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From: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: March 6, 2019 11:47 AM
To: LP Senior Ministerial Assistants; LP Ministerial Assistants; LP Executive Assistants; LP Administrative Coordinators; LP PO Executive Office; LP PREM Directors; LP Premiers Vancouver Office
Cc: Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX; Vasilev, Susan LASS:EX; Parte, Maura PREM:EX
Subject: Staff Changes

To: All Staff

We have more staff changes underway that I want you to be aware of, starting next week.

There are changes happening in Minister Bruce Ralston's office as John Michael McColl^{s.22}
s.22 James McNish will take on the role of Senior Ministerial Assistant in JM's absence.

Krystal Thomson starts as the Ministerial Assistant in Minister Ralston's Office Monday, March 11. s.22
s.22

Also starting Monday March 11th, is Brady Yano who is joining Minister James' Office as Executive Assistant. s.22
s.22

Scott Andrews will be moving to Minister Fleming's Office as a Ministerial Assistant, effective March 25.

Best wishes to JM and congratulations to James and Scott on their new roles.

And I know you will join me in making Krystal and Brady feel most welcome.

Amber Hockin
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West Annex, Office of the Premier
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OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: June 28, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)

FYI

From: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Cc: Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Morrison, Whitney IRR:EX
Subject: FW: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)

Hi folks,

This is the additional information I received. I'm available by cell at ^{s.17} to talk further if needed.

Veronica

From: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Sent: June 24, 2019 6:37 AM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)

Hi Veronica,
See below bullets. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Zita
s.13; s.16; s.17

From: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX
Sent: June 21, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX <Zita.Teng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)

Thanks very much Zita.

Can you get staff to get in touch with the school district to ask on the status of the sale?

From: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Sent: June 20, 2019 6:08 PM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)

Hi Veronica,

In January the SD received approval to sell the property (see attached letter from Capital to the SD).
s.13; s.16

We just
require the SD to report back on when it is sold (as reference in the letter) and how they are going to use any surplus -
this part is policy, doesn't depend on who the SD sells the property to.

Let me know if you have any further questions.
Zita

From: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX
Sent: June 20, 2019 2:47 PM
To: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX <Zita.Teng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Follow up - Lake Kathlyn School (SD 54)
Importance: High

Hi Zita,

Can you please see if staff can provide information on the below ask?

Thanks in advance.

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX

Sent: June 20, 2019 1:20 PM

To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>; Morrison, Whitney IRR:EX <Whitney.Morrison@gov.bc.ca>

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Importance: High

Good afternoon Veronica, Anne-Marie and Whitney,

I am following on items identified by Murray Rankin s.13; s.16

s.13; s.16

I would like to the current status of this item. Perhaps there is a relatively recent IN or BN?

Thank you,

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From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: February 21, 2019 6:54 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Wet'suwet'en Bahlaats

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Grant <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>
Date: February 21, 2019 at 5:45:40 PM PST
To: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>, "Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX" <Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca>, "Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX" <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>, "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: 'Judy Walton' <judy.walton@wetsuweten.com>, Amy Abrahamson <amya@grantnativelaw.com>
Subject: Wet'suwet'en Bahlaats

I just finished a meeting with the Wet'suwet'en chiefs and they have decided to have the Bahlaats at noon on March 16. There are several reasons for this including that the March 2nd feast is a large naming feast and will go on for some time. There will be a protocol card issued and Judy will send to you for the Premier and Minister. That is the latest update.

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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: February 21, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Bahlaats: March 16 2019

Thanks Don. Adjusted calendar to accommodate and will re-confirm date for charter.

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: February 21, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX ; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Bahlaats: March 16 2019

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX" <Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca>
Date: February 21, 2019 at 2:30:41 PM PST
To: Peter Grant <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>, Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>, "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Amy Abrahamson <amya@grantnativelaw.com>, 'Judy Walton' <judy.walton@wetsuweten.com>
Subject: Re: Bahlaats: March 16 2019

Hey Peter,

Can you give me a call?

Jonathan Sas | Senior Ministerial Assistant to Minister Scott Fraser | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

From: pgrant@grantnativelaw.com
Sent: February 21, 2019 2:28 PM
To: mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca; Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca; Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca
Cc: amya@grantnativelaw.com; judy.walton@wetsuweten.com
Subject: Bahlaats: March 16 2019

The Wet'suwet'en chiefs have discussed the preparation for the Bahlaats. They have a number of protocol matters to address before the Bahlaats. As a result, they have decided to have the Bahlaats at noon on March 16.^{s.16}

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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: February 13, 2019 6:06 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Subject: RE: Community visit to Wet'suwet'en Territory

Hi Connie,

Yes we will charter and will keep seats for Minister, Jonathan Doug & Murray.
Can we chat more tomorrow about timing? I don't have this nailed down yet.

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From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: February 12, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Cc: McLaren, Chris PREM:EX
Subject: Community visit to Wet'suwet'en Territory
Importance: High

Hi Amber,

Jonathan asked that I touch base with your regarding March 3rd and the potential visit of PJH to the above Territory. MSF will also be going, as well as Jonathan Sas (SMA); Doug Caul (DM); Murray Rankin and his wife (his wife was invited by the OW to attend).

We are wondering if the Premier is doing a Charter and, if so, if MSF and staff are able to join in on the Charter?

Thanks,
Connie Roberts
*Administrative Coordinator to the
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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX; Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX; McLaren, Chris PREM:EX
Subject: RE: March 16

Thanks Connie.

Chris – I don't see call info in the calendar for those who are joining by phone. Can you please add and send to Connie?

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Sent: March 13, 2019 2:47 PM
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Subject: RE: March 16
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Update: Murray Rankin will also call into the briefing on Thursday at 2:00 pm.

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From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: March 13, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX <Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca>; McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: March 16
Importance: High

Thanks, Amber! One change for our office, Jonathan Sas, will no longer be going.

Minister Fraser
Doug Caul
Anne Marie Sam (the way back only)

I have already sent the materials to Chris for tomorrow's briefing. I just spoke with Jonathan and we are just waiting on Comms materials.

Can you please send me the list of protocol items, as I don't have them, then I can follow up with staff.

I will double check w/ Ann Marie on the exact timing of the day, as we currently have this in MSF's calendar from 12:00-6:00 pm and I will let Ann Marie know the risk of staying longer.

Thanks,
Connie Roberts

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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX

Sent: March 13, 2019 2:08 PM

To: Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX <Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca>; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
<Connie.Roberts@gov.bc.ca>; McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: March 16

Hi All,

Wanted to connect on timing, travel and flight manifest for March 16th – Elizabeth will need to provide the names of all who will be travelling on the charter on Saturday and she's also like to confirm with the pilots timing for the flight.

I have the following list (Elizabeth please connect with ^{s.15; s.22}):

Premier
Geoff Meggs
Don Bain
Evan Brown
s.15

Minister Fraser
Jonathan Sas
Doug Caul
Anne Marie Sam (the way back only)

Am I forgetting anyone? ?

Timing we have is:
Vic to Smithers: 9:15 -10:45am
Alkan Air

Smithers to Vic: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Alkan Air

The pilots can only fly for a certain number of hours – right now our timing is within these limits. Anything more than this we run the risk of being grounded in Smithers until the morning. So hoping to get a better sense of timing for the return (as best we can). I know that the timing as we have it has been confirmed by Anne Marie, Jonathan already – but just double checking we are good.

Connie – can you confirm you will send all relevant materials for the briefing tomorrow to Chris today?
There was also a list of protocol items – can you let me know if your Ministry/staff are taking care of these?

Thanks all.

Amber Nash, Executive Coordinator
Office of the Premier
Mobile: s.17

COMMUNITY SCAN

Chinese Lunar New Year Tour

Victoria

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- **Feb. 07 NR: New area-based cut level set for Tree Farm Licence 54 (FLNR):** New lower cut level is due mainly to land base exclusions for Maa nulth Treaty settlement lands, inoperable areas and the use of a more conservative modelling approach in the Clayoquot Sound area
- **Feb. 07 NR: Forest inventory program review completed (FLNR):** Recommendations come in the wake of the pine beetle epidemic and other pest infestations, as well as the effects of two intense wildfire seasons
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- **Nov. 16, 2018 NR: B.C. brings gender-affirming surgery for trans people closer to home (HLTH):** B.C. becomes first province in western Canada to offer these procedures next year. 14 surgeons will provide these surgeries in Burnaby, Kamloops, Kelowna, Port Moody, Prince George, Vancouver and Victoria

Community-Specific

- **Feb. 03 STMT: Premier John Horgan's statement in celebration of Lunar New Year, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 (PREM):** This year, we will strengthen our economy and strive for healthier communities. Together, make life better for people, provide opportunities for the future
- **Jan. 04 NR: Lower income families benefiting from Fair PharmaCare investment (HLTH):** 240,000 B.C. families to benefit from three-year \$105 MM investment reducing deductibles and co-payments for lower-income households

- **Jan. 03 NR: Multi-lingual phone line improves accessibility (LBR):** For speakers of over 100 other languages, real-time access to information about B.C.'s employment standards, in their native tongue, is now just a phone call away
- **Dec. 14, 2018 NR: British Columbians invited to share ideas for future Chinese Canadian museum (TAC):** Consultations being held in Kamloops, Nanaimo, Victoria, Richmond
- **Sep. 17, 2018 NR: Province, city seek to honour Vancouver's Chinatown as UNESCO World Heritage site (PREM, TAC):** B.C., City of Vancouver joining together to have Chinatown designated a World Heritage site because of its outstanding universal value

News

Ring in the year of the pig in Victoria “Chinese New Year begins on Feb. 5 and marks the Year of the Pig, as well as the 4,717th year in the traditional Chinese calendar... The pig is the 12th of all zodiac animals and represents wealth and fortune. It is associated with yin, versus yang, and this year is associated with the Earth element. People born in 2019 are likely to be communicative, popular and punctual. The 15-day celebration begins a few days before New Years, with people cleaning and shopping before the big day — cleaning on New Years is taboo because you can ‘sweep out’ good luck... This year in Victoria, Chinese New Year will be celebrated on Feb. ... at the Gate of Harmonious Interest... It will start with a Chinese lion's dance parade, followed by cultural performances and a kung fu demonstration from the Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club.” (Victoria News, Feb. 04)

The Education invasion “... The upsurge of international students into B.C. public schools is contributing to inequality, social division and confusion about the content that ought to be taught in Canadian classrooms, says a research director of the B.C. Teachers' Federation. Larry Kuehn, a veteran social justice advocate, has written a report and book chapter that maintains the five-fold increase in foreign-student fees that has flooded into B.C. public schools since 2001 has exacerbated inequalities between urban and rural school districts... He's worried B.C.'s K-to-12 system is losing pedagogical integrity as educators strive to increase the \$256 million a year they take in from full fee-paying foreign students, most of whom are the offspring of wealthy parents. B.C.'s education system, which has endured funding austerity in the past 15 years, shouldn't be so focused on wooing money from offshore students, Kuehn says. Educators shouldn't forget their key aims include promoting civic responsibility and participation in a democratic society... The former B.C. Liberal government boasted that the business of teaching more than 130,000 foreign students (including those attending B.C. universities and private language institutes) had become the province's third-largest ‘export’ product, after forestry and mining... The vast bulk of money from

foreign students, who on average pay a \$15,000 fee each school year, is streaming into specific urban school districts, such as West Vancouver, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Richmond, Victoria and Vancouver...” (Vancouver Sun, Feb. 02)

Maritime Museum of B.C. seeks to go national “... If realized, the new Canadian Maritime Museum would be the first national museum west of Winnipeg. The board, by its recent proclamation, challenges the province of British Columbia and the government of Canada to work together to effect the desired result... The proposed site for the new museum is 28 Bastion Square, a former home for the Maritime Museum of British Columbia. The building, a National Historic Site, was the first large provincial building built in British Columbia after joining Confederation in 1871... Perhaps the most exciting news is that a key requirement has been met: Songhees First Nation has come forward with full support to design and build its exhibition in a newly renovated building and proposed annex... Today, as in past times, the lifeblood of the modern province of British Columbia and of Canada as a whole rests strongly on our gateway to the ports of Asia, notably to Japan and to China, but also to Russia, Singapore and Malaysia. We are therefore guardians of our history of trade and commerce...” (Times Colonist, Feb. 01)

CRD eyes 2030 goal for carbon neutrality “... Committee members are also recommending the CRD board write all local governments in the region asking they also declare climate emergencies; seek up to \$1 MM in Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions funding; and write the provincial and federal governments asking for the power and authority to make the 2030 target achievable. View Royal Coun. John Rogers addressed the committee, saying bold action is necessary. He said carbon credits won't be enough to achieve climate neutrality. ‘Carbon credits won't stop the ground from drying up, but it will make us feel good,’ ... Metchisin Mayor John Ranns, while noting his council was supportive of the proposals, said he had to ‘inject a note of caution.’ ‘This initiative has implied but unidentified costs,’ ... Regardless of what is done regionally, he added, ‘this is a global issue and unless China and India stop building coal plants, all of the implied costs are going to be there, anyway.’ Ranns said it is incumbent on directors to ensure ‘that this isn't just a licence to spend more government money like we seem to be very prone to do.’ Helps agreed there will be costs associated with climate action, but said: ‘I think the greater costs are the costs of inaction.’ Last week, Vancouver unanimously approved a motion declaring a climate emergency and directed staff to report back on opportunities to accelerate and update existing plans to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050. It joins a growing list of cities - including seven in Australia, 11 in the United Kingdom, and seven in the United States - that have declared a state of emergency focused on resolving the climate crisis.” (Times Colonist, Jan. 24)

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Moose Hide Campaign Event

Victoria

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- **Dec. 1, 2018 NR: Treaty Principals sign Accord to transform treaty negotiations in B.C. (IRR):** Grand Chief Edward John, Cheryl Casimer and Robert Phillips of the First Nations Summit; Fed Minister Carolyn Bennett; and Minister Fraser, signed the Principals' Accord on Transforming Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia on Dec. 1, 2018.

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News

B.C. First Nations back in court over fishing rights “Five Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations are in court this week appealing a 2018 B.C. Supreme Court decision they say unduly limits their right to a commercial fishery. The First Nations are looking to the B.C. Court of Appeal to recognize not just the right to a commercial fishery but one that is sustainable, economically viable and allows "widespread participation of our people." "This is our way of life," said Judith Sayers, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council president... First Nations leaders from across the province gathered Monday morning on the steps of the B.C. Supreme Court to show support for the legal challenge, which is based on a case that dates back a decade. "We will never, ever give up, never will we take a step back until we achieve absolute victory in this case," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, the president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC). "Canadians need to understand that Aboriginal rights are not a gift of the Crown, but they are inherent in nature. It is who we are, it is what we have always done," added Chief Bob Chamberlin, the UBCIC's vice-president, adding that the case calls into question the government's commitment to reconciliation. The case will have implications beyond Nuu-chah-nulth territories, according to Regional Chief Terry Teegee of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations.” (StarMetro, Feb. 12, 2019)

First Nations join economic group “Two more Vancouver Island First Nations have joined the South Island Prosperity Project. The addition of Scia'new First Nation (Beecher Bay First Nation) and Malahat First Nation brings the total number of First Nations participating in SIPP to seven. "We look forward to our member partnership creating real solutions to the challenges we face in Scia'new Nation. We are building the sustainable village development of Spirit Bay. Like other parts of the region we are seeking to create a strong economy, robust community infrastructure and increased services in our community while ensuring we don't lose the things that make us a unique and beautiful place to live," said Chief Russ Chipps. Malahat Nation councillor George Harry said the model of regional cooperation aligns well with the Malahat nation....” (Times Colonist, Feb. 12, 2019)

Interior Health confirms Cariboo Chilcotin not immune to drug overdose crisis “Overdose deaths in the Interior Health region have increased nearly 800 per cent in less than eight years, said a medical health officer with IH. "The majority of these overdoses are related to fentanyl," said Dr. Kamran Golmohammadi during a presentation to the Cariboo Regional District board at its regular meeting Friday, Feb. 8... Amanda Lavigne, substance abuse practice lead for IH, said there is a higher rate of overdose deaths among the male population, making up 78 per cent of the deaths...

"In the Cariboo Chilcotin the area experienced seven reported [overdose] deaths between May and October 2018," Lavigne said. "Fentanyl is the highest substance in these deaths." She also said there was a significant spike in Emergency Health Services B.C. responses by ambulance to illegal drug overdoses in the Cariboo-Chilcotin in 2018...." (100 Mile House Free Press, Feb. 11, 2019)

Snowstorm plugs roads, closes schools "A winter snow storm walloped Vancouver Island Monday, closing schools, downing power lines and creating havoc on roads. Heavy snowfall is expected to continue this morning, prompting the Greater Victoria, Saanich and Sooke school districts to cancel classes again today. Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley districts also announced their schools will be closed. On Monday, B.C. Ferries cancelled a number of sailings, airlines grounded flights and police urged people to stay off the roads unless they were accustomed to winter driving...." (Times Colonist, Feb. 12, 2019)

Missing and murdered men, women and children spur annual walk in Cowichan "Patsy Jones has spent several months organizing the second annual Walk for Missing and Murdered Men, Women and Children. It's a huge task, with a long list of details to attend to, hoops to negotiate and volunteers to recruit. For Jones, it's important work and it's personal. "My sister, Cathy Joe, was murdered in 1977," explains Jones, who says the brutal death of her eldest sibling was devastating for her family. "It's one of the big reasons I'm doing this... Over the years, Jones says, investigators have had little contact with the family and even a CrimeStoppers plea failed to produce any leads. There are rumours but no one has ever come forward with information that would lead police to the person who killed Cathy. Sadly, other families in the Cowichan region have experienced the heartbreak of losing a loved one over the years. In some cases, Aboriginal men and women have been murdered and their bodies recovered. In other cases, people have vanished and their families are desperate for answers...." (Cowichan Valley Citizen, Feb. 8, 2019)

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News

Tragedy on the highway: parents plead for barrier “The parents of a 24-year-old man who died this month on a stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway in Langford are joining the call for safety improvements between Leigh Road and West Shore Parkway. Thomas Lindenau was in a northbound car that was involved in a head-on collision near the Leigh Road overpass on Feb. 3. There was another fatal crash in the same area Jan. 8... The Lindenaus travelled from Courtenay last week to speak with Langford Mayor Stew Young, who is a vocal proponent of the need to fix that stretch of highway. Young said the family reached out to him to ask what would be done with the highway, particularly the addition of concrete barriers separating north and south lanes. [Young] said ‘the barriers should have been there three years ago...’... Young said he thinks the

work should be prioritized by the provincial government... He said there have been 40 crashes on that stretch over the past two years... Mark said he and Jennifer [are] 'hoping that the minister of transportation will reach out to [them],'. ... After the crash that killed Thomas, the ministry sent an email that said it plans to widen the highway and add concrete barriers, but it gave no timeline... [Young] also called for federal funding, since the Trans-Canada is a national highway. 'The federal government has done nothing in Langford for four years,'..." (Times Colonist, Feb. 24)

Victoria mayor preparing to tour Alberta oil sands "... Victoria mayor Lisa Helps is going to pay Alberta's oil sands a visit this spring. The mayor decided she would tour a steam-assisted gravity drainage oil sands project near Fort McMurray after an invitation came from Calgary councillor Ward Sutherland via Twitter. Helps said the invitation was a great initiative for 'city to city diplomacy.' ... In January, Victoria city council voted to endorse a class action lawsuit against the fossil fuel industry that would seek to 'recover costs arising from climate change and major fossil fuels corporations.' The vote supported bringing the idea of a lawsuit to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meeting this fall. Helps said she doesn't expect the Alberta tour to change her perspective on the industry... Helps said her Alberta trip will be paid for by the city of Calgary, and is scheduled for April." (Victoria News, Feb. 22)

Victoria council adds \$750,000 to affordable housing reserve fund "... Victoria councillors have allocated more than \$1 MM for affordable-housing initiatives for the coming year, including a \$750,000 increase to the city's affordable housing reserve fund. 'Working people are being pushed out of this city and we're doing everything we can to change that,' Mayor Lisa Helps said. 'It's a priority for just about everybody. It's a priority for the Chamber of Commerce. It's a priority for Tourism Victoria. It's a priority for VIATEC,' she said. Boosting this year's allocation ... will allow the city to subsidize about 80% of the estimated 115 rooms of very low and low-to-moderate income housing units that are said to be needed to meet housing targets. City staff expect the remaining 20% of the affordable housing targets to be met through the Victoria's inclusionary housing and density-bonus policy, now in development. 'They've got about \$8 MM worth of known housing applications coming and I think our trust fund right now has \$2.1 MM, so that's clearly not enough,' Helps said. 'So [the staff] recommendation is that on an annual basis, we put \$1 MM into the fund rather than the \$250,000 we've been putting year over year,' Helps said. Money from the fund is available to non-profit housing providers at the rate of \$10,000 per bedroom to encourage and assist in the development of buildings with lower rents. Coun. Jeremy Loveday proposed the increase. This year, it will come from surplus funds... 'It's going to take real concerted effort here, for the next four years and probably beyond, to make sure that the city is an affordable place for people to live.' Councillors have

directed that an affordable housing section be added to the development services and community-planning sections in the planning department. Councillors also agreed to add two full-time-equivalent staff positions to the planning department for housing initiatives.” (Times Colonist, Feb. 12)

New chamber faces “... The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce has added three new members to its board of directors for 2019 - Moira Hauk, regional manager for Coastal Community Credit Union, Paul van Koll, senior manager with KPMG, and Pedro Marquez, vice president of global advancement, marketing and business development for Royal Roads University. The rest of the board is made up of chair Dan Dagg, vice chair John Wilson, past chair Al Hasham, treasurer Kris Wirk, secretary Christina Clarke and directors Ian Batey, Jason Boyd, Carmen Charette, Lise Gyorkos and Rahim Khudabux...” (Times Colonist, Jan. 30)

Federal whale-saving efforts could threaten Vancouver Island livelihoods “Sport fishing, tourism and business leaders from across Vancouver Island say their livelihoods would be damaged by an extension of federal fishing closures to protect endangered southern resident killer whales. About two dozen leaders gathered today at a popular sport fishing marina near Victoria to warn the federal government almost 10,000 jobs are at stake as well as the survival of several small coastal communities that base their economies on recreational fishing and tourism. B.C. Chamber of Commerce president Val Litwin says its member organizations across the Island have formed a coalition called Thriving Orcas, Thriving Communities to protect their cities, towns and villages. The federal government has extended a 5,000 square kilometre critical habitat zone off the southwest coast of Vancouver Island that could result in fishing closures to protect the whales, whose population stands at 74. Karl Ablack of the Port Renfrew Chamber of Commerce says recreational fishing generates almost \$1 billion for the B.C. economy and employs more than 8,400 people. Ryan Chamberland of the Sooke area chamber and a fishing lodge operator says sport fishing closures in Sooke-Port Renfrew last year hurt businesses and charter bookings, which are down up to 80% for this coming season...” (The Daily Courier (Kelowna), Dec. 07, 2018)

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Pink Shirt Day

- In Nova Scotia, 2007 David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they brought shirts to school for students to wear in solidarity¹
- Since 2008, net proceeds of over \$1.8 million have been distributed to support youth anti-bullying programs in B.C. and throughout Western Canada²
- In 2018, people in almost 180 countries shared their support of Pink Shirt Day through social media posts and donations³

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¹ "Why are so many people wearing pink today? A look at the anti-bullying event" Dave McGinn, Feb 26, 2014

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Statistics say Greater Victoria commuters on the road for a good time not a long time

“... According to Statistics Canada, the Victoria Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) had among the lowest share of long commuters, which the agency defines as workers who spend at least 60 minutes in cars (including trucks and vans) to work. In 2016, 6.7 per cent of the 8.84 million car commuters in Canadian CMAs spent at least 60 minutes in a car, with the average long commute in a car lasting 74 minutes, unchanged from 2011, and covering 57 kilometres. By comparison, long commuters in Victoria account for 3.2 per cent of all 119,215 car commuters....” (Saanich News, Feb 26, 2019)

City of Victoria considers bidding to host Invictus Games “... The Invictus Games could come to Greater Victoria if a joint effort between Victoria, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay and Saanich took place. So far, Oak Bay has voted to pay its part (\$5,000), while Saanich is also considering the \$20,000 investment. Langford would also be accountable for \$20,000, while Esquimalt would need to cover \$5,000... If Greater Victoria wins the bid to host, Victoria would likely pay over \$200,000 overall in costs... The City of Victoria will vote on the initial \$20,000 investment on Thursday.” (Victoria News, Feb 25, 2019)

Cherry trees in Victoria to be replaced with native species “The City of Victoria is allocating an extra \$858,000 to its Urban Forest Master Plan, a move that one councillor argued would propel the removal of local cherry trees. In a committee of the whole meeting on Thursday, council voted five-to-one to approve a motion put forward by Coun. Laurel Collins to put this year's additional revenue into the city's Urban Forest Master Plan, a detailed plan to increase greenspace and tree canopy coverage throughout the city....” (Victoria News, Feb 25, 2019)

Victoria CMA recorded second-lowest unemployment rate in Canada in January

“Victoria's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) recorded the second-lowest unemployment rate in all of Canada in January 2019. According to Statistics Canada, Victoria's rate stood at 3.3 per cent — up from 3.2 in December 2018. Only Guelph, Ont. recorded a lower rate with 1.9 per cent. Victoria's low unemployment also reflects the leading status of British Columbia. Despite an increase of 0.3 per cent to 4.7 per

cent in January 2019, British Columbia's unemployment rate remained the lowest in Canada, ahead of Quebec (5.4 per cent), Manitoba and Saskatchewan (5.5 per cent), and Ontario (5.7 per cent). Alberta led the second half of the provincial table with a rate of 6.8 per cent....” (Saanich News, Feb 25, 2019)

Victoria non-profit empowers women escaping abusive homes with a fresh start

“The Victoria Women In Need Community Cooperative helped empower around 400 women in need through its most recent gift certificate program. The organization was able to give out 532 gift certificates, totalling \$39,538, to women for use at its four Women In Need retail shops around Greater Victoria through 2018. The shops sell different donated items ranging from clothing to kids toys. Proceeds from the stores go towards five different programs — including the gift certificate program — that the cooperative runs to help women through various struggles....” (Vancouver Island Free Daily, Feb 23, 2019)

Inaugural gala celebrates Pink Shirt Day 2019 in Victoria “... This year in Victoria, Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated with an inaugural Pink Shirt Gala, put on by the WITS Programs Foundation (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help). The fundraiser is held at the Victoria International Marina on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. and features pink-inspired food, cocktails, decor, dress, entertainment and prizes. Proceeds for the event will support WITS' bullying prevention programs, which started in Victoria and have since been used in schools across the country... Also going on for Pink Shirt Day is the Anti-Bullying Film Festival 2019, organized by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria....” (Victoria News, Feb 22, 2019)

Sooke schools shift into new Pink Shirt Day approach “Pink Shirt Day has become well-known in Canada since its inception in 2007, but in Sooke and across Canada, the day has taken on a different theme this year. ‘We're keeping it pretty low-key this year,’ said Tess Vally, principal of Sooke elementary school. ‘We'll be emphasizing kindness. We're not calling it bullying anymore, but instead we're shifting it to the positive and talking about how we should all be kind to one another.’ ... Over at Edward Milne community school, the students will also be marking Pink Shirt Day starting with an activity they've dubbed “It's the Small Things that Matter”. “It's the message of building and fostering positive relationships that will be the focus of our Pink Shirt Day,” said vice-principal Todd Powell... The Canadian Red Cross has been a sponsor of Pink Shirt Day in the past but said that they have made some changes that have them no longer formally involved in Pink Shirt Day activities. They will provide schools with resource guides. The move to a positive message about kindness comes within an environment where a poll by the Canadian Teachers' Federation indicated that 89 per cent of Canadian teachers ranked bullying and violence as serious problems in the public schools....” (Sooke News Mirror, Feb 24, 2019)

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BC Firefighters Conference

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BC Professional Firefighters Association

- March 4th, 2019: BC Professional Firefighters' 8th Annual Robert E. Hall Legislative Conference takes place coinciding with the biennial BC Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial at the Legislature (honouring 15 Fallen Fire Fighters)¹
- The B.C. Professional Fire Fighters Association works in 53 municipalities, districts, and cities across the province and Yukon with 4000 professional fire fighters²

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B.C. Firefighters

- **Sept. 8, 2018 NR: Premier's statement on Firefighter's National Memorial Day (PREM):** Premier John Horgan issued statement in honour of Firefighter's National Memorial Day
- **Jul. 9, 2018 NR: Firefighting personnel deployed to Ontario and Quebec (FLNR):** BC Wildfire Service sends firefighting personnel to Ontario and Quebec to help with firefighting efforts in those provinces

¹ BC Professional Fire Fighters website – BC Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial

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- **Apr. 11, 2018 NR: Province to eliminate barriers for first responders to access compensation for mental trauma (LBR):** First responders, sheriffs and correctional officers have greater access to services and compensation for mental disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that can arise from traumatic workplace incidents

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- **Feb. 28 NR: Caregivers for B.C.'s most vulnerable get first pay increase in a decade (PREM, CFD):** Foster parents, adoptive caregivers, extended family members caring for children and Community Living BC (CLBC) home-share providers will each receive a boost in support payments
- **Feb. 26 NR: Helping people out of debt cycles: Consumer Financial Protection Action Plan (PSSG):** More measures to strengthen consumer protections and improve affordability are on the way for the most financially vulnerable people in B.C., as part of B.C.'s Consumer Financial Protection Action Plan
- **Feb. 26 NR: Evacuation route planning funds help B.C. communities (EMBC):** Sixty local and regional governments and First Nations communities have been approved to receive their share of approximately \$1.5 million in provincial emergency preparedness funding to support evacuation route planning
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Okanagan hopes \$111M in B.C. wildfire cash will extinguish fires this summer

"... Finance Minister Carole James revealed [wildfire] spending priority in her 2019-20 budget presentation Tuesday in the Victoria. Bruce Smith, spokesman for the Regional District of Central Okanagan, said fuel modification efforts have been carried out by valley civic governments and the regional district over the past decade... This funding will be in combination with the \$60 million announced last year under the Community Resiliency Investment to also reduce wildfire risk... How much of that \$111 million will end up in the Okanagan region is yet to be determined... [as] well, a further \$13 million has been budgeted to address forest restoration in areas damaged by disease and wildfires. Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Minister Doug Donaldson said last year fire suppression funding is a reflection of the current forest fire realities facing the province, of the need to spend more money on preventative measures because of the rising cost to combat forest fires...." (Lake Country Calendar, Feb. 21, 2019)

Wildfire smoke is like 'chemical soup' and problem will get worse, prof says

"Inhaling smoke from a wildfire can be equal to smoking a couple of packs of cigarettes a day, depending on its thickness, says a researcher studying wildfires in Western Canada. Mike Flannigan, a professor with the department of renewable resources at the University of Alberta, said the smoke is like a "chemical soup" that can be trapped in the lungs and cause a number of health issues. 'They are all kinds of particles, mercury, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane ... there's a whole long list.' Depending on the size of the particles, they get trapped in the lungs, accumulate over time and cause 'all kinds of problems,' Flannigan said... Sarah Henderson, a senior environmental health scientist at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, said the smaller the particles, the worse they are. Flannigan and Henderson made presentations at the B.C. Lung Association's annual workshop on air quality and health on Wednesday. Their presentation is timely after extreme wildfire seasons in B.C. in 2017 and 2018... 'If we have a season like 2017 and 2018, year after year for the next 20 years, we probably will have a health impact on the population but we don't know what that will be yet,' Henderson said...." (Vancouver Sun, Feb. 7, 2019)

B.C. fires made worse by type of forests we plant "... Last summer, a huge amount of Central Interior forest that burnt were "managed" forests, those being younger conifer plantations established by the conventions of our present forest management regime. For decades, the central principle of this regime has revolved around managing for the "climax" conifer tree species, those being mainly Lodgepole Pine and to a lesser degree White Spruce and Douglas fir in the Central Interior. But to get there, it has been

deemed necessary to eliminate the natural early "pioneer" vegetation - what is called "brush" and considered nothing more than weeds...." (Vancouver Sun, Jan. 21, 2019)

Wildfire preparedness grant applications being accepted "B.C. residents can now apply for a chance to receive a \$500 award from FireSmart Canada to help their communities hold FireSmart activities or events on Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Set for May 4, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is part of an annual campaign by FireSmart Canada and encourages homeowners to work together to reduce the risk of wildfire damage in their communities... Applications for will be accepted until March 1." (Prince George Citizen, Jan. 18, 2019)

Aggressive clean-air plan unveiled "B.C. Premier John Horgan unveiled details Wednesday of the NDP's long-awaited plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, calling for aggressive reductions targeted at industry, transportation and housing. The reduction estimates outlined would bring the province 75 per cent of the way to meeting its 2030 target. The remaining 25 per cent of the reductions are to be rolled out in the next 18 to 24 months... The costs of the climate plan, which includes continuing rebates to low-income earners, as much as \$135 annually to adults, will be outlined in next year's budget, which is normally delivered in February... Horgan pointed to the back-to-back wildfire seasons that ravaged B.C. as a symptom of climate change that point to a need for action. 'British Columbia is changing - this special place we depend on, we call home. What steps can we take together to make sure those changes are not devastating, but in fact can be managed, and we can adapt?' asked Horgan, imploring everyone to buy into the plan. '(This plan) will lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce climate pollution and move our province and our economy to a low-carbon future where there will be more jobs and more opportunity for all British Columbians,' he said." (Vancouver Sun, Dec. 6, 2018)

Red Cross donates \$1M in bid to thwart invasive plants following huge wildfire "More than a year after a huge wildfire, the Thompson Nicola Regional District is still cleaning up and will be doing so for the next three years. The district has received \$1 million from the Red Cross to help treat and prevent the spread of invasive plants following the hugely destructive Elephant Hill wildfire, which burned in an "interface" or quasi-rural area with buildings. 'With fires, as well as in the action of fighting fires, there's a lot of disturbance that happens on the ground,' said Jamie Vieira, the district manager of environmental health. "One of the big risks is the invasion of invasive weeds.'" (Vancouver Sun, Dec. 6, 2019)

Questions and Answers

City: Terrace, B.C.

Date: February 16, 2019

Title: Northern Capital and Planning Grant

Key Messages:

- The rich resources and hard-working people of the northwest have long contributed more than their fair share to the prosperity of our province.
- The benefits of success have been slow to flow back to the region, leaving communities with aging infrastructure that doesn't meet their needs or the needs of industry.
- We have been listening to northern communities about the need for critical infrastructure and planning funding to prepare for development opportunities.
- We are reversing the legacy of neglect with the new \$100 million Northern Capital and Planning Grant that will help communities and the people who live there make the most of new opportunities, so that the benefits of resource development are felt for years to come.

Q1: What is the rationale for setting the Northern Capital and Planning Grant at \$100 million?

- For several years, we've been hearing from northern communities concerned that the state and capacity of their current infrastructure may not be sufficient to meet their future growth needs, especially with recent investment plans.
- The Northern Capital and Planning Grant will help address this gap by providing northern communities with funding they can use *now* or *leverage* to help meet future demands over the next few years.
- The grant is a significant sum of money that may be leveraged with other revenue sources (like reserves, borrowing, other grant programs, and Northern Development Initiative Trust programs) to cover local capital and planning costs.

Q2: Is this an LNG-related fund?

- This funding is part of a commitment we have had to the region since forming government in 2017.
- We continue to hear from northern communities concerned that the state and capacity of their current infrastructure may not be sufficient to meet their future growth needs, especially with recent investment plans.
- This need has existed since before the LNG Canada investment was under consideration.
- But the effects of this aging infrastructure are particularly heightened in these regions, because of the expected growth that will come from investments along the LNG corridor.
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Q3: Fraser Fort George is not part of the Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance. Why is it being included?

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- The effects of this aging infrastructure are particularly heightened in these regions, because of the expected growth that will come from investments along the LNG corridor.
- Fraser Fort George Regional District, and its four participating municipalities, is included in the Northern Capital and Planning Grant because it's located along this corridor.

Q4: Does the Northern Capital and Planning Grant provide one-time or continuing funding?

- This \$100 million is a one-time investment to help these northern communities in strategic planning and capital investments.
- This will benefit local governments as they can place this money in reserve funds for future capital and planning and draw it down incrementally as money from the fund is required.
- This gives more control to local governments over how and when the money is spent.

Q5: If this is a one-time grant, will the province consider additional funding in future years?

- The government may consider additional funding in the future in the context of priorities at that time. In the meantime, government continues to support local governments across British Columbia with their infrastructure needs through significant Federal-Provincial cost-sharing grant programs, like the 10 year Investing in Canada Infrastructure agreement.

Q6: The Peace River Agreement provides \$1.1 billion to local governments in the region over a 20-year period. Why aren't the terms similar for the Northern Capital and Planning Grant?

- The Peace Region is unique because it is home to most of the province's rural industrial assessment, which is mainly located outside the taxing jurisdiction of the region's eight local governments.
- Without the Peace River Agreement, local governments would see little to no benefits from the tremendous industrial investment in the region, but would still need to deal with some of the growth and infrastructure pressure from that investment.

Q7: What methods were used to allocate the grant between regional districts and municipalities?

- The allocation methodology is designed to direct a larger share of the grant money to smaller municipalities that lack the economies-of-scale or a strong commercial or industrial taxation base.
- Details:
 - \$16.3 million will be allocated amongst the four regional districts based on flat amount and per capita amount applied to the rural population in each regional district.
 - \$82.1 million will be allocated amongst 21 municipalities, based on two variables:
 - **Assessment Adjusted Amount** – this is a base level of funding multiplied by an “assessment factor”. The assessment factor is equal to a municipality’s total residential assessment divided by its total municipal assessment (residential + non-residential). This allocated more money to municipalities that lack a strong commercial or industrial tax base.
 - **Adjusted Population Amount** – this is a per capita amount applied to a municipality’s “adjusted population”. The adjusted population weighs the local population more heavily for smaller municipalities than larger ones. This focuses more funding on smaller and more vulnerable municipalities in the north.
 - The remaining \$1.6 million is allocated to Kitimat. While Kitimat will receive some funding under the program, it will receive a smaller level of funding relative to other eligible local governments because it has a separate 10-year tax agreement with LNG Canada.

Q8: What criteria were used to establish the communities selected to receive the grant?

- The rich resources and hard-working people of the northwest have long contributed more than their fair share to the prosperity of our province.
- Unfortunately the benefits of success have been slow to flow back to the region, leaving communities with aging infrastructure that doesn’t meet their needs or the needs of industry.

- This effects of this aging infrastructure are particularly heightened for local governments located in this area, which will likely experience significant growth pressures in the years to come.
- For example, many people will come to work in Kitimat but may live in and commute from nearby communities.
- The Province measures the catchment area as anything within a 70km linear radius of Kitimat, and along the pipeline corridor. Any regional district within this catchment area will be eligible for the grant.
- All municipalities within that regional district are also eligible for the grant (regardless of whether they are within the 70km catchment area). This is to ensure all participating municipalities within a regional district are treated equitably.

Q9: There are a number of municipalities (e.g., Haida Gwaii and Port Edward) that are not located along the pipeline corridor but will receive funding. Why are they included in the grant?

- The City of Prince Rupert, District of Port Edward, Village of Queen Charlotte, Village of Port Clements, and Village of Masset are all part of the North Coast Regional District.
- As the North Coast Regional District is located within the 70 km catchment area, it is eligible for the grant.
- It's only fair that all municipalities and rural areas within a regional district see a share of the funding.

Q10: What projects can local governments use the Northern Capital and Planning Grant to fund?

- Local governments are able to use the grant now or down the road to prepare for upcoming infrastructure and planning needs.
- This may include detailed planning exercises, construction of local government infrastructure, and conducting detailed planning and implementation functions respecting local government strategic planning and growth management.

Q11: Why is there a cap on the amount of funding Prince George will receive?

- The funding is capped on larger municipalities so that they don't receive a disproportionate amount of funding.
- At the end of the day, it comes back to fairness. For too long, small northern communities have not been able to prepare for major economic development.

Q12: Why is there a cap on the amount of funding Kitimat will receive?

- Kitimat will receive \$1.6 million because it is within a 70 km catchment area of the facility, however, as host to the LNG Canada facility, Kitimat will have direct access to the lucrative industrial tax base of the facility for decades.
- LNG Canada and Kitimat signed a 10-year tax agreement worth over \$60 million to the municipality.

Q13: Why are smaller communities favoured over large municipalities when it comes to allocating funding?

- We want to ensure that small communities see the benefits from major investments and are able to prepare for their long-term sustainability.
- The allocation of funds to municipalities is designed to favour smaller communities which lack both economies-of-scale and a strong commercial or industrial tax base. Infrastructure and long-term planning can be acutely expensive for these smaller municipalities.
- That said, it is also important to keep in mind that the regional districts and larger municipalities will still receive a substantial amount of funding. Roughly 40% of the grant will flow to the four regional districts and three largest municipalities.

Q14: Will First Nations communities along the LNG corridor or within the Kitimat catchment area also receive funding through the grant?

- The proposed grant is specifically for local governments.
- The Government of B.C. has signed Pipeline Benefit Agreements with 17 First Nations related to Coastal GasLink. Additionally, First Nations, including those who have not signed agreements, have benefitted from the Province's LNG Benefits Framework, which includes skills training and environmental stewardship opportunities, in addition to financial benefits.
- Additionally, the elected councils of all 20 First Nations along the LNG corridor from wellhead to tidewater have negotiated agreements with Coastal GasLink, the company established by TransCanada Corporation to connect the LNG facility in Kitimat with Northeastern B.C.

Q15: Are there any estimates regarding the total cost of new housing, infrastructure, services and other expenditures that will be required to support the growing industry?

- There has not been any comprehensive planning or modelling around the future needs of local governments situated along the pipeline corridor or in the catchment area.
- A portion of the grant funding may assist local governments in conducting a short-term and long-term needs assessment.

Q16: In spring 2018, the provincial government provided \$300,000 in funding to the Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA). What was it used for?

- The government provided the RBA with \$300,000 to support RBA communities' continued efforts to strengthen economic development in the region.

Q17: Were local governments consulted during the development of the Northern Capital and Planning Grant?

- The Province has been in discussion with the RBA for two years.
- We've listened to their concerns and have used the feedback to help shape the grant.
- The Province has also been consulted with UBCM in accordance with legislative requirements.

Q18: When can local governments expect to receive the funding from the grant?

- We intend to make a change to the Local Government Grants Regulation in early March, which will help legally authorize this funding program.

Q19: Where is the funding for the Northern Capital and Planning Grant coming from in the budget?

- The grant will be funded from resources available within the current fiscal plan.

Q20: Why these specific communities?

- We know there will be an increase in the demand for services and infrastructure in this part of our province over the next few years as a result of emerging industry.
- We've heard from many northern communities who are already struggling with the burden of aging infrastructure—without support from government—and need support *now*.
- We are making a different choice to proactively support people in our northern communities as they prepare for the future.
- Ultimately, this grant is an acknowledgment of the hard-working people of northern communities who need and deserve to benefit from the prosperity generated by them and the resources of the region where they live.

Q21: What is the exact breakdown of funding for the 26 local governments?

- The precise dollar allocations will be finalized in the weeks ahead.
- However, local governments can generally expect to receive the following based on their populations and assessment bases:
 - Municipalities over 10,000 people will receive between \$6M and \$9M
 - Municipalities under 10,000 people will receive between \$1M and \$6M
 - Regional Districts will receive between \$1M and \$6M

Q22: The RBA estimated that its member local governments will have infrastructure needs in total \$600 million. How will this grant address help RBA communities address the need?

- The \$600 million figure was based on anecdotal information and was not supported by a detailed empirical analysis.
- That said, the \$100 million provided under this program can be leveraged against other funding sources (like reserves, borrowing, senior government grants, and NDIT programs) to help cover the cost of future capital and planning requirements that will arise over the next few years.

Q23: How do we ensure the transparent and proper use of these grant funds?

- As a condition of receiving the grant, each eligible municipality must place the money in a separate reserve fund for capital and planning purposes.
- Every year, each municipality must report on the balance in the reserve fund and the use of any money from the reserve fund in that year. The municipality must include this report as a schedule its annual audited financial statements. Each eligible municipality must continue this annual reporting until the reserve fund is fully utilized.
- Because of their different governance structure, the reporting for regional districts will be somewhat different. Before the end of 2019, each regional board must fully allocate its grant funding to various service areas. Once allocated, the funds must be placed in a reserve fund relating to the service.
- The money may only be used for capital and planning, not operations. Each eligible regional district must report on its allocation of grant funding as a schedule to its 2019 audited financial statements.

Wet'suw'et'en

Background:

- On February 7, BC and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en announced a new reconciliation process, aimed at building trust and affirming Wet'suwet'en rights and title.
- To support this work, the government appointed Murray Rankin as the Province's representative to guide and design this new reconciliation process.

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- Media has focused on whether Mr. Rankin will be able to do this work on top of his role as MP for Victoria, and if he will run for re-election in the fall of 2019.
- Unist'ot'en Camp says they will not engage in the new reconciliation process and they will continue to oppose the pipeline project.
- Several celebrities, including Ellen Page, Susan Sarandon and Leonardo DiCaprio have voiced their support, via social media, for the Unist'ot'en Camp.
- The RCMP has recently been negotiating with Coastal GasLink and Unist'ot'en Camp to remove a guardhouse tower beside the Morrice River Service Road, as part of the court injunction to allow CGL's access to the area.

- Unist'ot'en Camp have said they will not remove the tower, and sent a letter to CGL and the RCMP asking for them to prove the guardhouse is an impediment to bridge access.

Message:

- This project represents great opportunities for all people in BC, and it also recognizes and highlights the challenges of reconciliation.
- As we have said before, there's no quick fix to resolving issues that go back hundreds of years.
- Our government remains committed to the hard work of reconciliation.
- That's why we were proud to announce with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en a new reconciliation process.
- These discussions are a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-government.

Q: Why did the Province ask Murray Rankin to do this work?

- Mr. Rankin is a lawyer, negotiator and mediator, has a deep knowledge of the Wet'suwet'en people and history, and of relevant case law.
- Both our government and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en supports Mr. Rankin's appointment to help design the path forward.
- Mr. Rankin has agreed to do this important work without compensation. Just his travel expenses will be covered by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.
- We are grateful for his participation.

Q: Does this mean Murray Rankin isn't running in the federal election?

- Mr Rankin has agreed to assist in facilitating this discussion while he continues to serve as MP.
- It's my understanding that Mr. Rankin has publicly said he is still considering whether he runs again. I'm not going to speculate on that for him.

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Parte, Maura PREM:EX
Sent: March 25, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Loubert, Danny PREM:EX
Subject: FW:s.22
Attachments: Resume s.22

Pls add to political staff folder. Thank you

From: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: January 1, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Parte, Maura PSA:EX ; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd:s.22

For interview please. Later January is fine.

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OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Parte, Maura PREM:EX
Sent: February 12, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Interviews - end of this week

Hi Debbie – does Amber have time on Friday for these?

From: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: February 11, 2019 5:03 PM
To: Parte, Maura PSA:EX
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Interviews - end of this week

Geoff says good to go, please proceed with setting up interviews. Thanks

From: Parte, Maura PSA:EX
Sent: February 11, 2019 8:17 AM
To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Interviews - end of this week

Good morning Amber,

In addition to interviewing ^{s.22} on Thursday, I am recommending the following interviews, to be schedule later this week:

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From: Geoff Meggs^{s.22}
Sent: October 23, 2018 7:20 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: You're Invited: MP Murray Rankin's 6th Anniversary Party

Please hold

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From: **Victoria Federal NDP** <President@victoriandp.ca>
Date: Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 8:01 AM
Subject: You're Invited: MP Murray Rankin's 6th Anniversary Party
To: Geoff Meggs^{s.22}

Geoff --

It's that time of year again – our annual celebration of Murray Rankin's election as MP for Victoria.

I am inviting you to join us in celebrating Murray Rankin's sixth anniversary as our MP.

We'll be joining Murray on **Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 6pm at Golden City Restaurant, 721 Fisgard Street.**

Tickets are \$65 and include a full course Chinese meal, special guests Alistair MacGregor, MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, and Agriculture Minister and Saanich South MLA Lana Popham, and featuring a keynote speech from Murray Rankin himself. Tickets are \$25 for students and the unwaged. You can buy your ticket [here](#).

A lot has changed since Murray was first elected on November 26, 2012, when Barack Obama was the US President, Stephen Harper was Prime Minister of Canada and Christy Clark was Premier of BC. But one thing hasn't changed: Murray Rankin's incredible passion for social justice, protecting our environment and building a strong and inclusive community in Victoria. From fighting to crack down on tax evasion, to helping secure federal support for Canadian

thalidomide victims, to taking on Harper's Unfair Elections Act, Murray stood strong for our values.

In his tireless efforts to stop the Kinder Morgan pipeline (the 65-year old leaky pipeline that we now own), promote electoral reform (which Trudeau has abandoned) and just last week, calling for the Liberals to grant amnesty for Canadians with cannabis possession offences, Murray Rankin is demonstrating what true progressive leadership looks like in 2018.

I hope to see you on November 14 to celebrate our amazing MP for Victoria, Murray Rankin.

Sara Bergen

Riding President

Victoria Federal NDP

PS: For the past 6 years, Murray has been there for us – and now it's time for us to be there for him. Please buy your ticket today to kick start our event. Questions? Call Ellen Godfrey at 250 477 2817

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From: Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Beale, William TRAN:EX
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX
Subject: RE: BC ferries / Davie Shipyard / Asterix visit

Please do

From: Beale, William TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX
Subject: Re: BC ferries / Davie Shipyard / Asterix visit

Unfortunately Minister Trevena is unavailable the morning of the 18th.

I can see if the DM is available?

William Beale
Sr MA Transportation

On Dec 11, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Kate;

I have a hold for this in Amber's calendar.

Thanks!

Debbie Wade
Executive Coordinator to Geoff Meggs - Chief of Staff
and Amber Hockin - Deputy Chief of Staff
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From: Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:43 AM
To: Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX <Mitzi.Dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: BC ferries / Davie Shipyard / Asterix visit

Morning all,

We are hoping that Minister Trevena, MLA Dean and Amber Hockin can attend the following event.
Please confirm if this is possible.

Kate

From: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 10, 2018 at 6:20:24 PM PST
To: James Davies <james.davies@davie.ca>
Cc: "Hockin, Amber PREM:EX" <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: BC ferries / Davie Shipyard / Asterix visit

James, I'm afraid the Premier will be^{s.22} but I've copied my colleague Amber Hockin who may be able to propose another government representative

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2018, at 3:03 PM, James Davies <james.davies@davie.ca> wrote:

Dear Geoff,

I trust you are well, and that the legislative session is proving to be productive. I wanted to follow-up with you to keep you apprised of two items.

First, Davie Shipbuilding remains strongly engaged in preparing for the upcoming tender for the BC Ferries large vessel program. This RFP will be issued in January and we will submit our proposals in the spring. At this point, we have secured a local BC shipyard as our strategic partner, obtained the support of the local unions, and we are working towards a strong "Build in BC" bid which will include innovative financing options as I had mentioned. To that end, I shared some of these ideas via Murray Rankin and trust that they were also shared with you. If they have not, please let me know and I will send them directly to you.

Second, during our meeting, we had a brief discussion about the upcoming port visit of MV Asterix to Victoria. As you might recall, MV Asterix is an Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR) ship which we converted at Davie between 2015-2017 (on time and on budget). MV Asterix was commissioned into service with the Royal Canadian Navy earlier this year. In March she left Halifax for service in the Pacific and is only now returning to Canada for a six week stay before being deployed again to the Pacific in 2019. As I may have mentioned, we are the owners of the vessel, and we operate it under a lease agreement to Canada. We also provide the civilian crew, as well as the two captains, one of whom, Tim Allard^{s.22}

On 18 December at 10:00 a.m. MV Asterix will complete her return journey to Canada after her first successful year in service supporting the Royal Canadian Navy. We will mark the occasion with a welcome ceremony at Ogden Point – where she will be based for the following six weeks over the Christmas holidays to undergo maintenance (which will be performed by local BC workers).

Geoff, I wanted to personally request the presence of the Premier (and members of the government) to join us at Ogden Point on 18 December at 10:00 am to welcome the ship and crew home to Canada; and to also thank the crew for their service during this first year of operations in the Indo-Asia Pacific. Our full complement of crew will be present (72, plus support staff from our offices in Victoria, Ottawa and Halifax). Following the welcome, we would be pleased to provide the Premier and special guests a private tour of the ship. At the same time, the Royal Canadian Navy will also be present to support the welcoming home of their sailors aboard Asterix, and aboard HMCS Calgary. Families of sailors will also be present. As you could imagine, this will be a very positive media event.

It would be very much appreciated if you can give this some consideration to the above request and advise if it is possible to have the Premier and members of the government present, as special guests to welcome home MV Asterix, as well as all the Canadians on board both vessels.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please advise if it is possible.

I look forward to reconnecting with you in person, sometime in January when I visit Victoria again.

Kind regards,

James

P.S. Here is a profile of MV Asterix in the US Naval magazine – “Asterix is More Than a Footnote For the Fleet, It’s an Exclamation Point” BY CAPT EDWARD LUNDQUIST, USN (RET) - <http://www.navysna.org/SITREP/2018/fall.pdf>

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Sent: May 14, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Dunnett, Jennifer PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting / phone call with Geoff Meggs

Hi Jenn;

Yes that should be fine.

thanks!!

From: Dunnett, Jennifer PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting / phone call with Geoff Meggs
Hi Debbie,
He has a meeting with Canucks Alumni from 145 – 215pm...
Is it okay to book the call for 130-145pm?
Jenn

From: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Sent: May 13, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Dunnett, Jennifer PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Meeting / phone call with Geoff Meggs
Hi jenn
Do you mind confirming this with Geoff's calendar? Perhaps ask for a number that Geoff can call Murray at.
Thanks!
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: Murray.Rankin.A2@parl.gc.ca
Date: 2019-05-13 3:13 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX" <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting / phone call with Geoff Meggs

Hi Debbie,
We've found a time that works with MP Rankin's schedule and it is set in his calendar for 1:30 pm Pacific tomorrow.
Can I note your number, provided below, as a backup?
Kind regards,

CHARLOTTE SMOLEY

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À : Rankin, Murray - Assistant 2 <Murray.Rankin.A2@parl.gc.ca>

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From: **Wade, Debbie PREM:EX** <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Mon, May 13, 2019 at 1:03 PM

Subject: Meeting / phone call with Geoff Meggs

To: Murray Rankin <mrakin@murrayrankin.ca>

Good morning Murray;

Geoff has asked me to schedule a few minutes with you in the next couple of days if you have 20 minutes available.

Geoff can be available tomorrow Tuesday May 14th @ 1:30pm, or Wednesday May 15th @ 1:30pm.

Thanks!

Debbie Wade

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From: Murray Rankin <mrankin@murrayrankin.ca>
Sent: August 3, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting with Jonathan Wilkinson

great Debbie!^{s.22}

Murray

On Fri, Aug 3, 2018 at 2:57 PM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Murray;

I have reached out to Laura Mitchell to see about scheduling a time with Minister Wilkinson. Geoff is planning to be in Vancouver on Thursday, August 23rd for meetings, and we are hoping that might work for Minister Wilkinson.

Thanks!

Debbie Wade

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From: Geoff Meggs [mailto:^{s.22}]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:03 PM
To: Murray Rankin
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Jonathan Wilkinson

Yes, of course. I've copied Debbie, who can help co-ordinate.

Geoff

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 6:08 PM Murray Rankin <mrankin@murrayrankin.ca> wrote:

Geoff:^{s.22} – introduced him to George Heyman over lunch after the swearing in a year ago.

He said he'd like to meet you socially: any openings?

Best, Murray

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/north-vancouver-mp-jonathan-wilkinson-named-federal-minister-of-fisheries-oceans-coast-guard-1.4751554>

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From: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Sent: August 3, 2018 2:57 PM
To: 'Murray Rankin'
Cc: 'Mitchell3, Laura (EC)'
Subject: RE: Meeting with Jonathan Wilkinson

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Thanks!

Debbie Wade
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From: Geoff Meggs [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 6:59 PM
To: Murray Rankin
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Jonathan Wilkinson

Yes, of course. I've copied Debbie, who can help co-ordinate.

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OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: April 4, 2019 3:55 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Privileged and Confidential

Yes please

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Geoff

In regards to a place to meet Murray for lunch April 16th, would you like me to confirm the GP?

Please advise

Thanks

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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

From: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
Date: 2019-04-04 1:37 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Wade, Debbie PREM:EX" <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Privileged and Confidential

Hi Debbie. That works perfectly. Where could I meet him?

On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Murray;

Further to Geoff's email below, I would be happy to help find an hour meeting for you both. He currently has availability on Tuesday April 16th to go for lunch from 12:00-1:00pm. At your convenience, could you please let me know if that works for you.

Thanks!

Debbie Wade

Executive Coordinator to Geoff Meggs - Chief of Staff

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:19 PM
To: 'Murray Rankin' <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Privileged and Confidential

Murray, Christine Kennedy asked for a copy of the opinion, which was provided, to support the invoice.
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I've

copied to Debbie to book a time – an hour would be good, I think.

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From: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
Sent: April 1, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Privileged and Confidential

Hi again Geoff: wanted to follow up on a couple things from faraway Ottawa!
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4. I am around Victoria from April 12 to 28: maybe we could get together if you're able during that period.

Cheers

Murray

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From: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
Date: Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 7:49 PM

Subject: Privileged and Confidential

To: <geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca>

Attached is my invoice for the legal opinion I prepared on the issue you asked me to address. I trust this is satisfactory.

Thank you.

Murray Rankin, Q.C.

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: February 15, 2019 1:58 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Cc: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Community visit to Wet'suwet'en Territory

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Hi Amber,

Jonathan has advised me that he is working on this with Doug Caul and will be coordinating with OW on details early next week and will get back to your office with those details.

*Thanks,
Connie Roberts
Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: February 15, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Cc: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX ; Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Community visit to Wet'suwet'en Territory

Hi Connie,

Hoping MIRR can nail down the timing of this event on the 3rd for us and work with Rick's team on logistics. Elizabeth can book the charter, however we will want to split the cost with your office.

Amber

From: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Sent: February 12, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLaren, Chris PREM:EX <Chris.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Community visit to Wet'suwet'en Territory
Importance: High

Hi Amber,

Jonathan asked that I touch base with your regarding March 3rd and the potential visit of PJH to the above Territory. MSF will also be going, as well as Jonathan Sas (SMA); Doug Caul (DM); Murray Rankin and his wife (his wife was invited by the OW to attend).

We are wondering if the Premier is doing a Charter and, if so, if MSF and staff are able to join in on the Charter?

Thanks,

Connie Roberts

Administrative Coordinator to the

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From: Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Sent: March 16, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Alkan YCD
Subject: Re: Manifest - March 16

Thank you for confirming Darren! That will be it I believe. Sorry for the last minute change.

Thanks again!

Elizabeth

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2019, at 7:03 AM, Alkan YCD <ycd@alkanair.com> wrote:

Good Morning Elizabeth,
Sorry for the late response. 9 pax out of Smithers will be ok today. That will be the max seating of the king air.
I am one of the pilots today so please let me know if there are any changes
Thanks very much,
Darren O'Shea

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:44 PM Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX <Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

It looks like Murray Rankin will be flying back with the Premier tomorrow from Smithers. Can you please confirm that this is ok to have the extra person? I believe that puts us at 9 people.

Thanks,

Elizabeth

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2019, at 3:24 PM, Alkan YCD <ycd@alkanair.com<<mailto:ycd@alkanair.com>>> wrote:

Thank you Elizabeth!

Everything is good to go for the Premier flight on march 16th.

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On Wed, 13 Mar 2019 at 15:13, Parkinson, Elizabeth PREM:EX
<Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Elizabeth.Parkinson@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

This is the final manifest for the charter on Saturday, March 16th.

Premier John Horgan
Geoff Meggs
Don Bain
Evan Brown
s.15; s.22

Minister Fraser
Doug Caul

Anne Marie Sam (the way back only)

Departure time from Victoria (Sidney) is still 9:15 AM and then departing Smithers at 7:00 PM. Can you please confirm all is good to go?

Thanks,

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Subject: BC Gov News - Statement on reconciliation process between Province and Office of the Wet'suwet'en

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Office of the Premier
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Office of the Wet'suwet'en

STATEMENT

Statement on reconciliation process between Province and Office of the Wet'suwet'en

VICTORIA - The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, Premier John Horgan and Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, have issued the following statement to mark the start of a new reconciliation process:

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en and Province of British Columbia are committed to explore a path forward together, government-to-government, that seeks to build trust over time and meaningfully advance reconciliation. This process has emerged from decades of denial of Wet'suwet'en rights and title. Both parties believe that the time has come to engage in meaningful nation-to-nation discussions with the goal of B.C. affirming Wet'suwet'en rights and title.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en and Province are undertaking a process focused on Wet'suwet'en title, rights, laws and traditional governance throughout the Wet'suwet'en Yintah, or territory.

Our discussions will be guided by Wet'suwet'en law, the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and Canadian jurisprudence, including the Supreme Court of Canada's Delgamuukw Gisday' Wa decision. We stress that our commitment to lasting reconciliation is not connected to any specific project. These discussions are not transactional, but a real commitment to reconciliation.

To support this work, the Province has appointed Murray Rankin as B.C.'s representative to help guide and design the process between the Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. Mr. Rankin, a lawyer and mediator, has an understanding of the Supreme Court's historic Delgamuukw Gisday' Wa decision and an abiding commitment to better understand the history and current reality of the Wet'suwet'en people.

As a key step in creating this new foundation for reconciliation, the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs will host a bahtlats (potlatch or feast) in March 2019 to share information and initiate discussion with the Wet'suwet'en Clans and House groups. The goal is to involve all in this dialogue. The bahtlats is an established governance and decision-making process under Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols. This work builds on discussions that have been ongoing since the Premier and minister visited the territory last August. A public announcement will follow after the official commencement of our discussions.

We all recognize that the path forward will involve challenges. It will take a willingness to innovate and take bold steps together. This engagement is a historic opportunity to advance Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance,

and for the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: March 21, 2019 6:50 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Confidential and Privileged Communication
Attachments: s.14

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From: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
Date: February 14, 2019 at 8:58:54 PM PST
To: geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Confidential and Privileged Communication

Dear Mr. Meggs:

I attach my legal opinion on the matter that we have discussed. Please confirm receipt.

Murray Rankin

Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: February 19, 2019 1:09 PM
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From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: February 7, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Important
Attachments: ST_OW reconciliation_06Feb2019_FINAL_.pdf; ATT00001.htm; KM_Wet'suwet'en reconciliation process_06Feb19.docx; ATT00002.htm; QA_Wet'suwet'en negotiation process_06Feb2019_FINAL.docx; ATT00003.htm; IN_Wet'suwet'en reconciliation_06Feb2019.docx; ATT00004.htm; QA-MIRR-Wet'suwet'en-07Feb2019_FINAL.DOCX; ATT00005.htm

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Cc: "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Important

Hello everyone,

Attached are final materials on a release we hope will go out today together with OW. Please keep in strict confidence.

I will let you know when it is released, please update your Ministers accordingly,

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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
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To: Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Cc: Dick, Jolleen IRR:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX; Venn, Tania GCPE:EX
Subject: UPDATED - final materials

Hi again,

Here is a new package. There was a missing line in the statement, Leila had a few updates to the overarching Wet'suwet'en QA and I added one more question to the reconciliation process QA. No changes to KM or IN documents, but including them here so you have all the documents in one place.

Thx, S.

Sarah Plank

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Reconciliation with Wet'suwet'en Nation

Feb. 6, 2019

SUMMARY:

MP Murray Rankin has been appointed by the Province as a negotiator to lead a reconciliation process with Wet'suwet'en Nation.

- **The Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en have agreed to explore a path forward, nation-to-nation, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.**
- **To support this work, the Province has appointed Murray Rankin to represent the Province in these discussions.**
- **As an expert in constitutional law, Mr. Rankin has a deep understanding of relevant case law^{s.13}, and experience in First Nations negotiations.**
- **This process will get underway immediately.**
- **The work we are embarking on with the Wet'suwet'en Dini'ze [DEN-it-say], Ts'aske'ze [TSACK-ut-say], Sky'ze [SKY-zay] builds on discussions that have been ongoing since the Premier and Minister Fraser visited the territory last August.**
- **These discussions are a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance, and for the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.**
- **Our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project**

KEY MESSAGES FOR NEGOTIATOR:

- **I am honoured to be undertaking this important work, with the trust and support of both Wet'suwet'en leadership and the provincial government.**
- **As I'm sure you can appreciate, these are sensitive government-to-government discussions.**
- **I will not be commenting on the process while it's underway.**
- **Any questions should be directed to the minister responsible, Scott Fraser.**

Q&A - Reconciliation Negotiations with Wet'suwet'en Nation

February 5, 2019

Key messages:

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1. Why do you need an external negotiator?

- The Province recognizes that we need to reset and rebuild our relationship with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, based on respect and recognition of rights.
- The Province has engaged a party trusted by both sides to represent the Province in the discussions, Murray Rankin.
- We've agreed to hire Mr. Rankin due to his expertise in constitutional law, his knowledge of the Wet'suwet'en people and history, and relevant case law, and his experience as a negotiator.
- We're grateful for his participation.

2. Did it help that Mr. Rankin is connected to the NDP, albeit federally?

- Mr. Rankin is a lawyer, negotiator and mediator, has a deep knowledge of the Wet'suwet'en people and history, and of relevant case law.
- The Office of the Wet'suwet'en supports Mr. Rankin's appointment to help design the path forward.

3. What have you hired Mr. Rankin to do exactly?

- Mr. Rankin will represent the Province in the discussions with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- We want to move forward together through a process which builds trust and collaboration and meaningfully advances reconciliation.

4. Is Murray Rankin acting as a mediator between the Province and Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership?

- No. Murray Rankin is B.C.'s representative, who will help guide and design the reconciliation discussions process between the Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

5. Have you hired him to help fix conflict between the elected and hereditary Wet'suwet'en leaders?

- We've hired Mr. Rankin to represent the Province in discussions between the Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- This work is a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance, and for the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.
- Reconciliation at its heart is about supporting Indigenous self-determination and how First Nations choose to govern themselves.

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9. How much is Mr. Rankin being paid and who is funding his appointment?

- Murray Rankin has agreed to do this important work without compensation. All he will be paid is his expenses for travel.

If pressed on the contract value:

- The cost will depend how long the process takes. It's too early to say at this point.

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Updated: Feb. 1, 2019 Minister Responsible: Hon. Scott Fraser	Wet'suwet'en reconciliation
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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The provincial government is focused on building relationships with First Nations based on respect and recognition of rights, and respecting the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- B.C. remains committed to finding ways with the Wet'suwet'en Nation to move forward with reconciliation.
- We continue to have respectful dialogue on a whole range of issues as we continue our work with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

If asked about reconciliation negotiations and Murray Rankin's appointment:

- The Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en have agreed to explore a path forward, nation-to-nation, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.
- To support this work, the Province has appointed Murray Rankin to lead the discussions on the Province's behalf.
- As an expert in constitutional law, Mr. Rankin has a deep understanding of relevant case law^{s.13}, and experience in First Nations negotiations.
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- It's important to emphasize that our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.

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BACKGROUND:

- The Province and Wet'suwet'en nation are starting a reconciliation negotiation process together.
- The process is not connected to any specific project. It is focused on recognizing and implementing Wet'suwet'en title, rights, laws and traditional governance across the territory. As a first step, In March 2019, the Office of the Wet'suwet'en will host a traditional feast (balhats), an established governance and decision-making process under Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols.
- The province has appointed MP Murray Rankin as its negotiator. Rankin is also a lawyer and mediator, and has deep knowledge of the Wet'suwet'en people and history and of the Delgamuukw decision.

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- Rankin will not receive remuneration under the contract – he will only be reimbursed for expenses related to his involvement in the negotiations, such as travel costs. The contract currently extends to September 2019,^{s.17}

CGL Injunction

- On Jan. 7, 2019, RCMP began to enforce an injunction from the BC Supreme Court by dismantling a checkpoint at km-44 on Morice West Forest Service Road, which resulted in the arrest of 14 people.
- On Jan. 9, 2018, Hereditary chief Na'Moks (John Risdale) stated the occupants of the Unist'ot'en camp would comply with the interim court injunction and provide CGL with access to areas beyond the Morice River bridge, until the matter is settled through the courts. Unist'ot'en camp remains strongly opposed to the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.
- The resolution came after discussions between camp occupants, some hereditary chiefs, RCMP and Coastal GasLink and includes a commitment that the camp and healing lodge will remain in place and that Wet'suwet'en members can access the area for trapping.
- Chief Na'Moks stated in media that they remain adamantly opposed to the proposed project and that will never change but agreed to access to ensure people's safety.
- Wet'suwet'en's Gitumden Clan constructed the km-44 checkpoint after the BC Supreme Court granted Coastal GasLink an interim injunction requiring the removal of a gate on the Morice River bridge, and that CGL be allowed access to areas beyond the bridge. An enforcement order was also in place providing direction to the RCMP to enforce the terms of the injunction.
- The interim injunction will remain in place until a judgment on the main (interlocutory) injunction application. The defendants in the injunction application have until Feb. 20 to file their materials in response to the application. The application itself must be heard by the court by May 31. Freda Huson and Warner Naziel, the two named defendants, have retained legal counsel to represent them.
- The injunction application was filed on Nov. 29, 2018, after Coastal GasLink employees attempted to cross the bridge, and were turned away at the gate. The hearing took place on Dec. 13, 2018, with the injunction order issued Dec. 14, 2018. It has since been revised to expand the injunction area and to provide the defendants more time to file their response materials and hearing deadline.
- The RCMP enforcement action prompted provincial and national media coverage, and rallies across the country and internationally. Additional protests continue to take place, including occupation of government ministers' constituency offices.

Reconciliation work

- In support of long-term reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en people, Minister Fraser met with Wet'suwet'en leadership in May, 2018. Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser subsequently met with Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders on Aug. 31, 2018, in Smithers.
- s.16
- Ministry of Children and Family Development signed a child-welfare agreement with Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs, Witset, and Hagwilget in 2017. The agreement is reportedly pulling the community together and having an overall positive effect.

Unist'ot'en Camp

- A small group of the Wet'suwet'en peoples, along with non-Indigenous supporters, established the Unist'ot'en camp in 2009, and vowed to oppose any pipeline that would cross Wet'suwet'en territory.

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- The Unist'ot'en camp is located at km-66 of the Morice West Forest Service Road near the Morice River. The camp is on Provincial Crown land and includes a number of buildings.
- Since May 2013, a barrier has controlled access across the Morice River bridge,^{s.16}
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- In the fall of 2016, B.C. became aware of a metal gate installed at the Morice River Bridge in addition to the existing Unist'ot'en barrier.
- In February 2017, Ministry of Forests sent a letter to the Unist'ot'en to inform them that the gate appeared to be a contravention of Forest Service Road regulations and to request its removal. No further action was taken by government.
- s.13; s.15; s.16

Agreements

- 17 of 20 Nations along the proposed Coastal Gaslink route have signed benefits agreements with the Province; however past attempts to complete agreements with Office of Wet'suwet'en and Unist'ot'en representatives have not been successful.
- Four of five Wet'suwet'en bands have signed and announced pipeline benefits agreements with the Province for the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Skin Tyee, Nee-Tahi-Buhn, Witset (formerly Moricetown) and Wet'suwet'en First Nation have agreements that have been announced and are in effect. Hagwilget has not signed an agreement.
- On Oct. 2, 2018, LNG Canada announced its Final Investment Decision to build a \$40 billion LNG export facility in Kitimat, connected to northeast gas fields by the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Media stories have asserted the Unist'ot'en camp is the most significant obstacle facing the pipeline project.
- LNG/Canada has community and project agreements with the elected councils of all 20 First Nations along the Coastal GasLink corridor.
- Coastal GasLink awarded approximately \$620 million in contracting and employment opportunities to northern Indigenous businesses. The project anticipates another \$400 million in contracting for local and Indigenous businesses during construction.

Wet'suwet'en governance and hereditary leaders:

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The Unist'ot'en are a self-identified group affiliated with the Dark House, one of thirteen houses that make up the Wet'suwet'en Nation.
- s.16

- Unist'ot'en has two representatives on the 12-person Witset council – Chief Knedebeas (Warner Williams), and Unist'ot'en spokesperson Freda Huson^{s.22}

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Program Area Contact: Cory Waters; Janice Franklin
File Created: January 12, 2016

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Unist'ot'en camp & RCMP action
January 2019

1. What's the status of reconciliation discussions with Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders?

- B.C. remains committed to finding ways with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to move forward with reconciliation.
- The Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en have agreed to explore a path forward, nation-to-nation, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.
- To support this work, the Province has appointed Murray Rankin to lead the discussions on the Province's behalf, which are now underway.
- These discussions are a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance, and for the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.
- It's important to stress that our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

3. Did the Province consult only with elected band councils and not hereditary leadership?

- For the Coastal GasLink project, the Province consulted extensively with First Nations and Indigenous organizations, including the Hereditary Chiefs of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Dark House during both environmental assessment process and the pipeline permit application phase.
- Consultations have extended from 2013 through to today and includes hundreds of touch points; including personal meetings, presentations and conference calls.
- First Nations determine for themselves who should be engaged on these matters, and that's what we rely on most.
- Each of the 20 First Nations along the pipeline corridor has internal processes to involve its hereditary leaders on consultation and benefit agreements, and many of those hereditary leaders support this project.

4. Did the Province consult directly with the hereditary leadership of the Wet'suwet'en? What were the outcomes?

- For the Coastal GasLink project, the Province consulted extensively with the Hereditary Chiefs of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Dark House during both environmental assessment process and the pipeline permit application phase.
- The Province and the proponent have listened to concerns from the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- This engagement is ongoing and continuous, and won't stop over the life of this project. Most recently, the Environmental Assessment Office, Conservation Officer Services and Oil and Gas Commission and have been working to respond to a number of concerns about the project raised by the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- We continue to have respectful dialogue on a whole range of issues as we work with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- This includes working collaboratively with the Province, other nations and Wet'suwet'en bands as partners in environmental stewardship -- focusing on improving fish habitat in Morice River.

5. How does the police action align with UNDRIP and reconciliation?

- This is a complex and long-standing issue.
- We are confident that ongoing peaceful resolutions can be found.
- This project represents great opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and it also highlights the challenges of reconciliation and resolving issues that go back more than 150 years.
- The provincial government is focused on relationships with First Nations based on respect and recognition of rights, and respecting the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- B.C. remains committed to finding ways with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to move forward with reconciliation. We continue to have respectful dialogue on a whole range of issues as we work with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

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7. Will the Unist'ot'en camp to remain in place?

- The Province respects the importance of the camp and healing centre for the Indigenous people who live there.
- The court injunction is about the company being able to access areas about one kilometre beyond the camp, on a forest service road.
- The company has provided reassurances that there is no intention to cause any disruption to the camp.
- We expect the project to be advanced in a way that respects Indigenous rights and ensures benefits for First Nations.

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11. What were TransCanada/Coastal GasLink's obligations under the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate in the case of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation? Did the company meet those obligations?

- For the Coastal GasLink project, Province consulted extensively with 29 Indigenous groups and two Indigenous associations, including the Hereditary Chiefs of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Dark House during both environmental assessment process and the pipeline permit application phase.
- Consultations have extended from 2013 through to today, and includes hundreds of touch points; including personal meetings, presentations and conference calls.

If needed:

- The proponent's application and the assessment report provides details on this consultation. With specific respect to the Wet'suwet'en see the assessment report (pages 255 and 471 to 528: <https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/api/document/58868fd3e036fb0105768772/fetch>

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19. How do companies know which communities and leaders to work with?

- Companies wanting to develop resources in British Columbia must develop and maintain strong partnerships with First Nations and Indigenous people.
- Any agreements must be made with the relevant rights holders from that community, and First Nations determine for themselves who should be engaged on these matters.
- Companies need to work with the communities themselves to figure out whom to talk to, and the Province is always willing to assist bringing all parties to the table.

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23. What is the governance structure of the Wet'suwet'en Nation?

- The province understands that Wet'suwet'en Nation organizes themselves into five clans and 13 houses.
- Each house is led by at least one House Chief, supported and advised by Wing Chiefs.
- Clans are represented by their House Chiefs.
- There are six Indian Act bands within the Wet'suwet'en Nation -- Wit'set, Hagwilget Village, Skin Tyee Nation, Nee-Tahi-Buhn Band, Wet'suwet'en First Nation and Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation (Burns Lake Band).

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FYI. These are approved unless you have changes.

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For you.

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Hi Sage,
Updated for your approval are:

1. Comms Plan
2. BG with full protocol
3. Holding lines
4. SN
5. KM-QA^{s.13}
s.13
6. Issues Note from EMPR (if needed)
7. Community Scan (no revisions)

Sage – Chris McLaren has asked for these asap. If you are unable to review and approve these immediately, please let me know and I will sort out another printing window with her.

Thank you!
Erin Richards
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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
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Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats
Hi Sage,
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We will call the speaking notes "speaking points" instead of "key messages" for clarity. I will forward the protocol document to Erin/Danielle to ensure they have it. To clarify your request regarding the archaeological artifacts – we have a few QAs on them (8 & 9), so are you wanting an additional section in the KMs at the top of the document on that topic as well? Or additional QAs to cover the issue more fully in the section below?

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats
Hi all,
Overall, looks great. A few comments & questions.

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Thanks,
Sage

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Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats

Importance: High

Hi Sage,

Attached for your approval are the materials for the March 16th bahtlats.

1. SN
2. KM-QA
3. BG
4. Community Scan

Please let me know if you'd like any changes.

Also, Tim mentioned that his team will not be doing an Issues Scan because there won't be any media present. Let us know if you would like one. Leila from his team worked closely with Sarah on the KM-QA.

Thank you,

Erin Richards

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PROJECT SPECIFIC
COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS
AND RECONCILIATION

SUBJECT: Launch of Wet'suwet'en reconciliation process - bahtlats

Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To demonstrate the Province's commitment to reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation
Background/ Context:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) are starting a reconciliation negotiation process together, announced Feb. 7, 2019. The process is focused on recognizing and implementing Wet'suwet'en title, rights, laws and traditional governance across the territory. The province's negotiator is MP Murray Rankin, also a lawyer and mediator. As a first step, on Mar. 16, 2019, the Wet'suwet'en Laksilyu clan will host a traditional feast (bahtlats). The discussions are not connected to any specific project. While the reconciliation process is independent of any project, the OW do oppose an approved LNG pipeline announced to proceed by LNG Canada in Oct. 2018. The Coastal Gaslink (CGL) pipeline would cross Wet'suwet'en territory, and a camp has been in place since 2009 with a checkpoint gate that blocks a bridge needed for construction.
Communication Objectives:	s.16
Audiences & Stakeholders:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation Residents in the area Companies and workers in the region Neighbouring First Nations First Nations with benefit agreements along the pipeline route General public
Ministries Affected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations... Environmental Assessment Office Oil and Gas Commission Ministry of Attorney General Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Key Messages:

- The Province remains committed to moving forward with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en on reconciliation, and we have agreed to explore a path forward together, government-to-government.
- We will be guests at a formal feast – a long-standing governance and decision-making process integral to Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols – as the first step in this process.
- The work we are embarking on together builds on commitments from Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser, who visited the territory together in August 2018.
- Our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.
- Our mutual goal is to establish a deeper relationship between the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation based on respect and recognition of rights, in support of self-determination and self-governance.

STRATEGIC APPROACH

Strategy

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Summary:

Planning Arc:

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COLLATERAL MATERIALS

- Key messages
- Questions and Answers
- Speaking points
- Briefing note, community profile, issues scan
- Two draft reactive media statements, in case needed – one prior to bahtlats and one after
- Joint media release for official launch of reconciliation talks
- Standard media response, agreed to jointly, for media requests for status updates
- Communications protocol (internal document only)

Sarah Plank, Director of Communications
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Date: __14 March 2019__

Appendix

Additional Background/Timeline

Unist'ot'en Camp:

- The Unist'ot'en camp was established in 2009, to oppose any pipeline crossing Wet'suwet'en territory.
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- The Unist'ot'en are affiliated with the Dark House, one of thirteen houses that make up the Wet'suwet'en Nation.
- Since the camp was formed, the Province has made extensive efforts to work with both the Wet'suwet'en Nation and its Hereditary Chiefs to seek a resolution.^{s.13; s.16}
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- In support of long-term reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en people, Minister Fraser met with Wet'suwet'en leadership in May, 2018. Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser met with Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders on Aug. 31, 2018, in Smithers.

Pipeline Project

- On Oct. 2, 2018, LNG Canada announced its Final Investment Decision to build a \$40 billion LNG export facility in Kitimat, connected to northeast gas fields by the Coastal GasLink (GCL) pipeline.
- CGL sought a court injunction from BC Supreme Court in Dec. 2018 to obtain access across a bridge blocked by a gate. On Jan. 7, 2019, RCMP began to enforcement dismantling a checkpoint and arresting 14 people.
- On Jan. 9, 2018, Hereditary chief Na'Moks (John Risdale) stated the occupants of the Unist'ot'en camp would comply with the interim court injunction and provide CGL with access to areas beyond the Morice River bridge, until the matter is settled through the courts. Unist'ot'en camp remains strongly opposed to the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Agreements

- LNG Canada has community and project agreements with the elected councils of all 20 First Nations along the Coastal GasLink corridor. 17 of 20 Nations along the proposed Coastal Gaslink route have signed benefits agreements with B.C.; however past attempts to complete agreements with Office of Wet'suwet'en and Unist'ot'en representatives have not been successful.
- Four of five Wet'suwet'en bands have signed and announced pipeline benefits agreements with the Province for the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Skin Tyee, Nee-Tahi-Buhn, Witset (formerly Moricetown) and Wet'suwet'en First Nation have agreements that have been announced and are in effect. Hagwilget has not signed an agreement.

BACKGROUNDER

Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats
Morinetown Multiplex, Smithers
March 16, 2019

Event Goals:

Wet'suwet'en feast (bahtlats) March 16, 2019 signal commencement of a reconciliation process to advance a nation-to-nation relationship based on trust, mutual respect and recognition of rights and title.

Format:

- Wet'suwet'en feast (bahtlats)
- Witnessing and formally recognizing the strength and honour of the hereditary chiefs and clan members through participation in the feast hall – the primary governance forum under the hereditary system.

Participants:

- Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, Office of Wet'suwet'en Staff
- Wet'suwet'en house and clan members
- Hosted by the Laksilyu clan, one of five Wet'suwet'en clans
- BC: Premier John Horgan, Minister Scott Fraser, Doug Caul, Murray Rankin

Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats:

The bahtlats provides opportunity to introduce BC's representative and kick-start reconciliation discussions by formally recognizing the strength and honour of the hereditary chiefs and clan members through participation in the feast hall – the primary governance forum under the hereditary system.

Background:

The Parties have agreed to explore a path forward together that seeks to build trust over time and meaningfully advance reconciliation after decades of denial of Wet'suwet'en rights and title. The bahtlats is a key step in creating a foundation for reconciliation that recognizes and respects the Wet'suwet'en clans and house groups. The intent is to initiate dialogue that is inclusive of Wet'suwet'en members and introduce Murray Rankin as BC's representative to lead discussions going forward. This is a formal and highly symbolic event and an opportunity to clearly communicate the

Province's goals and expectations for the betterment of all Wet'suwet'en and all British Columbians.

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Wet'suwet'en Balhats Etiquette – provided by OW:

- Ensure you are on time
- Spouses do not sit together, but with their own clan
- Designated seating must be followed. Wait to be seated. Remain in section you are seated, but you may visit other clan sections
- Bring soup bowl with lid, spoon, cup and gift bag. For those flying, the bag of goods can be left in the hall to be donated
- Do not step on paper on the ground in front of you as much as possible
- Food and gifts are all accepted; refusing is considered disrespectful. (You can say no if you have allergies or have had enough)
- Servers have to ensure that everyone is served from the back rows (Hereditary chiefs first) to the front rows
- The hosting clan must be repaid for any food or drinks spilled by another clan, as a sign of respect for what they made and the territory from which it comes from.

Bring toonie or loonies in case of spills. If you make a spill inform someone near you that this has happened.

- Remain seated during presentations and business
- Once seated, use personal discretion, you are able to move around except during presentations
- Encourage guests to ask questions to gain understanding of what is going on
- Guests are expected to listen carefully to the closing speeches and stay until the feast is over.
- Refer to Chiefs using Chief name wherever possible
- Everyone is expected to behave and speak respectfully
- Children must stay seated and be quiet

Wet'suwet'en Balhats Protocol – provided by OW:

- Prayer is given at opening
- Mother's clan will host Balhats
- Father clan will be hired at smoke feast to take care of business at hand to ensure children's safety is addressed
- Host clan brings drinks, sandwiches and cookies to serve
- A waiting time at the beginning of each feast ensures all Father clan Chiefs and members are present before starting
- While waiting, tea, coffee, juice or water is served
- Once Father clan has arrived traditional ceremony can start
- Host clan Head Chief invites an elder to open with a prayer
- Speaker welcomes guests
- Head Chief announces Father Clan members who have been hired to support parents and children
- Host clan collects donations from clan members
- Food brought in will be handed out to guests at this time
- Collected donations will be handed out to Chiefs and adults
- A clan member reads out the list of goods brought in, food items and costs each clan member contributed
- Host Clan Head Chief will state the business is taken care of and thank all guests for honoring invite and attending

- Head Chief will say “the floor is open for all other Head Chiefs to speak”. This is the time for them to thank the host clan and to make comments on how the feast was conducted. Head Chiefs will speak on behalf of their house clan members and announce/invite for future clan business
- Host clan Head Chief invites an elder up to end ceremony with a prayer

COMMUNITY SCAN

Bahtlats Event

Smithers

Mar. 16, 2019



Community Overview

Smithers:

- Population (metro): 5,401¹
- Located in Gitdumden, the traditional territory of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation²
- Economy includes service-related occupations that largely support resource-based industries of forestry, mining and agriculture

Mayor:

- Taylor Bachrach

MLAs:

- **Stikine:** Hon. Doug Donaldson
- **Skeena:** MLA Ellis Ross
- **North Coast:** PS Jennifer Rice

MP:

- **Skeena-Bulkley Valley:** MP Nathan Cullen

Recent Announcements

- **Feb. 19 NR: B.C. First Nations, Province partner in historic revenue-sharing agreement (PREM, FIN, IRR):** Approx. \$3 B over 25 years will be shared with B.C. First Nations, individually eligible for between \$250,000 and \$2 MM annually
- **Feb. 16 NR: Province reinvesting in the Northwest with grants to regional districts, municipalities (PREM, MAH):** \$100 MM Northern Capital and Planning Grant for 4 regional districts to address long-standing infrastructure needs
- **Feb. 08 NR: New supportive homes now open in Smithers (MAH):** 24-unit supportive housing project, includes space for emergency short-term beds
- **Feb. 07 STMT: Statement on reconciliation process between Province and Office of the Wet'suwet'en (PREM, IRR):** Committing to explore a path forward that seeks to build trust over time and meaningfully advance reconciliation
- **Feb. 07 NR: Expediated funding aids forest industry and environment (FLNR):** \$10 MM from Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will mean more wood waste

¹ Statistics Canada – Census Profile (2016): Smithers, Town [Census subdivision]

² Town of Smithers – Official Community Plan: <https://smithers.ecdev.org/ca-csd-smithers>

will be redirected to mills instead of being burned on the ground. Includes approx. \$3.7 MM for two projects in Smithers

- **Jan. 31 UPDATE: Increased use marks Highway 16 plan's second anniversary (TRAN):** With all 4 routes operational, transit service along Highway 16 has provided safe travel for approx. 18,000 passengers since it started two years ago
- **Dec. 20, 2018 IB: Update on wildfire site rehabilitation in Skeena Region (FLNR):** Emergency rehabilitation of land impacted by the suppression of wildfires in 2018 is underway at 12 of the most significant fire sites
- **Nov. 26, 2018 NR: Wildfire rehabilitation efforts benefit communities (FLNR):** One of the areas hit hardest by this year's wildfires has reached a milestone in its recovery from close collaboration between B.C. and the Gitxsan First Nation
- **Oct. 26, 2018 NR: New cell service increases safety along Highway of Tears (CITZ):** Witset First Nation and surrounding areas to have access to new wireless coverage, increasing safety, communications, and economic opportunities
- **Oct. 02, 2018 NR: B.C.'s new LNG Framework to deliver record investment, world's cleanest LNG facility (PREM, EMPR):** \$40 B investment by LNG Canada shows B.C.'s future can balance economic opportunity and job creation that meets the Province's climate action goals
- **Aug. 02, 2018 NR: New training for service providers who deal with trauma in Indigenous communities (IRR):** \$45,000 to the Northern Society for Domestic Peace to organize and deliver the Indigenous Tools for Living workshops in Smithers, Hazelton and Terrace

News

Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs demanding province take action on opioid crisis “In 2016, a public health emergency was declared by the provincial health officer, but [Neskonlith Chief Judy] Wilson feels not enough resources have been dedicated directly to First Nations communities... Wilson said they need updated data from the province, so more attention can be given to what is needed in First Nations communities... In addition to treatment methods and cracking down on drug distribution, Wilson said First Nations communities need to strengthen connections and heal... Additional funding is needed in the areas of language and culture to nurture identity... She is looking forward to an upcoming First Nations Opioid Conference in Calgary to try to find clear solutions to help remedy the crisis... For the Secwepemc Nation, one of the issues it faces is having multiple states of emergency, said Wilson. This includes, fires, floods and the opioid crisis...” (CBC News, Mar. 12)

B.C. energy body rejects protesters' claims "...The [BCOGC said] ... it couldn't find evidence to back up the Indigenous complaint alleging that a segment of Coastal GasLink's natural gas pipeline route threatens an area that protesters said contains historical artifacts. Those assertions include the purported discovery of two stone tools said to be thousands of years old. 'The soils upon which the artifacts were found would not typically contain any such cultural artifacts and this was likely not their original location,' ... responding to the complaint filed by the Unist'ot'en protest camp... The two stone tools reported as being discovered 'were not present' when the commission's archeological experts visited the bulldozed site in the B.C. Interior... The commission's findings come as Dark House chief Warner William and other hereditary leaders continue their efforts in court to block TransCanada Corp.'s \$6.2 B Coastal GasLink project, saying pipeline officials failed to properly consult with them. Mr. William, who also goes by the hereditary title Chief Knedebas, said in an affidavit in B.C. Supreme Court that Coastal GasLink representatives have been 'deeply disrespectful of our legal process and my authority.' ... Mr. William argues that Coastal GasLink officials have not shown good faith in requesting to construct a section of the pipeline on Dark House's unceded territory..." (Globe and Mail, Mar. 11)

TransCanada hires RBC to sell stake in B.C. pipeline "... TransCanada declined on Monday to explain its motivation, but the move aligns with the company's shifting focus away from Canada and the possibility that First Nations could buy into the pipeline project and help overcome construction delays... Crystal Smith, chief councillor of the Haisla Nation, said her elected band is interested in becoming an equity co-owner... TransCanada's plans to sell off a large portion of Coastal GasLink follows the decision last year by Kinder Morgan Canada Inc. to exit the Trans Mountain oil pipeline project, after years of failed or stalled energy proposals in Canada..." (Globe and Mail, Mar. 08)

Victoria MP Rankin will not to seek re-election "... The NDP justice critic, who has played a key role in probing the SNC-Lavalin affair, said there's never a right time to make such a decision... In the years ahead, Rankin plans to devote his time to reconciliation efforts with First Nations... A lawyer, who specialized in environmental and Aboriginal rights law before becoming an MP, Rankin was recently appointed by the B.C. government as its representative in a reconciliation process with the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs..." (Vancouver Sun, Mar. 01)

Wet'suwet'en chief defends move to strip title from Coastal GasLink supporter "... Warner Naziel said he and other hereditary chiefs, including his uncle who recommended him, acted properly when they removed the title Smogelgem from Gloria George... He made the comments in an affidavit in B.C. Supreme Court, dated Feb. 20, to assert that Ms. George is wrong in assuming she had been entitled to

automatically inherit Smogelgem from her late brother, Leonard George, under Sun House of the Laksamshu clan... 'The proper protocol for receiving a head chief's name includes consulting with the clan to determine whether they approve of your taking the name, announcing your intention to take the name at a smoke feast and then holding a feast specifically for that purpose.'... But Ms. George said ... she acted appropriately when she patiently waited several years before inheriting Smogelgem, after her brother Leonard died in 2007. 'The title was my brother's and before my brother, it was my mom's cousin, and before that, it was my mom's great uncle,' Ms. George said. She pointed out that Mr. Naziel's roots are in Owl House, but the Smogelgem title is under Sun House. Leonard George, in his hereditary role as Smogelgem, was one of the plaintiffs in the historic court case known as Delgamuukw, in which Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs claimed ownership of their unceded territories in British Columbia. In the landmark 1997 decision, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Indigenous people have valid claims to ancestral lands that were never ceded by treaty..." (Globe and Mail, Feb. 27)

Three Indigenous women lose hereditary titles over pipeline "Wet'suwet'en Nation chiefs who oppose the \$6.2 B Coastal GasLink pipeline route ... stripped hereditary titles away from three Indigenous women who support the project. The women formed the Wet'suwet'en Matrilineal Coalition (WMC) in August, 2015, hoping the fledgling group would address the need for a collective decision-making body. Internal strife within the Wet'suwet'en Nation has grown in recent years, with conflict between hereditary chiefs administering their unceded territories (passed down through oral traditions) versus elected band councillors on reserves (codified by federal law)... WMC incorporated as a not-for-profit group, with Gloria George, Darlene Glaim and Theresa Tait-Day serving as the original directors... in an effort to encourage Wet'suwet'en members to make informed decisions about contentious issues such as TransCanada Corp.'s Coastal GasLink. They say they tried unsuccessfully to persuade the male hereditary leaders to sign a benefits agreement... Two of the Indigenous women were Wet'suwet'en house chiefs: Ms. George held the hereditary title Smogelgem under Sun House of the Laksamshu clan, while Ms. Glaim served as Woos under Grizzly House of the Gitdumden ... clan... The pipeline project has been approved by all 20 elected First Nation councils along the route, including five elected band councils that belong to the Wet'suwet'en Nation. But five prominent Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs have led a campaign to oppose the pipeline, and they accuse WMC of being biased because Coastal GasLink and the previous BC Liberal government each provided \$30,000 in funding in 2017 to the group... The previous BC Liberal government recognized the three women's hereditary roles as recently as the spring of 2017. In May, 2018, [IRR] Minister, Scott Fraser, met with Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders, but the gathering did not include the three women..." (Globe and Mail, Feb. 26)

Why some Wet'suwet'en councils chose to sign B.C. pipeline agreements with Coastal GasLink "... Joseph Skin is with the Skin Tyee band, a community of about 180 people within the Wet'suwet'en First Nation, and said many members live in 'poverty' on the reserve and the agreement offered an opportunity for a better future... The issue of who supports the project is not as simple as a division between hereditary chiefs on one side and elected councils on the other. While the five hereditary clan chiefs say they're 'adamantly opposed,' other hereditary leaders have expressed support, and elected council members have landed on both sides... Wet'suwet'en elected Chief Ray Morris of the Nee Tahi Buhn band said his council signed a deal with Coastal GasLink based on advice an elder gave when Enbridge was proposing a pipeline through the territory... Signing an agreement means funding for things such as education and elder care, he said. 'We're no different than any other human. We have the same needs as you do.' ..." (Globe and Mail, Jan. 21)

Chief slams RCMP pipeline intervention "The arrest of 14 people at an Indigenous blockade in a remote area of northern B.C. became a flashpoint Tuesday that sparked protests across the country... RCMP made the arrests Monday at a blockade southwest of Houston, where some members of the Gidimt'en clan of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation had set up a camp to control access to a pipeline project route across their territory. Police were enforcing a B.C. Supreme Court injunction granted to a TransCanada Corp. subsidiary, Coastal Gas-Link. It ordered the removal of obstructions in Wet'suwet'en territory as work gets underway on a \$6.2 B pipeline carrying natural gas from the Dawson Creek area to Kitimat. Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs told a crowd at Victory Square in Vancouver that it would be a watershed year for Indigenous people in the fight against pipelines crossing their lands. 'We're starting off 2019 with a bang,' he said to cheers and applause. 'I want to say to Prime Minister Trudeau: Welcome to battleground British Columbia.'... Bellegarde said the Canadian and B.C. governments have promised to implement [UNDRIP] but in northern B.C. they are imposing their laws over those of the Wet'suwet'en... The Gidimt'en set up a gate in December in support of an anti-pipeline camp that members of the Unist'ot'en, another Wet'suwet'en clan, established years ago... The company said it has signed agreements with all First Nations along the route for LNG Canada's \$40 B liquefied natural gas project in Kitimat, but demonstrators said Wet'suwet'en house chiefs, who are hereditary rather than elected, have not given consent..." (The Province, Jan. 09)

Holding Lines

Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats

Smithers

March 16, 2019

- **We are committed to moving forward with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en on reconciliation, and have agreed to explore a path forward, government-to-government.**
- **We are honoured to have been invited as guests to a formal feast that is a long-standing governance and decision-making process integral in Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols.**
- **The feast will mark our first formal step in the reconciliation process together.**
- **Our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.**
- **Our mutual goal is to establish a deeper relationship between the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation based on respect and recognition of title and rights, and in support of self-determination and self-governance.**

SPEAKING NOTES

Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats

March 16, 2019

Headline

Premier John Horgan attends Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats to advance a nation-to-nation relationship based on trust, mutual respect and recognition of rights and title

Quote

"I am honoured to be here today to commence the reconciliation process to advance a nation-to-nation relationship based on trust, mutual respect and recognition of rights and title."

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Speaking notes begin on the next page

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- Territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation
- Wet'suwet'en Dini'ze [DEN-it-TSAY], Ts'aske'ze [TSACK-oo-TSAY], Sky'ze [sky-ZAY] Note: this means male chiefs, female chiefs, children of chiefs
- Hosts Laksilyu [lack-SILL-ee-you] clan and Chief Hagwilnegh [HAG-wil-NAY]
- Office of the Wet'suwet'en for helping to organize and bring us all together

POTENTIAL SPEAKING POINTS:

- The Province remains committed to moving forward with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en on reconciliation.
- We have agreed to explore a path forward, government-to-government, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.
- We are grateful to have been invited as guests to a formal feast hosted by Laksilyu [lack-SILL-ee-you] clan, as the first step in this process together.
- We recognize this feast as a long-standing governance and decision-making process that is integral to Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols.
- We are here to acknowledge Wet'suwet'en governance and Wet'suwet'en clans and house groups as a meaningful way to begin this process.
- The work we are embarking on together builds on commitments discussed since we [Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser] visited the territory together last August.

[Premier to share about his earlier visit]

- For too long, governments have ignored court decisions and failed to affirm Wet'suwet'en rights and title.
- We are committed to working together, to find a shared path forward.
- This will take time. There are many steps to take on this path, and many questions to be answered together. We are committed to walking this path with the Wet'suwet'en Nation.
- We have been having respectful dialogue on a range of issues, and that will continue.
- Important work, such as agreements around child welfare services, and partnering on environmental stewardship work like improving fish habitat in the Morice River.
- Our commitment is to lasting reconciliation.
- I believe all of us here today want to establish a deeper relationship between the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation based on respect and recognition of title and rights
- These discussions are a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance.

Note: These are simply potential message points that can be used as a guide as appropriate. Protocol in speaking at a feast like the bahtlats would be to speak authentically from the heart – meaningful story-telling and symbolism are appropriate to bring in to the words shared. It should also be noted that words spoken at a formal feast like this carry great weight and commitment.

QA and Key Messages

Wet'suwet'en Bahtlats

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March 16, 2019

Key Messages

- **Our government remains committed to moving forward with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en on reconciliation.**
- **We have agreed to explore a path forward, government-to-government, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.**
- **We are grateful to have been invited as guests to a formal feast.**
- **We recognize this is a long-standing governance and decision-making process integral to Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership protocols.**
- **The work we are embarking on together builds on commitments discussed since we [Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser] visited the territory together last August.**
- **Our commitment to lasting reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.**
- **The hereditary chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en advanced claims for title and jurisdiction over their traditional territories to the Supreme Court of Canada, resulting in the 1997 landmark decision in Delgamuukw which confirmed the continuing existence of aboriginal title in BC.**
- **Our mutual goal is to establish a deeper relationship between the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation based on respect and recognition of title and rights, and in support of self-determination and self-governance.**

Questions and Answers

Reconciliation Discussions

1. What's the status of discussions with Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders?

- The Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en have agreed to explore a path forward, nation-to-nation, to meaningfully advance reconciliation.
- The bahtlats or feast – a long-standing governance process of the Wet'suwet'en peoples – is our first formal step together in this process.
- The Premier, Minister Fraser and Murray Rankin, the province's appointed representative in the discussions, will be attending.
- These discussions are a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance, and for the Province and Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.
- It's important to stress that our commitment to reconciliation with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and peoples is not connected to any specific project.

2. Does this reconciliation process mean the CGL pipeline will not go ahead?

- We are at the start of reconciliation-focused discussions between the Province and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs.
- These discussions are not connected to any specific project, nor is any specific project the focus of these discussions.
- This work we are embarking on together is an opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance.
- Our mutual goal is to establish a deeper relationship between the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation, based on respect and recognition of rights.

3. What happens at a bahtlats?

- That would be a question best directed to the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the host Laksilyu [lack-SILL-ee-you] clan.
- Our attendance as guests is a formal acknowledgement of respect for Wet'suwet'en governance and Wet'suwet'en clans and house groups and a meaningful way to begin this process.

4. If a bahtlats is a governance and decision-making process, does that mean what is decided there is a done deal, even if it conflicts with government policy/decisions?

- The bahtlats represents the start of our government-to-government reconciliation discussions.
- I won't speculate on the outcome of this process or our discussions together at this early stage.

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6. Are these discussions about trying to get a deal on the CGL pipeline?

- No, this work is not connected to any specific project, nor will the discussions focus on any specific project.
- We are embarking on comprehensive, wide-ranging reconciliation-focused discussions between the Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.
- This work we are embarking on together is a historic opportunity to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance, and for the Province and Wet'suwet'en Nation to establish a deeper relationship based on respect and recognition of rights.

7. You say this isn't connected to any one project. But would you be engaging with the OW if the CGL pipeline wasn't going through Wet'suwet'en territory?

- Our engagement with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en isn't new.
- We've been working over the past 20 months to build lasting partnerships with First Nations, based on respect and recognition of title and rights.
- We have had, and continue to have, respectful dialogue on a range of issues, including working together on an approach to Wet'suwet'en Nation exercising their jurisdiction on child welfare services, and partnering on environmental stewardship work like improving fish habitat in the Morice River.
- Our work going forward builds on discussions that have been ongoing since the Premier and Minister Fraser visited the Wet'suwet'en territory last August.

Pipeline Project

8. What is the status of the investigation on archaeological artifacts at the site?

- After the province received a complaint regarding evidence of cultural use at a work site last month Coastal GasLink immediately stopped work on the site.
- Archeological experts from the BC Oil and Gas Commission and Ministry of Forests and Lands visited the site and examined the artifacts, and were unable to determine whether they came from the area where they were reported found.
- Coastal GasLink has submitted a mitigation plan, which was reviewed and accepted by the Commission and Ministry.
- Coastal GasLink is now able to resume work, following the mitigation plan, which has provisions for what steps must be taken if any further artifacts, discovered in the course of work.

10. What did the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) conclude with their site visit?

- In addition to the observations made on site, the OGC gathered lithics (stone artifacts) for protection and examination.
- The initial examination is complete and additional work is ongoing.
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11. What impact did the investigation have on the project?

- After the province received a complaint regarding evidence of cultural use at a work site last month Coastal GasLink immediately stopped work on the site.
- Coastal GasLink has submitted a mitigation plan, reviewed and accepted by the Commission and Ministry.
- Coastal GasLink will now be able to resume work, in keeping with the mitigation plan, which has provisions for dealing with artifacts, should any be discovered in the course of work.

12.What's involved with CGL's mitigation plan?

- The mitigation plan required CGL to determine if there were additional cultural materials on the site.
- They had an archaeologist assess the area surrounding the location in question – and no cultural material was found during this assessment.
- As part of the mitigation plan, CGL must also:
 - Sample the topsoil stockpiled on the edge of the site once it is no longer frozen.
 - Supervise construction operations on the site once work restarts.
 - Further assess the topsoil when it is spread back on the site during future site reclamation.

13.Did the company meet archaeological impact assessment requirements?

- In January 2019, at the request of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, the Province's archaeology branch conducted a review and confirmed Coastal GasLink had met its obligations regarding the provision of an archaeology impact assessment.
- An inspection confirmed there was no work happening in areas not covered by the impact assessment, and that Coastal GasLink was in compliance.

14.What were the results of the latest EAO compliance and enforcement inspection for the pipeline?

- Compliance and enforcement staff with the Environmental Assessment Office, BC Oil and Gas Commission and the Conservation Officer Service conducted a joint site visit on Jan 29, 2019. A Unist'ot'en observer attended the site inspection including the debrief with Coastal GasLink.
- A warning and two orders were issued to the company for non-compliance with three separate conditions of their permit: 1) failure to self-report a non-compliance, 2) failure to complete habitat assessment surveys and 3) failure to give six months' notice to registered trapline holders that construction would take place within the registered trapline.
- The inspection report, the orders, and a letter to the company are available on EAO's website.

15. What does the EAO Order given to CGL require?

- The Order is intended to prevent adverse effects to the use of the trapline given that the trapline registrants have not had the benefit of the proper notice required by Condition 23 of their permit, and thus have not had the opportunity to adjust their trapping activities.
- The Order is not an order to cease all activity within the trapline area, but pertains instead only to those activities that may adversely affect the use of the trapline.

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- For too long, governments have ignored court decisions and failed to affirm Wet'suwet'en rights and title. We are committed to working together, to find a shared path forward.

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20. Will there be further police action to enforce the injunction?

- It is not my place to speak for the RCMP.
- RCMP decisions related to enforcement of the court injunction are operational and entirely within their purview.
- For our part, we recognize the right of individuals to lawful protest.

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23. Do all Wet'suwet'en hereditary leaders oppose the pipeline?

- As with any community, there is a diversity of viewpoints. Those questions should be directed to the hereditary leaders.

Wet'suwet'en Governance

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26. What is the governance structure of the Wet'suwet'en Nation?

- This is a question for the Nation, but what the province understands is that Wet'suwet'en Nation are organized themselves into five clans and 13 houses.
- Each house is led by at least one House Chief, supported and advised by Wing Chiefs. Clans are represented by their House Chiefs.
- There are six Indian Act bands within the Wet'suwet'en Nation -- Wit'set, Hagwilget Village, Skin Tyee Nation, Nee-Tahi-Buhn Band, Wet'suwet'en First Nation and Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation (Burns Lake Band).

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Negotiator

28. How much is Mr. Rankin being paid and who is funding his appointment?

- Murray Rankin has agreed to do this important work without compensation. He will be reimbursed for his expenses for travel only, by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

If pressed on the contract value:

- The cost will depend how long the process takes. It's too early to say at this point.

31. What have you hired Mr. Rankin to do exactly?

- Mr. Rankin will represent the Province in the discussions with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. We want to move forward together in a process that builds trust and collaboration and meaningfully advances reconciliation.

32. Is Murray Rankin acting as a mediator between the Province and Wet'suwet'en hereditary leadership?

- No. Murray Rankin is B.C.'s representative, who will help guide and design the reconciliation discussions process between the Province and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

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<p>CONFIDENTIAL GCPE-MEMPR ISSUE NOTE</p> <p>Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Updated: March 14, 2019 Minister Responsible: Hon. Michelle Mungall</p>	<p>Unist'ot'en Camp – Archaeological Artifacts</p>
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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The Unist'ot'en/Dark House recently submitted a complaint to us stating evidence of cultural use – two “lithic stone tools” – were found at the Camp 9A site.
- Following the complaint, archeological experts from the BC Oil and Gas Commission and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development conducted a site visit.
- On March 8th, the BC Oil and Gas Commission released details about their site visit. Their industry bulletin provides a full explanation of the details to date.
 - The initial examination of the artifacts is complete. Additional work is ongoing ^{s.13; s.16}
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 - This additional work does not require the Commission to retain the artifacts.
 - The Province's Archeological Branch (within Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) is working towards the return of the artifacts to the appropriate Indigenous communities.

If pressed for more details:

- The BC Oil and Gas Commission worked with all the evidence available to them. Their industry bulletin provides a complete explanation of the investigation.
- Specific questions about the on-site inspection or the examination of the artifacts are best directed to the BC Oil and Gas Commission.
- I have full trust in the professional assessment made by the experts taking part in the examination of the artifacts.

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Coastal GasLink's mitigation plan:

- Coastal GasLink immediately stopped work on the site when they were notified about the artifacts on February 15th.
- The company required a mitigation plan before work can resume. This plan has been submitted to, reviewed and accepted by, the BC Oil and Gas Commission and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- There is currently no work underway at the camp 9A site. With that said, Coastal GasLink is preparing a plan to resume construction in accordance with their permits and archaeological mitigation plan.
- As part of the mitigation plan, Coastal GasLink has already assessed the camp 9A site with a qualified archaeologist. No cultural materials were found during this assessment.
- There are other precautionary steps the company must take when work resumes.
- As always, we expect Coastal GasLink to operate in compliance with all conditions and requirements set out in its environmental assessment certificate and related permits.

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- Advance notification of the site visit was provided by email to Unist'ot'en/Dark House on Thursday, February 14th.

If pressed on archaeological impact assessment:

- In January 2019, at the request of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, the Province's archaeology branch conducted a review and confirmed Coastal GasLink had met its obligations regarding the provision of an archaeology impact assessment.

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- **An inspection by the Commission confirmed there was no work happening in areas not covered by the impact assessment, and that Coastal GasLink was in compliance.**

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

March 11, 2109:

The Unist'ot'en/Dark House released a rebuttal calling the BC Oil and Gas Commission's (OGC) industry bulletin from March 8, 2019, 'misleading' and 'cryptic'.

The Unist'ot'en release quotes Smithsonian Archaeologist Dr. Chelsey Armstrong who believes the OGC's conclusions should be reviewed by independent archaeologists.

The rebuttal also argues that the OGC has not properly communicated with the Unist'ot'en since the stone artifacts were collected, and calls again for any archaeological work done on Unist'ot'en territory to be conducted with the consent of Unist'ot'en people and under the supervision of their consulting archaeologists.

BACKGROUND:

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) is an independent statutory authority responsible for regulating pipelines in British Columbia. The OGC has regulatory authority granted to them under many provincial statutes, including the Heritage Conservation Act.

The OGC considered the AIA findings as part of the permitting process for construction activities on the Camp 9A area and determined no additional archaeological work was required.

Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) – Timeline:

2013	FLNR's archaeology branch issued a Heritage Inspection Permit, which authorized Coastal GasLink (CGL) to complete an AIA.
Dec. 2015	CGL submitted its AIA to the FLNR archaeology branch as required.
Jan. 2016	The archaeology branch reviewed and accepted the AIA.
Aug. 2016	CGL submitted a final report AIA addendum.
Sept. 2016	The final report AIA addendum was reviewed and accepted. CGL later provided copies of its AIA to involved First Nations, including the OW.
	No AIA field work was done in the location of Camp 9 due to access issues. A large portion of the land where CGL proposes to build Camp 9 was previously logged. A desktop review was done of the area and resulted in a finding of low subsurface archaeological potential and low to moderate potential for culturally modified trees (CMTs) and low potential for subsurface archaeological materials. This area was subsequently logged by the forest tenure holder after the AIA was completed.
Jan. 2019	<p>The OW argued that CGL was clearing land without a full Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) for the area, and a stop work order should be issued.</p> <p>CGL suspended operations the OGC evaluated the evidence and determined the company was in compliance with their permit, including the conditions relating to archaeology.</p>

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	<p>The branch advised the OW that the conditions of CGL's Heritage Inspection Permit had been met. Further, the branch advised that the OW contact the OGC and/or the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to address questions specific to permit and/or authorizations issued by those agencies.</p> <p>The OGC considered the AIA findings as part of its permit decision process, and to determine if additional archaeological work was required. With regards to Camp 9, the OGC determined no additional archaeological work was required, but additional archaeological work is required for the pipeline permit.</p> <p>Just before the complaint was submitted, CGL stopped work because traps were found in the area. CGL said the traps were placed in the construction boundaries raising safety concerns. The Unist'ot'en Clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation alleged pipeline contractors drove a bulldozer through the heart of one of their traplines, violating the Wildlife Act by interfering with lawful trapping.</p>
Jan. 29, 2019	An inspection by the OGC determined CGL was in compliance with its OGC permit requirements.
Feb. 1, 2019	the OGC notified both a representative from the OW and CGL that the company was in compliance with their permit, including the conditions relating to archaeology.
Feb. 13, 2019	A post on the Unist'ot'en Camp Facebook page stated multiple artifacts (two stone lithic tools) were found in the Camp 9A area. The artifacts were said to be recovered from 'disturbed ground' at the construction site.
Feb. 14, 2019	<p>The Dark House/Unist'ot'en sent a letter of complaint to Coastal GasLink (CGL); CGL contractors and subcontractors; the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC); the Environmental Assessment Office; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations (FLNR), BC Archaeology Branch; and Minister Doug Donaldson.</p> <p>CGL suspended work at the site in accordance with their OGC permit conditions and there is currently no work underway. The company is having a qualified archeologist visit the area – a step that's in compliance with their permit, which has a condition to stop work on the possibility of a chance find. A project update with more details was posted here.</p>
Feb. 15, 2019	<p>An OGC Compliance and Enforcement Officer, as well as the OGC's Senior Archaeologist, inspected the Camp 9A area. The inspection was supported by an Archaeologist from FLNR.</p> <p>Internal ONLY:</p>
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Feb. 16, 2019	An open letter was sent to Archaeology Branch in FLNR from numerous B.C. archeologists, Archaeology Professors and Chairs from multiple universities, as well as Archaeological Society of BC Board Members. The letter request 'a review of the archaeological overview assessments and all archaeological permits granted to CGL in Wet'suwet'en territory, and that all construction and vehicle activity cease in Talbits Kwa yintah until these legal concerns for cultural heritage are met.' The letter can be found here .

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The Unist'ot'en Camp Facebook was criticizing the OGC and Archaeology Branch for trespassing on Unist'ot'en territory and 'stealing' artifacts. Social media posts revisit the request for Minister Doug Donaldson to issue a stop work order under section 16 of the Heritage Conservation Act.

Any investigation for and removal of artifacts in BC must be performed under Ministerial Order. Prior to investigating the site on February 14th, an Order was provided to the investigating staff. The artifacts were recovered under the care of the OGC.

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The OGC's permit for Camp 9A required CGL to stop work if heritage objects are found and further, CGL is required to file a Mitigation Plan to the Archaeology Branch at the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNROR), before work on the site can resume.

The mitigation plan was accepted by the OGC and the Archaeology Branch on March 5, 2019. It requires CGL to determine if there is additional cultural material on the site by having archaeologists:

- Assess the area surrounding the location where the artifacts were found - if no cultural material is found in this assessment, CGL will be able to resume work on the site.
- Sample the topsoil stockpiled on the edge of the site once it is no longer frozen.
- Supervise construction operations on the site once work restarts.
- Further assess the topsoil when it is spread back on the site during future site reclamation.

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) released an information bulletin following its site visit on February 15, 2019. Observations from the site at the time included:

- No work was underway at the site. Work had stopped upon notification artifacts may be present.
- An area of the site had been marked off by parties other than Coastal GasLink (CGL). CGL noted this was the area where artifacts were reported to have been seen.
- CGL had established a 100 m buffer around the area as an additional exclusion zone and had not entered the area, which had been graded down to glacial clay deposits.
- Upon entry into the marked area and after some snow clearing, the team observed lithics (stone artifacts) on top of frozen clay soils.
- The lithics were gathered for their protection and further examination under the proper authority of the Heritage Conservation Act.

Subsequent to the site visit, it has been determined:

- The soils upon which the artifacts were found would not typically contain any such cultural artifacts and this was likely not their original location. However, a definitive determination on their exact location of origin can not be made.
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- The artifacts referred to in the complaint as "recovered" were not present.

Initial examination of the artifacts is complete. Additional work is ongoing s.13; s.16
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This additional work does not require the further retention of the artifacts. As such, the Archaeology Branch within FLNRORD is working towards the return of the artifacts to the appropriate Indigenous communities.

The OGC's inspection was conducted under the authority of a Heritage Conservation Act ministerial order. These orders must be granted for anyone, including OGC staff, to alter the ground or remove artifacts from any site.

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Questions and Answers:

What did the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) conclude with their site visit?

In addition to the observations made on site, the OGC gathered lithics (stone artifacts) for protection and examination. The initial examination is complete and additional work is ongoing.^{s.13; s.16}
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Where can I find specifics about the site visit/examination?

Details are available in an information bulletin on the OGC's website. The bulletin was released on March 8, 2019.

Is there reason to believe the artifacts were planted?

Complete details about the OGC's site observations and examination of the artifacts are articulated in the industry bulletin.

I have full trust in the professional assessment made by the experts taking part in the examination of the artifacts.

What experts?

One of the OGC's senior archeologist conducted the site investigation with a compliance and enforcement officer, supported by an additional archeological specialist from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD). Additional experts with the OGC have been involved with the assessment after the stone artifacts were collected for examination.

What authority did the OGC have to remove the artifacts?

The OGC acted on the authority of a Heritage Inspection Order under section 14 of the Heritage Conservation Act in order to secure the artifacts for protection and further examination. It is an offence under the Heritage Conservation Act to remove or disturb artifacts without having the appropriate permit or order to do so.

Why does the OGC have authority?

The OGC is the independent statutory authority responsible for regulating oil and gas activities, including pipelines, in British Columbia. The OGC has regulatory authority granted to them under many provincial statutes, including the Heritage Conservation Act.

Where are the artifacts now?

The artifacts are under the protection of the BC Oil and Gas Commission. The Archaeology Branch (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development) is working towards the return of the artifacts to the appropriate Indigenous communities.

Is Coastal GasLink working on the site now?

There is currently no work underway at the camp 9A site. With that said, Coastal GasLink is preparing a plan to resume construction in accordance with their permits and archaeological mitigation plan.

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The OGC's permit has a condition in place governing this process. CGL was required to stop work once the complaint about the artifacts was raised and they did that.

Before work can resume, CGL needed to put a mitigation plan together and submit it to the archeological branch with FLNRORD. That plan was submitted and subsequently accepted by both FLNRORD and the OGC. Work going forward must be in accordance with that plan.

What's involved with CGL's mitigation plan?

The mitigation plan required CGL to determine if there were additional cultural materials on the site. They had an archaeologist assess the area surrounding the location in question – and no cultural material was found during this assessment. As part of the mitigation plan, CGL must also:

- Sample the topsoil stockpiled on the edge of the site once it is no longer frozen.
- Supervise construction operations on the site once work restarts.
- Further assess the topsoil when it is spread back on the site during future site reclamation.

Is the mitigation plan available publicly?

The plan was submitted to the Archaeology Branch (FLNRORD) directly. These plans are not publicly available in order to protect the province's heritage sites.

Is this situation not proof that the concerns about a proper archaeological impact assessment (AIA) are valid and work should not have been happening in the first place?

In January 2019, at the request of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, the provincial government's archaeology branch conducted a review and confirmed CGL had met its obligations regarding the provision of an archaeology impact assessment.

An inspection by the OGC confirmed there was no work happening in areas not covered by the impact assessment, and CGL was in compliance.

Compliance and enforcement decisions and orders are made by independent statutory decision makers. We are letting the experts do their job and respecting the regulations and process we have in place to keep the environment protected.

Were there any previous archaeological impact assessments completed by other tenure holders in this area? Are you going to make the AIAs for this area public?

Archaeological impact assessments are not made public in order to protect heritage sites from possible degradation - from those who might trespass on known areas.

Did the findings of those previous AIAs inform CGL's work?

Yes. A large portion of the land where CGL proposes to build Camp 9 was previously logged. A desktop review was done of the area and resulted in a finding of low subsurface archaeological potential and low to moderate potential for culturally modified trees (CMTs) and low potential for subsurface archeological materials.

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Memorandum

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Section 1 – Press Gallery Summary

Gary Mason (Globe and Mail)

Trudeau's account of SNC-Lavalin defies belief

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For a political leader to get down on his hands and knees and beg for forgiveness, there is usually an existential threat to his power. Clearly, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau does not feel he's reached that point. One might have thought that, given the past few weeks, Mr. Trudeau would have been contemplating just such an openhearted appeal for mercy and understanding. After all, two ministers have left his cabinet amid a scandal that had many wondering whether justice and the rule of law were something that could be bartered for partisan political advantage. But there was no apology. With the SNC-Lavalin affair consuming virtually all of the political oxygen in the country, Mr. Trudeau decided to clear the air Thursday and offer his most extensive comments yet on the matter. There was certainly some contrition - he wished things could have been handled differently, it's an unfortunate situation from which he hopes to gain knowledge and perspective - but there was a disturbing lack of personal accountability. The whole matter seems to have been an unfortunate misunderstanding, if you believe the Prime Minister. He stuck to a now familiar talking point: If former attorney-general Jody Wilson-Raybould felt the overtures she was receiving to consider granting SNC-Lavalin a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA) constituted "inappropriate pressure," she should have come to see him.

Rob Shaw (Vancouver Sun)

MLAs define McLachlin's to-do list

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B.C. politicians agreed Thursday to hire a retired chief justice to investigate allegations of misspending at the legislature, as well as set detailed allegations they want probed as part of the inquiry. MLAs voted unanimously to approve an all-

party legislature management committee's recommendation to hire Beverley McLachlin, retired chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, to investigate suspended clerk Craig James and sergeant-at-arms Gary Lenz. Premier John Horgan said the legislature was lucky to hire someone of McLachlin's calibre who understands the law and will ensure any investigation doesn't conflict with two special prosecutors currently overseeing an RCMP probe into unspecified allegations against the men. "This gives me confidence that the special prosecutors and any criminal investigation that's underway will not be compromised by the work of the Speaker's office," said Horgan. "I mean, that I'm more comfortable knowing that Beverley McLachlin is overseeing this than if it was just the members of the legislature." NDP House leader Mike Farnworth said McLachlin will conduct a "confidential, impartial and independent investigation that will determine whether either or both Mr. James and Mr. Lenz ... engaged in misconduct in the course of their employment." McLachlin was asked to investigate a number of allegations.

Vaughn Palmer (Vancouver Sun)

Hammering Out Rules

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Embarrassed by the spending scandal at the B.C. legislature, the three main parties are working with staff to slam the door, albeit belatedly, on the openings for abuse. Many items on the to-do list, discussed this week during a meeting of the legislative assembly management committee (LAMC), were prompted by the well-documented outrages in recent reports from Speaker Darryl Plecas. They range from overdue changes sure to be readily accepted to some unexpected items that could prove controversial. Of the former: "To establish protocols for the purposes that British Columbia beer and wine may be purchased by the assembly, the process for accounting for it, what to do with leftover supply, etc." A second example: "To establish a framework regarding procurement, giving, receiving and tracking of protocol gifts" including "a dollar maximum, a register of gifts given, to whom, and for what purpose." None of the legislature denizens would be surprised by or troubled at booze or gift protocols. But some might be taken aback at this: "To clarify how parking is designated/assigned, tracked and monitored on the legislative precinct." Few perks at the lege are as prized as the small number of assigned parking spaces. One item that did raise alarms at the LAMC meeting was a proposal to provide "greater clarity on what constitutes appropriate use of constituency office funds."

Tom Fletcher (Black Press)

Married names policy discriminates against women, B.C. MLA says

Online

If a woman gets married and takes her husband's last name, that's free in B.C. If she wants to keep her family name with either a hyphenated or combined surname as her legal identity, that requires a name change application, with a \$137 fee to process the paperwork. Langley MLA Mary Polak marked the occasion of International Women's Day with a private member's bill in the B.C. legislature to remove that obstacle. "While this does affect men, the impact is disproportionately felt by women, who must either struggle through difficulties with their identity documents or face the expense of a formal name change," Polak told the legislature Wednesday. "This amendment will mean that those who choose a hyphenated or combined surname will be treated in the same manner as those who adopt the surname of their spouse." A spokesperson for the B.C. health ministry said the province made changes last fall to allow people to update their surnames on a driver's licence, B.C. Services Card or B.C. ID card without a legal name change and with no additional fee. "If a person wishes to change their name to a combined surname on citizenship or immigration documents, which is not in the jurisdiction of the province of B.C., they would still have to apply for a legal name change," the ministry said in a statement.

B.C. tightening rules for farmland reserve exclusion applications

Online

B.C. Agriculture Minister Lana Popham has unveiled the second stage of her reorganization of the Agricultural Land Reserve, giving new powers to the appointed commission to enforce farmland use regulations. The changes introduced reorganize the commission, "adding more compliance and enforcement capacity and tools, including a new offence for landowners who do not produce records when the Agricultural Land Commission orders," Popham told the legislature

Thursday. Amendments also restrict applications to exclude farmland from the reserve to those submitted by local governments, Indigenous governments or the province, which retains the right to override land reserve rules for uses the B.C. government decides are in the provincial interest. The first round of changes was passed last fall, dumping the “zone two” for rural farmland that permitted more secondary uses on farmland outside the prime farming areas of the Lower Mainland, southern Vancouver Island and the Okanagan. New regulations to stop the dumping of construction waste on farmland and putting a 500-square-metre limit on new houses built on ALR land were also passed last fall. Popham said those rules were to stop wealthy buyers from purchasing farms and building “mega-mansions” on them, a problem identified in Richmond and in the Fraser Valley.

B.C. offers to work with U.S. states on daylight saving time

Online

B.C. Premier John Horgan says he’s getting ready to spring forward on making daylight savings time a year-round system. Horgan said Thursday he has written to the governors of California, Oregon and Washington, where state legislators are all considering bills that would seek an exemption from U.S. federal law so they can opt out of turning the clocks back an hour each fall and then ahead in the spring. The movement south of the border means it might be time for B.C. to do the same, Horgan said Thursday. He has described the seasonal time change as the number one issue he is contacted about since becoming premier in 2017. “I sent a letter yesterday or today to the three governors in California, Oregon and Washington,” Horgan told reporters in Victoria. “We believe that if we are going to go forward with a change to keep either permanent daylight saving time or permanent Pacific standard time, we need to do it in all four jurisdictions.

Andrew MacLeod (The Tyee)

Federal NDP Heading Toward Fall Campaign Without Familiar Faces

Online

With seven months until the federal election, the NDP is facing the loss of almost one-third of its incumbent MPs across Canada, the biggest proportional hit among the three main parties. The most recent to announce he’s stepping down is Nathan Cullen, the popular MP for Skeena-Bulkley Valley in northern British Columbia and a former NDP leadership candidate. His announcement sparked speculation on social media and in news stories. Even the normally staid Canadian Press observed, “Cullen’s departure is a blow to NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, who just won his own seat in the House of Commons in a British Columbia byelection.” But New Democrats warn against reading too much into the departures. Cullen, who endorsed Singh in the 2017 leadership race, wished the leader and his NDP colleagues the best in the coming election and said he was leaving for personal reasons. In his announcement, he mentioned his wife and eight-year-old twin sons and said he felt it was time for someone else to represent the riding. The announcement was only the latest departure for the party in the province. Last month Murray Rankin, the MP for Victoria and an environmental lawyer who’d been an effective critic, said he wouldn’t run again. Burnaby-Douglas MP Kennedy Stewart left last year to launch a successful campaign to become Vancouver’s mayor. Nanaimo-Ladysmith MP Sheila Malcolmson quit to run in a Nanaimo byelection and won a seat as an MLA. Fin Donnelly in Port Moody-Coquitlam has said he won’t run again.

Dirk Meissner (Canadian Press)

Former Supreme Court justice Beverley McLachlin leads B.C. investigation

Online

Premier John Horgan says the appointment of a retired Supreme Court of Canada chief justice to investigate allegations of spending abuses at British Columbia’s legislature ensures the probe will be thorough and won’t conflict with an ongoing police investigation. The legislature unanimously ratified Beverley McLachlin’s appointment Thursday to conduct an independent investigation of allegations facing clerk Craig James and sergeant-at-arms Gary Lenz. The legislature’s top two administrative officials have been suspended with pay since November after legislature members learned of the police investigation and the appointment of two special prosecutors. NDP house leader Mike Farnworth told the legislature McLachlin will be appointed “as special investigator to conduct a confidential, impartial and

independent investigation." The NDP government highlighted restoring trust in the legislature as one of its goals in a throne speech last month. The all-party legislature management committee, which oversees the operations and financial management of the house, recently voted to conduct an independent fact-finding probe led by a top legal official. The three party house leaders are on the committee and Speaker Darryl Plecas serves as its chairman.

Richard Zussman (Global BC)

B.C. Greens introduce legislation to allow victims of abuse to get out of property leases

Online

The B.C. Green caucus introduced a private members bill on Thursday that would allow tenants to break fixed term leases if staying in their rental unit is a threat to their safety or security. "No one should be forced to live in close proximity to their perpetrator — this bill supports survivors," Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver said. "We are building upon the good work of the BC Liberals in 2015, when they added the family violence provision with support from the BC NDP." It is unclear how many victims would need to break leases under these circumstances. The West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund says it is difficult to gauge given these types of crimes are under-reported, but the changes are needed. According to the organization, family violence accounts for approximately 25 per cent of all reported crimes in Canada. "The proposed amendments are a welcome step towards ensuring that survivors of all forms of violence are able to relocate to keep themselves and their families safe," director of Law Reform for West Coast LEAF Elba Bendo said.

B.C. government fails in informing mental ill patients involuntarily admitted to facilities of their legal rights

Online

British Columbia's ombudsperson has found the legal rights of mentally ill patients involuntarily admitted to psychiatric facilities across the province are being denied. Jay Chalke released the report, Committed to Change: Protecting the Rights of Involuntary Patients under the Mental Health Act, which puts forward 20 findings highlighting the lack of compliance with the legal documentation required on involuntary admission to designated psychiatric facilities in the province. "Involuntary detention and treatment is the most intrusive form of mental health care available," Chalke said. "This is a failure to comply with the Mental Health Act, the law that allows people who are gravely ill — our friends, daughters, sons, parents and grandparents — to receive timely treatment while protecting their legal rights." Chalke acknowledges that involuntary admissions are often a necessary last resort for mentally ill people who are at risk of harming themselves or others. The report finds legally required admission documents were missing, late or improperly completed. The ombudsperson found in some cases facilities used standard rubber stamps to generally authorize treatment for individual patients instead of describing the specific treatment proposed for that patient.

Time may soon be up on changing B.C.'s clocks for Daylight Saving Time

Online

B.C. Premier John Horgan has sent a letter to governors in the states of Washington, Oregon and California asking to be kept in the loop on no longer changing the clocks twice a year. The jurisdictions are looking at ways to stay on either Daylight Saving Time or Pacific Standard Time year-round. "I think we can act in unison, the four jurisdictions, and make the argument we can stay in Daylight Saving Time or Pacific Standard Time and then do it together," Horgan said. "My request to the governors was to share information with me." Support has been growing in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia to leave the clocks alone. Horgan's letter comes as a majority of British Columbians prepare to move the clocks forward on Sunday morning. Horgan says there are too many economic and social ties that prevent British Columbia from going ahead with the switch without the other coastal jurisdictions. California voted overwhelmingly to look at sticking with Daylight Saving Time year-round. Democratic Rep. Kansen Chu of San Jose, Calif., said last year that he is pushing for the change because his dentist called him to complain about springing forward when clocks are moved up an hour every March. That switch takes away an hour's sleep in the middle of the night as it shifts an hour of sunlight from the morning to the evening

Mary Griffin (CHEK News)

MLAs issue directions to retired chief justice for investigation of alleged misspending at BC Legislature

Online

Government House Leader Mike Farnworth introduced a motion in the legislature Thursday to appoint former Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin to investigate alleged misspending at the legislature. "I move that the Right Honorable Beverley McLachlin conduct a confidential, and impartial, and independent investigation into allegations concerning the clerk, Craig James, and the sergeant-at-arms, Gary Lenz," Farnworth said. The appointment was unanimous among the MLAs. Now the focus is on the McLachlin investigation, according to Farnworth. "We laid out that there were a number of areas that we said, you know what, these are of particular concern to the members of the committee. And we know for members of the legislature," Farnworth said. Those specific areas of concern are: Did Lenz and James receive improper payouts of vacation pay and retirement allowances? Did they make personal purchases, and charge them to the legislature? Did they remove property belonging to the legislature, such as the infamous wood splitter and trailer for personal use? Speaker Darryl Plecas alleged in his report that James and Lenz spent lavishly on international trips, and bought personal items, such as suits, and watches and expensed them to the legislature. His chief of staff, Alan Mullen, said McLachlin's appointment is good news.

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Vancouver Sun

Krog slams former colleagues on legal aid

Ian Mulgrew, Page A06

The man who should have been attorney general, former NDP justice expert-turned-mayor of Nanaimo Leonard Krog shakes his head in dismay. "I had expected when we became government that we would be doing the right thing and we haven't," lamented Krog, the party's caucus chair until he resigned in 2018. "This government, my government, is really no different than the former government. Legal aid rates should be increased." The continuing legal-aid crisis that has spurred lawyers to threaten a strike beginning April 1 should have been quickly addressed by the NDP administration, Krog insisted. "A number of counsel who continue to do legal aid (down from 1,500 to about 1,000) are earning less than legal secretaries at many law firms, for heaven's sakes," Krog fumed. "Honestly, I have no idea (why the tariff wasn't increased). You know, there are several lawyers or were in caucus - Attorney General David Eby, Bruce Ralston and Bob D'Eist. Ralston certainly practised in this area. I don't know if Eby did much court work, per se, or more administrative work, but they are not unfamiliar with the system. And the diminishing number of lawyers who will do this work tells you it's clearly, clearly underfunded." Instead of fixing that, Krog disappointingly pointed out his party had given a small increase to the Legal Services Society - none for a fee hike - but continued to hurt the province's most vulnerable.

Rights of mental health patients not met: report

Camille Bains, Page A04

The B.C. government failed to meet the legal rights of mentally ill patients who were involuntarily detained in psychiatric facilities during a one-month review, sometimes without admission forms being completed, a new report says. Jay Chalke, the province's ombudsman, said Thursday he was "taken aback" by the findings from an investigation into whether legal documentation was being obtained to ensure proper procedures are followed under the Mental Health Act when people are detained against their will if they are considered at risk of harming themselves or others. "When we conducted our investigation what we found was alarming," Chalke said, adding all required forms were filled out for only 28 per cent of admissions, and one facility, the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia, complied with the procedure in obtaining consent for treatment only nine per cent of the time. The investigation examined 1,500 admissions in June 2017, with some people being admitted more than once, and for an average of 14 days, he said. In some cases, doctors did not explain why a patient was being admitted, and in 24 per cent of admissions no consent form was obtained, Chalke said, adding more than half of involuntary patients did not sign a form advising them of their

legal rights including how to challenge their detention. "In other cases, a standard rubber stamp was used covering any possible treatment in boilerplate language rather than specifically identifying a particular treatment for that individual."

Man fires back at attorney general in response to civil forfeiture case

Gordon Hoekstra, Page A10

A B.C. man facing a forfeiture case for millions of dollars claims the case against him is a result of the "improper and abusive" direction of B.C. Attorney-General David Eby. Also named as acting improperly are law enforcement agencies and the province's civil forfeiture office, according to Hoy Pang Chan's response to the civil forfeiture suit filed in B.C. Supreme Court. Chan, also known as Stephen Hai Peng Chen, was identified in 2015 by the RCMP's E-Pirate investigation among a number of customers of the underground bank Silver International in Richmond that allegedly laundered as much as \$220 million a year. E-Pirate is considered B.C.'s largest money-laundering investigation, but charges against two of the accused were stayed suddenly last November with no explanation. Chan was arrested but not charged in the 2015 investigation, according to a Postmedia report in January. Following the stayed charges, the B.C. civil forfeiture office launched suits to get access to assets, including houses and cash, from several of those arrested in the Silver International investigation.

City seeks cash for next 600 modular homes

Dan Fumano, Page A01

Sometimes, after a formerly homeless person has moved from living in parks, shelters or on the streets, and into a temporary modular housing unit, they'll sleep on the floor for the first little while. "That's because they don't want to get comfortable in a bed, because they don't believe it's going to last," said Tanya Fader, interim director of housing for the PHS Community Services Society, which operates four Vancouver modular housing sites. "It's not uncommon for someone moving in from a long history of being outside to not trust that it's actually going to last, that it's real, that it's actually their home." Fader and others who work with residents of Vancouver's modular housing units hail the program as cost-effective for governments, fast to build and transformative for the lives of previously homeless tenants. This week marks a milestone for Vancouver's pre-fabricated homes, as residents move into the last of 10 sites, totalling 606 units, hitting the target set out at the program's launch in September 2017. And while those tenants settle into their new homes, city staff are assessing possible sites for the next 600 modular homes. There's little question the demand is there, in a city that counted 2,181 "residents facing homelessness" last year. But even if the city figures out where to put those homes, the question remains of how to fund them. Vancouver's initial round of 600 units (after an earlier pilot project) received contributions from three levels of government. The B.C. NDP launched the program with an investment that ended up costing \$80 million, and will provide another \$11.4 million in operating funding this year.

17th measles case confirmed

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There are now 17 cases of measles in B.C., the latest of which is in the Fraser Valley and is linked to the Vancouver outbreak. The most recent case was confirmed Wednesday in a Fraser Valley resident, according to Fraser Health medical officer Aamir Bharmal. The individual had been exposed to one of the infected measles patients in the outbreak originating at two Vancouver schools. "This individual was isolated since their exposure and there is no concern relating to public exposure at this time," Bharmal said in an emailed statement.

B.C. might ditch time change

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B.C. Premier John Horgan says he's checking with the province's neighbours in the United States about possibly moving to a unified time zone. Horgan said Thursday that as B.C. prepares to shift its clocks to daylight time on Sunday, he wants to explore the possibility of California, Washington, Oregon and B.C. being on the same time all year long. He said he has written to the governors of the three states asking for updates on their views about time changes.

The Province

Bad year predicted for chinook returns

Lynda V. Mapes, Page A19

A lean year for orcas and fishermen alike is expected, with poor salmon returns forecast for many species all over Washington state. Fisheries professionals are working to set fishing seasons on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border for the coming year. So far the news is grim, with salmon forecast to return at just fractions of 10-year averages. For the southern-resident killer whales, it will be another tough year ahead, with even fewer fish forecast this year than last in many of the important rivers the whales rely on in their seasonal migratory rounds. Below-average returns are predicted from the Fraser to the Columbia rivers, as well as smaller body sizes for most species, according to Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Returns of spring chinook to the Columbia are predicted to be down 14 per cent from last year, and at just half the 10-year average. These fish return mostly to hatcheries, but also to some spawning areas above Bonneville dam, and are a mainstay for orcas and fishermen alike. Those fish are particularly important to endangered southern-resident orcas because of their size, fat content and seasonal timing. Upriver bright and fall chinook returns to the Columbia are also at about half the 10-year average return. The news isn't better in Puget Sound. Only 29,800 wild chinook are predicted to come back. Protecting those fragile runs will necessitate reductions in fishing of hatchery fish to reduce the unintentional killing of wild chinook. The projected return of hatchery chinook to Puget Sound also is down from 2018, but still 11-per-cent above the 10-year average.

Times Colonist

Report: Forms incomplete on detained mentally ill patients

Cindy E. Harnett, Page A12

A study of people involuntarily admitted to a B.C. psychiatric facility found they had no or incomplete paperwork in almost three-quarters of cases, according to a report Thursday by B.C. Ombudsperson Jay Chalke. About five admission forms are legally required to be completed when someone is involuntarily committed. Chalke's report found just 28 per cent were done in cases studied across the province. "I think we were taken aback when we saw the results," he said in a phone interview. Chalke called involuntary detention and treatment the "most intrusive" form of mental-health care available. Involuntary admissions are often a last resort for mentally ill people who are at risk of harming themselves or others, so "the state, when it uses such an extraordinary power, has a critically important duty to follow the law," Chalke said. The forms used in an involuntary admission to a mental-health facility ask for information including reasons for detention, consent and description of the treatment. The forms require that patients' rights are explained, including the right to challenge their detention, and that notification is given to relatives. Chalke's 124-page report, titled *Committed to Change: Protecting the Rights of Involuntary Patients under the Mental Health Act*, is based on a study of involuntary admissions in June 2017 in B.C.

Globe and Mail

B.C. hospitals are ignoring rules on involuntary mental-health patients, Ombudsperson finds

Andrea Woo, Page A14

Psychiatric facilities across British Columbia are regularly violating the legal rights of people involuntarily admitted for mental health reasons, according to a new report from the province's Ombudsperson. Jay Chalke on Thursday released *Committed to Change: Protecting the Rights of Involuntary Patients under the Mental Health Act*, the product of a review of records from all facilities in B.C. that can involuntarily admit patients for the month of June, 2017. It found that facilities frequently failed to complete legally required documentation on involuntary admission, stamped generalized treatment descriptions on forms rather than write patient-specific ones, and failed to inform patients of their legal rights. The report makes 24 recommendations to nine public bodies, including B.C.'s health authorities, health ministries and Attorney-General, all of whom have accepted all the recommendations in principle. Mr. Chalke said his office will be "rigorously monitoring" their implementation and publicly reporting on progress. "Together, this

report speaks to a systemic failure that has acutely undermined the protection of some of our most vulnerable," Mr. Chalke said. "The good news is that in response to this report there is a collective commitment, at least in principle, to do better." Under B.C.'s Mental Health Act, a person can be involuntarily detained and admitted to hospital if he or she meets certain criteria. That can include a physician determining that the person is a risk to himself, herself or others, or that that person has a mental condition that impedes his or her ability to react appropriately to the environment.

Vancouver's cooling market shrinks price of average house by \$1-million

Brent Jang, Page B01

The average price of detached houses sold in Vancouver has plunged more than \$1-million over a 16-month period, a 33 per-cent decline as the downturn in real estate deepens, newly released statistics show. Within the City of Vancouver, the price for detached properties averaged \$2,070,030 last month for sales on the multiple listing service, down sharply from \$3,080,563 in October, 2017, according to an analysis of publicly released sales data by real estate agent Steve Saretsky. The last month that Vancouver's average detached price dipped below \$2.1-million was in February, 2015. Vancouver's market nosedived as a host of factors have hit the city, including an array of taxes introduced by the provincial government, higher interest rates and the federal stress test that toughened borrowing rules. The pricing plunge means homeowners who bought during market peaks have watched hundreds of thousands of dollars in equity evaporate, industry experts say. Total residential sales last month in Greater Vancouver declined to 1,484 transactions, down 32.8 per cent when compared with a year earlier. Total listings for detached homes, condos and townhouses in the region have soared 48 per cent over the past year to 11,590 properties for sale last month, according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV). Within the City of Vancouver, the average price for detached properties sold last month declined 22 per cent compared with February, 2018. "It's a combination of factors coming together at once, and you can call it a perfect storm," Mr. Saretsky said in an interview on Thursday, predicting that prices have room to fall further in 2019 while sales volume in March could tumble to levels last seen in the mid-1980s. "You would get real pain.

Housing prices fall back down to earth

Kerry Gold, Page H09

Vancouver housing prices continue to decline, throwing cold water on the speculative buying activity of recent years. The days of rampant flipping are over and industry specialists predict the market to further decline before plateauing, and then slowly rise again, but not with the same frenzy of the past three or four years. "My prediction is we are going to see prices end up at the 2015 and 2016 range," says Vancouver realtor Ian Watt, who provided The Globe and Mail with several recent examples of price drops. "Without the infusion of Chinese money and all the speculators, coupled with the [new] speculation tax, empty-homes tax and a 20-per-cent foreign-buyers tax, prices will continue to fall for another 48 months or more, especially for real estate over \$2-million." That's because the buyers in that price range just aren't there, he says. "Vancouver was overdue for a reality check, and thanks to the perfect storm, it's here. It's going down fast and people are so stubborn they won't admit it's dropping." Realtor Layla Yang, who has offices on the west side of the city as well as Richmond, B.C., says she just sold a house in the Arbutus area for \$1-million less than the asking price. The home at 2569 West 22nd Ave. spent 98 days on the market with a listing price of \$5.75-million. It sold on Feb. 25 for \$4.75-million.

B.C. prison cancels biweekly legal clinics for segregated inmates

Patrick White, Page A06

A federal B.C. prison has cancelled legal clinics for segregated inmates despite a recent court order to provide inmates in solitary confinement with greater access to lawyers. On Jan. 15, Kent Institution informed Prisoners' Legal Services (PLS), a Vancouver-based legal advocacy group for inmates, that it could no longer hold biweekly clinics for segregated inmates, but provided no rationale. The Correctional Service Canada (CSC) later told The Globe and Mail the clinics had been terminated to accommodate a recent decision from the B.C. Court of Appeal that compels federal prisons to grant extra time outdoors to segregated inmates and open new units for prisoners who need to be moved from segregation for legal reasons. "Due to the number of activities that must now occur on a daily basis and the existing space allocation

for certain of those activities, Kent Institution is no longer able to accommodate the group clinics in the same manner as we have in the past," CSC spokeswoman Avely Serin said in an e-mailed statement. That same Jan. 7 ruling also ordered the CSC to let lawyers attend segregation review hearings, the recurrent proceedings held within prisons to determine whether an inmate should be released from solitary. "The spirit of the recent court order was to increase access to legal counsel for people in segregation, not decrease it," said Jennifer Metcalfe, executive director of PLS. "It's frustrating."

CBC

17th measles case confirmed in Metro Vancouver

Online

Another case of measles has been detected in Metro Vancouver, bringing the total number of confirmed cases across the region to 17. Officials with Fraser Health Authority say the newest case was confirmed on Wednesday and is linked to the initial exposures in Vancouver. "This individual was isolated since their exposure and there is no concern relating to public exposure at this time," said Aamir Bharmal, medical officer with Fraser Health. Bharmal also said there is no substance to rumours of a measles outbreak in Tri-Cities schools, and no known measles exposures in any of the schools or community in the Fraser Health region. Individuals with symptoms of measles, including fever or rash, are advised to call their health care provider or public health department. People who are unsure of their immunization status are encouraged to get a booster.

'We are not tapped out': Kamloops hospital prepares for expectant mothers from Cariboo

Online

The Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, B.C., is expecting an influx of pregnant women from the Cariboo region after obstetrical services were temporarily suspended in Williams Lake due to a maternity nursing shortage. There have been concerns in Kamloops that the hospital doesn't have resources for more patients coming from smaller communities north of the Interior city, but its chief of medical staff says that isn't the case. "We're not tapped out," said Dr. Todd Ring. "We definitely have capacity at the hospital to help those mothers that are coming from the Cariboo in this unexpected situation." However, Joanna Norman, head of the midwifery department at Royal Inland Hospital, told Daybreak Kamloops host Shelley Joyce the hospital is already under too much pressure. The midwifery department at the hospital has had a wait list for the past 10 years, said Norman. "I know a lot of the family doctors that are providing maternity care locally are feeling really under pressure to get extra families in and there just isn't enough to go around," she said. Norman is also concerned about the stress that travel can put on pregnant mothers. "It's a scary time," she said. "They have to leave their community and their support systems."

Surrey hospital discharged woman in medical need to Chilliwack shelter, says mayor

Matt Humphrey, Online

The mayor of Chilliwack says a 76-year-old woman with mobility issues and incontinence was discharged from Surrey Memorial Hospital and sent by taxi to a homeless shelter in his city last month. Mayor Ken Popove said the woman arrived at the Salvation Army Feb. 2 with "significant health concerns" and was unable to clean herself. The woman's physical and mental health issues were too extreme for shelter staff to help her, the mayor said. Popove's allegations are contained in a letter he wrote to Fraser Health Authority demanding answers and describing the events as "unacceptable." "Our shelters here are full, our warming shelters are at capacity. This lady should not be in a warming centre, she should be in hospital," he wrote. The issue was raised during question period in the B.C. Legislature Thursday by Chilliwack MLA John Martin who read out part of Popove's letter, which is addressed to Fraser Health president and CEO Dr. Victoria Lee. Martin asked provincial Health Minister Adrian Dix to promise that such an event would never happen again. Dix replied that the capacity of hospitals is an issue, adding he'd be happy to meet with Popove. Meanwhile, Fraser Health Authority said it received Popove's letter Wednesday and is looking into the matter.

B.C. didn't honour legal rights of involuntarily detained mentally ill patients, ombudsman says

Online

A new report says the B.C. government failed to meet the legal rights of mentally ill patients who were involuntarily detained in psychiatric facilities during a one-month review, sometimes without admission forms being completed. The report released by the province's ombudsperson, Jay Chalke, said, in some cases, specific treatment was not described for individual patients and in other cases doctors did not explain why a patient was being admitted. Chalke said there were no consent forms for treatment in 24 per cent of patients across all health authorities and one facility, the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia, complied with that requirement only nine per cent of the time. The report, which reviewed all involuntary admissions in the province in June 2017, says a number of directors of facilities allegedly contravened the Mental Health Act by permitting psychiatric treatment after patients had objected to it.

Local leader, national issues: Why Port Coquitlam's Brad West has quickly made a name for himself

Justin McElroy, Online

In just a few months in office, Port Coquitlam Mayor Brad West has become well-known for something that has relatively little to do with Port Coquitlam. "I get that it's not a municipal issue per se," said West of his calls for governments to take stronger action investigating money laundering, including holding a public inquiry. He's one of the few elected politicians in B.C. to do so regularly — and it's led to praise on social media and multiple appearances on national television. "There's been largely a chorus of silence from most politicians. They've kind of been dragged kicking and screaming into talking about it," he said. "... I think it is important that when you have the opportunity as a mayor to speak out about issues that impact your community, you take that opportunity." West's advocacy shows how a new mayor can make a name for themselves in a short period of time. But there are reasons why most municipal leaders don't often wade into provincial issues.

StarMetro Vancouver

B.C. failed detained patients, report says

Cherise Seucharan, Page N04

The province's health facilities have failed to meet the legal safeguards of patients who had been involuntarily detained in psychiatric facilities, a new report from B.C.'s Ombudsperson has found. On Thursday, Jay Chalke released the results of an investigation into the admissions forms for all such patients across the province during the month of June 2017. The investigation found that the required forms were completed less than 30 per cent of the time. "These forms are not mere paperwork," Chalke said in the report. "Where the state is exercising the extraordinary power to remove a person's liberty, legal documentation is a fundamental requirement that must be observed." In 24 per cent of admissions, the investigation found that no one filled out a key "consent for treatment" form, authorizing psychiatric treatment. Compliance with this requirement varied across facilities; it was as low as nine per cent at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia.

Sprouts in space: B.C. alfalfa will launch on a SpaceX rocket

Jenny Peng, Page N03

Last fall, when a student showed up at Carmen Wakeling's farm on Vancouver Island wanting to know more about the alfalfa she grows, she had no idea her seeds would be launched into space this summer. Wakeling gave the student some seeds, books, supplies and shared her process of getting the seeds sprouted, said the CEO and co-owner of Courtenay-based Eatmore Sprouts & Greens, which grows 10,000 pounds of organic microgreens and sprouts a week. The student was part of a team of five at Cole Ballenas Secondary in a Grade 12 science research methods class that was testing whether they could grow alfalfa in a zero-gravity environment. They had their sights set on competing in an international student space flight competition based in Virginia, U.S. The project was chosen by a panel of academics and NASA employees. In July, it will be launched in a SpaceX rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., destined for the International Space Station. Carl Savage, the students' teacher who also teaches astronomy and physics, said the team picked the vitamin-K-rich alfalfa because its nutritional value can slow down bone loss - a health

concern for astronauts whose bones can become weakened in space because they don't have to do as much weight-bearing in zero gravity.

Global News BC

Global BC Morning News: Horgan - DST changes

John Horgan has sent a letter to a number of states in the US that are considering dumping DST. The Premier would like to see these states and BC make the change together.

Section 3 – Opinion

A primer on patchwork policing: one region, plenty of conundrums

Jack Knox, Page A05

Here's what you get when one police force has two masters: a budget soap opera, every year. The Victoria Police Department is in a unique position. It is the only one of B.C.'s 11 municipal police departments that needs budget approval from two municipal councils. If either Esquimalt or Victoria doesn't like a budget item, that item is dead, unless the other is willing to fund it alone. The RCMP has plenty of multimunicipality detachments - for example, West Shore encompasses Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Metchosin and Highlands - but local politicians tend not to mess with their budgets, finding A) the Mountie monolith is hard to budge, B) it's a bargain for taxpayers, so why bother and C) nothing would get done if individual councils tried to veto budget bits. That's the way it is in the rest of the country, too. Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver are the only medium-to-large communities in Canada not served by a single police department. In those with a regional force - comparable would be the Niagara Regional Police Service, covering the half million people of Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and a handful of other southern Ontario municipalities - budget approval rests with the regional government. Individual councils don't get a veto, they get a bill. Not here in Dysfunction-By-The-Sea, where the VicPD car comes with two steering wheels and where, for the second straight year, an individual council has decided to leave the Victoria police board in the dust.

PM could have avoided scandal of SNC-Lavalin

Editorial, Times Colonist

Allegations that the prime minister intervened to forestall charges of corruption against SNC-Lavalin have created an uproar in Ottawa. Jody Wilson-Raybould, then attorney general, claims Justin Trudeau urged her to accept a plea deal that would have spared the engineering firm legal proceedings. Trudeau allegedly reminded her that Lavalin is a Quebec-based company, that he himself holds a seat in that province and that prosecuting Lavalin could cost 9,000 jobs, one of which, by implication, might be his own.

When Wilson-Raybould refused, on the basis of advice from her legal staff, she was demoted and subsequently resigned from cabinet. How the crisis plays out remains to be seen. Just a few days ago, treasury board president Jane Philpott resigned, citing lack of confidence in the government over its handling of the Lavalin affair. However, a larger issue has been raised. It has long been understood that decisions regarding criminal charges should be insulated from political interference. Yet in Ottawa and most provinces, those decisions originate in the attorney general's department, and that minister is a member of cabinet. Since it's not unusual for prime ministers to pressure their ministers, at the very least the possibility of meddling exists. One solution under discussion is to give the attorney general more independence on matters of criminal charges, and free him or her from other legal matters by creating a separate ministry of justice.

What was that? Certainly not an explanation

Campbell Clark, Globe and Mail

Not an apology. Not really an act of contrition. Not a fullthroated defence. Not a detailed accounting of events. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's press conference on the SNC-Lavalin affair included an assertion that there were lessons learned although he wasn't terribly specific about which ones. So what was that? The Prime Minister said that he didn't

do anything wrong, but he has some regrets about how the whole thing went down. That he should have listened more, that he should have been aware of the erosion of trust between his closest aide, Gerald Butts, and the former justice minister, Jody Wilson-Raybould. He should have made sure his minister knew she could talk to him. Or something like that: He said he wished Ms. Wilson-Raybould had come to him. Maybe that's enough to win over folks who were perturbed by the character clash, with the idea that Mr. Trudeau's bullies were pressuring her and that he sacked her for standing up to him. The Prime Minister, after all, finally gave a longer answer about this whole business, four weeks after the first story broke. It was that he - and his PMO - didn't put inappropriate pressure on the then-attorney-general, but he understands now that she felt differently. He wishes he knew sooner. Live and learn. But Mr. Trudeau did not put the SNC-Lavalin affair firmly behind him.

Trudeau's mistake was not a failure to communicate - it was a failure to lead

John Ibbitson, Globe and Mail

At Thursday morning's news conference, an unrepentant Justin Trudeau described the political crisis that has consumed his government as a failure to communicate. It was not. This crisis is about his failure to lead. And the news conference offered further proof of that failure. In his prepared remarks, and in answer to questions from reporters, the Prime Minister confirmed every allegation levelled against his government in the SNC-Lavalin affair. His attorney-general, Jody Wilson-Raybould, told him in September that she supported the decision of the director of public prosecutions to proceed with corruption charges against the engineering firm. Rather than accept the attorney-general's decision, the Prime Minister asked her to revisit it, citing potential job losses if the Quebec-based company were convicted. He reminded her that he was a Quebec MP, bringing partisan political considerations into what should have been purely a matter of law. In the months that followed, Mr. Trudeau acknowledged that his staff continued to press the issue, not willing to accept that Ms. Wilson-Raybould had already made up her mind and not realizing that she resented the pressure she was being put under.

The problem with ascribing principle to gender

Martha Hall Findlay, Globe and Mail

There is a lot of talk these days about "women in politics," but that, in and of itself, creates a challenge for women in politics. Both former ministers Jody Wilson-Raybould and Jane Philpott have made significant and potentially seriously career-limiting moves based, they have said, on their principles. Doing so suggests a level of integrity that, as amply demonstrated by the shock value of their recent resignations from cabinet, is all too rare in politics. Yet much of the discussion has included their gender - referred to it, highlighted it or suggested that their actions were tied to, even prompted by, the fact that they happen to be women. To some extent, this can be blamed on the Prime Minister's own emphasis when putting them in cabinet on, in fact, their gender. I prefer to believe that they did not resign because they are women; rather, because they are people with principles, which in turn guided their actions. Here's a stress test of how to perceive the two ministers' decisions: If it had been two men, can you imagine people saying, "Isn't it impressive that these two guys are risking their political careers by standing on principle - because that's not what men do?" Suggesting, as some are now doing, that more principled behaviour is "normal" for women, which implies that it is to be expected of women more than of men, takes away some of the power of their actions. Doing so also, perversely, sets higher, purely gender-based expectations for other women. And I believe that this puts an added unfair burden on women.

Men must be more than bystanders

Laird Cronk, Vancouver Sun

Today is International Women's Day and while we celebrate women's achievements on this day, I urge men to join me in thinking about how our actions, individually and collectively, and the traditional power we've held in society affect women. I'm fortunate to have an exceptional work partner, B.C. Federation of Labour secretary/treasurer Sussanne Skidmore, with whom I've had many valuable and insightful conversations about finding ways to achieve a greater gender balance in workplaces and society as a whole. I recently attended a Be More Than a Bystander training session for men, through the B.C. Centre for Women in the Trades, which changed me deeply. Something transformational

happens when a group of men are taken on a journey of seeing the world through women's eyes. When men are compelled to examine how women prepare for everyday life, we begin to understand the inequities that exist for women, not the least of which in the workplace. As a progressive man, a husband and coparent of three young women, I was confident I understood what women face daily. But the training I received helped me recognize what women have to think about daily in a society entrenched with male privilege. I looked at how women think about the clothes or shoes they wear, when their shifts end, what part of town they will go to, how they transport themselves and how to escape if situations arise where they must get out fast. My eyes were opened to the responsibility men have to prevent bullying and harassment and end violence against women with practical techniques to be more than a bystander.

PM reveals his poor grasp of justice system

Christie Blatchford, National Post

A month to the day that the scandal first broke, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has managed the improbable - both confirming key details of the deposed attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould's testimony (i.e., she was telling the truth) and revealing his own shallow grasp of what constitutes improper interference with the justice system and its highest officers. It is the latter that explains the ongoing interference from his office and the Privy Council Office in JWR's decision not to cut SNC-Lavalin a deal - not, as the PM claimed, some internal spat or loss of trust among colleagues. As Trudeau acknowledged Thursday in his first news conference about the SNC-Lavalin imbroglio, even after JWR told him and Privy Council Clerk Michael Wernick on Sept. 17 of "her intention not to proceed with" a DPA, or deferred prosecution agreement, for SNC, he himself asked her to reassess the matter and told his staff to follow up. He did also remind her, Trudeau agreed, that he was the member from Papineau, just as JWR had testified he did, and "stressed the importance of Canadian jobs." The global construction and engineering giant SNC-Lavalin is facing fraud and bribery charges in connection with alleged misconduct years ago in Libya, and first lobbied hard for DPAs to be brought to Canada and then, after Trudeau's government obligingly brought in the necessary legislative changes last year, to ensure that the company was the first to reap the benefits.

A real debate about climate

John Robson, National Post

Well isn't that nice? Someone in Alberta is having conversations about climate change that bring together differing viewpoints and ... massage them into the alarmist "consensus." Then they go outside and it's freezing cold. I know, I know, when we point out that Calgary just had its coldest February since 1936 and Banff its coldest ever they pat us on the head and say warming isn't about warming. It's about whatever bad stuff just happened, doubtless caused by wretched humans. Then they explain that it's not "global warming," it's "climate change," cite some imaginary increase in floods and send us to a psychiatrist. Do I sound paranoid? Well, a January Psychology Today piece about helping us overcome climate "denial" said despite rock-solid science "we are the victims of a well-funded and sophisticated misinformation campaign that attempts to keep us in the dark about climate change." Which frankly sounds paranoid to me. But then I'm not a psychologist. Nor am I a scientist. But since they weren't either, and Al Gore isn't, and Elizabeth May isn't, and Will Happer is, let's avoid low blows and debate the issues. It's getting harder. Last month, reports Quartz, a "guide to the new global economy for people excited by change" (ugh), "philosopher and psychoanalyst Donna Orange, an adjunct professor at NYU," spoke on "climate justice and psychotherapeutics" to the American Psychoanalytic Association, urging therapists to address "not just the demons of a patient's subconscious, but the horrors of climate change." (Which is apparently difficult because of "the colonialist past we all share.") In a slightly less excitable November 2018 TED talk, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe dismissed questions about solar activity or natural cycles as "science-sounding smoke screens ... designed to hide the real reason for our objections, which have nothing to do with the science and everything to do with our ideology and our identity." Oh dear. I am a mess. Unlike those who cling to a theory that ignores or twists evidence because they possess the secret truth.

Eyes of China trained on Canadian campuses

Douglas Todd, National Post

What does a superpower do when pandas, private persuasion at the highest echelons and trumpeting the value of "harmony" are no longer winning global friends? If you're the leaders of increasingly autocratic China, you clamp down, especially on your own people. You spread an evermore elaborate system of surveillance, monitoring and pressure on citizens in your home country and in foreign lands. You press your overseas contingent, including Chinese students you have in Canada, to attack disapproving speakers. You suddenly toss two Canadians in secret isolation cells in China and, this week, accuse them of spying. And then you dismiss Canadians as "white supremacists" if they get riled or defend the lawful arrest and bail of a Huawei executive in Vancouver. Back home you develop an invasive mobile phone app and make sure its downloaded by most of the 90 million members of your ruling Communist party. You take DNA samples from millions of the Uyghur Muslims in China, because genetics can be used to track their moves. You bully Chinese journalists at home and abroad. And it works. State intimidation and electronic surveillance can be highly effective, no matter which regime brings it into oppressive play. It's not just China. Often times in Canada it is global agents of Iran's regime, who spy on the anxious Persian diaspora in this country. And this year Saudi Arabia expanded its watching game with a high-tech app by which male guardians could track the movement of Saudi women abroad.

A slap in the face to the West

Brad Wall, National Post

It was about three years ago when I proposed to the federal government what we believed to be an environmentally salutary way to get some oil workers back to work. The month before, oil prices had fallen to their lowest in over a decade. The commodity price downturn was already a protracted misery. Energy-sector workers were not working, related small businesses were shutting down, rainy-day savings of independent contractors were drying up. The situation, for families and the provincial balance sheets, was dire. Against that backdrop, Saskatchewan taxpayers and businesses, like all Canadian taxpayers, were paying into the federal equalization program. Our share was about \$500 million annually. Alberta taxpayers were kicking in approximately \$2 billion to the program. Under the current formula, there was no prospect of Saskatchewan and Alberta getting anything back from equalization any time soon - if ever. I believe the people of Saskatchewan were, for the most part, fine with that. There's a certain psychological lift that comes with a "have" status. But if nothing else, we hoped that our troubles, combined with our contributions, might leave Ottawa of a mind to help out if the opportunity arose. Enter two young Saskatchewan oilpatch entrepreneurs, brothers Matt and Dan Cugnet, with an idea they wanted me to hear. I was in their hometown of Weyburn at an event when they first presented the idea with their MLA and my former colleague (now Saskatchewan environment minister) Dustin Duncan. Their plan was to get oilpatch workers working again, cleaning up old wells that were no longer in service. It was a win-win - good for the environment and good for the workers.

Section 4 – TV/Radio

6pm TV News clips

Global:

2/13	1803	Highway 1 crash stalls traffic through Burnaby
4/13	1806	Vancouver unveils road construction plans & proposed closures for summer 2019
5/13	1808	Adrian Dix to investigate Surrey Memorial homeless discharges to Chilliwack
8/13	1815	Fisherman defends use of bear banger on raft of sea lions
10/13	1822	Premier John Horgan to explore end to DST with coastal states
11/13	1824	Eagle Pass lookout given reprieve until assessments completed

CTV:

5/9	1806	Vancouver unveils road construction plans & proposed closures for summer 2019
6/9	1808	Adrian Dix to investigate Surrey Memorial homeless discharges to Chilliwack
8/9	1811	Carole James sees severance rules working as intended for fired gov't staffers

CBC:

Top Story	1800	Fisherman defends use of bear banger on raft of sea lions
2/8	1802	Teacher files human rights complaint against Surrey Christian School
4/8	1806	Fraser Health confirms new case of measles reported
5/8	1807	Judy Darcy accepts ombudsperson report on legal rights of mental health patients

News Radio clips**CFOX (Victoria)**

CFOX 08-Mar-2019, 06:00 Horgan - Daylight Saving Time - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (864K)

CKNW (Vancouver)

CKNW 08-Mar-2019, 06:01 UBC assault investigation - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (511K)

CFOX (Victoria)

CFOX 08-Mar-2019, 06:01 Helps - gender equality - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (806K)

CHNL (Kamloops)

CHNL 08-Mar-2019, 06:01 Busse - Hwy 99 load restrictions - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (622K)

CKNW (Vancouver)

CKNW 08-Mar-2019, 06:02 Bernier - VSB school closures - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (894K)

CHNL (Kamloops)

CHNL 08-Mar-2019, 06:02 Lecky - drug offences - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (577K)

CKNW (Vancouver)

CKNW 08-Mar-2019, 06:03 Singh - problem properties - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (751K)

CHNL (Kamloops)

CHNL 08-Mar-2019, 06:04 Stretch - school funding - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (623K)

CHNL 08-Mar-2019, 06:05 Horgan - Daylight Saving Time - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (566K)

CKWX (Vancouver)

CKWX 08-Mar-2019, 06:04 BCLC playing card investigation - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (719K)

CKWX 08-Mar-2019, 06:05 UBC assault investigation - [new window] OR [inline] OR [Transcript] - (700K)

Talk Radio clips**CKNW (Vancouver)**

CKNW View From Victoria 08-Mar-2019, 06:38 Palmer - McLachlin appointment - [new window] OR [inline] - (3558K)

Section 5 – Inside Government

Fri Mar 8	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
8:00 AM	PREM	Statement from Premier John Horgan and PS Dean on International Women's Day: Provincial Proclamation. Materials will also be translated into French	BCGov STMT	PREM-92289
9:30 AM CHANGED	CITZ	PRINCE GEORGE -- Minister Sims profiles connectivity investments in Budget 2019 and makes funding announcement to connect people in rural and Indigenous communities: Event with provincewide NR. EVENT LEAD: Elena Banfield	BCGov NR 9:45 am	CITZ-92379
10:00 AM CHANGED	AEST	VANCOUVER -- Minister Melanie Mark & PS Mitzi Dean make announcement to address shortage of skilled workers by creating a safer and more productive worksite for women and other equity-seeking groups: Event with provincewide NR. EVENT LEAD: Jarrett Hagglund	BCGov NR 10:15 am	AEST-92304
10:00 AM	LBR	VANCOUVER -- Minister Harry Bains speaks at pilot diploma scholarship program event launch at Pacific Coast University in partnership with WorkSafeBC: Quote included in NR	3rd party NR	LBR-92156
10:30 AM	EDUC	VICTORIA -- Minister Rob Fleming speaks to students and participants of the Canadian Pacific Regional competition put on by FIRST Robotics Canada	-	EDUC-92468
10:30 AM NEW	AG	MERRITT -- Minister David Eby speaks with BC Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly	-	AG-92500
10:45 AM	JTT	Provincewide statement issued in response to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (February 2019)	BCGov STMT	JTT-91882
11:00 AM	MAH	GIBSONS -- MLA Simons speaks on behalf of Minister Robinson at Fed/Prov supportive housing announcement. MP Goldsmith-Jones also speaking: Other partners include Vancouver Coastal Health and future operator, RainCity Housing. Event with joint news release to be issued by the Province	Joint NR 11:15 am	MAH-92122
11:00 AM	AGRI	PENTICTON -- Minister Lana Popham speaks at FeedBC pilot procurement project announcement with Interior Health Authority: Event with joint news release to be issued by the Province	Joint NR 11:20 am	AGRI-88582
11:30 AM	PSSG	Provincewide news release -- Hold for PSSG regulatory change	BCGov NR	PSSG-92180
11:45 AM	FLNR	Regional news release -- Revenue-sharing with Stsailies First Nation as a result of Sasquatch Mountain Resort (ceremony being held on this date)	BCGov NR	FLNR-92222
12:00 PM	MAH	VANCOUVER -- Ministers Robinson, Mark, Chen and PS Dean participate in International Women's Day - B.C-YWCA panel discussion: Topic will be "What the B.C. Budget Means for Women and Families." Media Avail to follow. EVENT LEAD: Marlene Behrens	-	MAH-92251
1:00 PM	AGRI	Provincewide information bulletin -- Hold for AGRI report update	BCGov IB	AGRI-91959
2:00 PM	MAH	VANCOUVER -- MLA Melanie Mark speaks on behalf of Minister Robinson at opening celebration for Downtown Eastside Women's Shelter: Event with third-party NR. EVENT LEAD: Jarrett Hagglund	3rd party NR	MAH-90817
2:30 PM	MAH	PRINCE RUPERT -- MLA Rice speaks on behalf of Minister Robinson at grand opening of a new Modular Housing project: Event with regional NR	BCGov NR 2:45 pm	MAH-89381

Section 6 – Outside Government

- Statistics Canada -- Monthly Labour Force Survey: February 2019 results published. Provides estimates of employment and unemployment. Results of each month are released only 10 days after the completion of data collection
- New Westminster -- Justice Institute of B.C. event celebrating International Women's Day: Event will provide a forum for JIBC community to continue dialogue around women in public safety and social justice from strategies to support gender parity to celebrating accomplished women in the field. Minister Mark unable to attend but greetings to be sent

- Princeton -- BC Active Transportation Strategy Stakeholder Regional Forum (CleanBC): This is the third of eight forums happening in March and compliments the active transportation public engagement drive. No Prov Reps in attendance, welcome message will be provided
- Island Health news release -- 18 publicly-funded long-term care beds in Campbell River: Seniors and their families are benefiting from new long-term care beds in Campbell River. Island Health has funded an additional 18 beds in the community, bringing the total number of publicly-funded long-term care beds in Campbell River to 257
- March Snow bulletin issued by B.C. River Forecast Centre: Provides latest information on snowpack levels. Gives an indication of severity of spring flooding and/or summer drought. Media usually interested
- Kimberley -- BC Association of Farmers' Markets AGM: Theme is "Cultivating Community." Event will provides an opportunity for delegates to exchange ideas, learn from experts, and collectively grow the farmers' market sector. Minister Popham unable to attend, minister's message to be read out at event openin
- Island Health Code Hack event: Exciting, 24-hour session to generate ideas to improve health and care. Teams of patients, Island Health staff, physician partners, industry experts, coders, builders, designers and students will compete to solve healthcare challenges. Event with Island Health regional release

Section 7 – Most Shared on Social Media

1. Here's the video of Andrew Wilkinson saying that being a renter is "fun," "part of growing up and getting better," and "kind of a wacky time of life." | Justin McElroy on Twitter
2. SNC-LavalinScandal intrigue deepens as Elizabeth May calls attention to fact that Frank Iacobucci (retired Supreme Court Justice & lawyer for SNC-Lavalin) remains Trudeau's top pick for Indigenous consultations on Canada's \$4.5B TransMountainPipeline purchase... | David A. Klar on Twitter
3. Alberta oil sands could eventually acidify area size of Germany, study suggests | theglobeandmail.com
4. RT if you agree...Taxpayer-funded non-profits should be held at the highest standard. | Morgane Oger M.S.M. on Twitter
5. This is such a fail Horgan & Fleming bced | Patti Bacchus on Twitter
6. Methane: World May Hit 2C of Warming in 10-15 Years Thanks to Fracking, Says Cornell Scientist NaturalGas LNG Fracking | Climate Watcher on Twitter
7. BC Leg Statement: Appointment of the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., C.C. as Special Investigator BCpoli | BC Legislature on Twitter
8. 'Out-of-touch' Liberal leader backtracks over dismissive renter comments | <https://www.timescolonist.com>
9. Andrew Wilkinson: John Horgan's dealings with Washington state governor put B.C. second | <https://theprovince.com/>
10. When I saw some NDP MLAs claim that Andrew Wilkinson called being a renter "fun," "part of growing up" and "kind of a wacky time of life," I thought they were paraphrasing him, or quoting him out of context. But nope, there it is in Hansard. | Justin McElroy on Twitter
11. 81% of of NDP supporters want ridesharing, too. Why doesn't the BCNDP caucus listen to them? | Jane Thornthwaite on Twitter
12. B.C. introduces sick days as part of proposed employment law changes | <https://www.cbc.ca/>
13. I've tweeted this before. I no longer donate to UBC when they solicit. 4 generations of my family are UBC alumni, but when my son applied for a graduate degree with a 93% GPA & decades of community work, he was rejected so foreign students cd enrich UBC's coffers BCed BCpoli | David Wong on Twitter
14. The liberals voted down a motion to produce all emails, texts and written notes between Gerry Butts and all others involved in the SNCLavalin issue. cdnpoli | Hannah Thibedeau on Twitter
15. British Columbia service plan identifies five key gas projects | Natural Gas Daily
16. Demanding a public inquiry into money laundering | YouTube
17. Housing minister's comments about 'whining' people are insulting: critic | <https://www.citynews1130.com>
18. The last great tree: a majestic relic of Canada's vanishing rainforest | Environment | The Guardian
19. Provincial housing minister says Maple Ridge reluctant to build supportive housing | <https://www.cbc.ca>
20. B.C. under 'enormous pressure' to cancel Site C dam: First Nations chief | <https://thenarwhal.ca>

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From: Murray Rankin <mrakin@murrayrankin.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2019 4:50 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Privileged and Confidential
Attachments: s.14

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Thank you.

Murray Rankin, Q.C.

Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

From: Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2019 10:32 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Privileged and Confidential

Legal will pay this and JV us Geoff. I just need a copy of the opinion and they will get it done.

Christine

On Mar 8, 2019, at 9:06 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Christine , can you let me know how to pay this?
Thanks

Geoff
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: February 14, 2019 9:42 PM
To: Murray Rankin
Subject: Re: Confidential and Privileged Communication

Thank you Murray

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 14, 2019, at 8:59 PM, Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Meggs:

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> I attach my legal opinion on the matter that we have discussed. Please confirm receipt.

>

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> Murray Rankin

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Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

From: Shaw, Rachel EMPR:EX
Sent: March 21, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Cc: Bain, Don PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: OGC Decision Yesterday

Thanks Doug – and for the follow-up from Murray.

Regarding your question about those who have regular discussions with OW – I understand there are regular operational discussions between the OW and the Environmental Assessment Office and Oil and Gas Commission on this project.

It is a tricky issue given there is a strong view from the regulators that they maintain their direct discussions with the OW to continue to build their relationships. Their view is that adding a single point of contact may pose challenges internally for coordination and may potentially undermine those existing regulatory discussions.

However, given coordination amongst the agencies is vital, the Secretariat has established regular (daily) meetings with key agencies to ensure consistent messaging, look for opportunities to collaborate and to develop key messaging (including which agency is on point for various items).

Happy to adjust the approach if needed.

Regards,
Rachel

From: Caul, Doug D IRR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:34 PM
To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX ; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX ; Shaw, Rachel EMPR:EX
Cc: Bain, Don PREM:EX ; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX ; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX ; Allan, John FLNR:EX
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FYI below.

Murray will clarify that - on the OW's request - the process he is involved in is separate from CGL. We will see how the separation holds.

Rachel is there some one, or some people, who are having regular operational conversations with the OW? If not already in place, it seems to me having a single person would be helpful.

Dc

Doug Caul
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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From: Peter Grant <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>
Date: March 20, 2019 at 3:10:12 PM PDT
To: Murray Rankin <mrakin@murrayrankin.ca>
Cc: "Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca" <Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca>, "AnneMarie.sam@gov.bc.ca" <AnneMarie.sam@gov.bc.ca>, "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>, "Caul, Doug D IRR:EX" <Doug.Caul@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OGC Decision Yesterday

s.16

I can be reached by email or text today. I am in meetings which I chair all day tomorrow but will be able to step out if we need to call.

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Absolutely. Will get the coding details over the weekend.

Christine

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: February 22, 2019 7:24 AM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Wet'suwet'en Bahlaats

Don, I told Amber you and I would attend as well. Does that pose protocol problems?

Geoff

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Wet'suwet'en Bahlaats
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From: Peter Grant <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>
Date: February 21, 2019 at 5:45:40 PM PST
To: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>, "Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX" <Jonathan.Sas@gov.bc.ca>, "Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX" <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>, "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: 'Judy Walton' <judy.walton@wetsuweten.com>, Amy Abrahamson <amya@grantnativelaw.com>
Subject: Wet'suwet'en Bahlaats

I just finished a meeting with the Wet'suwet'en chiefs and they have decided to have the Bahlaats at noon on March 16. There are several reasons for this including that the March 2nd feast is a large naming feast and will go on for some time. There will be a protocol card issued and Judy will send to you for the Premier and Minister. That is the latest update.

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Subject: response to Peter Grant

Fyi below – Murray’s and Peter Grant’s respective responses.

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From: **Peter Grant** <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 8:54 AM
Subject: RE: OGC Decision Yesterday
To: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>
CC: Amy Abrahamson <amya@grantnativelaw.com>

Hi Murray,

Thank you for the quick response. ^{s.16}

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Let me know your availability later today.

Peter

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From: Murray Rankin <mrarkin@murrayrankin.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:21 AM

To: Peter Grant <pgrant@grantnativelaw.com>

Subject: Re: OGC Decision Yesterday

Hi Peter –

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I look forward to this discussion.

Murray

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From: Madevon, Solenn <Solenn.Madevon@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: February 8, 2019 3:11 PM
Subject: Week in Review: February 4-8

Hi everyone,

Here are a few things the government announced this week:

Statement on reconciliation process between Province and Office of the Wet'suwet'en

- Yesterday, the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, Premier John Horgan and Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation issued a [statement](#) to mark the start of a new reconciliation process.
- The Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Province are committed to explore a path forward together and are undertaking a process focused on Wet'suwet'en title, rights, laws and traditional governance throughout the Wet'suwet'en Yintah, or territory.
- To support this work, the Province has appointed Murray Rankin as B.C.'s representative to help guide and design the reconciliation process.

B.C., Washington strengthen ties as B.C. backs next phase of high-speed corridor study

- Our government is working together with Washington State to grow our region's tech economy, promote trade and improve transportation connectivity to create good jobs and a better future for people on both sides of the border.
- Yesterday, Premier Horgan joined Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to announce that BC will contribute an additional \$300,000 to fund the next proposed phase of a study of a potential ultra-high-speed corridor service linking British Columbia, Washington state and Oregon.
- "Improving transportation connectivity is a critically important part of the path forward, and we're going to keep working together to seize opportunities and strengthen the relationship between Washington state and B.C.," said Premier John Horgan.

B.C., Washington state united on climate action, building sustainable future

- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and B.C. Premier John Horgan are working together to rise to the challenge of climate change while investing in a sustainable, low-carbon economy.
- Gov. Inslee joined Premier Horgan as he signed on to the Statement on Stepping Up Climate Ambition. The states of Washington and California, the Government of Canada and other governments, as well as agencies from around the globe, have supported the statement, which emphasizes the need to increase ambition and strengthen efforts to tackle climate change.
- "B.C. and Washington state are taking important steps forward together to fight climate change, grow the innovation economy and build a sustainable future. I'm very optimistic about what we can achieve to make life better for the people who live in the Pacific Northwest," said Premier Horgan.

Action plan to provide faster care for people with Parkinson's

- Our government is working hard to provide faster care and improved access to surgeries for people.

- The Province is increasing access to deep brain stimulation for people with Parkinson's disease whose symptoms can no longer be controlled with medication. The number of primary insertion DBS surgeries will increase from 36 in 2016-17 to 72 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.
- "We are taking action to expand access to deep brain stimulation for Parkinson's patients through a five-point plan that the ministry has developed with Vancouver Coastal Health to address wait times now and going forward," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

Expanded settlement services benefit newcomers in B.C.

- For too long, thousands of immigrants haven't been able to transition their skills, education and experience to find a career in their field in BC. We are investing in expanded settlement services to help empower newcomers to become active participants in their community, while helping our province benefit from the skills they bring with them.
- The Province is expanding settlement services by more than 45% by increasing funding to Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants and BC Settlement and Integration Services (BCSIS). The government's investment represents more than \$11 million in settlement and skills training initiatives to help improve the lives of new British Columbians.
- "The steps we're taking will remove barriers to opportunities by expanding credential recognition supports, language training and other services, helping make their lives better and more fulfilling," said Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology.

Students supported by new school mental health resources

- We are working to make life better for children and youth by strengthening mental health and addictions care across the province. With access to new mental health programs in schools, students will get the help they need when they need it.
- B.C. students will benefit from a \$3-million investment that will support new school-based mental health programs focused on prevention, wellness promotion and early intervention. The funding will include grants for all 60 school districts and independent schools for staff, parents, and student training sessions and programs.
- "This is essential as we all work together to strengthen mental health and addictions care in British Columbia. Educators, students and parents are clear that we need to help schools better identify early warning signs and provide ongoing support to youth with mental health issues," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education.

New housing for Indigenous families on the way in Colwood

- People across British Columbia are struggling to access safe and affordable homes, but Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by our housing crisis. Our government is responding to this critical need by working with First Nations and Indigenous housing providers to build new indigenous housing both on and off-reserve.
- The Province is partnering with the Aboriginal Land Trust Society (ALT), Huu-ay-aht First Nations and the City of Colwood to build 124 affordable homes for Indigenous individuals and families at 342 Wale Rd.
- "We know from our intensive work to address long-standing housing issues in B.C. that the struggle to find a good home can be even greater for Indigenous peoples. "That's why we are partnering with Indigenous organizations and municipalities throughout the province to build the homes that Indigenous families need in our community and at prices they can afford," said Mitzi Dean, MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin.

More supports for women and children leaving violence in Kelowna

- After 20 years of neglect and cuts to services, our government is investing in transition and supportive housing to give women and children escaping dangerous situations the security and support they need.
- On Wednesday, Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, announced 40 new units of second-stage and permanent affordable housing for women and children fleeing violence in Kelowna. The project will be funded through the Building BC: Women's Transition Fund, a \$734-million investment over 10 years to build 1,500 transition and second-stage housing, and long-term housing spaces for women and children leaving violence.
- "Family violence has devastating and lifelong impacts on women, children and their communities. Our government is working hard to make sure women and children have the homes and support they need to be able to leave violent situations," said Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity.

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