

GREETINGS

Thank you.

Let me start by congratulating Rhona Martin. Rhona comes from Sicamous - just an hour's drive from the capital of B.C.

The newly-minted capital...Kelowna.

Rhona, I'm looking forward to working with you this year...

...and everyone here...

As you chart a course. To a strong economy. A secure tomorrow.

You chose the right metaphor for this year's convention.

Because that's what we must do. Together.

It won't be easy. But it's the right thing to do for the people of British Columbia.

I also want to thank Mary Sjostrom for all she's done as UBCM President...

...All she's done for Quesnel...

And all she's done for B.C.

Because of her leadership, Quesnel punches above its weight.

To punch above your weight, you have to be a doer,

And it starts with respecting the taxpayer.

Because there's only one taxpayer.

That's why we all need to control spending.

To avoid short-sighted solutions.

So our kids can do even better than us.

That is a cherished value in British Columbia.

And we can only get there with a plan. And by sticking to that plan.

Just as we have done for the last two years, and as we will for the next four.

Just this week, Moody's once again gave BC its' highest, triple-A credit rating.

Based on our plan.

Our record of controlling spending.

And our plan to control it in the future.

Some of these decisions are tough.

For an example:

Just this Wednesday night, thanks to the leadership of CUPE and our negotiators, we secured a framework agreement.

An agreement that increases school support staff wages – without asking taxpayers for a penny more.

That's one of many deals reached by sticking to our plan for the last two years.

And for those of you who think that just means saying “no” over and over again – ask Mike Frazier.

He came to see us and said McBride needs money.

We said yes. And now, he's got a cheque for \$1,950 to paint stripes on the road.

MY STORY

During the election in May, I had a chance to travel the breadth of this province.

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.

The story also reminds me of the connections all across our vast province.

Because whether you're stepping onto a skytrain station in Vancouver...

Or stepping up out of a mine shaft in Williams Lake...

Or into a hallway at Heritage Mountain School in Port Moody...

One enables the other.

And when we work together, the sky's the limit.

It's especially important to remember that during Reconciliation Week.

We need to heal the relationship between First Nations and non-Aboriginal Canadians.

We have a long way to go. But we will heal that relationship.

By working together. Growing together.

In a stronger, more prosperous British Columbia.

Because whether you're descended from First Nations, or from the first European settlers, or from the latest wave of immigration to our shores...

We are as bold as our geography. We are can-do people.

MY TEAM

You have to be bold to serve on City Council.

That's why I sought out people with municipal experience for my team.

People like Dan Ashton.

As Mayor of Penticton, Dan led a comprehensive core services review.

I'll tell you, this wasn't Rob Ford looking for a gravy train.

He cut property taxes in the first year, then froze them for two more years.

And while they did that, Dan and his Council continued to invest in the future with infrastructure upgrades.

That is leadership. And that is why Dan Ashton is on my team.

And we have a lot of municipal leaders on our team.

Start with Dan Ashton. Then:

Terry Lake,

Peter Fassbender,

Simon Gibson,

Mike Bernier,

Donna Barnett,

Norm Letnick,

Gordie Hogg,
Pat Pimm,
Eric Foster,
Linda Larson,
Marvin Hunt,
Jackie Tegart,
Sam Sullivan,
Greg Kylo,
Doug Bing,
Linda Reimer,
Scott Hamilton,
Jordan Sturdy,
Suzanne Anton, and...
Coralee Oakes.

And that's why I appointed Coralee to be the Minister for
Community Development.

She's got the experience.

- Two-term Quesnel City Councillor
- Executive Director of the Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce.
- President of the British Columbia Chamber Executives
- Director on the B.C. Chamber of Commerce
- Served on the Small Business Roundtable, and the Minister's Council on Tourism in 2009.

That's experience in getting things done. And if you know Coralee – you know she doesn't know how to complain.

She's a doer.

Her mandate is simple, but tough: help communities grow along with the economy.

And Coralee will also work with you. On your plans to grow the economy.

To help you develop your ideas that will make the plan for the province even stronger.

ANNOUNCEABLES

But we have to accomplish this – and everything we do – with limited resources.

Just after we got elected we got right to work on our plan.

We passed the first of three balanced budgets over the next three years – in a rare summer sitting of the legislature.

Controlling spending means in the long-term, you have more to spend on smart investments that grow the economy and for services that people depend on.

Last year, I announced our intention to replace the George Massey Tunnel.

But to find a long-term solution that works, you can't just jump in.

So we started by consulting with communities.

That consultation is now complete.

We're releasing the report today, but I can tell you, there was an overwhelming consensus:

The tunnel must be replaced, on the same route.

And we listened.

And today, I'm pleased to announce that starting in 2017, we'll be building a new bridge to replace the George Massey Tunnel.

A new bridge will improve travel times...
allow faster shipping of goods to market...
open up more options for rapid transit investments...
reduce Greenhouse Gases...
and improve a lot of people's day-to-day lives.

Just like the Port Mann Bridge did.

Today marks the next phase of the project – the engineering and technical work for the new bridge and associated improvements along the Highway 99 corridor has now begun.

Promise made, promise kept.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY UPDATE

I can also report progress on another major project I announced here last year...

That we will four-lane the remaining two-lane sections of the Trans-Canada Highway between Kamloops and the Alberta border.

We promised to truly complete this great symbol of Confederation – that links not only communities in B.C., but every community across Canada.

We committed \$650-million over 10 years to modernize the highway...

This work will not only facilitate business and tourism, but also create 3,300 direct jobs.

And I can tell you – those jobs are being filled...

the work is underway.

Promise made, promise kept.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS FOR NORTHWEST

We're investing in infrastructure because communities need to grow along with the economy.

And as we pursue the transformative opportunity of LNG, communities in the northwest will see an influx of jobs – and people.

We have to help them manage that growth.

The Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development will help you assess what your growing communities need.

Using funds from the Planning Program, and labour growth scenarios from the Ministry of Natural Gas, we'll work with you to assess needs for housing, water, sewer, health, education, and justice.

This is just the first step in a process.

We need to work together to ensure communities meet the challenges of growth.

LNG BUY BC PROGRAM

We also need to make sure B.C. businesses, large and small, in communities, large and small...enjoy profits from that economic growth.

That's why today, I'm announcing an LNG- Buy BC program. Our government will connect local BC businesses to the multi-national corporations building their projects.

We will respect our international trade obligations.

But let me tell you – it's exactly what the LNG proponents want to do.

They know they're establishing roots in our province...
In your communities...for decades to come.

But they also have their traditional suppliers from somewhere else.

We can help make the introductions.

Whether you're a clean tech firm in Vancouver...

A tech startup in Kelowna...

Or offer engineering expertise in Victoria...

There will be opportunities. For work here in B.C., and with multinationals across the globe.

So for all the Mayors and Councillors who told me this week that it's your turn...

Looking at you, Bill Streiper, and you, Marilyn Davies...

You're absolutely right. It is your turn, because the opportunities are there.

It's B.C.'s turn.

Let us be the matchmaker.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

I talked about the communities that punch above their weight.

Let me assure you – you have a lot of champions in Victoria to help you grow your economies...

Including me.

And I've heard from our rural leaders this week.

So today, I'm charging one of your greatest champions, Steve Thomson, my Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations...

to also be our Minister Responsible for Rural Development.

And I think you'll be happy about this.

Because one measure of our success – will be bucking the international trend. Reversing the population decline in rural communities.

In Telkwa, they know how to buck trends. Just ask Deputy Mayor Rick Fuerst.

He'll tell you the median age in Telkwa is six years younger than the rest of B.C.

And their town has grown 56 per cent since 1986.

Donna Barnett will continue to assist Steve, as she has for two years.

To listen to you...gather ideas...and then come to Victoria, and refuse to take 'no' for an answer.

As she always does.

BLUE RIBBON PANEL

One of the most consistent problems I hear about is not Donna Barnett's intransigence...

But crime.

As most you may be aware, our provincial crime rate is at its lowest level in forty years.

We can celebrate those successes – but we can't rest on our laurels.

Too many communities, too many neighbourhoods, and too many families live under the threat of crime.

We have to make sure we stay ahead of it.

We have to stay innovative.

And that's why, today, we're launching our promised blue-ribbon panel to study crime reduction opportunities.

Promise made, promise kept.

It will be chaired by Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Darryl Plecas...

And Darryl has selected some of Canada's most notable experts in crime reduction.

And I know he'll be talking to Mayor Kerry Cook and the Councillors of Williams Lake...

Where they've done such a remarkable job of reducing crime.

Darryl will be reporting the results to Minister Anton less than 10 months from now.

And I hope you'll take the opportunity to help them as they look for ways to help create a stronger, safer B.C.

ANNOUNCEMENT WRAP

Overall, we have budgeted \$10.6 billion in capital projects over the next three years. This includes new schools, new roads, and new hospitals.

Promise made before the election...promise kept after the election.

We will continue to work with you to identify priorities and plan projects that will build a strong society...

This is what a strong economy allows us to do...

To invest in your communities.

To create a stronger B.C. – and a stronger Canada.

STRONG ECONOMY

That's why we have a plan to grow a new industry right here...

From something we've been doing safely for 50 years.

Extracting our natural gas...

Taking our surplus supply, and liquefying it in the world's cleanest LNG plants...

Selling it to the growing economies of Asia...

And replace the dirtier fuels they are burning today.

Our clean natural gas will have a huge impact in cutting global greenhouse gas emissions.

And in the next 30 years, create more than one hundred thousand jobs all across B.C. ...

...and create a Prosperity Fund, enshrined and protected by law.

To eliminate our provincial debt...

leaving us more money for Health, Education and to keep taxes affordable.

The pessimists say it's not going to happen. Well, you know what? It's already happening.

Chevron Apache has already invested \$800 million dollars just to get their site ready to build the plant.

Literally moving a mountain.

Chevron already has 500 people on the ground in B.C. – working today.

In total, there are multiple companies and \$7 billion dollars has already been spent to secure the rights to ship it.

Seven companies have applied for export licenses.

Three facilities already have licences approved.

Go ask Dancin' Dave MacDonald in Port Edward.

He has a total municipal budget of \$2 million dollars – for his entire community.

They haven't sold an inch of municipal land in 12 years.

He's on track to sell \$4 million in land this year.

That's real money.

That's real momentum. We're on track to meet our target of three operational LNG facilities by 2020.

ASIA TRADE MISSION

That's why I'm taking my team to the world's fastest-growing economies in Asia.

From November 21 to December 3, I will be leading our fourth Jobs and Trade Mission – this time to China, Japan and Korea.

We're going to keep pushing to get to final investment decisions – which could come next year.

We will also be opening new markets for our tech sector, Creating more opportunities for our minerals and forest products, agriculture and seafood, tourism...

We're inviting Asian companies to put their North American head offices right here in our province

...All of that creates jobs here at home.

That's what gets me up in the morning every day. But I know it takes more than me, or government, or even industry.

That's why I reached out to the private sector labour unions. To work together to make our skills training the best that it can be...

So that as the investments come...

As the economy grows...

We all have to be focused on the same goal.

We have to put politics behind us. Everyone has to be welcome at the table.

So that British Columbians are first-in-line for long-term, well-paying jobs.

As I look ahead to the next four years, I am informed by the last two years.

People ask me all the time, how did you win the election?

You've got your own coming up, so you may be interested.

There's no magic trick. You just have to live your principles.

We talked about something that matters to the people we both represent – improving economic prospects for them, their families, and their kids.

And I knew what mattered to them, because it mattered to my grandfather, the fisherman.

It mattered to my father, the teacher.

We never got distracted from that, because we knew what British Columbians value.

We knew British Columbians care about growing the economy. And securing a more prosperous future.

In the last two years, we stuck to our plan – the BC Jobs Plan – to grow the economy.

We got the job done. And on May 14, British Columbians told us they want us to keep doing just that.

CONCLUSION

To keep us on that path, and stick to the plan...we need to work together.

British Columbians need your help to ensure your communities are ready for the challenges that come with growth.

We are all working towards exactly the same thing.

Last year in my address, I talked about my conversation with Mayor Pieter Weeber of New Hazelton.

He told me his residents were complaining about noise from the helicopters.

He said “what are you complaining about – that’s the sound of money. That’s the sound of change.”

Pieter died on Wednesday.

I’m glad he got to be a part of the change in New Hazelton.

I'm glad he got to be a part of the change in B.C.

To make sure British Columbians are first in line for those jobs.

To make sure we leave more opportunities for our kids.

To make sure we transform our communities in a way that lasts.

If we work together, we can grasp a singular opportunity.

To be the generation our kids and their kids look back on and say – they did it.

They rose to meet the challenge of their generation.

Let's be that generation.

Thank you.

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Sears National Kids Cancer Ride Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013

Event: what is it?

- Launch of the 6th annual Sears National Kids Cancer Ride - a 17-day cross-Canada cycling relay.
- The launch takes place at noon at the BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver.
- **Premier to speak for 2 minutes**

Other speakers are:

MC Jeff Rushton, founder of Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation

Darren Whitney, Store Manager, Sears Burnaby

Bruce Crooks, national rider and paediatric oncologist

Dr. Kirk Schultz, Head of the Childhood Cancer & Blood Research Cluster at the Child & Family Research Institute

Child Ambassador Andrea Howorth & her daughter Clara

Audience: who are they?

- 50-60 attendees expected, including 26 riders, volunteers, children and family
- Chris Collins, Liberal MLA, Moncton East, NB and national rider
- Media (scrum scheduled for 12:30)

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES

1. Congratulations on 6th year of the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride.
2. Our vision is for a cancer-free society.
3. Together, through prevention, treatment, research and support, we will help more children win their fight.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

- **MC Jeff Rushton**
 - **Darren Whitney**, Store Manager, Sears Burnaby
 - **Chris Collins**, Rider and Liberal MLA, Moncton East, NB
 - **Andrea Howorth** & her daughter Clara
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- I'm honoured to be here for the 6th year of Sears Kids Cancer Ride. The ride has raised over \$6 million since 2008.
 - September is Children's Cancer Awareness Month. Everyone riding knows they'll face mental and physical challenges.
 - They also know those challenges are nothing compared to the brave kids diagnosed with cancer.
 - For any parent, nothing could be worse than to be told your child is facing a potentially life-threatening disease.

Sears National Kids Cancer Ride – September 4, 2013

- Each year in B.C, dozens of parents face that reality. About 130 new cases of cancer diagnosed in children under age 17 every year.
- But there is hope. Childhood cancers respond well to treatment. And today, children with cancer have a better chance of beating cancer, and living a longer life than ever before.
- Some of the world's most cutting-edge research in cancer treatment and prevention is happening right here in B.C.
- That's why our government has, since 2007, provided \$4 million to support the Michael Cuccione Childhood Cancer Research Program at BC Children's Hospital.
- Together, our vision is for a cancer-free society. Together, through prevention, treatment, research and support, we will help more children win their fight.
- Thank you and good luck in reaching this year's goal.

Jobs Plan Trade Mission Announcement 2013

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013

Speech Length: 4-6 mins

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Event: what is it?

- Formally announcing the third major jobs and trade mission to Japan, Korea, and China for Nov. 25 to Dec. 06.
- (PCC already speaking that day for China National Day – part of many BC-Asia events from Sept. 1-15)

Audience: who are they?

- Minister Wat in attendance (speaking role)
- Stakeholders who were delegates on the previous trade missions to Asia: TBC
- Business community, investors, major media, multicultural media, business publications etc.

KEY MESSAGES:

1. This Jobs Plan trade mission to China, Japan and Korea will build on the momentum of our previous missions, attract investment and purchase of our export goods and services, and seize this once of a lifetime opportunity – LNG.
2. BC Jobs Plan – expanding markets, new jobs
3. We are opening doors and deepening relationships with government leaders and key business decision makers, as well as deepening cultural ties

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ACKNOWLEDGE: Hon. TERESA WAT, Minister of International Trade.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

Madame LIU, Fei, Consul General of the People's Republic of China and Mr. GAO, Jianzheng, Consul

JAPAN:

Mr. Seiji OKADA, Consul General of Japan and Ms. Naomi NATAME, Consul

REPUBLIC OF KOREA:

Mr. Seon-Cheol PARK Deputy Consul General, Republic of Korea

- I'm here at our gateway to Asia to announce our next trade mission.

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- From November 21 to December 3, the BC Jobs Plan Trade Mission will travel to China, Japan and Korea.
- This is the launching point for the goods and services we produce and provide all over B.C. That creates good jobs throughout the province.
- We have an incredible opportunity with natural gas...
- By liquefying, and supplying Asia's growing demand for cleaner energy to grow economies...
- We can create more than one hundred thousand jobs over thirty years...
- and create a Prosperity Fund to eliminate our provincial debt.
- But we have to act now. To seize this opportunity today for future generations, this is a crucial time to get

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projects to a final investment decision.

- And B.C. has even more to offer...
- So we're going to make LNG the centrepiece of our mission, and work to open markets for our goods and services to create jobs all over BC.
- Two years ago, we announced the BC Jobs Plan to expand markets and create new jobs.
- One of our goals was to double our international presence to over 60 representatives in priority markets across Asia, Europe, and the United States.
- We've achieved that. Now, we need to keep building on that momentum.
- My team and I have a very simple goal: to continue to get the message out about B.C.
 - That we have strong international trading relationships that are creating jobs...

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- That we are a safe harbour for investment...
 - And that we are supplying clean energy products.
- And when it comes to trade with Asia, we have an edge.
- Our ports and proximity. And our natural resources are in demand for growing economies.
- And British Columbians themselves. Our diverse multicultural population acts as a bridge across the Pacific...
- Building relationships and helping to develop new markets for B.C.'s goods.
- Jobs Plan trade missions help build on those natural strengths, ensure predictability, and build relationships with our trading partners, including China, India, Japan, and South Korea.

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- We've chosen to visit China, Japan, and Korea because that's where the future lies.
 - China and Hong Kong have emerged as B.C.'s second-largest trading partner, after the United States.
 - Over the last decade, exports to China have risen by over 500%, to over \$5 billion.
 - Japan has committed to diversifying its energy mix away from nuclear, with one focus being bioenergy.
 - B.C. can help by providing products like Liquefied Natural Gas, bio-energy, and wood pellets.
 - British Columbia represents half of Canada's total trade with Korea.
 - Korea is also the world's second-largest importer of LNG. As you know, I am committed to supporting a new LNG industry here in B.C. Part of that strategy is matching our surplus

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supply with the demand in Korea and across Asia.

- We know the trade mission strategy pays off.
- A decade ago, B.C. exported very few wood products to China, but strategic missions and outreach have worked:
 - In 2012, exports of B.C. wood products to China totalled \$1.4 billion.
 - That's an increase of over 2,800 per cent from 2001.
- With each new trade mission, we are opening doors and deepening relationships with government leaders and key business decision makers.
- This Jobs Plan trade mission to will build on the momentum of previous missions, attract investment, and seize upon our province's once-in-a lifetime opportunity – LNG.

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**China National Day
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes**

Event: what is it?

- Celebrating the 64th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Audience: who are they?

- Consul General of China, Mrs. Liu Fei
- Consular corps; Chinese and B.C. businesses; arts; academic community; politicians; community leaders

KEY MESSAGES:

1. China and B.C. have enjoyed a very close relationship through a variety of trade opportunities, and we look forward to continuing to develop and strengthen these ties.
2. B.C. highly values its relationship with China as shown our selection of China for the first and third trade missions.
3. Those ties will increase as we grow our economies with more trade.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Mrs. Liu Fei, Consul general of the People's Republic of China
Hon. Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade, Asia Pacific
Strategy and Multiculturalism

- It's an honour to be invited here today to celebrate 64 years since the founding of the People's Republic of China.
- But that's not the only thing to celebrate. We should celebrate the deep historical, cultural, and business ties that link British Columbia and China.
- For more than a century, people from China have been building our province, creating jobs.
- They are making our communities stronger and richer.
- And we have developed ties with China:
 - B.C. and Guangdong Province have been twinned for 18 years.
 - Guangzhou and Vancouver have been sister cities since 1985;
 - ...and over 20 B.C. municipalities have sister city or friendship agreements with Chinese cities.

- I went to China on my first trade mission as Premier and again on my third mission.
- China has become B.C.'s second-largest trading partner. Last year B.C. exports to China reached \$10 billion.
- That number will grow – especially as we develop our surplus natural gas, which will help fill China's growing energy needs.
- That's why I announced today we're returning in November to China.
- To realize the opportunity of LNG. To open new markets for BC goods.
- That's why we maintain four Trade and Investment Representative Offices in China: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong.
- These ties are a strong foundation we can build on together.
- Thanks to Consul General Liu Fei for inviting me here today. Here's to many more decades of close ties.

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West Kelowna RapidBus Groundbreaking – Sept 11, 2013

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West Kelowna RapidBus Groundbreaking

Wednesday, Sept 11, 2013,

Length of Speech: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Groundbreaking at the Westbank Hub Centre parking lot to launch construction for phase 2 of RapidBus BC service in West Kelowna
- Following speeches, MC Todd Stone will call speakers to join in the groundbreaking ceremony. Shovels (with names on them) will be in place.
- Westbank First Nations dancers will perform after the announcement and/or an Elder will provide a blessing and prayer/welcome.

Audience: who are they?

- Media
- Westbank First Nation (dance performance)
- City of Kelowna representatives
- District of West Kelowna representatives
- UBC Okanagan Students Union representatives
- Transit Riders
- Residents
- Officiating guests including Emcee, Minister Todd Stone, MP Ron Cannan (speaking role), MP Dan Albas (tbc), Chief Robert Louie, Westbank First Nation (speaking role), Manuel Achadinha, President & CEO, BC Transit (speaking role)

KEY MESSAGES

- RapidBus provides families and communities in Kelowna with reliable, fast and comfortable transportation.
- As communities grow, services must grow along with them.
- Thank-you to our partners: the government of Canada, the City of Kelowna and the district of West Kelowna.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Hon. TODD STONE, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (MC)

RON CANNAN, MP, Kelowna-Lake Country (CPC)

DAN ALBAS, MP, Okanagan-Coquihalla (CPC),

CHIEF ROBERT LOUIE, Westbank First Nation,

MANUEL ACHADINHA, President & CEO, BC Transit.

- RapidBus has proven to be a very successful service for families, students and communities in Kelowna.
- It connects people and communities, reduces travel time and encourages more people to take the bus.
- Kelownians have voted with their feet. Since service began in 2010, ridership between downtown Kelowna and UBC Okanagan has grown almost 10 per cent.
- But as communities grow, services must grow with them. And the people of West Kelowna need quick and easy access downtown and to UBCO.

West Kelowna RapidBus Groundbreaking – Sept 11, 2013

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- Today's groundbreaking launches phase 2, to include four new transit stations and two new exchanges.
- Once it is completed next summer, residents will enjoy 30 kilometers of service between West Kelowna and UBCO.
- Think about what that will mean for a family in West Kelowna sending a student to UBCO.
- To achieve that, the government of B.C. will provide almost \$24 million.
- This will help create more than 240 jobs and spur economic development in the Central Okanagan.
- This is possible because of our partners: the government of Canada, the City of Kelowna, the District of West Kelowna, and Westbank First Nation.
- To you, and to all of today's participants, thank you. By working together, we're building a stronger, better connected community.

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Chinese Wine Buyers & Investors Luncheon
Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Chinese investors on a buying mission will attend a luncheon at Sparkling Hill Resort in the heart of B.C.'s wine country.

Audience: who are they?

- A delegation of 15 Chinese wine buyers are visiting British Columbia from September 9-13, 2013. The delegation will visit wineries in Osoyoos, Penticton, Kelowna, and Vernon.
- Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

KEY MESSAGES:

1. China and B.C. have enjoyed a very close relationship through a variety of trade opportunities, and we look forward to continuing to develop and strengthen these ties.
2. B.C. highly values its relationship with China as shown by the Premier's selection of China for her first and third trade missions, plus frequent visits to China by our MLAs.
3. BC now boasts 254 licensed wineries who are creating world-class products in wine which also include, fruit wine (16), cider and spirits(17 distilleries).

ACKNOWLEDGE: Hon. Teresa WAT, Minister of International Trade and Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

- Thank you.
- For more than a century, people from China have been building our province, creating jobs and making our communities stronger.
- These ties are a strong foundation we can build on together.
- That's why I have visited China on my first trade mission as Premier, and now once more on my upcoming mission later this fall.
- It's our pleasure to return the favour and host you – and in such a beautiful location, Sparkling Hills, right in the heart of B.C.'s wine country.
- We're proud of our wine industry. Not only does it produce world-recognized wine, but has come a long way in a short time.
- In 1990, there were just 17 wineries in B.C. Today, we boast 254 licensed wineries.

- Whether large or boutique, B.C. wineries are earning distinction. Not just on the national level here in Canada, but also international competitions in the USA, Europe and the United Kingdom.
- Wine lovers are voting with their wallets. Last year, B.C. wine sales amounted to \$450 million and that figure continues to grow at approximately 6 per cent per year.
- China has developed into B.C.'s second-largest trading partner, and last year B.C. exports to China reached \$10 billion.
- We hope that BC wine becomes one of our tastiest exports to China.
- After sampling some, I'm sure you will agree.
- And I hope soon we can uncork a bottle of Okanagan sparkling wine to celebrate your new investment here in B.C.

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- Thank you.
- I brought my cabinet here to start a conversation. One that's been happening in growing communities across B.C.
- As communities like West Kelowna grow, we have to make sure services grow along with them.
- Our responsibility, and the ultimate aim of The BC Jobs Plan, is to create a climate that encourages a robust economy in which the private sector can thrive.
- Government doesn't create jobs. That's the private sector's role. But government can either stand in the way or open the door to new opportunities.
- Government also plays a role in making sure communities like West Kelowna are ready for those opportunities.

- And make no mistake, those opportunities are coming. We are the gateway to a growing economy in Asia – and a recovering economic giant in the United States.
- Liquefied Natural Gas is the biggest economic opportunity in generations...
- ...with the potential to create 100,000 new jobs...
- ...and generate enough revenue to create a Prosperity Fund and eliminate our debt.
- This transformation is already underway; we're on track to meet our target of three operational LNG facilities by 2020.
- Seven companies have applied to the National Energy Board for licences to export liquefied natural gas from British Columbia as of September 2013.

- Three facilities – the Douglas Channel Energy Project, Kitimat LNG, and LNG Canada - already have licences approved.
- And while the gas will be extracted and shipped to Asia in the north, this will create jobs across the province, from modular workforce housing made in Sicamous, to concrete pipe fittings made in Chilliwack.
- There's a role for Central Okanagan businesses as well.
- We're also looking forward to working with you on developing our growing tech sector.
- Following the path of success stories like Club Penguin, I envision the Central Okanagan becoming a hub for highly-educated tech companies and workers.
- Just yesterday, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizen's Services Andrew Wilkinson had the

chance to meet with Accelerate Okanagan as they announced the next stage in their development.

- It's still early days, but working with 146 companies, they've created 396 jobs, generated \$4.4 million in revenue – and attracted more than \$25 million in investment.
- That's a great start. And there's more to come.
- I'm looking forward to working with you and we chart the course forward. Not just as Premier, but your MLA.

Welcome. I'm glad you're here.

Not only is it good to see you, but it's good to see you out of the office.

You deserve a night to meet your colleagues, and take in the experience.

Because you do so much every day

The people of British Columbia want us to control spending, grow the economy, and secure a prosperous future.

We have a plan – the BC Jobs Plan.

I want to talk to you about how you see yourselves fitting into our plan.

About how your communities can benefit most.

We need to work together. That's why I reached out to labour.

And that's why I'm looking forward to meeting with you.

See you shortly.

But until then, have a great night. You've earned it.

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Event: what is it?

- Opening ceremonies for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's B.C. national event.

Audience: who are they?

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Minister Bernard Valcourt (tbc)
- Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, John Rustad (in attendance)
- Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver (tbc)
- First Nations Chiefs from across B.C.
- Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo (tbc)
- TRC Commissioner Justice Murray Sinclair
- Representatives of the Leadership Council
- Indian Residential School survivors from across Canada.
- First Nations elders
- Church representatives

KEY MESSAGES

1. The Government of British Columbia regrets the harm done to Aboriginal children and families, and the lasting impact Indian Residential Schools have had on them.
2. We must create a new path to move forward with dignity,

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respect and renewed faith in each other.

Thank MC Michael McCarthy and recognize Coast Salish territory.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR JUDITH GUICHON

HON. JOHN RUSTAD, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

HON. BERNARD VALCOURT, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

SHAWN ATLEO, National Chief Assembly of First Nations (tbc)

FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS from across Canada

First Nations elders, the children, the survivors and their families

Councillor ANDREA REIMER, On behalf of Gregor Robertson

JUSTICE MURRAY SINCLAIR, TRC Commissioner

Representatives of the Leadership Council

- On behalf of all British Columbians, a warm welcome to all, especially the chiefs who are here, the elders, the children
- ...and most of all of course, to the survivors and their families.
- Today, as part of Reconciliation Week, we begin the sixth national event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Canada.

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- Since the first event in Winnipeg three years ago, many survivors have shared their experiences...
- ..the physical and mental abuse
- ...the destruction of families and countless humiliations.
- I want to acknowledge their incredible courage. Especially those who have come forward to the Commission as witnesses.
- **The Government of British Columbia regrets the harm done to Aboriginal children and families...**
- **and the lasting impact Indian Residential Schools have had on them.**
- Whatever our ancestry, all Canadians share with Aboriginal people a common sorrow at the cruelty and abuse that took place under the guise of education.

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- From the 1870s until 1996, more than 150,000 Aboriginal children, some as young as four, were removed from their families and sent to Residential Schools.
- Reconciliation Week offers a significant opportunity to help heal that trauma.
- And while we cannot undo the past, we can, and we must, create a new path.
- A path to move forward together with dignity, respect and renewed faith in each other.
- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you today, and more importantly, the opportunity to listen.

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BC Sports Hall of Fame Banquet of Champions Thursday Sept. 19, 2013

Event: what is it?

- 45th annual BC Sports Hall of Fame Banquet of Champions
- 2013 Inductees will be formally inducted to the BCSHoF.

Audience: who are they?

- Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon
- Allison Mailer, Director of Operations, BC Sports Hall of Fame
- Emcee – Steve Darling – Global
- Gareth Rees, Chair, BC Sports Hall of Fame
- Colin Brown – Past Chair, BC Sports Hall of Fame
- Wally Buono – General Manager, BC Lions
- 2013 BC Sports Hall of Fame Inductees:

Five Athletes:

Kevin Alexander (lacrosse), Dawn Coe-Jones – unable to attend (golf), Brent Hayden (swimming), Robert 'Ro' Hindson (rugby), Peter Reid (triathlon)

Two Builders:

Kathy Shields (basketball), Ken Shields (basketball)

One Pioneer:

Larry Kwong (ice hockey)

W.A.C. Bennett Category:

Pat Quinn (ice hockey) – unable to attend

Team:

1965 Ocean Falls Amateur Swimming Club: Bob Fisher (coach), Sandy Gilchrist, Ralph Hutton, Rudi Ingenhorst, Jack Kelso, Anne McDaniel (swimming)

Media:

Larry Isaac

- Guests

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES

- Congratulations to the 2013 Class of Inductees
- Sports bring communities together by providing great role models such as today's inductees, and positive outlets for young and old alike.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

- emcee **STEVE DARLING.**
- **Honourable Judith Guichon**, Lieutenant Governor
- Senator **Nancy Greene**
- Attorney General & Minister of Justice **Suzanne Anton**
- Minister of Education **Peter Fassbender**
- Minister of Environment **Mary Polak**
- Minister of Advanced Education **Amrik Virk**
- Vancouver-False Creek MLA **Sam Sullivan**
- **David Galbraith**, Assistant DM of Community, Sport & Cultural Development
- Mayor **Al Raine**, Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Acting Mayor **Darrell Penner**, City of Port Coquitlam
- Councilor **Nelson Tilbury**, District of Mission
- **Gareth Rees**, chair of BC Sports Hall of Fame
- **Kathy and Ken Shields** (basketball) – husband and wife both being inducted at the banquet.

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 BC Sports Hall of Fame Inductees.
- You are joining immortals like Rick Hansen, Karen Magnussen, Joe Kapp and Trevor Linden – to name but a few.
- During your careers, you have each entertained and inspired us.
- Your stories inspire us to try great things in our own lives.
- Last week, I met Richard Zokol. He was a walk-on at BYU. No scholarship offered by any school.
- Just a few years later, led his team to the NCAA championship at Stanford.
- There are lessons for anyone in stories like yours. To succeed in sports, you need goals, and a laser focus on achieving them.
- Politics is quite similar.

- Each one of you is truly a champion, worthy of being inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame...
- The one place where all sports come together to showcase the great achievements B.C. athletes have accomplished over the past 100 years.
- Sports bring communities together. That's why our government is committed to encouraging participation in sports by providing over \$1 billion to sports in B.C. since 2001...
- ..and an further \$50 million in sport funding this year alone.
- Thank you.

Order of B.C. Investiture Ceremony
Monday, Sept. 23, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- The 2013 Order of BC investiture ceremony recognizes 13 new members of the Order.
- Since the Order was first introduced in 1989, 345 people have received the honour.

Audience: who are they?

- Lt.-Gov. Judith Guichon, Chancellor of the Order
- The 2012 Advisory Committee consists of:
 - The Honourable Lance S.G. Finch (chair), former chief justice of British Columbia
 - Bill Barisoff, former speaker of the Legislative Assembly
 - Dr. Kris Bulcroft, president, Capilano University
 - Pierrette Maranda, associate deputy minister, IRS
 - Her Worship Mary Sjorstrom, president, UBCM
 - Hassan Khosrowshahi, O.B.C. (2012 recipient of the Order)
 - Norman Keevil, O.B.C. (2012 recipient of the Order).
- Guests of recipients
- MLAs:
 - Linda Reid, Amrik Virk, Doug Bing, Eric Foster, John Martin, Mike Morris, Ralph Sultan, Jackie Tegart
 - Jane Shin, MLA for Burnaby - Lougheed
 - Andrew Weaver, MLA for Oak Bay – Gordon Head

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Congratulations to the 2013 Order of B.C. recipients
2. This year's recipients have each made a difference in their communities and to the province.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Lieutenant-Governor Judith Guichon
Advisory Committee Members

It's a privilege to be here today to honour our recipients.

Your dedication to service and excellence, and your achievements inspire others.

In a word, you are leaders.

You have focused your abilities and talent towards serving your communities and improving people's lives.

You've saved lives and kept us healthy.

You've prepared us for the future, and connected us to our past.

You've connected the world, and you've reached for the stars.

You represent B.C. and Canada at our very best.

On behalf of all British Columbians...

...and especially of the people you have served – thank you.

And I think you'll agree – you didn't get here by yourselves.

So to your friends, family and supporters – thank you for sharing your loved ones with the world.

We're proud to have you join the esteemed ranks of the Order of B.C.

Other than you, only 332 people share this distinction – our highest award of excellence.

You've earned it. Thank you very much.

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Okanagan College 50th Anniversary September 27, 2013

Event: what is it?

- A celebration of Okanagan College's 50th anniversary
- Names and profiles of 50 citizens will be honoured for outstanding contributions to the college and their communities
- Speeches will be followed by a ceremonial cake-cutting.
- **Premier to speak for 3-4 minutes**

Other speakers are:

Advanced Education Minister Amrik Virk
Okanagan College President, Jim Hamilton
Steven Thomson, Kelowna-Mission MLA
Norm Letnick, Kelowna-Lake Country MLA
Eric Foster, Vernon-Monashee MLA

Audience: who are they?

- Past and present Okanagan College students, staff, alumni and friends.

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES

- Congratulations on Okanagan College's 50th anniversary.
- I wish the students, staff, alumni and friends all the best in its future years as it continues to serve its local communities as well as students from B.C., Canada and beyond.
- The province remains committed to Okanagan College as seen in the \$28 million provided to help replace the trades building.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

HON. AMRIK VIRK - Minister of Advanced Education
(Introduces PCC)

Hon. STEVE THOMSON - Kelowna-Mission MLA

NORM LETNICK - Kelowna-Lake Country MLA

ERIC FOSTER – Vernon-Monsahee MLA

JIM HAMILTON - President, Okanagan College

The 50 citizens being honoured for their contributions to the college and their communities.

- 50 years ago, when Okanagan College first opened, it was a different world.
- Beatlemania had just started. Martin Luther King delivered his “I have a dream speech.” The lava lamp was invented.
- Think about the people at the official opening in 1963: how many of them could have imagined it today...
- ...The largest college outside the Lower Mainland. One of the largest trades training institutions in B.C.

- In 50 years, Okanagan College has graduated more than 53,000 students. Each year more than 20,000 students pass through its doors.
- It's a critical part of our BC Jobs Plan and Skills and Training Plan. Our future prosperity hinges on developing a workforce equipped for an increasingly skill-based world economy.
- Those highly-skilled jobs are coming. Over one million job openings are projected over the next decade alone.
- That's why your government has invested more than \$69 million since 2005 to expand and upgrade the college's facilities.
- That includes \$28 million to modernize the trades training facility, and \$23 million to expand the centre of learning, here at the Kelowna campus.

- And funding to help build the Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence at the Penticton campus, and expand the trades facility at the Salmon Arm campus.
- We've done this because the best way to support families is good-paying jobs. And here at Okanagan College, those are exactly the jobs you're preparing people for.
- I wish the students, staff, alumni and friends all the best.
- Thank You.

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Britco
Friday Sept. 27, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Visiting Britco offices in Penticton, to kick off Britco's Devon Pike Project.
- Pre-speech briefing by Britco on the project

Audience: who are they?

- Approximately 200 Britco employees
- Mike Ridley, Britco president
- Chris Gardner, Britco executive vice president
- Obie Erickson, Britco VP, Manufacturing
- Richard Nilson, Britco VP, Construction
- Nadine Barber, VP of Government, Public Affairs, Devon Canada
- Rob King, chair & acting CEO, WesternOne (Britco's parent company)
- Carlos Yam, CFO, WesternOne
- Major Britco suppliers
- Devon and Manitoba Hydro project consulting teams
- Sub-contractors

Key Messages

- Government is protecting and creating jobs through Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan.
- Our plan is working.
- By creating an investment friendly climate, businesses like Britco can invest in companies right here in B.C.
- Congratulations to Britco on the \$100M Devon Pike project.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

MIKE RIDLEY – President, Britco (introduces PCC)

DAN ASHTON – MLA, Penticton

- I want to congratulate you on your second project for Devon Pike – a \$100 million facility with almost 1,600 rooms.
- It's companies like yours, and people like you, who are fulfilling the goals we set out in the BC Jobs Plan.
- You are the ones who are creating jobs, and growing our economy.
- Your company has been investing in B.C. for over 36 years, and that's something to be proud of.
- Because it means Britco provides good-paying, family-supporting jobs for about 500 people.
- And we want to see you grow even more.
- My focus is on creating an environment where you can thrive.

- That's why we are committed to controlling government spending...
 - keeping taxes low...
 - and attracting investment and jobs to our province.
- And that's why in November I'll be leading my fourth Trade Mission to China, Japan and Korea.
- We all know about the transformative opportunity before us with liquefied natural gas.
- But we need to make sure B.C. businesses and communities enjoy the projects from that economic growth.
- So last week, I announced the LNG – Buy BC program.
- We will respect our international trade obligations, but these companies know they're establishing roots in communities like Penticton for decades to come.

- We will help connect local B.C. businesses to the multinational corporations building their projects.
- Because make no mistake, there will be opportunities.
- For work here in B.C., and with multinationals across the globe.
- It's B.C.'s turn – and we're determined to lead.

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Alpine Aerotech Opening

September 27, 2013
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Event: what is it?

- Official opening of the 18,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Alpine Aerotech LP facilities on the Westside
- The addition was built to take advantage of increased opportunities in the helicopter aviation sector.

Audience: who are they?

- Employees, invited guests and media

Key Messages

- Congratulations on the opening of your new, expanded facility.
- You define the character of B.C. business – you started your business here, you manufacture, export and run a successful industry here, and you make investments like this to create jobs right here.
- We're really proud of businesses like Alpine Aerotech.

Facts on Alpine Aerotech

- AA began over 30 years ago leasing Bell helicopters to various industry sectors. From there, they realized there was a need to provide service and maintenance – helicopters require 26 hours of servicing for every hour in the air.
- Now employing over 100 skilled workers, AA built the additional facilities to take advantage of increased opportunities in the helicopter aviation sector. Parts manufactured in this new plant are shipped to a Bell helicopter assembly plant in Quebec.
- AA supports a skilled workforce, high-paying jobs and educational links to Okanagan College, UBC Okanagan and YLR, Kelowna International Airport.
- Ted Callahan from Argus Properties will be at the event. He most recently built and opened the new Four Points by Sheraton Kelowna Airport at YLR and is a major developer of commercial, industrial and hotel properties throughout B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

TONY PAYTON, Event MC

JIM CAMPBELL, President, Alpine Aerotech

TED CALLAHAN, President, Argus Properties

DOUG FINDLATER, District of West Kelowna Mayor

- Congratulations on opening your new 18,000 square-foot expanded facility here on the Westside.
- Because of companies like yours, and people like you, we're on target to meet the goals we set out in the BC Jobs Plan.
- My focus remains on growing the economy and securing more opportunities today and tomorrow.
- But government doesn't create jobs. That's where you come in. We can help by creating conditions where you can thrive.
- That's why we are committed to controlling government spending...
 - keeping taxes low...
 - and attracting investment and jobs to our province.

- And make no mistake, investment is coming. Companies pursuing LNG opportunities here have already invested \$7 billion.
- That will create 100,000 jobs across this province, and generate enough revenue to eliminate our debt.
- And there will be more opportunities for companies like Alpine Aerotech.
- Last week, I announced an LNG Buy BC program. Our government will connect local BC businesses to the multi-national corporations building their projects.
- That means more opportunities for Kelowna's growing tech sector.
- That's why I'm heading to China, Japan and Korea for my fourth trade mission – to get more deals closer to final decisions.
- These opportunities are just over the horizon. So for all of B.C., but especially for Alpine Aerotech – the sky's the limit.

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra 95th Anniversary
Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- A ceremony that launches the VSO's 95th Anniversary Season and inducts both maestro Bramwell Tovey and the VSO into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Audience: who are they?

- Approximately 400 VIP invited guests from the arts, government, and business community.
- About 120 of the VSO's top donors will be in attendance.
- VSO board chair Fred Withers (Ernst & Young Chief Development Officer)
- Rob Haynes, president of the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame
- Other guests
- Overall possible audience size: 1,200 (Orpheum capacity)

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Congratulations to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of their 95th anniversary.
2. Congratulations as well to maestro Bramwell Tovey and the VSO on their induction into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame.
3. Thank you to the donors for their support of this important cultural institution and everything it does for British Columbians.

- It would be hard to imagine a more turbulent year than 1919.
- Canadian troops were slowly returning home after demobilization following World War I.
- At home, Canadians were waiting for their husbands, brothers, and sons, while also dealing with the pandemic Spanish flu spreading around the world.
- It was so bad they even cancelled the Stanley Cup.
- Into this troubled world, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra was born.
- 95 years later, you've been uplifting British Columbians with your music...
- fostering an appreciation of art and culture with each new generation.
- Through programs such as "Kids Konzert" Series, Symphonic Encounters and the Tiny Tots Series, classical music and the VSO are appreciated by over 50,000 children every year.

- I would like to congratulate Maestro Tovey, VSO board directors and staff, and the VSO musicians, on the start of your 95th season...
- and also on the occasion of your induction into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame.
- What a tremendous accomplishment that is.
- The fine arts help define our culture, challenge the status quo, and transform how we see the world.
- That's why the BC government is increasing the funding for arts and culture to over \$60 million – about \$7 million more than last year.
- Since 2001, the B.C. government has provided more than \$2.6 billion in support for arts and culture in British Columbia.
- To those who donate – thank you for your support of the VSO and everything it does for Vancouver.
- And most importantly, I want to thank the audiences, who come here time and again, and without whom there would be no VSO to perform.

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Good afternoon,

Thank you, Hank. I want to welcome our business leaders here today, and extend a warm welcome to our diplomatic corps

- Mr. Runlong MAO, Acting Consul General
- Mr Seiji OKADA, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan at Vancouver
- Mr. Seon Cheol PARK, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Korea at Vancouver

Thank you for being here.

Doing business with our Asia Pacific partners is vitally important to creating investments and jobs in British Columbia.

BC now leads the country in trade with Asia as a percentage of total trade. We're at 40%. And we can do better.

So we are moving today to make a business decision to strengthen our ties, and raise our profile in Asia...to strengthen our economy...

With the appointment of an Investment and Trade Commissioner for Asia.

Ben Stewart.

This is consistent with advice I've received from our business community, our trading partners, and from government officials.

We need a representative in Asia who is known to have access to power and government in BC. It's a critical part of doing business there.

Ben as you know has a stellar record as a minister of the Crown.

He is an entrepreneur who has helped build British Columbia's wine industry...

And in doing so, has strong experience in trade missions, negotiations to help open markets overseas for our goods.

Ben is also a man whose advice I value, whose counsel I trust.

So I am very pleased, that Ben has decided to continue his public service,

To work on behalf of British Columbians and our businesses,

To strengthen our economy. Thank you, Ben.

I'll take your questions now.

INTRO

Welcome to Kelowna. It's a pleasure to address you here in my new home. To talk about things that matter not just here in Kelowna, but all British Columbians and all Canadians.

It's what I've been talking about in the two years I've been Premier – growing the economy, not the size of government.

And it's a pleasure to address the Canadian and BC Chambers of Commerce. Because we share the same goals. Creating a strong economy, that gives people opportunity and makes possible the essential services we rely on.

That's what I fought a campaign on, and what my government fights for every day.

To grow your economy, to increase opportunity – you need to create an environment that supports business.

Because whether you're talking about Kelowna, Chicoutimi, or downtown Toronto – you are the job creators.

And nobody creates more jobs than small business.

IMPORTANCE OF SMALL BUSINESS

It's only appropriate to talk about small business in October – Small Business Month.

Because small business is the backbone of our economy. And I don't have to tell you – that's not hyperbole.

In my province, small businesses keep more than a million people working.

Small businesses drive almost 55 per cent of B.C. exports and represent 98 per cent of all our business.

It accounts for 56 per cent of private-sector employment in the province, and 26 per cent of the B.C.'s gross domestic product.

The national numbers are almost exactly the same. Small businesses employ almost half of Canada's total workforce, and account for 25 per cent of Canada's total export value.

My government believes in freeing up small business from regulatory burdens that make it impossible to grow.

Our record speaks for itself. We're focused on small business, because while big projects make the headlines,

they are only made possible by a healthy economy, driven by small business.

One of the ways we're supporting small business is the Small Business Accord, which I announced at Anodyne Electronics right here in Kelowna.

We've also mandated that government procurement from small business must increase.

We introduced the Small Business venture Capital program, offering \$152 million in tax credits to encourage angel investors to support higher-risk startups. We pledged to expand that by \$5 million by 2016.

And for the smallest of businesses – microbusinesses of five employees or less – the Micro-Business Training Pilot Program offers funded training in bookkeeping, marketing, social media, management, and more.

And you know it's a good idea, because it was John Winter's baby. And you know the training is valuable, because it's run through the BC Chamber of Commerce.

At the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference this month, I met with Mayors and Councillors from across B.C.

And I told them that while small business doesn't drive headlines, it does drive our economy.

Just as we have to ensure British Columbians are first in line for jobs, we have to ensure British Columbian businesses are first in line for the opportunities created by big projects.

I announced an LNG- Buy BC program. Our government will connect local BC businesses to the multi-national corporations building their projects.

We will respect our international trade obligations, and the LNG proponents also have their traditional suppliers from somewhere else. But they know they're establishing roots here for decades to come.

That's good news for businesses across B.C., because the economic activity generated by these projects is anticipated to be in the hundreds of billions.

That's good news for clean tech firms in Vancouver, engineers in Victoria, and the burgeoning tech industry here in the Central Okanagan.

And what's good news for B.C. is good news for Canada.

The West has become our nation's economic engine. Jobs, opportunities for business, and revenue here means a stronger Canadian economy.

SKILLS

The impact LNG will have is incredible. It will create 100,000 jobs across B.C.

- 21,600 jobs directly involved in the building of LNG export facilities and associated pipelines at peak construction.
- 41,900 jobs will be created in the industries that supply goods and services during the construction phase at peak.
- 2,400 permanent jobs are required to operate and maintain the plants and pipelines on an ongoing basis.
- 61,700 jobs are required to support LNG operations including workers required to drill, produce, process and transport the natural gas to export facilities.

That's our opportunity, and that's our challenge. To make sure British Columbians are first in line for those jobs, we have to make sure they're prepared.

We launched the Skills and Training Plan in September 2012. It promotes opportunities in trades, invests in and improves training facilities and equipment.

And it's worth pointing out – that's just LNG. Of the one million job openings projected in B.C. by 2020, 43 per cent will need trades and technical training.

The trick is making sure British Columbians receive the skills training they need to be first in line for those jobs.

That's what my partners at the Council of the Federation have turned our attention to: creating opportunities, and making sure Canadians are ready to seize them.

In B.C., we launched a Skills and Training Plan to ensure just that.

A key part of our plan was the Labour Market Agreement signed in February 2008.

Beginning in 2008, the federal government generously provided funding over six years to support labour market programs.

The broad objectives were to increase the quantity, quality, and efficiency of the workforce. In short: more workers, trained more efficiently to meet the jobs of

tomorrow – which in a knowledge-based economy, will require new skills.

After six years, Labour Market Agreement outcomes have been extremely positive.

Last week, the Forum of Labour Market Ministers released Building Skills Together, a joint report between provincial and territorial labour ministers.

I won't bore you by reading the entire thing, but consider these highlights.

Over 70 per cent of LMA participants are either employed or are attending additional training three months after LMA interventions;

Over 90 per cent of participants say LMA services sufficiently prepared them for employment opportunities.

The average client had their earning increase by \$323 per week – that's a difference of almost \$17,000 per year.

Evidence from Quebec suggests that for every \$1 invested over five years, \$2 of economic benefits were generated. You don't have to be a business major to see the value in doubling your investment.

Those are impressive statistics. But one of my favourite examples is Trent. Trent lives right here in Kelowna. He's young, he's Aboriginal, and had the wrong kind of experience with the criminal justice system.

He was well aware that finding steady employment would be tough.

Trent entered BladeRunners, an employment program that helps at-risk youth obtain and sustain full-time employment.

With a little support and a lot of hard work, Trent learned a trade, and is now employed making upgrades on homes to make them more energy-efficient.

If you want to reduce your heating bill this winter, Trent's your man.

He's incredibly grateful for the opportunity BladeRunners has given him.

Trent isn't alone. In 2013/14, approximately 1,200 youth will participate in BladeRunners. About three-quarters of them find employment at the end – that's 900 jobs.

And these are good jobs. The majority are in construction; but others are employed in retail, hospitality, childcare, and multimedia and information technology.

BladeRunners is primarily funded through the Labour Market Agreement. It has a total budget of \$6 million – and federal funding accounted for \$5.2 million of that.

CANADA JOB GRANT

The Canada Job Grant is a threat to Labour Market Agreement success stories like Trent.

It diverts \$300 million per year from programs for low-skilled workers – precisely those who will most benefit, and precisely the people we need to get trained to be first in line for jobs.

Provincial governments are trying to focus skills training to the regions and industries where it's most needed.

Whether it's LNG in B.C., Oil in Alberta or manufacturing in Ontario – the Canada Job Grant lacks the flexibility to respond to varying labour needs in each province.

Small businesses and micro-businesses do not have a level playing field. Without consultation, the Canada Job Grant requires a \$5,000 buy-in.

That's a \$5,000 barrier for small business to get the skills training they need to grow the economy.

It's a barrier the entrepreneurs helped by the Micro-Business Training Pilot Program may not be able to overcome – because that too is funded by the LMA.

Chambers of Commerce across the country have made it clear: the Canada Job Grant doesn't work for them.

You're not alone. All the Premiers across the country share your concern.

It would kill programs like BladeRunners right out of the gate. And remember the Micro-Business Training Program I talked about – the one John Winter helped us create?

That too would be killed.

And that's why we need to work together.

Together, we can address the skills shortage. Together, we can create jobs that will grow our economy.

The Council of Federation – each of your Premiers – is taking a leadership role and broadening the conversation.

We're listening to and working with Chambers of Commerce, businesses small and large, industry organizations and service providers...

...to say that the Canada Job Grant is not good enough and that the Federal Government ought to listen.

But we need to act now – especially here in B.C.

With LNG on our horizon, this is a critical time. The stakes are highest here, because we face the biggest skills challenge in Canada.

From August 2011 until now, B.C. generated 44,900 jobs. That puts us third in the country for job growth. We continue to target a second place growth standing in Canada by 2015.

As the LNG projects move closer to completion, those numbers will only go up.

That's why Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training Minister Shirley Bond met with her counterparts from across the country.

And that's why Premier Alward and I were asked to work together and propose something better for ALL provinces.

And we're not wasting any time. This week, I'm meeting him in Toronto to meet with stakeholders, including representatives from Chambers.

And that's why I'm here today. Nobody knows better than the people in this room how to create jobs. I want to hear your ideas.

Because this is not about federal versus provincial governments. It's about making sure the system works for all Canadians, especially those who need some help on skills.

The only winners and losers in this process are the companies and individuals who may not get the same opportunities under this plan.

We talk a lot about job creation. And to do that, we need to work together.

Ultimately, my job is to grow the economy. And to create conditions where you need to hire more people. Where you need to take on apprentices.

Your job is to hire people. And increasingly, your job is to be the classroom for the jobs of tomorrow.

We just need to find ways to make that work for everyone.

Thank you.

Reception at Canadian Embassy, Washington DC
Thursday Oct. 3, 2013
Speech length: 10 minutes

Event: what is it?

- A reception for the B.C. delegation at the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC.
- Premier is attending and speaking at the Canada-US Public Private Partnerships Forum the following day.

Audience: who are they?

- TBD

Key Messages

- The Province of British Columbia is taking advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build the infrastructure to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Asia.
- LNG represents clean energy and carbon-reduction benefits to the Asian market
- Through public private partnerships with the LNG industry, B.C. is building on its reputation as a safe harbour for investment in times of global economic turmoil.

- Thank you for the warm welcome.
- I want to talk about tomorrow. Because no matter what jurisdiction you're in, we share that in common.
- To create more opportunities for our kids and make sure the economy is growing; you have to attract investment and work together as a team.
- But to preserve a tomorrow worth inheriting, it has to be done in a way that preserves and protects our environment.
- In B.C., we're leading the way on sustainable and responsible development.
- We are the only jurisdiction in North America with a carbon tax. We've proven we can grow our economy and lower carbon emissions at the same time.

CLIMATE CHANGE

- My government is positioning liquefied natural gas as a cornerstone of British Columbia's long-term economic success.
- But LNG is also a chance to make a difference on climate change.
- Natural gas is the world's cleanest burning fossil fuel, and we've been safely extracting it for 50 years.
- By liquefying our surplus supply and exporting it to Asia, we will fight climate change on a global scale, a vital goal that supports President Obama's climate action plan.
- By relieving Asia's current reliance on carbon-intensive fuels like coal and diesel, B.C.'s natural gas will help them significantly reduce emissions.
- To protect our environment here, we also plan to introduce more ambitious means of offsetting greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon capture and storage.

- British Columbia will be home to the world's first LNG export facilities that use clean energy. BC LNG Douglas Channel and Kitimat LNG will access clean energy from the Province's existing grid.
- As new infrastructure is built and the industry expands, future energy needs will be served by local, clean energy, with B.C.'s natural gas used to support energy reliability if required.
- Discussions are underway now with LNG proponents to assess their power requirements for future projects.
- Again, B.C. is demonstrating climate leadership with the world's first clean-energy-fuelled liquid natural gas plants.
- And we will amend our current self-sufficiency policy to better suit today's economic realities, and to foster growth opportunities such as LNG.
- In addition to diversifying market exports, we will continue to increase domestic market opportunity by promoting the use of B.C.'s natural gas in transportation fleets such as ferries and heavy duty trucks.

BC JOBS PLAN

- Make no mistake – investment in clean energy is made possible with a strong economy.
- There's no magic formula. You attract investment by being disciplined. Managing finances responsibly, controlling spending, and keeping taxes low.
- You have a plan and you stick to it.
- To ensure stable fiscal management for B.C., we are delivering on the Jobs Plan we set out almost exactly two years ago.
- Governments don't create jobs – the private sector does that. But governments create the conditions for business to thrive.
- The Jobs Plan is about getting government out of the way of job creation, creating infrastructure to move goods to market, making sure that we're opening those new markets.
- My focus is ensuring our province remains a safe harbour for investment and that British Columbians are first in line for jobs both today and tomorrow.

- Pursuing the opportunity presented by LNG is a significant component of our plan.
- The current expectations for LNG growth in B.C. show the industry could add as much as \$1 trillion in cumulative GDP between now and 2046.
- Development of LNG is expected to produce approximately \$20 billion in new private sector investment – with \$7 billion already spent.
- We project 100,000 jobs, and enough revenue to create a Prosperity Fund to eliminate our provincial debt.
- That includes new long-term jobs in LNG facilities as well as jobs during construction.
- Indirectly, growth and a new LNG industry will support thousands of spin-off jobs in transportation, engineering, construction and environmental management.
- And we're committed to ensuring this touches the whole province. We recently announced an LNG Buy BC Program.

- Our government will connect local BC businesses to the multi-national corporations building their projects.
- We will respect our international trade obligations – and we recognize they also have their traditional suppliers from somewhere else.
- The program will be voluntary. But LNG proponents know they're establishing roots in B.C. We're just going to help make introductions.

CONCLUSION

- British Columbia is moving without delay. The growing economies of Asia are looking for cleaner sources of energy now. If we aren't ready, they'll look elsewhere.
- Our location gives us an advantage, but it's just that – an advantage, not a trump card.
- More work needs to be done, but my government remains focused on creating a cleaner and more prosperous future.

- There's no contradiction between growing the economy and environmental responsibility. We've been leading the way for years.
- We plan to go on leading the way.

END

BALANCED BUDGET

Good Morning.

I don't know how many have been to British Columbia. But if you haven't – you should.

We're a jurisdiction the size of Texas and Arizona combined.

But that doesn't begin to describe my home.

From the mighty Pacific Ocean, to snowy mountain peaks. The northern edge of the Sonoran deserts to the Cariboo plateau in the north.

You have to see it to believe it. And even then, you may not.

A friend of mine put it this way: we have the Top Ten of god's most beautiful geography, all in one province.

And our good fortune does not end with scenery. We have natural resources both below and above ground. Mining. New opportunities in natural gas. Forestry. Fishing. Growing tech and financial sectors.

And tourism, especially after you all visit.

We're lucky to live there. We're a diverse people, but we have that in common. From the First Nations, to the first European settlers, to the latest wave of immigrants to our

shores – we British Columbians are as bold as our geography.

But try building a highway on it.

Try planning a community in it.

Yet somehow, we do.

Because we are problem solvers. We find a way, always driven by this value: to leave things better for our kids. To leave B.C. better off than we found it.

The central challenge of our times is fiscal management. Not so long ago, we thought of government bankruptcy as an old world problem – something that stopped at the Atlantic.

But the global economic turmoil is just that – global. And we're already seeing jurisdictions in North America looking vulnerable.

Governments are looking for solutions, but they already know the answer: fiscal responsibility. You can't spend more than you take in.

B.C. has been a leader on that front. In June, we passed first of three consecutive balanced budget, with a projected surplus of \$446 million by 2015-16.

Spending discipline that makes surpluses possible is the first step in charting our course to a debt-free B.C.

It hasn't been easy. It requires tough choices.

We will continue to control spending and help grow the economy by keeping taxes low, while looking for ways to make life more affordable.

But fiscal responsibility cannot just be code for saying no.

You can't leave the next generation with an infrastructure deficit - it's no different than leaving them with a debt.

The trick is doing that without spending yourself into trouble. Somehow in British Columbia, we balance our budget while building roads, hospitals, and more.

We've found a smarter, better way to go forward.

You can't hit your head against a brick wall. In British Columbia, you'll notice the hospitals were all built in the '50s, or after 2001.

In between, none. Because nobody could figure out how without spending themselves into a hole.

The results have been impressive by anyone's standard. If you came to Vancouver for the Olympics, you probably rode on the Canada Line.

It was built through a partnership with the private sector.

BC AS LEADER IN PARTNERSHIPS

British Columbia is recognized as a leader in delivering public infrastructure in a way that provides an attractive market for business without cost or schedule overruns.

In 2002, the Government of British Columbia established a centre of expertise to support the delivery of our major projects called Partnerships BC.

Since then, Partnerships BC has helped deliver more than 40 projects with an investment value of more than \$17 billion.

Of that \$17 billion, approximately \$7 billion was private sector capital.

Public-private partnerships aren't revolutionary, but there is a school of thought that says only government can build highways and hospitals.

Our experience has been instructive. We have found:

- the transfer of project risks such as construction schedule and budget to the private sector;
- value through design innovations;
- performance-based agreements with penalties for poor performance;
- guaranteed maintenance over the life of the project;
- private sector efficiency; and

- expected financial and qualitative benefits for taxpayers.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Let me give you some tangible examples.

The Port Mann Bridge, until very recently the world's widest bridge, was completed last year.

It relieved one of the worst bottlenecks in Western Canada, for a total project cost of \$3.136 billion.

BRIEF COST BREAKDOWN

With private partners, we've built new hospital facilities in Surrey, Kelowna, Vernon, Fort St. John, and Victoria.

Over the next three years, we have budgeted \$10.6 billion in capital projects. That's in new schools, new hospitals, and new roads.

That money will go so much farther – and build a lot more infrastructure – with partners.

Every project to date has been delivered on time and on budget.

Essentially, we combine the accountability of public ownership with the innovation, expertise, and cost effectiveness of the private sector.

And we've been able to deliver value above and beyond what we could have done without the support of the private sector.

We've continued to invest in infrastructure, created thousands of jobs – and haven't mortgaged the future to do so.

And partnerships can and should extend across borders.

CANADA-UNITED STATES PARTNERSHIPS

The West Coast Infrastructure Exchange is an excellent example of how we can work together.

This partnership will develop innovative new methods to finance and facilitate infrastructure development.

It will replicate and improve on our model. Increase economic competitiveness. Create jobs that support families. And leave the entire west coast better than we found it.

CONCLUSION

Our approach works. Not only have we consistently grown our economy when others have not...

We have maintained international confidence in our approach. I'm proud of our maintained Triple-A credit rating – and it makes my job easier.

Because when I go to Asia next month to meet LNG proponents and investors, or when I come to Washington – I have a great story to tell.

We'll continue to control spending, grow the economy, and invest in the future.

And we'll continue to work with partners in the private sector to build the infrastructure British Columbians will rely on for generations.

Thank you.

**CIBC Run for the Cure
Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes**

Event: what is it?

- The 22nd annual CIBC Run for the Cure, Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led fundraising event dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, education and awareness programs.
- This is the 21st year the run has been held in Vancouver. Events also being held in: Abbotsford, Kamloops, Kelowna , Nanaimo, Port McNeill, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria

Audience: who are they?

- Breast cancer survivors, friends, families, supporters and volunteers who will be walking or running the 1km or 5km route at Concord Pacific Place in Vancouver to support a future without breast cancer.
- Wendy Slavin, CEO, CBCF, BC/Yukon Region
- Joan Chambers, chair, board of directors, CBCF
- Julie Chutter, volunteer run director, Vancouver committee
- Sheryl Steeves, survivor speaker, who was diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer in 2012.
- Dr. Sohrab Shah, CBCF-funded researcher
- CIBC Representative: Rod Fossen (TBC)
- Emcees Tamara Taggart (CTV) and Laurie Logan (The Peak)

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Together, we are working toward a future without breast cancer.
2. Thanks to all of the volunteers, event participants, the community, sponsors and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation for your work here today.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

MCs TAMARA TAGGART (CTV) and LAURIE LOGAN
(The Peak)

JOAN CHAMBERS, Board Chair, Canadian Breast
Cancer Foundation, BC & Yukon Region (introduces PCC)

Hon. NAOMI YAMAMOTO, Minister of State for Tourism
and Small Business and MLA for North Vancouver-
Lonsdale

Hon. AMRIK VIRK, Minister of Advanced Education and
MLA for Surrey-Tynehead

JANE THORNTHWAITE, MLA for North Vancouver-
Seymour

MOIRA STILWELL, MLA for Vancouver-Langara

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, where we
raise awareness of the disease and its prevention...

while we also raise the spirits and hopes of those women,
those fighters, living with breast cancer.

Last year, Canadians donated over \$30 million in the Run
for the Cure.

Here in BC an estimated 22,000 people helped raise \$3.15 million – \$1.57 million here in Vancouver alone – and we're going to beat these numbers this year.

And here's why: this year in BC about 3,100 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

But the good news is that BC continues to have the lowest cancer incidence rate in all of Canada.

And breast cancer mortality rates are the lowest they've been since 1950.

But we need to do more. Your fundraising efforts today will support initiatives in prevention, early detection, treatment, and research.

And that will save someone's life. It could be your sister, daughter, mother, or grandmother.

That's why we're here. To create a cancer-free BC.

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Canadian Innovation Summit, Closing Reception

Monday, Oct 7, 2013

Speech length: 5-7 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Experts from industry, government and academia share ideas on innovating to meet energy challenges.

Audience: who are they?

- Shell Oil Executives
- First Nations Representatives
- Local government and energy industry representatives
- Media

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES:

1. British Columbia's government is positioning liquefied natural gas as a cornerstone of British Columbia's long-term economic success.
2. British Columbia is taking advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build the infrastructure to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Asia.

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ACKNOWLEDGE:

MC Andy Calitz, Vice President, LNG Shell Canada

Hon. RICH COLEMAN, Deputy Premier and Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing

VIPs (Industry execs, local government and First Nations)

- Honoured to be here, and pleased to talk about innovation. Because this is our time.
- Opportunity is knocking right now, and to be in a position to take advantage, we need to share our ideas, knowledge and perspectives.
- The fast-growing economies of Asia need energy, and they need clean energy. China needs to fuel its modernization and become greener and Japan needs to replace nuclear capacity.
- But we have to act without delay. If we're not ready, they'll look elsewhere. These are once in a lifetime opportunities.
- In America they're now debating whether they should even export natural gas. Not good for America; very good for Canada.

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- In Australia they're experiencing huge wage inflation and changing their tax regime, creating an uncertain environment. Not good for Australia, but very good for Canada.
- In Russia and elsewhere around the world, other jurisdictions have their challenges, but it doesn't mean they won't catch up. Fast.
- So we have a narrow window of opportunity. Across the country, Chambers of Commerce are saying – get that energy infrastructure up and running so we are ready.
- The stakes are incredibly high: 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. But we need to ensure as many of those jobs as possible go to British Columbians. But we can do that if they have the skills they need to take those jobs...

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- and if small businesses make connections with LNG proponents, most of whom are large multinationals and build those supplier relationships.
- To ensure British Columbians are first in line for those jobs, we launched our skills training plan in September 2012.
- To make sure small business are first in line for the opportunities, we announced an LNG Buy BC program.
- Overall, we expect to have a million job openings between now and 2020.
- But we cannot 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.
- The B.C. LNG industry is expected to create approximately \$30 billion in new private sector investment and add as much as \$1 trillion in cumulative GDP between now and the year 2046.
- This is already happening. Over \$7 billion has already been spent.

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- Those are the economic stakes. But there's also an opportunity to make a real difference for our environment.
- By using natural gas to help displace other carbon intensive fuels like coal or diesel, B.C. will also contribute to the global reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Think about China, where they rely on coal to generate the bulk of their energy. Think about the difference switching to the cleanest non-renewable energy source will make.
- BC LNG Douglas Channel and Kitimat LNG will be the first in the world to use clean energy from our existing grid.
- We will leverage that further by introducing more ambitious ways to offset greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon capture and storage, while balancing growth.
- Next month, I will embark on a 13-day trade mission to China, Korea and Japan to continue selling our competitive advantages on the international stage.
- We're fighting for the economic future of our province's families and businesses, and with your help it's a fight we're determined to win.
- Thank you.

Food for Famine
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- A corporate breakfast hosted by Food for Famine, a child focused humanitarian agency. Through education programs and advocacy work, they provide therapeutic food to severely malnourished children in developing countries.

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Thanks to Food for Famine for ensuring Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food gets to the children who need it most around the world.
2. Children are the most visible victims of under-nutrition
3. Together we can bring awareness of food security and poverty issues, both at locally and globally.

- All of us here today are very fortunate. We have it so good in British Columbia, which is why we're working so hard to protect our future, and create more opportunities for our kids.
- Most of us have never had to think where our next meal is coming from, or if we can afford to feed our families.
- It's easy to forget that in many countries access to clean water and nutritious, reliable food are daily challenges.
- Sadly, there are 870 million hungry people in the world.
- Children are the most visible victims of under-nutrition, More than 3 million children die from hunger every year.
- But here's the kicker: the world produces enough food to feed everyone.
- The problem is that too many people have neither sufficient land to grow crops nor income to purchase enough food.

- I'm amazed by the compassion and entrepreneurship of people like Maria Martini and Food for Famine.
- Your donors, volunteers and partner organizations are ensuring Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food gets to the children who need it most around the world.
- It's an example for all of us. We can make a difference in the world if we act together.
- And most of all – you're saving lives.
- I want to thank Food for Famine for their ongoing efforts on behalf of this world's most vulnerable citizens. Your work saves lives.
- To date, your work has helped to save over 8,100 children's lives.
- And I want to thank your generous donors for making it all possible.
- And with that in mind, I want to bring Maria Martini back up here for an announcement.

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**Surrey Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Grand Opening
Celebration
Tuesday Oct. 8, 2013**

Event: what is it?

- Celebration of the opening of the new Emergency Department at Surrey Memorial Hospital, part of an overall project that includes: a new state-of-the-art critical care tower, a new emergency department, perinatal centre, in-patient beds, intensive care unit and academic space
- This project marks the final stage of Government's commitment to the 2005 Surrey Health Services Capacity Initiative (SHSCI), which was dedicated to improving ER congestion and adding inpatient capacity.
- With its completion, the province will have exceeded its commitment to the SHSCI.

Note: students from two elementary schools will parade their art at the event.

Audience: who are they?

- Terry Lake - Minister of Health
- Stephanie Cadieux - MLA Surrey-Cloverdale
- Peter Fassbender – MLA Surrey-Fleetwood
- Amrik Virk - MLA Surrey-Tynehead
- Marvin Hunt - MLA Surrey-Panorama
- Gordon Hogg – MLA Surrey-Whiterock
- Dr. Nigel Murray - President & CEO, Fraser Health
- Jane Adams – CEO, Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation

Audience: what do they want to hear?

- Today we're celebrating the completion of a state-of-the-art health care expansion project.
- B.C. is proud to invest in patient health care for Surrey

- Just two-and-a-half years after groundbreaking, today we celebrate the official opening of the Surrey Memorial Hospital's new Emergency Department...
- the second-largest in of Canada. It's so big, three NHL rinks could fit inside the space.
- We're staying out here, because the medical professionals are already hard at work, helping people.
- But they're not alone. This was a community effort.
- They're being supported by the whole community – including these kids from Miss Gouwenberg's class at David Brankin Elementary, and Mrs. Ogilvie's class from Ecolé Simon Cunningham, who wanted to bring their art to make patients feel better.
- And when they asked about coming to show their art, they said – we want this to be ongoing. We want to keep helping the sick and hurt people.
- Kids, I hope you never need to visit the emergency room here. But I know the patients will be very happy to see you, and your art!

- We're working hard every day for kids like these. Because British Columbians entrusted us with a mandate to build a strong economy, a secure tomorrow, and a lasting legacy for generations to come.
- That means protecting and enhancing the health-care system, while also ensuring the best possible value for taxpayers.
- We're committed to building better patient care for families across the province, including here in Surrey with the new emergency department that is part of a \$512 million redevelopment and expansion project.
- This emergency department will provide the best possible patient care for families and allow health professionals to deliver care in a larger, modern environment...

- While helping ease congestion with more space, more patient rooms, more equipment and more staff.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lorraine and Ralph Berezan, for whom the lobby where we are today is named.
- Their gracious donation of \$2 million to the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation will go a long way to supporting patient care.
- So thank you Lorraine and Ralph.
- And thank you to everyone else who has made this new Emergency Department a reality today, as together we embark on the next half-century of first-class health care for families in this community.

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**WE DAY Dinner speech
Thursday Oct. 17, 2013**

Speech Length: 1-2 minutes

Event: what is it?

- An informal dinner event (at Lorne Segal's residence) leading up to Free the Children's annual signature event, WE DAY. WE DAY is the largest event of its kind. It brings together tens of thousands of youth and educators with celebrities, musicians and heroes who share their stories, inspiring the energy and passions of the next generation of change-makers.

Audience: who are they?

- A small number of invited dinner guests involved in WE DAY.

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES

- Together, WE can make a difference in the world.

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- Tomorrow, 20,000 students and teachers will be at Rogers Arena for WE DAY, coming from as far away as Whitehorse, to show their commitment to positive change.
- They share belief that they can make a difference in the world.
- They can. Think about Terry Fox.
 - During his training – not his run, but the training – he ran over 5,000 kilometres. That's more than 118 marathons.
 - During his Run, he ran an average of 42 kilometres every day, a full marathon.
 - He wore out 21 pairs of shoes.
 - After 143 days and 5,373 kilometres Terry stopped running outside of Thunder Bay.
 - But maybe the most impressive number is one: the Marathon of Hope raised one dollar from every Canadian. (\$24 million from a population of 24 million.)
- And most importantly, they aren't just talking about it. They're doing great things - making huge contributions to their communities.

- Locally, by collecting literally tons of food for our food banks.
- And globally ... by fundraising to provide communities in less advantaged parts of the world with clean water.
- Or by taking the 24-hour vow of silence to express their support for less fortunate children silenced by poverty, war and exploitation.
- Thank you for doing your part to support these programs. For leading the way setting an example of participation, compassion and inspiration to get involved.
- Clearly, people get it. And the world is better for it.
- Thank You.

**International Women's Forum
And award acceptance
Friday, Oct. 18, 2013
Speech length: 1.5 minutes**

Event: what is it?

2013 Women Who make a Difference Awards Ceremony and Gala

- Premier Clark is receiving an award for her work to stop bullying

Audience: who are they?

- 1,300 leaders in Vancouver

Honorees Include:

- Diana Bennett, CEO & Co-founder, Parragon Gaming (Nevada USA)
- Anne burkholder, CEO, YWCA of Salt Lake (Utah USA)
- Patricia Isaias Estrada, business Leader & Arts, Literacy Advocate (Ecuador)
- Fiona Macfarlane, Managing Partner, Vancouver and Western Canada, and Chief Inclusiveness Officer, Ernst & Young (Canada)
- Judy Monroe, OBE, Corporate Board Director and Community Leader (Bahamas)
- Leslie Wilcox, President and CEO, PBS Hawaii
- Bea Wolper, Esq., President, Wolper & Emens and Wolper Law Firm, LLC (Ohio, USA)
- Janice Zarro, Executive Director, Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County (Florida Suncoast, USA)

MLAs Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business
Hon. Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

Hon. Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of Environment

Hon. Linda Reid, Speaker of the House and MLA for Richmond East

Jane Thornthwaite, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour

Michelle Stilwell, MLA for Parksville-Qualicum

Linda Reimer, MLA for Port Moody-Coquitlam

KEY MESSAGES:

1. I'm here today to honour the women who transform our communities and our culture.
2. The best thing we can do for the next generation of women is to share what we've learned and to become mentors.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

International Women's Forum

Congratulate fellow Women Who Make A Difference Award winners:

DIANA BARRETT

ANNE BURKHOLDER

PATRICIA ISAIAS ESTRADA

FIONA MACFARLANE

JUDY MONROE

LESLIE WILCOX

BEA WOLPER

JANICE ZARRO

- I'm honoured to be asked to speak here, and even more honoured to be mentioned along with the women receiving Women Who Make a Difference Awards.
- I'm proud to receive an award for my work to stop bullying.
- One of the best ways to combat bullying is to stop being silent about it. Because bullying happens when other people look away.
- Six years ago, before my return to politics, I helped bring Pink Shirt Day to B.C.

- Here's why. <story>
- It's not a rite of passage. It's something that scars you for life.
- For every one of the sad stories you hear, there are thousands more just like it.
- Think about what we lose as a society. With thousands of people who will never reach their full potential.
- And it's important to remember: bullying isn't a childhood issue. It happens within families and at the workplace. As women we need to set a good example.
- Bullying is a persistent problem, and we have a long way to go.
- I'm proud to be recognized today alongside women who have made a difference. But I'm even more proud that Pink Shirt Day, and antibullying programs like it are making a difference.
- Thank you.

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WE DAY STADIUM EVENT
Friday Oct. 18, 2013
Speech Length: 2 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Free the Children's annual signature event, We Day, is the largest event of its kind. It brings together tens of thousands of youth and educators with celebrities, musicians and heroes who share their stories, inspiring the energy and passions of the next generation of change-makers.

Audience: who are they?

- 20,000 students and educators from more than 700 B.C. schools
- These young people had to earn their way to We Day through commitment to social action, both locally and globally.
- Celebrity speakers/performers include: Kofi Annan, Martin Luther King III, the Honourable Romeo Dallaire, Hedley, Down with Webster, Kenyan Boys Choir and co-founders of Free the Children, Marc and Craig Kielburger.

Audience: what do they want to hear?

KEY MESSAGES

- Together, WE can make a difference in the world.

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- Can you feel it?
- The energy generated by 20,000 students and educators united in belief that you can make a difference in the world.
- And with this kind of energy, with this kind of dedication – there are no limits to what you can achieve.
- Think about Terry Fox.
 - During his training – not his run, but the training – he ran over 5,000 kilometres. That's more than 118 marathons.
 - During his Run, he ran an average of 42 kilometres every day, a full marathon.
 - He wore out 21 pairs of shoes.
 - After 143 days and 5,373 kilometres Terry stopped running outside of Thunder Bay.
 - But maybe the most impressive number is one: the Marathon of Hope raised one dollar from every Canadian. (\$24 million from a population of 24 million.)

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- The past year in BC, more than 360 schools collected over 160,000 pounds of food for local food banks.
- More than 300 schools went silent for 24 hours in support of all the children in developing communities who are silenced by poverty, war and exploitation.
- And more than 460 schools raised \$190,000 in support of clean water projects overseas.
- Through these small acts you doing great things: providing education, clean water, food and shelter to those less privileged.
- The basics of life that we sometimes take for granted...it's easy to forget that others have to fight for them every day.

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- And you are spreading a powerful message - that together we CAN make a difference in the world.
- By giving other young people around the world chance to reach THEIR full potential, we're creating a much brighter, healthier, and better future.
- So I encourage you to keep going. Lead the way for others. Stay involved and keep volunteering. There is so much more to do.
- You are a growing army for good and the government of British Columbia is among your proudest supporters.
- Thank you.

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**Korea National Day
Friday, Oct. 18, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes**

Event: what is it?

- National Foundation Day, marking the founding of the first nation of Korea by Dangun (Korea's first King) in 2,333 B.C.

Audience: who are they?

- Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Amb. Kie-Cheon Lee
- Members of the consular corps, Korean and Canadian business, Canadian and Korean academic, Canadian and Korean community, Canadian and Korean Media, Municipal and Provincial Governments
- 200 attendees expected

KEY MESSAGES:

1. BC is home to approximately 80,000 Korean-Canadians and the partnership between BC and Korea continues to grow stronger based on a mutual commitment to promoting friendly and cooperative relations.
2. The jobs and trade mission to Korea this November will deepen the bond between our countries.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Consul General KIE-CHEON LEE

Hon. Teresa Wat

Hon. Peter Fassbender

Hon. Andrew Wilkinson

Hon. Doug Griffiths (Minister of Municipal Affairs, Province of Alberta)

Norm Letnick

Richard Lee

Marvin Hunt

Ralph Sultan

Linda Reimer

Bruce Ralston

Mike Farnworth

Raj Chouhan

Vicki Huntington

- It's an honour to be here in the Park Ballroom, named for the President of South Korea...and the Korea's best hockey player Richard Park...and 10 Kings.
- It's an honour to be invited here to celebrate the founding of the first nation of Korea by Dangun in 2,333 B.C.

- Korea is a fine example for countries and regions trying to build competitive economies.
- From the ruin of occupation and war, to becoming one of the world's leading nations in just 50 years, Korea's example is impressive – and inspiring.
- We have directly benefitted from one of your greatest exports in Lee Young-Pyo (Y.P. Lee). If all Korean soccer players are as good as Mr. Lee – we will find room on our team.
- But we should also celebrate the deepening cultural and business ties between British Columbia and Korea.
- In 2008, BC and Gyeonggi became sister provinces. And while this was symbolic, the cooperation has become deeper and richer.
- Korea's partnership with BC is built on a solid, two-way trade relationship totalling billions of dollars every year

- By working together, we strengthen cooperation in sectors that are key drivers in both of our economies including: education, biotechnology, green energy, marine leisure, digital media, culture and tourism and personnel exchanges.
- Our countries and cultures have much in common: we both recognize the importance of family. We understand the value of a job well done. We all want the best for our future generations.
- Which may be why BC is home to approximately 80,000 Korean-Canadians.
- South Korea is British Columbia's fourth-largest trading partner and third-largest export market in Asia.
- This is a strong foundation we can build on together, which is why I went to Korea last year and why I'm going again on my third jobs and trade mission to Asia this November.
- Thanks to Consul General Lee for inviting me here today and here's to closer ties between our countries.

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Forbidden City Exhibit at VAG
Monday, Oct. 21, 2013
Speech length: 2 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Vancouver Art Gallery launch events for Forbidden City: Inside the Courts of China's Emperors

Audience: who are they?

- Bruce Munro Wright, chair, VAG Board of Trustees
- Kathleen S. Bartels, director, VAG
- Robert H. N. Ho, The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation
- Fang Zhi, executive vice president, CNOOC International Limited and Vice-Chair, Nexen Energy ULC
- Minister of State Alice Wong
- Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson
- Dr. Chen Shen, Vice President, Senior Curator, Royal Ontario Museum
- MEDIA HAS BEEN INVITED

KEY MESSAGES:

1. BC has a deep and historically significant relationship with China – one we are working to expand
2. Thanks to the Robert Ho Foundation and Vancouver Art Gallery, we will get a glimpse into the Forbidden City
3. I hope that British Columbians will take advantage of this opportunity to deepen their understanding of China's history and culture

ACKNOWLEDGE:

MC Bruce Munro Wright (introduces PCC)

Kathleen Bartels, Director, Vancouver Art Gallery

Dr. Chen Shen, Vice President, Senior Curator, Royal Ontario Museum

Mr. Robert H. N. Ho, Robert H.N. Family Foundation, Foundation Exhibit Sponsor

Mr. Zhi Fang, Executive Vice President, CNOOC International and Vice-Chair, Nexen Energy ULC, Corporate Exhibit Sponsor

Hon. Alice Wong, Federal Minister of State for Seniors

Mayor Gregor Robertson, City of Vancouver

Hon. Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy

- Many images come to mind when we think of China, but perhaps none more so than Beijing's Forbidden City.
- The Emperors have always fascinated us, no matter what country they are from. How did Chinese emperors live? How did they rule such a vast empire? What pieces of art did they treasure most?

- But not everyone can travel to Beijing and experience it in person.
- I would like to thank the Vancouver Art Gallery and their partners at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, and the Palace Museum in Beijing, China for making this possible.
- Thanks to the incredible generosity of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation, the Robert Ho Foundation and the Vancouver Art Gallery, we will get a peek into the Forbidden City...
- And the incredible cultural legacy of one of the world's oldest civilizations.
- BC has a deep relationship with China that reaches back over a century.
- Those ties are both cultural and economic.
- Because Vancouver is an Asian city. So many Vancouverites look across the Pacific for their heritage and home.

- Through exhibits like this, we're working to expand those ties. And we're working to expand our economic links as well.
- China will continue to be one of our most significant trading partners – and markets for our expanding natural gas industry.
- Next month, will be leading my fourth International Trade Mission, visiting Japan, Korea and China – including the Forbidden City.
- And I hope that British Columbians take advantage of this opportunity to deepen their understanding of China's history and culture.

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**Kamloops Coast Hotel
Conference Centre Renovations Completed
Thursday Oct. 24, 2013**

Event: what is it?

- Celebration of completion of \$8M renovations to the hotel and conference centre
- The renos were undertaken to take advantage of increased tourism and convention business in Kamloops.

Audience: who are they?

- Ron Mundi, owner of the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre
- Terry Lake, MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson
- Todd Stone, MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson
- Others TBD

Facts on Coast Kamloops

- Ron Mundy bought the Coast Kamloops two years ago. Since then he has doubled the hotel and conference centre's revenue stream and tripled the number of employees from less than 65 to more than 200.
- As of last week, he indicates that he's spent almost \$8 million on renovations.
- The venture altogether has cost \$25 million. It's the biggest hotel in Kamloops.
- Mundy has also been instrumental in bringing 275 students from India to Thompson Rivers University.

Key Messages

- **Congratulations on completing the renovations to your conference centre.**
- **You define the character of B.C. business – you've built a business to be proud of here in Kamloops, doubling the revenue stream and tripling the number of employees in two years.**
- **We're really proud of businesses like the Coast Kamloops Hotel, providing jobs for British Columbians.**

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Ron Mundi, owner of the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre

Hon. **Terry Lake**, MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson

Hon. **Todd Stone**, MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson

- Congratulations on completing the renovations to the Coast Kamloops Hotel and conference centre.
- You're showing tremendous leadership and confidence in tourism growth in Kamloops.
- And you have every reason to be confident. After all, you're the tournament capital of Canada. They don't just give that title out – it's well deserved. 110 in 2012 – and 117 so far this year!
- All those people who come here to compete, need somewhere to stay.
- Kamloops continues to thrive. And we're making sure the services you depend on grow with the community.

- Think about TRU, where they just opened a law school. Promise made, promise kept.
- We're moving forward with upgrading Royal Inland Hospital, including a new clinical services building. Promise made, promise kept.
- Work continues on four-laneing the Trans-Canada Highway – promise made, promise kept.
- And earlier this month, we broke ground on the new NorKam Trades Centre of Excellence. Promise made, promise kept.
- And the tourism sector is thriving too. Think about Kamloops Golf and Country Club, which was totally renovated and reopened in 2010.
- All this activity is creating more and more confidence. Venture Kamloops recently conducted a local business survey.
- Over half said they have plans to expand in the next year. And 91% anticipate positive to very positive sales growth.

- Best of all, just over a third are planning to expand their workforce. That's great news – more opportunity, more jobs.
- And as we move to take advantage of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented by LNG, there will be more opportunities for businesses across B.C. – creating more confidence, more momentum...
- And more jobs.
- Today, the unemployment rate in Kamloops is under 5 per cent. In the 90s, it got as high as 11.7 per cent. And we'll drive it down even further.
- It all starts with creating an environment where business can thrive. Low taxes. A balanced budget. And listening TO and working WITH businesses like yours.
- Because you are a barometer for B.C.'s economy - when you are doing well, we are all doing well.

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CMHA Art Gala
Friday, Oct. 25, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- The Artworks Studio is part of the Wellness Development Centre program that is designed to provide wellness and community for adults experiencing mental health concerns.
- The Canadian Mental Health Association's ArtWorks Studio is a safe and welcoming space for people who experience mental health concerns to create art for art's sake. It is a place where we nurture the creative spirit and honour the whole person.

Audience: who are they?

- Kelowna community members

The studio mandate:

- Encourage creativity and increase leadership abilities by encouraging parties to teach or share their unique skills and traits with others
- Promote artistic skill development while supporting CMHA's vision of recovery and wellness
- Be an active participant within the community and encourage parties to be active members of the cultural community in Kelowna
- Use art as a way to create a purposeful use of self

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Mental illness affects people of all ages and from all walks of life.
2. ArtWorks Studio participants have overcome isolation, achieved a sense of belonging, and built a stronger connection to the community.
3. We must challenge our assumptions about those with mental illness and encourage understanding.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Shelagh Turner, CMHA Kelowna Executive Director

Michelle Stilwell, Parliamentary Secretary for Healthy Living

- One out of five Canadians will struggle with mental illness sometime in their lives. But it affects us all.
- We all know someone who has been affected by mental illness – a family member, friend or colleague.
- Mental illness doesn't discriminate. It knows nothing of age, education, income levels, and cultures.
- But the stigma and discrimination attached to mental illness has been persistent. And it does real damage, because it prevents some people from seeking the help they need.
- Almost half of those who suffer from depression or anxiety have never gone to see a doctor.
- The discrimination attached to mental illnesses also presents a serious barrier, not only to diagnosis and treatment, but also to acceptance in the community.

- That has to change. And we have to help change it.
- At the provincial government level, we're two years into our 10-year plan to address mental health and substance use in B.C.
- We're partnering with communities like Kelowna to build supportive housing units.
- We're helping connect people with the help they need. But as a society, we need to do more.
- We must challenge our assumptions about those with mental illness.
- And, as ArtWorks Studio says, our best prevention strategy is stigma reduction.
- That's why programs like this are so important. They are welcoming spaces for people to express themselves creatively.

- The participants and teachers at ArtWorks form a safe and supportive community. A place that encourages healing.
- Thanks to all of you who've come out to support the ArtWorks Studio and CMHA. You are making a difference for our friends, neighbours, and family members struggling with mental illness.

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Small Business Walkabout
Friday, Oct. 25, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- Congratulations to Kelowna, Mayor Walter Grey and city councillors on the \$10K Open for Business award they won at this year's UBCM.
- October is Small Business Month in BC, where 98% of all businesses in this province are small businesses.

Audience: who are they?

- Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business
- Deputy Mayor Luke Stack and city councillors
- Small business owners

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Congratulations to Kelowna on winning the Open for Business award (a \$10,000 prize), announced at this year's UBCM convention.
2. The B.C. government is committed to building a strong economy that creates jobs for B.C. families, and small business is an important part of that effort.
3. We are committed to making B.C. the most small-business friendly jurisdiction in Canada.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

NAOMI YAMAMOTO, Minister of State for Small Business

NORM LETNICK, Kelowna-Lake Country MLA

MICHELLE STILWELL, Parksville-Qualicum MLA

LUKE STACK, Deputy Mayor of Kelowna

It's great to be back in Kelowna. And it's always good to talk about Small Business Month.

Chances are, you know someone who owns or depends on small business. You know someone who believed in themselves, and who put almost everything on the line to realize their dream.

As we continue to build a strong economy that creates jobs, supporting small business will continue to be crucial.

Because that's how jobs are created. Small business drives almost 55% of our exports, represents 98% of all our business, and employ more than one million people.

That's why we promised to find ways to help small business however we can.

B.C.'s small-business corporate income tax rate is the second lowest in Canada – and we are committed to lowering the rate by 40% under the BC Jobs Plan.

And BC was awarded the Canadian Federation of Independent Business' only A grade for cutting red tape.

But we can do more. We launched the BC Small Business Accord right here in Kelowna, and have been finding more ways to help.

For example, we're working on reducing RFPs for government service down to two pages, so small business owners have the chance to compete. And we're going to increase the procurement the provincial government does with small business by 20%.

Through the small business venture capital program, we created \$152 million in tax credits to encourage angel investors to support higher-risk startups.

And we're helping microbusiness with training programs they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Promise made, promise kept.

But anyone who has to pay taxes knows there's more than one level of government to deal with. Municipalities have a role in creating a healthy environment for small business.

And Kelowna has more than done its part. I'm pleased to be here today to present Deputy Mayor Stack a \$10,000 prize for winning the Open for Business Award.

It's not surprising to find business-friendly cities in the Okanagan – the cradle of the free enterprise movement in British Columbia.

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Kal Tire
Friday, October 25th, 2013
Speech length: 3-5 minutes

Event: what is it?

- 60th anniversary celebration at Kal-Tire's HQ in Vernon.
- Kal-Tire is a wholly-owned Canadian company and the largest independent tire dealer in North America. Its Mining Tire Group is a global leader, operating on more than 150 mine sites in 19 countries. Additionally, Kal Tire has 12 retread facilities, as well as 4 OTR retread plants and 8 warehouses.
- Kal-Tire has partnered with SSTWireless to develop tire pressure and heat sensors now used in mines worldwide.
- As a photo op, Premier may be invited to install a sensor on a large tire being used as a visual backdrop.

Audience: who are they?

- Robert Foord, CEO of Kal Tire
- Grace McGregor, Chairman of Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)
- Christopher Chong, CEO of SST Wireless
- Kal-Tire management and employees
- Media

Key Messages

1. Kal Tire is creating a lot of jobs, including indirect jobs in the mining industry.
2. The Province can help companies like Kal-Tire thrive in today's economy by maintaining a competitive fiscal environment and getting out of the way.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Eric Foster, MLA for Vernon-Monashee

Robert Foord, CEO of Kal Tire

Christopher Chong, CEO of SST Wireless

Grace McGregor, Chair of Southern Interior
Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)

KalTire Employees

- For 60 years, Kal-Tire has represented the Okanagan at its best.
- Innovation. Dedication. Commitment to your community.
- Governments can set the table. With controlled spending, low taxes, investing in skills training, infrastructure and critical services...
- ...governments can create an atmosphere where business can thrive.

Kal Tire

- But creating jobs and growing the economy – that has to come from companies like Kal Tire and SST Wireless. From people like Robert Foord and Christopher Chong...
- And the talented, hardworking men and women they rely on...like all of you.
- Companies like Kal Tire and SST know that when one sector thrives, it creates opportunities in another.
- To the best of my knowledge, there are no mines in Vernon. Nor any in Delta.
- But the tire pressure and heat sensors you make are used in mines not just across B.C. but around the world.
- This is what a strong and growing economy looks like – opportunities in one sector, or one region – creates opportunities across B.C.

- In this case, a mining boom elsewhere in BC means customers right here for Kal-Tire in Vernon. And that means work for SST, a tech firm in Delta.
- You can't imagine three more different communities, sectors, or regions...
- But we're all connected. When one takes off, the end result is more jobs for families – across B.C.
- And consider this: today we have 19 operating mines. By 2015, 8 new mines will open and 9 more will be expanded or upgraded. But there's more opportunities coming.
- As we pursue the transformative opportunity of LNG, our Buy BC program will connect local businesses with multinationals.
- And we're working to expand our markets overseas. In November I will lead a trade mission to China, Korea and Japan as the chief salesperson for B.C.

Kal Tire

- We're going to keep making those connections to secure our economic future.
- Thank You.

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Good morning.

I was last in Nanaimo in May, during the election. I was also in Parkville, where I said Lefty's made the best cappuccino in B.C.

I'm accepting counteroffers.

During the election, I had a chance to travel the breadth of this province.

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.

The story also reminds me of the connections all across our vast province.

Because whether you're stepping onto the Newcastle Island ferry in Nanaimo...

Or stepping up out of a mine shaft across the province,
One enables the other.

And when we work together, the sky's the limit.

LNG

And those sky-high limits are what's at stake with LNG. The fast-growing economies of Asia need energy, and they need clean energy. China needs to fuel its modernization and become greener and Japan needs to replace nuclear capacity.

But we have to act without delay. If we're not ready, they'll look elsewhere. These are once in a lifetime opportunities.

In the US, Australia, Russia, and elsewhere around the world, other jurisdictions have their challenges, but it doesn't mean they won't catch up. Fast.

So we have a narrow window of opportunity with very high stakes. How high?

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.

Think about Alberta's oil sands – and you're right, it's not a perfect comparison – we have more energy than they do.

They've driven economic activity all across that province, and into B.C.

Last month I was in Langley, congratulating Britco for their \$100 million project to supply workforce housing for Devon in Northern Alberta.

Think that doesn't apply to Vancouver Island? There are 8 suppliers to the oil sands based in Victoria alone. Engineering services, support services, communications, and high-tech.

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.

And we've got Gordon Wilson, a man who knows how to get things done, making those introductions.

It's crucial that we support small business. It's what fuels our economy.

- 98 per cent of all businesses in this province are small businesses

- Small business provides 56 per cent of all private-sector jobs
- Employs more than one million people
- And generates 26 per cent of the province's GDP.

And if you haven't nominated one for the Premier's People's Choice Award – well, you have until November 30.

Think about the opportunities for Island-based companies. You're already carving out a niche in high tech.

I think about companies like Vancouver Island's own iBoard, which signed a contract to make 100,000 interactive whiteboards for schools in Turkey.

Think about what can happen when Gordon Wilson puts people like that in a room with people from Petronas, which has already committed \$36 billion to develop BC LNG.

That's what can happen when creativity and opportunity meet.

SECURING THE OPPORTUNITY

That's the opportunity. The challenge for us is twofold: securing the opportunity and being ready for it.

Securing the opportunity is why I'm taking my team to the world's fastest-growing economies in Asia.

Next month, I'm leading our fourth Jobs and Trade Mission – this time to China, Japan and Korea.

We're going to keep pushing to get to final investment decisions – which could come next year.

We will also be opening new markets for our tech sector,

Creating more opportunities for our minerals and forest products, agriculture and seafood, tourism...

And inviting Asian companies to put their North American head offices right here in our province.

...All of that creates jobs here at home.

You know who else recently went to China? Port Alberni Mayor John Douglas. He spoke with the Trade and

Investment Office about becoming B.C.'s third port, and shipping LNG.

Because Mayor Douglas can see the opportunity that presents for Port Alberni. The investment. The jobs for families.

These trade missions are a good investment. Our previous two resulted in new deals worth almost \$2.5 billion for B.C.

We'll keep working on expanding our ties with Asia – both cultural and economic.

And we have to do more to up our game in Asia. BC leads the country in trade with Asia as a percentage of total trade at 40%.

We can do better. But to do so, we had to raise our profile with permanent, credible, respected representation.

And that's exactly how I would describe our new trade representative, Ben Stewart.

You talk about a man who knows how to get things done – he founded and built a successful vineyard, and spearheaded efforts to broaden BC's wine market overseas.

And as a respected former Minister, our trading partners in Asia will understand – he has the government's ear. That's how business is done there – by relying on close relationships and trust.

SKILLS TRAINING

But we need to ensure as many of those jobs as possible go to British Columbians. But we can do that if they have the skills they need to take those jobs.

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

Overall, we expect to have a million job openings between now and 2020.

But we cannot 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.

We're going to need each and every graduate from the Employment Skills Access Program at VIU. We're going to need each and every graduate from Camosun College, and Royal Roads.

TRANSPORTATION

But if Vancouver Island is going to be ready for these opportunities, and these jobs, we have to make sure services grow along with their communities.

That's why we've made investments in health care, with new hospitals in Comox and Campbell River, and a new

patient care centre in Victoria. That's why we're investing in replacing the John Hart Generating Station.

That's also why we're consulting with stakeholders and communities on our Transportation Strategy. I will have more to discuss with you in the coming months, but in the meantime, I'm pleased to announce...

We are committing to additional safety improvements to the Malahat.

Starting next year, we're investing \$15 million to add another 2.3 kilometres of median barrier to the Malahat.

This new barrier will divide the highway from Shawnigan Lake Road north to the Malahat Summit weather station – known as “NASCAR Corner.”

We're also adding a one kilometre southbound passing lane. When this section is complete, 50 per cent of the Malahat will be protected with median barrier.

These improvements were identified in the 2012 Malahat Corridor study, and were also identified as a priority by the Malahat Advisory Group.

This work builds on \$8 million in safety improvements recently completed on the Malahat.

As any islander knows, the first step is getting there. And most of the time, that means BC Ferries. We're also moving ahead with modernizing our fleet, including three new vessels to replace the Queen of Nanaimo and Queen of Burnaby.

These vessels will serve the Southern Gulf Islands from Tsawwassen, and the Powell River to Comox route.

And the new vessels must have the option to be fuelled by LNG.

And I'm just as frustrated as you with the executive compensation at BC Ferries. It's hard to stomach increasing fares when you're waiting in line at Duke Point, reading about bonuses for top executives.

That's why we're going to move forward with a Crown Charter – and outline our expectations for corporations like BC Ferries.

If you've had the opportunity to compare BC Ferries with comparable services around the world, we have a lot to be proud of. But this is B.C. We can do better.

CONCLUSION

We will do better. We will step up.

We will to step up and be a part of this country like we never have before. We will make a bigger contribution than we ever before.

Because this is our time.

And we have an opportunity if we can come together and work together to build the community of people in this knowledge-based economy, and skills-based economy that we need to grow it.

We have a generational opportunity. Let's be that generation – let's take that opportunity, grasp it with both hands and change this country forever.