

Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX

From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:06 AM
To: 'Steve Lackey'
Subject: RE: Savary Island Roads

Categories: FOI

Hi Steve,

I understand that Ashok Bhatti, Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation and infrastructure, is in communications with the Savary Island Committee re setting up a meeting to discuss the issues you raised.

I will wait to hear the outcome of this meeting before taking any further action.

Best regards,

Lynne

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Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Phone: 778-676-3562

From: Steve Lackey [<mailto:slackey@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Savary Island Roads

OK, Will work on that as you suggest.

Thank you again,

Steve

From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX [<mailto:Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: December 13, 2017 3:29 PM
To: 'Steve Lackey'
Subject: RE: Savary Island Roads

Thanks Steve,

I would like to suggest that you request a meeting with MLA Simons first and then put in a request to meet with the minister (cc MLA Simons on this request).

That way you will have the backing and support of the local MLA on this issue.

Best regards,

Lynne

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From: Steve Lackey [<mailto:slackey@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: Savary Island Roads

Good Afternoon Lynne:

Just a short note to thank you for your generous allowance of time this morning to meet with me and to hear our concerns regarding the safety issues and road conditions of our Savary Island Community. As discussed, I will forward by email our report by the end of this week. I also will drop off at your office a USB Flash Drive with this report on it for your use as you deem appropriate. This report will be broadly distributed to local, regional and provincial MOTI management, The Honourable Nicholas Simons, MLA (Powell River/Sunshine Coast) to your office, and, of course, our Savary Island Community and Association of Savary Island Committee Board (ASIC). If possible, we would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Minister and her staff the last week of January to review our report and our concerns. We would be available from January 22nd onward and would be able to bring a representative of the ASIC Board, the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department (and First Responders Ambulance Service), and representatives (2) of the ASIC Transportation Sub-Committee who developed this report. Our contingent would total no more than four Savary Island representatives in all.

Safety is the overriding concern for First Responder access (fire and medical) and for public safety on our roads on Savary Island. It has always been the driving factor for our efforts to achieve better road construction and maintenance on our Island. The historical misidentification of road category based on outdated information of our road usage on Savary has led to the perpetual poor road conditions that have become unacceptable to not only First Responders, but to island residents as well.

Thank you again for your time and consideration of this concern.

Yours truly,

Steve Lackey



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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Pearson, Michael TRAN:EX
Subject: Quadra Island road at Cape Mudge

Categories: FOI

Hi Mike,

The Minister met today with the Chief of the We Wai Kai Nation and one of the items discussed was the problem of the 'sinking' road leading down into Cape Mudge Village on Quadra Island.

The We Wai Kai Nation is looking at large infrastructure upgrades (new water lines etc) but the state of the road could have a major impact on this.

The Minister asked that I connect you with the spokesperson for the Nation – Rod Visser, s.22
rodvisser@middlepoint.ca

Would it be possible for you to contact him and discuss this?

Thanks so much,
Regards,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 8:43 AM
To: Greer, David TRAN:EX
Subject:
Attachments: s.16

Categories: FOI

Here you go David. Maybe this is still with FLNRORD – if so, could you check with them?
Best regards,
Lynne

From: Greer, David TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: s.16

Thanks Lynne, the letter would be helpful.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2018, at 2:14 PM, Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX <Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Would it help if I scanned the letter they sent to FLNRORD?
Maybe it is still with that ministry.
Also no rush on this – it can wait until you are back to work next week.
Lynne

From: Greer, David TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: s.16

Hi Lynne,
I'll check this out. First I have heard for this.
David

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2018, at 1:50 PM, Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX <Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear David,

s.16

The Minister suggested I contact you to ask if there has been any movement on this.

Let me know if you need more information.

Best regards,

Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 11:39 AM
To: Brian Assu (chief@wewaikai.com)
Cc: Rod Visser (rodvisser@middlepoint.ca)
Subject: update on items discussed at meeting with Minister Trevena

Categories: FOI

Dear Chief Assu,

I just wanted to send you an update on a couple of the issues you raised with Minister Trevena.

s.16

2. Road into Cape Mudge Village: I passed on Rod's contact information to Mike Pearson, Vancouver Island District Manager, Transportation. I asked that Mike connect with him to discuss this further and look at what options may be available.
3. Willis Rd acceleration lane: The project team was meeting and discussing the design prior to Christmas. I have asked for an update from the project manager.

Best regards,
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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Hayre, Courtney TRAN:EX
Subject: Sea to Sky Hwy - rail plan

Categories: FOI

Hi Courtney,

MLA Bowinn Ma has a constituent asking about the proposed sea-to-sky high speed rail plan. I understand that there was a feasibility study requested in 2016 by local governments. Was there any action on this?

thanks,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Millward, Zach LASS:EX
Subject: RE: Speed Limit Enquiry

Categories: FOI

Dear Zach,
Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this.
Here are some bullet points in response to your question.

In 2014, the Ministry updated its policy on transition speed limit zones.

- Transition zones are most effective between urban and rural area, where the surrounding development has a pattern of increasing development, indication to the driver that they are entering an urban area.
- It is not effective to use transition zones in locations where there are no indications to drivers that they are entering an urban area. Without the roadside cues, drivers do not tend to adjust their speed within the transition zone.
- The new 2014 policy is to use additional advanced signing (warning or regulatory) to warn drivers of upcoming speed limit changes in lieu of the transition zone. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/transportation-infrastructure/engineering-standards-and-guidelines/technical-circulars/2014/t09-14.pdf>
- The 80 km/h transition zone in this area was removed in 2015 in alignment with this new policy and as part of the provincial work done for the Rural Safety and Speed Review

Best regards,
Lynne

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From: Millward, Zach LASS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: Speed Limit Enquiry

Good morning,

One of our constituents is concerned about the speed limit in and around her town of Louis Creek BC. The speed limit was 80km but was raised to 100km. Travelling north, the speed limit turns to 60km at the town of Barriere which apparently causes some unsafe situations, as the local police often wait to catch people who do not slow down sufficiently.

This constituent believes that there should be a transition zone of 80km somewhere before the 60km to allow for safer driving practices.

Do we have any bullets or anything I might send to this constituent for information?

Thank you,

Zach Millward | Constituency Assistant

Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops – North Thompson

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Paton, Susan TRAN:EX
Subject: bullet points on funding for HandiDart

Categories: FOI

Hi Susan,

I am looking for bullet points so that I can craft a response to a constituent in Chilliwack area regarding HandiDart.

"Concerns with respect to the growing seniors population who appear to be outstripping the services being provided by the local HandiDart service. The constituent is particularly concerned that the funding for the supplemental taxi service for the fiscal year has now been exhausted with 3 months to go. The constituent is hoping that some additional funding will be put into place prior to the new fiscal year."

Can you help with this? Or should I go to Partnerships?

Thanks so much,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:17 AM
To: s.22
Subject: BC Ferries Community Investment Fund link

Categories: FOI

Hi s.22

Lovely to chat with you today. I will let Claire know about our conversation.

Here is the link to the BC Ferries Community Investment Fund. As I mentioned I do not think that BC Old Age Pensioners organization falls within the eligibility criteria, but you could try.

http://www.bcferries.com/about/community/community_investment.html

If you do apply I would mention on your application that it is not a lot of vehicles you are requesting to obtain free passage – if you could give some indication of the approx. number that might help.

As I mentioned we will also be reinstating free passenger fares for seniors travelling Monday to Thursday. These fare charges will take effect April 1, 2018. So that will help.

s.22

Best regards,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 10:56 AM
To: s.22
Subject: constacts for you

Categories: FOI

Dear s.22

It was nice to meet you today. I understand the stress this issue is having on you and your colleagues. I do hope that you get some resolution and assistance from your union.

Here is the contact information for the Ministers of Labour and Health. Please do copy Claire, as your MLA, on any correspondence. Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca

Honourable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
LBR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
HLTH.minister@gov.bc.ca

I will also speak with my colleagues in both these ministries and let you know if they have suggestions for further action.

Best regards,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Lewthwaite, Jennifer TRAN:EX
Subject: federal infrastructure funding

Categories: FOI

Hi Jen,

I have received a question from another Executive Assistant about some specific federal infrastructure funding. Is this something that Patrick's office may be able to assist with?

Here is the general information:

"...The President of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver has several projects in development (South Vancouver, Coquitlam, Surrey, Chilliwack). They had applied for \$15 million through the federal government in infrastructure grants. As I understand infrastructure funding from the federal government is channeled through the provincial government. The YMCA was a high priority for \$15 million in funding under the previous government. However, with the new government coming into place, they do not know if their standing remains. Wi I was hoping you could check about the status of the Greater Vancouver YMCA's federal funding application...."

Thanks so much for your direction.

Best,

Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 5:00 PM
To: Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX
Subject: RE: Transportation

Categories: FOI

Hi Christine,
I passed this over to Senior Ministerial Assistant, Derrick Harder. He will be in touch.
Best regards,
Lynne

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fleming.MLA, Rob [<mailto:Rob.Fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Transportation

Good Morning Lynne,

I hope this reaches you well. We received this message on Friday and I was wondering if there is a message from MOTI for our response.

Sincerely,

Christine Rousseau | Constituency Assistant | The Hon. Rob Fleming | MLA for Victoria-Swan Lake | 250-356-5022 | Christine.rousseau@leg.bc.ca

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Carstairs, Mary LASS:EX
Subject: RE: flooding

Categories: FOI

Update: the ditching has been done. One issue is that the culvert is too small and is smooth – this is part of the problem.

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From: Carstairs, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Carstairs@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: flooding

s.22 and the ditch is flooding and is full of weeds and Emcon is not doing enough. This issue has persisted for over 4 years.

Mary Carstairs | Constituency Assistant | Hon. Claire Trevena, MLA North Island
Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure
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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:05 PM
To: 'George Stuart'
Subject: RE:

Categories: FOI

Hi George,
I met with Alycia today and passed over your contact information. She will be in touch as soon as she is able.
Best,
Lynne

From: George Stuart [<mailto:G.Stuart@uplandgroup.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: RE:

Thanks Lynne, I look forward to hearing from her and it was nice to meet you.

George

From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX [<mailto:Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 8:22 AM
To: George Stuart
Subject: RE:

Thanks George, I will connect you with Alycia Traas, Operations Manager.
Best regards,
Lynne

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From: George Stuart [<mailto:G.Stuart@uplandgroup.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: FW:

Hi Lynne;

I was so nice to meet you today and will be great if you could put me in contact with the lady from the Ministry of Highways.

If you have any questions at all please call.

Thanks again

George Stuart
Parkway Properties Ltd.

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 5:03 PM
To: George Stuart
Subject:

Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX

From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Hathaway, Maggie LASS:EX
Subject: FW: Bike route signage
Attachments: TraC LT to N. Simons re bike route signage - signed (04-10-17).pdf

Categories: FOI

Hi Maggie,
Good to connect today.
Here is the original email from Kim re this.
Here is the link to the media release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0003-000043>
And the link to the Bike BC Fund:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/cycling-infrastructure-funding/apply-for-funding>

please let me know if you need anything else.
Best,
Lynne

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From: Tournat, Kim [<mailto:Kim.Tournat@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: Bike route signage

Hi Lynne, I hope you are doing well!

I believe this falls under MOTI. The request is for "bike route signage" on Hwy 101. The advocacy group has been advised by our area manager that there is no funding at this time. Here is a cut and paste of an email Tim Howard sent to me yesterday:

From: Tim Howard [<mailto:tim@thowardlaw.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Tournat, Kim <Kim.Tournat@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: alun woolliams s.22
Subject: Fwd: Bike Route signage

TRAC <coasttrac@gmail.com>

Hello Kim. We now have a response from Colin Midgley at MOTI on our request that MOTI fund installation of route signage for the Sunshine Coast Bike Route (see below). MOTI can't fund the signage that is actually

needed to provide useful directional guidance to cyclists (which requires signage near intersections etc.). At most he anticipates 6 - 7 signs, but he can't confirm funding for even that amount.

While this is disappointing, it's not a surprise. Lack of investment in cycling facilities (and frankly, highways generally) is the standard story on the Coast. We are wondering whether there is any opportunity for Nicholas to work with the Minister's office to turn this from another bad news under-funding story, into a "new government is supporting sustainable local economic development and active transportation" story. The funding is not huge - in the range of \$57,000 - and would make a critical contribution to the SCBR.

As an update, the Sunshine Coast Cycling Association has agreed to fund a large sign at the Langdale terminal, which is great news, and we are scheduling a meeting with Hannah Josephson, the Langdale terminal manager, in early December to discuss our proposal. She is supportive in principle, but there are layers of approval she has to go through.

Thanks for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you whether there is any role Nicholas can play in moving route signage forward.

Tim Howard | Aboriginal and Environmental Law

Please advise if this should be sent elsewhere.
Thanks!


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From: TraC [<mailto:coasttrac@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 9:42 PM

To: Tournat, Kim <Kim.Tournat@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Alun Woolliams

s.22

Subject: Re: Confirming meeting Friday

Hello Kim. Attached is the follow up letter we discussed at our meeting with Nicholas, focusing on funding support from MOTI for Sunshine Coast Bike Route signage. Let me know if we can provide any further information, and we will keep Nicholas updated on any discussions we have with MOTI's regional office.

Regards,

Tim

On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 10:08 AM, TraC <coasttrac@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Kim. Just confirming our meeting with Nicholas this Friday September 15 @ 9:30 at the Davis Bay constituency office. Alun Woolliams, TraC Vice President, will be joining me.

Thanks and looking forward to it,

Tim Howard

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Traas, Alycia M TRAN:EX
Subject: s.22

Categories: FOI

Hi Alycia,

The constituency office just had a call from a very irate constituent re s.22

The family just arrived home from vacation to again find their driveway flooded and sunk because of the ditch overflowing. This time a tree root ball had got stuck in the culvert and they had to remove it.

They also said that when they installed the culvert 8 years ago it was the one approved by the ministry.

Would you be able to meet them onsite?

Here is the contact info:

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Thanks,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX
Subject: Lower Lynn Interchange Project request for community meeting

Categories: FOI

Hi Ashok,

Jane Thornthwaite, MLA, North Vancouver Seymour, would like someone from the Ministry of Transportation to meet with some local community associations at her Constituency Office to speak about the next phase of the Lower Lynn Interchange Project. Jay Porter, Project Manager, has done this in the past.

Could I leave this with you to organize with the constituency office? The contact there is Nick Hosseinzadeh, Constituency Assistant. Nick.Hosseinzadeh@leg.bc.ca or s.22

Thanks so much and if you could loop me back in when this is organized I would appreciate it.

Best regards,
Lynne

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From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:20 PM
To: McLeod, Joshua LASS:EX
Subject: RE: 273867 Attention

Yes all routes – statement below from Minister.

“We will freeze the fares on the three routes between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and roll back fares by 15 per cent on all other routes, which were disproportionately affected by rising fares. We will also be reinstating free passenger fares for seniors travelling Monday to Thursday. These fare charges will take effect April 1, 2018.”

I'll get back to you as soon as I can with any info on the increased sailing questions.

Lynne

From: McLeod, Joshua [mailto:Joshua.McLeod@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 12:50 PM
To: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: 273867 Attention

Does free ferry passage for seniors apply to all routes?

Yeah, Sandspit is very small and the only village on Moresby island

Would be nice if they could reinstate some evening sailings for events that go on at the main island (Graham Island)

From: Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX [mailto:Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 11:41 AM
To: McLeod, Joshua <Joshua.McLeod@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 273867 Attention

Hi Joshua,

Thank you for forwarding this email.

You can let the constituent know that her MLA has brought this to the attention of the Minister.

I have heard nothing about increased sailings, but have sent in an inquiry; will let you know the outcome.

We do of course have the re-instatement of free ferry passage for seniors' on Monday to Thursday starting April 1st and also the rollback of the fares by 15% on the smaller routes.

Best regards,

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From: McLeod, Joshua [<mailto:Joshua.McLeod@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:27 PM

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX

Subject: 273867 Attention

Hello, any word on increased sailings for Skidegate- Alliford Bay?

Hi Jennifer.

Lots of talk in the news these days on the adverse effect loneliness is having on an aging population. So much so that UK has just appointed a Minister of Loneliness. What a great first step. I know that the percentage of all ages in BC living alone is really startlingly high. I think the government needs to begin the discussion. So where am I going with this conversation you might ask.

Up until four years ago the residents of Sandspit here on Haida Gwaii had evening options for recreation ,entertainment sports, AA, eating out,arts events board meetings, school PAC meetings, and all sorts of other activities. I could go on and on with the list We were able to access all the wonderful programs available on Graham Island. The evening ferry cutback has had a devastating effect on our community. People here never felt STUCK before this catastrophic cutback happened. Residents chose to live here in this resource based town, contributing to the wealth of the province, bringing up their families and many have remained until their later years, investing years of their lives into this little community. Many of these people are seniors on a fixed income and therefore cannot afford to move, yet these people have faithfully paid their taxes expecting as you can imagine life to get better. That is certainly not the case here. The quality of life has been sorely diminished by the lack of our evening ferry schedule. Many residents are feeling very lonely . We are now learning what an adverse effect mentally loneliness has on us all, no matter what our age.

As our government representative we need to hear your voice in the legislature loud and clear on this issue. Please discuss this with your colleagues at every opportunity you have. We haven't heard a peep out of our new Minister of Transportation on this most important issue. Maybe both you and she can come here together in the near future and speak with our residents. Thanks

s.22

Thanks

Josh



Joshua McLeod

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