

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Sent: May 11, 2020 7:47 AM
To: Allan, John FLNR:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX; Ethier, Tom AGRI:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; Jeakins, Paul OGC:IN; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Mihlar, Fazil EMPR:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX
Cc: MacLennan, Alex PREM:EX
Subject: ELUC Chair and Vice Chair Roles and DMCNR Membership

Hi All,

As many of you are aware, prior to COVID-19 it had been our intention to make some adjustments to the Chair and Vice Chair responsibilities of some Cabinet Committees to fairly distribute the additional workload of serving in lead Committee roles. These changes will now proceed.

Minister Scott Fraser and Minister Doug Donaldson served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) since government took office. Going forward, Minister George Heyman will serve as the Chair ELUC and Minister Scott Fraser will serve as Vice-Chair.

Now that ELUC Ministers are familiar with their roles and responsibilities, it is no longer necessary to have both Committee Chair's Deputy Minister and the Chair of DMCNR provide support at committee meetings. Going forward, John Allan will support ELUC as the Chair of DMCNR. Other DMCNR members will attend where topics warrant wider participation, or for presentation of your submissions to the Committee.

At DMCNR, Tom Ethier joins in his new role as Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Kevin Jardine shifts to represent both his new role as Deputy Minister of Environment and the Environmental Assessment Office at least until his former position is staffed. As my objective has been to maintain small, functional DM and ADM Committees, Wes Shoemaker will remain on DMC, but will not remain on DMCNR. Wes will join DMCNR from time to time to provide updates on the Agri-Industrial Land initiative going forward.

I would also like to use this opportunity to clarify expectations for distribution of draft Cabinet Committee materials. In some cases I understand that draft Cabinet Committee materials have been circulated to all ADMs in DMCNR member ministries rather than to appointed ADM Committee members. There will be some topics that benefit from reaching out to certain ADMs with specific expertise, and I support doing so when warranted. More broadly though, the purpose of streamlining ADM Committees was to free up corporate executive time for other priority work. While it is beneficial to keep ADMs up to speed on work in progress in other Ministries, this should be achieved by having your ADM Committee representatives provide brief updates at Ministry Executive committee meetings. To ensure that materials are being distributed to appointed ADM Committee, I would ask that you review email and SharePoint distribution lists and keep these up to date.

Thanks very much,

Don

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: May 20, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Final draft

And that was clear in the draft I worked in with Lana - have you revised since then?

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On May 20, 2020, at 1:34 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

On a CASA call - will try after.

Geoff

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On May 20, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Geoff,

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From: Geoff Meggs <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: "Popham, Lana AGRI:EX" <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>, "Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
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Don, here's the final version of Lana's letter. She has incorporates some of your changes, I had a look and we think this final version is good to go at 2 p.m. If you have any further concerns, please let her know by then – hopefully not. Also we have to align the corridor order with the revised title for Wes.

Thanks for your assistance

Geoff

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Cc: Popham, Lana AGRI:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>; Robinson, Jon PREM:EX <Jon.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Geoff,

Here is hopefully final version of letter, drawing on your changes to Don's draft and some of Don's suggestions.

MLP wants to send this out later today but would like your input first.

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Sent: May 20, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Staffing Announcement: DMO, Senior Executive Assistant

Cheers,
Lana

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From: "Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX" <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 20, 2020 at 9:59:53 AM PDT
To: AGRI All <AGRIALL@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Staffing Announcement: DMO, Senior Executive Assistant

Good morning:

Erin Hansen joined Wes Shoemaker on a 7-month temporary assignment to provide administrative support to the Agri-Industrial Lands Implementation office, effective May 19th. With her departure, we welcome Brenda Larkin into the Senior Executive Assistant role in the DMO.

Brenda joins us from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Brenda has worked for the Government since 1993 and in a variety of ministries, including Health and Transportation and Infrastructure. Brenda is a mum to a fur-baby named Max and enjoys long walks on the beach, going to movies, reading books, and spending time with her boyfriend Glenn. Brenda is excited to expand her knowledge and understand everything Agriculture.

Please join me in welcoming Brenda to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Shawna Lyttle

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: May 19, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Robinson, Jon PREM:EX
Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX; Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: agri letters

If MLP is fine, so am I

Geoff

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From: s.17
Sent: May 2, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Some Changes

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On May 2, 2020, at 10:03 AM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Geoff

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On May 2, 2020, at 9:46 AM, s.17 wrote:

Looked at this again this morning. The only DM change is Wes and Tom. s.13

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And Fazil remain in place. s.13

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On May 1, 2020, at 8:13 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
<Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

As discussed

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Date: May 1, 2020 at 6:33:39 PM PDT
To: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX"

<Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Some Changes

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
<Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:20 PM
To: BCPSA Agency DMC List
<PSADM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Some Changes

Hello All,

Deputies,

Earlier today I asked Wes Shoemaker to take on a new role leading the implementation of the Agricultural-Industrial Lands recommendation of the Food Security Task Force (FSTF), which reported out to the Premier earlier this year. Since the FSTF report was issued, COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of having a robust and diverse food supply and a dependable supply chain. A dedicated, senior role to plan for an agricultural industrial zone and related strategy is a key step in our post-COVID recovery. Wes will remain a Deputy Minister and a member of DMC, and will bring his knowledge and experience to the task of building the criteria, policy and legislation related to this initiative. I am very pleased that Wes has agreed to take on this important assignment.

Tom Ethier will succeed Wes as Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Tom joins the ministry at a time when COVID-19 challenges, the implementation of the FSTF recommendations and the economic restart and recovery process make this a uniquely challenging assignment. Tom brings a 27-year background in resource management, relationship-building and negotiations to this role and I know he will be a great addition to the team.

In addition to these changes at the Deputy level, effective today Silas Brownsey joins the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as Associate DM, Strategic Planning and Land Use with responsibility for the ministry's contribution to the Integrated Transportation and Development Strategy (ITDS), in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and my office. ITDS, a key piece of our economic framework and an important part of our path to recovery, will greatly benefit from Silas' stakeholder relations skills and past experience as an ADM at MOTI.

Also effective today, Susan Stanford joins JECD as Assistant Deputy Minister, Technology, Connectivity and Distributed Growth. Susan will bring her vision and past experience from senior leadership in private sector technology to this role, and to building out the next stages of a technology framework focused on delivering tangible benefits to support economic recovery, competitiveness and increase British Columbians' standard of living, while contributing to the process of considering and implementing health and safety applications that will contribute to restoring public confidence in resuming day-to-day activities in the pending "new normal" of COVID-19. Fazil and Jill will determine which functions transfer to JEDC with Susan over the week ahead.

As each of you are seeing in your own ministries, the work of planning for sector re-start and economic recovery requires us to focus, prioritize and deliver on key economic priorities. The appointments announced here are part of building our capacity for economic recovery and reflect our commitment to "Building Back Better" through initiatives that will result in quality economic growth and improving the standard of living for all British Columbians.

Please join me in congratulating Wes, Tom, Silas and Susan on their new assignments, and in welcoming Tom to DMC.

Don

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To: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Popham, Lana AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: draft
Attachments: popham.docx

Sam, this is the agreed final draft approve by Don and me.

Geoff

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Cheers,
Lana

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To: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Craik, Jason AGRI:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Industrial Use of the ALR

FYI

From: Joan Sawicki <8.22...>
Sent: May 19, 2020 12:14 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Industrial Use of the ALR

Delivered Electronically

OPEN LETTER

To the Honourable John Horgan, Premier and the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture

We the undersigned are extremely concerned about the impact on agricultural land and the farming community of government's decision to implement Recommendation #4 of the 2020 Food Security Task Force report, titled 'The Future of BC's Food System'.

We understand that a deputy minister has been appointed to lead an initiative to convert up to 0.25 % of the ALR to non-farm use as an agri-industrial zone, thereby permanently eliminating the potential for soil-based food production on up to 11,500 ha of agricultural land.

As a group of individuals with wide-ranging experience in soils and land capability, farming, agricultural land preservation and land use planning, our concerns are several.

It is a serious mistake to assume that simply directing agri-tech to 'lower capability' Class 4-6 lands within the ALR will minimize impact. Capability class is only a reflection of range of crops, not productivity, specialty crop suitability or value to agriculture. In many parts of the province, these lands are integral to farm

operations. For example, many Class 5 lands in the Lower Mainland are the mainstay of the blueberry/cranberry industry; Class 4 and 5 lands in the Okanagan comprise the backbone of the wine and tree fruit industry; Class 5 forage lands in Bulkley Nechako and Peace River regions are the foundation of a livestock industry; and the Class 6 natural grasslands of Interior BC provide critical spring and fall grazing for many ranches.

For government to facilitate and promote non-farm uses within the ALR – with no requirement that they be tied to food production on surrounding lands – ignores the well-documented negative impacts such uses can have on surrounding farms and the feasibility of bringing more farmland into production. The ALC has almost 50 years of experience in building criteria into its decision-making on applications for non-farm use within the ALR to ensure impacts of allowed uses are minimized.

Another major concern with this initiative is the complete lack of consultation and involvement to date of the Agricultural Land Commission, the entity with the provincial legislative mandate and responsibility to protect the scarce 5% of our provincial land area capable of food production. The ALC's March 9, 2020 letter to government, expressing serious concerns with the Task Force recommendation and requesting to be consulted prior to a decision being made, appears to have been ignored.

Establishing an agri-industrial zone within the ALR directly contradicts the 2018 Minister's Committee report, titled 'Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission', which recommended an 'agriculture first' policy within the ALR; curbing speculation and non-farm impacts on the ALR; limiting activities that damage and alienate land from farming and ranching; and ensuring that the ALC is 'at the table' when it comes to decisions on lands within the provincial ALR. We strongly support these Committee recommendations.

We urge government to redirect its promotion of an agri-tech industry to outside the ALR. In situations of demonstrated need for this use within the ALR, the ALC has the legislative mandate and experience to decide where and under what conditions such uses could be allowed. In our opinion, to circumvent the ALC endangers, rather than enhances, BC's food security.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Bertrand, former Director of Resource Management Branch, BC Ministry of Agriculture
Art Bomke, Professor Emeritus, UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems
Abra Brynne, Food Policy Analyst
Richard Bullock, Retired Orchardist, former Chair of the ALC
David Connell, PhD., Associate Professor, University of Northern BC
Mike Fenger, Registered Professional Forester (Retired), former provincial Soil Surveyor
Julie Glover, Retired Land Use Planner, former Vice-Chair of the ALC
Gordon Gram, Retired Real Estate Executive
Arthur Hadland, Grain Farmer, former ALC Commissioner
Niels Holbek, BSc. Ag., former ALC Commissioner
Wendy Holm, Professional Agrologist (Retired)
Evert Kenk, Registered Professional Forester (Retired)
Terence Lewis, PhD., Land Use Consultant, former provincial Soil Surveyor
Kent Mullinex, Director of Institute of Sustainable Food Systems, Kwantlen Polytech University
Shelagh Niblock, Dairy and Equine Nutritionist
Tom Perry, MD, former Minister of Advanced Education
Jane Perch, Land Commission staff during establishment of the ALR
Shaundeh Runka, former ALC Policy Analyst, Member of Minister's ALR/ALC Revitalization Committee
Paul Sanborn, PhD. PAg., Associate Professor, University of Northern BC
Joan Sawicki, Land use Consultant, former Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks
Margaret Schmidt, PhD., Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University
Brian Underhill, former ALC Deputy CEO, Member of Minister's ALR/ALC Revitalization Committee
Eveline Wolterson, Professional Agrologist, Land use Consultant.

Shortt, Amanda PREM:EX

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Good morning,

Please see the attached OICs.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 226

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

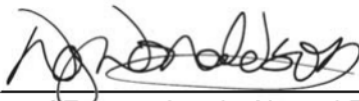
On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that section 21 of the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation, B.C. Reg. 178/2019, is amended

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following definition:

“registered biology technologist” has the same meaning as in the *College of Applied Biology Act*; , and

(b) in subsection (2) (a) by adding the following subparagraph:

(vi.1) a registered biology technologist; .



Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations and Rural Development



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Riparian Areas Protection Act*, S.B.C. 1997, c. 21, s. 13

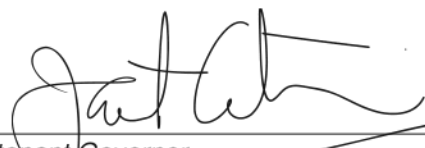
Other: *OIC 446/2019*

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 227

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the supplementary Letters Patent issued on March 13, 1980, by Order in Council 595/1980, are amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, ss. 30 and 33

Other: OIC 595/1980

O10386337

SCHEDULE

1 The supplementary Letters Patent issued on March 13, 1980, by Order in Council 595/1980, are amended by striking out everything between “shall be apportioned between the City of Prince Rupert and the Village of Port Edward in the following manner:” and “AND THAT the area of the City of Prince Rupert be extended” and substituting the following:

- (a) Of the tax revenue received for the 2020 taxation year, the City of Prince Rupert must pay \$1 000 000 to the Village of Port Edward on or before August 1, 2020.
- (b) Of the tax revenue received for each taxation year subsequent to 2020, the City of Prince Rupert must, on or before August 1 of the taxation year, pay to the Village of Port Edward the amount that is equal to the sum of \$550 000 and the greater of the following:
 - (i) 4% of the tax revenue received for the taxation year;
 - (ii) the percentage of the tax revenue received for the taxation year that is equal to the ratio of the population of the Village of Port Edward to the combined populations of the City of Prince Rupert and the Village of Port Edward;

AND THAT, on or before April 30 of each taxation year subsequent to 2020, the City of Prince Rupert must notify the Village of Port Edward, in writing, of the amount of the tax revenue the City of Prince Rupert estimates will be paid to the Village of Port Edward for the taxation year, which amount must be based on the tax rates the City of Prince Rupert intends to establish for that taxation year;

AND THAT, after each census of population is published by Statistics Canada, the City of Prince Rupert must prepare a report containing the following information:

- (a) for each calendar year of the 5-year period up to and including the calendar year in which the census is taken, the report must contain the following:
 - (i) the populations of the City of Prince Rupert and the Village of Port Edward as developed by the director under the *Statistics Act*;
 - (ii) the assessments of the land and improvements as set out in the revised assessment roll, as defined in the *Assessment Act*, in the extension area;
 - (iii) the property tax rates established by the City of Prince Rupert for the purpose of raising municipal revenue for the year;
 - (iv) the amount of tax revenue received by the City of Prince Rupert from the extension area and the amount of that tax revenue paid to the Village of Port Edward, as reported in an audited financial statement of the City of Prince Rupert applicable to the year;
- (b) for each year referred to in paragraph (a), the report must contain the following information if, for the year, the information is publicly available or has been provided to the City of Prince Rupert in circumstances that do not prohibit the City of Prince Rupert from disclosing the information:

- (i) the volume of rail cars passing through the Village of Port Edward in the year, as reported by the Prince Rupert Port Authority or the Canadian National Railway Company;
 - (ii) the volume of all cargo, by type, exported in the year from each export terminal in the extension area, as reported by the Prince Rupert Port Authority;
 - (iii) the data, if any, about air quality, including data relating to odour and dust, and about noise, light emissions and vibrations at each terminal within the extension area, as reported by the operator of a terminal or the Prince Rupert Port Authority;
- (c) the report must contain an estimate or prediction of any of the information described in paragraphs (a) (i) to (iv) or (b) (i) to (iii), and an estimate or prediction of any change in that information, that the City of Prince Rupert references, or relies on, in a publicly-available report or plan of the City of Prince Rupert;

AND THAT, in the year immediately after the census of population is taken, the City of Prince Rupert must provide the report, for the purposes of review, to


- (a) the municipal councils of the City of Prince Rupert and the Village of Port Edward, and
- (b) the inspector of municipalities appointed under section 758 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND THAT the Letters Patent of the City of Prince Rupert, as amended, be deemed to be further amended accordingly.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 225


, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the unrecorded waters of the Anudol Creek, Seaskinnish Creek, Kwinatahl River and Tchitin River are reserved from being diverted or used under the *Water Sustainability Act*, for a period of 5 years from the date this order is made, in favour of the Nisga'a Nation for hydropower purposes, including related storage purposes.



Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations and Rural Development



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Water Sustainability Act, S.B.C. 2014, c. 15, s. 39

Other: OIC 679/2000

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 223

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the attached Provincial Sales Tax (Multijurisdictional Vehicles) Remission Regulation is made.



Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Financial Administration Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 138, s. 19*

Other: _____

R20411324

PROVINCIAL SALES TAX (MULTIJURISDICTIONAL VEHICLES) REMISSION REGULATION

Definitions

1 In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Provincial Sales Tax Act*;

“**purchase price**” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Act;

“**vehicle**” has the same meaning as in section 68 of the Act.

Remission of tax under section 72 or 72.1 of Act

2 Authorization is given for the remission of an amount of tax paid or payable by a person under section 72 or 72.1 of the Act in respect of the purchase price of a vehicle if

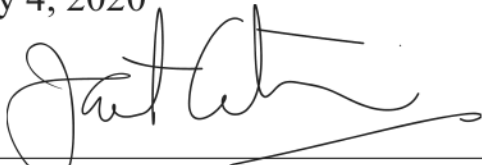
- (a) the vehicle was purchased before the date this section comes into force, and
- (b) the circumstances giving rise to the tax liability under section 72 or 72.1 of the Act arise after March 10, 2020 but before October 1, 2020.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 224

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the approval given in Order in Council 391/2016 is rescinded,
- (b) approval is given for the disposal, by free Crown grant, to the City of Terrace, of the Crown land described as Block A, District Lot 8135, Range 5, Coast District, and shown on attached survey plan EPC1315 and containing approximately 0.595 hectares, and
- (c) the disposition under paragraph (b) is a disposition of the fee simple of that Crown land for so long as the land is used only for the specific purpose of a park, and is subject to reversion to the government if the land is not so used.



Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations and Rural Development



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Land Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 245, s. 51

Other: OIC 391/2016

O10386043




BOOK OF REFERENCE	
DESCRIPTION	AREA
BLOCK A, DL #135	0.620 ha
ROAD, DL #135	244 sqm
DL #135, TOTAL AREA	0.645 ha



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL


Order in Council No. 221

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective July 1, 2020, the Independent School Regulation, B.C. Reg. 262/89, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.


Minister of Education
Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Independent School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 216, ss. 12 and 18

Other: OIC 1282/89

R10396127

SCHEDULE

- 1 Section 4.1 of the Independent School Regulation, B.C. Reg. 262/89, is amended***
- (a) by striking out “July 1, 2013” and substituting “July 1, 2020”,***
- (b) in paragraph (a) by striking out “63%” and substituting “50%”, and***
- (c) in paragraph (b) by striking out “44.1%” and substituting “35%”.***

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 222

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Provincial Sales Tax Exemption and Refund Regulation, B.C. Reg. 97/2013, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.


Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier


Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Provincial Sales Tax Act, S.B.C. 2012, c. 35, s. 242*

Other: *OIC 130/2013*

R10411624

SCHEDULE

1 The Provincial Sales Tax Exemption and Refund Regulation, B.C. Reg. 97/2013, is amended by adding the following section:

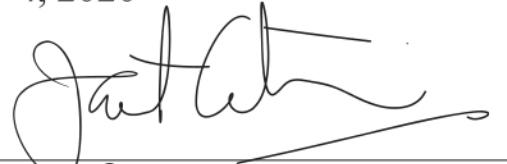
Special refunds by Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

- 138.2** (1) Subject to subsection (3), the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia may refund to a person an amount of tax paid under section 69 of the Act in respect of a vehicle licence period if the vehicle ceases to be licensed, under a licence to which a prorating agreement applies, on a date that is
- (a) within the vehicle licence period, and
 - (b) after March 10, 2020 but before October 1, 2020.
- (2) If the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia does not exercise its discretion under subsection (1) to pay a refund to a person, the director may pay the refund if the director is satisfied that
- (a) the person paid to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia tax under section 69 of the Act in respect of a vehicle licence period, and
 - (b) the requirement in respect of the vehicle, set out in subsection (1), is met.
- (3) A person may not be paid a refund under subsection (1) if the director pays a refund under subsection (2).
- (4) The amount of the refund under subsection (1) or (2) is the amount calculated in accordance with the formula set out in section 137.1 as if the refund were payable under section 74.2 of the Act.
- (5) A person to whom a refund is paid under subsection (1) or (2) must repay to the government an amount equal to the refund if
- (a) the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia has provided a credit in respect of the same vehicle for the same vehicle licence period under section 74 (2) or 76 (2) of the Act, or
 - (b) the director has paid a refund, in respect of the same vehicle for the same vehicle licence period, under section 74 (3), 74.1, 74.2 or 76 (3) of the Act.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 220

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Child, Family and Community Service Regulation, B.C. Reg. 527/95, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Children and Family Development



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Child, Family and Community Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 46, s. 103 (2)*

Other: *OIC 1589/95*

R10410203

SCHEDULE

- 1** *The following section is added to Part 2.1 of the Child, Family and Community Service Regulation, B.C. Reg. 527/95:*

Time limits extended due to COVID-19 emergency

- 8.5** (1) In this section:

“**agreement**” means an agreement made under section 12.3 of the Act;

“**COVID-19 emergency**” means the emergency that is the subject of

- (a) the notice provided on March 17, 2020 by the provincial health officer under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act*, and
- (b) the declaration of a state of emergency made on March 18, 2020, and any extension of that declaration, under section 9 of the *Emergency Program Act*;

“**eligible person**” means an adult

- (a) with whom a director has entered into an agreement,
- (b) who was, on or after March 17, 2020, enrolled in a program referred to in the agreement, and
- (c) who did not voluntarily cease enrollment in the program during the suspension period;

“**end of the COVID-19 emergency**” means the later of the following:

- (a) the date on which the provincial health officer provides notice under section 59 (b) of the *Public Health Act* that the COVID-19 emergency has passed;
- (b) the date on which the last extension of the declaration of a state of emergency, referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of “COVID-19 emergency”, expires or is cancelled;

“**enrolled**”, in relation to a life skills or rehabilitative program, includes to be registered or otherwise listed as a person who is taking part in the program;

“**program**” means any of the following types of programs that are referred to in an eligible adult’s agreement:

- (a) an educational or vocational training program;
- (b) a life skills or rehabilitative program;

“**suspension period**” means the period that begins March 17, 2020 and ends as follows:

- (a) if the end of the COVID-19 emergency occurs on or before the 15th day of a month, on the last day of the month;
- (b) if the end of the COVID-19 emergency occurs after the 15th day of a month, on the last day of the following month.

- (2) This section applies despite section 8.4 and anything to the contrary in an eligible person’s agreement.

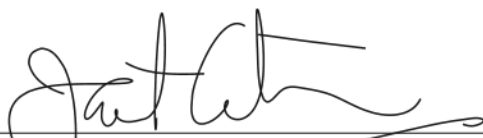
- (3) The running of the 48-month period set out in section 8.4 (a) is suspended, in relation to an eligible person, during the suspension period if a director is satisfied of either of the following:
 - (a) the eligible person is not participating in a program because the program is temporarily suspended for a reason related to the COVID-19 emergency;
 - (b) the eligible person
 - (i) is not participating in a program because the program is suspended as scheduled, and
 - (ii) is not employed or otherwise self-supporting for a reason related to the COVID-19 emergency.
- (4) If an eligible person to whom subsection (3) applies turns 27 years old either during the suspension period or, if the eligible person's program resumes, during the current term of the program, the limit set out in section 8.4 (b) does not apply and the director may continue payments under the agreement until whichever of the following applies:
 - (a) on the date on which the director is satisfied that the eligible person's program will not resume;
 - (b) if the eligible person's program resumes, the end of the month in which the current term of the program ends.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 217

, Approved and Ordered

May 01, 2020


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Susan Stanford made by Order in Council 228/2018 is rescinded, and
- (b) Susan Stanford is appointed as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.


Presiding Member of the Executive Council

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

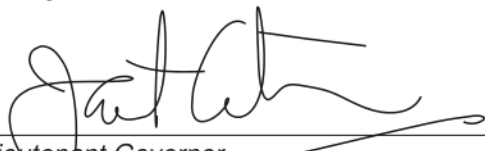
Other: OIC 228/2018

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 218

, Approved and Ordered

May 01, 2020


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Wesley Shoemaker made by Order in Council 214/2017 is rescinded, and
- (b) Wesley Shoemaker is appointed as a Deputy Minister, Agricultural-Industrial Lands Implementation, Ministry of Agriculture.


Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

Other: OIC 214/2017

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 219

, Approved and Ordered May 4, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Employment Standards Regulation, B.C. Reg. 369/95, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



Minister of Labour



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Employment Standards Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 113, s. 127*

Other: *OIC 1155/95*

R10413017

SCHEDULE

- 1 Part 7 of the Employment Standards Regulation, B.C. Reg. 396/95, is amended by adding the following section:*

Exclusions during COVID-19 emergency

- 45.01** (1) In this section, “**COVID-19 emergency**” means the emergency that is the subject of
- (a) the notice provided on March 17, 2020 by the provincial health officer under section 52 (2) of the *Public Health Act*, and
 - (b) the declaration of a state of emergency made on March 18, 2020, and any extension of that declaration, under section 9 of the *Emergency Program Act*.
- (2) If an employee is laid off and does not have a right of recall and the COVID-19 emergency is a cause of all or part of the layoff, the definition of “temporary layoff” in section 1 of the Act does not apply in relation to the employee and that layoff and the conditions of employment for the employee are altered in relation to that layoff by substituting the following definition:
- “**temporary layoff**” means a layoff of up to 16 weeks in any period of 20 consecutive weeks.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to a layoff described in section 37.7 (7).

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 259

, Approved and Ordered May 22, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Jeffrey Vasey made by Order in Council 247/2016 is rescinded, and
- (b) Jeffrey Vasey is appointed as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

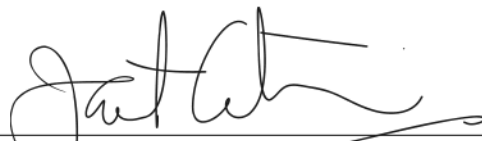
Other: OIC 247/2016

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 260

, Approved and Ordered May 22, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Nicola Lemmer made by Order in Council 005/2019 is rescinded, and
- (b) Nicola Lemmer is appointed as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

Other: OIC 005/2019

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 261

, Approved and Ordered May 22, 2020




Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Melanie Stewart made by Order in Council 163/2018 is rescinded, and
- (b) Melanie Stewart is appointed as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education.



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

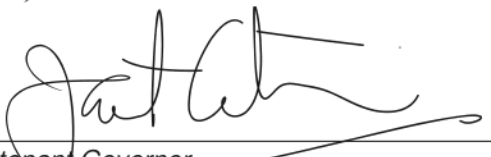
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 262

, Approved and Ordered May 22, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Wesley Shoemaker made by Order in Council 218/2020 is rescinded, and
- (b) Wesley Shoemaker is appointed as a Deputy Minister, Agri-Tech Land Use Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture.



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12

Other: OIC 218/2020

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 263

, Approved and Ordered May 22, 2020



Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the appointment of Heather Wood made by Order in Council 039/2018 is rescinded,
- (b) Heather Wood is appointed as a Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, and
- (c) Heather Wood is appointed Secretary to Treasury Board.



Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

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Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Public Service Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385, s. 12; Financial Administration Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 138, s. 3

Other: OIC 039/2018

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Subject: Message from the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from the Minister of Agriculture, Lana Popham.

Kindest Regards,

Office of the Minister of Agriculture

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Robinson, Jon PREM:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: May 20, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX
Cc: Popham, Lana AGRI:EX; Robinson, Jon PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Final draft

Sam, does this incorporate the changes she and I discussed at cabinet?

Geoff

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From: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2020 12:28 PM
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Cc: Popham, Lana AGRI:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>; Robinson, Jon PREM:EX <Jon.Robinson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Final draft

Hi Geoff,

Here is hopefully final version of letter, drawing on your changes to Don's draft and some of Don's suggestions.

MLP wants to send this out later today but would like your input first.

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Sam Godfrey

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20 May 2020

Dear Ministry of Agriculture,

I am writing to update you all on the work being done in the Ministry as we adapt to the ongoing provincial emergency, quickly building and deploying new initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic disruption.
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First, however, I want to thank you all for the tremendously good work being done. I appreciate your commitment and perseverance during these historic, demanding, uncertain and very challenging times.

I also want to welcome our new Deputy Minister, Tom Ethier and our new ADM Jen McGuire. You both arrive with high recommendations and I am so looking forward to working with you!

And I want to sincerely thank ADM James Mack, who has done excellent work for agriculture in this province -- and I am very pleased to see he has not gone far. Even closer is Wes Shoemaker. Thank you, Wes, for your able leadership and dedication!

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Throughout this pandemic, B.C.'s public service has demonstrated competency, dedication, efficiency and compassion. It's made me proud to be a British Columbian and proud to work with you all. Keep up the great work!

Robinson, Jon PREM:EX

From: Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX
Sent: May 18, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Robinson, Jon PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Materials for 1:30 Briefing
Attachments: Agricultural Industrial Lands Terms of Reference.docx; ATT00001.htm; MLP Initial Agricultural Industrial Lands Strategy Briefing May 15 2020.pptx; ATT00002.htm

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From: "Godfrey, Sam AGRI:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Fwd: Materials for 1:30 Briefing

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Cc: "Craik, Jason AGRI:EX" <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>, "Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX" <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Materials for 1:30 Briefing

Good morning Minister/Tom,

Attached are a couple of documents that support our discussion at 1:30 with respect to the development of an agricultural-industrial lands strategy.

Talk to you in a bit.

Wes

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Cc: "Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX" <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Messaging for Agricultural Industrial Land Use Zone

Minister,

As promised, I have taken the opportunity to develop messaging with respect to the Agricultural Industrial Land Use Zone. Hopefully, this is helpful and will discuss further at our next meeting on this work.

Wes

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From: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 1, 2020 at 3:48:05 PM PDT
To: AGRI All <AGRIALL@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: New Executive Roles and Implementation of Food Security Task Force Recommendations

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Don J. Wright

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Sent: May 1, 2020 3:19 PM
To: AGRI All
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Ethier, Tom AGRI:EX
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Don J. Wright

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Mandur, Tracy PSA:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge PSA:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX
Cc: Owens, Anita PSA:EX; Colyn, Iris PSA:EX; Higgins, Keira PREM:EX
Subject: OIC's Shoemaker, Ethier, Brownsey and Stanford - signed

Importance: High

Good afternoon

Please be advised that, official notification has now been received that the following OIC's, effective May 1, 2020, have been signed:

- 1) Wes Shoemaker, Deputy Minister - Agricultural-Industrial Lands Implementation, Ministry of Agriculture;
- 2) Tom Ethier, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture;
- 3) Silas Brownsey, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
- 4) Susan Stanford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.

Announcements can now proceed.

Regards,
Tracy

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From: Higgins, Keira PREM:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 5:02 PM
To: Phillips, Dawn-Lynn PSA:EX
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Subject: Re: SHOEMAKER, Wes - DM Appointment letter / ETHIER, Tom - DM Appointment letter and attachments

Thank you. I will have Don sign these on Monday.

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On May 1, 2020, at 4:53 PM, Phillips, Dawn-Lynn PSA:EX wrote:

Hi Keira – I have attached Wes Shoemaker's and Tom Ethier's DM appointment letters ready for Don's signature. I have also attached the Standards of Conduct, Employment Termination Standards and Post Employment Restrictions for Tom. Thank you.....dl

Dawn-Lynn Phillips, HR Executive Support Services Advisor
Executive Talent Management

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OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Higgins, Keira PREM:EX
Sent: May 6, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX
Cc: Phillips, Dawn-Lynn PSA:EX
Subject: SHOEMAKER, Wes - DM Appointment letter
Attachments: Wes Shoemaker - appointment letter - May 1, 2020.pdf

Good morning Wes,

Please see the attached letter sent on behalf of Deputy Minister Don Wright.

Thank you,

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May 1, 2020

Wes Shoemaker
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Dear Wes:

This letter confirms your appointment to the position of Deputy Minister, Agricultural-Industrial Lands Implementation, Ministry of Agriculture, pursuant to s. 12 of the BC Public Service Act, as specified in your appointing Order in Council effective May 1, 2020.

Your salary and terms and conditions of employment remain the same.

Once you have signed this letter indicating your acceptance, please scan and email to Dawn-Lynn Phillips. I look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

Don Wright
Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary
And Head of the Public Service

pc: Dawn-Lynn Phillips, BC Public Service Agency

I accept the terms and conditions of this appointment.

Wes Shoemaker

Date