

BACKGROUNDER

Issue: Chevron Burnaby Refinery

**Meeting: Jim Gable, General Manager of
Chevron Burnaby Refinery**

Date: Monday Nov 26 at 2:00 to 2:45

Cliff: 265317

MEETING

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Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- ◆ **The Ministry of Finance is reviewing the impact of the carbon tax on the competitiveness of BC businesses, including petroleum refiners.**
- ◆ **Details of the federal emission reduction requirements are not yet publically available. We will evaluate the implications of federal regulations when they become available in 2013.**

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Issue: Tax and Greenhouse Growers

Meeting: Minister meeting with Jos Moerman, Marcus Janzen and Linda Delli Santi, BC Greenhouse Growers' Association

Date: November 13, 2012

Cliff: 266599

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Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

Carbon Tax

- ♦ **The Ministry of Finance is reviewing the impact of the carbon tax on the competitiveness of BC businesses, including those in the agriculture sector. Options to address competitiveness issues are being considered, as appropriate, as part of the carbon tax review.**

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Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

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Issue: Carbon Tax Review

Meeting: Lantic Inc. (Rogers Sugar)

- **Edward Makin, President & CEO**
- **Chuck Notting, Director of Sales – Western Canada**

Date: December 4, 2012

Cliff: 265977

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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- ◆ **Government is undertaking a review of the carbon tax and its impact on British Columbians. The review will cover all aspects of the carbon tax, including revenue neutrality, and will consider the impact on the competitiveness of BC businesses. Changes will be considered as part of the 2013 Budget process.**

Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

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Issue: Taxation and Agriculture

**Meeting: Minister Letnick (Ministry of
Agriculture and Lands)**

Date: Wednesday, October 31 3:00 to 3:30

Cliff: 266283

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Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

Carbon Tax

- ◆ **The Ministry of Finance is reviewing the effects of the carbon tax on BC businesses' competitiveness, including the impact on the agriculture sector. Options to address competitiveness issues are being considered, as appropriate, as part of the carbon tax review.**
- ◆ **The Minister of Agriculture's recommendations will also be considered in the review.**

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Executive Director approval: _____

ADM approval: _____

DM approval: _____

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Issue: Carbon Tax

Meeting: Michael McSweeney and others
Cement Association of Canada

Date: September 20th, 2012

Cliff: 266015

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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- ◆ **As part of the Carbon Tax Review, the government is considering the impact of the carbon tax on the competitiveness of BC sectors, including cement producers.**
- ◆ **BC cement producers have benefited from carbon tax revenue recycling with reductions in corporate tax rates and school property tax rates for major industrial properties.**
- ◆ **The government recognizes that for energy intensive sectors, such as cement, these tax reductions may not fully offset the cost of the carbon tax.**

Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX

From: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:59 AM
To: Wood, Heather FIN:EX
Cc: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Finance Committee

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wood, Heather FIN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX
Cc: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Finance Committee

Thanks, this didn't come to me, though.

We have been saying no to deadline extension requests because they never end....

-----Original Message-----

From: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Wood, Heather FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Finance Committee

Hi - this is probably better directed to you... I'll give him the run-down of the comms we've done to advise people of the review. Will cc. you on that though. Let me know if I can help though.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maksymetz, Richard FIN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX; Sutherland, Aaron FIN:EX; Miniaci, Mario FIN:EX
Subject: Finance Committee

Pat Pimm has a request. Since they have been on Finance tour they have run into a lot of groups who are very upset with the carbon tax. The groups have been asking if they have had an opportunity to present to the competitiveness study that the Minister is doing and many are saying no.

I understand the dead line for submissions has passed but I want to know if these folks still have an opportunity to get their submissions in? Are you familiar with this process?

Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX

From: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 1:49 PM
To: 'Matt Horne'
Subject: RE: question about the carbon tax review timing

Hi Matt. The results of the review will be reported in the February Budget.

Cheers

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From: Matt Horne [<mailto:matth@pembina.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:52 AM
To: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Subject: question about the carbon tax review timing

Hi Glen,

Hopefully you're doing well.

Could you let me know if there is any anticipated timing for the completion of the carbon tax review?

Thanks in advance for anything you're able to provide.

Cheers,

Matt

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Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX

From: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 1:37 PM
To: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Subject: Re: question about the carbon tax review timing

I think just saying budget is good thanks.

We said it will be considered as part of the budget process in all materials.

From: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 01:14 PM
To: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Subject: FW: question about the carbon tax review timing

Do you want to reply or should I just say the results will be provided in Budget?

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Issue: Introductory meeting with Minister

Meeting: BC Chamber of Commerce

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Cliff: 265967

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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

◆ Carbon Tax:

- As announced in Budget 2012, the government is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of the carbon tax and its impact on British Columbians. The review is covering all aspects of the carbon tax, including revenue neutrality, and will consider the impact on the competitiveness of B.C. businesses.

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Executive Director approval: _____

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DM approval: _____

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Policy and Legislation Division
Potential Upcoming Critical Issues

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60-90 days (Budget)	<p>Carbon Tax Review</p> <p>In Budget 2012 it was announced that government would review the carbon tax and its impact on British Columbians, and that changes would be considered as part of the 2013 budget process. British Columbians had the opportunity to make written submissions to the Minister of Finance. There will be expectations from industry, environmental stakeholders and the public that the review conclusions and changes to the carbon tax, if any, are communicated by the Minister with Budget 2013.</p>	Elizabeth Cole
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13. Carbon Tax Review (note: the following paragraphs can be included in any carbon tax letter - optional)

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Tetreault, Cheri FIN:EX

From: King, Marshall FIN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 1:32 PM
To: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Subject: RE: BN for review

Thank you Hugh.

Marshall

From: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 1:20 PM
To: King, Marshall FIN:EX
Subject: FW: BN for review

FYI - In support of the administrative complexities I've made some edits in the attached draft.

I did not add but think several other issues should be explored including:

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From: King, Marshall FIN:EX
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 4:35 PM
To: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Subject: RE: BN for review

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Cc: King, Marshall FIN:EX
Subject: RE: BN for review

Thanks. Marshall will send it.

Cheers

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From: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 4:23 PM
To: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Subject: RE: BN for review

Please send the BN.

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From: Armstrong, Glen E FIN:EX
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 4:21 PM
To: Hughson, Hugh FIN:EX
Cc: King, Marshall FIN:EX
Subject: BN for review

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We are covering this off as part of the internal carbon tax review.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss. If you're the right person, and I think you are, I'll send you the BN

Thanks

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