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BY EMAIL AND MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

Honourable Christy Clark, MLA  
Premier of British Columbia  
West Annex, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark,

Your office has advised that you and your son have been invited by the Vancouver Canucks to attend as their guests at tomorrow evening's game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals. Your office has also confirmed the previous advice given to me that you and your son attended the second and fifth games of the finals in Vancouver.

I appreciate having been consulted in advance and confirm my earlier oral opinion that these tickets given to you and your son represent gifts "received as an incident of the protocol or social obligations that normally accompany the responsibilities" of your office. As such, they are appropriate as complying with the provisions of section 7(2) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

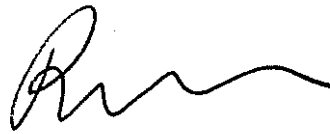
You attended these games as the official representative of the Government of British Columbia, which you lead. Leading political figures have been attending major sporting events in this country for decades. These events don't spawn political loyalty: rather, they provide occasions for our citizens to see, hear and participate in sporting events that generate competitive pride and loyalty in city, province and country. They also provide a welcome break from the rigours of daily life. I would venture to say that the great majority of British Columbians would expect whoever is Premier to be present for Stanley Cup final games played here.

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This letter is confidential, but you have my consent to make it public in its entirety if you wish to do so. The gifts of tickets to you and your son are reportable under the *Act* and must be disclosed in compliance with section 7(3) as part of your annual disclosure obligations.

Thank you for consulting me in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Fraser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul D. K. Fraser, Q.C.  
Commissioner