

Madam Speaker, as everyone knows, you are the longest serving member of this Legislature.

But today I rise to pay tribute to the second longest serving member.

And I rise today because 20 years ago this week he was first sworn in as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Let's think back to 20 years ago...

Forrest Gump was the top movie at the box office....

Tiger Woods won the US amateur...

And, if you've seen photos from back then, apparently big glasses and silkscreen ties were the height of fashion.

Now, that first election – a byelection – wasn't exactly a landslide...

The win was by 42 votes.

But since then, the support of his constituents has increased. Because he's proven to be the definition of a constituency MLA.

He's delivered major projects – a new hospital, a new cancer clinic, airport expansion – but he's also done the quiet work. The case work no one knows about – except the constituent who needed help. And with this MLA on the job – they got it.

As an opposition member, likely to the chagrin of the members opposite, he proved to be a highly effective critic – delivering devastating critiques with a sly smile.

From his first cabinet appointment to today, he's left an outstanding legacy.

He began the process to open up new markets for our forest sector...

introduced the tough new drinking driving laws that are saving lives...

got health care spending under control...

and has delivered two consecutive balanced budgets.

In other words, he's shown how to be an effective MLA. How to make the province better.

And if that was all, Madam Speaker, that would be a fitting legacy.

But there is more.

Occasionally a member shows themselves as a student of Parliament. They come to embody the traditions on which our system is founded on.

It's not about being a tactician. It's about respect for our Westminster system and all the history that entails.

It marks them as a true Parliamentarian.

So, the member celebrating 20 years today, has led by example – as an MLA, a cabinet minister, and a great Parliamentarian.

Will the House please join me in congratulating the member from Abbotsford West for 20 years of service....and hoping he serves the people of B.C. for many years to come.

Madam Speaker,

We are joined in the gallery by the District of West Kelowna's new Chief Administrative Officer Jim Zaffino (za-FEE-no), his wife Ingrid, and daughter Kristina

Jim has 39 years of municipal government experience, and has been serving the people of West Kelowna since 2008.

West Kelowna may not be big, but we attract great talent.

Will the House please help make the Zaffinos feel welcome.

Madam Speaker,

Earlier today, a horrible tragedy took place in Nanaimo.

Police were called to the Western Forest Products Mill in response to calls about a shooting.

The RCMP was on the scene within minutes, and have a suspect in custody.

Details are still emerging, and officials are still investigating...but we do know four people were shot.

Two are being treated at the hospital.

Two people lost their lives.

This kind of tragedy is almost unknown in British Columbia. Most of us here today cannot imagine what the victims and their families must be going through.

They should know they are not alone. The people of British Columbia are standing with them.

Victim support services are on the ground, available to witnesses and families of the victims, if they need it.

I know members on both sides of this house will join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the victims, their families, and everyone in Nanaimo affected by today's events.

April 9, 2014

Check Against Delivery

Madam Speaker,

Earlier today, we reached a significant milestone in our work to bring home the generational opportunity of LNG.

The first two revenue-sharing agreements with First Nations.

Agreements like this plant the seed for prosperity that lasts generations: jobs, skills training, and new infrastructure.

We are joined in the gallery by:
from the Metlakatla First Nation:
Chief Harold Leighton,
Councillor Alrita Leask,
Councillor Robert Nelson,
and Councillor Wayne Haldane.

From the Lax Kw'alaams First Nation:
Mayor Garry Reece,
Councillor Andrew Tait,
Wayne Drury,
and George Burke

Will the members of this house join me in congratulating them for their hard work, and for their vision.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

British Columbians have asked members of this house to set aside our differences, and work together to grow the economy.

The only way to pay for the services British Columbians depend on is a healthy, growing economy.

A major part of our plan to do that is increased trade with the emerging economies of Asia.

Because of our proximity and natural advantages, we've had great success in expanding trade relationships there.

But in South Korea, we haven't been on a level playing field. Our competitors in the United States, Australia, and the EU have had free trade agreements.

And they have prospered because of it.

As one example, our lumber exports to South Korea have actually declined over the past three years, while our exports to China and Japan have been setting records.

March 12, 2014

Check Against Delivery

We needed a level playing field. And we have good news on that front.

Today, the Prime Minister is in Vancouver. The federal government has reached a free trade agreement with South Korea.

South Korea is Canada's seventh-largest trading partner. But trade with Korea is even more important in British Columbia.

Over half of all Canadian exports there originate in B.C. South Korea is actually our province's fourth-largest partner.

We've had success brokering trade deals and agreements with Korean companies like Samsung, Kogas, and the Korea Institute for Science and Technology.

With trade barriers removed, we can go even further – and create more opportunity, and more jobs.

It's great news for all British Columbians.

Thank you.

Entrepreneurial Leaders Organization Roundtable
"Reflections on Faith, Leadership & Innovation"
Friday, March 7, 2014
Speech length: 5-7 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Lunch and Roundtable with the Entrepreneurial Leaders Organization
- Brief speech to be followed by q/a session
- Media is NOT invited

Audience: who are they?

- Rick Goossen, chair, ELO
- ELO Advisory Board members (all TBC):
 - Rod Bergen, managing director, Jim Pattison Group
 - Tom Cooper, president, founder, City In Focus
 - Ian Daniel, president, founder, New Creation Consulting
 - Jame Healy, Microsoft Consulting Services
 - Brad Malchuk, CEO, Fastik
 - Dr. Ron Penner
 - Rev. Dr. Carson Pue
 - Adam Schellenberg, producer, co-founder, Capitol Media House
 - Richard Scott, business coach, Clarity Business Strategies
 - Terry Smith, chairman, Smith Gardens
 - R. Paul Stevens, Regent College
 - Bernie Thjiessen, Homelife Glenayre Realty
 - Gord Weibe, CEO, All Weather Windows
 - Ray Yenkana, realtor

Key Messages

1. Every decision we make as a government is guided by our core values.
2. To pay for the services we depend on, we need to grow the economy, which means supporting entrepreneurs like you.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Rick Goossen, chair of Entrepreneurial Leaders
Organization (introduces PCC)
Senator Yonah Martin

- Thank you for inviting me here.
- I grew up in a middle-class family in Burnaby. Like your parents, mine worked hard every day to make my life better.
- And they also worked hard to instill their values in me, my brothers and sister.
- You may have been fortunate enough to have parents like mine.
- Because when I look at you, I see more than successful entrepreneurs. I see the importance of faith in your daily lives – and in running your businesses.

- And I recognize that, because faith informs the values my parents taught me:
 - To leave our kids with more opportunities than us.
 - To be good stewards of this beautiful and magnificent province. To leave it as we found it, or better off.
 - To care for those who cared for us. To have the means to look after those who are most vulnerable.
- These values guide every decision we make as a government.
- And that's why I have been relentlessly focused on growing the economy since becoming Premier just over three years ago.
- Because it's the only way to make sure we can afford to stay true to those values.

- It's the only way to pay for essential services British Columbians depend on the provincial government for, like health care and education.
- And the best way to grow the economy...is to create the conditions entrepreneurs like you need to compete.
- Most of the time, that means getting out of your way. Low taxes, less red tape. We're very proud of our "A" grade from the CFIB for cutting red tape.
- Where government can play a role is making sure B.C. is an attractive place to invest. And we do that in three main ways:
- Fiscal prudence, which maintains confidence that B.C. is a safe harbour...
- That starts with controlling spending. And that leads to balancing the budget – and that leads to a triple-A credit rating.

- Those accomplishments took a lot of hard work and even harder decisions. But it's worth it, because we can protect your affordability, which allows you to grow your businesses.
- ...and that leads to more revenue for government. It's the opposite of a vicious circle – a virtuous circle.
- By investing in tomorrow's workforce. Capital investments in our post-secondary institutions, and skills training programs...
- And expanding our trade relationships abroad. Just as Canada's economic heartbeat has shifted West, the world's fastest-growing economies are in Asia.
- That's why I've led four international trade missions across the Pacific – to expand trade, and build relationships for B.C. business to capitalize on.

- The centerpiece of our plan to grow the economy is LNG. Not only will it create 100,000 direct jobs, but opportunities for B.C. business from across the province.
- We're moving forward as quickly as possible to bring this opportunity home.
- Because my goal is to leave a legacy.
- Our generation has a unique chance. The days of annual 8 per cent growth are over. To be able to pay our bills, take care of those who need it, and create more opportunities for our kids...
- We need to find new ways to grow the economy.
- So that together we can continue the work our parents left us: building British Columbia as a place we can be proud to leave our children.
- Thank you.

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**Christening of the Evergreen Line tunnel boring machine
Friday, March 7, 2014**

Speech length: 2-3 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Event to christen the Evergreen Line boring machine "Alice", after Alice Wilson, Canada's first female geologist, and launching of tunnel construction.

Audience: who are they?

- Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation (MC)
- MP James Moore (speaking role)
- Marcella Szel (pronounced Mars-ella Sail), Trans link board chair (speaking role)
- MLAs Linda Reimer and Douglas Horne
- Mike Clay, Port Moody Mayor
- Richard Stewart, Coquitlam Mayor
- Michael Hind, Exec Director, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Regional media, including ethnic

Speech Outline/Key Messages

1. The tunnel boring machine is called "Alice", after Alice Wilson, the first female geologist in Canada.
2. An innovative design includes drilling one tunnel, instead of two. This means less disruption for residents because construction won't take as long as building two tunnels.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Todd Stone Transportation Minister (MC)

MP James Moore;

Marcella Szel, TransLink Board Chair

Mike Clay, Port Moody Mayor

Richard Stewart, Coquitlam Mayor

Michael Hind, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Executive
Director

MLAs Doug Horne, Linda Reimer

- Thank you.
- It is a tradition in the tunnel boring industry to name their amazing machines after women.
- Today it will be my honour to christen the Evergreen tunnel machine “Alice,” after Alice Wilson.
- Alice was a trailblazer in her own right. She was the first women hired by the Geological Survey of Canada.

- She dedicated her professional life to her country and community. And that's what the Evergreen Line is all about – improving quality of life.
- Safe and efficient public transit is near the top of the list of things that make a city liveable.
- With today's christening we're taking another step towards creating the longest rapid transit system in Canada.
- And think about the convenience: passengers will get from Coquitlam City Centre to Lougheed Town Centre in just 13 minutes.
- From Coquitlam City Centre to downtown Vancouver will take 40 minutes. That knocks about 45 minutes off the morning drive.

- It also means the Tri-Cities will be connected to our bus network, West Coast Express, Seabus and Vancouver International Airport.
- By 2021 it will carry 70,000 passengers and remove 40,000 cars from the road every day.
- And construction will help the community, too. The Evergreen Line will provide 8,000 direct and indirect jobs during construction.
- For all of these reasons, the Province, the federal government, TransLink and our other partners have committed \$1.43 billion to the Evergreen Line Project.
- The Government of B.C. alone has committed \$586 million.

- We promised the people of the Tri-Cities we'd connect them with the Lower Mainland and reduce commuting times.
- Today, with help from our partners – and of course, Alice – the Evergreen Line will be up and running by summer 2016.
- Promise made, promise kept.
- Investments like this are what a strong economy pays for.
- It's why we control spending. It's why we say yes to economic development.
- Thank you.

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Welcome to Vancouver. Welcome to British Columbia, to Canada and to Globe.

Each of you here is making contributions,
You are sharing ideas.

Ideas that we can all benefit from...as we build a stronger economy and a cleaner world.

And as we do that, let me tell you, we have ideas to share with you.

STORY

The Globe sessions have always been about this exchange...and about change...
recognizing how the ground is shifting and how we can embrace that as it shifts.

I have a little story about change.

A well-known newspaper columnist here in BC, Les Leyne, recently went to a grade school to talk about being a journalist.

He had no trouble answering the kids' questions...

...is it hard to interview famous people, to write a column, what's your favourite topic?

After breezing through those for about 20 minutes, Les was getting ready to leave when a little boy stood up in the back of the class and cleared his throat.

And he managed to stop Les in his tracks with this question: "what's YOUR future, sir...in a paperless society?"

The moral of the story...while we are figuring out how to manage change, slow down or ignore change, or some cases to stop it...

Young people are already in that change. They are living it.

I know this because I have a 12-year old son at home. He asks tough questions. And we need to have good answers.

They remind us that the answers that we come up with for each other often won't cut it.

The first Globe session in 1990 created this forum to encourage new thinking, because we, on this planet, cannot afford to do business the old way.

We must decide we cannot resist it and that we are going to live the future, as our children do. We must remember that we cannot say, "Never mind. Don't think about it," or, "It's not happening," when it comes to climate change.

We cannot ignore the concerns of local citizens when they are experiencing development in their home communities.

We cannot decide that we just want to bulldoze ahead despite opposition, despite concerns, without spending time talking and exchanging as you do here at Globe.

And we cannot use the economy as an excuse to ignore the environment.

Through many years of growth, governments have over this last decade in particular pursued all kinds of environmentally progressive policies, but about five years ago there was another great change, and that was called the great recession.

It taught us we can't take economic growth for granted either.

In times of growth it was easier to jump into the race to be greenest.

What we discovered is that never mind the cost of a policy or, in a few cases that have been identified since, despite whether or not the policy could be proven to make any difference, governments would charge ahead when the economy was doing well.

I'm talking about investments that were made in false economies that were exposed when the real economy collapsed.

The danger is that can set us back years – when we're trying to make progress.

We can't afford to let that happen.

So now, in these times of sluggish economic growth, we are challenged as we never have been before to find ways to protect and improve ecosystems to protect our water, our land, our air, to make sure that we find a way to do that while our economies are still fragile.

So here is the opportunity. I believe that we can build a case for climate action, for environmental stewardship, and that we can do that in the context of a growing economy and job creation. That's what we are working towards here in BC -- toward making a real difference in the world, in the world's environment, while at the same time creating wealth here at home.

Now, why, you ask, would anybody want to do it any other way, and of course, I think that seems obvious to all of us in this room.

That's the future that I want to talk to you a little bit about today, but first I want to tell you about where we are today in British Columbia and about the roots of sustainability in our province, our history of environmental activism.

Today in BC we are still the first jurisdiction in North America to enact a carbon tax - the only one with a pure tax on carbon.

In the first four years after introducing that tax, we have managed to decrease our reliance on petroleum by 7% even as the rest of Canada increased their consumption by 4%.

We managed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the same time, the greenhouse gas emissions that are covered by the carbon tax, by almost twice the rate of those same emissions in the rest of the country.

At the same time, our economy grew faster than the national average.

And this last piece, which explains why our economy continued to grow, is that the tax was revenue neutral.

We returned \$300 million in tax cuts to taxpayers, because as the carbon tax went up, other taxes went down.

Our experience as an innovator in this has been a great success -- so successful that Washington, Oregon and California are all signing on to put a price on carbon.

We are working together in what we call the Pacific Coast Collaborative.

Together we are one region that represents the fifth-largest economy in the world, one with a common cause on climate action.

A region up and down the west coast of North America where, I would argue, we have more in common than with our friends in the east.

We are achieving a carbon neutral government here, the first in North America.

And we are expanding further through energy efficiency for the broader public sector, schools, hospitals, universities and colleges...

So we can reduce our carbon footprint across government but also save taxpayers money on their energy bills in the long term.

That is the right thing to do, and it's also very good for our bottom line.

Now, you would scarcely know it walking around.... I think if you have had the chance to walk around a little bit in Vancouver, a beautiful and prosperous and modern city without a lot of visible industry.

What you may not know is that two out of every three dollars in our economy comes from some of the most far-flung places on the continent.

Some of the most rural places you'll find, in the Interior, in the northwest, in the northeast.

Two out of every three dollars produced in British Columbia comes from our thriving resource sector.

So it is crucially important that our forestry, our mining, our natural gas industries which operate in those remote communities lead the world in sustainable and responsible environmental practice.

SOCIAL LICENCE

We like to think that here in BC we have become a bit of an expert in something that we call social licence.

In fact, it was a British Columbian who came up with the term social licence in the first place. He is with us today. His name is Jim Cooney.

Jim came up with the term social licence when he was a mining executive in the 1990s.

He was working to make the case for how you can get to yes for economic development in communities that want to

have a say, in communities where often development is confronted in the first instance by a flat no.

What Jim realized is that there are lots of ways to get to yes, but the only way that really is durable, the only way that really works, is to acquire social licence in order to pursue development.

That means listening to citizens so that economic development works for the people in the regions where the money is being made...

...and that means assuring that the people who live beside or on top of the resources extracted garner some benefit from that in the long term.

Finding social licence means finding ways through that tension that always exists between protecting our environment, protecting the land that people live in and also creating employment and long-term economic benefits.

That's what Jim talked about when he created that word, and now it is a word, a British Columbia word, that is being used all over the world.

Our values here are this:

- to leave our children with more opportunities, economic opportunities, than we had;
- to leave this place we are so blessed to live in as magnificent and pristine as it was when we found it;
- and third, to build and have the means to build and sustain the kind of compassionate society that will survive the test of time.

You cannot do that by shrinking away from risk, shrinking away from opportunity or by ignoring your long-term responsibilities.

In forestry, an example is how far the industry has come from the battles around clear-cutting in Clayoquot Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The industry did not shrink from those challenges. Instead, they found a way to grow, a way to collaborate, a way to cooperate and a way to do it right.

And so now, today, forestry is again a very profitable business in our province because they are innovating. They are embracing change.

They are creating bioenergy from forest waste, building energy efficient wood buildings in China and the developing world...

through the BC forest carbon partnership, planting a million trees to renew our forests and reduce our carbon footprint.

Today our mining industry operates under one of the most rigorous regulatory frameworks you'll find anywhere in the world, and they go far beyond that.

They are funding, developing, utilizing innovative new technologies that will save energy and reduce emissions -- things like finding better ways to sort waste rock.

They are inking deals with First Nations that mean long-term employment and long-term revenue in some of BC's most impoverished communities.

And today our natural gas business has a 60-year record of responsible recovery...

and they are moving forward fast with new ways of re-using wastewater for extraction so that they can protect our drinking water supply...

new ways to capture carbon and methane emissions along with new uses for liquefied natural gas.

LNG is powering commercial trucks, transit buses and soon all of the ships in our large coastal ferry fleet, because switching to LNG saves money and it produces about 30% fewer emissions.

LNG

Today liquefied natural gas represents the biggest contribution that our province can make to the world in the battle against climate change.

Because by liquefying our 150-year supply, our vast surplus, which we will never be able to use entirely ourselves....

By exporting that abundant and clean natural gas, we can help those fast-growing economies in Asia reduce their dependence on energy sources like coal and oil.

I'll give you an example of that. In China they're planning to increase natural gas by just a fraction so that they can displace coal for power generation.

They are planning to increase their use of natural gas by 4%.

Just that fraction of increase in use of natural gas results in a reduction, by the most conservative estimate, of 93 megatonnes of greenhouse gases every year.

That equivalent, their 4% increase in the use of natural gas to displace coal, is the equivalent of shutting this entire province down...

every building, every hospital, every car on the road...shutting them down for a year and a half.

That is what China will achieve by moving just a fraction of their coal production to natural gas.

And we know from recent studies that pollution in China doesn't just affect people in China, although we should be very concerned about that.

It also travels across the Pacific, increases the number of smog days in Los Angeles. It affects the quality of air here and everywhere along the west coast.

Pollution knows no boundaries. So imagine if we do not accept natural gas as a clean, economic alternative to

burning oil and coal. Imagine what it would mean if we failed to do that.

Failing to do that means accepting a world in which economies continue to grow their reliance on the cheapest and the dirtiest fossil fuel.

LNG is a transitional fuel, but it is the cleanest of all the fossil fuels on Earth and has an important role to play in the world today.

Here in British Columbia it could create 100,000 new jobs. It could help us pay down our provincial debt. It could help accelerate innovation in our clean-tech sector.

It could mean that we are able to innovate even further not just in making natural gas cleaner but in also making forestry and mining better businesses for the environment.

Already one investor here has entered into a partnership with UBC on clean-tech research.

They're doing that because one of the things that we are insisting on here is that the natural gas that we liquefy and produce will be the cleanest LNG produced anywhere in the world.

CONCLUSION

Now, for those of you who have travelled here today, I'd like to say thank you.

I'd like to say thank you for engaging in this exchange and for visiting what we think is a really lovely city. And I'd like to leave you with this:

British Columbia is very much open for business.

We are open for business, in particular the business of leaving our province, our country and our world in better shape than we found it.

We are very much your partners, and we want to work with you.

We want to create jobs.
We want to create sustainable jobs.

We want to create the kind of prosperity that our children can build on rather than have to fix when it's their turn to lead.

If you are here from British Columbia, you will know this about our province.

For generations we have worked to build a responsible resource economy. It's what has grown our province.

It's what sustained generations of our families.

And we haven't gotten to this place by saying no. We haven't gotten to one of the best economies in Canada and one of the best economies in North America by being overwhelmed by problems, by ignoring risks.

We have done it by looking at them head on, looking them in the eye and deciding that we are up to the challenge, that we are unafraid to take on difficult ideas, that we are unafraid of change.

Whether it's our five conditions when it comes to moving heavy oil across from Alberta to the Pacific coast, whether it's earning social licence to operate in forestry, mining and natural gas, whether it's our sustainable food and aquaculture industries, whether it's creating the cleanest LNG in the world...

that is how we do business in BC, and it works.

In difficult economic times it is always much harder to come up with good answers, but in my experience the hardest answers to come up with are almost always the best ones.

The ones where we challenge ourselves and we have to work and grind to get to a conclusion.

Those are the answers that are durable, those are the ones that our kids will say were obvious but were nonetheless wrenching for us to get to, and those are the answers that we are challenged to come up with today.

Our task is to build a growing economy, to create jobs and at the same time leave a better world for future generations where they have a real chance to build their dreams.

That is the marker that our generation must lay down, and it is our turn to deliver for them.

Thank you very much for joining us today.

Well good afternoon

It's quite a traffic jam up here...

(Pause)

And it's been quite a day to resume full operations at Port Metro Vancouver.

Get the traffic moving again.

Get our goods moving again.

Get the economy growing again.

I want to thank everyone here...

drivers from the UTA, Unifor, our partners from the federal government, and Port Metro Vancouver.

In our government, we had one priority, and that was shared by everyone here:

- End this dispute
- Get the port working again
- and protect jobs and the economy

Our agreement means the port is open for business tomorrow morning.

It means we can all work together to address the truckers concerns through a refined 14 point action plan.

Federal mediator Vince Ready is standing by to begin meeting with all parties...
to review, finalize and implement the action plan within 90 days.

With this agreement, there's no longer a need to pursue legislation to order a cooling off period.

We are adjourning that legislation now with everyone going back to work.

Thank you.

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ACKNOWLEDGE:

Minister of Industry James Moore (introduces PCC)
Prince George-Peace River MP Bob Zimmer (Chair, BC
Caucus)

Thank you. It's a pleasure to be here.

And it's a pleasure to have the chance to talk about B.C. in
the nation's capital.

Because while no province is further away from Ottawa,
everyone in this room understands...

B.C. has a central role to play in this country's future.

The West is increasingly becoming the economic engine.
And make no mistake...B.C. is proud to contribute to
Confederation.

Because we're part of something greater:

Canada.

Our contribution starts with the things we can control. Like
controlling spending. Two consecutive balanced budgets.

It continues with taking advantage of the greatest single opportunity of our generation – LNG.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Underneath northeast British Columbia lies an ocean of energy.

This isn't news. We've been safely extracting natural gas for 60 years.

We have a 150 year supply. Demand in Asia is skyrocketing – at a higher price than in North America.

Here's what it means for B.C. and Canada... If we move decisively.

If we get 5 LNG plants operating, that means \$274 Billion in tax revenues for governments across the country, over 30 years.

That's \$84 Billion dollars for the Federal Government in corporate income taxes alone.

That's almost 2 and a half billion dollars a year just for the Federal Government, and just in Corporate Income taxes.

Currently in British Columbia there are 15 proponents investing billions to build LNG facilities.

Not all will get to final investment decisions – but even one could be the biggest private sector investment in BC's history.

We project the industry will create 100,000 new jobs in B.C. alone, and the ability to eliminate our debt.

It will change B.C., and it will change Canada.

BRINGING OPPORTUNITY HOME

So we're moving fast.

We've introduced our proposed tax framework.

- 1) Benefits its developers, the private sector investors and its owners, British Columbians.
- 2) Expediting government processes, environmental assessments, permitting.
- 3) Working with First Nations

Ready to be first in line for those jobs.

That doesn't happen by just saying it.

We have to work for it: the federal government, the provincial government, and business.

And today we are demonstrating our commitment to that work together.

With a memorandum of understanding between our two governments to strengthen our resource economy in B.C. and Canada.

Here are six areas we can cooperate:

1. Sharing detailed information about what workers will be needed, when and where. Make it data driven. Better information leads to better planning.
2. We need to train Canadians who want to build their careers in high-demand occupations. But first, we need to attract them.

But they can build good-paying careers. We need to show them what's possible – and connect them with the skills to realize it.

They need to see that trades are a great career. Schools need more capacity to give them that training.

We need to recognize that industrial work sites can be the classroom of the future for many kids and we need to incent them to make trades training affordable.

3. We need to make sure everyone shares in the benefits of economic development. First Nations must share in the revenue and employment. This will make a huge difference in acquiring social license for projects. It will also allow their leadership to be the ones who lift their communities out of poverty and into the larger economy.
4. And while government is training and attracting skilled workers, we need to work with industry to do the same. Upgrading their employees' skills. More apprenticeship programs. More seamless transitions. More pathways to success.

5. We are a small country. Therefore we must ensure that every Canadian has a chance to participate. That means focusing on bringing people into the work force who may never have been there before. First Nations, individuals with a disability, at risk youth and high school dropouts.
6. And finally, we need to reduce barriers – both inside and outside Canada. Canadians with the training should be free to build pursue their career in any province. But when domestic workers aren't available, we need to attract and keep skilled foreign workers. That starts with recognizing their credentials.

CONCLUSION

It's an ambitious list. But a coordinated strategy can help us create a strong energy and resource economy.

One that is responsible.

One that is sustainable.

One that creates wealth at home.

And at the same time, helps growing economies in Asia with the resources they need.

Resources that help them fight pollution...resources like B.C.'s clean natural gas.

Peter C. Newman once wrote:

“For too long, the people who ran Canada saw it as an Atlantic Nation, with a scenic but empty backyard.”

Things have changed. And as everyone in this room knows – they’ve changed for good.

They’ve changed for the better.

Thank you.

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ACKNOWLEDGE:

Hon. Shirley Bond

Hon. Naomi Yamamoto

Welcome to Victoria.

In May, I promised to assemble a council of leaders – who happen to be women.

It's good to have you all in the same room. And before you go too deeply, I invite you to take a step back.

To reflect on your mandate: to advise government on things we can do to further women's business opportunities in B.C.

To help us grow our economy.

Because that's the key to everything we do as a government.

Every investment we're able to make, all the services people depend on – it's all underpinned by our ability to grow our economy.

We have a great team at the cabinet table, including Shirley and Naomi.

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But we aren't on the front lines. Victoria isn't exactly a world business capital.

You are. And you've been successful. That starts with our chair, Lois Nahirney.

Lois is a well-respected facilitator with over 25 years of experience as a senior executive.

Your insights and ideas are going to help a lot of people. I can't wait to get started.

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Good morning.

Our plan to grow the economy, create more opportunity, and secure tomorrow is centred around LNG.

It's a once-in-a-generation opportunity, with the ability to create 100,000 new jobs, and enough revenue to eliminate our provincial debt.

And we can only bring this opportunity home by working together. Government, industry, First Nations, and especially labour.

Because we want British Columbians to be trained and first in line for those jobs.

Last year, I brought everyone to the table.

We laid out our vision for LNG, and asked labour leaders for their input.

We received their report today. It included 15 recommendations on how best to move forward.

We are accepting all 15 – and you will see them reflected in the 10-year skills training plan, which we will announce soon.

I'm happy to take your questions.

Opening of UFV Agriculture Centre of Excellence
Friday, April 4, 2014
Speech length: 2-3 minutes

Event:

Event to celebrate the grand opening of the \$2.7 million Agriculture Centre of Excellence at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) Canada Education Park campus in Chilliwack. A tour of the new facility will follow the speeches.

Audience:

- Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk (emcee)
- UFV President Dr. Mark Evered (speaking role)
- Agriculture Students Terisha Mitchell, Amir Maan
- Laurie Throness, MLA for Chilliwack-Hope
- John Martin, MLA for Chilliwack
- Agriculture Students/faculty (participants)
- Municipal Representatives
- Agribusiness/agricultural sector representatives
- Media HAS been invited

Key Messages:

1. We promised to create an Agriculture Centre of Excellence at the University of the Fraser Valley. With a \$1 million investment, we've delivered.
2. The new Agriculture Centre of Excellence at UFV is a great example of how our post-secondary education system is supporting an important industry in B.C. and helping students develop the skills they need to succeed in agriculture and agri-business.
3. UFV has a long history of providing students with a wide range of training, and preparing them for careers in the agricultural sector.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Hon. Amrik Virk (introduces PCC)

MLA Laurie Throness

MLA John Martin

UFV President Dr. Mark Evered

Thank you.

Today is the next step in a proud history.

Ask any Canadian from somewhere else. They envy B.C. produce, our wine, our agriculture industry.

It's not just a question of good weather and good luck. Agriculture is an evolving, complex industry.

For 40 years, the University of the Fraser Valley has prepared students for careers in agriculture and agribusiness.

The national and international recognition for the Fraser Valley's food products comes from their knowledge.

Their expertise.

So last year, we promised to help fund creation of an Agriculture Centre of Excellence to support the BC Jobs Plan and the BC Agrifoods Strategy.

Promise made, promise kept.

Today it is my great pleasure to officially open this amazing new facility...
to advance the art and science of agriculture.

The Agriculture Centre of Excellence will be a hub for training, research, and collaboration between industry, government, and other post-secondary institutions.

I want to thank our industry, community and university partners for the dialogue, co-operation, and financial contributions that got us here.

Because investments like this are crucial. Our future prosperity – our secure tomorrow – hinges on developing a skilled workforce.

Over one million job openings are projected over the next decade alone. And we want British Columbians to be first in line.

That's why since 2001, B.C.'s government has invested more than \$73 million to expand and upgrade UFV.

Agriculture has always been a keystone of B.C.'s economy. And as agriculture evolves with new technology and techniques, UFV will remain at the forefront.

Thank you.

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Information for Premier

Premier Clark will participate in a ceremonial signing of two revenue-sharing agreements with the Lax Kw'alaams First Nation and the Metlakatla First Nation. The agreements provide the First Nations with a share of government revenue from the Sole Proponent Agreements (SPA) related to the Grassy Point lands with proponents Aurora LNG and Woodside.

The Grassy Point lands have been identified as a potential site for new LNG export facilities. The SPAs give a proponent the exclusive right to move forward with activities to inform planning for LNG development.

PRONUNCIATIONS:

- Lax Kw'alaams lacks-qwah-lambs
- Metlakatla met-la-cat-la

ACKNOWLEDGE:

We're here today on the traditional territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation

Chief Harold Leighton, Metlakatla [Met-la-cat-la] First Nation

Mayor Garry Reece, Lax Kw'alaams [Lacks-qwah-lambs] First Nation.

Grand Chief Ed John, Tl'azt'en First Nation

We're here to celebrate a milestone.

As you know, LNG presents B.C. with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

For 100,000 new jobs, for economic development, and eliminate our debt.

And this is an opportunity for all British Columbians – from all regions of the province, rural and urban, and First Nations.

And today marks the first two revenue-sharing agreements with First Nations for LNG.

These agreements mean that Metlakatla [Met-la-cat-la] and Lax Kw'alaams [Lacks-qwah-lambs] will share a portion of revenue from Aurora LNG and Woodside's proposed LNG developments at Grassy Point, near Prince Rupert.

I'd also like thank Aurora LNG and Woodside for their part in bringing us to today.

They're looking to put down roots in Prince Rupert. The strongest roots go deep – thousands of years deep.

They understand that to obtain social license – a concept invented in British Columbia – business and First Nations need to cooperate.

We have to bear in mind that B.C. is not the only place where LNG is actively being pursued.

So this kind of cooperation, this stability, between First Nations, government, and industry will play a key role in creating confidence in B.C. as a place to invest.

OTHER LNG AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST NATIONS

We're making great strides.

We've completed four Economic Benefit Agreements with Treaty 8 First Nations in the North East...and we're working on more.

We have a framework agreement with the Haisla near Kitimat that will allow them to partner with industry to develop an LNG terminal.

We've got an economic partnership agreement with 15 First Nations along the Pacific Trail Pipeline route.

Agreements like this plant the seed for prosperity that lasts generations: jobs, skills training, and new infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

Our task is to build a growing economy, to create jobs, and leave a better world for future generations...

...where they have a real chance to build their dreams.

Momentum is on our side.

These revenue-sharing agreements with Metlakatla [Met-la-cat-la] and Lax Kw'alaams [Lacks-qwah-lambs] aren't just another step forward...

...they're a reflection of how we do business in B.C.

Whether it's our five conditions when it comes to moving heavy oil across from Alberta to the Pacific coast...

Whether it's earning social licence to operate in forestry, mining and natural gas...

Whether it's our sustainable food and aquaculture industries...

Whether it's creating the cleanest LNG industry in the world...

This is how we do business here.

And it works. For everyone.

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**Quesnel Economic Summit
Friday, Apr. 11, 2014
Speech length:**

Event: what is it?

- This is an opportunity for the Premier to address economic stakeholders and business community and share how Quesnel can play an important role in the future of our province.

Audience: who are they?

- Coralee Oakes, MLA Cariboo North
- Mary Sjostrom, Mayor of Quesnel
- Members of the Regional Economic Collaborative
- Quesnel Chamber of Commerce members

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Coralee Oakes, MLA Cariboo North and Minister of
Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo-Chilcotin

Mary Sjostrom, Mayor of Quesnel

Members of the Regional Economic Collaborative
Quesnel Chamber of Commerce members

Good morning. It's a pleasure to be here.

I last had the opportunity to visit Quesnel during the
election, when I had a chance to travel the breadth of this
province.

It gave me a chance to connect the dots between our
resource economy and our cities.

Between the interior and the north, to our ports...our
gateways to Asia and the world.

And it made me think about my own family history.

My great-grandfather was a fisherman. In 1880, he came
to Clayoquot, on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

My grandfather followed in his footsteps, working his way up the company to managing the cannery at Rivers Inlet... Then he moved south onto management at Nelson Brothers in Vancouver.

That's where my dad grew up. And that's where the resource industry made it possible for him to earn a university degree.

The first in our family. Because that happened, I was a suburban kid who grew up in Burnaby.

And travelling this province helped me reconnect those dots in my own life.

What connects my grandfather the fisherman, with my father the teacher, with me.

All of us are standing on the shoulders of the people who came before us.

And now it's our turn, to do the same for our children.

With the announcement of the mill closure here, I bet a lot of people are wondering what the future looks like for their own families.

Whether their kids will choose to build their careers and lives close to home.

The men and women who built Quesnel – who came from around the world to build their lives here – are made of strong stuff.

And they're not alone.

SMALL BUSINESS

At the end of March, Coralee Oakes and Naomi Yamamoto joined city councillors and representatives from the chamber of commerce...

To hear from small business owners. To see how we can help them grow. How we can help them thrive.

That's vital, because in B.C., small business is big business.

It accounts for 98% of all business in B.C.. It employs more than a million people – over half of all private-sector jobs.

That's why we drafted a Small Business Accord last year: to make B.C. the most business-friendly jurisdiction in Canada.

We listened to small businesses like
C&C Wood Products,
BC Bearing,
All-West Crane, and
Dan's Machining...

To hear from business on the ground, and what they really need.

And they told us. Most of the time, it means getting out of their way. Low taxes, less red tape.

We're very proud of our "A" grade from the CFIB for cutting red tape.

But they also told us they need:

- Greater mentorship to help business grow.
- Better collaboration between different levels of government.
- And access to qualified workers.

SKILLS TRAINING

That's going to be key. Overall, we expect to have a million job openings between now and 2020.

That's the equivalent population of:

Atlin,

Fort St. John,

Prince Rupert,

Revelstoke,

Cranbrook,

Duncan,

Surrey,

Richmond,

And of course, Quesnel.

Combined.

But we can't grow an economy without people to work in it.

You can attract investment, control spending, keep taxes low, cut red tape for business...

...but if you do not have people to work in those jobs, you can't build an economy.

To ensure British Columbians are first in line for those jobs, we launched our skills training plan in September 2012.

Because we need to identify key opportunities region by region, and the training needed to address them.

That's why we created region-led plans in cooperation with industry, employers, labour, First Nations, training service providers, educators, and economic development organizations.

Here in Quesnel, mining, construction, and oil and gas, all enjoyed significant growth in the last decade.

We're going to need each and every graduate from the College of New Caledonia and their Quesnel Trades and Technology Centre...

We're going to need each and every graduate from UNBC to fill those jobs.

LNG

A lot of those graduates will be considering careers in B.C.'s emerging LNG industry.

The fast-growing economies of Asia need more and cleaner energy.

We estimate LNG will create about 100,000 jobs in B.C....

- 21,000 jobs building the export facilities and the pipelines,
- 42,000 jobs to supply goods and services during construction, many of them for local small and medium-sized businesses,
- 2,400 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the plants,
- 62,000 jobs to support LNG operations over the long term.

That's a lot of jobs. And there are even more indirect jobs.

LNG has the potential to have the same kind of economic impact as the oil sands had in Alberta.

Momentum is on our side. This week, we signed the first revenue-sharing agreements with two First Nations near Kitimat.

And we accepted all 15 recommendations from our task force on how to move forward.

Our task force included representatives from industry, from the Haisla First Nation, and labour leaders.

Some of them, many people said would never sit down with us.

I will tell you this right now: I will sit down with any British Columbian, from any walk of life, to secure the opportunity of a generation.

Leadership doesn't mean shutting out people you may disagree with.

And we have a shared goal – secure jobs for British Columbians.

We're also working with industry to align skills training for emerging LNG needs:

- Investing more than \$1-million in Employment Skills Access programs.
- And designating Northern Lights College as a Centre of Excellence for oil and gas training.

We have more work to do. It will start with our 10-year skills training plan, which we'll be announcing in the near future.

And by continuing to focus, continuing to work together with labour, industry, and First Nations...

We'll be ready to meet this opportunity head on.

In Quesnel, that means training people for the jobs that are on their way.

It means northern post-secondary programs like the College of New Caledonia's Industrial Mechanic/Machinist program...

or their Road Builder and Heavy Construction program... will be training the skilled workers BC needs capitalize on LNG opportunities...

Workers who will build BC's LNG future – from plants and production, to treatment and transport.

And we're going to help you seize those opportunities. At UBCM, I announced the LNG Buy BC Program – the provincial government will connect BC businesses with the multinational proponents looking to put down roots here.

And if you want to hear more about the opportunities for Quesnel with the LNG industry, just ask Mary Sjostrom. She can see what's around the corner.

CONCLUSION

Quesnel, like all of British Columbia, is very much open for business.

We are open for business, in particular the business of leaving our province, our country and our world in better shape than we found it.

We want to create the kind of prosperity that our children can build on, rather than have to fix when it's their turn to lead.

For generations we have worked to build a responsible resource economy. It's what has grown our province.

It's what sustained generations of our families.

And we haven't gotten to this place by saying no.

We haven't gotten to one of the best economies in Canada and one of the best economies in North America by being overwhelmed by problems, by ignoring risks.

We have done it by looking at them head on, looking them in the eye and deciding that we are up to the challenge.

That we are unafraid to take on difficult ideas.

That we are unafraid of change.

Whether it's our five conditions when it comes to moving heavy oil across from Alberta to the Pacific coast, whether it's earning social licence to operate in forestry, mining and natural gas, whether it's our sustainable food and aquaculture industries, whether it's creating the cleanest LNG in the world...

that is how we do business in BC, and it works.

In difficult economic times it is always much harder to come up with good answers...

But in my experience the hardest answers to come up with are almost always the best ones.

Those are the answers that are durable, those are the ones that our kids will say were obvious but were nonetheless wrenching for us to get to.

Our task, right now, is to build a growing economy.

To create jobs and at the same time leave a better world for future generations where they have a real chance to build their dreams.

That is the marker that our generation must lay down, and it is our turn to deliver for them.

Thank you very much for joining us today.

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Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh
(Purity (Khalsa) belongs to God, victory belongs to God)

It's a privilege to be here.

On Vaisakhi, it's important to note the teachings of the Gurus: equality, justice, community service, and to have a job and work hard.

Guru Nanak's values will sound familiar to British Columbians from across the province, from any religion or belief.

Those values of hard work and community service are reflected in the enormous contributions the Indo-Canadian community has made in B.C.

It's sobering to think that just 100 years ago, passengers on board the Komagata Maru were turned away from our shores.

The Government of the day turned them away, instead of reaching out. But we've since learned that together, we're stronger. Together, we're better.

Vaisakhi Temple Visit
Khalsa Diwan Society Sikh Temple, 8000 Ross Street
April 12, 2014
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Reaching out is how we solved the Port Metro Vancouver strike – union and non-union workers, the federal and provincial government – by working together.

Today, Indo-Canadians are among leaders in industries that drive this province, from construction and transportation to agriculture and the trades.

Indo-Canadians are a pillar of this community, and communities across B.C.

On Vaisakhi, we are reminded of the communities, families, and businesses coming together to make the celebrations a success.

It's the same formula needed for successful province.

On behalf of all British Columbians, I wish you prosperity, health and happiness as you celebrate with your friends, family and community, and for the coming year.

Lakh Lakh Vadhai.

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McDougall Creek Flood Protection
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Announcing that McDougall Creek flood-protection work, done in partnership with the District of West Kelowna, is complete.
- This will bring long-term certainty and peace of mind to the residents of McDougall Creek.

Audience: who are they?

- Media
- Doug Findlater, Mayor of the District of West Kelowna

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Last summer I promised to bring long-term certainty and peace of mind to residents of McDougall Creek, who have faced real, ongoing concerns about their homes and properties almost every year.
2. Today, I'm proud to say we have delivered on that promise in partnership with the District of West Kelowna.
3. This is an example of what we can achieve when we work together to find solutions.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

- Doug Findlater, Mayor of the District of West Kelowna
- Last July, I followed through on my promise to West Kelowna residents to provide a cost-effective, long-term flood protection solution for McDougall Creek.
- Because people here have faced real, ongoing concerns about their homes and properties almost every year.
- After meeting with residents and visiting the creek, it was clear that there was an urgent need to save these families from this yearly heartache.
- Today, I am pleased to announce this work is complete.
- This is a promise made, promise kept, because we all worked together to do the right thing.
- This flood protection work will address the concerns of these residents and bring them long-term certainty and peace of mind.

- So that families along the creek no longer have to fear the spring thaw every year.
- This is what we can achieve when we work together.
- Through the Flood Protection Program, we partnered with the District of West Kelowna, and were able to give these families peace of mind.
- There was a solid business case for getting on with this work, and these efforts will save both money and anguish long into the future.
- I want British Columbians in other communities to know that we remain a partner in the Flood Protection Program.
- Since 2007 more than \$127 million has been committed for 138 flood protection projects across the province.
- And I hope in the very near future we will be able to bring other good news to communities around the province

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Announcement of Funding for Skate Canada International
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Speech length: 3-4 minutes

Event: what is it?

Media conference co-hosted by Skate Canada. Premier will announce \$100,000 in provincial funding for Skate Canada International, a senior-level invitation-only event to be held in Kelowna at Prospera Place Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2014. This April 16 announcement event will include a skating performance. A teen skater will speak briefly, then present the Premier with flowers.

Audience: who are they?

About 45 invited guests, including:

- Local media
- Minister Norm Letnick, MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country (emcee)
- Kelowna Mayor Walter Gray (introducing Premier)
- West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater (no role)
- Mark Halliday, Chief Marketing Officer, Skate Canada (speaking role)
- Julianne Delaurier, 16 year old skater (speaking role)
- Carson Consiglio, 7 year old skater (speaking role)
- MP Ron Cannan, Kelowna-Lake Country
- Tourism Kelowna, the organizing committee, Pacific Sport, Kelowna Club, RG Properties, Delta Hotels

Key Theme:

B.C.'s government encourages healthy, active lifestyles. This event will bring families and communities together and significantly benefit Kelowna's economy.

Speech Outline/Key Messages

1. We're providing \$100,000 in support for Skate Canada International - an investment that will be more than recovered through the economic impact generated by the event.
2. Figure skating has an enormous and passionate following and an event of this calibre will bring thousands of fans and visitors to the region. The positive economic impact will help support jobs for B.C. businesses and families.
3. We encourage participation in sport and healthy, active lifestyles for all British Columbians. By inspiring others, Skate Canada International will help further that goal.

Thank Walter Gray for introduction

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Minister Norm Letnick, MLA for Kelowna–Lake Country

Walter Gray, Mayor of Kelowna (speaking role)

Doug Findlater, Mayor of West Kelowna (no role)

Mark Halliday, Skate Canada (speaking role)

MP Ron Cannan

- I am honoured to be here today as your partner and as your guest.
- Figure skating has a passionate following that continues to grow thanks to Canada's figure skating performances at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.
- Some of the world's top competitive skaters, and our future Olympians, will perform right here in Kelowna this fall at the Skate Canada International event.
- I want to thank the City of Kelowna and Tourism Kelowna for helping to bring this event to Kelowna.

- It marks the beginning of the lead up to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
- And will inspire British Columbians to get active and lead healthier lives.
- For these reasons and more, I'm pleased to announce that the B.C. government will provide \$100,000 to support Skate Canada International...
- An investment that will be easily recovered by the economic impact generated by the event.
- This event will bring thousands of fans and visitors to the Okanagan and will support local businesses.
- To put this opportunity in perspective, last year's Skate Canada International in New Brunswick generated \$4 million for the host city of Saint John.

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- We are committed to sport and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles for all British Columbians.
- That's why since 2001 we have provided over \$1 billion for sport - more than any other government in B.C. history - and we're investing over \$50 million this year alone.
- By inspiring others, Skate Canada International will encourage future generations of great champions
- The countdown starts today.
- Thank you.

-END-

April 30, 2014

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ACKNOWLEDGE:

Minister Rich Coleman

Andy Calitz – LNG Canada

Jorge Santos Silva – Shell

Bi Jingshuang – PetroChina

JongKook Lim – KOGAS

Hiroki Haba – Mitsubishi Corporation

Thank you.

Today represents another important milestone towards realizing the generational opportunity presented by LNG.

The Joint Venture Agreement is a signal of progress – not just for this project, but the LNG industry.

It's a vote of confidence that British Columbia is on the right path.

This is not a final investment decision. But we can't get there without taking this important step.

I want to welcome the senior representatives of the four major companies comprising the LNG Canada project here today...

from Shell, PetroChina, Kogas and Mitsubishi Corporation. You are doing what you need to do to make progress...

by engaging First Nations, and local communities about developing a real project – one that will create opportunity for generations to come.

And on the government side, we're working every day to create a competitive environment.

That started with our tax framework. We followed it up with our 10 year skills training plan, announced yesterday, so you have the skilled workers you need to build and operate.

We're going to keep working with leading proponents like LNG Canada to ensure that BC is competitive...

... and that British Columbians are ready to be first in line for the jobs that will come.

Today's big step forward comes as I announce my fifth international trade mission.

On Friday, I will be leading a BC LNG and industry delegation to Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

So that BC can take the next steps to bring home the opportunity of LNG.

Thank you.

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