with Enbridge where we had an elected leader of the Gitksan say that he had reached an agreement with Enbridge Northern Gateway regarding that project. And immediately the hereditary chief locked the door, told him he was fired, and said that, no, this is not going to stand, and, indeed, it did not. Are we concerned that we've let a tide now that it might be heading the same direction with regards to this project here with the hereditary chiefs saying no?

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Hello Jen, s.22 . I am forwarding this communication to you.

Feel free to follow up with me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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As you know, the Premier is delivering a luncheon keynote talk at the Natural Resources Forum on January 23. I have been asked to moderate a following up conversation with him, once he has finished his speech. I am happy to do so. As I understand it, the two of us will be seated on the stage, and I will be scanning questions put forward by the audience using the Pigeonhole system and selecting certain questions to ask the Premier.

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I look forward to seeing the Premier (and perhaps meeting you) in Prince George.

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Hi Sheena, Sage and Jen,

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All records documenting John Horgan's confirmation on December 12, 2018 that he has discussed with Andrew Weaver that the confidence and supply agreement between his party and the BC Greens could be renegotiated in the New Year.

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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Ta – now working on a weekend read so this is helpful.

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 10:00 AM
To: 'vpalmer@postmedia.com'
Subject: transcript

Sorry I didn't get it to you yesterday!

09-Jan-2019, 11:43

Horgan - Wet'suwet'en protest

By Horgan - press conference - Wet'suwet'en protest

John Horgan: I'd like to acknowledge the events that have taken place and played out in northern BC over the past number of days by stressing it is my hope and expectation that everyone is focused on working toward a peaceful resolution to the impasse. The RCMP enforcement of the court injunction obtained by Coastal GasLink in Wet'suwet'en territory during the past few days is indeed an operational issue for the RCMP.

However, it's my expectation that the RCMP will conduct themselves with the greatest of care to ensure that those in the territory rights are respected. It is also my expectation that all individuals will proceed to a peaceful resolution as early as possible.

We recognize the right of individuals to protest. We recognize the rights of those across the country who wanted to voice their concerns about this project. However, it has been my view that LNG Canada has shown they understand the importance of consultations and meaningful reconciliation with First Nations and that's why they have signed agreements with every First Nation along the pipeline corridor.

This project represents great opportunities for indigenous and non-indigenous peoples alike, but it also recognizes and highlights the challenges of reconciliation. There is no quick fix to resolving issues that go back to 1876 and beyond. There is no quick fix when it comes to addressing differences of opinion within families, within communities, within clans.

Two hundred and three bands under the Indian Act in Canada, thirteen houses, five clans, in Wet'suwet'en territory, speak to the challenges that investors have, the challenges that government has, and the challenges, in fact, indigenous communities have. And that's why Scott Fraser and I visited the office of the Wet'suwet'en in August to talk to hereditary chiefs about their concerns.

We continue to have dialogue on a whole range of issues when it comes to Wet'suwet'en and other communities across the province. Child welfare is the highlight of our successes. There are many, many, others as well. Just before Christmas, we announced a resolution on fish farming in the Broughton Archipelago, a solution that was not expected by anyone, including those that were at the table, yet it was achieved

I'm confident a peaceful resolution can be found. I'm confident that if we keep the doors of dialogue open we will be able to come through this stronger as a country, stronger as a province, stronger as communities. And with that I know there are many, many, questions and I'll invited Sheena to manage that.

Q & A

Reporter: Premier, can you define [inaudible] to this point. Has this company met your definition of consent from First Nations?

John Horgan: When the final investment decision was announced in October, after consultation with LNG Canada, it was our conclusion, the government's conclusion, that the conditions that we had for LNG proceeding in BC had been met. All nations, from wellhead to water line, had signed impacts benefit agreements. We were also, of course, at that time, mindful of the challenges at the Unist'ot'en camp. But we were in dialogue, and continue to be open for dialogue, with hereditary leadership in that community.

Reporter: Is there any chance that this opposition could throw a wrench in [inaudible]?

Horgan: It's our view that the process has concluded. But that's not the end of discussion and dialogue. We believe that LNG Canada has met the obligations that we asked them to achieve and we need to work together. Orders of government, I spoke with the prime minister last night, about this. He understands. The federal government understands, that British Columbia is unique in Canada. We have unceded territory in every corner of the province. We have court ruling after court ruling that has affirmed we need to find a better way forward. The old Indian Act management style still exists. We have to find a way through reconciliation, to bring together the various orders of government in Canada. That's what we intend to do. Reporter: What sort of interpretation should people put on your ministry of Doug Donaldson, that this camp, prior to the police action ... was it a courtesy call or was it an indication of support for their cause? Did he doubt your approval to make that visit?

Horgan: Doug is the local representative for the constituency of Stikine, where Wet'suwet'en territory resides. He was invited. He attended the camp. These are lifetime friends and acquaintances of his. He observed protocol. Brought a gift, which is the protocol in the territory. He heard the concerns that were expressed and he left. This was prior to police action. This was prior to the order of the court being enforced. And I believe it was totally appropriate. Doug has issued a statement that fully explains his position why he was there.

And I believe if we're going to find a solution, you need to have dialogue, and who better than the local MLA to be there before the RCMP enforced the order to hear one last time what the concerns were.

Reporter: Is your definition of free, prior, and informed consent refer to consent by the elected leadership of a First Nation? Does it refer to all FNs within the region having to unanimously agree? Or does it refer to within a FN, as with this one, all houses and clans must approve? What's the actual definition as far as you're concerned?

Horgan: Again, Vaughn, I know that BCers and you and others would prefer to have a nice easy answer to what seems to be on the surface a very straightforward question. But I know that deputy minister Caul would have done his level best to explain the diverse circumstances we find in BC from community to community. When it comes to the Nisga'a Treaty, that was signed outside of the treaty process. But yet it is a treaty.

It identifies and acknowledges the nation of the Nisga'a people, but it was not part of the treaty process. Now the treaty process is underway, some nations chose not to participate in that. The Sechelt signed their reconciliation agreement outside of a treaty process that lays out clearly who deals with who. And the challenge for government, federal and provincial, is determining how we

bring together these historic band councils modelled with, as I understand it, the emerging hereditary model that's very much manifesting itself in Wet'suwet'en territory.

So, again, I know people would prefer to have what's the answer, yes or no, but there isn't one. And I know that all of you here who have been covering these issues for a long, long, time understand that every circumstance is different. I used the Broughton Archipelago and the salmon aquaculture issue as an example. We were dealing at that time nation to nation with hereditary leadership, with elected leadership, and not everyone in the region agreed. But those who did did so enthusiastically and now we have a way forward.

So Chief Bob Chamberlin, who's no shrinking violet, said categorically and unreservedly that UNDRIP does not mean a veto. It means we need to sit down and find a way forward on consent. And if this were simple it would have been done a long, long, time ago. I'm very proud of the work we've done in the 17 months we've had the opportunity. Again, the child welfare issues that we talked directly with Wet'suwet'en leadership about in August are a shining example of where we've made progress.

Again, a lot of work has been done prior to our arrival, but government needs to grasp these issues and deal with them literally on one (inaudible). And what's good for the Osoyoos is not necessarily good for West Moberly, and on and on it goes right across the Peace.

Reporter: The investors, I would think as much as anyone, would like to know what it means (inaudible) your government accepted the definition, and, in fact, put it in (inaudible) to all your ministers. They would like to know what it means, and I think your answer was just it depends (inaudible) is what it means. It must be tough for investors...?

Horgan: I think sophisticated investors, Vaughn, will know the area which they want to invest. If it's an industrial activity it would be a cut block for a forest company, or a mine site, or a tenure, for that activity. And so investors are going to look to who do I have to deal with, who do I talk to, and they're going to do their level best to meet the needs of people in the community that they want to do business.

I appreciate that, again, it would be nice to say we'll just go here talk to those five people and you're good to go. But that's not the experience that we have here in BC, and anyone who's been paying attention know that.

Reporter: I'm going to ask sort of the same question. We've got a municipal government in Victoria... We've got a provincial, federal, (inaudible), indigenous band councils now. Many people might be hearing for the first time hereditary band councils. How do you get people to understand what's going on here?

Horgan: It's the responsibility... And the Prime Minister and I talked about this last night... It's the responsibility of the two orders of government to figure that out. And we do that by working in consultation with band councils and hereditary leadership. And the Wet'suwet'en, who brought forward the Delgamuukw case, which was groundbreaking in this regard, are leading the path in terms of how do we reconcile what's known as the office of the Wet'suwet'en, which is the elected group, versus the 13 houses and the five clans.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: Re: asking for the premier again

He has some constituency work late this week and is back next week with some speaking engagements. I'll let you know about media availability as soon as I get details.

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Deputy Communications Director
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On Jan 8, 2019, at 3:02 PM, Hunter, Justine <JHunter@globeandmail.com> wrote:

When is he back, or available?

Ta,
Jh

Justine Hunter | National Correspondent | The Globe and Mail
p: 250.220.2718 | c: 250.857.4779 | t: @Justine_Hunter

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Truong, Lele GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Chinese media request - updated info from Fairchild TV RE: PJH LNY greetings

Hey Lele,
Likely he will not be able to tape this with Hon-sang, but we will provide a video. There is that upcoming meeting with Kate and others to discuss soon.

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Hi Jen,

I just got a phone call from Fairchild TV's assignment editor, Hon-sang. There is a change to the length of video greeting (23 seconds instead of 28 seconds).

The deadline remains the same, Wednesday January 23rd.

As mentioned in my previous email, Hon-sang has offered to conduct the recording in person.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Lele Truong
Media Relations Officer
Government Communications & Public Engagement
778-676-5555



Where ideas work



Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:38 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2018-87942 Records Due January 7, 2019

I have no records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX <Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX <Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87942 Records Due January 7, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 7th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: Premier, Don Wright, Christine Kennedy, Eric Kristianson, Amber Hockin, Sage Aaron, Jen Holmwood, Kate Van Meer Mass – please let me know if anyone else in the office would hold records

All records, including e-mails, briefing notes and documents as well as reports, related to the arrest, detention, release and monitoring of Ms. Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei Technologies.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2018 To 12/14/2018) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:37 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87773 Records Due December 28, 2018
Attachments: NR

Please find attached. Thanks!

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 9:33 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Evan PREM:EX <Evan.Brown@gov.bc.ca>; Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX <Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca>; Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>; Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX <Chantille.Viaud@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87773 Records Due December 28, 2018

Hi all,

Reminder for this request.

Thank you so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 19, 2018 2:43 PM
To: LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87773 Records Due December 28, 2018

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by December 28th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: All staff

Regarding the announcement and news release of Dec. 5, 2018 related to the CleanBC plan involving Premier John Horgan, Andrew Weaver, Environment Minister George Heyman and others: the event proposal including visual messages, written messages, rollout, media plan, strategic communications, media relations, Q&As and event information/speaking notes; records about the scheduling of the news release and news conference, and the creation of quotes contained in the news release; the list of invitees to the media event/photo op/hospitality event in

Vancouver; the list of attendees to the media event/photo op/hospitality event in Vancouver; The list of all elected and appointed Province of B.C. officials who traveled to and from the Dec. 5, 2018 CleanBC news conference from outside Metro Vancouver, the mode of transportation they used, and the cost of their transportation.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Subject: statement

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Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 9:58 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87742 Records Due December 19, 2018

Hi,
I have no records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87742 Records Due December 19, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Jen – reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: January 4, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Evan PREM:EX <Evan.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87742 Records Due December 19, 2018

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From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Evan PREM:EX <Evan.Brown@gov.bc.ca>
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Reminder for your response to this request.

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From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 7, 2018 10:12 AM
To: LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87742 Records Due December 19, 2018

Hello,

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Canvassed: All Exec staff

All communication between Andrew Weaver and the Minister/Premier/Minister of State or their staff

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 7:50 PM
To: Keith Baldrey
Cc: Richard Zussman
Subject: Re: Statement from Donaldson

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> On Jan 7, 2019, at 7:34 PM, Keith Baldrey <Keith.Baldrey@globalnews.ca> wrote:

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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Jan 7, 2019, at 7:13 PM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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>> We just heard back from Donaldson and in light of what went on today he is providing the following statement:
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>> Statement from MLA Doug Donaldson:
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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 7:19 PM
To: Shane Woodford
Subject: Statement from Donaldson

Hey Shane,

I heard you were asking for comment on this today. We just heard back from Donaldson and he is providing the following statement:

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Cheers,
Jen

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Matt Preprost
Subject: Re: Urgent: Minister Donaldson's visit to Unist'ot'en blockade

Hi Matt,

I have a statement from Donaldson in light of the past few days events you can use:

Statement from MLA Doug Donaldson:

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Cheers,
Jen

From: Matt Preprost <editor@ahnfsj.ca>
Sent: January-07-19 5:26 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: Urgent: Minister Donaldson's visit to Unist'ot'en blockade

Good evening Jen, I hope you had a great holiday.

Can the premier please comment on Minister Donaldson's visit to the Unist'ot'en blockade camp and Gidimt'en checkpoint on Jan. 6?

How does this public visit square with the government's approval of the LNG Canada project, and the \$6.2-billion associated pipeline this protest aims to have stopped?

There are many in Northeast BC looking for an answer, and the Liberals have released a statement.

Thank you,

Matt Preprost, Managing Editor
Alaska Highway News | Pipeline News North

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 7:15 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: Re: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Finally heard back from Donaldson and he has provided the following statement. (I realize it is ridiculously past deadline but thought I'd get it to you anyway)

Statement from MLA Doug Donaldson:

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From: Hunter, Justine <JHunter@globeandmail.com>
Sent: January-07-19 3:46 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Okay. I'm not writing the story but if I were, I would point out the utter ridiculousness of saying your government is respecting the court's decision when it appears your minister does not.

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Sorry Justine. Nothing further to add today.

From: Hunter, Justine [mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Thanks Jen. I saw that some time ago, it doesn't answer my question about whether the premier's office condones a minister of the crown supporting an illegal blockade... Is there any concern about that? or can we at least say that your office is trying to reach him to clarify? Or whatever it is...

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

I just heard we haven't been able to reach Doug (cell range up there is terrible). I can send you this statement the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has been providing:

Government has been clear that it is the company's responsibility to resolve the situation. The company sought an injunction order from the court on this matter. We respect the court's decision. It is our hope that all parties involved can sit down and reach an agreement that respects the healing lodge and the court's decision.

From: Hunter, Justine [<mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

We are close to deadline... ☺

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Hunter, Justine
Subject: RE: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Hi and Happy New Year!
Busy day!

The premier is away, but I, or someone else, will get back to you with something on this very shortly.

From: Hunter, Justine [<mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 12:33 PM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Doug Donaldson supporting protest camp

Hi Sheena, Jen, and happy new year,

This CBC report (link below) indicates that Minister Donaldson came out and supported the TransCanada pipeline protest camp on the weekend, and I'm wondering if that is sanctioned by the premier. (I thought the premier wanted this LNG project?)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/hereditary-chiefs-in-b-c-stand-opposed-to-coastal-gaslink-pipeline-despite-injunction-1.4968169>

Hoping to get a comment that I can send along to my colleague who is working on this story today.

Cheers,
Justine

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 7:13 PM
To: Keith Baldrey; richard.zussman@globalnews.ca
Subject: Statement from Donaldson

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: statement on Mount Polley mine closure

This is what Minister James' office has approved:

Our government's immediate focus is to do what we can to support the Mount Polley Mine workers, their families and the communities during this difficult time.

Government staff will be reaching out to the affected workers to offer support and help them find other employment opportunities.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Wet'suwet'en and Unist'ot'en incomings

Thanks Jake. I will keep you apprised of any direction for our office to respond in future.

From: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Wet'suwet'en and Unist'ot'en incomings

Hi Jen and Tim!

I'm just touching base to update you on incomings related to the Wet'suwet'en camps and RCMP action near Smithers/Houston. We have received around 200 form letters and about 50 original responses (although many of them pull from the form letter). We haven't seen anything from stakeholders yet, but I'll be sure to flag those for you if they do come in. I have reached out to PSSG to see if they'd like to respond in any way. I'll attach an example of the form letter (Message of support for Unist'ot'en camp) and an original letter (Indigenous Rights) here for you. Thank you!

Jake Rochon

Correspondence Coordinator
Office of the Premier
(250) 356-1906

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 12:03 PM
To: Privett, Don PREM:EX
Cc: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: statements on Unistoten/ RCMP today
Attachments: 2019.01.07 - RCMP note.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hi Don,
Here are our statements that can help inform phone responses today. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Date: January 7, 2019 at 11:24:59 AM PST
To: "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: statements on Unistoten/ RCMP today

Hello all,
The attached statements are being provided on an as requested basis from PSSG on the RCMP presence in the area of the Unist'ot'en action camp and healing lodge and the Gidimt'en checkpoint. While other ministers are not currently doing media on this, I thought I'd provide the lines as an FYI to MAs and EAs.

Thanks,

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:31 PM
To: Tom Hawthorn
Subject: Re: Update

Hi Tom,
Please send it my way, thanks!

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> On Jan 4, 2019, at 4:26 PM, Tom Hawthorn <tomhawthorn@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Jen Holmwood:

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> I am at a work on a general speech commissioned in December by Sage. It's coming along and I should have a draft prepared by next week. Should I send it to you,s.22 ?

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> Sincerely,

> Tom

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> Tom Hawthorn

> Victoria, B.C.

> 250-857-5029 (c)

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Angelo Iacobucci

No worries, thanks Kayla!

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Angelo Iacobucci

Hello Jen

Thank you! We did end up getting an address from CHNL and the letter has been sent.

I'm sorry that I neglected to update you!

Thanks

Kayla

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: January 4, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX <Kayla.Huycke@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Angelo Iacobucci

Hi Kayla,
I finally have an address:

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Thanks!

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Angelo Iacobucci

Perfect. It's ready to go whenever we get an address then.

Let me know if you need anything further for this assignment.

Thank you!

Kayla

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: December 18, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX <Kayla.Huycke@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Angelo Iacobucci

I still have not been able to track down an address.

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On Dec 18, 2018, at 4:08 PM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Looks good. Thanks, Kayla!

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On Dec 18, 2018, at 3:29 PM, Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX <Kayla.Huycke@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Jen!

Very sorry to bother you, but I was wondering if I could follow up on the below email and also inquire as to whether or not we have an address to send the letter to?

Thanks so much!

Kayla

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX
Sent: December 17, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Angelo Iacobucci

Hello Jen!

I've attached a draft of a condolence letter for Angelo Iacobucci. Please let me know if you would like anything changed or added.

Thank you!

Kayla
<Angelo Iacobucci- Condolence.docx>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:28 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87976 Records Due January 8, 2019

I have no records.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:28 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87976 Records Due January 8, 2019

Hello,

Just a reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 21, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX <Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca>; Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87976 Records Due January 8, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 8th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: Geoff Meggs, Sage Aaron, Jen Holmwood, Don Wright, Christine Kennedy, Don Bain – please let me know if anyone else in the office would hold records

A copy of the government's four – seven year plan for universal child care and/or a copy of the government's ten-year plan for universal child care.

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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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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Shane Woodford
Subject: RE: Angelo

Thanks!

From: Shane Woodford [mailto:swoodford@newcap.ca]
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Angelo

That would be awesome

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We are having a Celebration of Life here on February 2nd

Shane

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2019, at 10:47 AM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Shane,

I was so sorry to hear about Angelo's passing. The Premier has written a letter of condolence to Angelo's family, but we aren't certain where to send it. Are you able to provide an address?

Thank you so much.

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Shaw, Rob
Subject: RE: forestry briefing

Hey Rob,
Happy New Year!
Let me check in with them and I'll get back to you.
Jen

From: Shaw, Rob [mailto:rshaw@postmedia.com]
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: forestry briefing

Hey Sage/Jen,
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This request can also wait until Monday if that's

easier for scheduling.

Richard and I have been asked to open the Truck Loggers Association convention with a Q&A about BC politics on Jan. 16. Some of it will be about our book, but there will also be questions from the audience on all manner of subjects.

The big one, obviously, is going to be forestry policy by the government.

We're wondering if the deputy minister or someone in the forestry ministry (I suppose it could even be the minister) could take some time on background, not for attribution, to brief us a bit on the government's views, thoughts, and direction for forestry.

It's not a massive issue that has popped up much in the legislature, and so Richard and I have kind of lost track of where this government stands compared to the previous.

We're not looking to scoop whatever announcement government might be making at the TLA, and whatever the premier might say. We're just looking for a better grounding in the fundamentals.

Thinking at least 30 minutes if someone can spare it next week. Richard and I would both attend.

Thanks,

Rob

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From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:58 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87371 Records Due December 6, 2018

Hi Alison,
Sorry for the slow response. I have no records.

Jen

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:49 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OVERDUE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87371 Records Due December 6, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Jen,

Another reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 28, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87371 Records Due December 6, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Jen,

Another reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 14, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX <Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-87371 Records Due December 6, 2018

Hi all,

Just a reminder for this request.

Thank you so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: November 30, 2018 8:45 AM

To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX <Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Call for Records OOP-2018-87371 Records Due December 6, 2018

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by December 6th whether or not you have any records:

Canvassed: Premier, Geoff Meggs, Kate Van Meer-Mass, Sheena McConnell, Sage Aaron, Jen Holmwood, Don Wright, Christine Kennedy

Records of any analysis – including all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages sent from or received pertaining to such analysis – quantifying provincial revenue implications of the four proposed measures (1. New Operating Performance Payments; 2. Clean Growth Incentive Program; 3. Industrial Electricity Rates; 4. Removal of LNG Income Tax) of a new framework as outlined in the March 22, 2018 government news release in Backgrounder 2 titled, “British Columbia establishes new framework for natural gas development.”

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:06 AM
To: Thomas Hackney
Subject: RE: CleanBC plan - question about emissions from waste

Hello,
Thank you for getting in touch. I'd suggest reaching out to the Ministry of the Environment as the best resource for answers to your questions.

Cheers,
Jen

From: Thomas Hackney [mailto:tom.hackney@bcsea.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 1, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: CleanBC plan - question about emissions from waste

Hello Ms. Holmwood,

Another question:

On page 60, the CleanBC document says:

"Overall, waste is still a 1.5 million tonne problem for greenhouse gas emissions, and the negative effects of managing waste of all kinds continue to be an expensive part of our lives. Our strategy for waste will focus on prevention, which has the greatest potential for reducing GHG emissions, including those emissions that occur beyond our borders where many of the products we use are manufactured."

However, line 64 of the 2016 BC GHG inventory (attached) gives 3.7 MT as the figure for emissions from waste.

Could you please reconcile the two figures.

Thanks,
Tom Hackney

Tom Hackney | *Policy Advisor*
BC Sustainable Energy Association
250-381-4463 | tom.hackney@bcsea.org

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: Event Pitch for Moose Hide Campaign Day
Attachments: EP_Pitch Moose Hide Campaign Day_draft_24Dec2018_1050am.docx; ATT00001.htm

For consideration for PJH.

From: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: FOR REVIEW: Event Pitch for Moose Hide Campaign Day

I will be able to attend the pitch meeting today sorry. It want to get this document to you and requesting if we can connect about the possibility of PJH to take part ?

Thanks

Anne Marie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Venn, Tania GCPE:EX" <Tania.Venn@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 31, 2018 at 9:54:08 AM PST
To: "Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX" <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX" <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Event Pitch for Moose Hide Campaign Day

Hi Anne,

I hope you had a relaxing time with family this Christmas.

Here is the Event Pitch for Moose Hide Campaign Day for you to present at your next pitch meeting. We will want to see if the Premier is interested in attending.

Happy New Year!

Tania

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Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:38 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Reminder: EDU-2018-87477 - OOP Consultation - Due January 4, 2019

No concerns. Thanks.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Reminder: EDU-2018-87477 - OOP Consultation - Due January 4, 2019

Hi Jen,

Just a reminder for this consult due today.

Thanks so much!

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: December 20, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: EDU-2018-87477 - OOP Consultation - Due January 4, 2019

Hi Jen,

The Ministry of Education received this FOI request from a Political Party:

Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments – sent from the Minister's Ministerial Assistant(s), where such a position existed and was staffed. (Date Range for Record Search: From: 07/01/2018 To: 07/31/2018)

They identified the attached document as responsive records. Could you please let me know if you have any concerns with the disclosure of the emails you authored on page 1?

Thank you so much!

Alison

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:32 PM
To: Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX
Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Letter of Thanks - BCH Employee IntraWeb

Thanks, Melissa.
Looks good to me.

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
250-818-4881

On Jan 3, 2019, at 3:08 PM, Sanderson, Melissa EMPR:EX <Melissa.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi,

Attached is a draft letter for consideration from PJH that can be distributed through employee networks at BCH.

Open to any revisions and edits. Please let me know if and when you have approval to distribute to BCH.

Melissa

<PJH Thanks to BC Hydro Workers for Storm Response_Jan03_204pm_2019.docx>

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Jeremy Hainsworth
Subject: Re: .C. Infrastructure Benefits Board appointments

Hi Jeremy,
Happy New Year to you!
Unfortunately, the premier isn't around today.

Cheers!

Jen Holmwood
Deputy Communications Director
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On Jan 2, 2019, at 2:56 PM, Jeremy Hainsworth <jhainsworth@glaciermedia.ca> wrote:

Hi, Jen,
Happy New Year!
I need a comment from the Premier on the appointment announced today of Gary Kroeker and Clyde Scollan to the B.C. Infrastructure Benefits Board.
Between the two of them and associated organizations where Elections BC lists them as principles, these two men, who are heavily connected to the construction industry, have donated more than \$330,000 to the NDP and the Liberals in the past 13 years.
I'm curious how this fits with the page 98 of the NDP platform promise to remove big money from politics and the Confidence and Supply Agreement pledge to "eliminate any other means by which individuals or entities may wield undue influence over government."
Thanks
Jeremy

Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Moose Hide - Feb 2018 SN

Hi all,
I don't have them. s.22

From: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 9:38 AM
To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Moose Hide - Feb 2018 SN

Hi Sarah,

I've copied Jen here, as PO has the final versions of the Premier's speaking notes. I looked in our records and couldn't find anything.

Thanks,

Erin Richards
250-361-6901

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: December 24, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX <Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX <Sharon.Pocock@gov.bc.ca>; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Moose Hide - Feb 2018 SN

Hi Erin,

s.22 I'm hoping you can help me with this request. I am looking for the final version of the premier's speaking notes from the Moosehide Day last Feb. 2018. Are you able to please send them to us? We are just starting to prep materials for this year's event, and would like to refer to them for consistency of messaging.

Thanks,
Sarah.

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