

Aboriginal Business and Investment Council

June 3, 2013

- Thank Chief Councillor Ellis Ross – visionary leader, ensuring First Nations are benefitting and succeeding.
- ABIC does a great job assisting First Nations and industry to work together on innovative partnerships.
- Last year's symposium was a great success. We should consider holding another in the near future.
- We're seizing a transformative opportunity with our vast supply of natural gas.
- There is great opportunity for First Nations.
- Natural gas development can stimulate a trillion dollars in new economic activity – and create 100,000 new jobs.
- ABIC can play a key role in facilitating partnerships
- By working together, we can grow the regional economies that benefit our entire province – including and especially the First Nations.

Background:

Aboriginal Business Investment Council (ABIC)

- ABIC was created as part of the BC Jobs Plan, to help improve Aboriginal participation in the economy and promote economic certainty in the province by encouraging economic growth in Aboriginal communities. The focus of the ABIC is economic development. The Council does not address Aboriginal Rights and Title issues.
- The main deliverables of the ABIC include a First Nations economic development Symposium, held in December 2012, and a First Nations economic development "Playbook".
- Once these initial deliverables are achieved, the ABIC will help act as a conduit for Aboriginal associations and communities to voice their issues and provide advice on Aboriginal economic development policy to the Province.
- The ABIC Council is made up of eleven representatives, including Chair Ellis Ross, from the business and Aboriginal communities. The Chair of ABIC also sits on the BC Jobs and Investment Board.

Good morning,

Before we begin,

I just want to convey my best wishes to the people of Fort McMurray.

It's a very unfortunate situation

and our hearts go out to everyone affected by the flooding

I know Premier Redford will speak in greater detail about this.

I also am very happy to welcome Premier Redford to the Central Okanagan for this meeting.

we had a very constructive conversation today.

We have many opportunities in common

to grow our economy and create jobs.

Responsible resource development.

Skills training to ensure our citizens are first in line for jobs.

And forward-looking immigration policies

to make sure we have the workers we need to keep growing our economy into the future.

This is the right time to make progress on this conversation

with the upcoming Western Premiers' conference and Council of Federations.

Speaking Notes – June 26, 2013

Mt. View Heights

We visited workers and work-sites during our recent election campaign to pay tribute to the people who are growing our economy

So I'm proud to be here today. To talk about our priorities for the upcoming session. And to salute these people and the work they're doing:

Building a home for seniors.

Through a partnership between Baptist Housing, the Capital Regional District, and with the Province through the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

These are the kinds of investments we can make because we have a growing economy, despite a fragile global economy.

So today's Throne Speech and the updated balanced budget tomorrow are focused on the key priorities British Columbians have asked us to pursue.

Priorities based on our values:

- To make sure our kids have more opportunities to succeed than us.
- To make sure we care for those who cared for us. Those who need our help.
- To make sure we leave BC as magnificent and beautiful as we found it.

And that's about delivering on the promises we've made:

- Control spending to deliver balanced budget 2013 to do everything we can to protect BC's economy and Triple-A credit rating
- Freeze personal income taxes, and stick to a plan to reduce taxes – including for small businesses by 40%
- Seize the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of Liquefied Natural Gas, to create a 100,000 jobs over thirty years, a trillion dollars in economic activity, and a Prosperity Fund to eliminate our debt and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.
- Accelerate the BC Jobs Plan and skills training to grow our key sectors: Forestry, Mining and Tech – and make sure British Columbians are first-in-line for high-paying jobs.
- Conduct a Core Review of government to make sure it is structured for success on the things that British Columbians have asked us to achieve.

All of this is about doing right.

Doing right by British Columbians like those behind me.

They're depending on us...to honour their work and the taxes they pay.

To chart a course through difficult times. To a brighter future.

Thank you

(Take Questions)

Thank you.

Welcome to the busiest port in Canada.

We're here today because I wanted to share this moment with British Columbians from across the province.

During the campaign I visited communities in every corner of BC.

Connecting the dots of our growing economy.

This port is Canada's gateway to the Pacific – and Canada's gateway to the future.

This is where the opportunities you worked so hard to create come together to meet the world.

On May 14, British Columbians voted for strong economy
And a secure tomorrow.

We stand before you today, charged with the task you have given us.

Ready to work.

Optimistic for the future.

Proud of our province.

And alive to the challenges of our times.

The global economy remains fragile.
Recovery remains slow.

We have weathered this storm better than most.
But every day, B.C. faces the risk of contagion.

To remain strong, we must first run a tight ship in
government.

There will be those asking government to spend more and
to grow bigger.

But no matter how tough those discussions get.
No matter how vigorous the debate becomes,

British Columbians expect us to have those discussions in
a respectful way.

Respect for the taxpayers.

Respect for the working families, the parents who simply
cannot pay more.

And respect for future generations.
Because we can't burden our children and grandchildren
with our debt.

So when it's their turn to lead, they can make their own
choices.

That's at the heart of our shared values.
The shared values that define us as British Columbians.

Every one of us, from the First Nations, to the first settlers,
To newcomers arriving on our shores today:

- We all believe our kids should have greater opportunities than us
- We all believe in looking after each other
- We all believe in leaving our province as magnificent and beautiful as we found it.
- And we all believe the best way to do that is by being strong, by growing our economy.

The world needs to see us moving forward.

Because the world needs B.C.

Not only our resources, but the resourcefulness of our people.

We've worked hard to attract investment, to create jobs that fuel not only our economy, but the economy of Canada.

We have opened new markets for our goods and services. We will continue reaching out across the Pacific...
...where we have set our sights to satisfy their growing demand for cleaner energy.

By adding value to our abundant natural gas, and exporting it to Asia...
we can put ourselves on the path to a debt-free B.C.

And create 100,000 jobs over 30 years – all over B.C.

With so much opportunity on the horizon
We need to work on ensuring British Columbians...
especially northern and aboriginal British Columbians...
are first in line for those jobs.

None of this is meant to sound easy.

But you didn't choose easy.
You chose the right thing to do.

Because what we do today shapes tomorrow.

Because fairness is a contract not just between us, it's
between us and our kids and their kids.

During the election campaign I said that we can be the
generation, that future generations will look back on and
say:

They were the ones who had the vision...
... who transformed our province.
... made us the economic engine of Canada,
... and charted a course to a debt-free BC.

I know we can do this. I know this because...
I believe in you.

In the next four years,
There will be ups and downs
Days that will test our mettle and resolve.
But never a day when I doubt British Columbians.

I believe in you.

Together, with our shared values...

...and our hard work...

We can build a strong economy.

A secure tomorrow.

With a lasting legacy for generations of British Columbians to come.

Thank you.

PCC Remarks July 2 2013

I want to offer my sincere thanks on behalf of British Columbians to the RCMP and the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team for their work in keeping us all safe.

Their work is dangerous and they continuously put their lives at risk to protect us and they do it quietly.

They make us proud to be Canadians.

The allegation is that on Canada Day, the very heart of the institution of democracy in our province, the very symbol of our values as British Columbians and Canadians was targeted.

But our Parliament stands strong. We are back at work today, undeterred and unafraid. A day after thousands of people gathered on these grounds to celebrate our nation's greatest day.

I am relieved to be informed there was never any risk to the public. We are also told the suspects have no ties to any groups inside or outside of Canada. These were two individuals who were working alone.

While some may react with anger to this news, let's not succumb to that emotion - which is what individuals who promote violence want.

Instead, let us all celebrate what makes this province and country so great - a spirit of openness to all who choose this as home, a desire to reach across cultures and create a place of opportunity, a place of freedom, and above all, a place we love.

Westside Road Announcement and Availability

July 11, 2013

Speech length: two minutes

Last night the people of Westside-Kelowna voted for a strong economy.

This is an example of what a strong economy really means.

It means we can afford to make investments in vital services like health care and education.

And it means we can afford to make investments like improvements to Westside Road.

It's not acceptable that BCAA considers this to be the worst road in the province.

That has to change. That will change.

Today we're announcing an additional \$1 million in improvements.

Later this month, patching and paving work will begin on a 15-kilometer section between Jenny Creek and Caesar's Landing.

We're building on \$10.3 million invested since 2008. \$6.5 million has been invested in 2013 alone – including this \$3 million project here, almost completed.

This is not the last investment in Westside Road.

We're going to keep working until we can say that Westside Road is as safe as it is scenic.

Thank you.

China Eastern Airlines Announcement - YVR
Friday July 19, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Announcing that China Eastern Airlines is increasing their flights from Shanghai to YVR to twice daily (from one per day.)

Audience: who are they?

- Vancouver Airport Authority's new President & CEO Craig Richmond
- China Eastern VIP Margaret Meng
- Richmond MLA and Asia Pacific Minister Teresa Wat
- Richmond MP Alice Wong
- Media: news and business contacts at all major local outlets (print and broadcast,) with special focus on Chinese-language media outlets

KEY MESSAGES:

1. China Eastern's expansion of air services to China is another sign of increasing travel and trade between B.C. and China through our Pacific Gateway.
2. Growing air services help leverage B.C.'s competitive advantages to increase trade with Asia, creating jobs and supporting communities.
3. The increased service further strengthens Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway and means more jobs for B.C. families.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

- Vancouver Airport Authority's new President & CEO
Craig Richmond
 - China Eastern VIP Margaret Meng
 - Richmond Centre MLA and Minister of International
Trade and Asia-Pacific Strategy Teresa Wat
 - Richmond MP Alice Wong
 - Linda Reid, MLA for Richmond East
 - John Yap, MLA for Richmond-Steveston
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- Thank you.
 - Sometimes, when I'm in Ontario or elsewhere in the
country, they ask, how does Canada Start in B.C.?
 - For the world's biggest market in China, Canada starts
here in every sense of the word.
 - Increasingly, Vancouver and British Columbia are a
Chinese destination of choice for investments, business
partnerships, and tourism.
 - And the key to all that growth is access.

- More flights. Better service.
- Making it easier for investors and tourists alike to fly across the Pacific.
- This is important, because growing air services are another way we can leverage B.C.'s competitive advantages to increase our trade with Asia.
- And that means more opportunities for business...
- ...and more jobs for B.C. families. These new flights are expected to create more than 470 direct and indirect jobs.
- And not just here at YVR, but at businesses like hotels, restaurants, travel agents and tour operators.
- Adding more flights creates jobs not only at YVR and Richmond, but throughout the province.
- Opening and expanding international markets for B.C.'s goods and services is one of the pillars of the BC Jobs

Plan.

- China Eastern's expansion of air services to two flights daily between Shanghai and YVR is another sign of growing travel and trade between B.C. and China, further strengthening Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway.
- One goal of our Pacific Gateway transportation strategy is to expand passenger traffic to Asia by 40 per cent by 2020.
- We're well on our way to meeting our goal: direct flights between Vancouver and mainland China are up 50 per cent this summer compared with summer 2012.
- We're not done building bridges yet. We're going to continue build relationships on either side of the Pacific.
- And we're going to continue expanding our economic and cultural ties with China.
- Thank you.

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SUCCESS Walk with the Dragon
Sunday, July 21, 2013
Length of Speech: 2 minutes

Event: what is it?

- 28th Annual Walk with the Dragon in Stanley Park.
- Major fundraising event for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society), which supports immigrants through social education programs.
- The longest charity dragon in North America, carried by 40 martial artists. Over 13,000 walkers, including 600 corporate teams, participate.
- Premier speaks for 2 minutes and participates in Eye Dotting and Ribbon Cutting ceremonies.

Audience: who are they?

- Maggie Ip, Chair, SUCCESS Foundation
- Christine Brodie, Chair, S.U.C.C.E.S.S
- Stephen Hunt, Board Chair, United Way of the Lower Mainland
- Hon. Alice Wong, Minister of State (Seniors)
- Andrew Saxton, MP, North Vancouver
- Theresa Wat, Minister of International Trade & Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism
- Suzanne Anton, Minister of Justice and Attorney General,
- Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services
- Gregor Robertson, Vancouver Mayor
- Mike Clay, Port Moody Mayor,
- Lori Ackerman, Fort St John Mayor
- Richard Stewart, Coquitlam Mayor

- Thank you!
- I want to congratulate SUCCESS for the 28th annual Walk with the Dragon.
- With over 13,000 participants every year, Walk with the Dragon is a highlight on Vancouver's calendar.
- I also want to thank SUCCESS for 40 years of welcoming new immigrants to B.C.
- Last year, more than 36,000 people chose to move here.
- For those of us who call B.C. home, who sometimes take living here for granted, we sometimes forget...
- Many newcomers come without friends or family here.
- They may not know the language, or how to access the support systems in place.
- SUCCESS offers friendship and a helping hand. They offer a chance to do more than just relocate here, but

become part of our community.

- Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and the key to our future.
- It not only enriches our neighbourhoods and connects us to more and more global economic opportunities.
- I want to wish SUCCESS the best of luck today in reaching your fundraising goal of \$450,000.
- To all of today's participants, on behalf of all British Columbians, thank you for showing us what can be achieved with spirit, good will and a strong sense of community.
- And most of all – have some fun.

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McDougall Creek Flood Protection
Monday, July 29, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Announcing that the Province has committed to work with the District of West Kelowna to find permanent solutions for flood mitigation on McDougall Creek in order to help protect homeowners and road access, and to help prevent the localized flood threat from extending upstream.

Audience: who are they?

- Media
- Ben Stewart (MC)
- MLAs Norm Letnick and Steve Thomson
- Jason Brolund, Assistant Fire Chief for Kelowna
- Doug Findlater, Mayor of the District of West Kelowna
- Robert Louie, Chief of Westbank First Nation
- Garth Allmond and Doug Grant, neighbors and McDougall Creek residents

KEY MESSAGES:

1. This flood-protection work is about bringing long-term certainty and peace of mind to residents of McDougall Creek, who've faced real, ongoing concerns about their homes and properties almost every year.
2. This funding delivers on a promise I made to provide a cost-effective, long-term flood protection solution for the residents of West Kelowna.
3. We will be actively involved in exploring how this process can help us to achieve more permanent solutions for communities around the province and result in the most benefits for B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

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 - Jason Brolund, Assistant Fire Chief for Kelowna
 - Doug Findlater, Mayor of the District of West Kelowna
 - Garth Allmond and Doug Grant, neighbours and McDougall Creek residents
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- A month ago, the whole country watched southern Alberta struggle during widespread flooding.
 - Southeastern BC also faced floodwaters, but fortunately, we were spared the same fate as Calgary.
 - They wondered how they would cope if that was their home.
 - Their neighbours. Their community.

- Here in McDougall Creek, you know exactly how they felt.
- You saw firsthand that loss and struggle during flooding here.
- That's why I'm here to follow through with my promise to West Kelowna residents to provide a cost-effective, long-term flood protection solution.
- Because people here have faced real, ongoing concerns about their homes and properties.
- This flood protection work is about addressing those concerns. Bringing long-term certainty and peace of mind.
- I've met with residents and visited the creek – and here's the good news: we're going to build on engineering work that has already been done – and move this forward.
- 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 we'll be actively involved in consultation with the federal government, as they work on a new national disaster mitigation program.
- Most of us can't imagine the heartache of losing our home, or the stress of an annual threat of losing your home.
- Our focus will remain on reducing that threat quickly, and with certainty.

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