February 15, 2016

Dear [Name],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act LAAO/002/2016

On January 18, 2016, the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office received your request for access to the following records:

“All communications, (emails, notes, letters, etc) between the Premier's Office and the Office of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs from January 1st - January 18th, 2016.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office to provide access to some of the requested information. In particular, access is granted to the following records:

• Emails dated January 2-11, 2016
• Emails dated January 12-18, 2016
• Signed Information Notes

Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

27. (1) In this section, "cabinet record" means
(i) that portion of a record which contains information about the contents of a record within a class of information referred to in paragraphs (a) to (h).

27. (2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant
(a) a cabinet record;
29. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would
Reveal
(a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a
public body or minister;

30. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information
(a) that is subject to solicitor and client privilege or litigation privilege of a public body; or
(b) that would disclose legal opinions provided to a public body by a law officer of the
Crown.

34. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the
disclosure could reasonably be expected to
(a) harm the conduct by the government of the province of relations between that
government and the following or their agencies:
   (i) the government of Canada or a province,
   (v) the Nunatsiavut Government
(b) reveal information received in confidence from a government, council or organization
   listed in paragraph (a) or their agencies.

40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant
where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal
privacy.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and
have provided you with as much information as possible.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been
enclosed.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy
Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as
set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your
reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of
the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your
appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.
The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Michelin, ATIPP Coordinator (A) at (709) 896-1780 or by email at kathymichelin@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Kathy Michelin
ATIPP Coordinator (A)

Enclosures
Emails dated January 2-11, 2016
Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's review, is an email to Premier Ball from Naomi Sharpe on behalf of Mayor Jamie Snook of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, forwarding letters from the Mayor to the Premier and to Minister Trimper requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister.

We are asking your office to prepare a draft reply for the Premier's signature, indicating that the Premier plans to visit Labrador early in 2016 and looks forward to a meeting when travel schedules are finalized.

Please return the draft reply to premier@gov.nl.ca account. Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2015/0071
Title: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Trimper
Premier,

From: Naomi, Public Relations <publicrelations@happyvalley-goosebay.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Premier,
Cc: Perry Trimper; contact@perrytrimper.com; Mayor; Wyman Jacque
Subject: Town HV-GB Letter- Meeting request

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Red Category

Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of NL:

Please view the attached letter on behalf of His Worship Mayor Jamie Snook and the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Kind Regards,

Naomi Sharpe
Public Relations & Special Events Manager
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
212 Hamilton River Rd
PO Box 40, Stn B
NL A0P 1E0
(709) 896-3254
www.happyvalley-goosebay.com
Follow us on Twitter: @Town_HVGB
December 15, 2015

The Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
The Office of the Premier
Confederation Building, East Block
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Premier:

On behalf of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations on your successful campaign and election as the 13th Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador.

We have confidence that under your leadership, the new Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will make significant contributions to the province and its people.

Through your role as Premier and Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, we would like to formally request a meeting with yourself and Minister Trimper, as our local M.H.A., to discuss partnership and opportunities between the municipality and the Provincial Government.

Thank you and we look forward to building a working relationship.

Kind Regards,

Jamie Snook
Mayor
Happy Valley-Goose Bay

cc. The Honourable Perry Trimper, M.H.A. for Lake Melville
Minister of Environment and Conservation
Honourable Perry Trimper, M.H.A for Lake Melville:

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December 15, 2015

The Honourable Perry Trimper, M.H.A. for Lake Melville
Minister of Environment and Conservation
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Constituency Office
PO Box 274, Stn. C
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL
A0P 1E0

Dear Minister Trimper:

On behalf of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, I would like to offer our congratulations on your successful campaign and election as the Member of the House of Assembly for Lake Melville as well as your appointment to Cabinet. We look forward to establishing a working partnership as we progress under the new Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Your advocacy and support within our community is appreciated and we are confident that you will be a strong leader for our region.

Through your role as our local M.H.A and as a Provincial Cabinet Minister, we would like to formally request a meeting with yourself and Premier Dwight Ball to discuss partnership and opportunities between the municipality and the Provincial Government.

Thank you and we look forward to building a working relationship.

Kind Regards,

Jamie Snook
Mayor
Happy Valley-Goose Bay

cc. The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of NL
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is a letter to the Premier from Paul Canning, Administrator with the International Grenfell Association. We are requesting a draft response for the Premier's signature. Please return draft reply to premier@gov.ni.ca account. Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0033
Title: Letter to Premier Ball from International Grenfell Association enclosing copy of the International Grenfell Association's annual fall newsletter for 2015
Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Hon. Dwight Ball  
Premier  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
P.O. Box 8700, Confederation Building  
St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Premier Ball,

Please find enclosed the latest copy of the International Grenfell Association’s annual fall newsletter, this one for 2015. We hope you find it both informative and interesting.

Our annual newsletter once again offers a sample of the types of activities that the IGA has been involved in over the past year, for the benefit of the residents of northern Newfoundland and coastal Labrador, IGA’s traditional service area.

As you can see, the IGA offers incredible support to projects in health, education, and in community-based initiatives, while maintaining its support for students from its service area through its Bursary Program.

Please feel free to contact the IGA office at any time, if you would like to discuss or inquire about any aspect of the IGA’s ongoing activities.

On behalf of the IGA, all the best for a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul Canning  
Administrator  
International Grenfell Association
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Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is an email from Bert Pomeroy with attached letter from Sarah Leo, President of Nunatsiavut Secretariat requesting a meeting with Nunatsiavut Executive Council and provincial Cabinet in Nain. We are requesting a draft response be prepared for the Premier's signature.

Note - another email will be sent to you shortly with a second letter from President Sarah Leo requesting a meeting with Premier on Voisey's Bay Project.

Thanks,
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0037
Title : Email from Bert Pomeroy with attached letter from Sarah Leo, President of Nunatsiavut Executive Council requesting a meeting of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and provincial Cabinet in Nain
Dear Premier,

President Leo asked me to forward this to you.

Regards,

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Bert Pomeroy
Director of Communications
(709) 896-8582
Hyperlink "mailto:bert_pomeroy@nunatsiavut.com"bert_pomeroy@nunatsiavut.com
December 21, 2015

Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier
Confederation Building, East Block
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Premier,

On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government and Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes and congratulations to you on your recent election victory and subsequent swearing in as Newfoundland and Labrador's 13th Premier.

As well, I am encouraged by your decision to take on the role of Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs. I look forward to working directly with you on matters of mutual concern and interest, as we move forward in advancing the social and economic wellbeing of Labrador Inuit and our communities.

While we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a government to date, we are also mindful of the enormous challenges that lie ahead.

A meeting between the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and the provincial Cabinet would provide an awareness and appreciation of each other’s views and concerns on matters of importance to both of our governments. I would be more than happy to have my officials facilitate such a meeting in Nain.

In the meantime, I think it is important that the two of us meet as soon as practical, to open lines of communication and to begin the process of establishing a strong working relationship, one built on trust and respect.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leo
President

cc: Nunatsiavut Executive Council
Hi Karen,

Here's the second letter from President Sarah Leo, Nunatsiavut Secretariat requesting a meeting with Premier on the Voisey's Bay Project. Please bring to Aubrey's attention and for preparation of a draft response for Premier's signature.

Please return draft replies to premier@gov.nl.ca account. Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0036
Title : Email from Bert Pomeroy with letter from Sarah Leo, President of Nunatsiavut Secretariat requesting a meeting with the Premier to discuss Voisey's Bay Project
Hi Virginia,
Could you please pass along the attached letter from President Leo to the Premier.

Regards,

On Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 9:48 AM, Premier, wrote:

Thanks.

From: Bert Pomeroy [mailto:HYPERLINK "mailto:bert_pomeroy@nunatsiaxut.com"bert_pomeroy@nunatsiaxut.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: Re: Meeting Request

Thank you Virginia,

Enjoy the holidays!

On Tue, Dec 22, 2015 at 8:13 AM, Premier, wrote:

Good Morning Bert,

This will acknowledge receipt of your email and attached letter from President Leo.

I will provide the letter to the Premier at the earliest opportunity.

Regards,
Virginia Connors
Office of the Premier

From: Bert Pomeroy [mailto:HYPERLINK "mailto:bert_pomeroy@nunatsiavut.com"bert_pomeroy@nunatsiavut.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Premier,
Cc: NG-Executive Council
Subject: Meeting Request

Dear Premier,

President Leo asked me to forward this to you.

Regards,

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Bert Pomeroy
Director of Communications
HYPERLINK "tel:(709) 896-8582"(709) 896-8582
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December 22, 2015

Hon. Dwight Ball  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador  
PO Box 8700  
Confederation Building  
St. John's, NL  A1B 4J6

Dear Premier Ball,
Sincerely,

Sarah Leo
President

cc: Nunatsiavut Executive Council
Good morning Virginia,

The letter from Chief Misel Joe was not attached in this email, can we get a copy of the letter please?

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:21 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Cc: Nippard, Melissa
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0080 : Email from Alma Benoit with attached letter of December 16, 2015 from Saqamaw Misel Joe, Miawpukek First Nation indicating disappointed that an Aboriginal person was not selected to Cabinet

Hi Ladies,

Sorry for any confusion about the other emails and wrong attachments.

Here is the email and attached letter from Chief Misel Joe for Aubrey's attention. We are requesting a draft response for the Premier's signature at the earliest opportunity. Please note that Chief Misel Joe called and was speaking with the Premier on December 17th - the Premier is aware of his letter.

Would you please return the draft letter to premier@gov.nl.ca

Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2015/0080
Title : Email from Alma Benoit with attached letter of December 16, 2015 from Saqamaw Misel Joe, Miawpukek First Nation indicating disappointed that an Aboriginal person was not selected to Cabinet
Good afternoon Virginia,

I have attached a draft response to the letter ICOR2015/0083 for the Premier to consider. Any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:42 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Cc: Nippard, Melissa
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0083 : Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Hi ladies,

Attached, for Aubrey’s review, is a letter of congratulations to Premier from National Chief Dwight Dorey, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. We are requesting a draft response for the Premier’s signature at the earliest opportunity. Please return the draft letter to premier@gov.nl.ca Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2015/0083
Title : Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
January 04, 2016

National Chief Dwight Dorey, MA
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
867 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, OM
K1K 3B1

Dear National Chief Dorey,

Thank you for your congratulatory letter dated December 02, 2015.

My Government is committed to working with all Aboriginal people and governments, both in Newfoundland and Labrador and throughout Canada, in order to support Aboriginal people in achieving their aspirations and improving socioeconomic outcomes on the individual and community levels.

The importance of this work was underlined by my personal assumption of responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs; I look forward to playing a leadership role in ensuring programs and services are culturally meaningful and appropriate for Aboriginal people in Newfoundland and Labrador, in ensuring development decisions are made with openness, transparency and accountability, and in ensuring the respect of and consideration for concerns, interests and cultural heritage of the Aboriginal people and communities of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future, whether through our Government's continuing participation in the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group, unwavering support for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, or chairmanship of the Council of the Federation leading up to the Summer 2016 meeting of Premiers and National Aboriginal Organisation Leaders.

Once again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier
Michelin, Kathy

From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 8:22 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: Fax from Assembly of First Nations
Attachments: Scanned from a GNL Xerox Multifunction Printer.pdf

Good morning,

I have attached a fax that came to our office this morning, addressed to the Honourable Dwight Bell. Should I send it up?

Thanks,

Karen Hunter
Secretary to Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700, 6th Floor East Block
Confederation Building, St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6
Tel: 729 - 6401
Fax: 729 - 4900

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Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 8:43 AM
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FROM: Suzanne Campeau

DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities

NOTES: Greetings,

Please be advised that the Assembly of First Nations will be hosting the First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities taking place February 10-11, 2016 in Vancouver, BC. Attached, please find the Energy forum brochure outlining: forum topics and highlights; forum hotel information; and, the registration form. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this event. Please watch for updates on the Forum at www.afn.ca.

Should you have any questions regarding the Energy Forum please contact the Assembly of First Nations at 613.241.6789 or by email at energyforum@afn.ca.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

If you are missing pages of this fax please contact Suzanne Campeau by email at scampeau@afn.ca or by telephone at 613.241.6789 ext 224 or toll free at 1.866.869.6789, Ext 224.
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 Michelin, Kathy

From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: RE: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0083 : Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Good morning,

Yes please, we usually get a copy of signed correspondence our office has drafted.

Thanks,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 5:36 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Cc: Nippard, Melissa
Subject: RE: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0083 : Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Thanks Karen. Should I send a signed copy back to you for your records?

Virginia

-----Original Message-----
From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Premier,
Cc: Nippard, Melissa
Subject: RE: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0083 : Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

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Thank you,
Karen

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Cc: Nippard, Melissa  
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence: ICOR2015/0083: Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

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Virginia

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Title: Letter from Dwight Dorey, MA, National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples to Premier-Designate congratulating on the election as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
Good afternoon,

I have attached a draft copy of a response to President Leo for the Premier's consideration.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 3:19 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0037 : Email from Bert Pomeroy with attached letter from Sarah Leo, President of Nunatsiavut Executive Council requesting a meeting of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and provincial Cabinet in Nain

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Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0037
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January 05, 2016

Ms. Sarah Leo
President
Nunatsiavut Government
25 Ikajuktauvik Road
P. O. Box 70
Nain, NL
A0P 1L0

Dear President Leo,

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2015 expressing your best wishes and congratulations on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government and Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

As you noted, I place such importance and emphasis on my Government’s relationship with Aboriginal governments and people that I have personally assumed responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs, and hope that our relationship can be one of mutual respect, trust, and candour. I look forward to working with you and the Nunatsiavut Government to advance the social and economic wellbeing of Inuit communities and Inuit Beneficiaries.

I agree we ought to meet in the near future, and note I am scheduled to visit Labrador within the next month or so, which would provide a possible opportunity to meet. I will ask my officials to liaise with yours to coordinate schedules and logistics.

Thank you for your offer to host a joint Cabinet meeting in Nain. Although there may be challenges in doing so in the immediate future, I will ask my officials to work with your officials to identify some potential opportunities for a joint Cabinet meeting. Perhaps we could also discuss this issue at our meeting in February.

Once again, thank you for your kind words and I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier
Hi Karen,

Attached, for your records, is the signed copy of Premier Ball's letter to National Chief Dwight Dorey.

Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: OCOR2016/0082
Title: Letter of acknowledgement from Premier Ball to National Chief Dwight Dorey, MA, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, dated January 4, 2016
January 4, 2016

National Chief Dwight Dorey, MA
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
867 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, ON
K1K 3B1

Dear National Chief Dorey,

Thank you for your congratulatory letter dated December 2, 2015.

My Government is committed to working with all Aboriginal people and governments, both in Newfoundland and Labrador and throughout Canada, in order to support Aboriginal people in achieving their aspirations and improving socio-economic outcomes on the individual and community levels.

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Once again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier
MHA, Humber-Gros Morne
On the HVGB office space, I think we should show Premier the space on the Premier’s next visit to HVGB, so that he can meet the staff, and see the space for himself. The current space was originally occupied in 2001-02 when former Premier Tobin created the Department of LAA. Likewise, he can also see the Wabush space.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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Hi Karen,
Attached, for your records, is a copy of the letter from Premier Ball to President Sarah Leo of the Nunatsiavut Government.
Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: OCOR2016/0084
Title: Letter from Premier Ball to President Sarah Leo, Nunatsiavut Government, in response to her letter of December 21, 2015 requesting a meeting with Cabinet
January 6, 2016

Ms. Sarah Leo
President
Nunatsiavut Government
25 Ikajuktauvik Road
P. O. Box 70
Nain, NL A0P 1L0

Dear President Leo,

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2015 expressing your best wishes and congratulations on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government and Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

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Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier
MHA, Humber-Gros Morne

Cc: Randy Edmunds, MHA, Torngat Mountains
Good morning,

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Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 11:58 AM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0082 : Signed letter of December 16, 2015 from Chief Misel Joe of Conne River to Premier Ball

Hi Karen,
Sorry about not sending the actual letter from Chief Misel Joe with my earlier email. Here it is.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2015/0082
Title : Signed letter of December 16, 2015 from Chief Misel Joe of Conne River to Premier Ball
January 05, 2016

Saqamaw Misel Joe
Miawpukek First Nation
Conne River, NL
A0H 1J0

Dear Saqamaw Joe,

Thank you for your best wishes and congratulatory comments in your letter of 16 December 2015, and it was a pleasure to speak with you on December 17, 2015.

I, too, believe the three women in Cabinet will have a very important influence on public policy.

While I note the views in your letter, I must assure you that I place such importance and emphasis on my Government’s relationship with Aboriginal governments and people that I decided to personally assume responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs, and I look forward to the opportunities for leadership and progress in areas important to Aboriginal people in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Any successes can only be achieved in collaboration and partnership with Aboriginal governments and organisations in Newfoundland and Labrador, and I echo your hopes that our relationship can be a strong one, and built on principles of respect, trust, honesty and candour. I look forward to working with you and the Miawpukek First Nation to advance the social and economic wellbeing of its members, including through the continued advancement of Final Self-Government Agreement negotiations.

Please note my Government continues to support efforts to repatriate the remains of Demasduit and Nonosabusut from National Museums Scotland, working with the governments of Canada and the United Kingdom as required to ensure there is no further injustice to their memory. I am aware of your own leadership and advocacy on this important issue, and look forward to achieving this common goal.

Once again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball
Premier

c.c. Ms. Tracy Perry, MHA
Good morning,

Please find attached a draft response to Clint Davis for the consideration of the Premier.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:46 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Cc: Nippard, Melissa
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0084 : Letter of congratulations from Clint Davis, Chairman of the Board of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to Premier-designate Ball and giving a brief overview of the company

Hi Ladies,
Please find attached letter of congratulations to Premier from Clint Davis of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. Would you please bring to Aubrey's attention to prepare a draft response for the Premier's signature. Please return the draft to premier@gov.nl.ca Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number:   ICOR2015/0084
Title :   Letter of congratulations from Clint Davis, Chairman of the Board of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to Premier-designate Ball and giving a brief overview of the company
January 05, 2016

Mr. Clint Davis  
Chairman of the Board  
Nunatsiavut Group of Companies  
2-6 Royal Street  
P.O. Box 1000  
Happy Valley – Goose Bay, NL  
A0P 1E0

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thank you for your letter dated December 2, 2015 and your congratulations, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies.

Economic development and diversification will be foci of my Government as we face significant challenges in managing and distributing public finances. I look forward to the contributions of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies in pursuing these goals.

As you may know, I have personally assumed responsibility for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs; I look forward to providing leadership on the challenges associated with these responsibilities, and reiterate my Government’s commitment to supporting the economic and social development of all of Labrador, and ensuring the unique perspectives of Labrador, its regions, and its Aboriginal people are considered when making Government decisions.

I can also assure you, the Government which I lead will certainly look to discharging all the duties resting on it pursuant to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

Once again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball  
Premier
From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: RE: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0071 : Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Trim
Attachments: Mayor Snook Response.doc

Good morning,

Please find attached a draft response to Mayor Snook for the Premier's consideration.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2015/0071 : Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Trimper

Hi Karen,
Attached, for Aubrey's review, is an email to Premier Ball from Naomi Sharpe on behalf of Mayor Jamie Snook of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, forwarding letters from the Mayor to the Premier and to Minister Trimper requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister.

We are asking your office to prepare a draft reply for the Premier's signature, indicating that the Premier plans to visit Labrador early in 2016 and looks forward to a meeting when travel schedules are finalized.

Please return the draft reply to premier@gov.nl.ca account. Thanks.

Virginia

-----< HP TRIM Record Information >-----

Record Number: ICOR2015/0071
Title: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Trimper
January 6, 2016

Mr. Jamie Snook  
Mayor  
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay  
P.O. Box 40, Station B  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL A0P 1E0

Dear Mayor Snook:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 15, 2015 requesting a meeting to discuss future partnerships and opportunities between the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I look forward to building strong relationships with all communities in Labrador. I am in the process of scheduling a visit to Labrador for early this year and once finalized Minister Trimper and I will confirm a meeting date.

Officials from Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will be touching base with you to confirm a meeting time and location in the coming weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your kind words of congratulation and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

cc The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Conservation
Good afternoon,

Please find attached a draft response to Mr. Paul Canning for the consideration of the Premier.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0033 : Letter to Premier Ball from International Grenfell Association enclosing copy of the International Grenfell Association’s annual fall newsletter for 2015

Hi Karen,
Attached, for Aubrey’s attention, is a letter to the Premier from Paul Canning, Administrator with the International Grenfell Association. We are requesting a draft response for the Premier’s signature. Please return draft reply to premier@gov.nl.ca account. Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0033
Title : Letter to Premier Ball from International Grenfell Association enclosing copy of the International Grenfell Association’s annual fall newsletter for 2015
January 5, 2016

Mr. Paul Canning  
Administrator, International Grenfell Association  
81 Kenmount Road, 2nd Floor  
St John’s NL  
A1B 3P8

Dear Mr. Canning:

Thank you for keeping me apprised of the great work of the International Grenfell Association. I have referred the annual 2015 newsletter to my officials at Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs for their information and review.

I look forward to working with you on matters of mutual interest and I wish the International Grenfell Association continued success for the New Year and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
Karen, please TRIM.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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-----Original Message-----
From: Roberts, Edna
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:55 AM
To: 'darryl.shiwak@nunatsiavut.com'
Cc: Trimper, Perry; Gover, Aubrey; Goebel, Martin
Subject: Response letter from Minister Trimper
Importance: High

Good Day Minister Shiwak,

Please see the attached response letter in reply to your congratulatory letter to Minister Trimper.

Thanks and have a great day.

Regards

Edna Roberts
Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Perry Trimper Minister of Environment and Conservation 4th Floor, West Block Confederation Building, St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6

(Tel) 709-729-2574 (Fax) 709-729-0112
(Email) eroberts@gov.nl.ca
Honourable Darryl Shiwak  
Minister of Lands and Natural Resources  
Nunatsiavut Government  
25 Ikajuktauvik Road  
PO Box 70  
Nain NL A0P 1L0  

Dear Minister Shiwak:

Re: Harvard Research Paper on Methylmercury

I write in response to your letter of December 17, 2015 and I thank you for your kind message on my appointment as Minister of Environment and Conservation. I look forward to this new role as well as my role as MHA for Lake Melville District.

On the issue of methylmercury I have been receiving information through my initial briefings but I would be interested in discussing this directly with you so that I can hear your concerns firsthand. I agree that a face to face meeting should be arranged as soon as possible. My officials and I are already exploring opportunities for this to occur in January with the objective of meeting in Happy Valley - Goose Bay.

I look forward to meeting with you. My office will be in touch once potential times for a meeting have been identified.

Sincerely,

PERRY TRIMPER, MHA  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister

cc: Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier  
Mr. Aubrey Gover, Deputy Minister,  
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office  
Mr. Martin Goebel, Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Department of Environment and Conservation
Please Trim

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Premier," <Premier@gov.nl.ca>
Date: January 7, 2016 at 6:05:39 PM NST
To: "flatbayband@gmail.com" <flatbayband@gmail.com>
Cc: "Reid, Scott" <scottreid@gov.nl.ca>, "Gover, Aubrey" <aubreygover@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Dear Chief LaSaga,

I am writing in response to your invitation to Premier Ball to attend a meeting at the Flat Bay Band Office on January 28, 2016.

We understand that MHA Scott Reid plans to attend this meeting, however, the Premier and Deputy Minister Aubrey Gover are both unavailable at that time due to their attendance at the Northern Lights Conference in Ottawa. If you are in agreement, Brian Harvey (Director, Aboriginal Affairs) could attend this meeting on Mr. Gover’s behalf. Alternatively, we could try for another date when Mr. Gover is available.

Regards,
Virginia Connors
Office of the Premier

From: Premier,
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 5:25 PM
To: flatbayband@gmail.com
Cc: Reid, Scott
Subject: RE: Meeting

Dear Chief LaSaga,

Thank you for your email of December 28, 2015 to Premier Ball inviting him to the January 28, 2016 meeting at the Flat Bay Band Office. I wish to advise you that your request will be brought to the Premier’s attention at the earliest opportunity. Your meeting request will be given every consideration as we coordinate the Premier’s schedule for the month of January. You may expect to receive a reply back from our office early in the New Year.

Regards,
Virginia Connors
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Liz LaSaga <flatbayband@gmail.com>  
Date: December 28, 2015 at 7:37:06 AM HST  
To: Frances & Calvin <calshunting45@eastlink.ca>, Arlene Blanchard-White <blanchardarlene@hotmail.com>, Stewart MacNeil <s.40(1)> joanne Miles <s.40(1)>, Cassandra Beanland <cassandra.beanland.93@gmail.com>, "Regional Chief Morley Googoo" <s.40(1)>, "Ball, Dwight" <s.40(1)>, "Brendan Mitchell" <s.40(1)>, "scottreid@gov.nl.ca" <s.40(1)>

Subject: Meeting

Good Day Respected People and Partners in Our Mi'kmaq Movement!

I hope everyone is thoroughly enjoying the blessings of this season.

In staying true to my intent to gather us soon for a meeting about the Flat Bay Band's unique situation, I am posing a meeting date for your consideration.

Location: Flat Bay Band Office, Flat Bay, NL  
Date: Friday, January 28th, 2016  
Time: 1:00

Kindly let me know if this is a good time/place in your schedule.

Everyone, thank you so much for your continued devotion and service.

--
Ewipkek. (Calm Waters)
Chief Liz LaSaga

No'kmaq Village (The Flat Bay Band Inc.)
P.O. Box 15, Site 2  
Flat Bay, NL A0N-1Z0
Tel: (709) 647-1370
Fax: (709) 275-3330

www.flatbaynl.com
www.healingournationnl.ca

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Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's review is an invitation to Premier Ball from Suzanne Campeau, Assembly of First Nations to attend the First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities to be held in Vancouver from February 10 - 11, 2016. We are requesting a reply from Aubrey to Ms. Campeau. Please provide us with a copy of the reply (send to premier@gov.nl.ca).

Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0120
Title: Invitation to Premier Ball from the Assembly of First Nations regarding the First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities taking place in Vancouver, BC on February 10 and 11, 2016
TO: Honourable Dwight Bell

FAX: 709-729-4900

PAGES (INCLUDING COVER): 6

FROM: Suzanne Campeau

DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities

NOTES:
Greetings,

Please be advised that the Assembly of First Nations will be hosting the First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities taking place February 10-11, 2016 in Vancouver, BC. Attached, please find the Energy forum brochure outlining: forum topics and highlights; forum hotel information; and, the registration form. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this event. Please watch for updates on the Forum at www.afn.ca

Should you have any questions regarding the Energy Forum please contact the Assembly of First Nations at 613.241.6789 or by email at enerayforum@afn.ca.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

If you are missing pages of this fax please contact Suzanne Campeau by email at scampeau@afn.ca or by telephone at 613.241.6789 ext 224 or toll free at 1.866.869.6789, Ext 224..
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If you wish to obtain a copy please contact the ATIPP Office at (709) 729-7072 or atippoffice@gov.nl.ca.
Michelin, Kathy

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 7:53 PM
To: Connors, Virginia; Harvey, Brian
Cc: Hunter, Karen
Subject: FW: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence: ICOR2016/0064: Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that [redacted] are no longer a Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement
Attachments: Letter from Ashley [redacted] are no longer a Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.PDF

Section 29(1)(a)

These require no action and are routine. Most LAA Ministers, at most, view these as FYI. We do have a look at them, but without more, will not action them, and will keep them on file here at LAA.

Brian, please have the usual action taken. Karen, this is completed.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Premier,
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence: ICOR2016/0064: Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that [redacted] are no longer a Beneficiary...

Hi Karen,
Attached, for Aubrey’s attention, is a letter to Premier Ball from Ashley Dicker regarding persons who are no longer Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Please advise if any further action is required.
Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0064
Title: Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that [redacted] are no longer a Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement

Section 40(1)
December 21, 2015

Premier Dwight Ball
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Mr. Premier:

This is to advise you that the following persons are no longer Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Please would you remove this individual’s names from your copy of the Register of Beneficiaries.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]
Registrar of Beneficiaries
Nunatsiavut Government
Michelin, Kathy

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 7:55 PM
To: Connors, Virginia; Harvey, Brian; Hunter, Karen
Subject: FW: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0065 : Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that is no long a Beneficiary of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement

Attachments:
Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, that is no long a Beneficiary of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.PDF

As per previous.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Premier,
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 11:11 AM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0065 : Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that is no long a Beneficiary of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement

Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is another letter to Premier from Ashley Dicker advising no longer Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Please advise if any further action is required.

Thanks,
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0065
Title : Letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that is no long a Beneficiary of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement
December 21, 2015

Premier Dwight Ball
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Premier:

This is to advise you that [Redacted] is no longer a Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Please would you remove this individual’s name from your copy of the Register of Beneficiaries.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]

Ashley Dicker
Registrar of Beneficiaries
Nunatsiavut Government
From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 8:40 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Correspondence Follow-up: COR-2016-000005-01: Email - Draft response to Majoy Snook Re: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting
Attachments: Email RE: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence: ICOR2015/0071: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Tri

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Record Number: COR-2016-000005-01
Title: Email - Draft response to Majoy Snook Re: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Tri
Good morning,

Please find attached a draft response to Mayor Snook for the Premier's consideration.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Premier,
Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2016 6:51 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: TRIM: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence: ICOR2015/0071: Email from Naomi Sharpe, Public Relations and Special Events Manager and attached letter from Mayor Jamie Snook, Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister Trimper

Hi Karen,
Attached, for Aubrey's review, is an email to Premier Ball from Naomi Sharpe on behalf of Mayor Jamie Snook of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, forwarding letters from the Mayor to the Premier and to Minister Trimper requesting a meeting with Premier and Minister.

We are asking your office to prepare a draft reply for the Premier's signature, indicating that the Premier plans to visit Labrador early in 2016 and looks forward to a meeting when travel schedules are finalized.

Please return the draft reply to premier@gov.nl.ca account. Thanks.

Virginia

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January 6, 2016

Mr. Jamie Snook  
Mayor  
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay  
P.O Box 40, Station B  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL A0P 1E0

Dear Mayor Snook:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 15, 2015 requesting a meeting to discuss future partnerships and opportunities between the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Officials from Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will be touching base with you to confirm a meeting time and location in the coming weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your kind words of congratulation and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Dwight Ball  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

cc: The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Conservation
There is a formal letter on town letterhead from Mayor Snook. A reply has been prepared for that formal letter. A separate reply will be prepared for this email.

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Record Number: COR-2016-000010
Title : Premier's Office - Email dated December 16, 2015 from Jamie Snook congratulating Premier Ball and sharing his thoughts on matters relating to Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and acknowledgement of December 29, 2015
Emails dated January 12-18, 2016
Michelin, Kathy

From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Premier,
Cc: Bugden, Melissa
Subject: JA for Wally Norman
Attachments: Scanned from a GNL Xerox Multifunction Printer.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached a JA for Wally Norman for signature. Please return to myself or Melissa Bugden once signed.

Thank you,
Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Xerox7855@gov.nl.ca [mailto:Xerox7855@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: Scanned from a GNL Xerox Multifunction Printer

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**Section 1: Claimant Information**
- **Employee Name:** Wally Norman
- **Department:** Finance (LAIO)
- **Address:** Confed Bldg, East Block
- **Position Title:** Tax Policy
- **Postal Code:** A1B 4J6

**Section 2: Travel Details**
- **From:** St. John's
- **To:** Ottawa
- **From Date:** February 1, 2016
- **To Date:** February 3, 2016
- **Purpose of Trip:** To attend Innu/Fed/Prov OSR side table meeting

**Payment Method**
- ✔️ Personal Credit Card
- ☐ Government Credit Card
- ☐ Travel Order

**Mode of Travel**
- ✔️ Air
- ☐ Rental Car
- ☐ Personal Vehicle

**Estimated Total Trip Cost**
- **Amount:** $2,135.00

**Accounting Distribution**
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**Employee's Signature:** Walter Norman
- **Date:** Jan 8/16

**Section 3: Certification**
- I certify that the above employee is authorized to travel on government business as described and sufficient funds are available.

**Section 4: To be Completed if a Travel Advance is Required**
- **Summary of All Anticipated Expenses Equal to the Amount of the Advance Required (Travel Advance Only)**
  - Taxi, Limousine, or Bus Fare to and from Departure Points: $300.00
  - Transportation Cost (if Travel Order Is Not Issued): $1,200.00
  - Accommodations for 2 Nights (Hotel / Private): $500.00
  - Meals for 3 Days (at Approved Rates): $124.05
  - Other: Incidental $10.00

**Cash Advance Required:**
- Yes
- No

**Total Anticipated Expenses (Advance Required):** $2,134.05

**Accounting Distribution**
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**Departmental Finance Division Use Only:**
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- Signature: (Blank)
- Date: (Blank)
Labrador Innu Joint Fiscal Working Group Session (LIJFWG)

February 2nd, 2016 – 9:30am to 4:30pm
February 3rd, 2016 – 9:30am to 12:00pm

Meeting Location: Gatineau, QC
Meeting room TBD

AGENDA

1) Review Fiscal Relationship Agreement (FRA) (to be provided prior to meeting)
   a) Compare FRA and draft Fiscal Financing Agreement
      i) Review new Own Source Revenue Agreement (OSRA)
      ii) Compare OSRA (dated May 13, 2014) and new OSRA under Fiscal Harmonization

2) Discuss new Fiscal Relations Chapter (to be provided prior to meeting)
   a) Continue discussion on the 'Factors to be Considered in Negotiating a Fiscal Financing Agreement' document prepared by the Innu.

3) Province to table a document which will be used to compare LILCA to Federal positions.

4) Next Steps
   a) Identify dates for future sessions: Next session - March 1 and March 2nd (am) in St. Johns
   b) Agenda for next session
   c) Round table
Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is a letter from Ashley Dicker dated January 7, 2016. Ms. Dicker also provided a compact disc which contains the list of Beneficiaries. Please let know if I should send the CD down to your office for filing. Thanks.

Virginia

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Record Number: I COR2016/0143
Title: Letter to Premier Ball from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government along with a CD containing a list of all the Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as of January 5, 2016
January 7, 2016

Premier Dwight Ball
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Premier:

Enclosed is your copy of the Register of Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement for 2016. This list includes all the Beneficiaries of our agreement as of January 5, 2016.

Yours truly,

Ashley Dicker
Registrar of Beneficiaries
Nunatsiavut Government
From: Gower, Aubrey  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:44 PM  
To: Hunter, Karen  
Subject: TRIM: FW: Premier and President Russell  
Attachments: NCC Premier’s Briefing Jan 2016 .pdf

Please TRIM

Aubrey Gower  
Deputy Minister  
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Gower, Aubrey  
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:15 AM  
To: Harvey, Brian  
Subject: FW: Premier and President Russell

FYI

Aubrey Gower  
Deputy Minister  
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Murphy, Tim  
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 4:57 PM  
To: Gower, Aubrey; Mullaley, Julia  
Subject: FW: Premier and President Russell

FYI. We have confirmed the meeting for 3:30 on Tuesday, Jan 12. Meeting invite to follow.

Tim

From: Executive Assistance [mailto:executiveasst@nunatukavut.ca]  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2016 4:48 PM  
To: Murphy, Tim <TimMurphy@gov.nl.ca>  
Cc: Mercer, Rodney <RodneyMercer@gov.nl.ca>; Todd Russell <trussell@nunatukavut.ca>  
Subject: Premier and President Russell

Good afternoon,

On behalf of President Russell, please see the attached briefing note for the upcoming meeting between Premier Ball and NCC President, Todd Russell.
We will await the Premier's availability for the meeting dates previously suggested (January 11th and 12th).

President Russell looks forward to meeting with Premier Ball next week.

Thanks!

Amy Hudson
Executive Assistant to the President
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Section 34(1)(b)

A BRIEFING FOR HON. DWIGHT BALL
Premier of Newfoundland & Labrador

NunatuKavut Community Council

January 8, 2015
Michelin, Kathy

From: Connors, Virginia
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:47 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey; Hunter, Karen
Subject: RE: HP TRIM Correspondence : COR-2016-000064 : Letter - Letter to Premier Ball from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government along with a CD containing a list of all the Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as

Thanks Aubrey - will do.
Virginia

-----Original Message-----
From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Connors, Virginia; Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Correspondence : COR-2016-000064 : Letter - Letter to Premier Ball from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government along with a CD containing a list of all the Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as of.

Virginia, this requires no action. Please send down the CD for filing. Thanks. Karen, this is completed.

-----< HP TRIM Record Information >-----

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thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: RE: JA for Aubrey Gover

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Thanks,
Karen

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From: Premier,
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: RE: JA for Aubrey Gover

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From: Hunter, Karen
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Thank you,
Karen

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### Official Journey Authorization

#### Section 1: Claimant Information
- **Employee Name:** Aubrey Gover
- **Department:** Lab. & Ab. Affairs
- **Position Title:** Deputy Minister
- **Supplier Number:** 40000064

#### Section 2: Travel Details
- **From:** St. John's, NL
- **To:** Ottawa, ON
- **From Date:** January 27, 2016
- **To Date:** January 31, 2016
- **Purpose of Trip:** Northern Lights Ottawa

#### Payment Method
- **Personal Credit Card**
- **Other**

#### Mode of Travel
- **Air**
- **Other (specify)**

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- **Amount:** $2,500.00
- **Accounting Distribution:**
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#### Employee's Signature:
- **Date:** January 27, 2016

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I certify that the above employee is authorized to travel on government business as described and sufficient funds are available.

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**Cash Advance Required:**
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- **No**

**Total Anticipated Expenses:**
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- **Signature**
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Thanks,
Karen

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Gover, Aubrey

From: Gover, Aubrey
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 1:49 PM
To: Murphy, Tim
Cc: Mullailey, Julia
Subject: A Few Matters

Tim, is there a need for LAA to draft a letter to the PM and or federal Minister Bennett re the NCC claim, arising from the meeting of yesterday afternoon?

As to attendance at Northern lights, I will be going. Janice Barnes the Exec, Director from LB West will not be going. Ron Bowles, ADM knows many of the Labrador stakeholders, has been the lead LAA executive member at this event, and may help facilitate any meetings with the Non-Aboriginal Labrador stakeholders. We could handle this without his assistance, if that was a necessity. My question, is will Ron be required. Ron and I have discussed and he is ok either way.

Section 29(1)(a)

The federal government plans on consultation for the now occurring design phase of the National Inquiry.

Last year Woodward’s advised that they were ceasing fuel distribution operations in Black Tickle which would leave the Local Service District with nobody to distribute heating fuel or gasoline. It was decided to subsidize Woodwards 100,000 dollars to carry on for this year.

Section 29(1)(a) Section 27(2)(a)

Of course, we will engage the MHA as well.

Tim, as you are aware, MHA Edmunds has requested a briefing on Aboriginal issues which LAA will provide. I wonder whether it would be opportune to provide that briefing to all the Labrador MHAs simultaneously, and add to that briefing the role of LAA on Labrador matter? If yes, the Premier could provide that information to the LB MHAs at the January 25 meeting. If not, we will proceed to brief MHA Edmunds as per his request.

Finally, I have given the Aboriginal briefing to Minister Parsons, the Premier’s Parliamentary Assistant, and Rodney. It was very similar to the transition briefing. Minister Parsons mused about the desirability to providing the briefing to all Ministers. Certainly, the Ministers of ENVC and NR would benefit from such a briefing. The briefing could be adapted to include more on self-government which may be more relevant to social policy area ministers. I just note the comment for now, and, of course LAA, will provide whatever information it can when asked to do so.

I thank you in advance for the consideration of these matters.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
This email is PRIVILEGED and contains confidential information intended only for the person(s) named above. Any other distribution, copying or disclosure is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify us immediately by return email and delete the original message.
Hi Karen,
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Thanks.
Virginia

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From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Cc: Michelin, Kathy; MacDonald, Karen
Subject: RE: JA for signature

Thanks - will do.
Virginia

-----Original Message-----
From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 1:51 PM
To: Premier,
Cc: Michelin, Kathy; MacDonald, Karen
Subject: JA for signature

Good afternoon,

I have attached a JA for Kathy Michelin for signature. Please return to Kathy once signed.

Thank you,
Karen

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SECTION 1: CLAIMANT INFORMATION
EMPLOYEE NAME: Kathy Michelin
ADDRESS: [redacted]
POSTAL CODE: [redacted]

SECTION 2: TRAVEL DETAILS
FROM: Goose Bay, NL
FROM DATE: Mon. February 22
TO: Wabush
TO DATE: Wed. February 24
PURPOSE OF TRIP: To attend Labrador West Regional Task Force meeting in Wabush

PAYMENT METHOD: Government Credit Card

MODE OF TRAVEL:
- AIR
- RENTAL CAR
- COMPANY: Avis

THE ESTIMATED TOTAL TRIP COST MUST BE ENCumberED REGARDLESS OF IMPREST
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EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: [signature]
DATE: Jan 31, 2016

SECTION 3: CERTIFICATION
I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE EMPLOYEE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AS DESCRIBED AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR / ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER / DEPUTY MINISTER

SECTION 4: TO BE COMPLETED IF A TRAVEL ADVANCE IS REQUIRED
SUMMARY OF ALL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE ADVANCE REQUIRED (TRAVEL ADVANCE ONLY)

- TAXI, LIMOUSINE, OR BUS FARE TO AND FROM DEPARTURE POINTS: $ 
- TRANSPORTATION COST (IF TRAVEL ORDER IS NOT ISSUED): $ 
- ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ___ NIGHTS (INTEL./PRIVATE): $ 
- MEALS FOR ___ DAYS (AT APPROVED RATES): $ 
- OTHER: $ 
- CASH ADVANCE REQUIRED: [ ] YES [ ] NO

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES: (ADVANCE REQUIRED) $ 0.00

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EX: 1/1/14
Hi Aubrey,
Tim asked me to send you the email below – for information purposes only.

Virginia

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2015 1:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: TRIM: RE: Comment [redacted]

Thank you for your email of December 30th to Premier Ball. I wish to advise you that your correspondence will be brought to the Premier’s attention at the earliest opportunity.

Regards,
Virginia Connors
Office of the Premier

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 10:51 PM
To: thebroadcast@cbc.ca
Cc: Dempster, Lisa; Yvonne.Jones@parl.qc.ca; [redacted]
Subject: Comment [redacted]""""""""""

I totally agree with what Dave is saying and support his petition fully. Over the past twenty years or so through DFO policy and regulations, the inability or unwillingness of the NL government and the union to protect the rights of their people, and through the silence of our regional politicians, as well as our own complacency, we have been robbed of our fishery, our livelihood, our culture, our traditional way of life, our rural communities, our identity, and our future both as a people and as a province. I started a Petition about a month ago regarding our fishery and saving our Coastal Labrador Communities. Judging from the comments, the problem extends far beyond Labrador to the Island communities as well as Nova Scotia.

I encourage all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to take a stand against the continued cultural genocide and the injustice of depriving Coastal communities of their traditional right to make a living from the sea and to stop both levels of government from allowing the predatory practice of companies and organizations buying up limited licences and quotas which is essentially barring entry into the fishery for many would be new entrants. It is our responsibility to protect our future and future generations. Please sign and share any petition advocating for the restoration and protection of traditional fishing rights:

Hi Aubrey,

Thanks for taking the time to meet this afternoon. Please find attached a very early draft of a schedule that I am proposing or at least use as a reference or starting point. Again, this is a very early draft which I need to discuss with Tim.

Please forward a draft of the speech when you can.

Thanks,

Rodney
Northern Lights Conference January 27-20, 2016 OTTAWA

Wednesday January 27, 2016

8:55AM Depart St. John's for Ottawa (1 Stop-Halifax)
   Air Canada #8993  4 hours, 11 mins

11:36AM Arrive Ottawa

12:00PM (Approximate) Depart Airport for Westin Hotel
   Location: 11 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1N 9H4 (613) 560-7000

12:25PM Arrive Westin Hotel

1:00PM Lunch (private)

1:45PM Register for Northern Lights Conference
   Level II SHAW Centre

OPTION # 1  Attend Conference Room 205/206 - Level II SHAW Centre

1:45PM-3:00PM  Northern Transportation: Marine Shipping Development
   Speakers:  Mr. Peter Woodward
              Mr. Jim Stevens - ADM Gov of NU
              Ms. Kala Pendakur - Conf Board of Canada

3:00PM Meeting # 1

3:30PM Premier to walk through trade show and visit BTRD Booth with photographer

OPTION # 2  Potential Meetings

2:00PM President Sarah Leo - Nunatsiavut Government

2:30PM Mayor Jamie Snook - Happy Valley - Goose Bay

3:00PM Meeting with Grand Chief Quepee - INNU Nation

3:30PM Premier to walk through trade show and visit BTRD Booth with photographer

4:30PM-6:30PM Private Time

6:30PM Depart Westin Hotel for Rideau Hall
6:35PM Arrive Rideau Hall
7:00PM Premier & Mrs. Ball to attend Governor General Arctic Innovation Awards Dinner

Thursday, January 28, 2016

9:00AM Meeting request with Mr. Russell Williams of Pharmaceutical Companies
   NOTE: Mr. Williams leaving for family vacation in the afternoon

   Location Request for meeting: 55 Metcalfe Street
   Suite 1220

10:00AM Media Request #1
11:00AM Media Request #2
12:00PM Private
1:00PM-3:00PM Prep for Keynote Speech address

2:30PM Potential Meeting with Paul Snelgrove - HVGB Airport Board Chair
3:00PM Potential Meeting with Nathan Obed - President Inuit Tapriiliit Kanatami
3:30PM Potential Meeting with Hilda Broomfield-Letemplier - Nat'l Aboriginal Econ Dev Board
   (resident of Happy Valley-Goose Bay)
4:00PM Potential Meeting with Todd Russell

Friday, January 29, 2016

8:00AM-10:30AM Speech Prep
10:45AM Nunatsiavut Government National Film Board

11:50PM Brief meeting with Premier Taptuna to introduce each other

12:00PM Keynote Address Premier Ball
   Ottawa Salon- Level 2, SHAW Centre
1:30PM Premier Ball to meet Premier Taptuna

2:30PM Meeting Pat White of EVAS and Phillip Earl of Air Labrador

3:00PM Meeting Request

3:30PM Meeting Request

4:00PM-8:00PM Private

8:00PM Attend Labrador Night hosted by MP Yvonne Jones

NOTES:

Minister Trimper will be in Ottawa for Climate Change meetings. Ask Minister to attend meetings of relevance to Labrador.

Other Labrador MHAs that are present to invite to meetings of relevance

Minister Mitchelmore will be in attendance with BTCRD Officials

There are some outstanding requests by ambassadors. Is there a desire to try and fit these in? If so, need to engage IGA soon.

Is there a desire to meet with other federal cabinet ministers? If so, need to engage IGA.

Brian Fowlow, ED of Labrador North Chamber of Commerce has confirmed that an official photographer will be available for the premier if needed to take pictures of him.

Mr. Fowlow indicated to LAA that the delegation from Greenland would be interested in meeting with the Premier
From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 4:04 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0073 : letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that [REDACTED] had their names removed from the Register of Beneficiaries and their Beneficia...

Attachments: letter from Ashley Dicker, [REDACTED], had their names removed from the Register of Beneficiaries and their Beneficiary Cards revoked.PDF

Hi Karen,

Attached, for your records, is a letter from Ashley Dicker, regarding persons whose names are removed from the Register of Beneficiaries.

Thanks.

Virginia

Record Number: ICOR2016/0073
Title: letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government advising that [REDACTED] had their names removed from the Register of Beneficiaries and their Beneficiary Cards revoked:

Section 40(1)
December 22, 2015

Premier Dwight Ball
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Premier:

TAKE NOTICE THAT as of the 22nd day of December, 2015, the following persons has had their names removed from the Register of Beneficiaries and their Beneficiary Cards revoked:

[Redacted]

Please would you remove this individual’s name from your copy of the Register of Beneficiaries.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]

Ashley Dicker
Registrar of Beneficiaries
Nunatsiavut Government

Section 40(1)
Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey’s attention, is an email of congratulations to Premier from [Redacted] wherein she indicates that Randy Edmunds or Lisa Dempster should have been Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs. Would you please ask Aubrey to prepare a reply for the Premier’s signature. Please return draft to premier@gov.nl.ca.

Thanks.

Virginia

-----< HP TRIM Record Information >-----

Record Number: ICOR2016/0169
Title: Email of congratulations to Premier Ball from [Redacted] and indicating that Randy Edmunds or Lisa Dempster should have been appointed as Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
E-mail Message

From: Premier [EX:o=PSNL/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHE23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=Premier e8e]
To: Section 40(1)
Cc: 
Sent: 12/24/2015 at 12:52 PM
Received: 12/24/2015 at 12:52 PM
Subject: RE: Department of Labrador ad Aboriginal Affairs

Thank you for your email of December 17th to Premier Ball. I wish to advise you that your correspondence will be brought to the Premier's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Regards,
Virginia Connors
Office of the Premier

Section 40(1)

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: Department of Labrador ad Aboriginal Affairs

Good day Mr. Premier
First of all, congratulations on a well fought and justly won election. You and your team have indeed inspired us, gave us renewed hope. I have to admit I was hoping for more than three women in cabinet but I guess we were spoiled a little by the prime minister. My main concern was lack of Labrador representation with the department of LAA. I know you can do a great job with our affairs but we are concerned about what you have taken on and how little time you will have to spare for this portfolio. We honestly believe that either Lisa or Randy should have been given this very important job in order to do it proper justice. Thank you for listening.

Section 40(1)

Sent from my iPad
I'm not surprised Karen. I thought I had sent it but when I went to look for the email to you I couldn't find it - so I sent it a second time. Thanks.

Virginia

-----Original Message-----
From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 9:29 AM
To: Premier,
Cc: Connors, Virginia
Subject: FW: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0077 : Letter to Premier Ball from Neil Belanger Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society request for November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and

Good morning,

Just as an FYI, I received two of the same correspondence, but in two different emails. I have Trimmed and Actioned Aubrey on the email from the Premier's office, even though they essentially go to the same person.

Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Connors, Virginia
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:06 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0077 : Letter to Premier Ball from Neil Belanger Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society request for November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and ...

Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is a letter to the Premier from Neil Belanger with British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society. Would you please ask Aubrey to draft a response for the Premier's signature. Return draft to premier@gov.nl.ca.

Thanks.

Virginia

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Title: Letter to Premier Ball from Neil Belanger Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society request for November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and recognized as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness"
Hi Karen,
Here's the signed JA for Wally Norman's travel.
V
**Official Journey Authorization**

**Section 1: Claimant Information**

**Employee Name:** Wally Norman

**Address:** Confed Bldg, East Block St. John's NL

**Postal Code:** A1B 4J6

**Department:** Finance (LAAO)

**Position Title:** Tax Policy

**Type of Imprest:**
- □ Travel Advance (Complete Section 4 Below)
- □ Standing Travel Advance

**Section 2: Travel Details**

**From:** St. John's

**To:** Ottawa

**From Date:** February 1, 2016

**To Date:** February 3, 2016

**Purpose of Trip:** To attend Innu/Fed/Prov CSR title table meeting

**Payment Method:**
- ✓ Personal Credit Card

**Mode of Travel:**
- ✓ Air

**The Estimated Total Trip Cost Must Be Encumbered Regardless of Imprest**

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**Employee’s Signature:** Walter Norman

**Date:** Jan 8/16

**Section 3: Certification**

I certify that the above employee is authorized to travel on government business as described and sufficient funds are available.

**Signature**

**Date:** Jan 12/16

**Deputy Minister**

**Signature**

**Date:** Jan 15/16

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- □ Yes
- □ No

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**Date:** OCS149
Labrador Innu Joint Fiscal Working Group Session (LIJFWG)

February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2016 – 9:30am to 4:30pm  
February 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2016 – 9:30am to 12:00pm  

Meeting Location: Gatineau, QC  
Meeting room TBD

\textbf{AGENDA}

1) Review Fiscal Relationship Agreement (FRA) \textit{(to be provided prior to meeting)}
   
a) Compare FRA and draft Fiscal Financing Agreement
   
   i) Review new Own Source Revenue Agreement (OSRA)
   
   ii) Compare OSRA (dated May 13, 2014) and new OSRA under Fiscal Harmonization

2) Discuss new Fiscal Relations Chapter \textit{(to be provided prior to meeting)}
   
a) Continue discussion on the ‘Factors to be Considered in Negotiating a Fiscal Financing Agreement’ document prepared by the Innu.

3) Province to table a document which will be used to compare LILCA to Federal positions.

4) Next Steps
   
a) Identify dates for future sessions: \textbf{Next session - March 1 and March 2\textsuperscript{nd} (am) in St. Johns}
   
b) Agenda for next session
   
c) Round table
Good morning,

Just as an FYI, I received two of the same correspondence, but in two different emails. I have Trimmed and Actioned Aubrey on the email from the Premier's office, even though they essentially go to the same person.

Karen

-----Original Message-----
From: Connors, Virginia
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:06 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: HP TRIM Incoming Correspondence : ICOR2016/0077 : Letter to Premier Ball from Neil Belanger Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society request for November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and ...

Hi Karen,
Attached, for Aubrey's attention, is a letter to the Premier from Neil Belanger with British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society. Would you please ask Aubrey to draft a response for the Premier's signature. Return draft to premier@gov.nl.ca.

Thanks.
Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0077
Title: Letter to Premier Ball from Neil Belanger Executive Director, British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society request for November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and recognized as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness"
Honourable Dwight Ball  
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador  
6th Floor East Block Confederation Building  
P.O. Box 8700 - Station B  
St. John's, NL - A1B 4J6

Dear Premier Ball,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Neil Belanger and I am the executive director of the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society or BCANDS. BCANDS is a provincial, not-for-profit Aboriginal disability and health organization providing services to Aboriginal individuals and families within British Columbia’s 203 First Nation communities and BC’s urban and rural centres. BCANDS has been successfully providing services since 1991 and is the only stand-alone Aboriginal organization of its type in Canada.

I am contacting you today in hopes of gaining your support both as Premier and Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs. My requested support to your office is in relation to an awareness initiative our organization was able to see come to fruition here in British Columbia and of which we hope will be mirrored across Canada and perhaps internationally.

In November of this year the province of British Columbia, the First Nation Summit and the Métis Nation BC all proclaimed November, 2015 as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month" within British Columbia. This is the first such official recognition specific to Aboriginal disability, and its awareness, made within our province, in Canada and we believe the world.

As such, I would respectfully request that you accept this letter as our formal request to you as Premier and to Newfoundland and Labrador to have November 2016, and all subsequent Novembers officially proclaimed and recognized as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month" in NL.

As I know you are aware, the disability rate among Aboriginal persons within Canada is twice that of the national rate and three times higher in younger Aboriginal adults. Additional barriers faced by Aboriginal persons living with a disability include, but are not limited to:
Type 2 diabetes within First Nation communities is at a rate three to five times more prevalent than that of other Canadians contributing to adverse health conditions and elevated rates of disability;

Mental health and wellness continues to be a priority. First Nations youth complete suicide approximately five to six times more often than non-Aboriginal youth. Suicide rates for Inuit youth are among the highest in the world, at approximately eleven times the national average;

Discrimination and stereotyping for being Aboriginal in addition to the discrimination experienced as a person living with a disability impacts individuals and families living with a disability and their ability to access services and the quality of those services that are provided;

Limited access to disability and health services that are culturally aware and safe;

Jurisdictional issues, relating to federal and provincial responsibility for disability related services within First Nation communities such as those seen with Jordan River Anderson and services available to individuals with development disabilities. These issues leave individuals and families under-served or non-served and contributes to the amplification of their current health and disability conditions; and

Many Aboriginal people and communities live in poverty and in living conditions that greatly increase the probability of being disabled at some point in their lifetime.

The proclaiming of each November as “Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month” presents a unique opportunity to highlight the strengths and challenges facing the Aboriginal population of Canada living with a disability. The proclamation of each November as “Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month” will also provide a mechanism for new partnerships and collaborations, breaking down systemic and historical barriers, and in doing so, assist in making each of our provinces and Canada more inclusive and welcoming for all people.

I have attached various documents and articles in relation to the announcement of “Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month” in British Columbia for your reference, information and consideration. I have additionally copied this letter to Minister Haggie for his consideration and possible support as well.

In closing Premier Ball, I would like to thank you for your time and attention to this letter and our request. Our organization will be contacting provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leadership across Canada over the next month to request their support and recognition of “Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month” in preparation for November 2016. We are hopeful to list Newfoundland and Labrador as a supporter and proclaimer of this ground-breaking and very worthwhile initiative.

Should you need to contact my office in relation to this request, or for any reason, please do not hesitate.

Sincerely,

Neil Bealang
Executive Director
British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society
Telephone: (250) 381–7303 – Toll Free: 1-888-5511 ext. 208
exdir@bcands.bc.ca www.bcands.bc.ca

Copy: Honourable Dr. John Haggie - Minister of Health and Community Services
Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come — Greeting

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia recognizes inclusive communities as an integral aspect of the Province’s goal for British Columbia to become the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by 2024, and

WHEREAS the Province is committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding where Aboriginal persons living with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide are celebrated and valued, and

WHEREAS the Province is committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, and equality of opportunity, and

WHEREAS the Province launched Accessibility 2024, a 10-year action plan, and acknowledges the importance of building more inclusive communities through the contributions of all people with disabilities and

WHEREAS Aboriginal persons (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) living with disabilities in British Columbia often face unique barriers that impact their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available in our province, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia wishes to join urban and rural Aboriginal communities, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families and all British Columbians in recognizing and celebrating this diverse and important segment of our society;

NOW KNOW YE THAT WE do by these presents proclaim and declare that November, 2015 be known as

"Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirtieth day of September, two thousand fifteen and in the sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

[Signature]
Attorney-General and Minister of Justice (signature for the Great Seal)

[Signature]
Lieutenant Governor

[Signature]
FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

RESOLUTION #1015.08

SUBJECT: FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT'S RECOGNITION AND DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AS "ABORIGINAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH" WITHIN BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHEREAS

A. The First Nations Summit supports the total inclusion, recognition of and support for Aboriginal persons and families living with a disability, irrespective of disability, age, location and gender and their right to access and participate fully in all aspects of life and community and at a level equal to persons living without a disability within British Columbia and Canada.

B. Disability rates among Aboriginal people is more than twice that of the national rate of Canada and that at every age, Aboriginal Canadians are more likely to have disabilities than Canadians who are not Aboriginal.

C. Aboriginal persons and families living with a disability within British Columbia and Canada represent a marginalized population within an already marginalized population, seeing Aboriginal persons living with a disability experiencing the discriminatory practices dealt with by non-Aboriginal Canadians living with a disability, while additionally having to face systemic racism and the continuing inequality of socio-economic conditions and inequitable access to disability related programs and services.

D. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities sets out key principles and calls for full and effective participation and inclusion in society, and equality of opportunity. Specifically:

- **Preamble (c)** - "The universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the need for persons with disabilities to be guaranteed their full enjoyment without discrimination."

- **Preamble (e)** - "That disability is an evolving concept and that disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others."

- **Preamble (h)** - "That discrimination against any person on the basis of disability is a violation of the inherent dignity and worth of the human person."
PREAMBLE (i) – “Recognizing further the diversity of persons with disabilities.”

PREAMBLE (m) – “The valued existing and potential contributions made by persons with disabilities to the overall well-being and diversity of their communities, and that the promotion of the full enjoyment by persons with disabilities of their human rights and fundamental freedoms and of full participation by persons with disabilities will result in their enhanced sense of belonging and in significant advances in the human, social and economic development of society and the eradication of poverty.”

PREAMBLE (p) – “Concerned about the difficult conditions faced by persons with disabilities who are subject to multiple or aggravated forms of discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic, indigenous or social origin, property, birth, age or other status.

PREAMBLE (y) – “That a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities will make a significant contribution to redressing the profound social disadvantage of persons with disabilities and promote their participation in the civil, political, economic, social and cultural spheres with equal opportunities, in both developed and developing countries.

ARTICLE 3 - General principles:
(b) – “Non-discrimination”;
(c) – “Full and effective participation and inclusion in society”;
(d) – “Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;
(e) – “Equality of opportunity”;

ARTICLE 8 - Awareness-raising:
(a) To raise awareness throughout society, including at the family level, regarding persons with disabilities, and to foster respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities;
(b) To combat stereotypes, prejudices and harmful practices relating to persons with disabilities, including those based on sex and age, in all areas of life;
(c) To promote awareness of the capabilities and contributions of persons with disabilities.

E. The Province of British Columbia is working toward making British Columbia the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities, as outlined in the government’s Accessibility 2024 document, and the recognition of each November as “Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month” will assist the province in achieving its goal.

F. The British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) works to provide services within the Aboriginal disability and health sectors of British Columbia and its mission of:
PAGE THREE
RESOLUTION #1015.08
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"Supporting the unique and comprehensive disability, health and resource needs of Aboriginal persons and organizations across British Columbia, through relevant, timely and accessible client services".

G. Aboriginal persons living with disabilities provide significant contributions to be recognized, celebrated and valued in an inclusive and respectful society.

H. Provincial, urban and rural Aboriginal organizations, communities including individuals with disabilities and their families, disability organizations, governments and all Canadians are encouraged to recognize and celebrate the diversity and contributions of this segment of our society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly recognize and declare the month of November in each calendar year as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month" with the overall goals of:

   a. promoting and enhancing awareness of Aboriginal disability issues; and
   b. encouraging inclusivity in communities through recognition of the contributions of Aboriginal people with disabilities within British Columbia.

2. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly support the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society in its effort to secure national recognition, endorsement and declaration of the month of November, in each calendar year, as "Aboriginal Disability Awareness Month" by way of resolution and proclamations of the Assembly of First Nations and Canada’s federal and provincial governments.

MOVED BY: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
SECONDED BY: Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation Council
DATED: October 16, 2015

Passed by consensus.

ENDORSED BY: Cheryl Casimer

Robert Phillips

Grand Chief Edward John
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If you wish to obtain a copy please contact the ATIPP Office at (709) 729-7072 or atipoffice@gov.nl.ca.
Hi Melissa,
I found the JA - it's in with Kelvin for signature now - will get it back to you soon.

V

-----Original Message-----
From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 11:09 AM
To: Premier,
Cc: Bugden, Melissa
Subject: JA for Wally Norman

Good morning,

Please find attached a JA for Wally Norman for signature. Please return to myself or Melissa Bugden once signed.

Thank you,
Karen

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Michelin, Kathy

From: Premier,
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 10:11 AM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject: JA for Kathy Michelin
Attachments: Michelin_Kathy_Feb 22 to 24 JA.pdf

Here's the JA signed by Kelvin
## Official Journey Authorization

**Fiscal Year:** 2015-16

### Claimant Information
- **Employee Name:** [Redacted]
- **Department:** LAO
- **Position Title:** Senior Analyst
- **Type of Imprest:**
  - [ ] Travel Advance (Complete Section 4 Below)
  - [ ] Standing Travel Advance

### Travel Details
- **From:** Goose Bay, NL
- **To:** Wabush
- **From Date:** Mon. February 22
- **To Date:** Wed. February 24
- **Purpose of Trip:** To attend Labrador West Regional Task Force meeting in Wabush

### Payment Method
- [ ] Personal Credit Card
- [x] Government Credit Card
- [ ] Travel Order

**Harvey's Travel**

### Mode of Travel
- [x] Air
- [ ] Government Vehicle
- [x] Rental Car

**Company:** Avis

### Employee's Signature
- **Signature:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 13/16

### Certification
- I certify that the above employee is authorized to travel on Government business as described and sufficient funds are available.

### Divisional Director
- **Signature:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 13/16

### Deputy Minister
- **Signature:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 15/16

### Summary of Actual Anticipated Expenses Equal to the Amount of the Advance Required:

- **Taxi, Limousine, or Bus Fare To and From Departure Points:** $  
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I will be there. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 14, 2016, at 6:36 PM, Fleming, Jeanette <jeanettefleming@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Good Evening

The Premier, in his role as Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs, plans to have monthly meetings with the four Labrador MHAs. The Premier’s Parliamentary Assistant, the Deputy Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and Premier’s Office staff would also participate.

We are proposing that the January meeting be held by tele-conference on Thursday, January 21st, at 10:00am (St. John's time). Please advise of your availability at that time. An agenda and dial-in details will be forwarded later. Thanks.

Jeanette Fleming
Good afternoon,

I have attached a JA for Aubrey for signature. Please return to me once signed.

Thank you,
Karen

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| PURPOSE OF TRIP: | Meeting with Flatbay Band Council and Local MHA |

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- □ TRAVEL ORDER

**MODE OF TRAVEL**

- □ AIR
- □ GOVERNMENT VEHICLE
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**SECTION 3: CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE EMPLOYEE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AS DESCRIBED AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

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| TAXI, LIMOUSINE, OR BUS FARE TO AND FROM DEPARTURE POINTS: | $ |
| TRANSPORTATION COST (IF TRAVEL ORDER IS NOT ISSUED): | $ |
| ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ______ NIGHTS (NOTE / PRIVATE): | $ |
| MEALS FOR ______ DAYS (AT APPROVED RATES): | $ |
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Michelin, Kathy

From: Hunter, Karen
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: JA for signature
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

Good afternoon,

I have attached a JA for Janice Barnes for signature, please return to me once signed.

Thanks,
Karen

From: LAO Wabush [mailto:noreply@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Hunter, Karen
Subject:
**Official Journey Authorization**

**Fiscal Year:** 2015-16

**Claimant Information**
- **Employee Name:** [Redacted]
- **Address:** [Redacted]
- **Postal Code:** [Redacted]
- **Position Title:** Executive Director
- **Department:** LAAO, Exec Council

**Travel Details**
- **From:** Wabush
- **To:** St. John's
- **From Date:** Mon, January 25/16
- **To Date:** Wed, January 27/16
- **Purpose of Trip:** Meetings: EIS Committee for Quartzite mining, AES, NR

**Payment Method:**
- **Personal Credit Card**
- **Travel Order**

**Mode of Travel:**
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**Travel Agency:** Harvey's Travel

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**Employee's Signature:**
- **Name:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 18/2016

**Certification:**
- I certify that the above employee is authorized to travel on government business as described above and sufficient funds are available.

**Divisional Director / Assistant Deputy Minister:**
- **Name:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 18/2016

**Deputy Minister:**
- **Signature:** [Redacted]
- **Date:** Jan 18/2016

**Section 4: To be completed if a travel advance is required**

- **Taxi, Limo, or Rideshare:** $ [Redacted]
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**Signature:** [Redacted]
**Date:** [Redacted]
Hi Karen,

Attached, for Aubrey's attention and your records, is a letter from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries, Nunatsiavut Government regarding [redacted].

Thanks,

Virginia

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Record Number: ICOR2016/0188
Title: Letter to Premier Ball from Ashley Dicker, Registrar of Beneficiaries with Nunatsiavut Government regarding [redacted]
Registrar’s Letter Advising the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador of Removal of a Beneficiary’s Name from the Register

January 11, 2016

Premier Dwight Ball
Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

This is to advise you that [redacted] Beneficiary Registration Number [redacted] and is no longer a Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Please would you remove this individual’s name from your copy of the Register of Beneficiaries.

Yours truly,

[redacted] [s. 40(1)]

Ashley Dicker
Registrar of Beneficiaries
Nunatsiavut Government
Thanks. Looks good to me. I have no comment. As discussed Ron Bowles, ADM and Janice Barnes, Executive Director, will be available to call into the meeting.

Aubrey Gover
Deputy Minister
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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From: Murphy, Tim
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Miles, Peter; Mercer, Rodney; Parsons, Kelvin; Gover, Aubrey
Subject: For Input: Agenda for Premier's Meeting with Labrador MHAs

Aubrey/Peter/Rodney – further to our meeting this afternoon, attached is the updated annotated agenda for the Premier, along with the shorter version we would send to MHAs. Please advise of any comments before we circulate tomorrow.

Kelvin – can you take a read through as well. Thanks.

Tim
January 21, 2016 Meeting of Premier, Labrador MHAs and Premier's Parliamentary Assistant

Proposed Agenda

1. Premier's Introductory Comments (Premier – 5 minutes)

2. Overview of Role of Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs (Aubrey – 10 minutes)

3. Workflow to Ensure Clarity of Roles (Premier/Aubrey – 10 minutes)
4. Roundtable of MHAs – provide update on how things are going in their districts since the election, touch briefly on key priorities (25 minutes)

5. Key Upcoming Events/Meetings (Aubrey – 5 minutes)

   a. Northern Lights Conference (Ottawa), Jan 27-29 [send Premier the proposed Ottawa itinerary on Tuesday, so he can refer to it on Thursday’s call]
   b. Minister Bennett in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Feb 8-9 [Tim to get itinerary from her office, and have for reference for the Thursday meeting]
   c. Premier’s potential visit to Labrador, early the week of Feb 15th (tentative) [send the Premier a draft itinerary before Thursday meeting]
   d. Meeting requests into Premier from a range of key Labrador stakeholders [review correspondence list in advance of Thursday meeting]
   e. Labrador Winter Games (mid-March)
   f. Ministers have been reminded to advise MHAs before they visit an MHA’s district

6. Closing Remarks/Comments (from any of the participants) followed by Premier’s wrap-up (5 minutes)
January 21, 2016 Meeting of Premier and Labrador MHAs

Proposed Agenda

1. Premier's Introductory Comments (Premier – 5 minutes)

2. Overview of Role of Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
   (Aubrey Gover – 10 minutes)

3. Workflow re: Roles of Premier-Minister/MHAs/Departmental Officials
   (Premier/Aubrey – 10 minutes)

4. Roundtable of MHAs – provide update on how things are going in their
   districts since the election, touch briefly on key priorities (25 minutes)

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Hi folks, please have a read down through the action items which were assigned at our meeting. Please advise if any errors or omissions.

Thanks,
Rodney

Aubrey:
* Confirm attendance of ministers Trimper and Mitchelmore
* Book meeting rooms for the afternoon meetings
* Arrange meetings with stakeholders
* Arrange small room with breakfast (7:30am, Jan 28th) Premier, RM, NO
* Request information on Nunatsiavut Gov't & National Film Board box set launch

Rodney:
* Check with Minister Foote's Office re: attendance at Conference as Regional Minister
* Check with DM Sean Dutton to confirm attendance of territorial leaders
* Black Tie for Rideau Hall? BUSINESS Attire as per invitation
* Confirmation for Westin Hotel
* Contact security detail re
* Check with Jeanette for conference registration
* Check with Jeanette for hotel confirmation
* Follow-up with Virginia for a DOH note on meeting with Mr. Russell Williams
* Confirm room location with Premier Naptuna's Office for meeting

Tim:
* Give Nancy contact information for Teleprompter

Nancy:
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Gover, Aubrey

From: Mercer, Rodney
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 5:27 PM
To: Gover, Aubrey
Cc: Murphy, Tim
Subject: FW: Northern Lights

FYI

From: Fleming, Jeanette
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 3:43 PM
To: Mercer, Rodney
Subject: FW: Northern Lights

From: Peter Adams [mailto:padams@ngc-nq.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Premier,; Ball, Dwight
Cc: Chris Webb; Davis, Clint (Clint.Davis@td.com) (Clint.Davis@td.com)
Subject: Northern Lights

Good afternoon Premier,

Nice seeing you again on Friday. I noticed that you are the Keynote speaker for lunch at the Northern Lights Conference on January 29th. I am wondering if you would be available for a meet and greet with the members of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust (Board for NGC) and the Executive Team from NGC for about an hour or so while you are in Ottawa? We would appreciate the opportunity to introduce the entire team to you and let you know about some of the things happening with NGC. We feel this would be a valuable exercise not only in your capacity as Premier, but also as Minister responsible for Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs. We can be flexible to your schedule, so if you are available, that would be great. Please bring any other Ministers of your government that may be attending the conference as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Peter

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Meeting Note
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office (LAAO)
3-4:00 pm, January 11, 2016

Attendees:

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (GNL)
The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
The Honourable Perry Trimper, MHA – Lake Melville
Mr. Randy Edmunds, MHA – Torngat Mountains
Mr. Mark Browne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister
Others, including Senior Officials as required [TBC]

Nunatsiavut Government (NG)
Ms. Sarah Leo, President (biography appended hereto as ANNEX I)

Purpose of Meeting:
• President Leo has requested a meeting with the Premier to discuss issues of importance to the NG.

• Although President Leo has not suggested specific issues to be discussed at the meeting, there is a reasonable likelihood that discussion will focus on the following issues:

1. Voisey’s Bay Project Resource Revenue Sharing
2. Lower Churchill Projects / Make Muskrat Right
3. GNL Procurement
4. Joint Cabinet Meeting
5. Residential Schools
6. Land Use Plan
7. Nain Airstrip
8. George River Caribou Herd and Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table
9. Hopedale Remediation and Water
10. Housing
11. Broadband on the North Coast
12. Dispute Resolution Board Appointment

13. National Inquiry and National Roundtable

14. Miscellany

1. Voisey’s Bay Project ("VB Project") Resource Revenue Sharing

Background and Current Status:
- The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) and a VB Project Memorandum of Agreement between Innu Nation and GNL provide that the NG and Innu Nation shall each receive 5% of provincial subsurface resource revenues from the VB Project.

- In 2012, GNL informed NG and Innu Nation that Vale was eligible to deduct expenses associated with construction of Long Harbor, resulting in a significant reduction in GNL revenue, and a consequential reduction in revenue shared with the NG and Innu Nation.

- In 2013, because the facility at Long Harbour was not yet ready to be commissioned, GNL amended the Vale-NL Development Plan to allow Vale to continue to export nickel concentrate for out-of-province processing in exchange for an estimated $115M Definitive Unprocessed Nickel Charge (DUNC) to GNL.

- In 2015, GNL and Vale agreed to extend the out-of-province allowance in exchange for an estimated $200M DUNC and a $30M community initiatives commitment.

- In October 2015, Innu Nation filed a legal action against GNL arguing that the two DUNCs and the community initiatives commitment ought to be considered "Revenue" for the purposes of the Memorandum of Agreement, and thus, shared with Innu Nation. JPS is preparing NL’s Statement of Defence.

- On the other hand, the NG had requested meetings with senior officials as soon as possible after the 2015 general election to discuss the Long Harbour deductions and the two DUNCs, having issued news releases in 2015 denoting concerns over GNL’s lack of consultations with the NG in respect to these matters.
• Senior GNL officials have met with the NG recently to discuss these issues, through the Subsurface Resource Revenue Sharing Committee (SRRSC), which was struck in 2013 according to the terms of the LILCA, which provides that such a committee shall “review issues related to Provincial Laws respecting Royalty Tax when and to the extent that they affect Subsurface Revenue sharing arrangements [and] be the initial forum for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government to resolve disagreements respecting the payments made to the Nunatsiavut Government under parts 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 and for sharing information for that purpose.” [emphasis added]

• Although recent SRRSC meetings have focussed on the issues of DUNC and the Long Harbour deductions, to-date those discussions have centred on the NG ascertaining GNL’s position and rationale for same.

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**Analysis:**

• Despite the ongoing SRRSC process, on 22 December 2015, the NG’s President Leo wrote to Premier Ball requesting a meeting.

• It is notable that the former administration did not allocate any of the $30M community initiatives commitment to the North Coast of Labrador, although some funds were allocated for a wellness centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The NG, which has long sought provincial funding of up to $5M for the construction of the Illusuak Cultural Centre in Nain, issued a news release on October 29, 2015 expressing disappointment none of the $30M will be spent in the Inuit Communities, particularly given the funds, in the view of the NG, ultimately
arose from the VB Project, which the news release notes “is right in [the NG’s] backyard”.

Potential Speaking Points:
• Thank you for your letter on these issues. I believe it would be most appropriate at this stage for the officials to continue their discussions at the Subsurface Resource Revenue Sharing Committee, which as you now is mandated to make initial efforts to resolve disputes between our governments respecting Voisey’s Bay revenue sharing.

2. Lower Churchill Projects / Make Muskrat Right

Background and Current Status:
• The NG has repeatedly requested research, or funding for its own research, to comprehensively sample for mercury in Lake Melville, establish baseline mercury levels in Lake Melville, determine all pathways for mercury into Lake Melville, and develop a model to predict increases in mercury levels as a result of the Lower Churchill Generation Project. Neither NL nor Nalcor has provided such funding.

• The NG filed for judicial review of GNL’s issuance of a Permit to Alter a Body of Water in relation to the Project, seeking judicial declarations that GNL breached its duty to consult and accommodate the NG in respect of the methylmercury concern. The application was dismissed by the Supreme Court of NL on January 12, 2015, and a similar action against the federal government was dismissed by the Federal Court on April 17, 2015, effectively ending the NG’s legal actions against the projects.

• In 2012, the NG began to collect data to establish baseline conditions for monitoring downstream effects. The first year of field studies led by a team of researchers from Harvard University School of Public Health collected water, sediment and plankton samples across the Lake Melville. This culminated in the Fall 2015 publication of a Harvard University Study on the potential for increased levels of methylmercury in Lake Melville as a result of Reservoir flooding for the Project.

• During the 2015 General Election, the NG met with senior officials from the Department of Environment and Conservation (ENVC) and LAAO to present the findings of the Harvard Study; the NG was giving a similar presentation to Fisheries and Oceans Canada that same day, but had tried, but failed, to coordinate schedules with Nalcor officials. GNL officials were constrained by the caretaker provision from responding actively at the meeting.

• During the election campaign, the NG also launched the Make Muskrat Right media campaign, which outlines NG’s concerns with the impact of methylmercury on the health of
Inuit, and encourages people to sign a petition that urges GNL and Canada to review the Harvard Study.

- This has generated some media attention, although there was little discussion of the issue during the election period. However, on December 16, 2015, Nalcor's Vice President for the Project, Mr. Gilbert Bennett, along with NG President, Sarah Leo, were on CBC's Crosstalk to discuss methylmercury and the Muskrat Falls project. Mr. Bennett noted that the methylmercury levels in fish are low at this time and after flooding, Nalcor is predicting they will remain low, as opposed to the Harvard Study, which concluded levels could increase two-fold. President Leo noted that the NG would like Nalcor to clear the entire reservoir area to try to decrease methylmercury, although Nalcor has concluded that the significant costs associated with doing so would almost certainly have but a negligible impact on the levels of mercury released into Lake Melville.

- On December 21, 2015, ENVC's Minister, the Honourable Perry Trimper noted on CBC's Labrador Morning that a thorough technical review of the Harvard study would be required and parties could meet in the future to objectively discuss the Harvard report.

Analysis:
- The NG has made four specific requests, which President Leo reiterated on Crosstalk:
  - Fully clear the Muskrat Falls Reservoir
  - Negotiate an Impact Management Agreement
  - Establish an Independent Expert Advisory Committee
  - Grant Inuit joint decision-making authority over downstream environmental monitoring and management

- LAAO notes the JRP did call for full clearing of the reservoir. However, in GNL's response to the JRP, it said it "agrees with the principle of maximizing the utilization of the forest resource. With limited opportunities to use the resource, and the likely insignificant reductions in mercury levels associated with full versus partial clearing, the Government supports partial harvesting of the flood zone. If an economic opportunity to use the resource materializes, consideration will be given to harvesting additional fibre."

- Nalcor officials have advised that it has completed its own research on downstream effects
focusing on ensuring there are no effects on human health. Nalcor officials have advised that the Harvard Study does not address that issue, but is focused moreso on the flora involved in methylmercury production. Nalcor's opinion is that there is no heightened risk to people in Lake Melville from the creation of the Reservoir, but Nalcor continues to study and monitor this issue and advises that if there is ever a change in the situation, Nalcor will communicate immediately with people in the area.

- LAAO does note the JRP made no recommendations similar to the other three NG requests. In fact, GNL is already committed to mercury monitoring and reporting requirements as indicated in GNL's response to the JRP recommendations for the Lower Churchill Project, but the JRP made no recommendation for separate, independent research by the NG.

- GNL will use existing programs and resources to aid in the development of follow-up studies, and will monitor total mercury levels at the station in Lake Melville throughout the various phases of the Project, and will be prepared to take appropriate mitigation measures as required.

- Similarly, if consumption advisories are required as a result of the downstream mercury assessment, Nalcor will consult with downstream resource users on further mitigation measures, including the potential for compensation.

- To the present, GNL has accepted Nalcor's position that there is only a low chance of consumption advisories ever being required, but if they are required, the advisories and potential compensation will be sufficient to mitigate the impacts of the advisory.

Potential Speaking Points:
- This is a highly complex issue. I understand Nalcor has conducted extensive work in this area, and that this work is ongoing. Government is committed to doing anything reasonably possible to minimise the potential for adverse impacts on Inuit rights, but at this stage, particularly given the highly technical nature of the issues, I am confident in my Honourable colleague, Minister Trimper, and his officials to exercise its role as regulator of the Projects and to brief me on the options available to us.

- I understand Nalcor officials are interested in meeting with NG officials to learn about and discuss the Harvard Study. I would encourage your officials to work with Nalcor to arrange such a meeting, and look forward to the results of your discussions.
3. **GNL Procurement**

**Background and Current Status:**
- On July 14, 2014 the Nunatsiavut Government’s (NG) Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology wrote the former Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (MIGA) regarding the procurement of cost-shared capital works projects in the Inuit communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. The letter stated that the NG was seeking an understanding and clarification of the application of sections 7.9.1 and 7.9.2 of the LILCA generally, and, specifically, how MIGA interprets and applies the term “competitive” when assessing bids and tenders.

- On November 25, 2014, the then-Minister of MIGA responded to explain that “in the case of Municipal Infrastructure projects cost-shared with the Inuit Community Governments (ICG’s), it is the ICG’s that actually contract for the work, not the Province. As such, the LILCA provisions are not triggered by such cost-shared projects.” However, the NG responded to suggest the ICGs contract MIGA to administer such cost-shared projects on their behalf, and that when such cost-shared projects are tendered, the Public Tender Act applies. The letter reiterated the questions the NG asked in its July 2014 letter respecting the definition of “competitive” and how it is applied by MIGA in assessing bids.

- On April 10, 2015 a similar letter was sent to the Interim Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Newfoundland and Labrador Inuit Housing Corporation (NLHC) by the NG Minister respecting tenders issued for work in the Inuit communities.

- Sections 7.9.1 and 7.9.2 were also raised by Nunatsiavut Marine Incorporated’s (NMI’s) legal counsel following the 2014 decision to leave NMI off the short-list for the now-canceled Labrador Ferry Request for Proposals. NMI’s counsel stated that the “Supreme Court of Canada has consistently held that Aboriginal treaties are to be interpreted broadly, flexibly and generously [and] should be liberally construed and ambiguities or doubtful expressions should be resolved in favour of the aboriginal signatories”.

- Sections 7.9.1 and 7.9.2 of the LILCA provide:

  **7.9.1**
  
  *If the Province contracts for work or the supply of goods or services in Labrador Inuit Lands or an Inuit Community without calling for tenders, qualified Inuit Businesses shall be considered and if an Inuit Business submits a competitive proposal that meets the required terms and conditions, it shall be awarded the contract by the Province.*
7.9.2
If the Province calls for tenders for a contract for work or the supply of goods or services in Labrador Inuit Lands or an Inuit Community, proposals by qualified Inuit Businesses shall be considered and, if an Inuit Business submits a competitive bid and meets required terms and conditions, it shall be awarded the contract by the Province.

Analysis:
- It is notable that the former administration cancelled the RFP and convened a Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, whose consultations concluded in late October 2015 with the release of a What We Heard document and the note that the "input gathered by the Minister's Advisory Committee will help inform the development of a Request for Proposals for marine services for the Straits and north coast.

- "Competitive" is not defined in the Public Tender Act.

Potential Speaking Points:
- With respect to the issue of Marine Services, my Honourable colleague, Minister Hawkins, is
reviewing the issue and considering the options in order to brief Cabinet and seek direction on the best next step. I am confident we will advance this issue with all due haste, but I also understand marine services will be provided as usual in the interim.

- Regarding the general issues related to procurement that have arisen in the recent past, my officials continue to work diligently on this issue and are preparing to seek direction on this issue for me and my Cabinet colleagues to consider. I understand the issue has proven to be more complex than it first seemed, but I am hopeful that we will be in position to communicate our views to the NG in the near future.

4. Joint Cabinet Meeting

Background and Current Status:
- President Leo wrote to Premier Ball on December 21, 2015 to express congratulations on behalf of the NG and LILCA Beneficiaries, to request a meeting, and offering to host a joint Cabinet meeting in Nain.

- GNL Cabinet has twice had joint Cabinet meetings with the NG’s Executive Council, first on October 27, 2010, and second on May 16, 2013. Both of these meetings were held at Confederation Building.

Analysis:
- Discussions have more or less been a sharing of each government’s position on the various issues discussed. GNL and NG officials work together to develop a mutually-agreeable Agenda for such joint meetings.

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Potential Speaking Points:
- The idea of a joint Cabinet meeting is a good one, and I thank you for suggesting it.
- It could be challenging to convene such a joint Cabinet meeting in Labrador in the immediate future, but I will ask my officials to work with yours to explore potential opportunities to do so in the Spring.
- On the other hand, we would also be pleased to host, although I do appreciate both previous joint meetings have been in St. John’s, and do not wish to suggest we would not be more than happy to visit Labrador this time even if it takes longer to arrange.

5. Residential Schools

Background and Current Status:
- In 2005, the federal government entered into settlement negotiations with class-action plaintiffs who had brought legal action alleging federal government responsibility for abuses suffered at Indian Residential Schools. Those settlement negotiations concluded in March 2007 with the Settlement Agreement and a Statement of Apology, read in the House of Commons in June 2008 by PM Harper on behalf of the federal government for abuses suffered at “Indian Residential Schools”. The Settlement Agreement applied to individuals who attended a designated Residential School, and provided for a “Common Experience Payment” and, in instances of sexual or serious physical or psychological abuse, additional compensation.
- No schools in NL were designated. Because Canada maintains it failed to exercise its jurisdiction over or assume responsibility for Aboriginal people in NL immediately after Confederation, Canada does not consider NL schools to be a federal responsibility. The federal government received requests from approximately 20 NL schools for consideration as Residential Schools; all were rejected as the schools were operated by NL or third parties (e.g., Moravian Church).
- In May 2007, the NG submitted a request to Canada to designate former boarding schools – in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Northwest River, Cartwright, Muddy Bay, and St. Anthony – as Residential Schools. Canada rejected this request in December 2007, and has not responded to an NG request for a review of this decision.
- In addition to the NG’s request, a number of Labrador Inuit initiated five disparate legal actions (the “Labrador Inuit Plaintiffs”), alleging Canada is responsible for abuses suffered at these schools due to the fact that: (i) Canada provided funding for the operation of these schools as part of its funding for Aboriginal education; and, (ii) that Canada breached its
fiduciary duty owed to the students of the Schools to protect them from actionable physical or mental harm.

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada released its final Report on June 2, 2015, containing 94 Calls for Action. #29 calls upon “the parties, in particular the federal government, to work collaboratively with plaintiffs not included in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to have disputed legal issues determined expeditiously on an agreed set of facts”. The day after the release of the TRC Report, the NG supported walks in the Inuit Communities and Upper Lake Melville to support that Call, and on June 9, 2015 held a “Rally for Reconciliation” to support that TRC Call in front of the Confederation Building.

- On November 25, 2015, Justice Stack ruled that the federal government had abused the process in the Newfoundland Indian Residential School trial and that “Canada's attempt to assign fault to [Newfoundland and Labrador] for the administration of the Indian residential schools of that province stands no chance of success”. GNL was formally and fully released from the case, which was otherwise directed to continue to trial on the issue of Canada’s liability to the Plaintiffs.

Analysis:
- Given Justice Stack’s November 2015 decision releasing GNL from the litigation, Section 30(1)(b)

Potential Speaking Points:
- As you know, we support the work done by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and are preparing a comprehensive NL response to the Commission’s 94 Calls to Action.

- Although that Response is not yet complete, I reiterate my commitment to implement its Calls to Action in Newfoundland and Labrador as and where appropriate.

- Particularly with respect to Residential Schools, I note that the new federal government has made a similar commitment. Given the TRC recommended federal leadership in the settlement of outstanding residential schools litigation, I urge the federal government to move on this matter.

6. Land Use Plan (LUP)
Background and Current Status:

- The LILCA provided for the establishment of a Regional Planning Authority (RPA) to direct preparation of a draft LUP for the LISA in northern Labrador. The RPA submitted a final draft LUP (the “RPA Draft”) to both GNL and the NG for approval in the spring of 2012.

- As GNL had a number of concerns with the RPA Draft in June 2012, it requested the NG’s agreement to work together on a joint LUP for the entire LISA. However, in July 2012 the Nunatsiavut Executive Council (NEC) approved the RPA Draft within its jurisdiction: Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL), excluding water use. GNL has jurisdiction in LISA outside LIL and water use in LIL.

- In the Spring of 2013, GNL hired a consultant to prepare a LUP for matters within its jurisdiction. In response to this decision, in June 2013 the NG filed an Application with the Supreme Court of NL challenging GNL’s actions. In November 2013, the Court released its judgment directing GNL to finalize the LUP within a reasonable period of time and to keep the NG sufficiently informed about that process.

- In an October 2013 meeting between then-Premier Dunderdale and NG President Sarah Leo, it was agreed that officials would meet to discuss working together on a joint LUP. GNL officials from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs (MIGA), the Department of Natural Resources (NR) and LAAO met with NG officials in January 2014 to discuss if there was sufficient common ground to proceed to discussions on a joint LUP. GNL officials again met with NG officials in May 2014. During the May 2014 meeting NG asked if GNL could share the consultant’s draft.

- In April 2015 LAAO provided a copy of the consultant’s draft LUP to the NG and offered to meet with it to discuss and answer any questions it may have on the draft LUP.

- In anticipation of negotiations on a joint LUP LAAO’s 2015-16 budget included $100,000 for NL to hire a planner to prepare a new joint LUP. This funding has not yet been required.

Analysis:
Potential Speaking Points:
- Completion of a Land Use Plan for Labrador Inuit Lands and the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area would be a significant achievement and bring certainty and clarity to all parties.
- I am confident that our officials can work together to develop a Plan that is respectful of each of our interests, whilst achieving each of our objectives.
- I would encourage your officials to reach out to their colleagues in Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs once it has received direction from the NG’s Executive Council, with the objective of convening a meeting in the near future for a substantive discussion of the opportunities and challenges ahead.

7. Nain Airstrip

Background and Current Status:
- The NG and the Inuit Community Government of Nain has advocated for the development of a new airstrip for the community.

Analysis:

Potential Speaking Points:
• I understand this is an issue of long-standing concern and interest to the NG and the community of Nain. Provincial officials will continue to reach out to their federal colleagues in an attempt to define the federal role for the potential new airstrip.

• I have asked my Honourable colleague, Minister Hawkins, to raise this issue with the federal Minister of Transport Canada, and would encourage you to follow up with Minister Hawkins directly.

8. George River Caribou Herd and Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table

Background and Current Status:
• The George River Caribou Herd (GRCH) population has declined from an estimated 775,000 animals in 1993 to its current level of less than 20,000.

• In January 2013, GNL announced a five year moratorium on harvesting of the GRCH, with a review after two years. The NG recommended the Labrador Inuit immediately suspend their harvest for 2 years, and the NunatuKavut Community Council, Inc. also recommended a one year suspension, since extended for another year. Labrador Innu and QC Innu have not accepted the ban on hunting, and charges have been brought against several Labrador Innu and an aircraft company.

• Aboriginal governments/organizations representing Aboriginal harvesters of the GRCH from throughout the QC-Labrador Peninsula have formed the Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table (UPCART) in order to address concerns about the caribou population.

• Representatives from GNL and QC have not been invited to participate at UPCART meetings, but GNL and QC have jointly written to the UPCART to propose that all three parties collaborate in the development of a Management Plan for the GRCH. GNL and QC continue to advocate for all parties’ involvement on the development of such a Management Plan.

• GNL consulted relevant Aboriginal government/organizations in Labrador and QC in 2015 regarding the continuation of the ban as a part of the review process. Also, ENVC travelled to Inuit communities in June 2015 to present on the status of GRC and seek input on the ban from community members and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council.
Analysis:
- The ban has not been formally extended; Section 29(1)(a)

- On November 03, 2015, GNL and the Government of Quebec jointly wrote to the UPCART once again to express the governments’ desire to work collaboratively with the UPCART to develop a management plan that could be implemented across both province’s legislative jurisdictions, despite the UPCART having already initiated its own efforts to develop a management plan for the GRCH.

Potential Speaking Points:
- We share your concerns with respect to the current and future health of the George River Caribou, and believe the steps we have taken to be critical in supporting the recovery of the herd.

- Longer term management planning is required, both by provincial legislation and to ensure the continued viability of the herd. To that end, we would encourage you and the other members of the UPCART to work collaboratively with the Governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec to ensure the development of a comprehensive management plan that is based upon the expertise and perspectives of, and meets the needs and objectives, of both provincial governments and all Aboriginal governments and organisations.

9. Hopedale Remediation

Background and Current Status:
- The U.S. military operated facilities in Hopedale in the 1950’s and 1960’s. In the mid 1980’s, the Government of Canada provided $5.5M to NL to cover the environmental remediation costs associated with Hopedale and 12 other U.S. military sites in the province in exchange for GNL assuming all responsibility for that environmental remediation.

- To date, $9.8M has been spent remediating the former US military site in Hopedale. Another $3M is committed over the next two years to complete the on-land remediation.
• The decommissioning of the military facility commenced in 1987, followed by various environmental site investigations from 1996 to the present. In recent years, GNL has focused on remediation of PCBs, petroleum hydrocarbons, and heavy metals-impacted soil; completion of a human health risk assessment (HHRA); execution of a multi-year marine study; and, execution of a sediment remedial options study.

• The then-Ministers of ENVC and LAOO held a public meeting in Hopedale on July 13, 2015 outlining the work completed to date, describing the proposed work plan for 2015 and 2016, and discussing the results from the recent Country Foods Human Health Risk Assessment and Old Dump Pond and Harbour Remedial Options Assessments. The main messages delivered were that the Harbour will not flush itself clean of PCB-impacted sediment and there is no possible remediation in Hopedale Harbour that will allow for the safe consumption of bottom fish (rock cod and sculpin) from the inner harbour. However, Government committed to working with the NG and HICG to consult with the people of Hopedale on how impacts on their food supply and traditional way of life can be mitigated.

Analysis:
• While there were some differences of opinions during the meeting, the general consensus among all the stakeholders was that the meeting was productive and informative. However, numerous concerns were identified, including:

1. Hopedale Harbour:
   o concerns that GNL was not going to at least try to clean up the Harbour. Both NL and NG explained that a clean-up will cost millions and will not allow fish consumption.
   o suggested possible alternatives included: a road to a nearby pond and cove to allow access to clean fish; and, a harvesting committee with financial support to pay residents to supply clean fish for others via the community freezer program.

2. Federal Funding/Participation
   o GNL noted it has since spent over three times that amount on Hopedale and St. Anthony alone and, despite repeated requests for additional federal assistance, the federal government will not take any further responsibility.
   o Numerous residents noted that, unlike GNL, they did not sign away rights in 1986.
   o GNL and the NG agreed to pursue the federal government again, with an emphasis on the lack of Aboriginal consultation in respect of the 1986 agreement.
Potential Speaking Points:

- I understand my Honourable colleague, Minister Trimper, is soliciting advice from his officials to inform his assessment of the various issues at play. It would be premature for me to weigh in on these issues but I look forward to discussing Minister Trimper’s assessment, once complete, with him.

- Should engagement of the federal government be necessary and appropriate, my Government would be happy to support the NG’s in any discussions with the federal government related to this issue.

10. Housing

Background and Current Status:

- Notwithstanding years of federal investment in housing, coupled with social housing in the Inuit communities provided by NL Housing (including four new units in each of Hopedale and Nain in 2012), housing remains a significant concern in the five Inuit communities.

- On October 7, 2013, President Leo led an Inuit delegation representing Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) in a meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, focusing on housing. ITK also prepared a written submission to the Special Rapporteur, which, in respect of this province, notes, in part: “In Nunatsiavut, federal funds for housing flow directly to the Province. However, very little of this funding reach Inuit living in Nunatsiavut. The position of the Canadian government has been that jurisdiction over housing lies with the provinces and territories as funding allocations are channelled to these regional institutions for distribution.”

- This assertion disregards federal funding for housing in the Inuit Communities from at least 1984, and the 2005-present Fiscal Financing Agreements with Canada, whereby the federal government flows money to the NG for housing. It also is repetition of the federal government’s position that the general funding it provides to provinces includes funding for off-Reserve Aboriginal and Inuit housing needs, and it is up to the province to properly disburse such funds.
• Government must ensure all regions of the Province receive an appropriate share of such funding; through the above-noted and other investments, NL Housing has invested an appropriate per capita share of housing funding in the Inuit communities. Moreover, in 2009, the NG received $2M for Inuit housing from the federal Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust, which the NG flowed directly to the Torngat Regional Housing Association (TRHA).

• Pursuant to Secure Foundations: A Social Housing Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador (2009), MC2010-0125, and TBM2012-053, NL collaborated with the federal government and the NG on the design and delivery of a Housing Needs Assessment (the “Assessment”) in the Inuit communities. The $393,500 cost was shared equally among the parties.

• The DM of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) indicated in a February 4, 2011 letter to NL that, “The results of this survey will be useful to the renewal of the Fiscal Finance [sic] Agreement with Nunatsiavut, in addition to informing future direction.”

• The Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency (NLSA) worked closely with the NG in developing and delivering the Assessment, which was completed in November 2012; there was a 92.7% response rate (674/727 occupied dwellings). Based on a preliminary review of the data, in May 2013 NLSA identified several overall results which were shared with NL, NG and the federal government. The NG publicly released those key indicators at the end of the Assessment, via news release on March 19, 2014.

• The NG has previously proposed a working group of NG, GNL and federal officials to gather information, expertise and advice from experienced officials and address some of the housing issues facing the Inuit communities. LAAO has no concerns with participating in such a working group, provided its focus is on enhancing TRHA’s capacity to deliver housing and on lobbying the federal government for additional funds for housing in the five Inuit Communities, and in December 2013, during a visit to Nain, the then-Minister responsible for NL Housing met with President Leo and indicated NL Housing’s willingness to participate in a working group.

• NL’s Budget 2014 committed $350,000, matched by the NG, to assist low-income homeowners in Inuit communities who require immediate renovations or repairs. The NG announced the $700,000 equal partnership on April 03, 2014.
Analysis:

- The federal government appears to have taken a similar approach in NL as it has with respect to Inuit housing in Nunavik, Quebec. In Fall 2013, the President of the QC Inuit’s Makivik Corporation publicly decried the federal government’s Speech from the Throne for failing to address housing issues in the 14 QC Inuit communities. Quebec’s Parti Quebecois and federal NDP MPs have similarly criticised the federal government for not providing sufficient funding for Inuit housing; Makivik Corporation asserts the communities are short 889 units, and notes Canada’s failure, from 1994-1998, to fund housing altogether in Nunavik.

- As a result of the collaboration between NL and NG in April 2014 noted above on the $700,000 onetime initiative to provide assistance to low-income homeowners in Inuit communities for renovations and repairs, the NG’s call for a working group on housing has been deferred, at least temporarily.

Potential Speaking Points:

- We understand the joint GNL/NG housing repair program was successful, and that there may be further opportunities for such collaboration in the future. I would encourage you to work with my Honourable colleague, Minister Hawkins, to pursue any such possibilities.

- I understand the Inuit Housing Needs Assessment was successful in providing information on the current quality and quantity of housing stock in the Inuit Communities. Please be assured that we will continue to rely upon this information in making decisions with respect to funding available for social housing in Newfoundland and Labrador. I am hopeful the results of the Assessment have proven equally valuable to the NG and the TRHA.

11. Broadband on the North Coast

Background and Current Status:

- Internet availability and speeds on the North Coast have long been a concern and a challenge. These challenges were exacerbated in September 2015 when the service provider, Bell Aliant, made a unilateral decision to reduce data transmission speeds on the coastal Labrador network from 1.5MB per second to 256kbps, which is not quite as slow as 1990s-era dial-up modems, but drastically slower than contemporary norms.

- On September 21, 2015, President Leo appeared on CBC Radio’s Labrador Morning radio show noting the NG had written to Bell Aliant to express its concerns, although Bell had only responded to indicate it would require provincial and federal government investment to improve infrastructure in the area. Although the federal government did not respond, both President Leo and the then-Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture, and Rural Development
(BCTRD) publicly stated GNL had no immediate plans to provide Bell Aliant with funds, and expressed this, as well as GNL’s expectations that Bell Aliant would provide an appropriate level of service to all communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, in a letter to Bell Aliant dated September 21, 2015.

- On November 06, 2015, Bell Aliant responded to the Minister to indicate, “Extending robust broadband network infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities continues to be a challenge.” Bell Aliant went on to note, “there is no business case for private sector investment in these communities without a partnership with government.”

Analysis:
- Since 2003, BCTRD’s Rural Broadband Initiative has seen GNL investments of $34M, which leveraged more than $121M from other sources to improve broadband access in Newfoundland and Labrador. Many of these investments have been in partnership with Bell Aliant.

- The federal government has often been a funding partner of such initiatives through its Connecting Canadians initiative. Given the federal government’s responsibilities to the Labrador Inuit, including pursuant to the LILCA, there may be some value in working with the NG to pursue federal funding support.

Potential Speaking Points:
- I understand there are concerns with mobile and internet services in the Inuit Communities. My Government shares these concerns, but understands significant infrastructure investment is required to pursue improvements to the existing services.

- Perhaps some combination of funding sources could be successful in encouraging Bell Aliant to work with us on this issue.

12. Dispute Resolution Board (DRB) Appointment

Background and Current Status:
- The LILCA provides for the establishment of a DRB to deal with disputes that may arise under the LILCA. The DRB consists of five members jointly appointed by the consensus of
the parties to the LILCA (GNL, the NG and the Government of Canada). Members are appointed for a six year term and may be reappointed.

- The DRB was struck in February 2011 with an initial membership of the following five individuals: George Kean; James Oakley; Ken Templeton; Violet Ford; and Allison Haggerty.

- In the Spring of 2012, Messrs. Kean and Templeton resigned. One vacancy was filled by an NG nominee, Mr. James Igloolik, yet one vacancy remains.

Analysis:
- The NG has asked that LAAO pursue this issue with the Premier at the earliest opportunity.

Potential Speaking Points:
- I understand this vacancy has persisted for some time now, and share the NG's interest in filing it as soon as reasonably practicable.

- You may recall my Government committed to establishing an Independent Appointments Commission to manage appointments such as these to the Dispute Resolution Board. I will have to consider how to proceed, which will include consideration of how quickly such a Commission could be established and consider the present potential appointments.

13. National Inquiry and National Roundtable

Background and Current Status:
- At their August 2014 meeting with National Aboriginal Organization (NAO) leaders in PEI, and in light of the then-Harper Government's continued refusal to convene a National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Canadian Premiers supported the joint Assembly of First Nations (AFN)-Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) proposal for a National Roundtable with federal ministers focused on areas of Federal responsibility that can help end violence against Aboriginal Women and Girls.

- The first National Roundtable was convened in Ottawa on February 27, 2015. Parties to the
National Roundtable included: leaders of the five NAOs; family members of missing and murdered Aboriginal women; four premiers; several provincial and territorial (PT) ministers responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Status of Women, and Justice; and two federal ministers, the Minister for the Status of Women, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. GNL was represented by the then-Minister of JPS and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

- Concurrently, on December 08, 2015, the Trudeau Government announced a two-phase approach for a National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The first phase, called the “Design Phase”, will include consultation with victims’ families, National Aboriginal Organizations, Provinces and Territories, experts and other national stakeholders in order to outline the objectives, scope and parameters of the National Inquiry. The federal government had committed to a National Inquiry at a cost of $40 million dollars over two years, but it was noted that the parameters of the National Inquiry will be flexible, and may change based on consultations in the Design Phase.

- The Design Phase will also include an online component, with a website that will be updated with summaries of consultations, and that will include an online survey and discussion guide. The goal of this online component is to promote accountability, transparency, and ensure that all Canadians are involved in this process.

Analysis:

- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to support a call for a National Inquiry. Indeed, following the death of Loretta Saunders, an Inuit woman from Labrador studying in Nova Scotia, and to reiterate and emphasize Newfoundland and Labrador’s support for a National Inquiry, on March 18, 2014, the House of Assembly unanimously passed an All-party Resolution calling upon the federal government to convene a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Children.

- Government has committed to participate in the Inquiry and implement its recommendations as required, as recently reiterated in Premier Ball’s Mandate Letter of December 14, 2015, which confirmed NL will participate in the National Inquiry and implement those resulting recommendations which are applicable to the provincial government.

- The federal government has not yet reached out to GNL during the Design Phase, but has begun the process of convening regional meetings with stakeholders to discuss the issue and inform the design of the Inquiry.

- The second National Roundtable is scheduled for February 24-26, 2016 in Winnipeg.
Potential Speaking Points:

- Government is proud to support the important work of Aboriginal women in Canada and is pleased to see a National Inquiry will be convened. We are heartened by the federal government’s consultative and collaborative approach to designing the National Inquiry.

- The federal government has indicated it will reach out to Provinces and Territories during the Design Phase of the National Inquiry. We do not know whether it will also reach out to each individual Inuit government or First Nation, but we do look forward to the opportunity to sit down with the NG to discuss these issues in detail in the hopes of informing GNL’s advice to the federal government.

14. Miscellany

Background and Current Status:

- There are a variety of other issues such issues might include:
  
  - Quest Rare Mineral’s proposed Strange Lake Project and the NG desire for a harmonized EA process;
  - Hopedale water supply;
  - Planning Circle and the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services;
  - Hopedale shelter;
  - Emergency housing in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Analysis:

- LAAO would suggest Premier Ball indicate to President Leo that follow-up directly with the responsible Minister would be the best course of action should President Leo raise any one or more of these issues.
I have not been briefed on that particular issue, however I would expect my Honourable colleague to be abreast of the issue and soliciting information and advice from departmental officials. As such, I would encourage you to follow up directly with the Minister on this issue.

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January 08, 2016
ANNEX I

President Sarah Leo

Sarah Leo was raised in Nain by her parents, Abel and Isabella Leo. It was from her parents she learned firsthand the importance of selfless and, at times, passionate public service.

President Leo attended Jens Haven Memorial School in Nain, and graduated from there in 1982.

Following high school, President Leo worked at various positions in Nain. In 1984, she acted on a long-held dream and joined the Canadian Forces. Her career in the Forces exposed her to a wide range of people, politics and fields of operation.

After 21 years in the Canadian Forces, which included one overseas tour as a UN Peacekeeper and a second with the UN Stabilization Force, she returned to Nain to care for her father, who was in failing health.

After her father passed away, President Leo sought and obtained the position of town manager, a position for which the administrative and leadership experience gained in the Canadian Forces proved valuable. The position of town manager also fit well with her long-held ideal of effective public service.

In 2006, President Leo ran for and was elected to the office of AngajukKak for the Nain Inuit Community Government. As AngajukKak, she also served as Vice-President (North) on the Combined Councils of Labrador. Here she expanded her knowledge of the issues and concerns of Nunatsiavut and its beneficiaries in general, proving a strong voice and advocate for all.

In 2010, President Leo took up the position of Executive Director of the OKalaKatiget Society, a position she held for two years.

Then, in the early spring of 2012, President Leo took a leave of absence from her position to undertake her ultimately successful campaign for President of Nunatsiavut.

President Leo currently volunteers as Chair of the Nain Heritage Committee, Chair of the Nain School Council and assists with the school Breakfast Program.

President Leo has 2 children, Isabelle and Barry Wiseman.
Meeting Note
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office (LAAO)
January 13, 2016

Attendees:

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (GNL)
The Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
The Honourable Perry Trimper, MHA – Lake Melville
Others, including Senior Officials (TBD)

NunatuKavut Community Council, Inc. (NCC)
Mr. Todd Russell, President (biography appended hereto as ANNEX III)
Ms. Amy Hudson, Executive Assistant to President Russell

Purpose of Meeting:
- President Russell has requested a meeting with the Premier to discuss NCC issues.

- Although President Russell has not suggested specific issues to be discussed at the meeting, there is a reasonable likelihood that discussion will focus on three key areas:

1. NCC Land Claim

2. Lower Churchill Projects

3. NCC Access to Federal Programs and Services

4. Areas of Potential Cooperation

1. NCC Land Claim

Background and Current Status:
- The Labrador Metis Association (LMA) was formed in 1985, with an initial membership comprising central Labrador “Settlers” who refused to join or were denied membership in the Labrador Inuit Association (forebear of the Nunatsiavut Government [NG]). The LMA later changed its name to the Labrador Metis Nation (LMN), and in 1991, filed a land claim with the federal government covering a significant portion of Labrador. Following the 1993 discovery of Voisey’s Bay, an updated claim area was submitted to the federal government, with a new “secondary” claim area encompassing Voisey’s Bay. The federal government has had this claim for 23 years, has provided regular funding to the NCC and its precursors for research in support of its claim, but has not accepted it for the purposes of negotiation.

- In May 2010, the NCC submitted an updated land claim document to the federal government
entitled *Unveiling NunatuKavut*, which claimed both Aboriginal and treaty rights on the basis of a purported 1765 treaty with Governor Palliser. The secondary claim area around Voisey’s Bay was dropped, and the updated claim area more closely mirrors the original land claim. However, NCC has since provided maps to GNL which again include a “secondary claim area” for the NCC. Our current understanding of the claim area is per the attached map at ANNEX I.

- In *Unveiling NunatuKavut*, the NCC asserts that its members are Inuit, have a valid claim of Aboriginal title and treaty rights, and that there is no evidence of ethnogenesis of a distinct Métis culture in Labrador. *Unveiling NunatuKavut* also asserts there are two separate and distinct Inuit populations in Labrador: the South/Central Inuit (NCC) and the Northern Inuit (NG).

- President Russell has long urged publically for the federal and provincial governments to sit down with NCC and negotiate the land claim. The NCC collected political support from federal and provincial politicians during the fall campaigns. During the 2015 Federal campaign, the Federal Liberal Party noted its “longstanding and unwavering commitment that a Liberal government will accept the NunatuKavut Land Claim and move it to the negotiating table immediately”. Similarly, the Premier’s Mandate Letter, released on 16 December 2015, notes, the Province will “encourage the federal government to render a decision on the land claim of the NunatuKavut Community Council and in any land claim negotiations that may arise following that decision, to which the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is a party. I will strive to reach an agreement that brings harmony, prosperity and certainty to all parties involved in those land claim negotiations.”

- The NL Liberal Party letter to President Russell of November 5, 2015 is attached as ANNEX II.

**Analysis:**

- Since its incorporation, LMN/NCC has engaged in a constant process of cultural re-identification, changing from “Metis” to “Southern Inuit”, for example.

- In 2010, the Department of Justice and Public Safety (JPS) hired independent consultants in the fields of archaeology, history and ethno-history to examine the validity of the assertions contained in *Unveiling NunatuKavut*.

- In 2011, NCC members charged with wildlife offences attempted to rely on the research in *Unveiling NunatuKavut* as the basis of an Aboriginal rights defence. The defence was subsequently dropped.
It is notable that responsibility for the NCC claim currently rests with the federal government. The federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada stated in April 2013 that, “when we are ready to make a decision and on the advice of the justice department, we will.”

GNL consults the NCC on mineral exploration, lands, and other applications, environmental assessments (EAs), and post environmental assessment permits required for development projects in its claim area, as case law has established a low threshold to trigger the Aboriginal duty to consult.

Some proponents have decided to enter into commercial arrangements with the NCC in order to facilitate the passage of developments through regulatory processes, and perhaps for other reasons. Since 2012, the NCC has reached agreements with proponents such as Labrador Iron Mines; Search Minerals, Tata Steel Minerals Canada; and, Alderon Iron Ore Corp.

The LMN successfully sued GNL for breaching the duty to consult on the Trans Labrador Highway (TLH) in 2006. To satisfy GNL’s TLH consultation obligations, GNL signed an agreement with the NCC in 2007, providing $65,000 for three years to support NCC’s participation in environmental compliance monitoring and permit review in respect of Phase III of the TLH.
GNL and the NCC have had consultation agreements related to forestry management since 2002, primarily focused on 5-year forestry management plans. These agreements have typically provided funding ranging from a high of $70,000 to a low of $10,000 per year, depending on the activities required for that year. The agreement for 2015-16 provides $20,000 to the NCC.

GNL responded to the NCC proposal in a letter dated March 19, 2013 from the then-Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, noting that although it could not agree to the MOA, there was significant alignment between Government and NCC on several key principles of Aboriginal consultation including the establishment of meaningful and good faith consultations.

In summer 2014, NCC officials submitted a proposed MOA on consultation, not unlike what was previously proposed by President Russell, but additionally including the federal government as a party. All of which provide for federal and provincial funding to Aboriginal organizations.

Provincial officials decided not to pursue the negotiation of this MOA for several reasons, including:

- NL’s Aboriginal Consultation Policy provides that proponents are responsible for providing reasonable capacity funding to Aboriginal governments and organization for consultation on projects.

Potential Speaking Points:
The first decision on whether or not the NCC claim is approved for negotiation rests with the federal government. Until the federal government takes a decision on the NCC’s land claim, it would be premature for GNL to take its own decision.

I will honour the commitment expressed in my Mandate Letter to encourage the federal government to make a decision on the NCC claim.

GNL’s consultation processes are by now well-established and provide every opportunity for the NCC to provide input into land and resource development decisions which could adversely impact the NCC’s asserted Aboriginal rights.

2. Lower Churchill Projects

Background and Current Status:
- The NCC at times adopts an adversarial stance against Government, especially over the Lower Churchill Generation and Transmission Link Projects (the “Projects”), as shown by its many pieces of litigation and protests against the Projects.

IBAs generally are comprised of preference for jobs, training, contracting, cash payment, community projects, or some combination of these. Cash payments would be additional costs to the projects. The Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership (LATP) and project benefits, to some degree, look after the first three elements.

The Province consults the NCC on projects in its claim area. NCC was consulted throughout the EAs for the Projects and is being consulted on all permits for the Projects or to avoid or minimize impacts on NCC’s asserted rights.

The NCC has filed several actions against Government and/or Nalcor over the Projects. The sufficiency of consultation with NCC has been tested by the NCC twice in court, (NumatuKavut Community Council Inc. v. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation (Nalcor Energy), 2011 NLTD and Grand Riverkeepers et al v. Canada et al, 2012 FC); in both cases, the courts commented favourably on NL’s consultation approach.

In November 2012, the NL Supreme Court issued a permanent injunction against the NCC and its members enjoining them from interfering with Nalcor’s construction of the Projects,
and confining any protests to a designated "safety zone" constructed by Nalcor for such a purpose. On December 3, 2014, the NL Court of Appeal unanimously overturned that permanent injunction.

- Ultimately, this decision, and the overturning of the permanent injunction, was decided on the basis of injunction law principles, and not on any issue related to Aboriginal rights or title, nor on any issue related to Aboriginal consultation.

- The NCC has asked why Emera has an agreement with the Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nation (QMFN) regarding the Maritime Link Project but NCC has no agreement with Nalcor regarding the Projects. GNL has explained that Emera, as a proponent, chose to enter into an agreement with QMFN for its own reasons. In addition, the federal environmental assessment of the Maritime Link Project required it to engage the QMFN. As noted, the NCC has been consulted extensively on the Projects, is a partner in the LATP and does have members working on the Projects.

Analysis:
- To-date, wherever the NCC has raised specific concerns or specific potential adverse impacts from the Projects, GNL and/or Nalcor were able to make modifications to accommodate NCC concerns, such as re-routing the initially-proposed transmission line route between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the South Coast/Straits. There are no outstanding issues identified by the NCC that would suggest any further accommodation.

Potential Speaking Points:
- We will continue to consult the NCC on the Lower Churchill Projects and will fully and fairly consider the NCC’s comments on provincial permits for the Projects and make reasonable adjustments to address any NCC concerns on the permits.

- We have supported and continue to support the Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership.

- The NCC was consulted throughout the environmental assessments of both the Generation and Transmission Projects, and was afforded the ability to request meetings to discuss outstanding issues of concern. Moreover, the federal and provincial governments provided $154,000 and $60,000 in participant funding to the NCC to participate in the Projects’ EAs, respectively; in fact, NCC’s funding for the Transmission Project was the largest allocation to an Aboriginal organization for the Transmission Project. Also, Nalcor has provided funding to the NCC totaling $284,200 to support NCC review of the Projects.

- In addition, NCC participated frequently throughout each Project’s regulatory reviews,
including several submissions to the Generation Project’s Joint Review Panel. The Joint Review Panel Report concluded the Project’s impacts on NCC’s members’ contemporary land and resource uses, after implementation of the mitigation measures proposed by Nalcor Energy and those recommended by the Joint Review Panel, would be adverse but not significant.

3. NCC Access to Federal Programs and Services

Background and Current Status:
- GNL has had a long-standing policy of encouraging the federal government to fully assume its responsibilities for all Aboriginal people in Newfoundland and Labrador; consistent with this policy, GNL has also long supported the NCC in its requests for access to federal programs and services.

- NCC members currently enjoy access to some federal Aboriginal programs, but are not eligible for some others, including significant programs such as Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHBs) and the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP).

- First Nations and Inuit populations in NL are eligible for NIHBs, which provide eligible First Nations and Inuit reimbursement of a number of health-related goods and services not covered by provincial health plans, and the PSSSP, which provides funding to support individuals’ pursuits of higher education.

Analysis:
- The NCC submitted a proposal to the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) in September 2014 which requested $106,760 to examine the ways the people of NCC could access NIHB and other federal health programs. This would include hiring a consultant to complete a policy analysis to determine what federal policies could apply to the NCC. This analysis would include a historical and legal analysis regarding coverage of Aboriginal people for federal health programs; a needs assessment; and, a cost template to demonstrate the federal and provincial financial implications should NCC gain access to NIHB and other federal health programs.
- The root of the issue for the NCC in accessing NIHBs is that the federal criteria require recipients to be members of a registered First Nation, or beneficiaries of a modern Inuit land claim agreement. As such, given the federal government has not accepted the NCC land claim, NCC members cannot meet the NIHB eligibility requirement.

- As a result, the best support NL can provide to the NCC would be in terms of political and intergovernmental relations to support the NCC’s advocacy for a relaxation or expansion of the NIHB eligibility criteria. LAAO has offered to send a team of officials to Ottawa with the NCC to support such discussions.

- Should the federal government not be able to accept the NCC land claim, perhaps it could allow NCC access to these programs.

Potential Speaking Points:
- The NCC proposal requesting NL’s support in accessing NIHBs is still being examined. However, there may be more productive ways to work with the NCC on this issue.

- We would be happy to support the NCC in such discussions with the federal government, whether on NIHBs or other federal programs. We would also be happy to provide any in-kind support from our various policy and subject-matter experts.

4. Other Areas of Potential Cooperation

Background and Current Status:
- The NCC has often looked to GNL to support proposed initiatives for its membership.

Analysis:
- GNL has always reviewed NCC proposals with a full and open mind to consider ways in which GNL and NCC can work together, particularly in areas where shared expertise can be used to provide optimum services.

Potential Speaking Points:
- We will continue to review NCC proposals as they are received and will encourage such opportunities to utilize our shared expertise.
ANNEX II

Liberal

Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Mr. Todd Russell, President
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November 5th, 2015

Dear Todd,

I have reviewed the letter dated October 7, 2015 sent to you by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in which he reiterated his longstanding commitment that a Liberal government will accept the Nunatukavut Land Claim and move it to the negotiating table immediately. As Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my support for the Liberal Party of Canada’s position.

As I stated to you in a letter dated June 6th, 2013, the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to doing everything possible to ensure that Nunatukavut’s Land Claim is accepted immediately and negotiated in good faith. Although the current government of Newfoundland and Labrador is unwilling to advance the Nunatukavut Land Claim, a New Liberal Government will do everything possible to encourage and support the Federal Liberal Government in recognizing the Land Claim and commencing negotiations.

Nunatukavut’s Land Claim has been left unresolved for far too long, and I fully support the Liberal Party of Canada’s commitment to negotiate in good faith with Nunatukavut, on a Nation-in-Nation basis, to reach a deal that brings harmony, prosperity and certainty to all parties involved with the claim.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

cc: The Honourable Carolyn A. Bennett, P.C., Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
ANNEX III
Biography – President Todd Russell

Todd Russell is a native of William's Harbour, a tiny island community on the southeast coast of Labrador. He was compelled to leave his home to pursue his high school diploma at the age of fourteen. Upon completion, Todd attended Memorial University in Corner Brook and St. John's, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Classics.

While pursuing his high school diploma and subsequent to completing his university degree, he worked in the fishery and then an oil tanker for two years before accepting a position as an Employment Counselor with the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy.

Todd launched his political career as Chair of the student council during his years at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College campus. He was elected to the board of the Labrador Metis Association, now NunatuKavut, in 1992. Two years later he was elected President, a position he held for 11 years. He has also served on a number of national boards.

First elected as the Member of Parliament for Labrador during a by-election in May of 2005, he was re-elected in 2006 and 2008.

Todd has been a strong advocate for aboriginal rights and Labrador at every political level in the country. As a proud member of NunatuKavut, he has a close and intimate connection to the land and its people.

Todd is once again serving as President of NunatuKavut. He was elected in March 2012 for a four year term.
Information Note  
Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office  

Title: Northern Lights 2016 and FPT meeting on Climate Change  

Issue: Honourable Perry Trimper’s attendance at the Northern Lights 2016 Business and Cultural Showcase (Northern Lights) in Ottawa, January 27-30, 2016 in association with a Federal-Provincial and Territorial Ministerial Climate Change Meeting at the same time in Ottawa.  

Background and Current Status:  
- Northern Lights is a joint venture between the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce (LNCC) and the Baffin Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCC). Northern Lights showcase Canada’s northern jurisdictions, including Nunavut, Nunavik, Labrador and Nunatsiavut. It aims to promote business, economic development, and tourism and cultural opportunities in these areas, as well as relationship building between northern and southern stakeholders.  
- The four day event is expected to attract over 200 exhibitors and more than 1,200 delegates. Northern Lights is considered to be an ideal platform for Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) companies to learn about opportunities emerging in the Arctic and network with potential partners. Some of the Labrador stakeholders participating in the sessions include Woodward’s Group of Companies, Goose Bay Airport Corporation, New Millennium Iron Corporation, Vale Canada Ltd., Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, Innu Nation, and Nunacor.  
- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (GNL) is a partner sponsor for this event. Premier Dwight Ball will be the keynote luncheon speaker on January 29th.  
- In the same week as Northern Lights, Environment Canada is hosting an FPT Ministerial Meeting on climate change in Ottawa on 28-29 January 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to advance work on a national climate change plan in preparation for the Meeting of First Ministers on March 3 where the main agenda item will be climate change.  

Analysis:  
- Minister Trimper will be attending the noted meeting on climate change and, since he is in Ottawa, it would be advantageous for the Minister to also attend the Northern Lights.  
- The only additional cost to attend Northern Lights would be registration fees.  
- Attendance at Northern Lights is an opportunity for Minister Trimper to support the LNCC and other local Labrador stakeholders as the newly-elected MHA for Upper Lake Melville and the as a provincial Minister with a district located in Labrador.  
- A number of Northern Lights sessions are relevant to Minister Trimper’s portfolio and his role as a Labrador MHA such as the Climate Change: Adoption in a Transforming North; Northern Mining Development: Project Updates; Northern Transportation: Marine Shipping Development and Improving Air Linkages; Economic Development in the North: Partnership for Prosperity; and, Communications Infrastructure: Improving Northern Connectivity.  

Action Being Taken:  
- LAA for the above noted reasons recommends Minister Trimper’s attendance at Northern Lights.  

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