

FW: RUSH FOR MO APPROVAL: CGL statement due 12:30 pm

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FYI - MO has approved the statement.
Caucus will be briefed at 1 pm.

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Updated statement from EMLI, so you are working off the latest.

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Hi all, please find attached statement and background on CGL, reviewed by Alissa, and currently with Wayne. Moving it along in the interest of time, due back for PO review at 12:30 pm.
This will be sent out proactively to reporters.
With EMLI MO and MIRR MO's as well.
For your review.
Thanks!

-Caroline

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Subject: LATEST FOR REVIEW (FW: CGL statement--attribution to MMF)
Importance: High

Hi all.

I talked with Tim Chu and the direction was to ensure GCPE reviews the attached two documents. Tim is here for awareness.

- Statement - this is the last version based on what George Smith shared late last night. Now in a word document.
- Backgrounder – this is a clean copy of what Tom M (IRR) sent around late yesterday to PO.

Meghan/Caroline, the statement needs to be reviewed by our MOs and GCPE issues. Note GCPE issues is not on this email yet – if that should happen first please advise and/or send it to them.

Chris, your MO should be aware of the proposed content also in the statement.

Meghan/ Chris, the backgrounder is proposed for sending with the statement on background I believe. I trust MOs should also review.

STATEMENT

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

Statement on Coastal GasLink project

Minister Mike Farnworth has released the following statement in relation to current events around the Coastal GasLink project:

"Yesterday's blockades of the Morice River Forest Service Road have put at risk emergency access and the delivery of critical services to more than five hundred Coastal GasLink workers, and the good faith commitments made between the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Province of BC to develop a new relationship based on respect.

"The BC government is calling on all those involved to de-escalate the current confrontation and move quickly to eliminate the blockades through peaceful means.

"For many years the Province has attempted to facilitate discussions between Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs and representatives of Coastal GasLink project. This fall, in response to protests and police enforcement of the injunction related to the pipeline project, the government engaged former President of the Haida Nation, Order of Canada recipient and respected Indigenous leader Miles Richardson as an interlocutor to encourage dialogue among the parties.

"Unfortunately, despite our government's best efforts, these initiatives have not been successful. Blockades have now been established by project opponents in violation of the current court injunction. Obstructions on the roads have effectively cut off safe access, support and security for over five hundred workers.

"Our government is concerned about the health, safety and well-being of those workers as the obstructions on the roads prevent access in and out of the worksites. The right to protest does not extend to criminal actions.

"Over the last three years the Coastal GasLink project has been under construction and providing jobs and economic opportunities for thousands of people across northern British Columbia, including First Nations communities.

"The Coastal GasLink project is permitted for the work currently under way and the project is now over 50 per cent complete. More than \$1.25 billion has been invested in British Columbia to date which includes over \$1 billion being awarded to Indigenous owned businesses or joint venture partnerships. Coastal GasLink has project agreements with all 20 elected chiefs and councils of the First Nations along the pipeline route. The Province has also secured agreements

with the vast majority of First Nations for the CGL project. There are approximately 5,000 individuals currently working on the project.

Commented [YBG1]: Along the route? Impacted by the project? Would be good to clarify

“Open, transparent, and timely communication with First Nations, including the Wet’suwet’en Hereditary Chiefs, has been the basis of government’s involvement. It remains the only way forward.

“To ensure the safety of all, we remain committed to a peaceful resolution.”

Media Contact details here

November 18, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
Commanding Officer BC RCMP
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Dear Deputy Commissioner McDonald:

I am writing to you following recent discussions between yourself and Ministry staff regarding the potential police response required to address an intensified opposition to Coastal GasLink pipeline construction near Houston BC. This opposition has evolved to an urgent and critical nature. Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) and following my verbal approval provided Monday November 15th, 2021 I am authorizing the temporary internal redeployment of resources from within the Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons, property, and communities in the area.

This authorized temporary redeployment is inclusive of BC Municipal Police Service resources, pursuant to article 9.1 of the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (MPSA); however, I request that all provincial resources should be exhausted prior to making use of municipal RCMP resources. As a reminder, should municipal resources be required please ensure you discharge your obligations under Article 9 of the MPSA to consult with the affected local governments, including advance formal communications and any impacted municipalities continue to receive adequate policing.

If the situation escalates and there is a need for further resources from federal or another Provincial Territorial Police Service, I would appreciate an appraisal of the situation. Please continue to notify the ministry of the planned actions and further developments. Further requests may be authorized upon consultation with Assistant Deputy Minister, Wayne Rideout.

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Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald
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I appreciate the urgency of these situations and look forward to receiving a report on the actual redeployment that was required, the composition of the members redeployed, including any equipment that was required. I understand the costs related to emergencies are tracked and monitored separately and I look forward to receiving a detailed accounting of these costs.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
and Deputy Premier

Pc: Wayne Rideout, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Police Services
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