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**November 2010**

*Dear Friends*

I would like to invite you to attend an important **Public Information Forum on Oil Transportation** which I am co-sponsoring with my fellow New Democrat MPs Peter Julian and Libby Davies. The forum will take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM at the Confederation Seniors Centre, 4585 Albert Street in Burnaby. We have invited speakers from The Dogwood Initiative, the Wilderness Committee, Coastal First Nations, and the oil and transportation industry to discuss their views on this important issue.

British Columbia has one of the most rugged and beautiful coastlines in the world. It sustains our communities, attracts millions of tourists and holds a wealth of wildlife. But many believe that it is under serious threat.

Energy giant Enbridge wants to bring a crude oil pipeline and super-tankers to our coast. Enbridge wants to build a 1,170 km 'Northern Gateway' Pipeline from Alberta's Tar Sands to BC's coast. The project would bring at least 220 oil super tankers to BC's coastal waters each year. The project will allow the Tar Sands to expand at what New Democrats believe is an unprecedented and unsustainable rate.

Currently, Alberta petroleum products are transported to Burnaby through the existing Kinder Morgan pipeline, and are then shipped to coastal BC communities and west coast states by barge and tanker. The possibility has been floated that larger tankers could in the future ship increased amounts of petroleum products out of Port Metro Vancouver to new markets in Asia, especially China and India.

New Democrats have recently released a comprehensive report outlining how the federal government can better protect Canada's vital water resources from polluted oil sands development (for a copy of this report, please visit [www.billsiksay.ca](http://www.billsiksay.ca) and click on "Missing in Action-Oil Sands"). Scientists and environmentalists have long warned that the oil sands are releasing dangerous toxins into nearby water sources—yet the Conservative government has refused to act.

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## **Upcoming deadlines for submissions:**

December 2010 - November 15, 2010

January 2011 - December 15, 2010

A parliamentary committee spent two years hearing from witnesses about the impact of the oil sands on human health and water quality, but it failed to produce a consensus report. And in August, a scientific study found that high levels of mercury, arsenic and lead in the Athabasca River are caused by oil sands development. The government quickly dismissed the findings.

That is why New Democrats have taken a leadership role and produced its own report. It concluded that the government must:

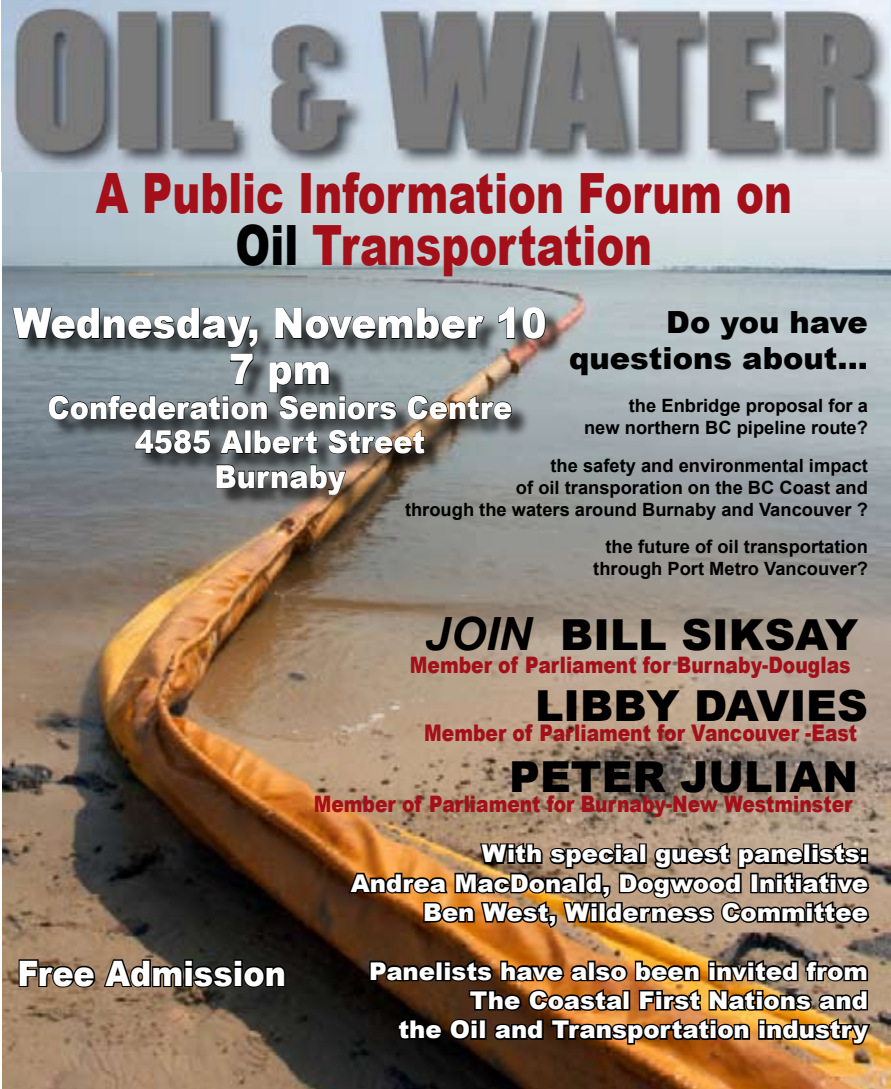
- regulate all dangerous contaminants released by the oil sands sector;
- require cumulative assessments to monitor the impact of projects;
- ensure scientifically credible monitoring; and
- complete all the promised health studies.

While the Conservatives continue to drag their feet, New Democrats are working to find solutions that protect our environment.

People the world over are working to build greener, cleaner alternatives that do not put our environment and resources at risk. Canada has an incredible wealth of natural resources including large supplies of water, solar, wind and biomass – the raw materials to produce green energy. Our long coast lines and huge land mass give it some of the best wind and hydro resources on the planet. Green Energy Jobs help to clean our air and provide good-paying, family sustaining wages.

This is an important issue that will have potential consequences for our communities and our environment. I encourage you to attend our Public Information Forum on November 10th to learn more about the plans for oil transportation and the issues this has raised in communities throughout BC.

*Bill*



**OIL & WATER**  
**A Public Information Forum on Oil Transportation**

**Wednesday, November 10  
7 pm**  
**Confederation Seniors Centre  
4585 Albert Street  
Burnaby**

**Do you have questions about...**

- the Enbridge proposal for a new northern BC pipeline route?
- the safety and environmental impact of oil transportation on the BC Coast and through the waters around Burnaby and Vancouver?
- the future of oil transportation through Port Metro Vancouver?

**JOIN BILL SIKSAY**  
Member of Parliament for Burnaby-Douglas

**LIBBY DAVIES**  
Member of Parliament for Vancouver-East

**PETER JULIAN**  
Member of Parliament for Burnaby-New Westminster

**With special guest panelists:**  
Andrea MacDonald, Dogwood Initiative  
Ben West, Wilderness Committee

**Free Admission**

**Panelists have also been invited from  
The Coastal First Nations and  
the Oil and Transportation industry**

**604-291-8863** [www.billsiksay.ca](http://www.billsiksay.ca)

# Federal Government Programs and Services



## Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) is an independent body working to protect and inform consumers of financial services. There were established in 2001 by the federal government to strengthen oversight of consumer issues and expand consumer education in the financial sector.

As a federal regulatory agency, FCAC is responsible for:

- ensuring that federally regulated financial institutions comply with federal consumer protection laws and regulations;
- monitoring financial institutions' compliance with voluntary codes of conduct and their own public commitments;
- informing consumers about their rights and responsibilities when dealing with financial institutions; and
- providing timely and objective information and tools to help consumers understand, and shop around for, a variety of financial products and services.

The FCAC is able to provide consumers with information you may need about financial products and services. For example, the FCAC website offers the following interactive tools for consumers:

- Are you shopping around for a mortgage?
- What is the best way to choose and use a credit card?
- Which bank accounts are right for you?
- How much do you know about your finances?
- Is your bank branch closing?

They also have a variety of publications available dealing with mortgages and loans, budgeting and money management, savings and investments, as well as banking, fraud, payment options and credit cards, and your rights and responsibilities. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fcac.gc.ca/eng/default.asp>.

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## Taxpayers' Ombudsman

The Taxpayers' Ombudsman is responsible for ensuring that the CRA respects the service rights outlined in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights including the right to be treated professionally, courteously, and fairly; the right to complete, accurate, clear, and timely information from the CRA; the right to lodge a service complaint and to be provided with an explanation of the CRA findings; the right to have the costs of compliance taken into account when tax legislation is administered; the right to expect the CRA to be accountable; the right to expect the CRA to publish service standards and report annually; the right to expect the CRA to warn you about questionable tax schemes in a timely manner; and the right to be represented by a person of your choice.

In this role, the Taxpayers' Ombudsman's conducts impartial and independent reviews of service-related complaints about the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA); facilitates taxpayer access to assistance within the CRA; identifies and reviews systemic and emerging service-related issues within the CRA that have a negative impact on taxpayers; and provides advice to the Minister of National Revenue about service-related matters in the CRA. For more information, visit <http://www.taxpayersrights.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>.

## Live the Action on the Hill as a PAGE

Each year, 40 students are selected from high schools and CEGEPs across Canada to come to Ottawa and work as Pages in the House of Commons. Pages have the opportunity to learn about the House of Commons while witnessing the legislative process first hand. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study at one of the universities in the National Capital Region.

To qualify, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
- be graduating from a secondary school or a CEGEP (with no academic interruptions) and be accepted and commencing full-time studies at one of the four universities in the National Capital Region in September of the page year (Carleton University, University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University or Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO));
- have an overall academic average of at least 80% in the transcript of your final marks from last year as well as maintain this average in subsequent transcripts of your marks; and
- be able to communicate fluently in both official languages as evaluated by the House of Commons.

In addition to these basic requirements, Pages must also:

- possess superior interpersonal skills;
- show sound judgement, be reliable, tactful, and courteous; and
- demonstrate an interest in the Canadian parliamentary system.



The application deadline is January 7, 2011. For more information or to apply online, visit <http://www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage>.



## HOME IN BURNABY

The next deadline for the Burnaby-Douglas Link is **November 15, 2010** for distribution after **December 1, 2010**. Submissions can be faxed to my Community Office at 604-666-0727 or emailed to me at [Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Siksay.B@parl.gc.ca).

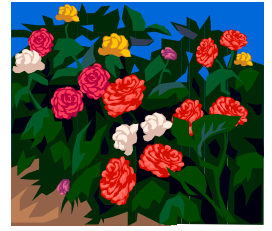
**Burnaby Meals on Wheels** promotes health and independence by providing nutritious, local and affordable food to people who- for physical, social or economic reasons- are unable to meet their dietary needs. **Volunteers are the driving force of our society. We provide opportunities for compassionate individuals to help bring joy, health and independence to Burnaby residents and contributing to the improvement of our community.**



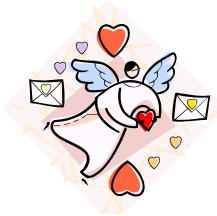
To become a volunteer today please contact our program coordinator Justine Marshall at 604-299-5778 ext.29 or by e-mail, [justine@mealsonwheels-burnaby.com](mailto:justine@mealsonwheels-burnaby.com) for information on how to sign up. You may also visit our website at [www.mealsonwheels-burnaby.com](http://www.mealsonwheels-burnaby.com) to read more about Burnaby Meals on Wheels.



**BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society** meets Monday, November 1, at 8 PM at St Helen's Catholic Church Gym at 3871 Pandora Street, Burnaby. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Fran at 604-591-3262 or Elsie at 604-299-5438.



**Helping Families in Need Society Eighth Annual Pasta Dinner and Auction Night Fundraiser** will take place on Saturday, November 6 from 6 PM to 10 PM at the Eagle Creek Banquet Room, Burnaby Mountain Golf Course. There will be a Treasure Box containing over \$800 in certificates and gifts that you can win by buying a lucky key for only \$10 or bid on one of the over 100 auction items just in time for Christmas giving. **Tickets include a pasta dinner, dessert and coffee for only \$20 per person.** There are no ticket sales at the door so contact Made'n-a-Minute Printers at 604-291-7266 to buy your ticket now. All proceeds go to Helping Families in Need Society Christmas Projects 2010.



**Calling All Angels** - Burnaby Community Connections is looking for is a **Angel Card delivery/Toy Pick-up Volunteer Driver.**

The Burnaby Christmas Bureau helps low income families in Burnaby have a brighter holiday season by providing toys and food certificates. **The Angel project is our toy drive program.**

We provide groups, companies and schools interested in collecting toys with decorative angel themed cards with names and ages of children on it. **We are looking for volunteers to help deliver these cards and pick up toys from various locations within Burnaby.** Must be between business hours, no evening and weekend opportunities available. Please contact Justine Marshall at 604-299-5778 ext 29 or at [justine@burnabycommunityconnections.com](mailto:justine@burnabycommunityconnections.com) for further information on how to get involved.

**L'Arche Greater Vancouver invites you to Coffeehouse Evenings** - all events are held at South Burnaby United Church Hall, 7591 Gray Avenue, Burnaby. Join us for refreshments and fellowship. Some items will be for sale. This month on Saturday, November 6 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM join us for our **"Fall Back in Time"** - Autumn leaves are falling and Shiloah is falling back to the fabulous 50's! For more information, please contact us at 604-435-9544.



**The College for the Retired** is accepting pennies for **our first penny drive in support of the Christmas Bureau.** The drive will run from September 27 through December 10, 2010. Drop off your pennies to 6650 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby (in the Alan Emmott Centre next to the Nikkei Centre) from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday. For more information, please call 604-517-8732.





**MONARCH  
HOUSE**

**Monarch House Autism Centre** is pleased to present a workshop on **“The Importance of Early Screening and Diagnosis for Children Who Exhibit Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)”** with Dr Zwaigenbaum, a well-respected expert in the area of ASD and Dr Wingerin, a well known pediatrician working with children with ADHD and autism.

The workshop will take place at Monarch House Autism Centre, 3185 Willingdon Green, Burnaby, on Monday, November 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM and includes a catered lunch. Cost is \$55 per person and limited seating is available. **Please RSVP by November 1** to 604-205-9204 or email [monarchhouse@cbi.ca](mailto:monarchhouse@cbi.ca).

**Monarch House Autism Centre would like to invite FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY to join our Parent Support Group.** This group is for families who have been impacted by a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It will be a place for parents to discuss topics, share information and develop supporting relationships. It is held on the last Wednesday of every month 6:30-8:00. You do not have to be a client of Monarch House to attend.

**Every Friday night, from 6:30-8:00, Monarch House hosts a variety of activities for families in the community.** The night is a place for families to interact with others in the community in a fun, and safe way. Activities vary from movie nights, jumpy castles, to scavenger hunts AND MUCH MORE. You do not have to be a client of Monarch House to attend.



eva's initiatives

## **2011 Eva's Initiatives' Award for Innovation**

**Applications are now available for 2011 Eva's Initiatives' Award for Innovation which consists of three Awards of \$5000 each for organizations working with homeless youth.** Eva's Initiatives has launched the sixth year of the Award for Innovation with generous support from CIBC.

New this year is the opportunity for organizations working with homeless or at-risk youth to apply for an award for a project that is in the development stages. Also new this year is a change in the criteria of the awards, intended to reflect the shifting needs of homeless youth and the rapidly evolving sector.

**New Criteria for the Innovation Awards:** Winners will be community organizations demonstrating innovation in one or more of the following ways:

- o Delivering services that help homeless and at-risk youth achieve greater self-sufficiency
- o Demonstrating ways to help prevent or end youth homelessness
- o Including green or environmental strategies in their programs
- o Engaging youth in ways that foster leadership development
- o Entering into research collaborations and demonstration projects

Deadline for applications is November 12, 2010 at 9 pm EST. Applications are now available online at <http://www.evasinitiatives.com>. For more information or to receive an application by email, contact: [awards@evas.ca](mailto:awards@evas.ca).

## Burnaby and Rhododendron and Gardens Society Upcoming Events

The Burnaby and Rhododendron and Gardens Society (BRAGS) is pleased to present their upcoming events for the fall and winter season. The location for all events is the Burnaby Village Museum, 2nd floor, Discovery Room, 6450 Deer Lake Parkway. The event begin at 7:45 PM. For more information, contact [info@brags.ca](mailto:info@brags.ca) or call Lanny at 604-205-9023.



**November 3, 2010 “Hardy Orchids” by Bill Bischoff.** Award winning and international speaker Bill Bischoff will share his gardening passion for all orchids. Join us for an evening as he explains how one small Phalaenopsis in Toronto, that almost crushed his gardening interest, has grown to over 700 orchids grown in warm & cool green houses, and now has extended to hardy orchids grown in his Surrey garden.

**January 5, 2011 “Ikebana: Talk and Demo” by Beverley-Ann Ranney.** Beverley-Ann has a deep interest in Ikebana for many years. In 1961, she began studying ikebana at the Japanese Cultural Centre under the guidance Shizujko Kadoguchi, President of the Ikenobo Society of America-Toronto Chapter. In 1974, she went to Japan for advanced classes at the centuries – old home school of Ikenobo the family name Ikenobo ikebana which has had direct line of 45 headmasters for life. Over the years, she progressed through the rigorous levels of ikebana until she was honored this year with the Professor of Ikenobo 1st Grade full professorship in Ikebana. For more information about Ikebana in Vancouver, please visit [www.vancouver-ikebana.ca](http://www.vancouver-ikebana.ca)

**February 2, 2011 “New Trends in Gardening” by Brian Minter.** Brian’s passion for plants was transformed into 32-acre Minter Gardens which today draws thousands of visitors each year, and has become a favourite destination for weddings. He is ‘BC’s go-to garden expert’ through his experience at both the garden centre and the display gardens. As such, he has hosted countless radio and television shows, is a frequent gardening columnist, and is the author of Canadian Best Seller, Brian Minter’s New Gardening Guide - Fresh Approaches for Canadian Gardeners.

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**International Day of Persons with Disabilities Annual Celebration**, Friday, December 3, 5:30 – 9pm, Roundhouse Community Centre, (Downtown Vancouver: corner of Pacific/Davie). Art, Craft Fair, Music, Performers, Food, Door prizes! Mayor Robertson opens event at 5:30pm. Everyone welcome. Admission free. **Celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities.** Sponsored by the City of Vancouver. For information <http://vancouverdisabilitiesday.ca> (our site is being updated at the moment) or call (604) 608-0384.

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**Renting? Know your rights. Join MLA Raj Chouhan for a Workshop on Tenant Rights presented by the Tenant Resource Advisory Centre (TRAC)** on Saturday November 13th from 2:00- 4:00pm at the Tommy Douglas Library, 7311 Kingsway, Burnaby. TRAC provides information on tenancy matters such as your rights and responsibilities about rent, leases, bedbugs, repairs, dispute resolution, eviction and more. Free Admission, but please register in advance by sending an email to [raj.chouhan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:raj.chouhan.mla@leg.bc.ca) or calling 604-660-7301.



**Heritage Christmas at Burnaby Village Museum & Carousel** - runs from Nov 27 - Dec 15, 12noon - 4:30pm, daily and from Dec 16 - Jan 2, 2010, 12noon - 8pm, daily. The Museum will be closed on Dec 24 and 25.

**Experience the magic of an old-fashioned Christmas** - the smell of cedar and pine boughs, festive wreathes with bright red bows, and the sound of carollers remind visitors of Christmases past and present. **Highlights include:** Performances by Footlight Theatre, Queen Storytime, Rainforest Theatre and the Elwoodette Marionettes; The 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt; Heritage Crafts; Party in the Parlour.

Call or check the website at [www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca](http://www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca) for information on the entertainment schedules.

**Programs include:** **Cookie Cutters for Christmas**, create your own cutter, Nov 6, 7, 21, 25; **Memory Book Workshop**, work with instructor Kathy Nash to create a personalized book, Nov 21; **Quilling for Christmas**, learn this ancient paper art, Nov 14; **Christmas Quilting**, spend time together in this class for adult/child teams, Nov 13, 20. Pre-registration is required for these programs. Call 604.297.4565 or check the website for more information



Burnaby Village Museum & Carousel is located at 6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby. For more information, call 604-297-4565, email to [bvm@burnaby.ca](mailto:bvm@burnaby.ca) or visit [burnabyvillagemuseum.ca](http://burnabyvillagemuseum.ca).



## Christmas at Overlynn Mansion

**Join us for Christmas at Overlynn Mansion on Saturday, November 27, 10 AM to 4PM and Sunday, November 28th from 10AM to 4PM.** Search for the true meaning of Christmas through the halls of one of the province's best preserved heritage mansions located at

401 N. Esmond in North Burnaby, and spread the cheer by helping raise funds for seniors housing at Seton Villa.

Christmas at Overlynn is a one of a kind event that invites the community to share their love through a common experience of Christmas celebrations in traditional festive surroundings of this marquee mansion. A hard working group of community volunteers and resident seniors transform the Overlynn Mansion into a dazzling and delightful, yuletide salute.

**In the true spirit of Christmas, admission is by donation and includes door prizes and complimentary apple cider and cookies. Visitors will be able to go on a guided tour through the 1909 mansion and stop by exhibitions from a variety of artisans, specialty gifts, baked goods and poinsettias.**

For more information or to arrange an advance tour of the mansion please contact Fran McDougall, Executive Director – Action Line Housing Society at 604-291-0650 ext. 305 or by email at [fmcdougall@setonvilla.com](mailto:fmcdougall@setonvilla.com).

## Health Alert for Seniors

Health Alert, Mondays at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby and Health Watch, Thursdays at Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby.



Drop-in each week for blood pressure and weight monitoring, health, nutrition, and housing information and other services.

Support from retired nurses, pharmacists and knowledgeable, trained volunteers can help you practice a healthy lifestyle. Weekly speakers keep you abreast of the latest health trends.

**Bonsor Centre Health Alert presentations for November:** **November 1**, “Better health & hand washing: flu prevention”; **November 15**, “How foods and fiber fight cancer”; **November 22**, “Foot care (make appointment - paid service)”; **November 29**, “Let’s travel to Africa”

**Edmonds Centre Health Watch presentations for November:** **November 4**, “How foods and fiber fight cancer”; **November 18**, “Foot care (make appointment - paid service)”; **November 25**, “All you need to know about incontinence”.



BURNABY SENIORS  
OUTREACH SERVICES SOCIETY

Seniors Helping Seniors

**Burnaby Senior’s Outreach  
Services Society**

Burnaby Family Caregivers will be offering a range of programs for boomers who are caring for elderly parents, or seniors caring for a frail spouse. **Upcoming workshops include: Resources in Burnaby for Family Caregivers, Demystifying Seniors Housing Options When Seniors Can No Longer Live at Home, and a Six Week Education Series on Saturday mornings.**

If you work for a Burnaby company, non-profit group, or government office, they can also come to your workplace to give short “Lunch ‘n Learn” presentations to employees who are also family caregivers.

All programs are free for family caregivers who live in Burnaby, or are caring for a Burnaby adult resident, and are facilitated by gerontologist Katherine Willett.

Watch [www.bsoss.org](http://www.bsoss.org) for upcoming dates of our programs, or email [bsoss@telus.net](mailto:bsoss@telus.net) or phone us at 604 241 0485 to have your name put on our autumn program notice list.



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