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Cc: [Smith, Victoria](#) TRAN:EX; [Plamondon, Lea](#) TRAN:EX; [Kubisheski, Carlee](#) TRAN:EX; [Gedney, Vanessa R](#) TRAN:EX; [Neate, Sara](#) TRAN:EX; [Hitchman, Laurel](#) TRAN:EX
Subject: FOR ACTION: 301745/7992 | MRF/MBM MEETING | Rick Hansen Foundation | April 6
Date: March 23, 2021 3:03:00 PM
Attachments: [FW Meeting with Minister Fleming.msg](#)
[CLIFF ID 301745.msg](#)

Good afternoon, please prepare meeting materials for the following MRF/MBM meeting:

CLIFF/eApp #	301745 7992
MRF/MBM Meeting W/:	Rick Hansen Foundation
Briefing Purpose and Topic:	Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) <i>Attachments in CLIFF</i>
Participants:	Kaye Krishna, Kevin Volk, Steve Haywood, Kathy Kirby
Date:	April 6 th
Duration:	30 mins
Materials:	MBN
Due to FADM:	March 29 th
Due to DMO:	March 31st

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Thank you,

Brittany Gates

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From: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX
Sent: 23 Mar 2021 10:56:30 -0700
To: Kubisheski, Carlee TRAN:EX; Gates, Brittany TRAN:EX
Cc: Gedney, Vanessa R TRAN:EX; Hansen, Nicole E TRAN:EX; Privett, Kaleigh TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister Fleming

Hi all,

This meeting is now confirmed, we will need staff support and materials please and thanks! For reference this is related to CLIFFs 297561/301745

Thank you!!

Lisa Grant (she/her)

P: 250-387-1978

From: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX
Sent: March 23, 2021 10:56 AM
To: 'Nadine Jarry'
Cc: Hansen, Nicole E TRAN:EX ; Privett, Kaleigh TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister Fleming

Good morning Nadine,

Thank you for your quick reply!

This email is confirmation of the meeting scheduled for April 6 from 3:45pm – 4:15pm. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic this meeting will take place via MS Teams, please use the below link to join

Microsoft Teams meeting

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I will send a calendar invite to yourself and rhansen@rickhansen.com as well following this email.

Minister Fleming will be joined by Ministerial Advisors Veronica Harrison and/or Laura Casselman. He will also be joined by Minister of State Bowinn Ma and her Ministerial Advisor Richa Sharma.

Additionally the Executive Assistants Ella Champion and Gurveen Dhaliwal may join this meeting along with executive staff from the Ministry. Once I have confirmed the names of the Ministry staff I will send you an updated list.

Please keep in mind that although confirmed, this meeting is subject to change should Ministerial responsibilities arise. Should a scheduling conflict occur I will provide as much notice as possible and work with you to find a new date and time.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to connect with me, Nicole, or Kaleigh.

Cheers,

Lisa Grant (she/her)

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From: Nadine Jarry <njarry@rickhansen.com>
Sent: March 22, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister Fleming

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Hi Lisa,

Thanks so much for these options.

Tuesday, April 6th from 3:45pm – 4:15pm works for Mr. Hansen.

Please let me know if you would be able to send a calendar invite to rhansen@rickhansen.com with the link to connect, and also include my email as well for reference.

Mr. Hansen will most likely have someone from his team joining the meeting and I will let you know shortly who that will be. Please let me know if anyone from the Minister's staff will be joining as well.

Kind regards,

Nadine

Nadine Jarry

Senior Executive Coordinator

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Sent: March 22, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Rick Hansen <rhansen@rickhansen.com>

Subject: Meeting with Minister Fleming

Attn RHF Staff: This is an external e-mail.

Good afternoon,

Minister Fleming would be pleased to meet as per your recent request via voicemail, I apologize for our delayed response.

Currently I have the following dates and times available with Minister Fleming, please let me know if they would work with Mr. Hansen's schedule

- April 6 3:45 pm - 4:15pm
- April 13 3:00pm – 3:30pm
- April 15 3:30pm – 4:00pm

If none of these times will work please let me know and I will see what I am able to move around to open up some additional alternatives.

Cheers,

Lisa Grant (she/her)



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From: Brittany Gates
Sent: 23 Mar 2021 15:02:55 -0700
To: Gates, Brittany TRAN:EX
Subject: CLIFF ID 301745
Attachments: 301745 attention ac.mp3

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 Minister **Referral Slip for ID:301745**

2021/03/23

Log Type:	Telephone Call	Action:	Attention AC	Due:	2021/03/23
Batch:	Subaction:				

Type: Stakeholder	Written:	Resp Type:
Rick Hansen, Founder	Received: 2021/03/09	File No.:
Rick Hansen Foundation	Due: 2021/03/23	Entered By: S.15
	Approved:	Approved By:
	Signed:	Sign By:
	Closed:	

Address To:	Copy To:
Branch Rsp: Minister	Issue: Minister's Office-Meeting Request
X-Ref: 297561	Drafter:
MLA:	Electoral Dist:

Subject

Meeting request by telephone call - following up to correspondence from December 2020 (CLIFF 297561) - discuss promoting accessibility in BC

Referral MIN-Minister -> MINAC-Admin Coordnat					
From: MIN-Minister	Sent: 2021/03/09	Status: Pending	Ref Action: Attention AC		
To: MINAC-Admin Coordnat	Received:	Reason:	Subaction:		
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Referral MIN-Minister -> MINAC-Admin Coordnat -> WS-Writing Services					
From: MINAC-Admin Coordnat	Sent: 2021/03/09	Status: Completed	Ref Action: Attention		
To: WS-Writing Services	Received:	Reason:	Subaction:		

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MEETING BRIEFING NOTE

DATE: March 30, 2021

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure

ISSUE: Rick Hansen Foundation - Accessibility Certification

MEETING: Rick Hanse, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation on April 8, 2021

PROPOSED KEY MESSAGES:

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BACKGROUND:

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The British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide was released to deliver guidance on universal design for active transportation infrastructure and encourages the planning and design of communities that provide mobility for all ages and abilities.

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New regulations allow both rear and side entry accessible taxis and ride-hailing vehicles.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None.

Attachments:

1. Email of December 5, 2020 from Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation

PREPARED BY:	REVIEWED BY:	DATE:
Ian Pilkington, Chief Engineer Engineering Services	Ed Miska, A/Assistant Deputy Minister Highway Services	21-Mar-30
Andrea Mercer, Executive Director Transit Branch	Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister Transportation Policy and Programs	21-Mar-30
Jodi Dong, Executive Director, Community Policy and Leg. Transit Branch	Nancy Bain, Executive Financial Officer	N/A
Kirk Handrahan, Executive Director	Finance and Management Services Department	



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and Infrastructure

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Kathy Kirby, Executive Director
Policy and Legislation Branch

Vanessa Gedney on behalf of
Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister

21-Mar-30

ATTACHMENT 1: Email of December 5, 2020 from Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation

From: Rick Hansen <rhansen@rickhansen.com>

Sent: December 5, 2020 3:25 PM

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: 297561 - On behalf of the Rick Hansen Foundation

Dear Minister Fleming,

I wanted to congratulate you on your selection in the new role as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and wish you the very best with initiatives you will be undertaking on behalf of all British Columbians.

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for your hard work in your previous role as Minister of Education.

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We look forward to working with you and your government as we build a barrier-free province and extend BC's leadership nationally. All the while, deepening the positive impact throughout British Columbia as your government makes new infrastructure investments across all capital construction.

I will follow up directly in the new year to continue discussing how best to move forward together.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Rick

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From: Gates, Brittany TRAN:EX
To: Courtneall, Andrea TRAN:EX; Smith, Victoria TRAN:EX; Mazerolle, Beulah TRAN:EX
Cc: Pilkington, Kim TRAN:EX; Plamondon, Lea TRAN:EX; Kubisheski, Carlee TRAN:EX; Gedney, Vanessa R. TRAN:EX
Subject: FOR ACTION: 303364/9013 | MBM MEETING | Follow-up: Rick Hansen Foundation | Date: June 10
Date: May 25, 2021 11:31:00 AM
Attachments: FW Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma.msg
2021-03-30_301745_MIN.MBN_Rick Hansen Foundation - Accessibility Certification.pdf

Good morning, please have staff prepare materials for the following MBM meeting:

CLIFF/eApp #	303364 9013
Meeting W/:	Doramy Ehling, CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation
Topic/Purpose:	Follow-up to previous meeting on April 8 th (<i>Attached meeting note 301745 for reference</i>)
Participants:	TBC – Please advise who will attend and take the lead on this meeting
Date:	June 11
Time:	10:00 – 10:30
Materials:	MBN
Due to DMO:	June 3

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Thank you,

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From: Hansen, Nicole E TRAN:EX
Sent: 25 May 2021 09:39:16 -0700
To: Kubisheski, Carlee TRAN:EX; Gates, Brittany TRAN:EX; Gedney, Vanessa R TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

Good Morning all,

Apologizes for not using the correct template.. I can not find it to save my life/ this isn't cliffed yet!

Hoping to get staff, materials/ briefing note on the below.

"I would like request your assistance in scheduling a meeting with Minister Ma and Doramy Ehling, CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation in follow-up to their last discussion on April 8th. "

Please let me know if you need anything else from me. I have scheduled this for June 11th at 10-10:30am

Best,



Nicole Hansen

Administrative Assistant

The Office of the Hon. Bowinn Ma

Minister of State for Infrastructure

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

P: 250-387-1978 C: 778-679-3134 E: Nicole.E.Hansen@gov.bc.ca

From: Connie Savage <csavage@rickhansen.com>
Sent: May 18, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Nicole E TRAN:EX <Nicole.E.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

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Thanks so much Lisa!

Nicole – nice to (virtually) meet you! Please do let me know what might be possible in the Minister's schedule.

Best regards,
Connie

From: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Connie Savage <csavage@rickhansen.com>
Cc: Privett, Kaleigh TRAN:EX <Kaleigh.Privett@gov.bc.ca>; Hansen, Nicole E TRAN:EX <Nicole.E.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

Hi Connie,

Nicole Hansen actually takes care of Minister Ma's schedule, I have cc'd her on this email so that she can respond with the Minister's availability during the below windows.

Cheers,

Lisa Grant (she/her)
P: 250-387-1978

From: Connie Savage <csavage@rickhansen.com>
Sent: May 17, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Privett, Kaleigh TRAN:EX <Kaleigh.Privett@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

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Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX

To: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

From: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 12:53 PM
To: Harrison, Veronica TRAN:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Casselman, Laura TRAN:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Scheduling meeting with Minister Ma

Ok to send to Nicole to schedule?

Lisa Grant (she/her)
P: 250-387-1978

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