

FW: Draft Statement so far - Need Provincial Actions ASAP

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Statement from Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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RE: Bullets for MLA

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Hi MLA Brar,

Extremely late breaking news- (that we can't discuss publicly yet), but you can allude to it – we're expecting to have a road open and people will be able to leave Hope this evening.

You can say in your interview:

- We're making very good progress and expect to have more to say to today on an opening for essential travel.

John

From: Hoben, John TRAN:EX

Sent: November 17, 2021 2:09 PM

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Hello MLA Brar,

Below are some key messages for your interview this afternoon. The core of it is: we're working as quickly as we can to get things moving, and will do so as soon as it is safe.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and you can reach me by phone/text/email.

All the best,

John Hoben

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

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To: Hoben, John TRAN:EX <John.Hoben@gov.bc.ca>

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2nd last bullet gets to the point. Stay tuned! We're going as fast as we can.

- Our immediate priority is re-establish connections from the Lower Mainland to the interior and North.
- We know how vital it is to open routes and have supply chains moving.
- We are working closely with multiple partners.
- Again, people and companies are really stepping up. This includes:
 - The BC Trucking Association has been supportive of our efforts to find alternate routes...
 - ...as well as working with us and the federal government who are helping to facilitate goods movement through the US, that would otherwise be impacted by events in the Lower Mainland
- Work is progressing to open those highway routes. Along Highway 7, west of Agassiz, emergency vehicle access was established yesterday.
- Earlier this morning that has been opened up to single lane alternating traffic, for essential travel only.

- This is for people who have urgent needs, whether that be moving livestock or moving additional pumps to the Barrowtown Pump Station.
- Last night, for example, our maintenance contractor delivered 40,000 sand bags to the Barrowtown Pump Station.
- Access via Highway 7 was critical to accomplishing this, and speaks to the importance of keeping these roads for essential movement only.
- We ask the public to please still avoid that area if your travel is not absolutely essential.
- And on the other side of Agassiz, towards Hope, we should have emergency vehicle access established later today.
- Again, I want to stress how important it is that the general public not try to access that route for the time being as you will impede the safety of others with urgent needs.
- We are working closely with EMBC to prioritize getting those people who have been stranded out of Hope, as well as truckers who remain there - but - please - for the general public, stay away from those areas on Highway 7.
- In fact, in general, if you are safe and secure where you are we ask you keep any travel in impacted areas throughout the region to only what is absolutely essential.

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Im fine with this. Right to the point.

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Jordan – Linda Stagg is on call. Please physically call her to alert her... or tell me and I will call her.
Megan

From: "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 10:25 PM
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Please see my edits below.

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Re: Flooding holding lines - for MLA Brar

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Also note that a public release will be going out in the meantime outlining the below.

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On Nov 17, 2021, at 7:21 PM, Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

From an approved media response:

- Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) was approved to be made available in response to the atmospheric river causing flooding and landslides that impacted the southern portion of the province from Nov. 14-16, 2021.
- This event is open to homeowners, residential tenants, businesses, charitable organizations, and farmers.
- Those impacted by this event in the Vancouver Island, South west, central and South east areas of the province may be eligible to receive compensation through the DFA program.
- Event information, eligibility criteria, categories and applications can be found on the [DFA website](#), or by calling toll free 1-888-257-4777.
- DFA is limited to restoring actual damage caused by a specific disaster that has been declared eligible for compensation.
- By regulation, DFA is unable to compensate for losses for which insurance was reasonably and readily available.
- The application deadline is Feb. 12, 2022.

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Hello all,

Where can we get info on disaster financial assistance?

Any information you have on this will be greatly appreciated. I have a number of media and stakeholders asking for this info.

Thanks

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Arjin – I hope I have your correct email address this time.

From: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>

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Here are some holding lines but on a flooding call now and the situation is still very much in flux with lots more info that ministry staff need to gather. But if she's asked anything in QP or in next few hours these should suffice.

- My heart goes out to everyone affected by the flooding right now, including the many farmers impacted.
- The personal safety of our farmers and the welfare of their livestock and animals is our highest priority. At this stage, we do not have any firm numbers on livestock injuries and losses.
- Ministry staff have been reaching out to producer groups to assess impacts and are working closely with them to see where assistance is most needed and what the ministry can do to help.
- Producers are also facing issues with transportation networks being disrupted by road closures which will cause interim supply chain issues.
- Ministry staff have also been in contact with several farmers to see what support may be needed. As the situation is ongoing, these discussions will continue in the days ahead.
- These discussion will include identifying existing federal and provincial government insurance and income protection programs, so we can support B.C. producers.
- Our government will continue to work closely with emergency workers and agencies, local governments, farmers, ranchers and industry organizations as we all respond together to the flooding.