
Subject: 10:15-10:30 Prebrief / 10:30-11:00 (196542) MTG with Minister Thomson & Russ
Cameron, President, Independent Wood Processors Association (IWAP) Re: conversion
of Volume Based Tenures into Area Based Tenures

Location: Minister's Office

Start: Tue 23/07/2013 10:15 AM

End: Tue 23/07/2013 11:00 AM

Show Time As: Out of Office

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Williams, Duncan FLNR:EX

Required Attendees: Stewart, Doug B FLNR:EX

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS
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Date: July 15, 2013

File: 19400-00/Mid-Term Timber Supply

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

ISSUE: Meeting with Independent Wood Processors Association regarding Volume to Area-Based Tenure Conversion

BACKGROUND:

When government amended Bill 8 to remove the provision that would allow for the conversion of forest licences (FL) to tree farm licences (TFL) they committed to conducting broad public consultation on the concept before re-introducing amended legislation. This commitment was listed in the minister's June mandate letter.

Independent Wood Processors Association (IWAP) supports the concept of area-based tenures; however, they suggest we proceed with caution.

DISCUSSION:

Government, based on the feedback received when Bill 8 was first introduced, recognizes the sensitivity around this topic. A team has been struck to determine the best way to:

- Provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments, ask questions and receive answers from government on the conversion process.
- Determine how the "best interest of the public" should be considered by government if volume to area-based tenure conversions are enabled.

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

- Thank you for your support for area-based tenures.

- Government recognizes that this is a sensitive topic and we need to be careful how we move forward.

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- A team has been put together to strategize the best way to engage the public and stakeholders.
- Support from the IWPA is appreciated to ensure that the public is provided with factual information that highlights the benefits of area based management.

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Subject: Meeting-Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations, Monday, July 22nd, 10:30 am - 11 am

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Good afternoon everyone. Minister Thomson will be meeting with Russ Cameron, President, Independent Wood Processors Association (IWAP) on Monday, July 22nd from 10:30 am – 11 am. I have asked Mr. Cameron to send me an agenda and any background material if the issues were different from those outlined in his email below. Once I have heard from Mr. Cameron, I will let you know what he says.

I have also allowed time for a pre-brief from 10:15 am – 10:30 am. Please have staff prepare a BN for this meeting (once we have the topics) and provide me with the name(s) of staff who will be taking part in the pre-brief and the meeting.

Thank you.

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From: Vessey, Claire FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 4:52 PM
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Subject: Meeting-Hon. Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations, Monday, July 22nd, 10:30 am - 11 am

Good afternoon Mr. Cameron. I am pleased to confirm your meeting with Minister Thomson on Monday, July 22nd, 10:30 am – 11 am. The meeting will be held in our offices in Room 248 of the Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

You should come up the main stairs of the Parliament Buildings, go through Security and receive your Visitor's Pass. You should then walk down the hallway, turn right, go through the Rotunda (in the centre of the building) and go up the stairs to the second floor. Turn left and we are located near the end of the hallway. You will have to knock at the door as it has an electronic lock on it that can't be opened with your Visitor's pass.

As I am not sure if you still wish to discuss the items outlined in your email below, would you mind sending me an agenda as soon as possible detailing the issues and providing any documentation that would be helpful to the Minister.

If you are planning on bringing anyone else with you to the meeting, would you mind providing me with their name(s) and title(s)? Thank you for your patience in getting this meeting set up.

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From: Russ Cameron [<mailto:camida@telus.net>]
Sent: March-21-13 11:32 AM
To: Thomson.MLA, Steve
Subject: thank you

Dear Honourable Minister Thomson,

The Independent Wood Processors Association (IWPA) wishes to thank you for being responsive to concerns regarding the conversion of Volume Based Tenures into Area Based Tenures. As we said, we don't necessarily have a problem with the concept of Area Based Tenures, but think it needs a very close look before proceeding.

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