



April 7, 2017

Jay Chalke
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Dear Mr. Chalke,

I am writing to you further to your letter to me of April 6, 2017, and your recommendation 40 in your Referral Report No.1 that government provide, in a single document, a response to each of the recommendations in the report.

On April 6, 2017, I confirmed publicly that government will move forward on all of the recommendations.

As you may have noted, today I announced that the government has engaged the Hon. Thomas Cromwell, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, to administer a reparation process for those adversely affected by public service conduct in the processes detailed in the Ombudsperson's report. Those persons would include the individuals who your report recommends receive ex-gratia payments. Mr. Cromwell is being asked for advice on whether additional reparations to others harmed by these actions could also be appropriate. Further, he is being asked to facilitate an expedited settlement process for any person who may have legal claims against the government arising from the matters detailed in the report.

Mr. Cromwell's engagement will also include monitoring the implementation of these recommendations over the coming year, with quarterly reports which should work well with our responsibility to provide your office with status reports on recommendations as required by recommendation 41.

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This letter and response to each of the recommendations (attached) will be posted on government's website.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Henderson
Deputy Minister to the Premier
Cabinet Secretary and Head of the B.C. Public Service

Attachment

cc: Mr. Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
Ms. Lori Halls, Deputy Minister, BC Public Service Agency
Ms. Athana Mentzelopoulos, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
Mr. Mark Sieben, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
Mr. Richard Fyfe, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Justice & Attorney General
Mr. John Paul Fraser, Deputy Minister, Government Communications & Public Engagement
