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To: [Butler, Sylvia GPEB:EX](#)
Cc: [GPEB ADM Inbox GPEB:EX](#); [Cousins, Sabrina GPEB:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Sam Cooper Book
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:41:33 AM

Sylvia
FOI request.
Sam

From: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX
Sent: June 23, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Scott, Douglas S FIN:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sam Cooper Book

Mark

I appended the review of this book that was in the news clips this week. I did finish reading the book and I have some personal observations that we could discuss at some point. s.22

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He does reference the Commission at various times throughout the book, providing his opinion on the scope and direction their investigation should take.

Sam

From: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 31, 2021 10:39 AM
To: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX <Sam.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Scott, Douglas S FIN:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sam Cooper Book

Hi Sam – Does GPEB have someone reviewing the recently released Sam Cooper book with a view toward seeing if what is stated is consistent or not consistent with what we're aware was presented at the Cullen Inquiry or might otherwise be relevant for dmcaml?

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Cooper's exposé of corruption an eye opener - Vancouver Sun
19-Jun-2021

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From: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX
To: Fitzgerald, Anna GPEB:EX
Subject: RE: Sam Cooper book
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:39:50 AM

Interesting Anna!

From: Fitzgerald, Anna GPEB:EX <Anna.Fitzgerald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2021 9:33 AM
To: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX <Sam.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sam Cooper book

Sam,

Also in case you are not already aware Sam Cooper has written a book,

https://www.amazon.ca/dp/0888903014/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_imm_awdb_RXHNKJQ8REPDHB144AAS

Anna

From: [MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX](#)
To: [Butler, Sylvia GPEB:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Update
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:58:21 AM

From: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX
Sent: June 24, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Lewis, Jamie GPEB:EX <Jamie.L.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Update

Sam Cooper's Book – Wilful Blindness

I am not sure if anyone has had the opportunity to read this book. As you know Sam Cooper has reported on allegations of money laundering in BC Casinos extensively for the past several years. He references GPEB a number of times throughout the book but one reference that stood out was at page 285/286, where he describes an “elegant accounting analysis” devised by GPEB auditors that supported a conclusion that refining (money laundering term to describe changing smaller denomination bills into larger ones) was occurring! Although it's a controversial book, I thought the reference worthy of a shout-out to Anna and her team.

Sam MacLeod

Assistant Deputy Minister and
General Manager
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

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From: [MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX](#)
To: [Butler, Sylvia GPEB:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Update - June 25, 2021
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:59:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX <Sam.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 25, 2021 2:47 PM

To: GPEB *ALL <sggpeball@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>

Cc: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX <Sam.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Update - June 25, 2021

Folks

It's hard to believe it's officially summer and we are just about half way through 2021! With many things open and restrictions lessening, this summer feels quite different than last year. For those of you taking vacation this summer, I hope you enjoy your time off and have plenty of time for adventures, socializing, relaxing and everything else in between!

The news this week...

Staffing

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Required Learning

A reminder to complete **IM 117 Information Management: Access, Information Security, Privacy and Records Management (IM 117)** By July 12th if you have not already done so.

A new eLearning course **Fraud Awareness and Prevention** walks learners through what fraud is, how to prevent and detect fraud, and how to report fraud. The course is **mandatory** for all BC Public Service employees, regardless of their role and can be found on the [Learning System](#) platform (search Fraud). All existing employees must complete the course by **Friday, October 15, 2021** and all new employees must complete the course within **six months** of employment.

IMP Update – This week we bring you the next CIRMO short video: [IM in the BCPS - Part 2: Records Management](#). CIRMO did a great job creating these and they convey the importance of good records management practices for government employees.

A reminder that the next two eLearning courses should be completed by June 30th.

- EDRMS Content Manager Implementation (1280)
- EDRMS Content Manager End User (1019)

These courses are extremely important as they help give everyone an understanding of EDRMS/IRIS and will help us greatly during our transition to EDRMS.

Diversity and Inclusion – Jamie saw this short video in her Supervising in the BC Public Service session on Diversity & Inclusion, thought it really powerful and worthy of sharing!

<https://youtu.be/LI56imVATLk>

And that's the news for this week. Stay cool out there. It's going to be a hot weekend!

Sam

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Barry, Elizabeth GPEB:EX

From: Kipping, Bernadette GPEB:EX
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Bohanan, Chad GPEB:EX; Horodyski, Brian GPEB:EX
Cc: Montgomery, Philip GPEB:EX; Tvergyak, John GPEB:EX; Barry, Elizabeth GPEB:EX; Carroll, Terri GPEB:EX
Subject: FW: Google Alert - Anti Money Laundering in British Columbia

Did not know that Sam Cooper wrote a book. These were interesting times with Larry, Joe and Derek. They tried hard.

Bernadette

Google Alerts

Anti Money Laundering in British Columbia

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Fwd: How China made Canada a global node for narcotics

From: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rideout, Wayne PSSG:EX <Wayne.Rideout@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 16, 2021 8:38:16 PM PDT

A friend sent me this excerpt from a book that will be published this week. The author of the book is Sam Cooper, a west coast journalist.

Subject: Fwd: How China made Canada a global node for narcotics

The Following is an extract from the book, 'Wilful Blindness: How a Network of Narcos, Tycoons and CCP agents infiltrated the West' by Canadian journalist Sam Cooper. The book will be released internationally on 20 May.

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FW: How China made Canada a global node for narcotics

From: Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca
To: Mcdonald, Dwayne <Dwayne.McDONALD@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: May 18, 2021 3:35:59 PM PDT

Thought this may be of interest.

Glen

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FW: How China made Canada a global node for narcotics

From: Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca
To: Robinson, Ben <benjamin.robinson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: May 18, 2021 3:40:38 PM PDT

Ben – fyi. This excerpt was sent to me by a former colleague in Manitoba.
Glen

Subject: How China made Canada a global node for narcotics

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From: [Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX](#)
To: [AG PSSG FOI AG:EX](#)
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To: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX <Nikki.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks Mark

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I appreciate your flexibility. I will let Jillian know

she will lead the discussions on Thursday.

Sam

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Sent: May 31, 2021 1:00 PM
To: MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX <Sam.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX <Nikki.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Sam Cooper Book

Alright, s.22

but given the limited time

and the current context, I don't think GPEB will get many if any questions. Let's have Jillian attend along with you on Thursday however I'd appreciate it, Sam, if Jillian spoke to the items likely to come up so the Minister identifies the area with her. s.22

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with Jillian at the Tyee location and Michelle and others supporting via the conference

call tie in.

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Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Sam Cooper Book

Mark

We do not but we will.

On another note Mark, s.22

Jillian will be representing GPEB – I will have her

participate in the briefing this Thursday if that is okay.

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