

Summary of Decisions

Wednesday, September 18, 1991, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Cabinet Chambers, Victoria, B.C.

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6. Committee Reports:

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Treasury Board (TB):

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AETT: Reallocation of \$6.9M in capital funding to preparation and development for expansion of Chilliwack campus of Fraser Valley College - subject to restrictions, agreed to approve.

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The next meeting of Cabinet will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Chambers, Victoria, B.C.

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TREASURY BOARD

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Treasury Board met on September 12, 1991 and reports as follows:

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6. In addition to these items the Chairman of Treasury Board approved a request from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology (MAETT) to reallocate \$6.9 million in capital funding from within the ministry's 1991/92 major capital envelope for the following two projects:

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- agreed*
- \$2.3 million project approval for planning, site preparation and development for expansion of an academic facility at the Chilliwack Campus of Fraser Valley College.

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6. Additional Item from Ministry of Advanced Education,
Training and Technology (Continued)

This approval is also conditional on:

- . The ministry freezing \$8.7 million from within its 1991/92 major capital envelope to provide for relocation of the Justice Institute; and,
- . On MAETT providing a project list indicating the reallocation of funding priorities within its 1991/92 major capital envelope.

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology

- Major Issues -

✓Fraser Valley Access - University Program

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CURRENT ISSUES

ISSUE: Fraser Valley Access - University Program

DISCUSSION:

In 1990, the Fraser Valley Access Consultation Group (Schroeder Consultation Group) was established to consult with the public on the post-secondary needs in the Fraser Valley. The public's response confirmed that a severe access problem exists and there is an immediate need for new post-secondary programs, including undergraduate academic, career, technical and trades programs. Concerns were expressed regarding travel time, the cost of education, the limitations of existing institutions, inadequate library facilities and insufficient support services. The Report of the Schroeder Consultation Group was released on March 12, 1991.

There is now significant competition developing between those who want: a "university-college" at Fraser Valley College (Abbotsford), a full research university to serve the needs of the Langley, Surrey and Delta areas, and the option recommended by Mr. Schroeder of a teaching university tied into Douglas, Kwantlen and Fraser Valley Colleges.

MINISTRY POSITION:

Given the Government's commitment to the "Access For All" strategy, the accommodation of undergraduate enrollment growth and trades training in the Fraser Valley region is critical.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A comprehensive view is needed and only one major institution can be established if costs are to be reasonably contained.

Minister Strachan intends to raise this as an issue on April 10, 1991.

Need some public consultation. Do not take a position at this time.

April 4, 1991
Universities, Colleges
and Institutes