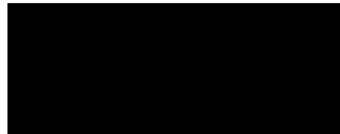


January 13, 2017



s.40(1)

Dear : s.40(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: SNL-077-2016]

On December 14, 2016, Service NL received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All briefing materials, research papers, or other background information prepared for and/or provided to Minister Eddie Joyce as well as all deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers in the Department of Service NL concerning marijuana legalization in Canada. For the sake of expediency and cost, for the purpose of this request I would prefer electronic correspondence to paper correspondence in all instances, and I would prefer digital documents to print documents."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by Service NL to provide access to some of the requested information. However, access to information contained within the records that would reveal personal information, 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):

Section 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 is as follows:

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

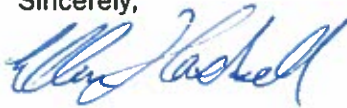
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-7437 or by email at ellenhaskell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ellen Haskell', is written over a horizontal line.

ELLEN HASKELL
ATIPP Coordinator

Enclosures

Access or correction complaint (Section 42)

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

- a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or
- b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

- a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;
- b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23 ;
- c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or
- d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant (Section 52)

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

- a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or
- b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has

refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45 (2).

Haskell, Ellen

From: Dutton, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 1:35 PM
To: Haskell, Ellen
Subject: FW: Legalization of Marijuana
Attachments: Joint DM Memo - Marijuana legalization and regulation Aug 8.doc

From: Harvey, Michael
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2016 9:35 PM
To: Dutton, Sean; Gover, Aubrey; Dooling, Genevieve (AES); Genge, Daryl; Evans, James W; Cochrane, Rachelle; Meade, Brent; Vivian-Walsh, Janet; Janes, Colleen G; Williams, Geoff; Brewer, Donna; Cooper, Bruce; MacDonald, Ellen; Hollett, Bruce; Ballard, Donna M; Lewis, David B.; Chippett, Jamie; Puddester, Leigh; Bown, Charles W.; Hearn, Judith; Companion, Lori Anne; Mullaley, Julia
Cc: Clarke, Beverley; Jacobs, Heather; Tucker, Alison; Power, Elaine; Langor, Fiona; Lake-Kavanagh, Jackie; Day, Elizabeth; Quinlan, Krista
Subject: Legalization of Marijuana

Dear Deputies and Equivalents,

Please find attached a memo from Bev Clarke and Heather Jacobs.

Regards,
Michael

Michael Harvey
Assistant Deputy Minister
Policy, Planning and Performance Monitoring
Department of Health and Community Services
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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MEMORANDUM

To: Deputy Ministers and equivalents

From: Beverley Clarke, Deputy Minister
Heather Jacobs, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Provincial interdepartmental committee on the legalization of marijuana

Date: August 8, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

In the 2015 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada committed to legalizing, regulating, and restricting access to marijuana. There will be substantial implications for matters within provincial jurisdiction. A coherent provincial regulatory and policy framework will require careful consideration and interdepartmental consideration. We are therefore writing to solicit representatives from those of you whose mandates are affected to serve on an interdepartmental committee, co-led by Michael Harvey (Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Health and Community Services) and Fiona Langor (Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Justice and Public Safety).

The first priority of this committee will be to develop a response to the federal Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation ("The Task Force"), created to engage with provincial, territorial and municipal governments, Indigenous governments and representative organizations, youth and experts in relevant fields. The Task Force will be meeting with Atlantic Provinces on August 26, 2016 in Halifax, Nova Scotia and will be seeking advice on the following 5 themes:

- minimizing harms of use;
- establishing a safe and responsible production system;
- designing an appropriate distribution system;
- enforcing public safety and protection; and
- accessing marijuana for medical purposes.

The August 26 session will provide an initial opportunity to raise concerns. The provincial committee will subsequently develop a written provincial position and will lead the planning work for provincial implementation in the fall of 2016.

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding this request by **August 12, 2016**. Please provide the name and contact information of the individual appointed to this committee to Alison Tucker, Director of Health System Transformation and Policy (alisontucker@gov.nl.ca).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BEVERLEY CLARKE
Deputy Minister

HEATHER JACOBS, QC
Deputy Minister
Deputy Attorney General

FPT Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety
Provincial Briefing Note
Department of Service NL

Issue: Highway Safety – Drug Impaired Driving (Agenda Item 6)

Overview:

- The federal government is moving forward with the legalization of marijuana and has formed a federal Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation to consult with the provinces and territories on related issues, including enforcing public safety and protection. One of the areas of focus for enforcing public safety and protection is addressing marijuana-impaired driving.

FPT Context:

- This agenda item impacts multiple departments within government and must be viewed with a government wide approach. The provincial government has established a core group, with representation from HCS, JPS, SNL, FFA, IGAS, CSSD, MA, AESL, EECD, LAEO, FIN, BTCRD and EC, to provide provincial input to the federal Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation.
- From a road safety perspective, police currently only have Standard Field Sobriety Test and Drug Recognition Expert as a means of detecting and addressing drug impaired driving. There is a requirement for a national limit and investment in research and development to ensure a reliable tool for drug impaired testing at road side.
- The province would require six to twelve months to make required changes to provincial legislation to support those in the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC).
- The province would request federal funding to support purchasing of approved screening devices and training for law enforcement.

Provincial Position/Potential Speaking Points:

- Newfoundland and Labrador will provide input to the Federal Task Force through its established committee.
- Newfoundland and Labrador would require a six to twelve month period to implement required changes to provincial legislation.
- It is recognized that there will be costs associated with development, purchase and training of law enforcement officials related to roadside screening devices. This cost should be incurred by the federal government.
- Newfoundland and Labrador would like to see the establishment of a national limit and amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to support the law enforcement. The province would also request the development of a roadside testing device that allows for the accurate assessment of impairment by drug at roadside.

Background and Current Status:

- In the 2015 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada committed to legalizing, regulating, and restricting access to marijuana.

- Similar to alcohol, cannabis use:
 - impairs driving performance such as poorer lane tracking, greater variability in steering wheel;
 - adjustments, and slower reaction times; and,
 - impairs divided attention and decision making ability.
- THC refers to *delta-9-THC*, the psychoactive chemical in cannabis which enters the blood and brain immediately after cannabis is inhaled or ingested. It is THC which actually impairs driving. The presence of THC can be determined through the testing of blood, urine, or oral fluid.
- In 2013, data from coroners indicate that about 45 per cent of fatally injured drivers had been using drugs compared to 32 per cent who had been using alcohol and that the most common drug detected was cannabis.
- Washington State and Colorado have reported dramatic increases in drug positive driving/fatalities post legalization.
- There have been no laws and regulations passed specific to drug impaired driving. Anyone charged with drug impaired driving is charged and convicted under the CCC. If convicted they are subject to the same penalties as a person convicted of an alcohol impaired driving offence.
- Currently, police forces rely on Standard Field Sobriety Test and Drug Recognition Evaluators as a means of detecting and addressing drug impaired driving.

Analysis:

- There are a limited number of officers in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Royal Newfoundland constabulary trained to conduct this type of drug impaired testing.
- The legalization of marijuana will have an increased risk to public safety and road safety. The provinces/territories will have to work with the federal government to ensure there is an appropriate amount of time after Royal Assent to make necessary changes.
- The province will have to be prepared to make adjustments to their driver education programs and counselling requirements for impaired driving.

Prepared by/Approved by: A. Doody/M. Collins/R. Wheaton

Deputy Minister Approval: S. Dutton

September 20, 2016

Haskell, Ellen

From: Dutton, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 1:32 PM
To: Haskell, Ellen
Subject: FW: Council of Deputy Ministers - Draft Minutes from Sept 27 Meeting
Attachments: DM Minutes Sept 27 - Draft.DOCX; Ministers Meeting Sept 2016 - Presentations.pdf

From: Dutton, Sean
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Nofall, Pamela
Subject: FW: Council of Deputy Ministers - Draft Minutes from Sept 27 Meeting

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Sean

From: John Pearson [<mailto:jpearson@comt.ca>]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 1:13 PM
To: Kelly Cain; Denis Marsolais; Dutton, Sean; Johanne Bray; Angus Robertson; Sherri Rowe; Michael Keenan; Barry Day; Grant Main; Paul LaFleche; Russ Neudorf; Companion, Lori Anne; Lance Vigfusson; Nithi Govindasamy; John MacQuarrie; Stephen Rhodes
Cc: Angie Villebrun; Ninnera Channer; Armande Martine; Camille Flann; Laura Peasey; Maxime Woods-Gauthier; Doris Burandt; Lena Ellsworth; Heather Stutely; Karen Hughson; Craig Hutton; Marie-Suzanne Gauthier; Pierre Leblond; Maxine Fisher; Alice Purser; Alan Grant; Agnes Fraser; Williams, Ann Marie; Stacey Martin; Pitcher, Madonna; Tina Qaunirq; Helena Borges; Dora Paravan; Julia Anthony
Subject: Council of Deputy Ministers - Draft Minutes from Sept 27 Meeting

Please find attached for your review draft minutes from the meeting of the Council of Deputy Ministers held in Toronto on September 27. Any comments, errors or omissions would be gratefully received.

Please also find attached for your reference copies of the presentations which were delivered to the Council of Ministers at its meeting on September 28.

Thank you for your attention.

John Pearson
Secretary
(613) 247-9347

Council of Deputy Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety

Minutes

(Draft October 10, 2016)

Date: September 27, 2016
Location: Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

Chair: P. LaFleche (NS)

Members Present: A. Robertson (YT), R. Neudorf (NT), B. Day (AB), N. Govindasamy (SK), L. Vigfusson (MB), S. Rhodes (ON), K. Cain (NB), L-A. Companion (NL), M. Keenan (TC)

Designates: J. Stevens (for S. Rowe NU)
D. Bowman (for G. Main BC)
A. Meloche (for D. Marsolais QC)
P. Godfrey (for J. McQuarrie PE)

Absent: J. Bray (NB Justice & Public Safety)
S. Denton (Service NL)

Also Present: YT: A. Nixon
NT: S. Saunders
NU: A. Stewart
AB: S. Hammond
MB: E. Nagtegaal, R. Schenk
ON: A. Drummond, D. Deazeley, S. Ampleford, V. Yuen, A. Davis
QC: M-S. Gauthier, L. Vézina, M-A Turcotte
NB: S. Sanford
NS: A. Grant, B Rankin
NL: R. Wheaton
TC: S. Tupper, C. Hutton, B. Parent, S. Rampersad, M. Stephenson, L. D'Souza, J. Terry

Secretariat: J. Pearson

CCMTA: H. Francis, A. Rougeau (*for Agenda 4a)vi) only*)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. LaFleche called the meeting to order and welcomed participants. He noted that the meeting was an opportunity to review the presentations and discussions planned for the Council of Ministers meeting the following day.

He welcomed Mr. Barry Day to the Council as the new member representing Alberta, and conveyed regrets from Mr. Main (BC), Mr. Marsolais (QC), Mr. McQuarrie (PE) and Ms. Rowe (NU).

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated by motion (Vigfusson).

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. Meeting April 12, 2016 Ottawa**
- b. Conference Call August 25, 2016**

The minutes of the April 12 meeting and the August 25 conference call were adopted by motion (Neudorf).

4. Review of Council of Ministers Meeting Agenda

a. Agenda Items

i. CTA Review & Future of Canada's Transportation System

Mr. Keenan provided an overview of the remarks Minister Garneau would make on this item for the Ministers meeting.

In discussion, Mr. Govindasamy asked what Minister Garneau was looking for from P/T Ministers on this item. Mr. Keenan noted that Minister Garneau would welcome perspectives and insights on how to move forward on the framework which had been developed around the CTA report, in the interests of building a better transportation system.

ii. Pan-Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change

Mr. Keenan outlined the report which would be given on this item, including the process being used, the role of transportation in the discussions, and developments to date.

iii. Harmonization of Vehicle Weights and Dimensions

Mr. Pearson outlined proposed amendments to the MOU, and previewed a short presentation which had been prepared for the Council of Ministers.

In discussion, Mr. Neudorf and Mr. Vigfusson suggested that the presentation be expanded to include a short background on the good work done and progress made by the Task Force in harmonization of vehicle weights and dimensions regulations over the past twenty five years.

iv. Electronic Logging Devices

Mr. Keenan briefly outlined the work which had been completed in support of mandating the use of ELD's, and the benefits which would be realized in harmonizing with the US and improving safety. He noted that Transport Canada was committed to moving forward with this requirement through the Canada Gazette process, hopefully with support from provinces and territories.

Mr. LaFleche summarized past discussions by the Council on this issue, noting that provinces and territories were generally supportive of ELD's, but many would require further consultation and analysis before moving forward.

Mr. Day reported that Alberta has a problem with the NSC weight threshold of 4500 kg, noting that the threshold in Alberta is 11,794 kg. He noted that while Alberta is supportive of the use of ELD's, adoption at the lower weight threshold would put a lot of pressure on smaller businesses in the province.

v. Further Efficiency Measures

Mr. Keenan noted that Minister Garneau would be proposing that a broader conversation be initiated on opportunities to harmonize regulations to better enable a stronger, more efficient core transportation corridor across the country.

Mr. Govindasamy suggested that having practical, pragmatic examples of measures which could be taken, accompanied by expected benefits and costs, would be helpful to this conversation and would capture attention of Ministers.

vi. Highway Safety - Drug Impaired Driving

Ms. Francis, member of CCMTA's Board of Directors, previewed the presentation which would be delivered to the Council of Ministers.

In discussion, questions were raised on the timeframe for work being done in this area, and how this aligned with federal plans for legalizing marijuana. Ms. Francis reported that work on devices or approaches to measure the presence of drugs and to establish *per se* limits was advancing as quickly as possible, but she noted that it was unlikely that these efforts would be completed by the spring of 2017.

vii. Connected and Automated Vehicles

Mr. Rhodes outlined plans for a 20 minute discussion by Ministers on this subject, noting that a short video clip would be shown to set the stage.

Mr. Keenan noted that Transport Canada is very supportive of collaboration in this area, with particular interest in having analysis and policy work done to support discussions by Ministers on the major technological shift which is occurring.

viii. National Highway System Annual Report

Mr. Nixon provided a brief summary of the highlights of the 2015 Annual Report on the National Highway System.

In discussion, the report was approved by motion (Vigfusson).

ix. Federal Updates

Mr. Keenan briefly reviewed the items which would be addressed under this item.

He noted that the issue of Vulnerable Road Users was generating a great deal of attention, and may be a subject raised by the media.

x. Provincial and Territorial Updates

Mr. LaFleche noted that updates were scheduled from Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and Ontario, and asked whether others were expected. Mr. Vigfusson indicated that Manitoba might provide a brief report.

b. Communiqué

Mr. LaFleche drew attention to the draft communiqué and invited comments or concerns. It was noted that QC and TC were discussing adjustments to the French translation.

Mr. Neudorf noted that his Minister would be raising the issue of infrastructure and opportunities for infrastructure funding, and proposed that this be mentioned in the communiqué. Mr. Govindasamy and Mr. Vigfusson expressed support for this proposal. In discussion it was agreed the communiqué drafting committee led by ON and TC would work to adjust the text to address this proposal.

c. Media Availability Session

Mr. Pearson outlined the schedule and arrangements for the following day, noting that the media availability session would be held at 2:30 PM, with expectation that it would conclude by 3:00 PM.

d. Review of Meeting Arrangements

Mr. Pearson briefly outlined the schedule for the following day, including arrangements for breakfast and lunch for Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

5. Policy and Planning Support Committee Update

Mr. Nixon provided a brief update on work being done by PPSC, including:

- Rail Liability and Compensation Working Group
- Transportation Infrastructure Financing Report
- Transportation Economics Community of Practice
- ITS Community of Practice
- Electrification of Transportation and Active Transportation Task Force
- Connected and Automated Vehicles Working Group (with participation from ERSC, TAC and CCMTA)
- Transportation Statistics and Policy Issues Working Group
- Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Working Group

He noted that PPSC is quite busy delivering on the priority issues identified by the Council, and reported that discussions on the National Highway System would also be reactivated as well.

6. Engineering and Research Support Committee Update

Mr. Neudorf provided an update, noting that ERSC would be meeting again in the fall, noting that the membership included 5 new representatives, and hoped that all jurisdictions would be able to attend.

He provided brief reports on:

- Representation on the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research (SCOR)
- The Canadian Naturalistic Driving Study
- Autonomous and Connected Vehicles, and the research agenda being pursued by AASHTO through the Transportation Research Board

7. Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Policy Update

Mr. Pearson provided a brief report, noting that the annual meeting of the Task Force with industry stakeholders was planned for the fall. He noted the growing interest in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement announced by Premiers in the summer and the implications it may have for the work of the Task Force. He reported on developments with:

- changes in the US to the regulated dimension of trucks used to transport cars and light trucks, and the pressure to make similar changes in Canada
- the use of longer semitrailers (up to 61 ft.) in pilot projects in Ontario and Alberta

He noted that the fall meeting was an important opportunity to hear from stakeholders on regulatory harmonization needs and priorities, and hoped that all jurisdictions would be able to attend.

8. Canadian Free Trade Agreement

Mr. LaFleche noted that the Premiers communiqué from July referenced the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, and asked whether any further details were available on the implications.

Mr. Robertson reported that Yukon had Chaired the meeting, and offered provide additional detail on the agreement in advance of the Council's next meeting.

Mr. Vigfusson noted that, in their communiqué, Premiers had directed Trade Ministers to develop the technical details of the agreement as a replacement for the current Agreement on Internal Trade. He

expressed support for a discussion of the implications by the Council.

9. Other Business

a) Communiqué Review

Ms. Drummond reviewed the changes made to the communiqué to address the comments of NT, SK and MB.

10. Next Meeting

Mr. LaFleche proposed that a conference call be convened later in October to review business arising from the Ministers meeting, along with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. LaFleche thanked members and the meeting was adjourned by motion (Govindasamy).

Prepared by:	John Pearson
Date Distributed:	October 14, 2016
Reviewed by Chair:	October 14, 2016

Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety

Meeting September 28, 2016 – Toronto

Presentations:

Agenda 3: CTA Review and the Future of Canada's Transportation System

Agenda 4: Pan-Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change

Agenda 5a): Further Harmonization of Vehicle Weights and Dimension Standards

Agenda 6: Highway Safety – Drug Impaired Driving

Agenda 9: National Highway System Annual Report

Agenda 10: Federal Updates

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From: Dutton, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 1:36 PM
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Subject: FW: MADD Meeting Note
Attachments: Meeting Note MADD October 2016.doc

From: Collins, Megan
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Dutton, Sean
Subject: RE: MADD Meeting Note

Sean,

Please see draft note for your review and feedback.

Thanks,
Megan

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From: Dutton, Sean
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Collins, Megan
Subject: Re: MADD Meeting Note

The presentation was earlier so I took the proposals to be more current. We should use the wording in the proposals but perhaps note where there was a slight departure from position in spring. They match up but aren't completely identical: 1 and 3; 2a and 2; 2b and 1; 2c and 4; 3 and 5.

Sean

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Collins, Megan
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 10:41 PM
To: Dutton, Sean
Subject: MADD Meeting Note

Hi Sean,

The legislative priorities set out in the policy paper entitled "Impaired Driving in Newfoundland and Labrador: Legislative Policy Proposals" and those set out in the presentation are slightly different. In terms of how to present them in that section of the meeting note, which do you prefer - in accordance with the separate policy paper or the presentation?

Impaired Driving in Newfoundland and Labrador: Legislative Policy Proposals

1. Vehicle Impoundments at the Warn Range
2. Ban on Alcohol and Psychoactive Drugs for Drivers 21 Years of age or Under
 - a. .00% BAC limit for all drivers 21 years of age and under
 - b. Ban on psychoactive drugs for all young drivers 21 years of age and under
 - c. Enact a 7 day vehicle impoundment for violation of the alcohol and drug restrictions for drivers 21 years of age and under
3. Mandatory Alcohol Interlocks for all Federal Impaired Driving Offenders

Presentation

1. Prohibition for being positive for any illicit drug for all graduated licence program (GLP) drivers
2. .00% BAC limit for a minimum of three years beyond GLP
3. Mandatory or discretionary vehicle impoundment for a first administrative licence suspension
4. Mandatory or discretionary vehicle impoundment for a first drug-related administrative licence suspension
5. Mandatory alcohol ignition interlock program for all alcohol-related federal impaired driving offenders

Megan

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**Meeting Note
Service NL
Meeting with mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 3:30 p.m.
Executive Boardroom, Service NL**

Attendees:

Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister, Service NL
Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister, Environment and Climate Change (TBC)
Honourable Al Hawkins, Minister, Transportation and Works (TBC)
Mr. Mark Browne, M.H.A., Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (TBC)
Ms. Patricia Hynes-Coates, National President, MADD Canada
Others TBC

Purpose of Meeting:

- Ms. Patricia Hynes-Coates, the new National President of Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada, has requested a meeting with Minister Joyce and colleagues.
- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss MADD's recommendations for legislative changes respecting impaired driving; the Prime Minister Resolutions Proposal respecting the legalization of marijuana; the upcoming launch of the Provincial Red Ribbon Campaign; and, Motor Registration mail-outs of awareness materials for MADD.

Background:

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada is a charitable organization committed to preventing impaired driving and supporting victims and survivors. There are 12 Chapters in Newfoundland and Labrador (Avalon; Bay of Islands; Bay St. George; Burin Peninsula; Exploits Valley; Gander and area; Labrador; Labrador Straits; Labrador West; Mary's Harbour; Rocky Harbour; and, Trinity Bay).
- Ms. Patricia Hynes-Coates began her three year term as MADD Canada's National President in September 2016. She has been involved with MADD Canada since 2013 after her stepson was tragically killed in a drunk driving accident.
- MADD Canada regularly review provincial impaired driving programs and legislation and release reports. The reports include recommendations on additional impaired driving initiatives that MADD proposes should be implemented by jurisdictions.
- MADD's 2015 Provincial Impaired Driving Report (the 2015 Report) reports lays out 20 specific legislative provisions that MADD believes are effective in combating impaired driving. Jurisdictions received points based on the number of the 20 legislative provisions that are in place. In accordance with the points scheme, the report assigns a grade to each province. The 2015 Report grades range from 68 per cent (C+) to 44 per cent (F). While Newfoundland and Labrador scored a 12/25 and had the second lowest grade at 48% (F+), it should be noted the national average was a score of 13.5/25.

Agenda Item #1: Legislative Recommendations

- In addition to the 2015 Report, MADD Canada has developed a document entitled *Impaired Driving Problem in Newfoundland and Labrador: Legislative Policy Priorities*. MADD's provincial legislative priorities are: 1) Vehicle Impoundments at the Warn Range; 2) Ban on

Alcohol and Psychoactive Drugs for Drivers 21 Years of age or Under; and, 3) Mandatory Alcohol Interlocks for all Federal Impaired Driving Offenders.

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Comment (CM1): Is this accurate, or was it just a meeting of Ministers, not Cabinet?

Please note: to clarify, the presentation was made to Government Caucus. This is corrected in the next version of the document

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Proposed Actions

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Proposed Actions

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Ministerial Approval:

October 17, 2016

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Subject: FW: MADD note

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Might integrate some of this into MADD note.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Bryant, Lynn
Cc: Doody, Alan; Wheaton, Roxie T; Dutton, Sean
Subject: Briefing Notes

Hi Lynn,

Please find attached the four notes requested of Service NL for the meeting of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety, as approved by the Deputy Minister.

Kindest regards,
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Meeting Note
Service NL
Meeting with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
Main Boardroom, Service NL, 2nd Floor, West Block

Attendees:

Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister, Service NL
Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister, Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Al Hawkins, Minister, Transportation and Works
Mr. Mark Browne, M.H.A., Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier (TBC)
Ms. Carol Anne Haley, M.H.A.
Mr. Sean Dutton, Deputy Minister, Service NL
Ms. Sherry-Lynn Dogurga, Executive Assistant to Minister Joyce
Ms. Jody Fancey, Executive Assistant to Minister Hawkins
Ms. Patricia Hynes-Coates, National President, MADD Canada
Mr. Steve Sullivan, Victims Services Manager, MADD Canada
Others TBC

Purpose of Meeting:

- Ms. Patricia Hynes-Coates, the new National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada, has requested a meeting with Minister Joyce and colleagues.
- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss MADD's recommendations for legislative changes respecting impaired driving; the Federal Government's Legalization of Marijuana; the upcoming launch of the Provincial Red Ribbon Campaign; Private Members' resolution; and, Motor Registration mail-outs of awareness materials for MADD.
- To date, no formal agenda has been prepared.

Background:

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada is a charitable organization committed to preventing impaired driving and supporting victims and survivors. There are 12 Chapters in Newfoundland and Labrador (Avalon; Bay of Islands; Bay St. George; Burin Peninsula; Exploits Valley; Gander and area; Labrador; Labrador Straits; Labrador West; Mary's Harbour; Rocky Harbour; and, Trinity Bay).
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Proposed Actions

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Issue #4: Private Members Resolution

- It is understood there may have been discussion at the Spring meeting with members of the Government Caucus of whether a Private Member's Resolution might be presented on impaired driving.

Analysis

- If desired, such a resolution could be timed to coincide with Project Red Ribbon (see Issue #3 above).

Potential Speaking Points

- Not applicable.

Proposed Actions

- Not applicable.

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To: Dutton, Sean; Collins, Megan; Wheaton, Roxie T; Doody, Alan
Subject: Re: B.C. should have 'zero' tolerance for drivers found to be intoxicated by marijuana, solicitor-general says - The Globe and Mail

Might be a tough sell considering the .08 blood alcohol limit.

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Subject: FW: Telegram able to buy marijuana from St. John's shop

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Dutton, Sean
Cc: Card, Jason
Subject: Telegram able to buy marijuana from St. John's shop

<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2016-11-28/article-4694694/Telegram-able-to-buy-marijuana-from-St-John's-shop-with-ease/1>

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This may help. I can craft a response for you tomorrow.

From: Harvey, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:56 PM
To: Simms, Colleen <ColleenSimms@gov.nl.ca>; Wheaton, Roxie T <RoxieWheaton@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Stone, Karen M. <karens@gov.nl.ca>; Tucker, Alison <AlisonTucker@gov.nl.ca>; Winter, Penny <pennywinter@gov.nl.ca>; Fowler, Robin <RobinFowler@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Legislation to open a Marijuana Dispensary

Short answer: medical marijuana dispensaries are now illegal in Canada and there is no legislation currently under development federally or provincially to change that. Anyone who wishes to produce and/or distribute medical marijuana should contact Health Canada and discuss the process to become licensed.

Medical marijuana in Canada is regulated by the federal government. Under these federal regulations, medical marijuana is only available: on the basis of a doctor's "document" (like a prescription, but not one); from one of a small number of licensed producers; and for distribution via mail or courier. Under a recent change, people can also potentially obtain seeds from these licensed producers to grow at home for their own personal use or for it to be grown by someone else for them on a personal basis. But (and notwithstanding their proliferation) marijuana dispensaries or any other store front type operations are currently illegal for the distribution of medical marijuana.

The federal government has announced that it intends to legalize the restricted production, sale and use of recreational marijuana. It has appointed a Task Force to provide it with recommendations on legislative, regulatory, policy and program steps to be taken. This Task Force had been expected to report by the end of this month (i.e. tomorrow) and then the federal government will presumably reflect on how to respond to those recommendations. There will likely be some recommendations related to how both medical marijuana and recreational marijuana should be sold. Depending on what the recommendation is, and what the federal response is, there will be some scope for provincial action. For example, it may fall to the provincial government to determine where marijuana (medical and/or recreational) is sold. But we are some ways away from that now. In the interim, any individual who wishes to produce and/or distribute medical marijuana should contact Health Canada.

I hope this answers your questions. I have copied colleagues from JPS on this email as they are co-leading the provincial working group on this subject.

Michael

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From: Stone, Karen M.
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Harvey, Michael <michaelharvey@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Simms, Colleen <ColleenSimms@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Legislation to open a Marijuana Dispensary

Please see below. I am not aware of any legislation but not up to date on the ongoing FPT work.

From: Simms, Colleen
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 1:49 PM
To: Hanrahan, Heather D <HeatherHanrahan@gov.nl.ca>; Jewer, Michelle N. <MichelleJewer@gov.nl.ca>; Stone, Karen M. <karens@gov.nl.ca>; Alteen, Larry <LarryAlteen@gov.nl.ca>; Smith, Gerrie <GerrieSmith@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Legislation to open a Marijuana Dispensary

Hi all,

Anyone know where I can direct Roxie on this?

Thanks, Colleen

From: Wheaton, Roxie T
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 1:47 PM
To: Simms, Colleen
Subject: FW: Legislation to open a Marijuana Dispensary

Let me know what you find out.

From: Dutton, Sean
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DRAFT reply

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<http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2016-11-28/article-4694754/Marijuana-advocate-approached-N.L.-police-months-ago-about-starting-a-dispensary/1>

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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/marijuana-task-force-highlights-1.3894219>

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Cc: Collins, Megan; Card, Jason
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Thanks. The report is on the www.gc.ca site and recommends the possible use of administrative sanctions or graduated licensing with zero tolerance for new and young drivers.

Sean

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