

Date : 2/16/2012 2:00:46 PM  
From : "Bown, Charles W."  
To : "Maclean, Heather" , "Kennedy, Jerome"  
Cc : "Shute, Tracy"  
Subject : Re: media request - david varyd CB speech

You can accurately report that Minister met with chair and counsel after he was appointed to Natural Resources to become better acquainted with the reference question process. This was a perfectly legitimate and prudent action for a new Minister to take given His new portfolio and the importance of the request govt has made to Pub. To suggest otherwise is an affront to both the Minister and the PUB chair.

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**From:** Maclean, Heather  
**To:** Kennedy, Jerome  
**Cc:** Bown, Charles W.; Shute, Tracy  
**Sent:** Thu Feb 16 13:55:39 2012  
**Subject:** RE: media request - david varyd CB speech

Think we need to provide a response to the telegram - he is alleging inappropriate conduct which is not the case. Can I indicate that you have not meet with the PUB to discuss the MHI report or CBPPL?

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**From:** Kennedy, Jerome  
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Let Vardy do whatever he wants.  
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**From:** Maclean, Heather  
**To:** Kennedy, Jerome  
**Cc:** Shute, Tracy; Bown, Charles W.  
**Sent:** Thu Feb 16 13:45:03 2012  
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Minister - the telegram has been contacted by D Vardy - looks like he is suggesting that you are interfering with PUB process and suggesting that you referenced meeting with Wells and the PUB - note below what was provided to telegram. I do not have this reference in speaking notes - how would you like me to respond?

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your speaking notes:

- MHI report confirmed Nalcor's position that we need the power— said Nalcor under-estimates need for power

- MHI looks at what happens if CBPP closed but does not take into account any new industrial load
- I do not know where MHI comes up with the notion that CBPP is closing. The suggestion is first found in an article written by David Vardy, one of the most vocal critics of the Muskrat Falls Project.
- The confidential document which was leaked to the media notes that Kruger wants to find solutions to ensure the long-term sustainability of the mill. I met with Joseph Kruger earlier and he indicated that he is committed to this mill.
- And as I explained to the union representatives today our government has that same goal. If the unions and Kruger agree on a sustainability plan which ensure the long-term viability of the mill then we will be there to help. Our goal, ladies and gentlemen, is not to use the 124MW of power for any other purpose other than to run the mill in Corner Brook.

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**From:** McLeod James [mailto:jmcleod@thetelegram.com]  
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**To:** Maclean, Heather  
**Subject:** Transcript

Hey,

From what I can gather, this is from Gary Kean's transcript of the speech. My basic question for the minister is whether he's had any private conversations with Andy Wells or anyone else at the PUB, and if so, whether he thinks that's appropriate.

-James

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