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Rose Balderson

Subject: FW: March Update!

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North Coast Community E-Newsletter

Dear friends,

Thanks for taking the time to read my Spring E-newsletter.

The B.C. Legislature returned in mid-February with the Speech from the Throne, followed a week later by Budget 2018.

I'm proud to say that Budget 2018 is a budget that works for everyday people like you.

From record investments in child care and housing, to working to eliminate MSP premiums and reduce the cost of prescription drugs, our government will make the lives of hundreds of thousands of British Columbians better.

I encourage you to visit the Budget 2018 website to learn all the ways our government remains committed to making life more affordable, delivering the services people count on and building a strong sustainable economy that works

for everyone.

In the Legislature I've spoken about my love of Haida Gwaii and the importance of shopping local, my support for agriculture, my support for commercial fishing on the North Coast and how its benefits are beyond just dollars and cents and the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

Speaking of emergencies, a large earthquake occurred off the coast of Alaska in late January, which prompted a Tsunami alert for much of the north coast, central coast and Vancouver Island. While no injuries were recorded and communities engaged their emergency plans, the tsunami alert was a wake-up call for individuals who do not have an emergency plan.

In the coming months B.C. will test the Alert Ready system which will push tsunami warnings to LTE ready mobile devices. Wireless alerts are a welcome addition to our current alerting tools.

The communities which encompass the North Coast riding will soon feel a bit closer, thanks to a combined \$45.4 million investment in high speed internet for Vancouver Island, the central coast, north coast and Haida Gwaii. The Connected Coast initiative will see 154 communities (including 44 First Nations) be connected by 3.5 million metres of subsea fibre-optic cable that will greatly improve connectivity.

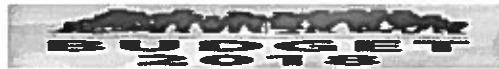
In and around our communities, I had the pleasure of attending the All Native Basketball Tournament, Hobiye in Laxgalts'ap, Vietnamese Tet, The Prince Rupert and District Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards, two poverty reduction forums and met with constituents in Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii.

As the year progresses, I hope to have the chance to meet many more of you in your home communities throughout the North Coast.

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Budget 2018



Budgets are about choices and Budget 2018 puts people first. Keep reading below for some of the highlights.

Homes for BC:

- B.C.'s first comprehensive housing plan focused on not only tackling speculation and curbing demand but also increasing supply and improving security for renters.

- Investing more than \$6 billion over 10 years in affordable housing for families, seniors, students and women fleeing violence.
- Creation of HousingHub through BC Housing which will build partnerships and affordable homes where people need them the most.

Child Care BC:

- Budget 2018 invests a record \$1 billion over three years.
- New childcare benefit will provide 86,000 families up-to \$1,250 per month in child care cost relief by 2020.
- Childcare fee reduction that will benefit up to 50,000 goes into effect on April 1, 2018. families can save up to \$350.
- The creation of more than 22,000 new childcare spaces throughout the province.

Health Care:

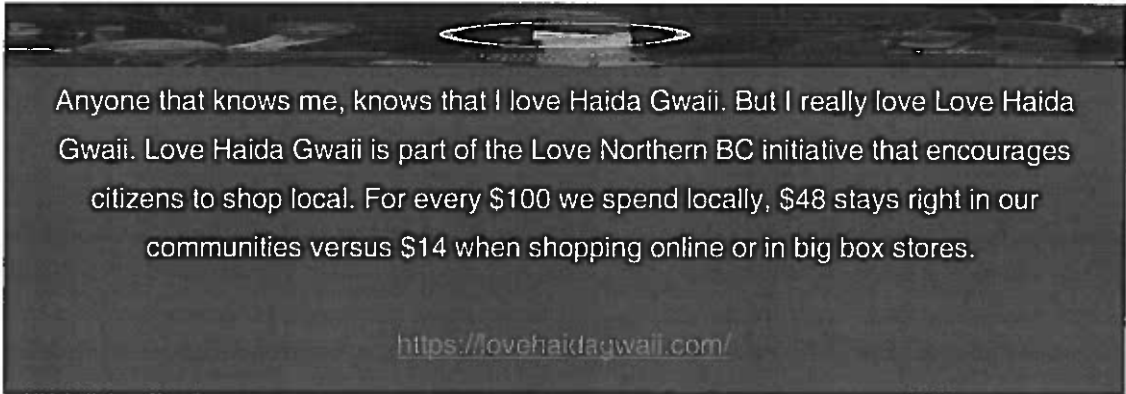
- Fully eliminating MSP premiums by January 1, 2020 to save individuals and families up to \$1,800 per year.
- People shouldn't have to choose between paying for medication and paying rent. \$105 million investment over three years to reduce or eliminate Pharmacare deductibles for low income individuals and families.
- \$548 million investment over three years to improve residential care supports for seniors.

First Nations:

- Historic \$50 million investment to retain and enhance Indigenous languages.
- \$158 million in partnerships with Indigenous Housing Societies and First Nations to build and support 1,750 new housing units.
- \$6 million over three years for Aboriginal Friendship Centres, for enhanced outreach to Aboriginal people living on and off reserve.
- \$30 million over three years for the Indigenous Skills Training Development Fund.

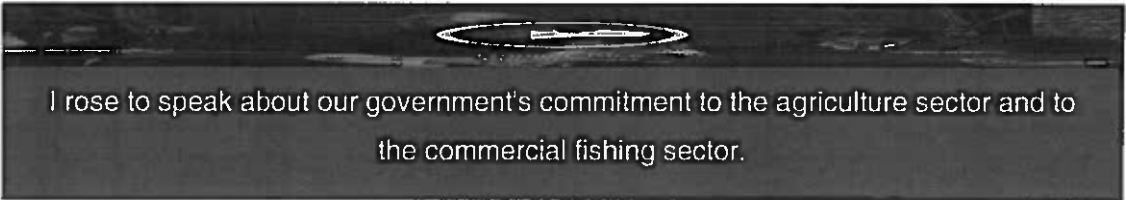
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In the Legislature

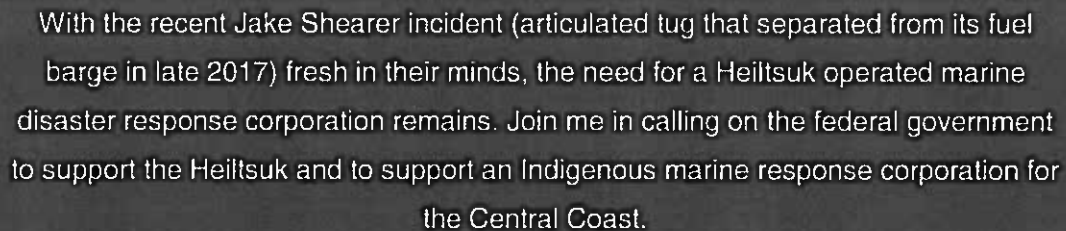


Anyone that knows me, knows that I love Haida Gwaii. But I really love Love Haida Gwaii. Love Haida Gwaii is part of the Love Northern BC initiative that encourages citizens to shop local. For every \$100 we spend locally, \$48 stays right in our communities versus \$14 when shopping online or in big box stores.

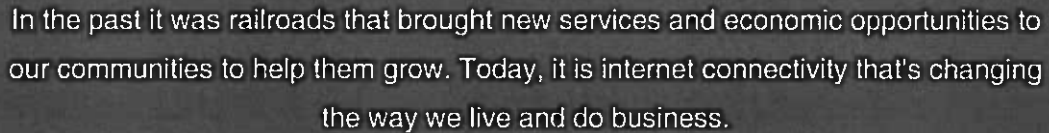
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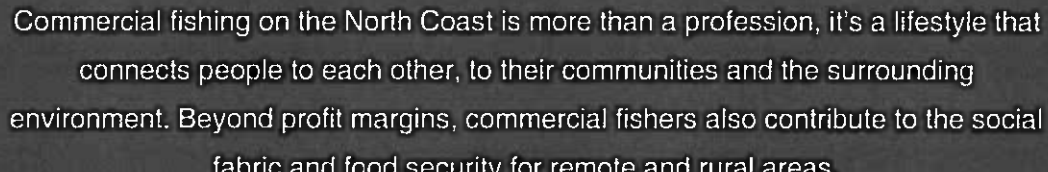
I rose to speak about our government's commitment to the agriculture sector and to the commercial fishing sector.



With the recent Jake Shearer incident (articulated tug that separated from its fuel barge in late 2017) fresh in their minds, the need for a Heiltsuk operated marine disaster response corporation remains. Join me in calling on the federal government to support the Heiltsuk and to support an Indigenous marine response corporation for the Central Coast.




In the past it was railroads that brought new services and economic opportunities to our communities to help them grow. Today, it is internet connectivity that's changing the way we live and do business.



Commercial fishing on the North Coast is more than a profession, it's a lifestyle that connects people to each other, to their communities and the surrounding environment. Beyond profit margins, commercial fishers also contribute to the social fabric and food security for remote and rural areas.


The ceilings of the Legislature have paintings of the four foundational industries of British Columbia: mining, forestry, farming and fishing. After many years of BC Liberal neglect, I think we can do a better job of supporting our commercial fishers.

I'm proud to be a part of a government that recognizes the importance of this sector not just economically but in the role it plays in the social fabric of BC.




The income for independent fishermen (and women) is on a downward trend. Privatization, consolidation and the corporatization of fisheries policy has created unemployment and undue hardship on communities, particularly First Nations.

Join me in urging federal Fisheries Minister, Dominic LeBlanc to better support independent fishermen (and women) in British Columbia.



What do you get when a law student walks into a fish plant? Prince Rupert city councilor, fisheries champion and United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union-Unifor president Joy Thorkelson.

She was in Victoria on Tuesday, March 6 and I introduced her to the Legislature.



We all know that B.C. is seismically active. Some of the world's highest magnitude earthquakes have occurred just off our shore. Ocean Networks Canada manages a collection of observatories along our coast where nodes on the ocean floor collect real-time chemical, biological and geological data.

With a \$5 million investment by Emergency Management BC, next year, ONC will unveil a new system intended to serve as an earthquake early warning system.

Tsunami Warning



Don't Let the Big One Catch You Dancing

On January 23 at 1:32 am, as most of us were slumbering in our beds, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake rattled the earth's crust 25 kilometers deep, 280 km Southeast off the coast of Kodiak City, Alaska.

At 1:38 am, the US National Tsunami Warning Center notified Emergency Management BC (EMBC) that a series of tsunami waves could be heading south to our shores, potentially inundating coastal communities....

[Click here to read more](#)

Alert Ready

Starting April 6th, in addition to TV and Radio, Alert Ready will be sending life-threatening emergency alerts to cell phones and wireless devices that are compatible with Wireless Public Alerting (WPA). In order for emergency alerts to be received on a wireless device, three conditions must be met. The wireless device must be:

1. An LTE-device like a smartphone (LTE is commonly referred to as “4G LTE”)
2. Wireless public alerting (WPA)-compatible
3. Connected to an LTE cellular network at the time the emergency alert is issued.

Learn more by visiting [Alert Ready](#) or [Emergency Management BC](#)

Connected Coast



Great news for the Central, North Coast and Haida Gwaii!

The Government of British Columbia, in partnership with Canada is helping to close the connectivity gap in the Province through a combined investment of \$45.4 million that will enable the installation of a new subsea fibre optic line from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, as well as around Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii. This will bring new or improved high speed internet to 154 rural and remote communities (including 44 First Nation communities across 56 locations.)

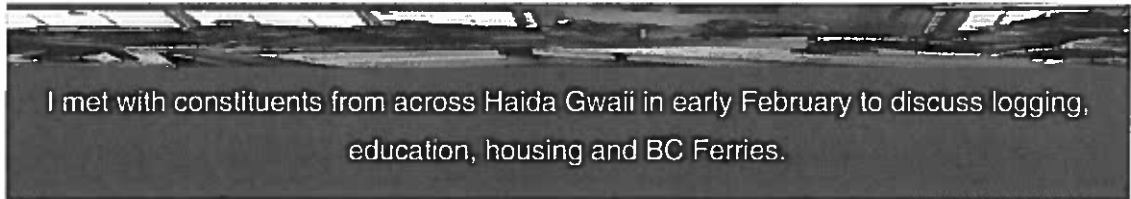
For too long people living along B.C.'s coast and Haida Gwaii have been forced to live in technological isolation which has affected their ability to communicate and do business in a digital world. This important investment will give coastal communities and First Nations better access to key services like healthcare and education, bring new economic opportunities in tourism and other industries, and improve our ability to respond to emergencies throughout the region.

Additionally, the fact that CityWest is able to grow and broaden their service delivery is such a positive announcement for Prince Rupert with the growth of our city-owned telecommunications company.

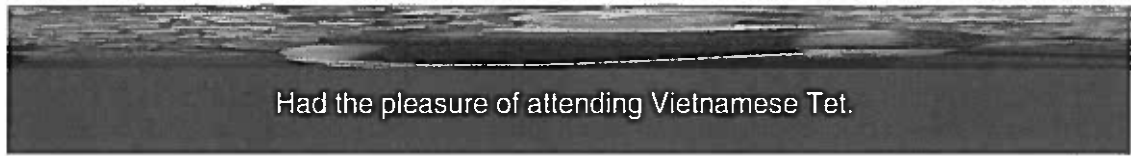
Click here to learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/Connected-Coast>



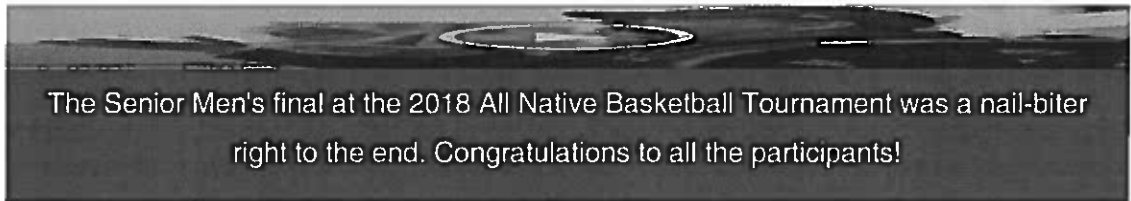
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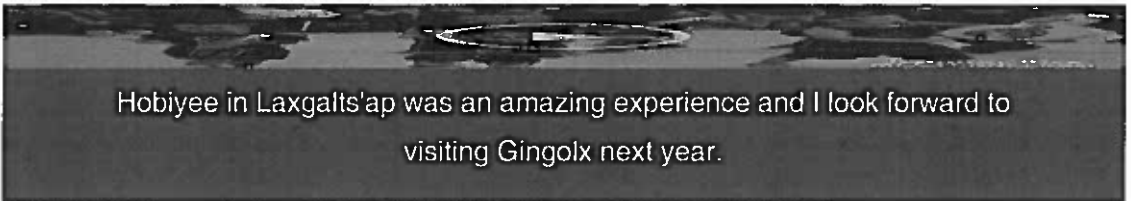
I met with constituents from across Haida Gwaii in early February to discuss logging, education, housing and BC Ferries.



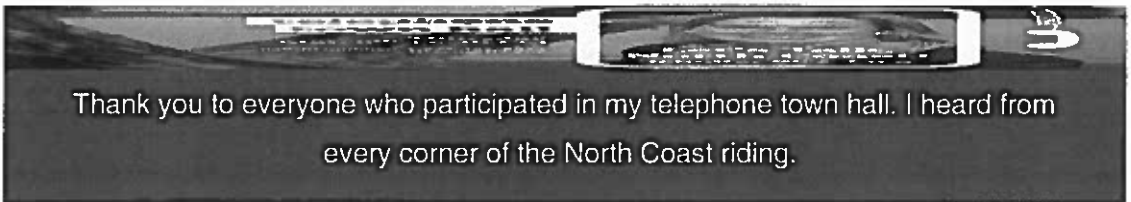
Had the pleasure of attending Vietnamese Tet.



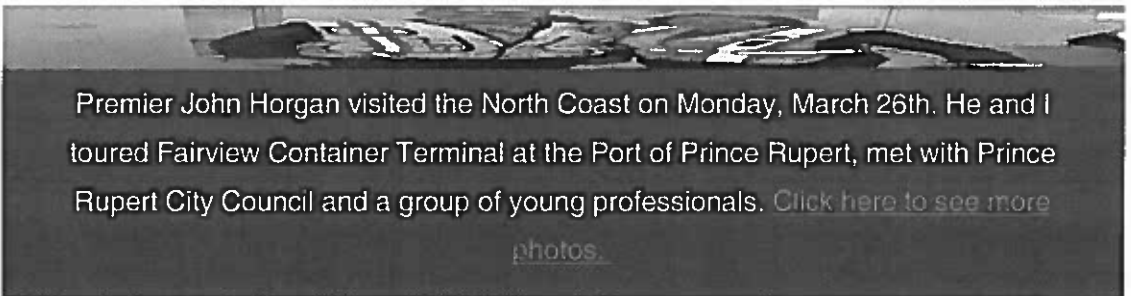
The Senior Men's final at the 2018 All Native Basketball Tournament was a nail-biter right to the end. Congratulations to all the participants!



Hobiye in Laxgalts'ap was an amazing experience and I look forward to visiting Gingolx next year.



Thank you to everyone who participated in my telephone town hall. I heard from every corner of the North Coast riding.



Premier John Horgan visited the North Coast on Monday, March 26th. He and I toured Fairview Container Terminal at the Port of Prince Rupert, met with Prince Rupert City Council and a group of young professionals. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



Thanks for taking the time to read my Spring update. Please feel free to share this update with people who may not be a part of my mailing list, or better yet, ask them to sign up!

It has been a busy start to 2018 and I look forward to what the rest of our government's first year in power will bring.

Yours in friendship,



Jennifer Rice
MLA North Coast
Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness

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AC 2018: Workshop topics are now online

FCM's 2018 Annual Conference and Trade Show kicks off May 31 in beautiful Halifax. Join us for four days of exciting activities and opportunities. [Workshop topics](#) are now available online. Take a look and start planning which ones you want to attend. If you need help convincing your council of the value in attending FCM's annual conference, check out this [council resolution template](#) and list of the [top 5 reasons why you should attend AC 2018](#).

Local governments are nation-builders. With the right tools, we're ready to build tomorrow's Canada. You can be part of it. [Register today](#) and take advantage of our early bird rate. See you in Halifax.

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Partners selected to support municipalities in climate adaptation

We're pleased to announce the 12 partner organizations that will receive grants to design and deliver climate adaptation training and guidance to more than 70 participating communities across Canada. These organizations will drive local solutions in municipalities facing similar geographic or climate conditions through peer learning and collaboration activities. [Learn more](#).

The grants are delivered through FCM's Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program and funded by the Government of Canada.

Green Municipal Fund advisory council recruitment

FCM is seeking a new member from the municipal sector for the Green Municipal Fund Council. We hope you can help us by sharing the following information within your networks. Here you can find detailed information about the role and the Expression of Interest application form. The deadline for candidates to apply is April 13, 2018.

New First Nations-municipal partnerships on solid waste management

The Community Infrastructure Partnership Project celebrated two significant milestones in March. On March 23, Alderville First Nation and Northumberland County signed a joint solid waste and recycling service agreement. On March 29, Constance Lake First Nation and the Town of Hearst ratified a similar agreement, which includes the implementation of a brand new joint recycling system. Learn more about our participating communities.

Your ticket to making a difference

Operation Lifesaver's Rail Safety Ambassador Program recruits Canadians from across the country to help get the rail safety message out to the public. Whether it's sharing blog posts and tweets on social media networks, doing presentations in classrooms, or volunteering at events, we need you. Become a Rail Safety Ambassador and start helping us save lives. Find out how at www.operationlifesaver.ca/ambassador.

FCM Tweets

- ? Mar 26: A good step. As part of comprehensive recommendations to end the #opioid crisis, FCM's Mayors' Task Force on the Opioid Crisis asked @GovCanHealth to increase access to opioid substitution therapy. #CDNmuni #CDNpoli
- ? Mar 20: Proud to announce the 12 organizations receiving grants to help participating #CDNmuni adapt to local #ClimateChange effects: <http://bit.ly/2IANGlk>
- ? Mar 28: On March 29, the Town of Hearst and the Community of Constance Lake will announce a major partnership on waste management. The two communities will work together to improve the environment and will pursue their commitment to a cooperative and supportive relationship #CDNmuni

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Alaskans Invited to Participate in Nomination of Federal Opportunity Zones (deadline April 5th)

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) is soliciting input from Alaskans on the designation of Opportunity Zones in Alaska. The Opportunity Zones Program is designed to drive long-term capital to distressed communities by providing tax benefits on investments in Opportunity Funds. The program will provide tax incentives to private corporate and individual investors who put their capital to work in low-income communities.

DCCED invites Alaskans to submit input on the designation of Opportunity Zones for eligible tracts in Alaska to the Division of Economic Development **before 5 PM on Thursday, April 5, 2018.** [Click here to find out more.](#)



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Alaskans Invited to Participate in Nomination of Federal Opportunity Zones

State welcomes input regarding areas and projects that would benefit from federal tax incentives

March 23, 2018 JUNEAU – The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is soliciting input regarding the designation of Opportunity Zones in Alaska. Created as part of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the Opportunity Zones Program is designed to drive long-term capital to distressed communities by providing tax benefits on investments.

“We are hoping to hear from business and community leaders from across the state—you are the ones who know first-hand about the projects that would benefit from private investment stimulated by an area’s designation as an opportunity zone,” said Mike Navarre, commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, “and you are also the ones who understand the community needs and can describe what benefits you expect to come with specific projects.”

Submit input to opportunityzones@alaska.gov before 5 p.m. AKDT on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Proposals should

- Identify the census tract being proposed (see [maps](#) for identification numbers)
- Describe the economic hardship in the area
- Fully articulate active or upcoming projects capable of making use of the capital gains incentives (including project descriptions, timelines, and complementary investment)
- Include any other information that is relevant to the designation as an Opportunity Zone

The primary basis for selecting areas for Opportunity Zone designation is their categorization as a low-income community census tract, as defined by federal regulation. When selecting from among the eligible tracts, the State will weigh numerous considerations based on available information, including

- Community support
- Project feasibility
- Workforce readiness
- Alignment with existing initiatives
- Economic hardship
- Geographic representation
- Investment opportunity

Maps of the eligible census tracts are available on the [Division of Economic Development website](#). An [interactive mapping tool](#) is also available from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Opportunity Zones Program will provide tax incentives to private corporate and individual investors who put their capital to work in low-income communities. Investors can receive a temporary deferral for capital gains reinvested in an Opportunity Fund, a step-up in basis for capital gains reinvested in an Opportunity Fund if the investment is held for at least five years, and a permanent exclusion from taxable income of capital gains made in the Opportunity Fund. Interested investors should consult a tax professional to determine how they may be able to benefit from this program.

The mission of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is to promote a healthy economy, support strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska. To learn more about the department and its six divisions and seven corporate agencies, visit commerce.alaska.gov.

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