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Thu, Oct 03, 2013 4:08 PM

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D.W. (Doug) McCallum Mayor City of Surrey 14245-56th Avenue Surrey BC V3X 3A2	Type: Lettermail	Written: 2001/11/27
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Phone: 604-591-4126 Fax: 604-591-5175 Email:

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Category: Scheduling

Ministry:

Origin:

Addressed to:

Constituency: Surrey-Panorama Ridge

Other Info:

Status: benefit of all British Columbia. (Note video tape will follow by courier).

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Referrals

From: Scheduling	Sent: 2001/11/28	Rcvd:	Status: Completed
To: Judy McCallum	Due: 2002/02/14	Active: 56 days	State:
Action: For Action	Cmpltd: 2002/02/14		

From Notes:: 2001/11/28 chughes (Scheduling) to Judy McCallum for action.
 2001/12/4 mparkhouse (Scheduling) File is with Lara D. 2001/12/6 chughes (Scheduling) Judy asked that this file be Brought Forward on January 10th.
 File in January 10th BF.
 2001/12/10 chughes (Scheduling) Judy has asked that this file be brought forward on JANUARY 14TH - bf FILE FOR JANUARY 14
 2002/1/14 mparkhouse (Scheduling) Notified by Judy that this file is now with Lara D.
 2002/2/14 mparkhouse (Scheduling) Advised by Judy this meeting is cancelled - close file - file TBA/Feb/02 Regrets

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Nov, 28 2001,

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Completed:

From comments: 2001/11/28 chughes (Scheduling) to Judy McCallum for action.

Ivy called Nov. 28 urgent

Brenda Locke also called

Called again Dec. 3

No. Later. 2002. Premier doesn't have time before the end of the year.

→ Don't look a date yet - BIF for 2002

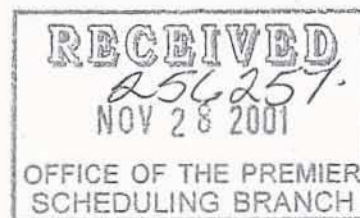
Called Mayor's office Dec. 6

Feb. 14/02 - Mtg cancelled by Judy - close file - file TBA/feb/02 Requests

Ivy said Brenda Apple's call took it

[11/27/2001 16:04 FAX NO 8284]

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



November 27, 2001

File: 8033-004 (B.2)

The Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Premier:

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Yours truly,

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c.c. - The Honourable Shirley Bond,
Minister of Advanced Education
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11/27/2001 16:04 TX/RX NO 82841

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL FORM**TO:**Name: The Honourable Gordon CampbellTitle: Premier

Company: _____

Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: 1-250-387-0087**FROM:**Name: Doug McCallumTitle: Mayor

File No.: _____

Date: November 27, 2001Total Number of Pages: 2
(including cover page)

Original to Follow:

Yes: ☒By Mail: ☐By Courier: ☒No: ☐**COMMENTS:**

Please see the attached letter regarding Tech BC. Please note that the videotape will follow by courier.

This message is intended only for the use of the addressee and may contain information that is privileged and confidential. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone. Thank you.

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Hughes, Candice PREM:EX

From: Hughes, Candice PREM:EX
Sent: November 28, 2001 11:15 AM
To: Grant, Damian T PREM:EX; Tees, Lisa M PREM:EX
Cc: Parkhouse, Maureen PREM:EX; McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Subject: Video Tape from Mayor McCallum, City of Surrey

We have received a fax from the Mayor's office requesting a meeting with the Premier and Minister of Advanced Education. They indicate that they are sending along a video tape by separate cover. When it arrives could you please forward to Scheduling.
Many thanks.

Candice



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McCallum, Judy PREM:EX

From: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 1:31 PM
To: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Mayor McCallum Meeting

*close out
mtg cancelled
per L.O.'s email*

Hi Judy:

Yes, Thurs. Feb. 14 - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. works great for the Minister's schedule, thanks for checking.

Wanda Smith

Administrative Coordinator to the

Honourable Shirley Bond

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*Confirmed
with Wanda
Jan 23 2:35pm*

-----Original Message-----

From: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 1:26 PM
To: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Subject: Mayor McCallum Meeting
Importance: High

The meeting time on the 19th is no good, Wanda --- Budget Day and all that.

How about **10:00 - 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14th** in the Premier's Victoria office? I checked the duty schedule and the Minister is not in the House.

I'll call the Mayor's office back after I hear back from you.

Judy McCallum
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McCallum, Judy PREM:EX

From: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 3:15 PM
To: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Mayor McCallum

emailed Wanda

Hi Judy:

Sorry the 15th won't work for the Minister, she likes to spend Fridays in her constituency in Prince George, and she'll be missing Fri. Feb. 8 because of her meeting with the Premier et al in Vancouver, so I don't want her to miss two Fridays in a row.

Here are a couple dates she would be available, Tues. Feb. 19 - anytime in the morning or Thurs. Feb. 21 - anytime in the morning.

*10-10-30
HOLD*

Let me know if one of those work.

Thanks Judy.

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 3:07 PM
To: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Subject: Mayor McCallum

Mayor McCallum is not available on the 18th in Victoria. Is Minister Bond available in the afternoon of the 15th at PVO?

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*Called Jan. 21 - Donna 604 591 4301
Mayor McCallum*

McCallum, Judy PREM:EX

From: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 8:36 AM
To: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Mtg. with Premier, Minister and Mayor Doug McCallum

NO

up msg. Jan. 18

Thanks Judy, Mon. Feb. 18 - 3:00 - 3:30 in the Premier's office works for the Minister.

Yes that's why I emailed you was to set up the meeting, Rozi gave me the go ahead, hence emailing you.

I will wait to hear from you to confirm it until you contact Mayor McCallum's office.

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*They'll "get back" to me.
Donna called Jan. 22*

604 591-4301

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To: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Cc: Dobreci, Rozi AVED:EX
Subject: RE: Mtg. with Premier, Minister and Mayor Doug McCallum

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TECH BC (McCALLUM)

McCallum, Judy PREM:EX

From: Dobreci, Rozi AVED:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 5:37 PM
To: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Cc: Labossiere, Danielle AVED:EX
Subject: RE: Advice sought for Premier Campbell

Hi Judy. Ah yes, we were just talking about this one! I will discuss with the Minister asap and get back to you hopefully tomorrow or Thursday. Appreciate the heads-up on the Premier's calendar. Thanks, Rozi

-----Original Message-----

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Donna

604 591 4301

Mayor McCallum's
Office

Called Rec. B with
msg.

McCallum, Judy PREM:EX

From: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:59 AM
To: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Subject: RE: Meeting request

We responded by telephone on December 6th indicating that the Premier's calendar did not allow for such a meeting before the end of the year. I have this in my "BF" file to discuss with Lara again in January. We will copy you in on any response letter.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Wanda AVED:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:30 AM
To: McCallum, Judy PREM:EX; Parkhouse, Maureen PREM:EX
Subject: Meeting request

Hi Judy and Maureen:

Doug McCallum, Mayor of Surrey, forwarded a Nov. 27/01 ltr. to the Premier, re: Tech BC and a request for a mtg. with both the Premier and our Minister.

Do you know if the Premier has responded to this yet or was it forwarded to our office for consideration for the mtg. request - I haven't seen a response from the Premier on this as of yet.

Thanks very much.

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*Ask Shirley
on timing
+ Shirley at mtg*



September 27, 2001

His Worship D.W. McCallum
Mayor of the City of Surrey
14245 56th Avenue
Surrey, B.C., V3X 3A2

Dear Mayor McCallum:

Thanks for your letter regarding TechBC.

I can assure you no specific decisions have been made at this time. The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Gary Collins and the Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Shirley Bond, have met with the President and members of the Executive of TechBC. They have presented us with a new Business Plan and together we will do our best to work out a plan that both meets the needs of students and our government's priorities.

As you know, the costs of TechBC, including operations, leasing, renovations and equipment, have far exceeded the original budget. This is a major concern to us and it needs to be addressed. The Ministers will be studying the new Business Plan and continue to work closely with TechBC to review and consider viable solutions and options that are in the best interests of students.

Regardless of the decision that is made, current students need not worry about funding for this academic year.

I appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Gordon Campbell
Premier

pc: Hon. Shirley Bond



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Title: Premier

Company: Province of BC

Phone No.: 250-387-1715

Fax No.: 250-387-0087

FROM:

Name: D.W. (Doug) McCallum

Title: Mayor

File No.: _____

Date: September 19, 2001

Total Number of Pages: 3
(including cover page)

Original to Follow:

Yes: ☒

By Mail: ☒

By Courier: ☐

No: ☐

COMMENTS:

RE: Continued Commitment to the Technical University of B.C. (TechBC)

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



September 18th, 2001

The Hon. Gordon Campbell,
Premier of the Province of British Columbia
P.O. Box 9041
Stn. Provincial Government
Victoria, B.C.
V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Campbell:

Re: Continued Commitment to the Technical University of B.C. (TechBC)

Based on recent reports contained in local newspapers, Surrey City Council understands that the Provincial government is reviewing the future of TechBC university.

Surrey City Council at its regular meeting on Monday, September 17th, 2001, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the current provincial government promised to double the number of "high-tech" graduates from B.C. Universities in computer science, and electrical and computer engineering; and

Whereas such "high-tech" graduates will play a very significant role in determining the success of the B.C. economy in the years ahead; and

Whereas the majority of the population growth in the Lower Mainland of B.C. over the next 20 years is projected to occur south of the Fraser River; and

Whereas UBC and SFU are located to the north of the Fraser River and cannot meet "high-tech" enrollment demands, and are difficult to access for south of the Fraser student community; and

Whereas TechBC is intended to specialize in "high-tech" education offering degrees in areas such as computer science, information technology, interactive arts, and management technology; and

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Whereas the TechBC campus is located in Surrey south of the Fraser River at a location that offers reasonable accessibility for students from every direction in the Lower Mainland;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Surrey strongly request the current Provincial government to continue to fund TechBC University in the City of Surrey as a major university in the south of the Fraser area to meet current and emerging enrollment demands."

This resolution was adopted and is being forwarded to ensure that you and your colleagues in the Provincial government are aware of the Surrey City Council's continued strong commitment to TechBC and the important part that TechBC is expected to play in the future, not only for the City of Surrey and the South of the Fraser region, but the Province of B.C. as a whole.

We trust that the decisions that are currently being made by the Provincial government regarding the Province's current financial situation will recognize the significant longer term benefits to the Province through continued funding of accessible post secondary and graduate education to the Province's population, particularly in the "high-tech" area that is the focus of TechBC.

We look forward to your favourable decision to continue to fund TechBC as a major university in the City of Surrey to service the South of the Fraser region and the Province.

Yours truly,



D.W. (Doug) McCallum
Mayor

cc: Hon. Gary Collins, Minister of Finance
Hon. Shirley Bond, Minister of Advanced Education
Dr. Jean Watters, President, TechBC

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JR1 9/19/01 10:49 AM

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



FAX: (250) 356-3000

FAXED
21/11/2001

November 21, 2001

File: 8033-001

Hon. Shirley Bond,
Minister of Advanced Education
Government of British Columbia
P.O. Box 9059, Stn Prov Govt.
Victoria, B.C.
V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

Re: Technical University of B.C.

I write to express our strong support for a healthy and vibrant Technical University in the City of Surrey. Adequate access to specialized technical education for our young adults is important, not only to their well being, but even more critical for the competitiveness of the Lower Mainland and the Province.

The Lower Mainland region has been and continues to be a significant economic engine of not just this region, but for the Province as a whole. In today's fiercely competitive global environment, access to higher calibre education has increasingly become the fuel critical for this economic engine. To this end, and in response to explosive growth of this region by over 400,000 during the last decade, the need for the Technical University in the Fraser Valley was first identified in 1989. The 1996 report to the Provincial Ministry of Education, Skills and Training concludes that the population in the catchment to be served by the new Technical University will grow at twice the rate of the rest of B.C. It further states that the local areas served by the proposed Technical University will have over half of the Province's growth in college-aged population in the next decade. By 2006, more 18 - 24 year olds will be living in local areas served by the Technical University than in the entire rest of the Lower Mainland. For these reasons alone, the Technical University in Surrey offers an excellent business case to become a thriving and highly successful university, a need that could not effectively be met by the two existing universities themselves.

We recognize, of course, current tough economic times being faced by our Province and your government. However, we respectfully submit that investments in a specialized technical university is even more critical today to train the growing population of young adults so that this region's economic engine will be primed and ready to lead the way when the economy inevitably turns around in the near future. This need becomes even more urgent when taking into account the projected dramatic shortages of trades and technical graduates, needed to replace the demographically aging workforce in all sectors, particularly over the next 5 to 8 years.

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The Technical University in Surrey is a unique institution with no unions, no senate and no tenure. Unlike traditional institutions, it can therefore respond faster to emerging market place needs. It is focussed on high tech programs, industry ready practical curriculum and applied research. With your initial support and assistance, it certainly has the potential of forming strong industry partnerships and becoming largely self-sustaining. Certainly, the presence of a vibrant and flourishing university will be a tremendous complementary institution to the proposed 1500 acre Campbell Heights Science Park in South Surrey, where the Province is leading the way to attract "silicon chip industry" on its 250 acre site.

Honourable Minister, our key concern is that the opportunity for the long-term success and benefits of the Technical University in Surrey be not lost to what is evidently a short-term tough financial challenge. However, we do support the need to achieve this goal in a cost effective manner. We therefore understand your review of the business case analysis of all aspects of the University operations including the most cost effective "space" arrangements, etc. To this end, the City of Surrey stands ready to offer any assistance it can within its mandate.

On behalf of the Surrey City Council, we offer our appreciation in anticipation for your favourable consideration of this "unique character building" project for the region in general and our city in particular.

Yours truly,



D.W. (Doug) McCallum
Mayor

cc: Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier
Hon. Gary Collins, Minister of Finance
Surrey Council
Hon. Kevin Falcon, MLA
Hon. Brenda Locke, MLA
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Hon. Gordon Hogg, MLA

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File: 8033-001

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Dear Minister:

Re: Technical University of B.C.

I write to express our strong support for a healthy and vibrant Technical University in the City of Surrey. Adequate access to specialized technical education for our young adults is important, not only to their well being, but even more critical for the competitiveness of the Lower Mainland and the Province.

The Lower Mainland region has been and continues to be a significant economic engine of not just this region, but for the Province as a whole. In today's fiercely competitive global environment, access to higher calibre education has increasingly become the fuel critical for this economic engine. To this end, and in response to explosive growth of this region by over 400,000 during the last decade, the need for the Technical University in the Fraser Valley was first identified in 1989. The 1996 report to the Provincial Ministry of Education, Skills and Training concludes that the population in the catchment to be served by the new Technical University will grow at twice the rate of the rest of B.C. It further states that the local areas served by the proposed Technical University will have over half of the Province's growth in college-aged population in the next decade. By 2006, more 18 – 24 year olds will be living in local areas served by the Technical University than in the entire rest of the Lower Mainland. For these reasons alone, the Technical University in Surrey offers an excellent business case to become a thriving and highly successful university, a need that could not effectively be met by the two existing universities themselves.

We recognize, of course, current tough economic times being faced by our Province and your government. However, we respectfully submit that investments in a specialized technical university is even more critical today to train the growing population of young adults so that this region's economic engine will be primed and ready to lead the way when the economy inevitably turns around in the near future. This need becomes even more urgent when taking into account the projected dramatic shortages of trades and technical graduates, needed to replace the demographically aging workforce in all sectors, particularly over the next 5 to 8 years.

The Technical University in Surrey is a unique institution with no unions, no senate and no tenure. Unlike traditional institutions, it can therefore respond faster to emerging market place needs. It is focussed on high tech programs, industry ready practical curriculum and applied research. With your initial support and assistance, it certainly has the potential of forming strong industry partnerships and becoming largely self-sustaining. Certainly, the presence of a vibrant and flourishing university will be a tremendous complementary institution to the proposed 1500 acre Campbell Heights Science Park in South Surrey, where the Province is leading the way to attract "silicon chip industry" on its 250 acre site.

Honourable Minister, our key concern is that the opportunity for the long-term success and benefits of the Technical University in Surrey be not lost to what is evidently a short-term tough financial challenge. However, we do support the need to achieve this goal in a cost effective manner. We therefore understand your review of the business case analysis of all aspects of the University operations including the most cost effective "space" arrangements, etc. To this end, the City of Surrey stands ready to offer any assistance it can within its mandate.

On behalf of the Surrey City Council, we offer our appreciation in anticipation for your favourable consideration of this "unique character building" project for the region in general and our city in particular.

Yours truly,



D.W. (Doug) McCallum
Mayor

cc: ✓ Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier
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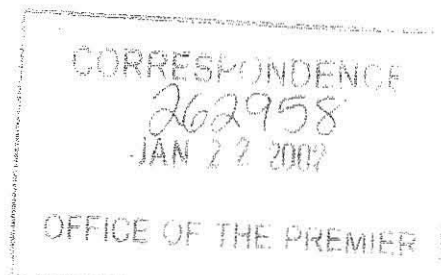
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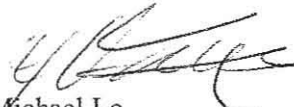
As you are aware, your government's Ministry of Advanced Education made a request in December 2001 for alternative approaches regarding the future of the Technical University of British Columbia (TechBC).

Following an earlier meeting with the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Advanced Education, as well as a subsequent meeting with Jerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education; Paul Taylor, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance; and Al Sakalauskas, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, the Kingston Group of Colleges ("Kingston") has formalized the preliminary discussions held at those meetings with the enclosed Proposal regarding the future of TechBC. We are forwarding a copy to you for your information and endorsement.

Kingston has the rare combination of education-provider savvy, technological framework, international networking, business acumen and financial strength that would be required to successfully engage in such a project. As you will note, the Kingston Proposal will be able to turn TechBC into a financially viable enterprise without further financial strain on your government and with an opportunity that provides for British Columbians to participate in TechBC's future success. Kingston will be able to accommodate the existing students with the least amount of disruption and will guarantee TechBC intellectual property is protected and allowed to expand.

Kingston is encouraged by the pledge of your government to promote and support private enterprise. I look forward to hearing from you after you have had a chance to review the enclosed Proposal. Please feel free to call if you have further questions. Kingston is prepared for the next phase of negotiations regarding the future of TechBC.

Sincerely,
Kingston Group of Colleges


Per: Michael Lo,
Chief Executive Officer

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February 8, 2002

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Dear Mr. Lo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the future of TechBC.

I appreciate this opportunity to review your proposal and encourage you to continue discussions with Minister Bond and her staff.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier

pc: Honourable Shirley Bond



◦ KINGSTON GROUP OF COLLEGES ◦

PROPOSAL

Regarding the Business Future of Technical University Of British Columbia (TechBC)

Submitted to

The Ministry of Advanced Education

Submitted by

The Kingston Group of Colleges



January, 2002

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I. Introduction

The Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Shirley Bond, forwarded a request to public post-secondary institutions in early December 2001 to explore alternative approaches for the future business plan of the Technical University of British Columbia (TechBC) currently housed in the ICBC owned property at Surrey Centre. Severe financial strain to maintain a high faculty-to-student ratio necessitated this request from the Ministry. (*See Appendix 1 "Problems Identified" for details*) Notwithstanding, the request for alternative approaches was directed to ensure that the needs of the current students as well as the faculty of TechBC would be accommodated first and foremost and that the intellectual property of TechBC developed over the last few years would be protected.

Subsequent to introductory discussions and meetings with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Advanced Education as well as the Deputy Minister of Finance, the **Kingston Group of Colleges ("Kingston")** wishes to formalize its Proposal as a viable solution with respect of the request from the Honourable Minister.

Kingston has the rare combination of education-provider savvy, technological framework, international networking, business acumen and financial strength, which would be required to operate TechBC as a successful enterprise.



II. Executive Summary

Kingston strongly believes that it is one of the few private sectors British Columbia based groups, which has the right combination of attributes to undertake such a significant project. The **Kingston** management team feels that **Kingston** is poised and well equipped with the necessary tools to acquire a partial or a whole interest in the future of TechBC. As a private post secondary entity, **Kingston's** resources allow it to respond with even more ingenious alternatives than would be available to other British Columbia post secondary institutions. The **Kingston** management team feels strongly that **Kingston** would be able to turn TechBC into a sound venture without overlooking the specific concerns of the Ministry in a transfer of interest in TechBC. **Kingston's** solutions would allow the Provincial government to consider withdrawing further funding in the current financially non-viable TechBC enterprise and would ensure that a Surrey campus for TechBC continues.

Kingston's management wants to further negotiate a prescription that would ensure the preservation and continued success of TechBC by increasing revenue and reducing expenses. **Kingston** proposes that this can be accomplished (*not limited to*) by:

- i. Receiving a whole or partial controlling interest in TechBC, or by
- ii. Joining forces with TechBC to establish a College of Extended Learning that **Kingston** would operate in order to expand and continue delivery of the TechBC program.

Kingston wants to continue to meet its future program goals and further its vision to provide excellent educational opportunities to a large collective of local and international students of diverse backgrounds and varied career goals. The management team of **Kingston** wants to continue to develop and expand its already successful track record in the marriage of high technology and education and wants to continue to execute its formulated plans, which are strategically positioning **Kingston** as the leader in the international education industry.



Kingston has a twelve (12) year track record that has demonstrated steady and progressive results. It currently owns and operates four (4) campuses under the umbrella of Kingston College [two (2) in British Columbia and two (2) in Ontario], as well as Lansbridge University in New Brunswick (the first private university ever approved by the Province of New Brunswick under its Degree-granting Act). **Kingston** is engaged in a number of joint ventures in China and it maintains international offices as well as branch campuses in Korea (Kwang-Ju), Taiwan (Taichung) and China (Beijing and Guangxi). **Kingston** is currently finalizing acquisitions for a third Lower Mainland British Columbia campus. (See Appendix 2 "Relevant Background" for details)

The management team of **Kingston** prides itself in its British Columbia roots and desire to see British Columbia prosper. As an educator, **Kingston's** technology related experience provided for an articulation agreement with the British Columbia Institute of Technology. (Please refer to Appendix 3 "Curriculum Vitae of Kingston's CEO")

During its history, **Kingston's** student population has grown phenomenally while greatly expanding its program offerings. It has attracted many strategic partners to help implement the goals of its own business plan. With vast experience and expertise in niche markets as well as its impressive track record, **Kingston** can promote TechBC in the international markets in which **Kingston** is already a skilled player. TechBC does not appear to have marketed itself aggressively in international markets. British Columbia's large public post secondary institutions do not have the same ability to attract the foreign students that **Kingston** does. **Kingston** is familiar with untapped markets which we believe exist here in British Columbia, in Canada and overseas. A TechBC partnership involving **Kingston** could, in a short time easily multiply TechBC's current enrolment some 2.5 times thereby increasing its revenues.

Kingston owns a high-technology "e-learning" public company listed with the CDNX known as "Learnsoft". (See Appendix 2 "Relevant Background" for details) Learnsoft has developed and owns its software platform technology referred to as GALE (Global Adaptive Learning Environment). GALE enables the delivery of courses over the Internet, a feature that Lansbridge University has utilized to its advantage in employing the GALE software to offer its on-line MBA program. **Kingston** would convert TechBC course materials into Internet format using the GALE technology. Since **Kingston** is prepared to pay for such a conversion as an in-kind investment, it would save TechBC considerable resources in establishing a similar technology to provide a comparable service. **Kingston's** GALE technology is already proven, is successfully operating and as a result, would enable TechBC to reduce its operating costs substantially.



Kingston continues to seek opportunities whereby its familiarity with high- technology can be utilized. In partnership with the hospitality training programs and articulation agreements it has with an American University, **Kingston** is in negotiation to provide “e-learning” capability to the Chinese government as a result of China’s entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In light of the current financial pressure borne upon ICBC, future arrangements with ICBC that include TechBC may necessitate the relocation of its campus from the Surrey Centre project. **Kingston** would be capable of moving the existing campus to another Surrey location. Future development of a new Surrey site could include dormitories for foreign students as well as other amenities.

With respect to funding, **Kingston** is prepared to provide (*subject to satisfactory terms and conditions*) sufficient financial capital to immediately realize this proposal. Including the investment vehicle of its high-technology related public company, **Kingston** has sufficient resources available. **Kingston** would further propose that additional revenue be realized from establishing TechBC as a public company in which faculty, and the citizens of British Columbia would be entitled to seek part ownership. Stock option investments in high-technology related companies have afforded many electronic age companies the success they enjoy. Kingston’s experience with such companies would prove beneficial in further implementing this type of high-technology entrepreneurship in British Columbia.

The Honourable Premier of British Columbia has on many occasions and in several of his speeches provided encouragement for the private sector to consider the type of proposal **Kingston** wishes to make. We refer to the following:

- *“Finally, your government has taken a different approach to economic development. We are committed to creating a competitive environment that allows BC entrepreneurs, small businesses, and BC industry to thrive and prosper.”* (Speech at Cabinet Swearing-in Ceremony, June 05, 2001)
- *“Education is our top priority, because it’s the key to any healthy, prosperous society.”* (From Campaign 2001 – “A New Era for Advanced Education)
- *“We have leading edge firms in information technology, multi-media software, video games, biotechnology, wireless communications, aerospace and electronic equipment and manufacturing, among others.”* (From Campaign 2001 – “A New Era of Technology”)
- *“People from all parts of this world, from all backgrounds, from all cultural histories and from all traditions come to live in British Columbia and have helped build our province into the great place it is.”* (Address to the Diplomatic Forum, Victoria Conference Centre, November 23, 2001)



In conclusion, this creative proposal from Kingston will ensure that TechBC can continue to operate and can remain Surrey, British Columbia based. It will ensure that the needs of the current students enrolled in TechBC are accommodated with the least amount of disruption and without the Ministry rendering any further financial investment. It will ensure that with the utilization of Kingston's high-technology expertise in conjunction with its existing GALE platform and Learnsoft enterprise, the intellectual property protection of TechBC would be secure. It would also allow TechBC to further its technological vision in the eyes of academics in Canada, and will continue to make TechBC still stand out as an innovative university located in the Province of British Columbia. TechBC would still be able to retain the high tech niche it has been marketing to, would have an ability to expand in this area and would have a promising future outlook.

Kingston would be able to turn TechBC into a financially viable enterprise by increasing revenue and decreasing expenses, yet would be able to do so while retaining and accommodating as many faculty and support staff as possible in the transition. Finally, this proposal from Kingston will provide an opportunity for all British Columbians to be involved and share in the future success of TechBC. It will afford the Provincial government another example of a co-operative working arrangement between the public and private sectors. The Kingston proposal will foster growth in British Columbia's high technology industry and will increase the province's international network in turn providing a wealth of future benefit for the British Columbia economy.



Appendix 1

Problems Identified

1. TechBC

With an operating budget of \$20 million per annum, TechBC has 200 staff (160 support staff and 40 faculty) but only 400 students. The faculty members were originally hired to develop online courses that could be delivered to students at a low cost in future. As it stands, the current faculty-to-student ratio is 1 to 2. It is obvious that TechBC has been under severe financial strains to maintain such a faculty-to-student ratio. The situation is further aggravated by the slowing economy and British Columbia's gloomy investment climate. The Provincial government has already begun cuts to spending and continues to seek ways to further this process in an effort to alter British Columbia's lagging economy. Contrary to a handsome projection, the revenue from the current enrolment at TechBC cannot possibly support the ongoing development of the new campus and the high cost of instruction, course delivery and payroll.

2. Surrey City Centre Project

ICBC and TechBC were supposed to be the anchor tenants in the Centre. The downturn in the economy, coupled with the series of recent tragedies in the United States, indicates that further development of real estate holdings of this scale will become a substantial burden on the part of ICBC.



Appendix 2

Relevant Background (TechBC, ICBC and Kingston)

A. Technical University of British Columbia ("TechBC")

1. TechBC is British Columbia's public high-tech university specializing in high-tech education, degrees and research.
2. TechBC currently has four hundred (400) students enrolled in accessible and flexible educational opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the technological fields. There are three (3) program streams including:
 - a. Information Technology
 - b. Interactive Arts
 - c. Management and Technology
3. TechBC commenced enrolling students in August 1999, and projected its student population to reach 2,800 in year 2004.
4. TechBC aims at the advanced technologies industry and was expected to draw students, business and industry leaders from throughout BC and around the world.
5. TechBC projected opening a new campus at Surrey City Centre in 2003. Plans are for a 450,000 sq. ft. facility with an open, flowing design, complete with galleries, classrooms and labs, in a relaxed environment for the interaction of students and faculty. Construction began on the project May 30, 2000.

B. Insurance Corporation of British Columbia ("ICBC")

1. ICBC is a Crown Corporation, governed by a Board of Directors that provides auto insurance services to British Columbians.
2. Like all insurance companies, ICBC invests revenue from premium dollars and holds the investments on behalf of policyholders. ICBC's current investment portfolio stands at around \$5.6 billion.
3. ICBC has a mandate of investing in British Columbia communities and institutions for the betterment of the province.
4. In September 1999, ICBC announced the acquisition of the Surrey Place Mall for a purchase price of \$40 million.
5. By integrating the existing Surrey Place Mall and Recreation Centre, the completed Surrey City Centre project will be a development covering thirty (30) acres and will encompass TechBC's future campus, along with a shopping centre, office tower, library, theatre, seniors' facilities, and more than eight (8) million sq. ft. of office space. Planned development in several phases is to span the next decade.



C. Kingston Group of Colleges (“Kingston”)

1. In 1989, Kingston was established by a group of dedicated educators who view education as a means of bridging the economic and cultural gap between nations in order to promote the concept of international harmony and globalization through mutual understanding and educational development.
2. Kingston’s mandate is to act as a facilitator of educational opportunities for local and international students. Kingston sources out niche programs from educational providers and offers them in identified niche markets. The scope of this mandate has been, and continues to be on a worldwide basis. Kingston’s two British Columbia campuses have alone attracted close to 700 students, out of which 70% are international students from People’s Republic of China, Korea, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and Pakistan. The remaining 30% are local students who have chosen Kingston as an alternative to public institutions.
3. Since its inception, Kingston has been growing with rapid, steady progression. The past four (4) years have consistently witnessed a stellar growth in all facets of its operation.
4. Kingston prides itself in its ownership and successful acquisition of the properties on which it establishes its campuses across Canada. Currently, Kingston owns its four (4) Canadian campuses and is in the process of finalizing acquisition of its fifth here in British Columbia.

Details About the Kingston Group of Colleges:

Kingston is comprised of the following entities:

Kingston College:

- A post-secondary institution catering to adult learners and international students. There are two (2) campuses located in British Columbia in the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby and two (2) campuses are located in Ontario in Markham and Niagara Falls
- Kingston College is the first private college to have established strategic partnerships and implemented articulation agreements with institutions such as the British Columbia Institute of Technology, the University of New Brunswick in Saint John, Central Michigan University and Arkansas Tech University. Kingston College has since been regarded as a leader in the industry,
- Through the articulation agreements with these institutions, Kingston College makes quality diploma and degree programs from mainly fully accredited universities in the United States and Canada, available to and accessible by various niche markets in North America and in Asia.



Kingston High School:

- A senior high school with two campuses across Canada, one in British Columbia and one in Ontario.
- The British Columbia program is certified and bonded with the BC Ministry of Education.
- The Ontario Ministry of Education has approved the Ontario program.

Kingston Technology Center:

- A technical arm of Kingston, the centre offers practitioner-oriented and up-to-date high technology industry certification programs. Kingston Technology Centre's aim is to train high-tech professionals and to provide job and internship placements in British Columbia and North America.

KC Knowledge Centre:

- A comprehensive, community-based school that offers innovative extra-curricular courses for elementary and secondary students as a supplement to their regular school programs.

Ying Hua Chinese School:

- A full-fledged Chinese school offering Chinese immersion programs. Ying Hua uses an integrated approach and Montessori method to teach Chinese in a Canadian setting. It has campuses in Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond and Coquitlam.

Lansbridge University:

- Lansbridge is the first private university ever approved by the Province of New Brunswick under its Degree-granting Act.
- Lansbridge is also the first private university ever approved to offer its entire register of degree programs over the Internet.
- Lansbridge University headquarters are located in New Brunswick, however its student base is in the cyber world.



Details about the Kingston Group of Colleges Public Company:
Kingston maintains control of a high-technology related public company called *Learnsoft Corporation*:

- Learnsoft is an "e-learning" public company listed with the CDNX. Learnsoft's base is in Kanata, Ontario (Ottawa).
- Learnsoft is a highly respected education provider and has gained a reputation as a world leader in designing and developing Internet-based learning systems and courseware.
- In particular, Learnsoft has developed and owns its software platform technology known as GALE (Global Adaptive Learning Environment). GALE enables the delivery of courses over the Internet. Currently, Lansbridge University has been using the GALE software to offer its on-line MBA program.
- Learnsoft has also created the concept of Postal University, under which it is bidding on a \$50-million contract to provide e-learning services to Canada Post.
- Learnsoft also owns 20% of Supply Training International Ltd., which provides on-line training in supplier management.

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February 14, 2002

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Dear Mr. Lo:

Thank you for your letter regarding TechBC. I appreciated the opportunity to review your proposal and I understand it was included in the Ministry's discussions.

The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Advanced Education, has worked hard over the past several months to develop a solution to the challenges and issues facing TechBC. Our focus has been to ensure students' needs are at the top of the agenda.

Minister Bond worked with TechBC in an attempt to find a viable solution. However, we found that it was necessary to explore additional options with other post-secondary institutions. Five proposals were received from public post-secondary institutions along with two from private institutions, including yours.

These proposals, along with a December 2001 business plan from TechBC, were assessed on the basis of their proposed academic programs, costs, transition plans for students, and contribution to the government's New Era commitment to double the annual number of graduates in computer science and electrical and computer engineering within five years.

Based on those criteria, Simon Fraser University's proposal was deemed the best able to accommodate students. SFU will assume responsibility for TechBC students and assets, and the operation of Surrey Place Mall site. SFU will also see student spaces increase to 800 from the current level of less than 400.

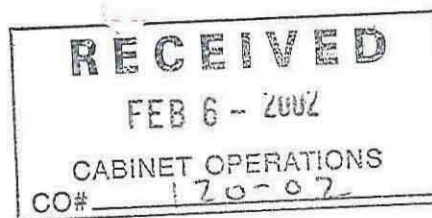
Although your proposal was not successful, I appreciate the time you have taken to be a part of this process.

Sincerely,



Gordon Campbell
Premier

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MINISTER:

Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Advanced Education

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February 5, 2002

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BACKGROUND:

Brief History

TechBC was created by legislation in 1997 as a special purpose university for high technology education and research. In addition to specializing in technical programs, the University was to be innovative, flexible and non-traditional. Among the features of its original mandate are:

- an economic mandate contributing almost 50 percent of total operating costs;

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- focal point for the high technology sector in the Lower Mainland, including industry partnerships for applied research, which would cover one-third of total faculty salaries;
- 50 percent of its education on-line;
- reduced space standards compared to traditional universities;
- lower per student funding than provided to traditional universities;
- 1,440 students by the 2001/02 academic year and 2,800 by 2003/04; and,
- an ongoing government operating grant of \$22 million and capital cost of \$25 million, with approval of the latter subject to a matching or greater contribution from non-government sources.

In the summer of 1998, 4.9 hectares were secured in Surrey Central for TechBC's permanent site, where it would be part of the re-development of Surrey City Centre by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. The new campus had an opening date of September 2003, which is a delay of 2.5 years over the original target. Consequently, the University was not expected to reach its full capacity of 2,800 students until 2005/06.

The University launched its undergraduate programs in the fall of 1999 in temporary space at Surrey Place Mall, with graduate programs introduced in 2001. In the current academic year, there are 378 full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled at TechBC in years 1 to 3 of undergraduate programs and at various stages of its graduate programs.

The University currently offers three program streams:

1. Information Technology (IT);
2. Interactive Arts; and,
3. Management and Technology.

Since TechBC's first financial and enrolment targets were approved in April 1997, government has increased funding for TechBC several times and has repeatedly adjusted enrolment targets downwards.

TechBC has not met its original mandate in terms of number of students, operating costs and industry partnerships. Table 1 compares the 2001/02 targets from the original plan for TechBC, approved in April 1997, to TechBC's current status.

In the past few months, Ministry staff have worked with TechBC officials to achieve a thorough understanding of the University's business plans, including plans submitted in October 2001 and December 2001. The final plan submitted in December 2001, maintained the University in Surrey Place Mall and proposed lower funding requirements and revised enrolment targets. Analysis of the December plan by AVED, Ministry of Finance and an independent consultant identified a number of weaknesses.

In December 2001, AVED invited public post-secondary institutions to develop proposals for accommodating current TechBC students. In seeking alternative options, AVED requested that institutions focus on accommodating the needs of current students and faculty and protecting the intellectual property, such as the curriculum developed over the last few years.

Five proposals were submitted from both individual and consortia of public institutions. In January 2002, AVED was approached by two private post-secondary institutions concerning options to accommodate TechBC students.

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New Era Considerations

Under the New Era commitment, government is committed “to double the annual number of graduates in computer science and electrical and computer engineering within five years (Double the Opportunity)”.

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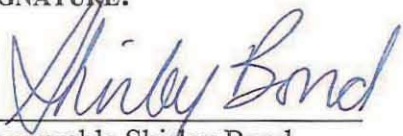
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Minister of Advanced Education

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TechBC Decision

Ministry of Advanced Education

February 6, 2002

Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister

TECHBC DECISION

Why change is required

- **Historical operating and capital costs for TechBC have far exceeded the original budget**
- **Student enrollments have been consistently below targets**
- **Private sector partnerships have not developed as expected**

TECHBC Vision - What happened?

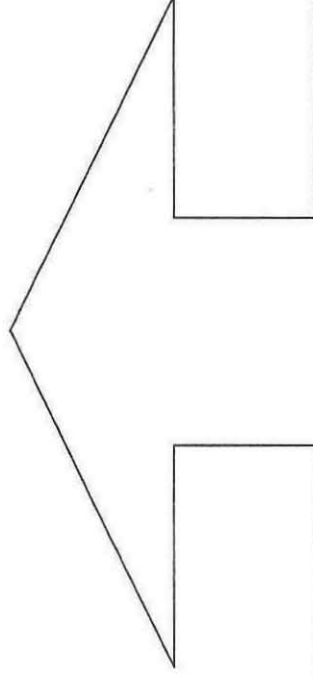
Comparison of TechBC's Original Vision to
Actual Position for 2001/02

DESCRIPTION	VISION 2001/02 Targets	ACTUAL 2001/02
Operating Budget	\$18.00 M	\$23.60 M
FTEs	1,440	378
Other Revenues	1/3 of faculty salaries paid by industry	Minimal revenue from private sector activities

The Process for Decision

- 1** Evaluated Tech BC's revised business plan.
- 2** December 2001: AVED invited selected public post-secondary institutions to develop proposals for TechBC.
- 3** 5 proposals received from public institutions, plus 2 proposals from private institutions.
- 4** All proposals were assessed against a common set of criteria.
- 5** SFU's proposal addressed all criteria satisfactorily.

Recommendation for TECHBC



Approve SFU proposal:

- **Accommodate existing TechBC students**
- **Maintain university presence in Surrey**
- **Offer existing range of programs; expand to 800 students**
- **Build on a national reputation of excellence**

CABINET MINUTES

February 7, 2002

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
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	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(PR)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoSMH)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(MOE)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(HR)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoSD)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(SRM)
	Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt	(MoSIGR)
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A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION:

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3. For Decision: Tech BC Report

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ORDER TO BE DISCUSSED AT OPEN CABINET, February 7, 2002

MIN	PURPOSE OF ORDER	STATUTE
AE	<p>Appoints to the Technical University of British Columbia Board of Governors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gerry Armstrong• Arlene Paton• Rod MacDonald• Jacqui Stewart• Jim Parker• Christine Massey• Susan Burns• Gloria Back <p>And rescinds the appointments of all current appointments to the Technical University of British Columbia Board of Governors.</p>	<p><u>Technical</u> <u>University of</u> <u>British Columbia</u> <u>Act</u> s. 4(d)</p>

To: Honourable Shirley Bond
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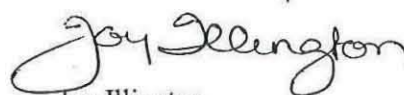
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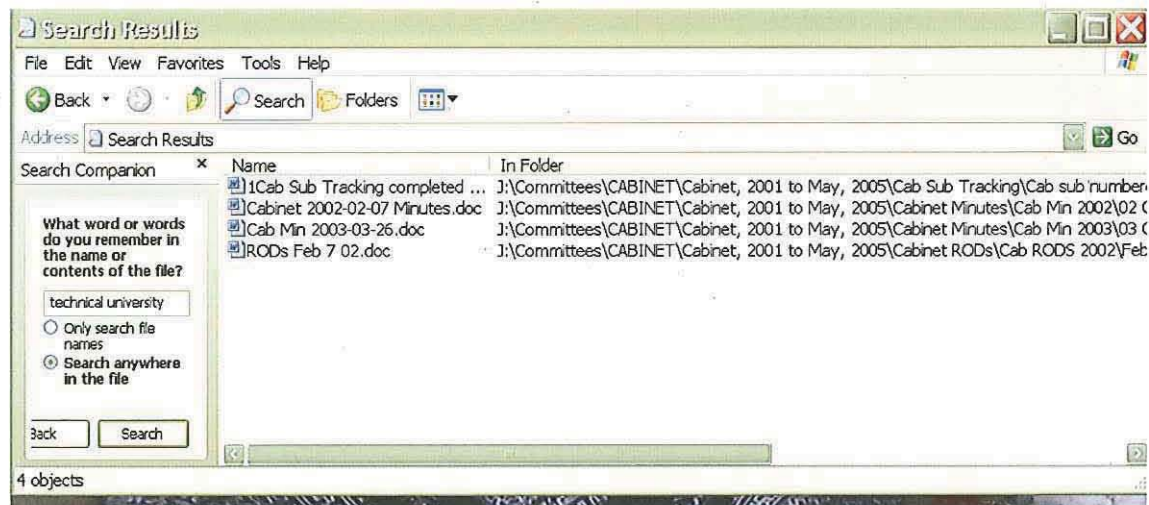
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MEMORANDUM

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Bill 50 - Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2002

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Technical University of British Columbia Act

Enables government to appoint a transition administrator for the purpose of winding up the Technical University of British Columbia, provides that the transition administrator must, under the direction of the Minister, transfer the assets and liabilities of the university, and provides for repeal of the Act.

Numerous consequential amendments are also included in this Bill.

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BACKGROUND NOTE

Amendments to the *Technical University of British Columbia Act*



Overview

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Discussion

TechBC was established in 1997 to provide high tech education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and to conduct applied research and development. However, TechBC has consistently failed to meet its original mandate in terms of number of students, operating costs, FTE funding and industry partnerships. Since TechBC's first financial and enrolment targets were approved in April 1997, government has increased funding for the university several times, and has repeatedly adjusted enrolment targets downward. In addition, a number of weaknesses were identified in business plans submitted to the Ministry by TechBC in October and December 2001.

In December 2001, the Ministry invited proposals for accommodating current TechBC students. Proposals were evaluated against a common set of criteria, and the proposal from Simon Fraser University (SFU) was judged to be the most feasible. SFU has agreed to:

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Consultation

The Minister has met several times with TechBC senior officials regarding the university's business plans, and has also consulted with several post-secondary institutions regarding options to accommodate TechBC students. The Minister also met with TechBC students and faculty at a special meeting in November 2001. Ministry staff are also working with TechBC senior officials, and have been appointed to the TechBC Board of Governors.

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for consultation with ICBC regarding the future of the Surrey City Centre development project.

Expected Stakeholder Reaction

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SECTION NOTES

Amendments to the *Technical University of British Columbia Act*

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Communications Plan

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Subject:

Government's decision on the future of the Technical University of British Columbia (TechBC).

Purpose:

To provide communications support for government's decision on the future of Tech BC.

Background:

TechBC was created by legislation in 1997 as a special purpose university for high tech education and research. In addition to specializing in technical programs, the university was to be innovative, flexible and non-traditional. Among the things comprising its original mandate are:

- having 1,440 students by 2001/02 academic year and 2,800 by 2003/04;
- developing industry partnerships for applied research, which would cover one-third of total faculty salaries;
- delivering 50 per cent of its education on-line;
- having lower per student FTE funding than provided to traditional universities;
- having ongoing operating costs of \$22 million and capital costs of \$25 million, with approval of the latter subject to a matching or greater contribution from non-government sources.

In summer of 1998, 4.9 hectares were secured in Surrey Central for the site of TechBC, where it would be part of the re-development of Surrey City Centre by ICBC. The target date for opening the new campus is September 2003, which is a delay of 2.5 years from the original November 1998 plan. Consequently, the university is not expected to reach its full capacity of 2,800 students until 2005/06.

The university launched its undergraduate programs in the fall of 1999 in temporary space at Surrey Place Mall, with graduate programs being introduced the following year. Approximately 200 students were enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs combined during the 2000/01 academic year. In the current academic year, there are about 400 students enrolled at TechBC.

The university currently offers three program streams:

1. Information Technology (IT)
2. Interactive Arts
3. Management and Technology

About 45 per cent of the undergraduate students are enrolled in the IT program and it is only students in this stream that would contribute to the New Era commitment to double the annual number of graduates in computer science and electrical and computer engineering within 5 years.

TechBC has not met its original mandate in terms of number of students, costs and industry partnerships. The following provide evidence of not having met targets:

- The current enrollment of 400 students is just over one-third of its projected 1,440 students by this academic year.
- Government funding per student FTE is about 5 times greater than at other universities; about \$59,000 versus \$12,500 for similar programs.
- Operating and capital costs far exceed original projections.
- Industry partnerships have not been developed to any notable extent.

Since TechBC's first financial and enrolment targets were approved in April, 1997, government has increased funding for TechBC several times and has repeatedly adjusted enrolment targets downwards. In October 2001, TechBC submitted an updated business plan with lower funding requirements. Subsequent analysis by Advanced Education identified a number of weaknesses in the plan and TechBC returned with a revised business plan in December 2001 based upon maintaining the university in Surrey Place Mall, again with lower funding requirements and revised enrolment targets.

In December 2001, the ministry invited a number of Lower Mainland public post-secondary institutions to develop proposals for accommodating current TechBC students. Two private post-secondary institutions (University of Phoenix and the Kingston Group of Colleges) also forwarded proposals in mid-January 2002.

A review of proposals resulted in final consideration of the proposals from TechBC (December '01 business plan) and Simon Fraser University.

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Affected Ministries and Stakeholders:

- Ministry of Advanced Education
- Ministry of Finance
- TechBC students, faculty and staff
- Parents of TechBC students
- Mayor and City of Surrey
- Local MLAs
- Simon Fraser University
- BC Institute of Technology
- University of British Columbia
- Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design
- Kwantlen University College
- University of Phoenix
- Kingston Group of Colleges
- ICBC

Audiences:

- Students, faculty and staff of TechBC
- Parents of Tech BC students
- Prospective students
- Surrey residents
- Public-post secondary sector generally

Communications Objectives:

1. To clearly communicate the government decision regarding the future of TechBC and the rationale for this decision.
2. To clearly communicate the benefits to students and faculty of the proposal from Simon Fraser University.
3. To demonstrate the high priority government has placed upon student interests in selecting the SFU proposal.
4. To emphasize the certainty to students and faculty from the SFU proposal.
5. To emphasize the benefits to the city of Surrey by having a satellite campus of a major university located in the city.
6. To support TechBC and SFU, where feasible, in communicating this decision to students, faculty, staff, Surrey residents and other stakeholders.
7. To communicate the decision to other institutions that submitted proposals.
8. To communicate that ICBC and the Ministry of Finance is responsible for any decisions regarding the ICBC development projects at Surrey Central.

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Rollout/Timing:

In a separate document, a matrix is presented on the rollout of the TechBC decision. The communications strategy for the rollout of this announcement is based upon the principles of communicating with key stakeholders, internally within the university and publicly via news release and media relations.

The Ministry and Minister of Advanced Education will have responsibility for the rollout and key stakeholder contact. It will be important for Dr. Watters to communicate with the students, faculty and staff at TechBC on the day of the announcement. Then, at the earliest possible, it is recommended that Dr. Watters and SFU president Stevenson/delegate jointly meet with students, faculty and staff at TechBC to answer questions and to provide assurances regarding the transition. It will be important for SFU to send early messages of assurance to TechBC students, faculty and staff. Then, as subsequent phases of the transition occur, internal communications should be maintained. It may well be necessary for SFU to include parents in their communications efforts.

ICBC will have responsibility, at the direction of the Ministry of Finance, to inform Surrey Place Mall tenants.

Communications Tools and Tactics:

- Communications plan
- Speaking notes – Cabinet, Surrey Caucus
- Open Cabinet slides
- News release
- Calls to key stakeholders
- Positioning note/messages
- Qs & As for Minister
- Message sheet and Qs & As for MLAs
- Editorial
- Media relations
- Media monitoring
- Tool-free line monitoring
- Correspondence monitoring/response

Date: February 5, 2002

Prepared by: Ernie Fraser

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Approved by:

Lyn Tait, Assistant Deputy Minister

Date

Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister

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Ministry of Advanced Education



Communications Plan

Technical University of British Columbia Act Amendments

Subject

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Background

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In March 2000, the Province and TechBC entered into agreements with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) regarding development and lease of property at Surrey City Centre for TechBC's permanent campus. Management of this development is a responsibility of ICBC and the Ministry of Finance. Government is discussing the future of the project with ICBC, and considering financial implications that may arise from the elimination of TechBC.

While we expected a negative reaction from the City of Surrey and other stakeholders, the elimination of TechBC has, for the most part, received a positive reaction from the City, media and most stakeholders.

Affected Ministries

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Advanced Education

Stakeholders

- TechBC students, faculty and staff
- Parents of TechBC students
- Mayor and City of Surrey
- Local MLAs
- Surrey Residents
- Simon Fraser University
- Prospective students
- Potential funding partners
- ICBC
- Public post-secondary sector

Communications Objectives

- Ensure timely dissemination of information re: amendments to the *Technical University of British Columbia Act* to stakeholders.
- Support the Minister, Deputy Minister, and ministry executive in communicating details of the new legislation.
- Ensure consistency in messaging.

Key Messages

- This legislation will allow the government to appoint a transition administrator to oversee the successful transfer of TechBC's rights, property and assets to SFU, which will maintain the campus.
- As an established public post-secondary institution with a national reputation, SFU will provide students with a greater degree of stability in the future of their institution and their education.
- Choosing SFU to assume responsibility for TechBC is a sound financial decision and one that is in the best interest of students.

Communications Materials:

- Communications plan
- Speaking notes – Introduction/Second Reading
- Information Bulletin
- Web site posting
- Qs & As for Minister
- Media relations
- Media monitoring

Revised: Apr. 17/02

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

MINISTER:

Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education

DATE:

February 14, 2002

LEGISLATION:

Technical University of British Columbia Act

Ministry priority: 1

The proposed legislation is major in nature.

**PURPOSE:**

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BACKGROUND:

TechBC was established by legislation in 1997 to provide high tech education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and to conduct applied research and development. It is currently housed in premises located in Surrey Place Mall, and offers three program streams:

1. Information Technology
2. Interactive Arts
3. Management and Technology

Among the features of TechBC's original mandate are:

- an economic mandate contributing almost 50 percent of total operating costs;
- 1,440 students by 2001/02 academic year and 2,800 by 2003/04;
- focal point for the high technology sector in the Lower Mainland, including industry partnerships for applied research, which would cover one-third of total faculty salaries;
- reduced space standards compared to traditional universities;
- 50 per cent of its education on-line;
- lower per student full-time equivalent (FTE) funding than provided to traditional universities; and

- an ongoing government operating grant of \$22 million and capital costs of \$25 million, with approval of the latter subject to a matching or greater contribution from non-government sources.

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In October 2001, TechBC submitted an updated business plan with lower funding requirements. Subsequent analysis by the Ministry identified a number of weaknesses in the plan, and TechBC returned with a revised business plan in December 2001. Ministry staff and Ministry of Finance staff, as well as an independent contractor, assessed the revised business plan and identified a number of weaknesses.

In December 2001, the Ministry invited Lower Mainland public post-secondary institutions to develop proposals for accommodating current TechBC students. Five proposals were submitted from both individual and consortia of public institutions. In January 2002, AVED was approached by two private post-secondary institutions concerning options to accommodate TechBC students. All proposals were evaluated against a common set of criteria. The proposal from Simon Fraser University (SFU) was judged to be the most feasible. The SFU proposal includes the following features:

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Statements made regarding TechBC by members while in opposition are attached as Appendix A.

A public announcement of TechBC's closing was made on February 7, 2002 as part of an Open Cabinet meeting.

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CONSULTATIONS:

- The Minister met several times with TechBC senior officials regarding the university's business plans. In addition, Ministry staff worked extensively with TechBC officials to achieve a thorough understanding of the university's revised December 2001 business plan.
- The Minister met with TechBC students and faculty at a special meeting in November 2001.
- The Minister has consulted with several post-secondary institutions regarding options to accommodate TechBC students.
- The Ministry of Finance is responsible for consultation with ICBC regarding the future of the Surrey City Centre development project.

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DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL:

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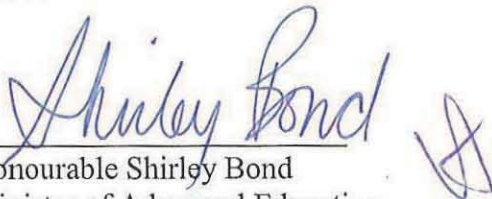
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Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education

TechBC RFL

In years gone by I've asked the ministry to consider conducting a feasibility study, at least, as to whether or not that building would be a suitable cornerstone for a new technical university for the province. I understand that this government is committed to constructing a technical university in Surrey and has not ever engaged in any serious feasibility studies with respect to using CFB Chilliwack, so perhaps that argument has come and gone.

Barry Penner, Advanced Education Estimates, 4.36, May 17, 2000, 15791.

I hear a great deal about the opening of Tech U in Whalley, but I see no organized implementation plan for the expansion of post-secondary facilities throughout this province. Will we continue to open post-secondary institutions, like Topsy, or are we going to get down to it and have an organized, cost-effective plan of implementation in our post-secondary facilities?

Reni Masi, Throne Speech Debate, 4.36, April 11, 2000, 14900.

The provincial government has said that they're thinking of spending \$100 million on a new technical university when an existing facility sits empty in Chilliwack. The minister recently wrote a letter to the Merritt Herald, dated April 22, 1998, where he makes a comment that I'm trying to get \$200 million for the Technical University. Of course, I've never said that. The figure being discussed is \$100 million, and I've said that the government should save \$100 million — not spend it. The minister went on to say in the same letter that I'm advocating \$50 million for highways work in my own riding. I'm wondering if the minister could detail what that spending would be on — if he knows what projects he's referring to.

Barry Penner, Transportation Estimates, 3.36, May 20, 1999, 7954.

I have a couple of questions related to Tech B.C., otherwise known as the Technical University of British Columbia. If my memory serves me correctly, Tech B.C. was legally established on December 5, 1997, when the government officially proclaimed the Technical University of British Columbia Act, which had been passed in this Legislature some months previously.

Since that time, a number of us have received newsletters on a periodic basis and other literature from the board of directors of that newly created institution, indicating that sometime soon, they will start teaching students. In fact, some of the literature looks like this — a brochure I received recently on fairly expensive-looking paper containing nice pullouts and diagrams and so forth. But my question to the Minister of Advanced Education is: how many students has Tech B.C. actually taught at this stage?

[...] I note that the government first announced a commitment to build a new technical university five years ago. Here we are today, and it seems like we're still some way from finalizing plans for getting this thing fully implemented. Perhaps that's not unusual, but it seems to me that it has taken quite a period of time, and we're all getting older in the process.

In fact, in the amount of time that's gone by since the government announced its intention, a student could have enrolled and completed a four-year degree and graduated and gotten on and, hopefully, found a job — if not in this province, then somewhere else. Yet here we are today, and it doesn't appear as though a firm budget is in place. I wonder if the minister could tell us if a business plan has been prepared for Tech B.C. and, if so, if he's prepared to make that public.

Barry Penner, Advanced Education Estimates, 3.36, May 19, 1999, 12624.

The B.C. government is ignoring a golden opportunity to save money and locate a new technical university in Chilliwack, says Liberal MLA Barry Penner.

"They've refused to consider saving up to \$100 million by utilizing a virtually brand-new engineering school at CFB Chilliwack, which is sitting empty," Penner said.

Barry Penner, Vancouver Sun, July 23, 1998, D28.

We all know that in 1994, this provincial government announced their intention to establish a new technical university for British Columbia. To date, no serious feasibility study has been conducted to see whether or not those facilities at CFB Chilliwack, which I just described, would be suitable for housing a new technical university. I've mentioned the fibre optic links and the computer modem terminals in this brand-new building that's sitting empty. That's one example of where the province could perhaps show some leadership in negotiations with the Stó:lō as to what we would see as a vision for part of their territory. I'll take my place now and ask the minister for his comments on the situation I've just described.

Barry Penner, Aboriginal Affairs Estimates, 3.36, July 8, 1998, 9775.

The technical university that this government announced would be built in Cloverdale is now being considered for the Surrey-Whalley riding. Kwantlen College owns the land the university is to be built on, and their directors all agree that the university should go to Surrey-Whalley. Wouldn't you know it, it happens to be an NDP riding, and all the directors on the board of Kwantlen College are NDP patronage appointments. I guess you call this looking after your own.

Bonnie McKinnon, Throne Speech Debate, 3.36, April 8, 1998, 6845.

The Premier is talking about the importance of participation rates and of increasing the numbers of young people participating in post-secondary education. About four years ago the Harcourt government — the NDP were being led by the former Premier, Mr. Harcourt — announced plans to build a new technical university for British Columbia. A stated objective was to increase post-secondary participation rates in the Fraser Valley as one of the key concerns, according to a newsletter issued by Tech B.C. in 1996. According to that document, the Fraser Valley had one of the lowest post-secondary participation rates in the entire country — not just the province but the entire country. For that reason, the government said, they were hoping to build at some time a technical university, and at that time they said the preferred location was Cloverdale.

A few days ago the government announced that it's not going to be in Cloverdale, but in downtown Surrey or downtown Whalley, a part of Surrey. It appears the government has made this announcement about the location without having a firm budget in place indicating how they're going to pay for the construction costs, or at least that's what the Minister of Advanced Education told members of the news media, when asked. He wouldn't commit to any specific budget figures and certainly left the impression that he couldn't do that because there was no budget in place to actually build the building. That is the answer he gave me here, too, a couple of months ago in this chamber, when I asked him that specific question.

All of this on my part is a preamble to point out that in this decision, the government at no time conducted a formal, in-depth feasibility study of whether or not they could utilize the existing facilities at the now-closed Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack. As you know, a few years ago the federal government announced that they were closing the only land-based military presence in British Columbia, leaving in its wake a brand-new \$13 million engineering school with fibre-optic links, computer modem terminals in all 27 classrooms, and 40 offices for administration. It's 76,000 square feet in total.

That building wasn't even completed when the federal government announced that they were going to close CFB Chilliwack, but I guess that in typical government fashion, even after they announced they were going to close the base, they kept spending taxpayers' money to build this brand-new school. That school is now sitting empty. The base itself closed formally about two and a half weeks or three weeks ago, and there are now roughly 50 administrative and some military personnel left at the base. That's a far cry from about 2,500 military and civilian staff who used to be positioned at the former CFB Chilliwack.

The point to all of this is that there are tremendous assets sitting idle at what was CFB Chilliwack. According to the federal government, those assets are estimated at almost \$400 million, and for the most part, they're sitting empty and idle. Through community effort, we were able to get the Cheam Centre, a recreational facility, to stay open for at least the next two years. As I said, there are 50 military staff using a small part of a building now, but there are many other facilities sitting empty, such as this \$13 million engineering school, which is not being utilized. I wonder what action, if any, the provincial government has taken and plans to take with the federal government to utilize that \$400 million asset that used to be CFB Chilliwack.

In February this year I bought my own plane ticket, paid the cost myself and flew to Ottawa. I had a series of meetings with a number of members of the federal government, including the federal Transport minister and staff members of the Ministry of National Defence. Speaking to the staff members of the Ministry of National Defence, the point that I was promoting was, of course, that something has to be done with this tremendous asset that's been left to collect cobwebs and dandelions.

That's all that's happening there now, and it makes taxpayers angry when they realize that all that money has been spent over the years, and nothing is happening with it — virtually nothing. So I went to Ottawa, and the response I got in February was: "It's nice that an opposition MLA has taken the time and spent his own money to come here and see us. But frankly, where's the provincial government? We're used to dealing with ministers of the Crown." I got the distinct impression that although they were polite to me, they really wanted to hear from somebody who had considerably more authority in terms of speaking on behalf of the cabinet.

I leave it to the Premier for his comments on what his government's plan is to harness some of the potential at CFB Chilliwack. There's a \$400 million asset sitting idle and about 400 acres around the base area itself at Vedder Crossing, plus the buildings and facilities that are sitting empty.

Barry Penner, Advanced Education Estimates, 3.36, July 22, 1998, 10365.

I've gone through some of the literature that I have been collecting in a file in my office about this topic. Initially, when this project was announced — again, about four years ago — the stated objective was to: "...meet the urgent demand for post-secondary education in the Fraser Valley." We had some discussion here just a few moments ago about that goal.

Further, the literature went on to talk about preparing our workforce for the demands of a high-tech, ever-changing workplace. The literature, a newsletter produced by Tech B.C., indicates that "for the past decade, census figures have identified the Fraser Valley as one of the fastest-growing regions in Canada. Yet the same area has had one of the lowest post-secondary participation rates in the country." Presumably then, that's why the government was considering a new university to be located in and to service the Fraser Valley.

However, in the Fraser Valley, there is a relatively new school building that's currently collecting weeds and cobwebs. It's sitting unused right now. I wrote to this minister about that a couple of months ago, and haven't yet heard a response. What I'm talking about is an unused but virtually new engineering facility built at Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack. With the provincial debt in British Columbia growing ever larger — it's now about \$31 billion in total and is set to increase another \$1.25 billion this year alone — I think it would make sense for the government to consider ways to save money while still providing a valuable service. That's why I've urged this minister to conduct a formal study of the potential savings if the new facilities at the now closed CFB Chilliwack were utilized.

Frankly, I'm disappointed that the provincial government has been so slow to examine ways to make use of this valuable legacy. The former base.... I'm referring now to a story in the Chilliwack Progress dated Friday, March 27, 1998. It states: "This facility includes a virtually new \$10 million educational facility with fibre optic links, computer modem terminals in all classrooms, a 300-person theatre, a cafeteria and library. There are 40 offices for administration space. The 76,284-foot building has 27

classrooms and is wheelchair accessible. There is room for further expansion, additional office space nearby, and more than 300,000 square feet of dormitory and residence facilities. A multi-purpose recreational complex" — known as the Cheam Centre — "is within walking distance."

I've said that I think a first hand look would be worth more than a thousand words for me, and I don't intend to speak a thousand words' worth today. But I would encourage the government to conduct a formal review of the possibilities of utilizing unused buildings at CFB Chilliwack. It's a waste of taxpayers' money right now what we see taking place. I'm not blaming this government for the fact that the federal government closed that facility; they didn't make that decision. Mind you, they didn't do much to protest it either. But every day people in Chilliwack drive past an enormous facility that's sitting empty. It was their tax dollars that built it — all of our tax dollars that built it. It's not being utilized. If we want to look at creative ways of providing increased services for students in British Columbia while still saving taxpayers' money, that's one opportunity that we should examine. It's sitting there; it's very real; it's very tangible; and it's very available. I'll take my seat at this point and listen to what the minister has to say.
Barry Penner, Advanced Education Estimates, 3.36, May 13, 1998, 7797.

The minister is aware, I believe, of the letter written by the College-Institute Educators Association. It has been shared with all members of the Legislature. In that we are in section 1, "'university' means the Technical University of British Columbia established by this act," I simply want to take a moment to put on record the conclusion reached by CIEA and their concern that they wish expressed: "If the government proceeds in its current direction, British Columbia will end up with an institution which drains resources from existing post-secondary institutions, duplicates their services and fails to meet the needs of local communities. In current economic times it is an expensive mistake." That is the conclusion they are reaching about the debate we are currently engaged in regarding the technical university, and it seems to me that some of these concerns are valid.

We haven't found a university in this province today that will tell you that they are appropriately funded, sufficiently funded or, frankly, even adequately funded. It seems to me that if we are going to share the resources — divide the pie into, again, another piece — are there some assurances today that this minister can share with this Legislature as to some level of assurance around future funding? Today we are pushing educational institutions — K-to-12 and post-secondary — through the hoops in terms of asking, again and again and again, for them to do more with less. Are we at the stage where we can continue to give that directive? I don't believe we are, and I ask the question: how much more for how much less?

[. . .] Exactly right, hon. Chair. We are on the definition of "university," which means "the Technical University of British Columbia established by this Act." My question to the minister, given his full responsibility for K-to-12 and post-secondary in this province, is: is this institution going to behave differently from others? This ministry, this minister and this government have taken great delight in suggesting that it will. My question is:

will outreach draw in those 16- and 17- and 18-year-old students, so they actually end up attending this university and end up as graduates? I think that's the goal that both of us share.

[...] I appreciate the minister's clarification. However, the concern is valid. When he indicates that the other universities have the option to bring that information forward under the Society Act, the section we just passed says: "The Company Act and the Society Act do not apply to the university, but the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, direct that...." Certain provisions do apply. So what I'm putting on the record today is simply the omission, which I believe is a serious omission. It's a concern.

My memory harkens back to 1992, when Tom Perry was the minister, and he recommended that all future universities and institutes include the ability of students to form an association. He made that recommendation, and if this minister is discounting that recommendation, that's an interesting discussion to have on the record today.

What the students are saying is that there needs to be an ability for them to collect student fees, to organize, to impact positively on the future of the organization and to make some contributions around accountability — for them to have the ability to hold their institution accountable. I mean, this is a public service institution designed to serve students.

They need a mechanism to ensure that they are comfortable around mechanisms, around appeal and around recourse. Without the ability to form an association, those avenues are denied them. There's no question about that. I appreciate that the minister is suggesting that it doesn't fit in this section, but my concern is that it needs to fit somewhere in this act. It truly has been omitted today, which I will put on the record as being a very serious concern.

[...] I thank the minister for his clarification. To me, this section is absolutely critical to the success of the organization. We hope and trust that this organization will be responsive — that it indeed will be able to turn on a dime when it sees a new need in the community or on the worksite that is currently not addressed by any of the other institutions we have in the province. That variability is what this opposition is standing in support of today. This has been presented as an organization that's much more responsive, much more flexible and more ready, if you will, to take on challenges that we've not realized yet — that this agency will have the kind of relevance and responsiveness to meet the new eventualities that present themselves over the next decade and well into the next millennium.

To me, the selection of who sits on those advisory committees is absolutely critical to the success of that organization. If those people are not the leading-edge thinkers around knowledge-based industry, whether it's aerospace technology or new health instrumentation, this institution will flounder. Given the small number of FTEs, I think that captures much greater flexibility; it allows for much more responsiveness. We are indeed attempting to manage the lives of 2,800 students, whether it be for a six-week

period, a six-month period or perhaps a two-year program. That is a much more doable exercise, if you will, than other institutions currently have at their disposal.

I'm expecting wondrous things to happen as a result of a smaller number, a greater sense of community and hopefully some absolutely leading-edge thinkers being involved in how best to deliver that kind of training so that it's relevant for employers in this province — for small business, for people who might actually wish to make an economic contribution to this province — and that they've got the building blocks. In this instance, the building blocks are the students.

So I commend the minister on what I believe is his sensitivity around the selection process. The individuals that are chosen will be critical to the future of this organization, and I wish this minister well with his deliberations.

Linda Reid, Technical University of British Columbia Act, 2.36, July 28, 1997, 6410.

The College-Institute Educators Association of B.C. argues that this new university will not improve access. I would like to quote from a media release of June 9:

"We do not need another high-cost facility that will divert funds from already established and successful institutions. Our analysis shows that the Technical University will do little to increase post-secondary participation rates of residents in the Fraser Valley region. This area needs more bridging and upgrading programs to enhance access — not high-tech, high-skill and high-cost programs which will exclude many potential students."

One of the most contentious issues raised has been the location of the university in the Fraser Valley. The original site, Cloverdale, was chosen because it was the most centrally located, but this site now appears to be in some sort of jeopardy. This decision, which may have very, very deep overtones.... The NDP-held riding of Surrey-Whalley has given reasons why the university should be located in that riding. They claim that B.C. Transit has raised concerns about the viability of this institution for out-of-area students. Their claim is that Cloverdale's current bus system might not be able to shoulder the load of commuting students. Whalley has made the argument that it already has the public transit connections — namely, SkyTrain.

The second criterion: Whalley says that they need the economic stimulus to achieve its hoped-for rebirth. This is a very weak argument. I'm sure that Cloverdale could make the same statement. What city wouldn't want, and need, the economic boost? My only hope is that common sense will prevail, leaving the site selection to more common sense than some political aspect.

Mr. Speaker, we must prepare our workforce to meet the demands of a knowledge-based economy. Growth in the high-tech sector of this province, according to government sources, increased by 22 percent from 1994 to 1995. In a recent article in *Newsweek*, in the U.S. alone there are 190,000 high-tech jobs open. So as we move into the new century, there will be exponential growth in this sector. There will be a need to retrain already well-educated people for jobs available, as individuals are forced to make career changes. High-tech workers will find that one-half of the information received will

be obsolete within three to seven years of completing their training. This will place huge demands on institutions to be able to facilitate these individuals in cost-effective and innovative ways. We must take into account the older student with family responsibilities and the inability to take time away from work.

The third objective of this university: to be innovative, to deliver learning in both a traditional and a virtual manner. To achieve the level of education in our workforce, we must be able to make higher learning available to everyone. Access to the provincial learning net, through this institution and other institutions, should make this possible.

One of the most innovative aspects of this university will be its governance, the structure of the board. The lack of a senate should give a maximum amount of flexibility. I think this fits very well with one of the main concerns expressed by students in the survey of 1993 baccalaureate graduates. They felt that their programs were overly structured, with insufficient time for concentration on their areas of interest. Hopefully, with this new structure, students can create meaningful and relevant programs that can be adapted to today's job market. But this also creates a challenge to maintain this model without reversing to a traditional university. This will require the board members to carry forward this vision.

There have been a number of concerns expressed by this new university. The process of hiring the president and then starting the university was contrary to some people's thinking. Creating a new university is absolutely contrary to this government's current policy of asking for efficiencies within the current system. This government has asked the various institutes to increase their enrolments without an increase in funding. This government is talking about new, innovative ways of improving access, yet it has gone back to the traditional mode of improving access: bricks and mortar — a method, I would suggest, that will ultimately be underfunded.

Concern has also been expressed by the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C. that the establishment of this new university will cause undue financial strain on the rest of the post-secondary system. There is further concern over this legislation expressed by their analysis of this bill, and I'll quote from their article: "Furthermore, the new legislation allows for political control and interference in the operation of the new university unlike the other universities in the province. It denies any significant role to the academic staff, whose expertise is the key to the operations of a university and the guarantors of its quality. It permits outside business and labour interests to dictate the curriculum and the research work of faculty without any effective checks or balances to ensure that the public interest is served. It is a serious violation of national norms of academic freedom and of university governance. It has been designed by arrogant interests unwilling to consult with the academic staff, who are the key to the operations of any internationally competitive university.

"It is especially foolish to usher into existence a new university in a storm of controversy, rather than working with the academic staff to ensure both that the university is created only when there is sufficient funding for it and existing universities, and then that it has the same rights and responsibilities as the other universities of the province."

Having said all that, I will be supporting this bill in second reading, but there are a number of questions that I will be asking in committee stage. I look forward to that debate.

John Weisbeck, Technical University of British Columbia Act, 2.36, July 24, 1997, 6277.

I'm aware that many colleges and institutes in British Columbia are going through a strategic planning exercise and, based on new information technologies that are evolving, new ways of delivering programs. I'm certainly aware of the opportunities that exist in matching grants programs — matching funding from alumni, from the whole range of sources. I wonder whether the ministry is preparing to review its policy on matching grants and whether it feels that there are opportunities to offset the spiralling costs of post-secondary education. Getting back to the technical university, I'm aware that there's a strong feeling on the part of the planning committee that there are many opportunities to raise money from business and industry. I'm certain the minister is aware that Dr. David Strangway at UBC has been very successful in acquiring commitments for capital funding for that institution. I wonder if the time is right for the ministry to review its current programs and whether there is any way they can tap into this desire on the part of the private sector to invest in buildings, in new technologies and in matching grants at our post-secondary institutions.

Wilf Hurd, Education Estimates, 1.36, August 7, 1996, 1607.

I want to remind the members opposite — and perhaps those representatives from Surrey — about a ceremony that the Premier attended shortly before the election campaign. He showed up in Cloverdale, British Columbia, to unveil a sign for the new \$100-million technical university. We're supposed to assume that during the four-week campaign the Premier listened to British Columbians and decided that it was better to try and cover up that sign in Cloverdale. But the sign of the technical university is still there. Hon. Speaker, you should have been there in Surrey. You should have listened to the members who ran, talking about the commitment to the technical university. They must be going home on weekends and leaving their phones off the hook.

Wilf Hurd, Budget Debate, 1.36, July 8, 1996, 203.

I know that this government has spoken about opening a new technical university in Cloverdale; that is to be commended. Certainly we need more resources for our students in terms of educational opportunities. However, I think the government would be wise to at least consider what could be done with the educational facilities that exist at CFB Chilliwack and that are new and state-of-the-art. Perhaps it could be used as a satellite campus for any new technical university. It certainly has the facilities there. Or perhaps it should be the proper location for the technical university. CFB Chilliwack contains on its premises not only the new engineering school but many dormitories and eating facilities that would lend themselves perfectly to a post-secondary educational institution.

Barry Penner, Budget Debate, 1.36, July 3, 1996, 144.

*Compiled by Jennifer Erickson, Government Caucus Research, 6-7176
Feb. 5, 2002.*

APPENDIX B

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Current	Proposed	Reasons
<i>Technical University of British Columbia Act</i>		
Transitional – new.		
Transitional - new.		S12

Current	Proposed	Reasons
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ROUTING SLIP FOR REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION

DATE: February 14, 2002

Our Ref: 38226

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

Attached is a request for legislation (RFL) for the Spring 2002 Legislative Session to amend the *Technical University of British Columbia Act* to:

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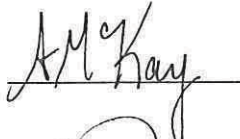
Please review the RFL and if satisfactory, date and sign this form in the appropriate place and forward the package to the next person on the list for his or her review.

DEBORAH HULL
MANAGER, LEGISLATION



Date Feb 14/02

ALLY MCKAY
DIRECTOR,
CORPORATE SERVICES



Date Feb 15/02

ARLENE PATON
DIRECTOR,
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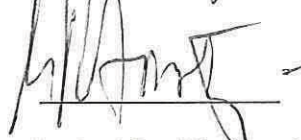
Date Feb 16/02

LYN TAIT
ADM,
POST SECONDARY EDUCATION



Date Feb 18/02

 GERRY ARMSTRONG
DEPUTY MINISTER



Date Feb 19/02

When the RFL has been signed by the Minister, please contact Legislation staff [Kelly Dunsdon (387-1766), Karen Callahan (387-1355) or Debbie Hull (952-6782)] or forward to Cabinet Operations, 4th Floor, 617 Government Street.



Evans, Sandy J PREM:EX

From: Burkinshaw, Gregg PREM:EX
Sent: December 10, 2001 11:13 AM
To: Dawson, Kathryn A PREM:EX
Cc: Evans, Sandy J PREM:EX
Subject: FW: AVED legislation

Kathryn, an example of Ministries want to change the list that you sent them as i the 2nd paragraph.

Sandy, could you please update the description set out in the 1st paragraph. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hull, Deborah AVED:EX
Sent: December 10, 2001 11:09 AM
To: Burkinshaw, Gregg PREM:EX
Cc: Bell, Cheryl L AVED:EX; Tait, Lyn AVED:EX; McKay, Ally D AVED:EX
Subject: AVED legislation

Hi Gregg,

Further to our conversation this morning, I am emailing to confirm that the Ministry's deregulation legislation at this time only extends to eliminating Ministerial approval of education council bylaws Not Responsive
Institute of Technology Act). The Minister has indicated to Minister of State Falcon that the elimination of Ministerial approval of board bylaws requires further analysis. Not Responsive

Also, I am attaching a copy of the list that the Minister forwarded with the November 14, 2001 RFLs. I have confirmed with Gerry that we wish to keep the Not Responsive and the S12
S12 on our list at this time. Although no decisions have been made on either, legislation may be necessary for the Spring 2002 Legislative Session.



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Please let me know if I should be forwarding this information to Kathryn Dawson.

Thanks very much,

Debbie

MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

Legislative Initiatives – Spring 2002 Legislative Session

Initiative	Priority	Impetus
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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: December 13, 2001

TO: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education

RE: Spring 2002 Legislative Program

At its meeting on December 12, 2001, Cabinet reviewed Ministry legislative priority lists and provided direction on approximately 200 initiatives proposed for the Spring 2002 Session.

The following high priority budget and core legislative initiatives are approved to proceed:

Not Responsive

- *Technical University of British Columbia Act*

Not Responsive

Please submit a request for legislation (RFL) at your earliest opportunity on any high priority initiative in which an RFL has not previously been forwarded to Cabinet Operations, and ensure that Legislative Counsel has appropriate drafting instructions on deregulation initiatives.

Ministry staff will be contacted directly with respect to RFL review and drafting.

Kathryn Dawson, Assistant Deputy Minister
Cabinet and Committee Support

cc: Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister
Debbie Hull, Manager of Legislation
Brian Greer, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel
Carol Anne Rolf, Director, Deregulation Office
Gregg Burkinshaw, Cabinet Officer

Our Ref. 36367

Gregg Burkinshaw
Senior Legislative Advisor
Cabinet Operations
Office of the Premier



Re: Legislation – Spring 2002 Session

As requested by Ken Dobell in his November 6, 2001, memorandum to deputy ministers, I am attaching the following requests for legislation (RFLs) for the Spring 2002 Legislative Session:

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Although legislation may be necessary in the Spring 2002 Legislative Session, I am not submitting RFLs for the following potential initiatives at this time:

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As requested, I am also attaching a list with each legislative initiative priority ranked 1, 2 or 3. The list includes only those RFLs submitted in

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and RFLs

to implement Ministry budget decisions. The attached list has been approved by both me and Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister.

Please contact Deborah Hull, Manager, Legislation, at 952-6782 if you have any questions.



Shirley Bond
Minister

Attachments

MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

Legislative Initiatives – Spring 2002 Legislative Session

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MEMORANDUM

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL - NOTICE OF MEETING

To: Members of the Legislative Review Committee

April 11, 2002

Wednesday, April 17, 2002 - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cabinet Chambers, West Annex, Parliament Buildings

**** NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME ****

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Hon. Bond 7:55

a) Priority Draft Legislation - Technical University of British Columbia Act

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(for) Gregg Burkinshaw, Secretary
Legislative Review Committee

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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 17, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Honourable Geoff Plant, Chair
Honourable George Abbott, Minister
Honourable Sindi Hawkins, Minister
Susan Brice, MLA Saanich South
Walter Cobb, MLA Cariboo South
Kevin Krueger, MLA Kamloops-North Thompson
Barry Penner, MLA Chilliwack-Kent
Ralph Sultan, MLA West Vancouver-Capilano

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Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services
Health Planning
Chair, GCC on Health
Chair, GCC on Natural Resources
Government Whip
Chair, GCC on Communities and Safety
Chair, GCC on Economy

MEMBER ABSENT:

Ida Chong, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head

Chair, GCC on Government Operations

GUEST MINISTERS:

Honourable Shirley Bond
Honourable Richard Neufeld
Honourable Michael de Jong
Honourable Graham Bruce
Honourable Stan Hagen

Advanced Education
Energy and Mines
Forests
Skills Development and Labour
Sustainable Resource Management

GUEST MLA:

Tom Christensen

MLA Okanagan-Vernon

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

G. Burkinshaw (*Secretary*), S. Evans
B. Greer, J. Hogg, K. Downing
G. Armstrong
M. Sorensen, N. Jensen, J. Klima, L. Nakamura, J. Dick
L. Stewart, G. McKillop, D. Lieutard
S. Wynn, R. Crook
R. Grieve
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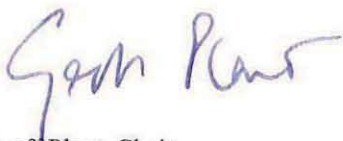
a) Technical University of British Columbia Act (*priority draft legislation*)

Enables government to appoint a transition administrator for the purpose of winding up the Technical University of British Columbia, provides that the transition administrator must, under the direction of the Minister, transfer the assets and liabilities of the university, and provides for repeal of the Act.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoff Plant".

Geoff Plant, Chair
Legislative Review Committee

STATUS REPORT TO CABINET - SPRING 2002 LEGISLATION

December 12, 2001

Ministry of Advanced Education

BUDGET AND CORE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING 2002 - HIGH PRIORITY

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* indicates significant drafting or policy issues

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	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(PR)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
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	Honourable Christy Clark	(MOE)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(HR)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoSD)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(SRM)
	Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt	(MoSIGR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
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	Honourable Joyce Murray	(WL&AP)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
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	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MS)
	Honourable Lynn Stephens	(MoSWE)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(CSE)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
	Honourable Katherine Whittred	(MoSIL&HC)
Members Absent:	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(HP)
	Honourable Ted Nebbeling	(MoSCC)

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION:

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3. For Decision: Tech BC Report

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: April 19, 2002

TO: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education

RE: **Spring 2002 Legislative Program**

At its meeting on April 17, 2002, the Legislative Review Committee approved the following draft legislation for introduction:

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- *Technical University of British Columbia Act*

The Ministry is to ensure that either a Regulatory Criteria Checklist or a Regulatory Criteria Exemption Form is completed prior to introduction of the *Technical University of British Columbia Act*.

Gregg Burkinshaw, Secretary
Legislative Review Committee

cc: Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister
Karen Callahan, A/Manager of Legislation
Brian Greer, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

To: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education

Date: February 11, 2002

Honourable Gary Collins
Chair, Treasury Board

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Re: Cabinet Meeting of February 7, 2002

Following is an excerpt from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting of February 7, 2002, for your attention:

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION:

3. For Decision: Tech BC Report

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Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

cc: Gerry Armstrong
Paul Taylor