

## Shortt, Amanda PREM:EX

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**From:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Sent:** July 25, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:** Hockin, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Draft NR  
**Attachments:** New PS roles.docx

## **Premier John Horgan appoints Sheila Malcolmson as Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, makes changes to other PS roles**

VICTORIA – Premier John Horgan has appointed Nanaimo MLA Sheila Malcolmson to the role of Parliamentary Secretary for Environment. The Premier has also made subsequent changes to the roles of Parliamentary Secretaries for the Government of British Columbia.

“I would like to congratulate those with new responsibilities,” said Premier John Horgan. “These new roles speak not only to the priorities of our government but also to the incredible team we have working to serve British Columbians.”

Sheila Malcolmson, previously special advisor on marine debris protection, will continue to serve under the direction of Minister George Heyman and will focus on addressing marine-sourced plastics debris and making recommendations for provincial action on marine debris, including environmental threats caused by derelict vessels.

Premier Horgan has also appointed Ravi Kahlon to the role of Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Development. Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon will assist Minister Doug Donaldson in working with communities and stakeholders in the interior as the forest industry faces significant challenges. PS Kahlon will continue his work on Human Rights and anti-racism.

Anne Kang will add Multiculturalism to her role as Parliamentary Secretary. She will continue her work as PS for Seniors and continue to lead the provincial government’s work with practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

List of Parliamentary Secretaries:

Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness – Jennifer Rice

Parliamentary Secretary for Environment – Sheila Malcolmson

Parliamentary Secretary for Forestry – Ravi Kahlon

Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity – Mitzi Dean

Parliamentary Secretary for Poverty Reduction – Mable Elmore

Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors and Multiculturalism – Anne Kang

Parliamentary Secretary for Technology – Rick Glumac

Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink – Bowinn Ma

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** August 19, 2019 10:49 AM  
**To:** Wade, Debbie PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: PS rollout

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**From:** Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX ; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** PS rollout

## Parliamentary Secretary (Re)Appointments July 2019

### Who/Where

Ravi Kahlon PS to Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources with focus on forestry – will also continue to be point person on hate crimes and racism

Anne Kang PS to Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture with focus on Multiculturalism, also continues as PS to Minister of Health with focus on seniors

Sheila Malcolmson to PS Minister of Environment with focus on marine debris and plastic waste

### Rollout

#### Tues, July 23

Inform MGH about new PS role in MOE, confirm use of existing TOR *to do: Amber*

#### Wed, July 24

#### TOR

Draft TOR for MFLNRO PS *to do: Don W*  
Work with Deputy on TOR for MOE PS *to do: Don W*  
Work with Deputy on TAC re: MC TOR *to do: Don W*

**Notifications (note, these calls will be made late in day after Big Bar trip)**

Ravi (cell: 604-817-2876) to confirm move and TOR *to do: Geoff or Amber*

Anne K (cell: s.17 ) to inform about added responsibility and TOR,  
confirm capacity *to do: Geoff*

MADix (cell: s.17 ) to inform about add onto PS responsibility *to do: Geoff*

MLB (cell: s.17 ) to inform about new PS and role *to do: Geoff*

Sheila M (cell: s.17 ) to confirm PS role/TOR *to do: PJH*

MDD (cell: s.17 ) to inform about new PS *to do: PJH*

Sage re: comms needs *to do: Geoff or Amber*

**Thursday, July 25**

Finalize TOR/confirm with PJH *lead: Geoff*

Finalize announcement materials (release?) *lead: Sage*

**Friday, July 26**

Announcement *lead: Sage*

Note: how are these changes communicated to caucus?

## Re: FOR REVIEW: Draft NR

Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

Thu 7/25/2019 7:43 PM

To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>;

Cc: s.17 ; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>;

Small point - combine two sentences on Anne Kang go add responsibility for multiculturalism to her role as PS for seniors.

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2019, at 5:09 PM, Smith, George PREM:EX <[George.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:George.Smith@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

<New PS roles.docx>

## Dunnett, Jennifer PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** July 29, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: reaction to Liberal press release?

I think Ravi is a good choice.

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**From:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: reaction to Liberal press release?

Suggested quote from Ravi Kahlon:

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Ok for me to run it by Ravi?

**George Smith, Deputy Communications Director**  
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On Jul 29, 2019, at 10:04 AM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Let's chat.

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director, Press Secretary  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark Nielsen <[MNielsen@pgcitizen.ca](mailto:MNielsen@pgcitizen.ca)>  
**Date:** July 29, 2019 at 9:36:04 AM PDT  
**To:** <[jen.holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:jen.holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** reaction to Liberal press release?

Hi Jen:

As per my message on your voicemail would you folks be able to provide a response to the following regarding the Forests Minister? An emailed response is fine and if you could get back to me by the end of today, that would be great.

Thx

Mark Nielsen, reporter

Prince George Citizen

250-562-2441

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**From:** BC Liberal Caucus Communications

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**Posted At:** July 26, 2019 1:47 PM

**Posted To:** Inbox

**Conversation:** John Horgan must own mistake and replace Forestry Minister

**Subject:** John Horgan must own mistake and replace Forestry Minister

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### **John Horgan must own mistake and replace Forestry Minister**

VANDERHOOF (July 26, 2019) – Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad, the BC Liberal Forestry Critic, is calling on John Horgan to replace the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development after MLA Ravi Kahlon was assigned as Parliamentary Secretary to the file today.

“John Horgan has assigned a former NDP political director to babysit his ineffective forestry minister just two weeks after demoting him by removing his responsibility for wildfire recovery,” said Rustad. “That demotion didn’t go far enough, as Minister Donaldson has dragged his feet for two years, unable to help British Columbians that rely on the forestry sector. He has to go.”

MLA Rustad agrees with the *Vancouver Sun*’s assertion that Donaldson’s removal from the disaster recovery file was “fraught with unintended irony, given that Donaldson has himself been a bit of a disaster as a minister.”

The NDP announced today that Delta North MLA Ravi Kahlon was appointed to the role of Parliamentary Secretary for forests, lands, natural resource operations and rural development and will assist the Minister “in working with communities and stakeholders in the Interior as the forest industry faces significant challenges.” This isn’t the first time Horgan has been forced to seek assistance elsewhere. When Donaldson fumbled the controversial caribou recovery file, Horgan had to reach out to former BC Liberal MLA Blair Lekstrom to bail him out.

“Following the demotion and Kahlon’s appointment, it is clear that John Horgan has no confidence in his forestry minister,” added Rustad. “John Horgan’s reluctance to fire this Minister is an insult to forestry-dependent communities who are in crisis across our province. The Premier needs to own his mistake and replace the forestry minister immediately.”

Earlier this month, the BC Liberals unveiled a 5-point recovery plan for British Columbia’s struggling forestry sector which has already seen 119 weeks of operational downtime announced at various mills as well as seven permanent and indefinite closures this year.

“Forestry-dependent communities lost 6,600 direct jobs in 2018,” concluded Rustad.  
“Appointing a Parliamentary Secretary to the file is the first job John Horgan has created in the forestry sector since coming to power two years ago.”

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**Supplementary:** Forestry Sector in Crisis under NDP backgrounder attached.

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<Forestry Sector in Crisis\_Backgrounder\_2019.07.25.pdf>



## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 2:56 PM  
**To:** neagland@postmedia.com  
**Subject:** more forestry

Hi Nick,

A further thought on forestry... If you're interested in speaking with Ravi Kahlon - who has just moved into the new role of Parliamentary Secretary for Forests this week – I'm sure we could set that up.

Cheers,

**Jen Holmwood**

Deputy Communications Director and Press Secretary

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