From:	Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent:	March 28, 2019 2:47 PM
Го:	Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX

Subject: Re: Meeting with Karen and Mike

Let's do Monday at 10. The other meeting can go on without me.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX" <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 2019-03-28 1:36 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX" < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Karen and Mike

Hi Charlotte!

Of course (a) You have two weekly calls at the times Karen has suggested. Monday is the SR Team Meeting (10am – 11am) and Tuesday is WE (3pm – 5pm). Are you able to push either of these back abit?

Olivia Dixon | Administrative Assistant

Vancouver Cabinet Office | Office of the Premier

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From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 28, 2019 1:18 PM

To: Dixon, Olivia PREM:EX <Olivia.Dixon@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Meeting with Karen and Mike

Hi Olivia!

Could I trouble you to please find a time for Karen Cooling, Mike Cheevers, and I to have a meeting on Monday or Tuesday?

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From:	Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent:	March 28, 2019 2:28 PM
Го:	Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
Subiect:	Vaisakhi statement

Hey Shannon,

When were you planning to have the Vaisakhi statement done for? We are planning to do a mailing to all Gurdwaras and it needs to hit the mail by Monday, April 8.

Would it be possible to move this up in your calendar to have it approved by Friday, April 5th?

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 28, 2019 12:56 PM

To: XT:Lee, Winnie AG:IN; Bill Yee; Dudley, Alison TAC:EX

Subject: Re: Governing in the Public Interest: Foundational Training for New Public Sector Board

Members (Premier's Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Committee)

Hi Winnie and Bill,

I can share this with Minister Chow but I am sure he would be pleased for committee member to attend and I can't see any reason why you would need to ask.

This sounds like a great learning opportunity! If Bill isn't able to join you we should certainly circulate to the rest of the committee.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: Winnie Lee <wlee@icavictoria.org> Date: 2019-03-26 4:57 PM (GMT-08:00)

<Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Governing in the Public Interest: Foundational Training for New Public Sector Board Members (Premier's

Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Committee)

Hi All.

Bill and I were the recipients of the email below. I haven't spoken with Bill about this and was not sure what the protocol would be and also if we needed to ask the Minister for his approval to attend on behalf of the CCCAC. There are up to attendees that may be invited, I am interested in attending. Thoughts?

Thanks, Winnie

Winnie Lee | Director of Operations | Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria 930 Balmoral Road | Victoria, BC V8T 1A8 | 250-388-4728 ext 101 | www.icavictoria.org

From: FIN CABRO PD Forum FIN:EX <governinginthepublicinterest@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 4:03 PM

To: \$.22 ; Winnie Lee <wlee@icavictoria.org>

Subject: Governing in the Public Interest: Foundational Training for New Public Sector Board Members (Premier's

Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Committee)



Dear Bill Yee and Winnie Lee,

On May 23, 2019, a learning event for provincially-appointed new board members will be held in Vancouver.

Governing in the Public Interest: Foundational Training for New Board Members, will introduce four core modules (Governance, Finance, Human Resources and Risk Management), and offer the opportunity for attendees to learn about government's priorities and network with each other. Detailed event information, including a draft agenda, is attached.

As the focus of the event is for new board members, spaces are limited to 300 attendees, and there are over 260 public sector organizations, we are asking that you may invite up to two attendees from your board, which may include yourself, to attend.

Please send the names and contact information for your nominees to <a href="mailto:GoverningInThePublicInterest@gov.bc.ca">GoverningInThePublicInterest@gov.bc.ca</a>, and indicate your first and second choice by April 5 2019.

We will follow up with nominated attendees directly to arrange registration.

To support your recommendation, please consider the following attendee nomination criteria:

- Board member was appointed within the last two years
- Board member is available to attend the full day on May 23, 2019
- Board member's role on the board is aligned with and relevant to the module content (see attached draft agenda for course titles)

For those board members who would benefit learning about foundational governance in the public interest, the event's four foundational modules will be available as online training to all board members later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office (CABRO) at <a href="mailto:GoverningInThePublicInterest@gov.bc.ca">GoverningInThePublicInterest@gov.bc.ca</a>.

Thank-you for your leadership in service to the people of British Columbia.

Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office Ministry of Finance

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 28, 2019 12:51 PM

To: Privett, Don PREM:EX; Trimble, Brett FIN:EX

**Subject:** Got the Surface!

Just wanted to let you know that I picked up the laptop no problem! Thanks for going to such great lengths to get it here!!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 28, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: No call with Amber tomorrow

Hi Debbie,

Just a note that s.22

so no need for Amber to call me at 11:30. We will connect the next

time.

Thanks, Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston, Manager of Stakeholder Relations Office of the Premier Mobile: 604-816-7207

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 28, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX
Cc: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Vaisakhi events

Hey Shannon,

Kate called me last night to say that she hadn't been able to get the pieces approved by PJH yet.

In any event, I wont have any info on Gilly Temple or the parades, I'm just the point person for the proposed Leg event. I can send you what I have for that, but PJH's attendance has not yet been confirmed for that.

Amber or Kate are likely to have more info on the parades and Gilly Temple.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: "Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX" <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 2019-03-28 8:19 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX" < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Richards, Erin GCPE:EX" < Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Vaisakhi events

Hi Charlotte,

Checking in on where these events might be at for confirmation and information.

The Gilly Temple notes and BG would be due tomorrow if that event is confirmed for the 6<sup>th</sup> and I have no info on it yet, other than it is not a Vaisakhi celebration.

Thanks,

### Shannon

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From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 26, 2019 2:41 PM

**To:** Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX <Shannon.Horlor@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** Richards, Erin GCPE:EX <Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Vaisakhi events

Hey Shannon,

Checking in on these items for you, but FYI the Vaisakhi Leg event would be April 10 not April 1.

From: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:28 AM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca >

Cc: Richards, Erin GCPE:EX < Erin.Richards@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Vaisakhi events

Hi Charlotte,

Erin forwarded me your email about suggested topics for the Vaisakhi statement. Thanks for that.

I'm prepping and writing any and all materials related to any of the tentative Vaisakhi events. Can you tell me if any of these are confirmed as proceeding and send me any info you may have, as there is nothing in Asana. Especially pressing would be the Leg and roundtable events.

We have four possible events that are TBD:

- 1. Vaisakhi at the Leg and roundtable (April 1)
- 2. Gilly Temple Celebrations in Burnaby (April 6)
- 3. Vaisakhi Vancouver (April 13)
- 4. Surrey Vaisakhi (April 20)

Thank you!

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#### **Shannon Horlor**

Senior Writer | Strategic Communications | Writing and Content Strategy Government Communications and Public Engagement p. 250.812.6623

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 27, 2019 7:45 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX

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Subject: RE: Call for Records OOP-2019-91647 Records Due April 3, 2019

Attachments: All Dec.pdf

Hi folks,

Still can't get into the LAN, but making up for my Nov tardiness with Dec earliness! All Dec emails attached. I went on so that's why the emails stop where they do.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:08 PM

**To:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca> **Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-91647 Records Due April 3, 2019

Hi Charlotte,

Please see the request below and please let me know by  $\underline{April\ 3^{rd}}$  whether or not you have any records. Please PDF records into this folder:

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Please let us know if you need any help with PDF'ing these records.

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#### Amanda Shortt, Executive Administrative Coordinator

Deputy Minister's Office | Office of the Premier Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Phone: (778) 974-5747

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 27, 2019 5:04 PM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Subject: RE: RESPONSE DUE NOW Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due NOW

Attachments: NR

Hi Jackie,

I have been having computer difficulties all day so unfortunately I can't access the shared drive folder for this month's FOIs, but I am attached the .pdf of all my sent mail.

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:11 AM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RESPONSE DUE NOW Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due NOW

Importance: High

Hello Charlotte,

Please provide your response to this call for records for this request <u>NOW</u>. The legislated due date for this request is **fast approaching**. The Office of the Premier is <u>REQUIRED</u> 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.

Thank you,

Jackie Hendry
Director, Executive Operations
Office of the Deputy Minister to the Premier
Desk: 250.952.0527

Desk: 250.952.0527 Cell: 250.893.7467

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:23 PM

To: Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX < Jackie. Hendry@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: RESPONSE DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due March 7, 2019

Importance: High

HI Jackie,

Needing your assistance with a reminder to Charlotte for this request, LDD is April 3.

Thank you, -Amanda

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: March 21, 2019 11:58 AM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RESPONSE DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due March 7, 2019

Importance: High

Hi Charlotte,

Sending another reminder for this request.

Thanks,
-Amanda

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX Sent: March 13, 2019 9:36 AM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due March 7, 2019

Hi Charlotte,

Reminder for this request.

Thank you,

Alison

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Sent: February 21, 2019 12:48 PM

**To:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < <u>Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-91061 Records Due March 7, 2019

Hi Charlotte,

Please see the request below and please let me know by  $\underline{March 7^{th}}$  whether or not you have any records. Please PDF records into this folder:

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Please let us know if you need any help with PDF'ing these records.

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Phone: (778) 974-5747

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 26, 2019 11:46 AM

**To:** \$.22

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'anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com'

Cc: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; 'Amir Bajehkian'

Subject: Thank you so much!

Good morning everyone,

On behalf of Premier John Horgan and our whole team, let me thank each of you so much for your beautiful contributions to yesterday's celebration of Nowruz at the Legislature.

From the performances and speeches to the food, it was a fantastic celebration and I am so glad we could once again host it in the Legislature's Hall of Honour. I want to give a special shout out to Amir, without whom none of this could have come together. He has worked incredibly hard to make this celebration possible, and we owe him a very big thank you.

<u>Here are some photos from today's celebration at the Legislature.</u> If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out the <u>Premier's Nowruz greeting video</u> here.

We wish you and your loved ones a very happy Nowruz and a joyous Spring.

Warmly, Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston,
Manager of Stakeholder Relations
Office of the Premier
Mobile: 604-816-7207

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX March 25, 2019 6:00 PM Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX Oreck, Mira PREM:EX Re: meeting with Naveen	
Hey Vanessa, Naveen an	d I also have an initial meeting set for this Wednesday.	
Sent from my Samsung Galax	xy smartphone.	
Date: 2019-03-25 5:53 Pl To: "Kingston, Charlotte Cc: "Oreck, Mira PREM:E Subject: RE: meeting wit	REM:EX" <vanessa.geary@gov.bc.ca> M (GMT-08:00) PREM:EX" <charlotte.kingston@gov.bc.ca> X" <mira.oreck@gov.bc.ca> h Naveen</mira.oreck@gov.bc.ca></charlotte.kingston@gov.bc.ca></vanessa.geary@gov.bc.ca>	adia a ayay ta Vistoria an Thyraday
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Sent from my Samsung Galax	xy smartphone.	
Date: 2019-03-25 4:38 P To: "Kingston, Charlotte	REM:EX" < <u>Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca</u> > M (GMT-08:00) PREM:EX" < <u>Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca</u> > X" < <u>Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca</u> >	

Hi Charlotte – are you available to meet with Naveen and me on Friday afternoon at VCO? As I explained last week, he is not able to start until May, but we thought it would be valuable to have a general introductory chat about SR and VCO before s.22 Let me know. Thanks Vanessa

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 21, 2019 12:46 PM

To: Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX

**Subject:** RE: Vaisakhi Youth Anti-Racism Dialogue- April 10, 2019 **Attachments:** Proposal note- Vaisakhi youth anti-racism dialogue.docx

Sorry, there was a typo in the header that I can't let go. Fixed and reattached.

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:45 PM

To: Oreck, Mira PREM:EX < Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca>; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX < Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Vaisakhi Youth Anti-Racism Dialogue- April 10, 2019

Hi Mira and Vanessa,

For Vaisakhi this year PJH will be attending one community event (the specific one TBC). In addition to this, the Sikh Youth of Victoria approached TAC to host an event at the Legislature. Both TAC and I are interested in supporting the group with this request.

We are also interested in extending the event from a noon hour celebration into an afternoon of cross-cultural sharing and a facilitated dialogue on anti-racism and fighting hate motivated violence. Please find attached a proposal explaining the idea.

PS Ravi Kahlon is excited about the plan, and we propose also involving Premier Horgan and/or Minister of Education Rob Fleming.

The financial commitment would be quite low, probably less than \$500 to support the event.

Can you please take a look and let me know what you think ASAP? If it makes sense from your perspective, Amber Nash has confirmed that we can make time in the Premier's calendar for the event on April 10, so we would send the proposal over to PJH for his response.

Thanks, Char

Charlotte Kingston,
Manager of Stakeholder Relations
Office of the Premier
Mobile: 604-816-7207

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 21, 2019 12:35 PM

To: PREM Tech

**Subject:** Can't view PJH calendar

Hey folks,

The Premier's calendar is showing up as blank for me. Are you able to assist me to see it properly?

Thanks, Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston, Manager of Stakeholder Relations Office of the Premier Mobile: 604-816-7207

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX

Subject: Nowruz Celebration at the BC Legislature on Monday, March 25

For attendees- I think this is good to go unless you have any additions.

Good afternoon everyone,

The BC Legislature is looking forward to celebrating Nowruz with each of you on Monday!

The event will run from 12:00-1:15pm in the Hall of Honour. Because we are expecting a very large crowd, we encourage you to arrive around **11:30-11:40am** to ensure that you have enough time to pass through security on your way into the building.

You should enter through the main doors in the centre of the building. Here is more information about the security screening process at the BC Legislature: https://www.leg.bc.ca/content-peo/Pages/Security-Screening.aspx

If you are interested in adding to your visit, here is some information on planning your visit to the Legislature: https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/visiting-the-legislature

The sun is shining, and we are looking forward to ushering in Spring with each of you.

Warmly, Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston, Manager of Stakeholder Relations Office of the Premier Page 20 to/à Page 21

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From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2019 10:53 AM
To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX

Subject: Nowruz Celebration at the BC Legislature on March 25, 2019

### Hey Rick!

Before I send this out, just wanted you to take a quick look to ensure the itin looked right to you. It is just off the exact one you sent me by a minute or two because I added in the remarks from Taufiq and Taaj that have been added. I will ask each performer that we intent to pay honoraria or travel reimbursement to for their address in an individual email follow up. Let me know if this is good to go ©

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### Good morning everyone,

The whole of the BC Legislature is looking forward to celebrating Nowruz with each of you on Monday! First, on behalf of Premier John Horgan, let me thank you all so much for offering to take part in this special Nowruz event. The Premier had a great time jumping over the fire last night, and the sunshine really makes it feel like spring is here-- so let's celebrate!

I believe you have each had a chance to speak with Rick about your individual needs. Below is some information you will find useful for participating in next week's event.

#### **Event itinerary:**

you are not able to arrive this early just let us know.  Enter through the front doors in the centre of the legislature (doors on either side of the big wrought iron gates) and pass through security.  Call Charlotte at 604-816-7207 if you have any difficulties.  11:30 am  Guests begin to arrive  11:45 am  Event briefing  Led by Rick Devereau, Director of Event Services, in Rattenbury Room  Emcees: Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism and Bowinn Ma, Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink  All performers and speakers  Charlotte Kingston, Premier's Office Manager of Stakeholder Relations  12:00  Performance by Darya Persian Music Ensemble kicks off the event as guests take their seats (1-2 songs)  MCs welcome guests and introduce Darya Persian Music Ensemble for one more song  12:07  Darya Persian Music Ensemble plays an additional song  MCs thank Darya Music Ensemble and provide brief remarks, introducing the Haft-Seer			
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Thank you again, and looking forward to having you there! -Charlotte

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Mobile: 604-816-7207

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Amber, what does staffing look like for Thursday's multiculturalalism awards?

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

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Date: 2019-03-18 7:26 PM (GMT-08:00)

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Mira Oreck 604 839 1967

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PJH is there from 6:45 – 8pm. I will send you calendar invite. Thank you!

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To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX < Amber. Nash@gov.bc.ca>

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Tomorrow night's firejump? No one had asked me to, so I wasn't planning to go, but I could if needed!

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Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 5:25 PM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

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I sent an email instead (3) was about mosque.

Although – are you planning on going to the Nowruz event tomorrow eve? Keep meaning to ask you that!

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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 4:13 PM

To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM: EX < Charlotte. Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Nowruz briefing

Can I give you a call?

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 18, 2019 3:20 PM

To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX < Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Nowruz briefing

Hi Amber,

For the Nowruz briefing can we also please include PS Ravi Kahlon and Ps Bowinn Ma (event MCs), as well as Ramesh Ranjan as staff.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX March 19, 2019 8:07 AM Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX Re: Nowruz event at BC Legislature March 25
I would say 350 pieces of h have 180 RSVPs without M	oot food because then that is about 2 pieces per person, assuming 150 guests. We already ILAs and staff.
Let me double check what	we did for Diwali.
Plates does feel pretty nec move.	essary. What do you think? We have \$1200 budget for hot food so we do have some room to
Can you please check with	the provider what the vegetarian options are amongst the suggested pieces?
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy	smartphone.
Date: 2019-03-19 6:52 AM To: "Kingston, Charlotte PF	PE:EX" <rick.devereux@gov.bc.ca></rick.devereux@gov.bc.ca>
Hi Charlotte	
The suggestion below seen	ns to be for 200 pieces of hot food
That makes sense to me. Y	ou agree?
Let me know Thanks Rick	
Begin forwarded message:	
Eram, Mahdiyar (	3.22

From: Mahdiyar < \$.22

Date: March 18, 2019 at 10:24:09 PM PDT

To: Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca

Subject: Re: Nowruz event at BC Legislature March 25

FYI.

# Mahdiyar Biazi

On Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 2:37 PM Anar Food <a href="mailto:anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com">anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Hello Mahdiyar,

Do you happen to know what is happening with this? I emailed Charlotte and Rick on Thursday and have not heard back, I do need numbers to finalize details.

Thanks,

Sadaf

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

From: Anar Food <a href="mailto:anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com">anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com</a>

Date: Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Re: Nowruz event at BC Legislature March 25 To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX < Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX < Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>

Hello Rick and Charlotte,

Happy to hear you would like to move forward with this. The number of tables will depend on the number of pieces per each dish. They are all bite size so approximately 1.5-2" by 1.5-2" and 20 fits per one plate/tray. I would say one large table or two smaller tables for the five trays.

You have asked for the following bite size items:

- Olivieh Bites (20 pieces x \$2)= \$40.00 plus GST
- Kashk.e.Bademjan Bites (20 pieces x \$2) = \$40.00 plus GST
- Koofte Bites (20 mini meatballs x \$2.50) = \$50.00 plus GST
- Joojeh Pieces (20 chicken pieces x \$2) =\$40.00 plus GST
- Zeitoon Parvarde on Stick (20 sticks x \$1.50) = \$30.00 plus GST

Total= \$240.00 plus GST for 20 pieces of 5 items

Depending on the number of attendees I would suggest bumping up to 40 pieces each (\$480 plus GST) or bumping certain items to 40 or 60, and keeping others at 20 or 40. This type of menu allows you the flexibility to play around with your budget.

As for the napkins/plates, we will provide napkins, however, should you choose to have plates available as well you would have to provide that yourself. Since all the items are finger foods, you do not necessarily need utensils.

invoice over. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Sadaf Pourmand Anar Food and Grocery On Wed, Mar 13, 2019 at 3:53 PM Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca> wrote: Hello there, I am Rick Devereux and I work with Charlotte – I will be helping to manage the event on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the BC Legislature. I just wanted to make sure you have my contact and know that you can be in touch any time with questions. I will arrange for tables for you at the legislature. Can you let me know how many you will require? Are you planning to bring your own utensils or should I also get those and napkins, plates, etc? Thank you for being a part of this, and I look forward to meeting you at the event! Rick Rick Devereux Executive Director, Events & Corporate Planning Government Communications and Public Engagement rick.devereux@gov.bc.ca | cell: 250-812-1207

Please let me know final numbers when you have them and I can send an official

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 3:16 PM

To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX < Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: RE: Nowruz next steps- hot food

I have provided you with a bite-size menu for events of this nature. Everything will come on a tray and be easily consumed without the need for utensils; all you will need is napkins.

This kind of menu gives you the flexibility to pick and choose what you serve, and how many you would like available at the event while remaining in control of your budget. You can pick one or more of these dishes and choose how many pieces as long as there is a minimum of 20 pieces per item.

#### **MENU CHOICES**

#### Falafel Bites (vegetarian)

cost:\$1.00 per piece (min. 20pcs)

Falafel Bites - Served with tzatziki dip

#### Olivieh Bites (Chicken & Potato Salad - Served on Crackers)

cost:\$2 per piece (min. 20pcs)

# Kashk.e.Bademjan Bites (Eggplant Spread w/ Whey & Fried Onion - Served on Crackers)

cost:\$2.00 per piece (min. 20pcs)

### Kookoo Sibzamini Bites (Potato & Egg Patties)

cost:\$1.50 per piece (min. 20pcs)

Koofte Bites (Beef & Rice Persian Meatballs)
cost:\$2.50 per piece (min. 20pcs)
Joojeh Pieces (Saffron Marinated Chicken breast)
cost:\$2.00 per piece (min. 20pcs)
Zeitoon Parvarde on Stick (Two Pomegranate and Walnut marinated olives on a stick)
cost:\$1.50 per stick (min. 20 sticks)
Please let me know if you have any questions or require clarity on any of this.
Sadaf Pourmand
Anar Food & Grocery
anarfoodvictoria@gmail.com
End of Forwared Message

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX

Subject:20190319\_BG\_PJH\_Nowruz Fire Jumping\_V2.docxAttachments:20190319\_BG\_PJH\_Nowruz Fire Jumping\_V2.docx

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 3:55 PM
To: Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX

Subject:20190319\_SN\_PJH\_Nowruz Fire Jumping\_V6 (002).docxAttachments:20190319\_SN\_PJH\_Nowruz Fire Jumping\_V6 (002).docx

BG in 2 min!

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 13, 2019 10:13 AM

To: 'Amy Juschka'; Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX;

Viaud, Chantille MCF:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX

Cc: Deb Bryant; Heiky Kwan

Subject: RE: Thank you!

Thank you Amy, and thank you so much to everyone at the YWCA for all your work on this event.

We really enjoyed partnering with you, and were so glad to have the opportunity to talk about gender based budgeting and policy analysis with such a diverse room of women on International Women's Day.

Thanks to Deb for the expert moderation, and to Heiky and her colleagues for bringing everything together.

Looking forward to the next opportunity to work together to move the dial for women.

Warmly, Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston,
Manager of Stakeholder Relations
Office of the Premier
Mobile: 604-816-7207

From: Amy Juschka <ajuschka@ywcavan.org> Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:50 AM

**To:** Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX <Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX <Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>; Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX <Marlene.Behrens@gov.bc.ca>; Viaud, Chantille MCF:EX <Chantille.Viaud@gov.bc.ca>; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Deb Bryant <dbryant@ywcavan.org>; Heiky Kwan <hkwan@ywcavan.org>

Subject: Thank you!

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Warmly,

Amy Juschka

Director, Communications and Advocacy

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From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX Sent: March 13, 2019 9:55 AM

To: Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX

**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you!

Great partnership with the YWCA for budget and IWD! Looking forward to using this model again.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: Amy Juschka <ajuschka@ywcavan.org> Date: 2019-03-13 9:50 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX" <Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca>, "Henry, Molly FIN:EX" <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, "Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX" <Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca>, "Behrens, Marlene GCPE:EX" <Marlene.Behrens@gov.bc.ca>, "Viaud, Chantille MCF:EX" <Chantille.Viaud@gov.bc.ca>, "Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX" <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>

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From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 8, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX

Subject: Re: Inclusive workplace training for PO - Thursday March 14th

Hi Vanessa and Danny,

Can do and looking forward to it. Danny, could you please arrange my travel for next Thursday? I'll use the opportunity to meet with some MAs and TAC re the upcoming Nowruz celebration as well.

Thanks,

C

From: Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX Sent: March-07-19 10:08 AM To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

Subject: FW: Inclusive workplace training for PO - Thursday March 14th

Hi – welcome back! Would you please confirm with Danny your participation in the workshop below asap. If the timing doesn't work for you, please come chat. Thanks Vanessa

From: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX

Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 3:44 PM

To: LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PREM Directors <PREMDIR@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>;

Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Loubert, Danny PREM:EX <Danny.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>;

Parte, Maura PSA:EX < Maura.Parte@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Inclusive workplace training for PO - Thursday March 14th

Over the last few months, we have run a series of Inclusive Workplace Training sessions for political staff. The sessions are run by Natasha Tony who is highly respected and well known for her work on equity and inclusion in the labour movement and with civil society groups. The goal of these sessions is enhance our collective capacity to build an inclusive workplace. Some of you participated in one of these sessions, and the feedback has been very positive.

Natasha will be holding a session tailored to the PO next Thursday, March 14 from 9:00am to noon in the Caucus Room.

I recognize and apologize for the short notice, but It is expected that most of us will be able to participate (if you haven't already).

Please be in touch with Danny by end of day tomorrow (Wed. March 6<sup>th</sup>) to confirm your attendance.

If you have any questions, please give Vanessa a call.

Thanks Amber

Amber Hockin Deputy Chief of Staff West Annex, Office of the Premier Cell#s.17

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 8, 2019 10:07 AM
To: OOP FOI PREM:EX

Subject: Re: Call for Records OOP-2019-91265 Records Due March 18, 2019

Hi Leslie,

s.22

Welcome!

I do not have any notebook pages from this time as my notebooks contain transitory information, and I recycle them once I fill the book. My January/February pages have already been recycled.

Thanks, Charlotte

From: OOP FOI PREM:EX
Sent: March-07-19 3:17 PM
To: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

Subject: Call for Records OOP-2019-91265 Records Due March 18, 2019

Hi Charlotte,

Please see the below request and please let me know by  $\underline{March\ 18^{th}}$  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 Charlotte Kingston.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2019 To 02/28/2019) 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 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.

Leslie Loubert, Administrative Assistant
Deputy Minister's Office | Office of the Premier
Room 272- West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC, V8W 9E1
Office | 250-356-2206

From: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX
Sent: March 8, 2019 10:05 AM
To: McLaren, Chris PREM:EX

Subject: Re: REQUESTING BN Re: TCICS Invitation for Iranian New Year celebration and Fire

festival

Hey Chris,

I'll just add that Fred Soofi (cc'd below) was one of the guests at last year's Nowruz luncheon with PJH, and he was a really lovely event partner and community host. He and PJH had a nice conversation, and Mr. Soofi continues to do wonderful work in the community. See here: <a href="https://canadianimmigrant.ca/canadas-top-25-immigrants-2016/fred-farhad-soofi">https://canadianimmigrant.ca/canadas-top-25-immigrants-2016/fred-farhad-soofi</a>

I can review the briefing note if you like to flag any participant overlap between 2018/2019 Nowruz festivities that PJH attended and this event.

-C

From: McLaren, Chris PREM:EX Sent: March-07-19 4:00 PM To: Holding, Marina TAC:EX Cc: Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

Subject: REQUESTING BN Re: TCICS Invitation for Iranian New Year celebration and Fire festival

Hello Marina,

We would like to request a briefing note on this society and the celebration for this event by March 14.

Will MLB be attending as well?

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Cheers, Chris



Christine McLaren, Scheduling Officer Office of the Premier 778-974-6083

From: Tricity Iranian Cultural Society Chair <br/>
<br/>behzad@tcics.com>

Sent: February 13, 2019 12:26 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX < Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Fred Soofi < s.22

Subject: TCICS Invitation for Iranian New Year celebration and Fire festival

Dear Premier John Horgan,

I write to you on behalf of the Tri-city Iranian Cultural Society. I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming Chaharshanbeh Souri (Fire Festival) and Iranian New Year celebration event. Char-Shanbeh-Souri (meaning Wednesday Eve Party) is the night Iranian and Persian speaking people from all across the world gather around and create campfires and jump over them. This culturally represents spiritual cleansing and good riddance. People celebrate the night by partying, dancing and singing along to the music. TCICS has held this annual event in prior years and has appreciated the support provided by the Mayors, MP's, MLA's and Councillors of Tri-City. According to the City of Coquitlam, last year we attracted more than 5000 people from residents of all ethnicity, mostly Iranian, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Tajikistan born Canadians. One of the main objectives of TCICS is to gradually convert this celebration into a multicultural event and make it more enjoyable to all citizens by promoting peace, joy, and friendship.

We will be thrilled to have you celebrate these cultural festivals with us. Upon your arrival, please visit the VIP booth. There, you will be received and greeted by our VIP booth volunteer and your name card will be collected for emcee announcement. An optional tour of the programs will also be provided to you if you may be interested.

I will appreciate your confirmation for our better planning.

The Fire Festival will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Time: 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: Lafarge Lake event plaza (Town Centre Park) Coquitlam, BC

Official ceremonies will take place between **7:25 to 7:45 pm**. We would appreciate if you could arrive **10-15 minutes prior** to the start time.

We would also be pleased to work with your press secretary to invite local media to cover the event.

Sincerely, Behzad Abdi TCICS Chair Cell: <sup>\$.22</sup>

Email: behzad@tcics.com



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