

FW: Farnworth s.22 s.16; s.22

From: Farnworth.MLA, Mike <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
To: Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 13, 2021 9:31:49 AM PDT
Attachments: Farnworth_-Signed_FACR_Letters_- s.22 s.16; s.22 _2.PDF, Schedule 1-Signed PII
Interim Report -s.22 s.16; s.22 PDF, Schedule 2-Commissioner_s Response - s.22
s.22 s.16; s.22 .PDF, Review_-Signed_FACR_- s.22 _PII_ s.16; s.22).PDF

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From: Reviews <Reviews@crcc-ccetp.gc.ca>
Sent: April 13, 2021 6:41 AM
To: Farnworth.MLA, Mike <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Farnworth s.22 s.16; s.22

Good morning,

Attached please find the Final Report and letter, as well as the Interim Report (Schedule 1) and the Commissioner's Response (Schedule 2) for file s.16; s.22 , s.22

Kind regards,

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Our File: s.16; s.22

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Room 128, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Mike.farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear Minister:

Subject: Commission's Final Report following a Public Interest
Investigation Into the Complaint of s.22

Please find enclosed, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 45.72(2) of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act*, the final report setting out my findings and recommendations in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms. Lahaie'.

Michelaine Lahaie
Chairperson

Encl.

RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
To: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 1, 2022 11:55:31 AM PST
Sounds good, thanks Jamie!!

H

From: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Hi Hope – thanks for this. I made a few edits. Here is what I suggest. This will need to go through Wayne too.

- Police oversight and accountability are of critical importance. The public need to have confidence in the police and where issues and challenges occur, it's important there are systems in place that hold police accountable for their decisions.
- Oversight and accountability of policing occurs through several different means. The Independent Investigations Office of BC (IIO), which conducts investigations into incidents of death or serious injury when police may be involved, the Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner (OPCC), which is responsible for reviewing and overseeing investigations of municipal police and Special Provincial Constable conduct complaints, and the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC), which oversees complaints investigations in response to RCMP conduct.
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Thanks Hope,

Jamie

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Hey Jamie – following up, GCPE are in agreeance that^{s.13}
s.13

Thanks,

H

From: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Not sure they would have additional insights on this... ^{s.13}

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From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:37 PM

To: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

When I sent to Ardys and Jenni I provided the attachments and the full request and recommended response. Would you think Brian or Matt will need to take a look?

Thanks!

H

From: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:36 PM

To: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Hi Hope – has anyone else in the Branch reviewed the full request here?

Jamie

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:23 PM

To: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

I just checked with John and while we receive most CRCC reports, they're sent as an FYI mainly. I'm not sure if what I put below as a potential would work or if that would cause any issues? Give me a shout if you want to discuss.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1:55 PM

To: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Thanks Hope – I think this is heading in the right direction.

Jamie

From: Latham, Hope PSSG:EX <Hope.Latham@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 1:32 PM

To: Lipp, Jamie M PSSG:EX <Jamie.Lipp@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Media Request: Prince George RCMP Historical Sexual Predation

Hi Jamie –

Ardys has approved the SCRPA piece and I checked with Jenni and they're recommending ^{s.13}

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Do

you have any concerns with the below or think we should take this somewhere else?

I'm still trying to see if we've received the report but haven't seemed to find an answer yet. Just wanting to make sure I'm not taking this in the wrong direction.

Thanks!

H

Reporter

Ian Mulgrew, Reporter

Vancouver Sun

imulgrew@postmedia.com

604-605-2195 c: 604-209-7824

Deadline Tuesday November 29, 2022 3:00PM

Request

I have attached a final report that was released without fanfare last March into accusations from an RCMP officer that were not dealt with in 2006 when she made them. Her allegations that her husband, also a Mountie and other officers were like convicted, imprisoned and now dead provincial court judge David Ramsay,

- I'd like to know if the government received the report and if so what was its response? If not, same question — what was the reaction?
- I'd like to know the minister's response to reading the report and the length of time and the RCMP's foot-dragging to avoid scrutiny?
- What role did the government play after the reports from First Nations teens they were being preyed upon by members of the Prince George legal community, including law enforcement?
- Did the criminal justice branch advise the Mounties at any point or do its own review of these concerns at the time or in the intervening years.
- Did the government express concern, take any specific actions to address or determine why the force took so long — three years — conducting the initial investigation of complaints from young women in the city of sexual offences committed against them through 1992-2001, the conflict-of-interest the force had investigating itself given the gravity of the charges against its members? The failure of the force to bring any criminal charges against anyone else except Ramsay?
- Was there any or will there be any action taken against the senior RCMP officers who seemingly referred to a non-existent legal opinion, were willfully blind for over a decade to the need for a proper investigation into both the crimes and RCMP members?

- How does the government intend or how did it address the failure of the civilian review system — both the force's internal discipline mechanisms for dealing with officer misconduct as well as the obfuscation and procrastination that occurred handicapping the civilian complaints procedures and oversight?
- Is a report 20 years after the crimes, 15 years after the initial report, a decade after a second report of this heinous allegations really good enough for public accountability or the government to manage and have provincial policing priorities and law enforcement policies implemented?
- If the government received the report last year did it take any steps to inform the First Nations involved, the victims who had come forward and identified the Mounties, or issue any media release to inform the public about this decision, the recommendations, the corrective steps that were being taken or address its implications? What discussions or actions were taken to discuss or collaboratively address the management and oversight issues given the dual jurisdictions and the province's lack of authority over the force that does so much contract policing in the province?
- Does this lack of its control and oversight of the Mounties persuade the government to take another look at replacing the RCMP with a provincial police force as Alberta is doing? If not, why not?

Recommendation

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Background

Fwd: Farnworth ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22}

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 8, 2023 7:34:39 PM PST
Attachments: Review_-_Signed_FACR_-_ ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22} _PII_ ^{s.16; s.22}).PDF, Schedule 1-Signed PII Interim Report - ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22} .PDF, Schedule 2-Commissioner_s Response - ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22} .PDF, Farnworth_-_Signed_FACR_Letters_-_ ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22} _2.PDF

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From: Grove, Juliet PSSG:EX <Juliet.Grove@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Farnworth - ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22}

This is the closest I could find. Check out the PDF that says Schedule 1 then go to page 3 and at the bottom I think it is referring to this whole story...

Juliet

From: Farnworth.MLA, Mike <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Farnworth ^{s.22} ^{s.16; s.22}

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KMs requested - BC First Nations Justice Council release - Allegations of failure to investigate Prince George RCMP officers

From: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2023 9:42:01 AM PST
Hi Vedrana,

BC First Nations Justice Council has issued a release:

[BC First Nations Justice Council Calls for Stricter Police Oversight and Accountability Amid Report that RCMP Officers Failed to Investigate Claims of Sexual Abuse of Indigenous Women and Girls by Prince George Officers](#)

MIRR GCPE is asking for key messages.

As we discussed last week, we're limited in terms of what we can say as there's an outstanding civil claim. We understand that caution should be exercised.

Can we give MIRR GCPE any of the bullets below?

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BACKGROUND:

- The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC) is an independent agency established under the federal RCMP Act to ensure that public complaints against members of the RCMP are examined fairly and impartially. While the Province is aware of the report, the CRCC is ultimately the responsibility of the Federal government.

In terms of deadline, we would like to get MIRR GCPE these KMs as soon as we can.

Thanks

RE: bullets - Prince George

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>, Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>, Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:34:20 PM PST

I've been requested to add the following to the top of the messaging. Any concerns:

- I discussed the RCMP investigation with the federal Minister of Public Safety, Marco Mendicino, and said I felt a third-party independent investigation is needed to determine what happened so that the individuals impacted and the public would have confidence in the process.

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: bullets - Prince George

These are pretty good. Thx. Has everyone been contacted. MMF is scheduled to be interviewed by Global at 4 pm. I assume we're all good to go?

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: bullets - Prince George

Here you go!

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:03 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: bullets - Prince George

Just so everyone's in the loop Glen accepted my recommended edit. A few QAs to follow. When they arrive we'll send up the bullets and QAs in one email.

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: February 23, 2023 1:51 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: bullets - Prince George

I've cleaned this up and added a line in red about the external agency being announced in the coming weeks:

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2023 1:41 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: bullets - Prince George

Hello – please see DPS approved bullets. Please note we are liaising directly with E-Division comms on this matter as they are preparing reactive lines.

s.13

Vedrana Covic | Director, Superintendence and Evaluation
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Policing and Security Branch
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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RE: Request to review BC RCMP language

From: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:50:22 PM PST

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Hi,

Very sorry... minor change was requested. Just shortened that long sentence and CO wanted to ensure that we added back in he was that was exploring options. Doesn't want to be appear passive.

Thanks

Dawn

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Notwithstanding our internal review, in order to ensure transparency, accountability and public confidence in the RCMP response, Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald, Commanding Officer of the BC RCMP, has been exploring options and discussed this matter with the Director of Police Services (BC). The Director has ordered an independent investigation by an external agency.

The RCMP is committed to fully cooperate in this endeavour and will provide the independent external agency with complete access to investigative holdings, the findings of the Special Prosecutor, and any subsequent reviews and assessments dating back to June 2004, when the investigation was undertaken by the E Division Major Crimes Unit, and designated Project E-Prevails.

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:05 PM
To: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request to review BC RCMP language

Thanks!

From: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request to review BC RCMP language

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Fantastic.... Really appreciate that alignment.

Below is our response that we will be providing to the media today.

Dawn

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From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 23, 2023 1:43 PM

To: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Request to review BC RCMP language

Hi Dawn – I have made the amendments. This is language in line with the Police Act and communication sent regarding independent investigations.

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From: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:30 PM

To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Request to review BC RCMP language

Importance: High

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Hello,

We are receiving media calls about some historical allegations and the need for further investigations. I understand that the acting ADM has accepted/approved our request and you all will be developing a reactive response should the SG be asked.

Please see our below response – as approved by CO.

Can you advise of any concerns or if you would like us to adjust the highlighted line.

Thanks

Dawn

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Re: Media Request: PG RCMP Investigation

From: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 24, 2023 2:35:23 PM PST
No- let's talk it through when we meet. Will be there in 5 mins

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From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 2:32:12 PM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Media Request: PG RCMP Investigation

Are you ok with this Glen?

From: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Media Request: PG RCMP Investigation

Hi Vedrana,

For two new media requests, we recommend using the same statement we used yesterday (entered in the recommendation section). Do you and Glen agree?

Jessica Mcdiarmid, Other, Freelancer
Ian Mulgrew, Reporter, Vancouver Sun
Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2023 4:00 PM
Request:

I hope you're doing well. I wrote about the CRCC report involving allegations that RCMP officers stole video tapes that might have contained evidence of wrongdoing for the Star back in November and just saw the news that the BC government will "instigate an outside investigation." [Inside allegations of misconduct and cover-up at the RCMP | The Star](#)

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It seems some media reports are conflating the various allegations and investigations so just want to make sure I'm clear about what exactly is happening. Thanks so much!

Recommendation:

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

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To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 27, 2023 2:52:46 PM PST

Hi!

Just wanted to give you a head's up that MO/Issues are adding the language in red (below). The hope is that it will prevent more media questions about the scope of the investigation.

Jessica Mcdiarmid, Other, Freelancer

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"Our government is absolutely committed to ending systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls, 2SLGBTQ+ people, ^{s.13} the cases which involve the police ^{s.13}

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Media Request: DPS and Minister's response on historical Prince George allegations, report

From: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 28, 2023 4:38:47 PM PST
Hi!

Sorry to send this to you so late in the day. It's been another busy one.

Ian has returned with a series of questions. I don't have suggested bullets for you, but here's some guidance:

- Obviously, we'll leave it up to Glen to decide what he's comfortable sharing in terms of his bio.
- I'll also let PSB lead on what to share about past Directors (I don't have that information).

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- Is there anything more we can say about First Nations consultation?

Reporter

Ian Mulgrew, Reporter
Vancouver Sun
imulgrew@postmedia.com
604-605-2195 c: 604-209-7824

Deadline Wednesday, March 1 3:30pm

Request

Interested in receiving the bio of the current director of police services.

I wonder if I could add to that by asking if you could give me a list of those who have held that position and their tenure going back to 2000? That would be great.

Also, in December, I asked about the minister's initial reaction after reading the report upon receiving it in the spring of 2021, did he really set it aside and say thank god that's a federal responsibility? Did he take any steps after receiving it before he called this investigation on Thursday?

On that point, has an out-of-province agency been found, and if not, could you let me know what kind of organization might qualify? Lastly, why did he not consult with First Nations?

Recommendation

Background

Re: Revised Statement

From: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 6, 2023 10:07:41 AM PST
Looks good. What about the March 2023 posting?

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From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:45:25 AM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Revised Statement

Glen – my thoughts and edits on the statement below.

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:22 AM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>; Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>;
Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Revised Statement

Glen/Vedrana – note draft MMF statement on PG investigation to address errors in Ian Mulgrew column. Can you please review and approve soonest. Note ^{s.13} . Including Doug. Thx - David

From: Snoddon, Michael PSSG:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 5, 2023 12:39 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>;
Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>; Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>; Maher,
Melissa PSSG:EX <Melissa.Maher@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Revised Statement

Hi Doug & David,

Sorry for the delay on this one.

Here is a revised statement that I've crafted with the Minister and Olson, based off of one that David sent on Friday.

I would appreciate having this ready to go for tomorrow- I think we will need to put this out (on reaction and send to Mulgrove) given the media interest in the background and path forward.

Happy to chat it through.

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

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ANNOUNCE ASIRT??

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Background:

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Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:50:47 PM
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Cc: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Revised Statement

As discussed revised statement for your review and then on to PSB for a fact check and approval.

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RE: PG Statement

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Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>, Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>, Maher, Melissa PSSG:EX <Melissa.Maher@gov.bc.ca>, Barrett, Andrew PSSG:EX <Andrew.Barrett@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 6, 2023 3:58:33 PM PST

Here's a clean copy with the edits in yellow highlight:

"The allegations of historic misconduct of members in Prince George are disturbing, and our government takes these allegations very seriously.

The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC) issued an interim report to the RCMP Commissioner outlining the failure of the RCMP to take action to address these complaints. The RCMP Commissioner agreed with the CRCC's findings and recommendations.

While this report is directed at the RCMP, I have spoken to my federal counterpart, Minister Mendicino about these serious allegations and BC's Director of Police Services has ordered an independent^{s.13} investigation by an external agency.

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The lead agency for this independent investigation will be announced shortly."

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From: Snoddon, Michael PSSG:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 6, 2023 3:53 PM

To: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: Re: PG Statement

Sorry. One more edit. Can we please say independent^{s.13} investigation?

Michael Snoddon (he/him)

Chief of Staff I Honourable Mike Farnworth

From: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:51:05 PM
To: Snoddon, Michael PSSG:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>; Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>; Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>; Maher, Melissa PSSG:EX <Melissa.Maher@gov.bc.ca>; Barrett, Andrew PSSG:EX <Andrew.Barrett@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PG Statement

Hi all,

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Thanks,
Michael

From: Snoddon, Michael PSSG:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 6, 2023 3:31 PM
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Subject: RE: PG Statement
Importance: High

Hi,

There are two changes- one from me and one from Olson (Olson's incoming shortly)

Mine:

deleting the line ^{s.13}

To replace the line with: "I recognize the wisdom, advocacy and ongoing action of family members, survivors, community leaders and partners. Their ongoing dedication to identifying and acting to prevent, protect and respond to violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ peoples has had an immeasurable impact on all British Columbians.

Thanks,
Michael

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Subject: RE: PG Statement

Thx for below. Including MO staff so all in the loop.

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 6, 2023 1:56 PM

To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX <David.Haslam@gov.bc.ca>; Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>; Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: PG Statement

Importance: High

Good afternoon – Glen has approved the below. He would like to speak to the MO before it goes out.

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Re: Outside Agency PG RCMP Investigation

From: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 7, 2023 7:02:11 PM PST

Hi- Approved but to be held until I confirm all mandatory notification steps have been completed.
Thanks
Glen

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From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:27:09 PM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Outside Agency PG RCMP Investigation

Hi Glen – PG statement for your review and approval. Only change from the one we did yesterday is the inclusion of ASIRT at the bottom. They would like approval today to be ready for tomorrow. Thanks!!

From: Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:01 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Outside Agency PG RCMP Investigation

Thanks Vedrana.

MO has scheduled a pro-active statement for 4:15p this afternoon. Will details be finalized and families notified by then?

Proposed statement below. Highlighted portions are areas that have changed since yesterday evening.

Thanks,

Chris

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

Minister's statement on independent Investigation into Prince George RCMP

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More on ASIRT:

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-serious-incident-response-team.aspx>

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From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:50 AM
To: Donnelly, Chris R GCPE:EX <Chris.R.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Outside Agency PG RCMP Investigation

Hi Chris – yes that’s correct. While ASIRT has been confirmed, we are not yet able to release this information as we are finalizing details with ASIRT and calls to the families have not yet been done. Let me know if there’s any issues.

Thanks!

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Cc: Nielsen, John PSSG:EX <John.Nielsen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Outside Agency PG RCMP Investigation

Good morning,

I’m assisting Danielle in updating the statement to add the outside agency. Can you please tell me who the outside agency is?

I’m told Alberta equivalent to the IIO. Is it the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT)?

Thanks,

RE: Draft- not yet approved

From: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2023 2:50:47 PM PST
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Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Draft- not yet approved

From: Snoddon, Michael PSSG:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Lewis, Glen PSSG:EX <Glen.Lewis@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Draft- not yet approved

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"As this is now an active investigation, no further comment will be made"

Background

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More on ASIRT: <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-serious-incident-response-team.aspx>

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RE: SolGen announcement of external review

From: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>
To: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2023 9:04:46 AM PST
Hi Dawn,

Here's the statement that was released yesterday evening.
[Minister's statement about independent investigation into Prince George RCMP](#)

All best,
Danielle

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From: Roberts, Dawn <dawn.roberts@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:43 AM
To: Bourgeois, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Bourgeois@gov.bc.ca>; Covic, Vedrana PSSG:EX <Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: SolGen announcement of external review

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Morning

Can you please share the statement the SolGen issued regarding the external review by AISERT.

We have media calls and I don't know what was announced.

Thanks

Dawn

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