

media request - UN climate change conference

From: Bob Mackin <bob@thebreaker.news>
To: Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>, Smith, George AG:EX <george.smith@gov.bc.ca>, Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>, Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 5, 2021 8:26:00 AM PDT

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Sincerely,
Bob Mackin
reporter, theBreaker.news
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RE: media request - UN climate change conference

From: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 13, 2021 8:31:10 AM PDT
Got it.

From: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 13, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: media request - UN climate change conference
Hey Paul,
Over to you.

George Smith (he/him)
Communications Director
Office of the Premier | Government of BC
British Columbia Parliament Buildings | [250-208-6794](tel:250-208-6794)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Mackin <bob@thebreaker.news>
Date: October 13, 2021 at 8:03:47 AM PDT
To: "Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX" <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
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Hello,
I wonder if you can answer the questions regarding B.C. involvement in COP26.
Thank-you,
Bob Mackin

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FW: Media request - The Breaker News - COP26

From: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 14, 2021 1:51:37 PM PDT

Thoughts?

From: Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: October 14, 2021 12:59 PM

To: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>

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Kelly,

Approved by Jeremy Hewitt.

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

Request

It's been a week now.

Attendance at COP26 is not as simple as taking the next Helijet from Victoria to Vancouver. So accreditation, transportation and accommodation arrangements must have been handled weeks, if not months, ago. Not to mention travel insurance and pandemic travel protocols and the government policy handbook on travel.

How many elected and appointed officials are going from the B.C. government?

What about any contractors or NGOs funded by the B.C. government?

What is the approved budget?

Recommendation

The B.C. delegation is three people and includes Minister Heyman, Climate Action Secretariat Assistant Deputy Minister Jeremy Hewitt and Ministerial Assistant Kelly Sather.

No contractors or NGO's are being funding by the province to attend.

The trip is funded out of the ministry budget. Final costs will be released after all expenses are tabulated.

We are constantly monitoring the COVID situation and will be following the additional safety protocols put in place by the COP organizers.

Previous Response:

- We recognize the significance of COP26 at this time. We are all feeling the impacts of climate change.
- Our priority is making sure that we can share and learn from all participating jurisdictions.
- We will have more to say about provincial participation in the days ahead.