

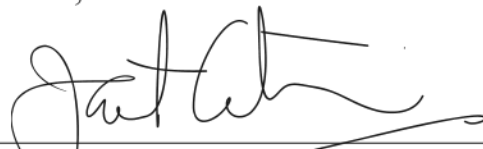
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From: Dardengo, Doris AG:EX
Sent: June 5, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Allen, Jackie PREM:EX
Subject: OIC
Attachments: 299-2020.pdf

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 299

, Approved and Ordered June 5, 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 June 5, 2020,

- (a) the appointment of Dave Nikolejsin made by Order in Council 475/2015 is rescinded,
- (b) the appointment of Fazil Mihlar made by Order in Council 214/2017 is rescinded,
- (c) the appointment of Christine Valerie Kennedy made by Order Council 547/2018 is rescinded,
- (d) Fazil Mihlar is appointed as a Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and
- (e) Christine Valerie Kennedy is appointed as a Deputy Minister, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness.



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 475/2015; OIC 214/2017; OIC 547/2018

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From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: June 4, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX; Mihlar, Fazil EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: EG Qatar/LNG: QATAR/LNG: Using the Covid-19 pandemic to cement LNG leadership

Fyi. The irony of pushing BC out of this market is that it doesn't affect demand one bit. It just means the producers who aren't as constrained by emissions concerns can dominate. The joint goal of countries that do care and the environmental community should be to prove to the world it's not a contest between clean and affordable. That's especially true coming out of Covid, where demand for growth and jobs will be the priority.

From: Henning Gloystein <gloystein@eurasiagroup.net>
Sent: June 4, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: EG Qatar/LNG: QATAR/LNG: Using the Covid-19 pandemic to cement LNG leadership



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From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: June 2, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Mihlar, Fazil EMPR:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX; Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX
Subject: From TD securities

As BC sets its plans for the recovery, policy makers will have many things to consider. Hopefully one of those things is the reality that BC exists within a big world. Neither our economy nor our “climate” stops at the border. The charts clipped below from a just released TD securities report shows the actual effects on BC/Canada businesses from domestic provincial policy events, and the corollary effect of US policy towards energy dominance. The background chart (not here) is that during this time world demand for oil and gas exploded.

Bottom line is that we are not yet seeing a premium for “green” commodities. Quite the opposite actually. The markets are punishing companies that operate in those jurisdictions. As capital markets tighten the squeeze on our companies gets worse. And as Canada gets squeezed out the much dirtier jurisdictions fill the void. This is where Clean BC is really smart as a policy foundation. It demands that we be green and clean, but also that we care about competitiveness. Our best day on demonstrating that balance, and reaping the commensurate benefits for our economy, for FN’s and for climate – was LNGCanada.

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Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: June 4, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX
Subject: Fwd: Executive Moves

Congratulations!! This is so good for you. Bad for Don!! You will make an awesome DM!!

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 4, 2020 at 6:04:52 PM PDT
To: BCPSA Agency DMC List <PSADM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Executive Moves

Hi Again All,

Further to my previous note about Dave moving on, I am rearranging chairs as follows:

Fazil Mihlar is moving over to fill Dave's spot at EMPR.

Christine Kennedy is moving over to fill Fazil's spot at JEDC.

You are all familiar with both, so I won't do the pro forma about who they are and what they have done them. Suffice it to say that I have deeply appreciated their contributions in their current roles for the past 2 and ½ years, and am confident that they will serve the public well in their new roles.

Please join me in congratulating them and wish them well as they take on new responsibilities.

Don

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: May 26, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Bailey, Scott EAO:EX; Amann-Blake, Nathaniel EMPR:EX; Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX; Miller, Amy PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX
Cc: Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Mihlar, Fazil EMPR:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Correspondence from the Environmental Assessment Office
Attachments: 357626 Layman_FINAL.pdf

We need to get this onto the next agenda of Don's Dm group that is looking at Covid response measures. Scott should be aware we are talking about it, but should not attend the meeting as he is a SDM on this issue.

From: McLaughlin, Christine EAO:EX <Christine.McLaughlin@gov.bc.ca> **On Behalf Of** Bailey, Scott EAO:EX
Sent: May 25, 2020 3:56 PM
To: info@seabridgegold.net
Cc: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Correspondence from the Environmental Assessment Office

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from acting Associate Deputy Minister, Scott Bailey on the Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell (KSM) Project.

Best regards,

Christine McLaughlin
Executive Administrative Assistant | Associate Deputy Minister's Office
Environmental Assessment Office
Government of British Columbia
OFFICE: 236-478-0556
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The EAO respectfully acknowledges that it carries out its work on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations throughout British Columbia.

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File: 30200-25/KSMP-19

Reference: 357626

May 25, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

Jay Layman
President & Chief Operating Officer
KSM Mining ULC
106 Front Street East, Suite 400
Toronto, ON M5A 1E1
info@seabridgegold.net

Dear Jay Layman:

I write regarding your March 30, 2020 memo to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and April 29, 2020 letter to the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources expressing your concerns. Wherein the ability of KSM Mining ULC to meet the deadline in the Environmental Assessment Certificate (Certificate) M14-01 for the Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell (KSM) Project to be substantially started are being impeded by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the resulting provincial state of emergency, and associated health orders issued by the Province of British Columbia.

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is responsible to manage matters that pertain to the Certificate. As such, the memo and the letter were provided to the EAO, and I am responding to your concerns about the KSM Certificate and your interest to extend the Certificate.

You state that the COVID-19 pandemic is impeding the ability to meet the deadline because:

- Government and corporate safety guidelines during the pandemic make transporting and accommodating workers difficult and, in some cases, prohibitively expensive. This means that fieldwork planned for the summer of 2020, and essential to advancing the project on schedule, is postponed indefinitely.

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- Investors who previously expressed interest in partnering with KSM Mining ULC are now unwilling to commit based on uncertainty that the project will be completed on schedule given the new restraints and a reluctance to embark on new ventures during a pandemic.
- Engagement and consultation with Indigenous groups is challenging, given that many communities currently do not allow outside visitors and do not have adequate digital infrastructure for alternative means of communication.

The KSM Certificate was issued on July 29, 2014 with a substantially started deadline of July 29, 2019. An extension was granted on March 21, 2019, extending the deadline to July 29, 2024. The *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act) only allows certificate deadlines to be extended once, and for no more than five years. However, Section 46 of the Act allows the Minister to vary the requirements of the Act in response to an emergency, and where the variance is in the public interest. There is an ongoing emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to consider using Section 46 to allow for a further extension of the Certificate, the Minister must be satisfied that the challenges the project currently face are directly related to the emergency and that the variance would be in the public interest.

To better understand your concerns, and to determine whether a further extension to the Certificate is warranted, please provide further details on the following:

- How delays to the 2020 field season and the start of project construction, resulting from COVID-19, are directly related to the project's inability to meet its 2024 substantial start deadline. This should include specifics as to why the 2020 field and construction seasons are both critical for reaching a 2024 substantial start, and why the lost time cannot be made up in the coming four years.
- Information that shows how the lack of willingness of investors to commit to the project is directly related to the COVID-19 emergency and clarifies how this could have a direct effect on the project's ability to meet its substantial start deadline. Specifically, please clarify how this unwillingness in 2020 is critical to the project's timeline.
- Information that would help substantiate that any decision made to vary the Act is in the public interest.

After considering your responses to the questions above, if the EAO determines it is appropriate to recommend to the Minister to use Section 46 to vary the requirements of the Act and the Minister proceeds to do so, KSM Mining ULC will need to apply for an extension to the Certificate in accordance with the Certificate Extension Policy.

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The policy is available on the EAO's guidance documents website at the following link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments/guidance-documents/2018-act-guidance-materials>.

Please note that applications for extensions require consultation with Indigenous nations. If an application is made, KSM Mining ULC will need to engage Indigenous nations to inform them of the application and to consult on the reasons for the request for the extension, in accordance with the Certificate Extension Policy. The EAO will also undertake consultation after an application has been submitted.

I thank you for your engagement thus far on this topic and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Bailey', written in a cursive style.

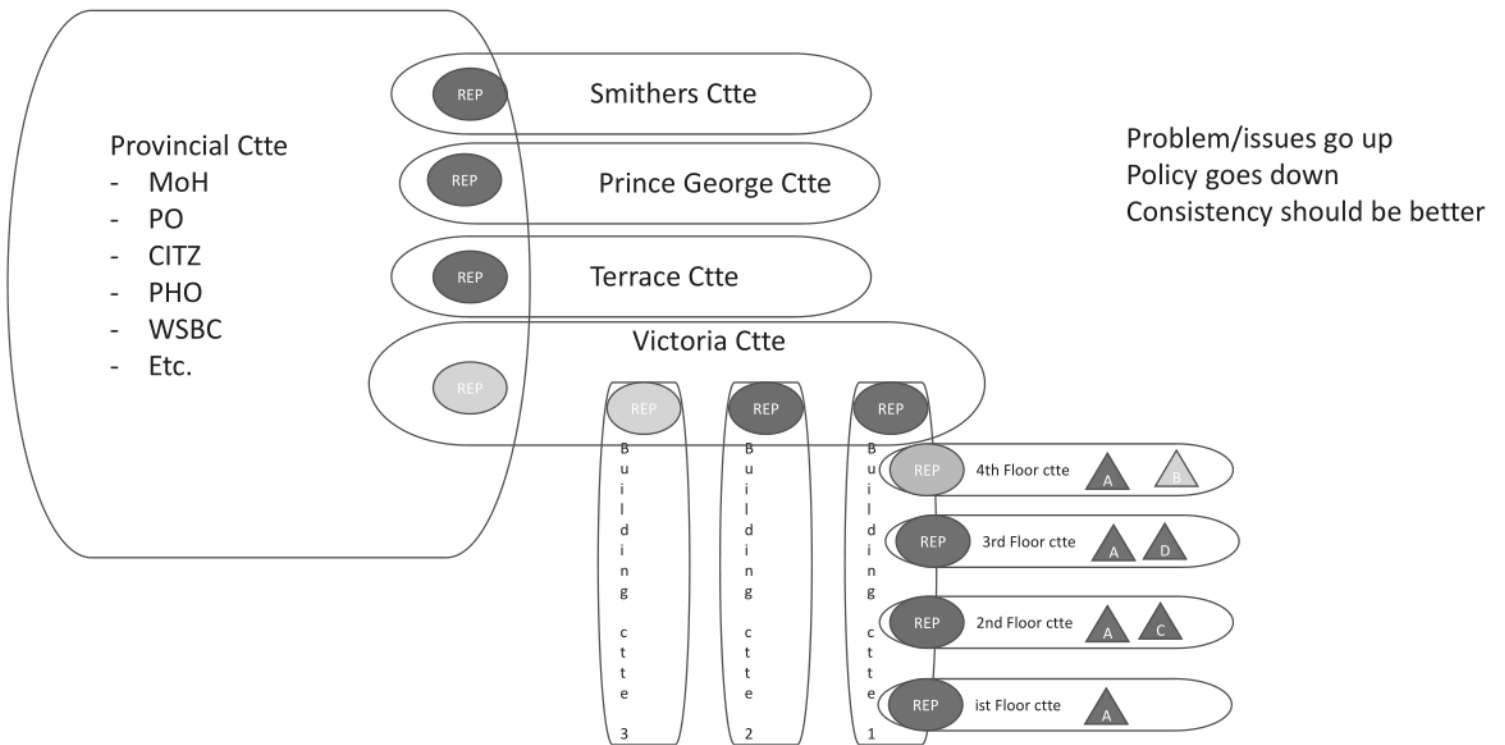
Scott Bailey
Acting Chief Executive Assessment Officer and
Associate Deputy Minister

cc: Dave Nikolejsin, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: May 24, 2020 12:56 PM
To: BCPSA Agency DMC List
Subject: Covid RTO Governance.pptx
Attachments: Covid RTO Governance.pdf

Here it is again as a pdf and with the colors fixed



OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Sent: June 4, 2020 5:50 PM
To: Allan, John FLNR:EX; Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX; Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; Ethier, Tom AGRI:EX; Evans, Donna GCPE:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX; Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX; Kot, Jill CITZ:EX; Krishna, Kaye MAH:EX; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; MacDonald, Scott D EDUC:EX; MacLennan, Alex PREM:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX; Mihlar, Fazil EMPR:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Wood, Heather FIN:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge PSA:EX; Zacharuk, Christina PREM:EX
Subject: News

Hi All,

It is with decidedly mixed emotions that I am writing you to tell you that Dave Nikolejsin is leaving the Public Service, effective June 5. Dave and I have been discussing this for the last little while, and it seemed like the right time for Dave to move on.

One almost doesn't know where to begin in writing an appreciation of Dave. He is this passionate ball of energy that is going 100 miles an hour, with ideas being spun out at rapid pace, almost always in a very colourful way. Everybody around the DMC table has their Dave Nik imitation, generally starting something like, s.22

But beneath the rough and ready exterior, lies a very big heart. He cares for his people. And he cares for the everyday people of British Columbia, indigenous and non-indigenous alike. That is why he was such a passionate advocate for developing the rich natural resources of British Columbia in a balanced and environmentally sensitive way – because he understands this generates good-paying jobs and significant government revenue to fund the public goods and services that are essential to a high quality of life for everybody.

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Despite the fact that we sought our futures elsewhere we are still infected by the spirit of cooperation and commonwealth that develops when you have to work together to be successful in a harsh environment. You could often see that in the generosity he showed to others, and in his unbridled optimism that things could be even better than they are.

Dave started with BC Systems Corporation in 1989 and has been a dedicated BC public servant ever since. He was the Provincial CIO, then went on to the Environmental Assessment Office and then various DM positions as EMPR got separated into two ministries and then recombined. I won't recount all of Dave's achievements over the years, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention one. I sincerely believe LNG Canada's positive FID in October 2018 – the single biggest private sector investment decision in Canadian history – would not have happened without Dave's tenacious work to bring things together.

I could go on, but I am sure you all have your own Dave Nik stories.

Please join me in extending our very best wishes for him in his next endeavours. I don't know what they will be, but I am pretty sure ^{s.22}

Don

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From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 4, 2020 5:37 PM
To: EMPR All
Cc: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Subject: Me

It is with extremely mixed emotions that I am writing to tell you that I have decided to leave government effective end of day tomorrow, June 5. I will start by stressing that I have known for a little while that Friday would be the day, but I have been keeping it confidential from most people for personal reasons as well as not wanting to be a “lame duck” Deputy while the day was creeping up.

This is a hard email to write. Those who know me best know that I wear my heart on my sleeve every day. I have been a faithful and proud public servant since 1989. I started my career in the technology space with BC Systems Corp and worked my way up to be Government CIO. I am extremely proud of many of my accomplishments from that era – including leading the teams that created the Provincial Learning Network and Pharmanet, brought together all the Broader Public Sector telecommunications buying power to bridge the digital divide in rural BC and designed, built and deployed the combination Driver’s Licence and Care Card that we now know as the BC Services Card.

In 2012 I was asked to head the Environmental Assessment Office. That was a big leap from IT, but one that I embraced and loved. I was then appointed Deputy Minister of Energy and Mines when EMPR was split and the Ministry of Natural Gas Development was created to pursue LNG. I came to understand the amazing passion of the bureaucrats that make possible resource development in BC and I loved being part of that. I guess it’s that passion that caused government to ask me to take over the Ministry of NGD in 2015. It was a very interesting time to go from the heady days of an LNG “gold rush” mentality, to scrapping to stay in the game as the worldwide LNG market grew from it’s nascent beginning.

After the 2017 election I was asked to stay on as DM of the recombined EMPR that we know today, and over the last few years I have had the extreme privilege of working with all of you to achieve some pretty big things. For example, bringing the LNG Canada deal across the finish line. That project embodies the triple word score of being net good for the environment, good for the economy, and embraced (largely) by First Nations. There have been other big accomplishments as well, but as we are now into recent history all of you know about those.

BC is well endowed with natural resources that the world needs. If those resources don’t come from a place like BC that has extremely strong environmental standards, they will come from somewhere else. This is why Clean BC is such an important plan. I have spent a lot of time talking to industry about the importance of being “clean and green” if they want to locate in BC. This will be very important in the future. As the world becomes increasingly aware of climate change and consumers care about the raw materials that go into their devices, the bona fides that companies get from operating in BC will pay off. I firmly believe that companies’ ability to raise capital to build projects, and their ability to sell their commodities will increasingly be linked to their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) credentials. The trick to all of the above is that we know the system is not infinitely elastic. The difficult job for all of you at EMPR is to pace these impacts, so government achieves its environmental objectives, companies recognize investments in BC as being worth the costs of entry, and people continue to benefit from good jobs and government revenues. This is a monumental balancing act, but one I know that the EMPR team and colleagues in other ministries can and will continue to do so.

As I said – I’m extremely proud of this Ministry and the executive team, and all of you! I have been so blessed in my public service career. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you to make a real difference through good public policy. The culmination of that for me was being nominated by my peers and selected to win the Lieutenant Governors Silver Medal Award for Excellence in Public Administration. As it says on the IPAC website:

This award is presented annually to a public servant who has demonstrated exceptional achievement and distinctive leadership in public administration. The Silver Medal pays tribute to public sector practitioners whose careers exhibit the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accomplishment.

I have had the wonderful good fortune of serving three Premiers and numerous Ministers. I can say with direct knowledge that they (we) are all public servants in the truest sense of the word. Sometimes we might disagree on priorities, but that's ok. That's the system working. No one thought 3 years ago that a minority government could last this long, but here we are!

I have been so lucky with my direct bosses over the years who tolerated my passion and gave me chances. The highlight of my career has been to work for Don Wright. I can't say enough how much his mentorship, teaching and kindness has affected me deeply. Thank you, Don, for who you are!

My final thank you goes to the staff in EMPR and all the other colleagues I have worked with all over government for the past 30 years. It's been amazing. Thanks for all your help and support over the years.

As for what's next for me?^{s.22}
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For those that wish to contact me, this email will be active until end of day tomorrow. Or you can feel free to make note of my new email and contact me here:^{s.22}
care everyone! Till we meet again! Take good

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: May 19, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: EMBC Update - May 19, 2020 at 07:00 hrs

Note odd reference to pipe bomb in Duncan in 3rd para

From: EMBC PDM EMBC:EX

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:59 AM

To: Bain, Nancy TRAN:EX; Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX; Bates, Stan EMBC:EX; BCCourts; BCP Ministry Advisors; Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Brown, Tom G EMBC:EX; Brownlee, Jay EMBC:EX; Burleson, Ron EMBC:EX; Carrelli, John I CITZ:EX; Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; Chandler, Alex EMBC:EX; CITZ Corporate Planning CITZ:EX; Dobmeier, Teresa MCF:EX; Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX; ES Moc Director MAH:EX; Farnworth, Mike PSSG:EX; Fernandes, Ruth EMBC:EX; Filmer, Cam A IRR:EX; FLNR BCWS Wildfire Leadership Team; Franklin, Janice IRR:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Gostelow, Tara GCPE:EX; Grant, Nick MMHA:EX; Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Hewitt, Jeremy ENV:EX; Hold - 200310 - Poss, Angie EMBC:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Kot, Jill CITZ:EX; Krishna, Kaye MAH:EX; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX; Liesch, Nancy FLNR:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX; MacDonald, Scott D EDUC:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Maley, Madeline L EMBC:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; Meehan, Patrick PSSG:EX; Mihlar, Fazil JEDC:EX; Miska, Ed TRAN:EX; Mounteney, Renee TRAN:EX; Nash, Laurel ENV:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX; Peterson, Dave EMBC:EX; Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX; JJH PREM:EX; Prendergast, Peter L TRAN:EX; HLTH MOC Duty Officer HLTH:EX; Ralfs, Brendan R EMBC:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Rice, Jennifer PSSG:EX; Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX; Robb, Katie TRAN:EX; Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Robinson, Selina MAH:EX; Roe, Sandra EMBC:EX; Rothe, Karen J EMBC:EX; Sanderson, Melanie PSSG:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX; Sutherland, Craig FLNR:EX; Thomson, Vanessa HLTH:EX; Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX; Williams, Susan GCPE:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge PSA:EX; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX

Subject: EMBC Update - May 19, 2020 at 07:00 hrs

Good morning,

EMBC UPDATE – May 19, 2020, at 07:00 hrs

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) and the Health Emergency Coordination Centre (HECC) remain activated to provide a whole-of-government approach in response to COVID-19. The PECC is also working closely with Water Stewardship, the BC Wildfire Service and other key stakeholders in preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

All six regional PREOCs will reactivate today at 08:30.

Flooding/Evacuation Order and Alerts – Grand Forks

The Grand Forks area received 1-2" of precipitation in the last 24hrs causing river levels in the Kettle, West Kettle and Grandby rivers to rise. Yesterday afternoon 7 homes and 1 farm, were placed on Evacuation Alert due to flooding from the Kettle River. Another six properties, on Beatrice Street, were evacuated early Tuesday morning, while one other home on Beatrice was put on Alert. MoTI are working with the city to determine appropriate responses.

Suspect pipe bomb – Duncan

A suspect pipe bomb was reported found in a complex in Duncan. RCMP evacuated the building displacing 24 residents including an unknown number of First Nations residents. Bomb squad were dispatched from New Westminster to defuse the suspect bomb. RDM VIR approved ESS for those displaced residents.

PROVINCIAL WEATHER

This morning, a weak ridge is laying over the central basins of BC keeping those locations mainly dry with freezing levels at 2300 m. Over the Kootenay basins there still exists enough instability to produce a few showers there, but only light rainfall will make it into the northwestern interior. Showers continue over the extreme southeast this afternoon and the frontal system over the Alaskan Panhandle spreads showers to northwestern BC.

Daytime heating will produce a small chance of afternoon showers and a risk of the odd thunderstorm. Rain will be limited to the extreme southeastern corner of BC Wednesday morning, and by Wednesday afternoon daytime instability will complicate the precipitation pattern and accumulations. A risk of thunderstorms is most likely over the Peace and through the Central Interior Plateau, though a small risk exists for places like Smithers and Burns Lake once the cold front passes. Rain over the Kootenay basins spreads further west and north as moisture continues wrapping counterclockwise. A broad risk of thunderstorms encompasses an area from the Canada-USA border up through the Central Interior Plateau and into the Peace, bringing the risk of locally heavy showers. Thursday, an upper low over the southern Coast Mountains and Vancouver Island will provide the necessary instability for showers and a risk of thunderstorms to all basins within those areas. Two low pressure centres (one over northern BC, the other over Saskatchewan) will bring moderate to significant rainfall over the Liard and Peace basins.

WEATHER ALERTS and ADVISORIES

There are no weather alerts in effect.

FLOOD WARNINGS and ADVISORIES

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a **High Streamflow Advisory** for: Boundary Region including the Kettle River, West Kettle River, Grandby River and tributaries. Tributaries of the North Thompson River around Clearwater and Barriere. North Okanagan including tributaries around Vernon, Lumby and Winfield. Nicola River including Upper Nicola River above Nicola Lake and downstream through Spences Bridge, Salmon River near Salmon Arm. Cariboo including tributary rivers and streams near Williams lake and Quesnel areas east, including San Jose River, Bridge Creek.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARY (All Hazard)

PECC Level 3	NEA	NWE	SEA	CTL	SWE	VIR	Total
PREOC Activations							
States of Local Emergency	5			2	1	0	8
Band Council Resolutions	10	14	1	19	10	5	59
Evacuation Orders	7		1(+1)	3	1		12
Evacuation Alerts	7		2(+2)	1			10
Reception Centres				1			1

NORTHEAST REGION

The **Northeast PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Cariboo Regional District:

A SOLE for the entirety of the CRD due to flooding. The SOLE expires May 20.

CRD - Evacuation Alert for 5 x homes Houseman Road (Near 100 Mile House)

CRD – Evacuation Alert for 6685 Hood Rd. Bridge Crk-Hood Road area.

CRD Area A - Quesnel – Knickerbocker-Wells Road: Evacuation Order for 1639 Knickerbocker Rd. Evacuation Alert for 1697 North Fraser Road.

CRD Area A – Quesnel - Maple Drive Area: Evacuation Order for 2 properties and Evacuation Alert for 6 properties due to Landslide.

CRD Area F - 150 Mile House – Borland Creek: An Evacuation Order remains in place for one property.

City of Williams Lake: Evacuation Alert for 2 property. Evacuation Order for 11 properties. The SOLE expires May 15.

Williams Lake First Nation: Have declared a BCR in response to the flooding and pollution emergency near Williams Lake Creek. A DGIR Code 2 is in effect for this incident.

City of Quesnel: Risk of possible landslide along Baker Crk behind residence 473 Huchcroft due to flooding SOLE expires May 15. Evacuation Order 1385 Baker Creek Rd.

Canim Lake Indian Band: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19.

Canim Lake Indian Band – 100 Mile House: Evacuation Alert for 10 residences on Tsq’escen Rd.

Doig River First Nation: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Esk’etemc First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Fort Nelson First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

McLeod Lake First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Prince George: Evacuation Alert issued for Fraser-Fort George residents until dam repairs are sound

Tl’etinqox Government: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Tsay Keh Dene Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Tsilhqot'in Nation: BCR issued due to shortage of traditional food caused by the Big Bar landslide on the Fraser River in June 2019.

Xeni Gwet'in First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Peace River Regional District:

Area C, Old Fort: An Evacuation Order (6 properties), and Alert (3 properties) due to a landslide. The SOLE expires May 24.

Area E, Sukunka: An Evacuation Order for 1 property due to a landslide. The SOLE expires May 25.

NORTHWEST REGION

The **Northwest PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Binche Whut'en: 2 BCRs in response to COVID-19

Daylu Dena Council: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Dease River First Nation (Good Hope): A BCR in response to COVID-19

Kitasoo / Xai'xais First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Hagwilget First Nation: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Lax Kw'alaams First Nation: 2 BCRs due to the threat of COVID-19

Nadleh Whut'en First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Nak'azdli Whut'en: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Old Masset Village Council: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Saik'uz First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Skidegate Band Council: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Taku River Tlingit First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

SOUTHEAST REGION

The **Southeast PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary - Area D: An Order for 5 properties due to freshet-related flooding in 2018. The SOLE expires May 17.

City of Grand Forks: 1 Alert for 7 properties and 1 farm on Manly Meadows Road due to flooding. 1 Order for 6 properties and 1 Alert for 1 property on Beatrice Street.

CENTRAL REGION

The **Central PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Bonaparte Indian Band: A BCR due to landslides that occurred in August 2018. A BCR due to flooding from May 1 – May 8, 2020.

Cook's Ferry Indian Band: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Kanaka Bar Indian Band: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Little Shuswap Lake Band: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Neskonlith Indian Band: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Nicomen First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Nooaitch Indian Band: A Band Council Resolution (BCR) due to flooding in 2018; an Order for 2 properties and an Alert for 6 properties. A BCR in response to COVID-19 on April 24, 2020

Osoyoos Indian Band: A BCR due to flooding risk near Conifryd Lake on May 31, 2019

Penticton Indian Band: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Regional District North Okanagan – Alders Rd - Electoral Area D – Lumby: Declared a SOLE due to a landslide. The SOLE expires May 25th. One order issued for one property on May 7th.

Shackan First Nation: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Simpchw First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Siska Indian Band: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Skeetchestn Indian Band: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Thompson Nicola Regional District: A SOLE and Evacuation Order for 1 Property on Agate Bay Road near Barriere Due to a debris flow. The SOLE Expires May 18th.

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

T'it'q'et First Nation: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Upper Nicola Indian Band: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19. A BCR in response to flooding.

SOUTHWEST REGION

The **Southwest PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Tsleil-Waututh First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Squamish First Nation: A BCR due to wildfire V30067

Boothroyd Indian Band: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Cheam First Nation: A BCR due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19

Peters First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Lil'wat Nation: A BCR due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19

Katzie First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Kwikwetlem First Nation: A BCR due to the threat of COVID-19

Semiahmoo First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Sumas First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Chawathil First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

City of Vancouver: Declared a State of Emergency through By-law pursuant to section 173 of the Vancouver Charter due to COVID-19.

District of Sechelt - *Seawatch*: An Order for 16 properties due to sinkholes in December 2018. The SOLE expires May 22.

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

The **Vancouver Island Region PREOC** will be activated today in response to COVID-19 and preparing for and responding to freshet flooding and wildfire events across the province.

Ahousaht FN: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Malahat FN: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Tseshaht First Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Toquaht Nation: A BCR in response to COVID-19

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ (Ucluelet FN): A BCR in response to COVID-19

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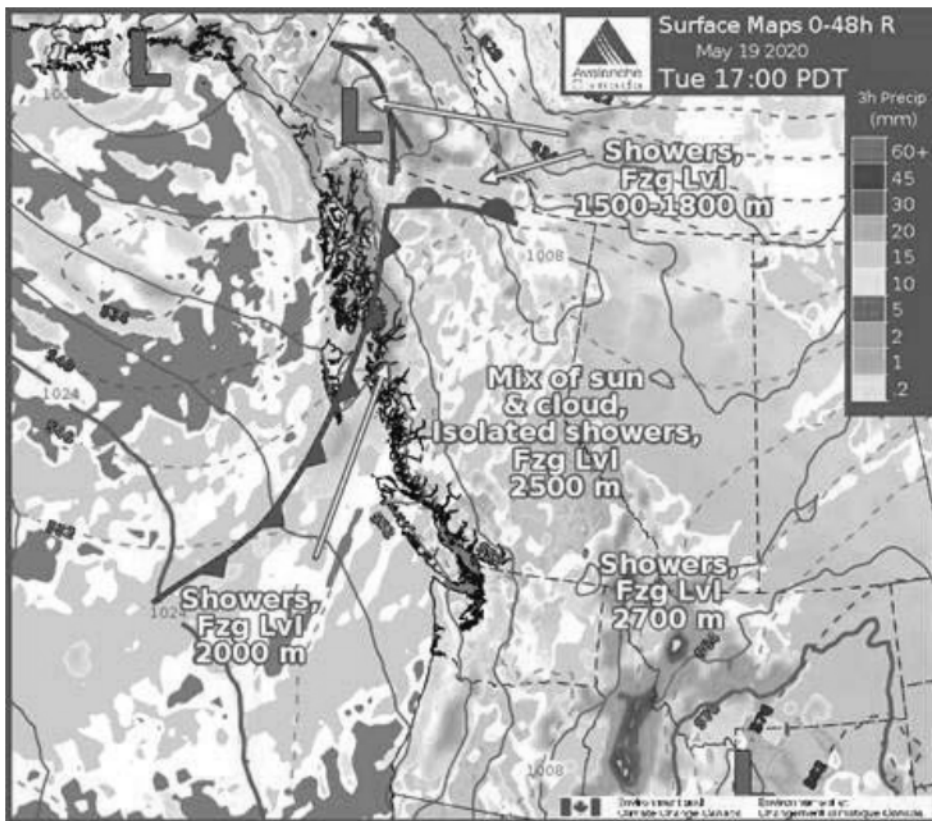
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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: June 15, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX; Moran, Roseanne LASS:EX; Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX
Subject: Burnaby fire proposal

Debbie, I need to have a follow-up call later this week with the Burnaby MLAs regarding the TMX fire issue. Please find an hour and include Vanessa and Andrew Cuddy as well as someone from caucus if Roseanne wishes. The material below is background you can include in the invite

Geoff

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s.13

We will down tools until and unless you have further orders. Thanks,

From: Coley, Simon J EMPR:EX
Sent: April 27, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mah-Paulson, May EMPR:EX <May.Mah-Paulson@gov.bc.ca>; Blenntoft, Markus EMPR:EX <Markus.Blenntoft@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Update on Burnaby discussions

Dave,

Below is an update from Markus on his discussions with Burnaby^{s.13; s.16}
s.13; s.16 Please let us know if you'd like a call to discuss it further or if there is any desire for a verbal briefing with the PO.^{s.13; s.16}
s.13; s.16

From Markus:

For your information, I spoke to Burnaby in relation to their Council's official position.^{s.13; s.16}
s.13; s.16

Kind regards,
Markus

Simon Coley

Assistant Deputy Minister

Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division / Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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Subject: RE: Mining Reform Executive Project Board Meeting

Working on it. Everyone else in on. Stand by

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Same for me

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Subject: Re: Mining Reform Executive Project Board Meeting

Hi everybody. I can't seem to get on Teams. Is there a number I can call?

From: Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca
When: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM June 4, 2020
Subject: Mining Reform Executive Project Board Meeting
Location: MS Teams

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OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Sent: June 3, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Heyman, George ENV:EX
Cc: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Committee Chairs

Hi George,

Apologies for the delay in responding, but I thought my response would make more sense after the discussion in cabinet today. As you saw today, SSP won't be playing any role in the economic recovery process – PJH thinks it very important for this to be worked through by full cabinet. And in that context, you will be able to engage with key stakeholders re Clean BC and bring proposals directly into the cabinet process.

s.12; s.13

Best wishes,

Don

From: George Heyman
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 at 12:33 PM
To: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX"
Cc: Geoff Meggs
Subject: Fwd: Committee Chairs

s.12; s.13

From: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9:36 PM
To: "Ralston, Bruce EMPR:EX" <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>, "Mungall, Michelle" <M.Mungall@leg.bc.ca>, George Heyman <G.Heyman@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: "Jardine, Kevin ENV:EX" <Kevin.Jardine@gov.bc.ca>, Fazil Mihlar <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>, "Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX" <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>, "MacLennan, Alex PREM:EX" <Alex.MacLennan@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Committee Chairs

Ministers,

We are making changes to some of the Committee Chair roles. We had intended to do this back in January, but the COVID emergency intervened, and there seemed little point in making those changes before Committees resumed regularly sitting.

I had previously written to the members of ELUC about Minister Heyman becoming Chair of that Committee. Today I am writing to advise that we will be making changes to the Chair and Vice Chair roles of the Sustainable Shared Prosperity Committee (SSP) this week through Cabinet Operations.

Reflecting the ministerial changes we made in January, Minister Mungall will now serve as Chair of SSP, with Minister Ralston serving as Vice-Chair.

Thanks.

Best wishes,

Don

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: June 2, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Subject: Accepted: Mining Reform Executive Project Board Meeting

OOP FOI PREM:EX

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: May 21, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX
Subject: Fw: Diesel Fuel Spill Power Generators RCMP Community Safety Office

From: Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Caul, Doug D IRR:EX; Evans, Donna GCPE:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: FYI: Diesel Fuel Spill Power Generators RCMP Community Safety Office

I wanted to make you aware of a matter that may garner media attention.

PSSG advises that the Community Industry Safety Office (approximately 30 km from Houston and in the past serving as RCMP base of operations to support the local provision of policing services related to CGL), was visited on by March 19, 2020 by ATCO and Finning who are the owners of the CISO infrastructure located on Crown Lands.

ATCO and Finning Contractors discovered that a fuel line to one of the generators was severed resulting in a diesel spill over and an approximate 20'x 20' area. This spill has been contained by sub-contractors and has been reported to appropriate authorities.

The cause of the fuel leak appears to have been a failure of the supply line.

RCMP will remain on the site until power is restored and to ensure security this facility.

ATCO (as owner) has notified MOE as per regulations. ATCO has contracted Northern Response in Smithers to complete the fuel clean up process. It is estimated the clean up may take up to two weeks. There is apparently no immediate threat to the surrounding environment as the result of this diesel fuel spill.

There has been no media inquiries or other public interest at this time. The spill has been reported, due to it's size, to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change as per regulations (over 200 litres).

RCMP will be in communication with Hereditary Chiefs TOM and RISDALE, as well as the OW Environmental Coordinator as details are confirmed.

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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: May 21, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: 110064 DMO SIAD Anderson

Debbie, quick call please with MBR and Andrew Cuddy - Amber H may wish to join in

From: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Cc: Ralston, Bruce EMPR:EX; Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
Subject: Re: 110064 DMO SIAD Anderson
No rush. I'll wait a week.

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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Sent: May 20, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX
Cc: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: 110064 DMO SIAD Anderson

Andrew, please book a call to brief MBR

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Subject: Re: Advice from the BC Climate Solutions Council re: aligning economic recovery with CleanBC

I agree

Geoff

Sent from my iPad

On May 15, 2020, at 2:08 PM, Dewar, Bob PREM:EX <Bob.Dewar@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I believe there is no problem^{s.13}

I would defer to Geoff. Bob

Sent from my iPhone

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<Jon.Robinson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Cc: Colleen Giroux Shmidt <CGSchmidt@innnergex.com>

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Merran and Colleen

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Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:42 AM

To: George Heyman - Ministerial <George.Heyman@gov.bc.ca>, "john.horgan@gov.bc.ca" <john.horgan@gov.bc.ca>, "carole.james@gov.bc.ca" <carole.james@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Geoff Meggs <Geoff.meggs@gov.bc.ca>, Don Wright <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>, "Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca" <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>, Dave Nikolejsin <dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca>, "michelle.mungall@gov.bc.ca" <michelle.mungall@gov.bc.ca>, "lori.wanamaker@gov.bc.ca" <lori.wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>, "Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca" <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>, "Michelle.J.Mungall@gov.bc.ca" <Michelle.J.Mungall@gov.bc.ca>, "carole.james@gov.bc.ca" <carole.james@gov.bc.ca>, "Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca" <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>, Kevin Jardine <Kevin.Jardine@gov.bc.ca>, Colleen Giroux Schmidt <CGSchmidt@innnergex.com>

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Executive Director

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Sent: May 15, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Kennedy, Christine JEDC:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Robb, Amanda EMPR:EX
Subject: Running late for Briefing

Hi Folks,

Premier is just on a call but we will be joining the con call line as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your patience.

Jarrett

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Attachments: Letter_CleanBCRecoveryAdviceforGovernment_20200511.pdf

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The Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia

The Honourable George Heyman
Minister, Environment and Climate Change

The Honourable Carole James
Minister, Finance

May 11, 2020

RE: Opportunities to build back better by using CleanBC to support progress on equity and affordability, service delivery and a sustainable economy

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Heyman, and Minister James,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the Climate Solutions Council and your invitation to provide advice on the government's approach to supporting British Columbians and our business community in achieving a resilient recovery. The Council includes a diverse membership of individuals spanning business, First Nations, labour, municipal government, academia and the environmental community—this **broad representation is, in our view, a major strength in delivering on our mandate to provide advice to the B.C. government. This initial advice reflects the expertise and diversity of our full council.**

Like most British Columbians, we have experienced—whether firsthand or through the experiences of our families, friends and communities—the impacts of COVID-19 and are anxious for things to return to normal. British Columbians have lost loved ones and thousands have lost their livelihoods. But we have also been paying attention to issues and members of society whose plight has entered the spotlight, from the treatment and pay of our frontline workers, to conditions in long-term care facilities looking after our elders, to the fragility of our local food system and supply chains. Similarly, we have had new and better experiences, from cleaner air in our cities, to enhanced feelings of community solidarity and trust in government to protect and serve our best interests.

These observations and experiences lead us to believe that in charting B.C.'s recovery we shouldn't simply try to get things back to the pre-COVID-19 status quo, **we should aspire for better.** As outlined in CleanBC, "by working together, we can meet the increasing demand for an economy that is productive and forward-looking, while reducing pollution and protecting our climate." **Over the next decade and beyond, we need to transition from fossil fuels to clean electricity, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, and other near zero emissions fuels for how we get around, heat our homes, and fuel our industry—making things better and more affordable for British Columbians.**

To achieve this will require enhanced collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, municipal and federal leaders, as well as our neighbouring states and provinces. The prospect of linking with and benefiting from additional federal resources is, we believe, enhanced by ensuring B.C.'s approach is oriented towards achieving multiple objectives, including reduced pollution and support for low-carbon economic opportunities. When it comes to stimulus, this means seeking out specific projects that are both **“shovel ready” and “shovel worthy.”**

We want to thank you for supporting TransLink and transit services to ensure people have access to safe public transit systems in order to restart the economy.

We reiterate our advice to continue moving ahead with programs, policies, and regulations committed to in Phase 1 of CleanBC, as well as delivering on other commitments. Key actions from Phase 1 of CleanBC include strengthening the low-carbon fuel standard, implementing Zero Emission Vehicle Act regulations, legislating the renewable gas standard, continuing with carbon price increases, and funding CleanBC programs oversubscribed in the past.


We acknowledge that the implementation of CleanBC has both costs and benefits to businesses. Many of these short-term initiatives to support CleanBC implementation can play an important role to stimulate job creation, ensuring investment in clean growth continues through challenging economic times while also addressing the competitiveness concerns of industry (in particular, the emission-intensive, trade-exposed sectors). The development of a low-carbon industrial strategy was also a key commitment in CleanBC, and this work **needs to proceed with urgency** to improve the competitiveness of B.C.'s industries.

We also strongly emphasize that all stimulus and climate action programs include meaningful capacity for Indigenous communities and ensure that Indigenous community-owned companies are central in stimulus initiatives. We recognize that many Indigenous communities don't have access to revenue tools to finance capacity development to access many new and existing government programs.

To maximize both the economic and job-creating benefits of post-COVID-19 stimulus, investments related to CleanBC should be both accelerated and increased. By increasing the pace and scale of these programs, B.C. can both create more stable employment opportunities and achieve additional emission reductions that assist in getting the province on track for our 2030 climate change targets. Appended to this letter is our initial advice for how these twin goals can be achieved through efforts targeting buildings, transportation, and industry.

As a next step, we would like to work with provincial staff to refine these ideas, helping estimate the required investments, benefits and timeframe that would inform your decision-making around B.C.'s recovery. We look forward to following up with additional ideas in the near future and discussing our advice with you in more detail.

Sincerely,



Colleen Giroux-Schmidt
Vice President, Corporate Relations
Innergex Renewable Energy
Co-Chair, Climate Solutions Council



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Buildings

The energy used in homes and buildings—for heating and air conditioning, hot water, and running appliances and office equipment—accounts for nearly 10% of greenhouse gas emissions in the province. Buildings have long life spans—longer than those of power plants, cars, and appliances. The consequences of inefficient buildings can last generations, so we have some important choices to make today about how we build and maintain them.

In B.C., the green buildings sector provides more than 23,000 jobs. B.C. is a North American hub of Passive House construction—an international standard for energy efficiency.

Increased investments in green buildings can meet multiple government objectives: economic recovery, housing supply and affordability, climate mitigation, climate adaptation, and public health. Renovations and retrofits in particular are effective tools for economic recovery because they create a high number of jobs per dollar invested, employ a range of low-skill and high-skilled labour, use mostly local labour and materials, and create employment where people live.

CleanBC sets the province on the course that all new construction will be net-zero ready by 2032, commits to having energy standards for existing building upgrades by 2024, and provides incentives for retrofitting homes and buildings. These are areas where enhanced measures and targeted stimulus should be taken.

1. Accelerate Construction of Climate-Friendly Units of Affordable Housing

Land values, labour costs, and interest rates have all decreased recently, which provides an ideal context to accelerate the pace toward reaching 114,000 new units set as a target in B.C.'s [30-point plan](#) for Housing Affordability. This would align with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' recommendation to the federal government to expedite the remaining investments under the National Housing Strategy.

To align with CleanBC, these new housing developments should be energy efficient with zero emissions heating and hot water systems, and constructed using low carbon materials and practices such as wood and modular construction. They should also include climate adaptation measures, such as overheating protection and wildfire-proofing. A number of municipalities have also signaled their willingness to consider fast-tracking projects that offer high community amenity and/or high affordability, which could expedite a wave of construction for affordable and climate-friendly housing.

2. Increase Energy Upgrades in Housing

There is an opportunity to develop a large scale building retrofit program which would put many small and medium businesses, and construction and trades people back to work, as well as making energy bills more affordable for families and businesses. **The incentives available for single family homes under Better Homes BC should be increased and adjusted** to encourage deeper retrofits at each home, prioritizing fuel switching, efficiency, and climate adaptation. Additional top-up should be provided to low and medium income households to ensure equity.

Helping existing affordable housing to become more energy efficient and transition to renewable energy for space and water heating is an excellent opportunity to support the province's CleanBC, housing, and affordability objectives. This **can be accomplished by increasing the incentives—and the total amount of funds—available through the Better Buildings BC programs for non-profits** so that they are sufficient to cover the cost of improving energy efficiency, transitioning off of fossil fuels (particularly if the site requires electrical service upgrades), and integrating regionally-relevant climate adaptation measures, such as fire-resistant roofs or flood protection. Grants to convert baseboard-heated buildings to high efficiency heat pumps would increase the demand for heat pumps, reduce energy poverty, and provide cooling to protect tenants' health during heat waves.

Further, much of B.C.'s non-profit housing is not eligible for Capital Renewal Funding, including housing societies outside of operating agreements and co-ops. They, like market rental owners, must borrow to cover the base cost of upgrades. Providing a separate granting stream for affordable housing owners that are not eligible for Capital Renewal Funding to help pay for basic renovation costs would increase uptake of the grants designed to achieve significant cuts in carbon pollution. Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing for residential and commercial buildings is another tool that the government should enable that would spur a growth in retrofits throughout the province.

3. Transitioning Public Sector Buildings off of Fossil Fuels

There is a long list of public sector buildings including schools, community centres, and recreational facilities that have been identified for seismic and/or energy upgrades. Increasing funding to the Carbon Neutral Capital Program and CleanBC Communities Fund would help to advance the timeline on these retrofits, many of which have completed design work and are seeking funding. Further, support should be targeted for the public sector buildings pursuing more significant energy and carbon performance improvements and incorporating seismic upgrades at the same time if appropriate.

4. Invest in Workforce and Supply Chain Development

There is a lack of capacity in B.C. for designers and contractors with the skills needed to build high-performance new buildings and undertake significant retrofits (specifically building envelope improvements and heat pump installations). New financial support for upgrading these skills should be an important component of B.C.'s recovery plan, and can be informed by the findings of the CleanBC Workforce Readiness work. Existing programs can be quickly deployed through training institutions, professional bodies, and trade unions. The province should work with Indigenous communities on Indigenous-focussed training support, and should leverage existing retrofit training programs and collaborate with industry associations to support delivery of training across the province. Contractors must be incentivized to become Program Registered Contractors on Better Buildings BC website. Local manufacturers and suppliers needed to produce or source high performance building components such as windows, doors, heat pumps, and mass timber need to be supported and attracted to B.C.

Industry

Along with actions to reduce GHG emissions, CleanBC provides an effective blueprint to grow our economy. A strong economy means thriving industry, a well-educated and diverse workforce, good jobs and sustainable growth. For the past decade and beyond, B.C. industries have worked to reduce their carbon footprint, and have become models internationally for how to lower emissions and contribute to the economy through good jobs, healthy government revenues and benefits to Indigenous peoples. A key goal is to ensure that B.C.'s leadership on climate change does not materially impair B.C.'s business competitiveness. Competitive industries are able to continue jobs, revenues and other benefits, and can attract the investment needed to further reduce their emissions. It would be unhelpful to the global fight against climate change if low-carbon intensity B.C. operations are shut down, with the same production activities replaced elsewhere with higher GHG emissions

The following ideas, building on CleanBC, identify enhanced measures and targeted stimulus that should be taken to position B.C., during economic recovery, as a destination for continued investment to meet the growing global demand for low-carbon products, services, and pollution-reducing technologies.

1. SME Technology Adoption for Clean Outcomes

The province should introduce programs to help B.C.'s non-tech small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to adopt smart technologies to measure and reduce their GHG reductions. Such programs would provide educational materials, case studies, guidance on best practices and mentorship to increase awareness of the idea that 'clean is the side effect of smart'. Programs would also provide green audits and mechanisms to help lower the

barriers of implementation of smart solutions to focus on reducing the 30% of GHG emissions currently attributed to SMEs. By enabling homegrown B.C. technology SMEs to validate the GHG reductions their solutions deliver, the program would also provide important market validation, allowing them to build this into their value propositions and growth plans.

2. Waste Utilization Incentive Program

The update to the BC Bioenergy Strategy presents an opportunity across several sectors to accelerate the use of waste to generate energy or biofuels. In forestry, an immediate opportunity would be to stimulate the collection, transportation, and processing of harvest residuals to create biofuels and renewable gas—this should also include the application of demonstration type technologies that are currently cost challenged. This concept could be executed by providing direct funding for specific projects or alternatively, these activities could be incentivized by creating a new biomass tax credit that applies to those that utilize agricultural, municipal or forest waste. Existing agencies, such as Forest Enhancement Society of BC, could be engaged to help deliver the program.

3. Clean Industry Recovery Fund as Part of the Canadian International Innovation Program

The CleanBC Industry Fund (CIF) criteria should be adjusted to create a separate recovery fund to stimulate investment in emissions reduction projects which focus on job creation, brownfield and greenfield projects, and new technology demonstration projects (e.g. electric frac spreads for natural gas drilling). This would be a separate fund to the CleanBC Industry Incentive Program and CIF that is currently in progress, and available to applicants as quickly as possible with funding large enough to support “shovel ready” projects not now covered by the CIF. As companies face COVID related capital spending cuts, this additional funding would allow companies to continue with more discretionary spend on emissions reductions projects, allocate jobs to process improvements and application of new technology, and drive investment in potentially larger emissions reductions projects (e.g. Carbon Capture and Storage early work, switching out of gas turbines at facilities, changing fleet vehicles to EVs, and site specific process improvements). It would also allow companies to re-engage contractors, including Indigenous partnerships, on projects that may have been recently deferred or cancelled.

This recovery program would be available to those who currently qualify under CIF but would be administered through a separate process that would be easily accessible to potential applicants, have clear requirements and application process, and have a speedy and clear decision-making process. Verification would occur as per the CIF program design. This time-limited recovery program should run for approximately one year and could be extended subject to the readiness of emissions reduction projects and the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

4. Industrial Electrification Infrastructure Recovery Program

Accelerate shovel ready industry electrification projects. The desired outcome would be to create jobs on the front end of project execution, while laying the foundation for electrification project development as B.C. emerges from this crisis. While larger infrastructure projects can have a long lead time for full development, surveying and studying routes, and environmental assessment work would be possible in the short term. Projects within existing operations, such as retrofitting or expanding capacity, should be executed more expediently. This acceleration could be enabled by the creation of a government, multi-stakeholder and Indigenous temporary project team. There is an opportunity to expand this collaboration if early indications of success.

5. Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative and Indigenous Community Owned Utilities

The Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative provides early support to develop Indigenous communities' capacity and readiness to advance local or regional clean energy projects. Indigenous communities are benefiting from the provincial investment into clean energy development through the Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative. An augmented focus on Indigenous clean energy and exploration of new business models can be a catalyst for economic development across the Province.

Transportation

CleanBC includes a number of critical transportation-related regulations—such as the Zero Emission Vehicle Standard and Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)—and programs that support cleaner fuels, cleaner vehicles, and measures that get people out of their cars and onto public transit, and walking and cycling. However, transportation-related emissions in B.C. account for nearly 38% of provincial pollution in 2018, and increased by more than a million tonnes between 2017 and 2018.

Consequently, accelerating and/or enhancing CleanBC policies and programs to deliver action more quickly represents an important opportunity to turn this trend around, and can begin making progress towards the 6 million tonnes of pollution reduction anticipated from the transportation sector by 2030. B.C.'s clean transportation sector, which includes a diversity of jobs ranging from bus drivers to electricians who install EV charging to software developers, employs more than 20,000 British Columbians, and is primed for further growth..

1. Creating Safe Active Transportation Opportunities

With vehicle trips down significantly because of COVID-19, there's an important near-term opportunity to convert some of the available road space to make it safer for physically-distant walking and cycling. Road closures in communities such as Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster offer local examples, and cities such as Portland, Oakland, Paris, Milan and

Auckland have already articulated ambitious plans to place a higher priority on walking and cycling through a variety of approaches as part of their recovery plans. As is being done in New Zealand, the B.C. government should provide financial support for these road space conversion projects to encourage local governments to act on them quickly. B.C. has developed a strong active transportation strategy and we recommend that there be full funding to implement B.C.'s Active Transportation Strategy quickly and at scale.

Similar approaches can create more space for shops and restaurants, which will make it easier for them to re-open their businesses with sufficient space for staff and patrons to follow physical distancing protocols. This will be especially important if those protocols remain in place in some form for an extended period until a vaccine or treatment is discovered.

2. Accelerating Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

The demand for EV charging continues to grow as households and businesses increasingly make the switch to electric vehicles. The electrified transportation sector in B.C. today employs thousands of workers, from electrical contractors and engineers, to EV charging distribution to sales and service professionals. Investment in public charging infrastructure will help to meet the growing demand for EVs and help make them an option for people without access to home-charging. As part of its COVID-19 recovery plans, the province should accelerate and increase planned investments in public fast charging and Level 2 charging throughout the province in partnership with the federal government, utilities, local governments and businesses. It's also noteworthy that, if managed effectively, the additional electrical load from EV charging has the potential to help lower electricity rates for all B.C. households and businesses.

An ongoing challenge with electric vehicles is that many British Columbians don't yet have the means of affording one. Continuing implementation of the Zero Emissions Vehicle Act will help bring in more lower cost and used EVs into B.C. To further improve the availability of EVs for all British Columbians, the province's incentive program should be adjusted to be income-tested as California has done, and the province should apply a surcharge to gas and diesel vehicles (a feebate) at price points where there is already excellent availability of electric vehicles, creating a revenue stream to support the sustained delivery of purchase incentives, which remain a necessary complement to the ZEV Standard.

3. Increasing Clean Fuel Supply

B.C. is home to two producers of liquid biofuels. Consolidated Biofuels (Delta) processes used cooking-oil into biodiesel, and Parkland Refinery (Burnaby) co-processes animal fats to produce renewable gasoline and renewable diesel. Both facilities source their fuel feedstocks from within B.C. The government should assess whether there are opportunities to support increased utilization or expansion of this production capacity, and support for Indigenous communities' economic development to be a part of clean fuel production opportunities.

In addition to sustained support for hydrogen refueling infrastructure and incentives for ZEV specialty vehicles, including hydrogen, the government should consider targeted support for made-in-B.C. production of zero carbon hydrogen (including green hydrogen produced using electricity, or blue hydrogen produced from natural gas and capturing and storing carbon pollution). Increased use of hydrogen as a clean fuel enables compliance with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and serves to reduce emissions from freight, which have been increasing. In addition to its use in the transportation system, it can be blended into B.C.'s natural gas distribution system as a source of renewable natural gas (RNG), to help achieve the province's 2030 RNG target.

It should also be noted that EV charging infrastructure delivers clean fuel that contributes toward compliance with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, hence accelerated buildout of this infrastructure can support the objectives of the standard while reducing compliance costs.

4. Electrifying Public Transit

The B.C. government, in coordination with the federal government, should support the efforts of both BC Transit and TransLink to build infrastructure to increasingly electrify their bus fleets, replacing end-of-life diesel buses with electric buses. Supporting this transition requires additional financial support—through loans or grants—for significant new and upgraded infrastructure, both to ensure access to sufficient electricity and to design and adapt depots to accommodate charging.

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Subject: LNG Steering Committee Materials: meeting May 26
Attachments: LNG Steering Committee_May_26_2020.pdf

Hello, everyone.

Please find attached the deck I will walk you through at the LNG Steering Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow, May 26 from 5:30 to 6:30.

Michelle

Michelle Carr

Assistant Deputy Minister

LNG Canada Implementation

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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LNG Steering Committee

May 26, 2020

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Agenda

1. LNG Canada construction status & workforce
2. CGL construction status & workforce
3. Regulatory and Direct-Action
4. Indigenous Support Approach
5. Communication Approach
6. Key Dates

LNG Canada Construction Status

- Work occurring on key work packages and measured response to ramp-up



Anderson Diversion
Channel into Beaver Creek



Unloading pipe at the laydown yard

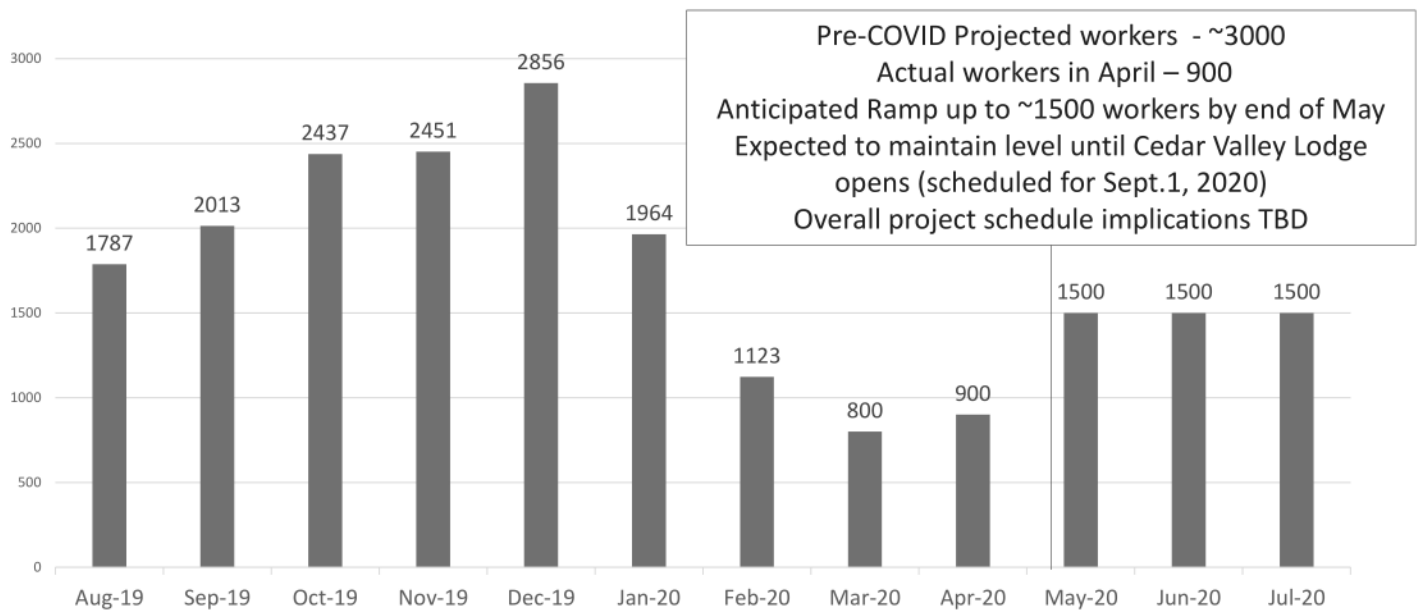


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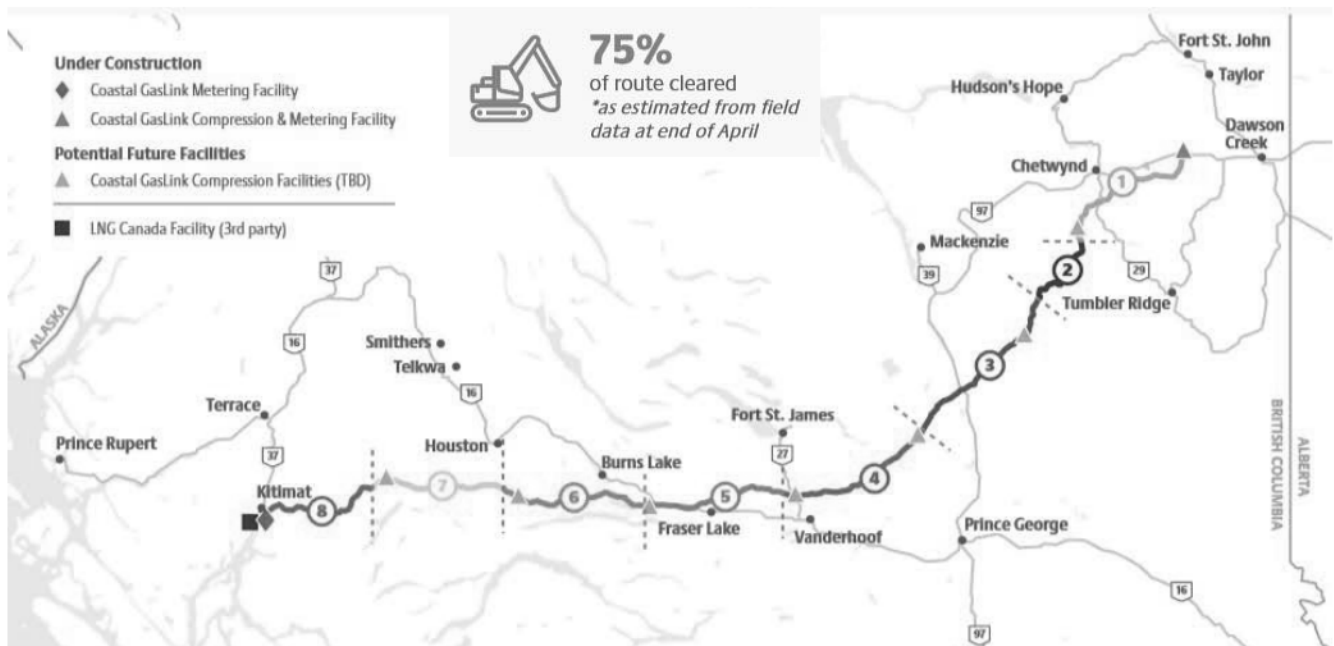
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Coastal GasLink Construction Status as of May 21



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Regulatory and Direct-Action

Regulatory

- Spills (CGL Camp 9a and Community Industry Safety Office)
- Archaeology Update

Parrott Lake

- Correspondence contemplated

Updated: Critical Implementation Risks – Indigenous Support

- **Context:**

- As discussed at the April 14 Steering Committee, the ADM Executive Project Board recently reviewed project implementation risks in context of COVID-19 impacts and prioritized key project risks and endorsed a near-term focus on activities to address potential project risks that would impact economic recovery/successful ramp-up consistent with public health direction
- Maintaining Indigenous support was identified as a critical focus and an approach with supporting work-plan has been developed by MIRR with support from the Secretariat
- The work is coordinated with and builds on current and completed measures
- This work was endorsed by the Executive Project Board on May 13

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Updated: Critical Implementation Risks – Indigenous Support cont'd

Objective:

- To proactively offer information and supports to mitigate potential loss of Indigenous support due to real or perceived negative impacts from the projects, including the companies' response to COVID-19.

Key Elements:

- COVID-19 engagement supports and recovery (short-mid term)
- Coordinated Issues management (mid-long term)
- Economic Benefits and Equity (mid-long term)

Principles: Dialogue with all affected Nations, Responsiveness, Coordination with other government activities, Supporting Indigenous opportunities

Updated: Critical Risks – Indigenous Support Continuum of Actions

Short-Mid Term:

- Leadership Council, Regional and Nations-specific engagement on COVID-19 measures
- Targeted engagement that includes:
 - Additional information regarding COVID-19
 - Location of information about the companies' COVID response
 - Responses to comments raised during the project-related spring engagement sessions
 - Dialogue regarding existing challenges faced by communities

Mid-Longer Term:

- Transition COVID engagement to economic recovery dialogue
- Establish issues tracking process/ensure responsiveness with cross-agency partners
- Establish clear linkages to existing government measures to support Nations (Skills and Training, Aboriginal Liaisons etc)
- Track and clarify benefit agreements
- Support access to contracting, employment and equity with the companies

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Communications Approach, Past

Context:

- In March 2019, the Steering Committee supported a communications approach that focussed on facts and increased transparency. The Secretariat has been leading this work.

Outcomes and approaches:

- LNG Regulatory Interface – growing all-in-one location for permits, oversight
- Created new materials - for events and engagement activities
- Issues management – responding to media questions and critics with facts
- Additional content underway now for online and distribution, including a refreshed ‘factbook’

Communications Approach, Today

Context:

- Increased visible signs of project construction, MOU with the Wet'suwet'en, and COVID-19 are new issues to consider in communications and engagement
- Pipeline critics continue to object to CGL and Oil and Gas development
- There remains a lack of awareness or recognition of the government's role with respect to project implementation and/or oversight – both past and present

Next Steps: Communications activities in the short-term will focus on supporting the project implementation activities and work-plans associated with Indigenous and local government support as well as economic competitiveness

Secretariat will work with agencies to explore opportunities for additional products (e.g. Vignettes) to include on the regulatory interface

Key Dates

Category	Issue	Date
Regulatory	CGL to submit final Condition 1 report to EAO	June 22, 2020
	EAO final decision on Condition 1	July 1, 2020
Legal	Archaeology Petition Review (was April 15 – 17, 2020).	Postponed
Engagement	Reconciliation Title Table (Rankin Table)	May 27, 2020
Engagement	Wet'suwet'en MOU discussions	Week of May 25

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Questions?

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Cc: Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX <Andrew.Cuddy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: DM Update

Hi everyone, I thought I should send out an update regarding current status of our "Return to the Office" plan. This topic is the one that people seems most interested in on the weekly staff calls. So some of you will have later info than others given when you last participated on a call.

I can assure you that lots of thought is going into the planning for returning us to some semblance of normal. As I have said before the ADM that is coordinating all of this for EMPR is Les Maclaren. Les is actively working with other Ministry leads that overlap our real estate. Most of our work sites contain more than just us a tenant so whatever we do has to be coordinated with the other tenants as well.

Les has built an early plan that would guide a staged return to the office. However, we cannot begin to finalize that plan until we have the corporate guidance from the PSA. This PSA "guidance" will incorporate the orders from the Provincial Health Officer and any other relevant health and/or WorkSafe BC policy. It is important to have some rules set corporately for all Ministries, rather than all ministries going at things differently. For example how will we handle an employee that has a legitimate reason not to return to the work site, yet their job physically requires them to be on site? We also can't have ministries making up their own rules on things like safe distancing, etc. We also need to understand clearly what Citizen Services is supplying us and what we need to be planning for buying ourselves. For example extra IT devices, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc. We are still waiting for all of this info, but we are getting closer. Draft documents are circulating and there is an all Deputy Minister call this weekend to hopefully nail most of this down.

I should also say that part of this plan will be trying to understand what parts of this new way of working are actually better and should be preserved. Even though this was a forced experiment, it is proving that more remote work is possible. We need to figure out what is sustainable and could be made permanent. In order to get an understanding of where various people's views are on this and their desire to return, we have been conducting informal polls. For your info, at this time the overall results of our polling say that 55% of staff would like to continue to work from home (with 17% expressing concerns about returning to the workplace), 31% are interested in a mix of working from home and the office, and 14% are ready to return to the office full time. While we don't have a plan yet with firm dates to start the return, it is really helpful to understand your readiness and willingness to return. We will be doing more polling in future in order to see if these numbers change over time.

Regarding immediate next steps for you, I can confirm that for the time being all ministry staff should still be working as per status quo arrangements (that is, the majority of our employees are still working remotely). Pending what our plan eventually says regarding how many staff can be accommodated in our offices with distancing guidelines, we may have more staff interested in being in the office at least part time than we can handle. It is possible that staggering some of the staff who want to be in the office part time could work. We shall see.

It is important that we ensure our next steps are done well, rather than quickly. As I have repeatedly said – we are lucky for the most part in that our ministry has a lot of jobs that can be done remotely. We want to get the plan right and communicate it well. I'm sure we will stumble and it will be less than perfect, but we are doing our best. Thank you for your patience and continued commitment to ensuring employee well-being during these unique circumstances.

Finally, some Friday comic relief.^{s.22}

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The 2nd attachment is showing some of the trials and tribulations of working from home. I have had to press my cat Rueben into service as my home shredding machine!

Thanks everyone and have a good weekend!

Dave Nikolejsin

Deputy Minister

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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FYI

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
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Subject: s.16; s.17 re: Force Majeure and the Northwest Projects

Please find enclosed a letter to Premier John Horgan from s.16; s.17
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We look forward to your response.

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If PJH calls ^{s.16} , this note provides background.

From: Dave Nikolejsin
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:17 PM
To: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX"
Cc: Christine Kennedy
Subject: empr_bn-for-information LM (002)

Don, per your request. Note that this did not go through any normal channels as I wanted to get to you today. It is not in CLIFF system.

Let me know if any questions or if you need more. Thanks.

I will also send to my MO for their awareness.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

PREPARED FOR: Premier's Office

ISSUE: BC Hydro exercising force majeure clauses in Electricity Purchase Agreements (EPAs) with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in order to manage spill risk due to load reduction

BACKGROUND:

Due to COVID-19, BC Hydro is experiencing load reduction of about 10%. That coincides with the freshet, where there are large energy inflows to the BC Hydro system from IPPs. In order to manage these flooding and environmental risks, BC Hydro has exercised force majeure clauses in EPAs with some IPPs.

IPPs frequently enter into Impact Benefit Agreements with First Nations, which may include royalty payments and/or options for equity ownership (see Appendix 1 of known agreements). If a project is curtailed, the First Nation would be exposed to a loss in revenue under either a royalty agreement or equity ownership. In addition, the Province has entered into revenue sharing agreements with First Nations on a number of private energy projects that have come into service after June 2010, which would also be impacted, including in some cases water rentals.

A number of First Nations have raised concerns with the potential impacts of exercising force majeure due to the reliance of their governments on these revenue streams. s.13; s.16; s.17

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DISCUSSION:

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SUMMARY:

- Due to unprecedented reductions in load BC Hydro has invoked force majeure provisions in its EPAs with some IPPs to manage the risk of spill across its system.
- This action will likely cause financial impacts to First Nations who have IBAs with Project Proponents, equity shares of projects, and water rental revenue sharing agreements with the Province.

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Attachments:

Appendix 1: Initial IPPs for Curtailment

Appendix 2: Known First Nations Involvement in IPP Projects

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Narrows Inlet	
Boralex	
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Appendix 2: Known First Nations Involvement in IPP Projects

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Capital Power		
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CPPIB Investment Board Private Holdings (4)		
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We recommend a call

From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX
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To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; JJH PREM:EX
Cc: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
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If PJH calls ^{s.16} this note provides background.

From: Dave Nikolejsin
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:17 PM
To: "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX"
Cc: Christine Kennedy
Subject: empr_bn-for-information LM (002)

Don, per your request. Note that this did not go through any normal channels as I wanted to get to you today. It is not in CLIFF system.

Let me know if any questions or if you need more. Thanks.
I will also send to my MO for their awareness.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

PREPARED FOR: Premier's Office

ISSUE: BC Hydro exercising force majeure clauses in Electricity Purchase Agreements (EPAs) with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in order to manage spill risk due to load reduction

BACKGROUND:

Due to COVID-19, BC Hydro is experiencing load reduction of about 10%. That coincides with the freshet, where there are large energy inflows to the BC Hydro system from IPPs. In order to manage these flooding and environmental risks, BC Hydro has exercised force majeure clauses in EPAs with some IPPs.

IPPs frequently enter into Impact Benefit Agreements with First Nations, which may include royalty payments and/or options for equity ownership (see Appendix 1 of known agreements). If a project is curtailed, the First Nation would be exposed to a loss in revenue under either a royalty agreement or equity ownership. In addition, the Province has entered into revenue sharing agreements with First Nations on a number of private energy projects that have come into service after June 2010, which would also be impacted, including in some cases water rentals.

A number of First Nations have raised concerns with the potential impacts of exercising force majeure due to the reliance of their governments on these revenue streams. s.13; s.16; s.17

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DISCUSSION:

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SUMMARY:

- Due to unprecedented reductions in load BC Hydro has invoked force majeure provisions in its EPAs with some IPPs to manage the risk of spill across its system.
- This action will likely cause financial impacts to First Nations who have IBAs with Project Proponents, equity shares of projects, and water rental revenue sharing agreements with the Province.

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