

**MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION,  
SKILLS AND TRAINING  
MEETING NOTE**

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST)

**DATE AND TIME OF MEETING:** Friday, July 28, 2017 (12:00pm PST )

**ATTENDEES:** Honourable Melanie Mark and Honourable Patricia Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour

**ISSUE:** Introductory meeting with the federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour

**BACKGROUND:**

Honourable Patty Hajdu (pronounced high-dew), requested an introductory teleconference meeting with Minister Mark. See Attachment 1: Key Messages.

Minister Hajdu was appointed in January 2017 (under the federal department of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)) with an overarching goal to “help Canadians get the skills they need for good quality jobs” (attachments 2: Biography; and 3: Mandate Letter). Minister Hajdu is the co-chair of the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) of which Minister Mark will be a member.

**DISCUSSION:**

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**Attachments:** *1 – Key Messages*  
*2 – Biography – Minister Patricia Hajdu*  
*3 – Mandate Letter – Minister Patricia Hajdu*  
*4 – Summary of common areas of interest*

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## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **Key Messages**

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## **ATTACHMENT 2**

**Minister Patricia Hajdu - Bio**  
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## ATTACHMENT 4

### Summary of common areas of interest

Topic	Description
Labour Market Transfer Agreements (LMTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since 1996, the federal government has provided provinces and territories funding for employment and skills training programs and services via labour market transfer agreements (LMTA).</li> <li>- Goal is to ensure the next generation of (LMTAs) are client-centered, outcomes focused, inclusive flexible and responsive, and evidence-based to meet the needs of Canadian workers and employers.</li> <li>- To date Quebec, Alberta and Ontario have communicated that they have initiated bi-lateral discussions.</li> </ul>
Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Created in 1983 to promote discussion and cooperation on common labour market matters.</li> <li>- Co- chaired by the federal government (Employment and Social Development) and a lead province (currently the Government of Saskatchewan).</li> <li>- 2017/18 priorities: LMTA, LMI, demand-led training/best practices, labour mobility/foreign qualifications recognition and strengthening apprenticeships.</li> </ul>
Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education is a provincial responsibility under the Constitution.</li> <li>- All provincial and territorial ministers responsible for education across Canada are members of CMEC. There is no federal government representation in this forum.</li> <li>- The Council is a forum to discuss educational issues, represent Canadian education abroad, undertake various education-related programs, and consult and cooperate with the federal government and other national educational organizations.</li> </ul>
Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey of 15 year old students in literacy, numeracy and science held every three years.</li> <li>- Administered by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).</li> <li>- The federal government funds the cost of the survey in Canada.</li> </ul>
Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey of adults aged 16-65 in literacy, numeracy and problem solving in technology rich environments held every ten years.</li> <li>- Administered by the OECD.</li> <li>- The federal government funds the cost of a national level survey; provinces and territories can opt to fund oversampling to gain provincial level surveys.</li> </ul>
StudentAidBC (SABC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student financial assistance in BC operates as StudentAid BC (SABC).</li> <li>- SABC administers both the provincial program and the federal component of the program on behalf of the Government of Canada.</li> <li>- SABC provides a range of need-based repayable loans, and non-</li> </ul>

	<p>repayable assistance in the form of grants and debt reduction measures, with funding awards based on dual federal and provincial assessments of financial need. Total provincial and federal awards to B.C. applicants were \$666M in 15/16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approximately 63,600 borrowers in total, including about 57,500 full-time and about 6,100 part-time students received assistance in 2015/16.</li> </ul>
Indigenous Post-Secondary Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Post-Secondary Student Support Program is administered by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and provides financial support for eligible First Nations and Inuit learners attending post-secondary institutions.</li> <li>- The funding levels for the program have been a longstanding concern; until this year, increases to the budget have been limited to 2%. As a result of the funding cap and significant increases to the cost of post-secondary education, the number of students supported annually decreased.</li> <li>- The 2012 Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education and Training Policy Framework includes a specific action about advocating that the federal government increase the budget for the program. The Truth and Reconciliation of Canada report included a similar Call to Action.</li> <li>- Based on comments made by the federal Minister of INAC, FNEC is concerned that the federal government may be moving away from non-repayable assistance for Indigenous learners, towards student loans.</li> </ul>
Co-op Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In its 2016 budget, the Federal Government allocated \$73 million over four years to support new co-op placements and work-integrated learning opportunities for post-secondary students, focusing on science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business programs. Funding is being provided to national industry organizations.</li> </ul>



## 2017 Decision Note Advice to Minister

**Date:** July 25, 2017

**Cliff #:** 104865

**Issue:** Approach to restoring funding for tuition-free Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language training at public post-secondary institutions, effective September 1, 2017

### Background:

- Eighteen of the 25 public post-secondary institutions (PSIs) in BC deliver Adult Basic Education (ABE) and/or English as a Second Language (ESL) training. School districts also deliver ABE programs, but not ESL for adults.
- Effective January 1, 2015, provincial tuition policy changed, allowing public post-secondary institutions to charge tuition for ABE and ESL programs up to \$1,600 per full-time semester. Most institutions charge student fees in addition to tuition.
- ABE and ESL are pre-post-secondary programs designed to improve learners' literacy, numeracy, language and academic skills in order to continue into post-secondary education and find new or better employment.
- An ABE student may be missing one or more credits towards a secondary graduation diploma, or need a higher mark or new pre-requisite to enter a post-secondary program.
- ESL students in the public post-secondary system are typically immigrants and refugees who may have a post-secondary credential from another country and require higher English language skills for employment.
- The Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG) provides financial assistance to eligible low-income students in ABE, ESL and Adult Special Education<sup>1</sup> programs at public post-secondary institutions for wrap around supports such as student fees, books, transportation and childcare.

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- Several institutions have policies that limit students to two registrations in the same course unless exceptional circumstances present.

### Analysis:

- A two phased approach is recommended for implementation of tuition-free ABE and ESL.

#### Phase 1: Initial Implementation

- Implementation of tuition-free ABE and ESL effective September 1, 2017
- No legislative or regulatory amendments or Orders-in-Council are required to implement this policy change. The Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has legislative authority

<sup>1</sup> Adult Special Education programs are work and life skills programs for students with developmental disabilities.

to direct colleges and institutes on policy. While teaching-intensive universities have greater independence, they have always been in compliance with government tuition policy.  
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Phase 2: Consultation and Policy Framework  
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Proposed Timeline  
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**Options:**

**Option 1 (recommended option):** According to phased approach outlined above, implement tuition-free ABE and ESL effective September 1, 2017 with no additional policy changes.

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**Option 2:**  
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**Recommendation / Next Steps:**  
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**Approved/Not Approved**

*Minister to specify if the recommendation has been approved or one of the other options or simply not approved.*



Honourable Melanie Mark

July 27, 2017

Date

**Attachment(s):** N/A

**Contact:** Shannon Baskerville, DM 250 356-1575  
Jeff Vasey, ADM 250 952-0698



## **2017 Information Note Advice to Minister Melanie Mark**

**Date:** August 1, 2018

**Cliff #:** 104928

**Issue:** Meeting with Federation of Post-Secondary Educators in response to letter

**Date:** August 3, 2017

### **Conclusion/Next Steps:**

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### **Background:**

- In a letter of July 20, 2017 to Premier John Horgan (Attachment 1), the President of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) asks for the immediate restoration of full funding for ABE, Adult Special Education (ASE) and ESL.
- FPSE President Dr. George Davison references the impacts of the decision to rescind the ABE and ESL tuition-free policy, which allowed public post-secondary institutions to charge tuition beginning in January 2015.
- ABE, ESL and ASE fall under the umbrella of “Developmental” or “Access” programs. All are pre-post-secondary. ABE and ESL are designed to improve learners’ literacy, numeracy, language and academic skills in order to continue into post-secondary education and find new or better employment. ASE programs provide literacy, work and life skills for students with cognitive disabilities and/or multiple barriers to success in education and employment.



## **Analysis:**

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**Attachment(s):** Attachment 1 – Letter from George Davison, FPSE President  
Attachment 2 – FPSE Statement on new BC Government  
**Contact:** Jeff Vasey, ADM 250-952-0697  
**Total length:** 4 Pages (including attachments)

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<sup>1</sup> FPSE locals also include faculty at Emily Carr University of Art and Design and teachers at some private institutions in Metro Vancouver and Victoria.



Federation of  
Post-Secondary Educators  
of BC

Hon. John Horgan, Premier  
PO BOX 9041 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, B.C.  
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July 20, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan:

On behalf of 10,000 post-secondary educators in British Columbia, I write to you with an urgent request for the immediate restoration of full funding for Adult Basic Education, Adult Special Education, English as a Second Language and other developmental programs at our public institutions.

As you are aware, these programs were tuition-free for many years. When the B.C. Liberal government rescinded that policy, allowing the imposition of tuition fees, thousands of students were left on the sidelines. Teachers, post-secondary educators, and students across BC have been calling for funding to be restored ever since. We were considerably heartened by your commitment to do so in your election platform and in your historic agreement with the BC Green Party.

We know you share our commitment to ensuring that British Columbia's most vulnerable students have access to education. We ask now that you fulfill your promise by restoring that funding immediately, opening the doors to better choices and better opportunities for those students. The start of a new term is just weeks away, and BC students can't afford to wait.

As a brand new government, I know there are many demands on you. Restoring progressive policy to a province that has been starved of it for 16 years is an enormous undertaking. But I know you share my belief that education is the foundation upon which all else must be built. Education is the path to a robust and diverse economy and the basis for a progressive and healthy society.

Please do not ask our students to wait any longer. Restore tuition-free ABE, ASE, and ESL programs now. Make back-to-school meaningful for all those who have been left behind.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours truly,

Dr. George A. Davison  
President

cc. Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

## **Statement on new BC Government**

JUL 18, 2017 | FPSE News

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## **Decision Note Advice to Deputy Minister**

**Date:** August 24, 2017

**Cliff #:** 104959

**Issue:** BC Term as Chair of Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) - host Network of Education System-Level Indicators (NESLI) meeting in Vancouver in March 2018.

### **Background / Facts:**

- The Network of Education System-Level Indicators (NESLI) is a component of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Indicators of Education Systems (INES) project. It is the authoritative source for accurate and relevant information on education around the world. It provides data on the performance of the education systems in OECD's 34 member countries and a set of partner countries, including non-member G20 nations.
- Canada has volunteered to host the 2018 NESLI annual conference. It will take place March 12-14, 2018. As BC will be the Chair of CMEC, it has been suggested that the meeting be held in Vancouver.
- The CMEC Secretariat will manage all the logistics of the conference including meeting room and hotel accommodations. There will be about 40-50 delegates from OECD countries who are expected to attend.
- The CMEC Secretariat requires confirmation from BC by the end of August.

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### **Recommendation / Next Steps**

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**Options:**  
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**RECOMMENDED OPTION:**

**Approved**



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Deputy Minister Shannon Baskerville

Sept 6, 2017

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Date

**Contact:**      *Claire Avison, ADM (250-356-0826)*



## Information Note

### Advice to Minister

Honourable Melanie Mark

**Date:** August 16, 2017

**Cliff #:** 105085

**Issue:** Updated Mandate Letters for the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) and the Industry Training Authority (ITA)

#### Background / Facts:

- As indicated in a July 28, 2017 letter from the Deputy Minister of Finance on the Crown Service Plan Guidelines, updated mandate letters for Crown Corporations have been prepared for Minister and Board Chair signatures.
- On August 11, 2017, the Crown Agencies Resource Office (CARO) provided the Ministry with the updated Cabinet-approved Mandate Letters for BCCIE and the ITA.
- The updated BCCIE and ITA Mandate Letters (see Attachments) require the review and signature of the Minister, followed by the signature of the BCCIE Board Chair, Mr. Jim Hamilton, and the ITA Board Chair, Mr. Gwyn Morgan.
- Board Chairs are required to sign the Mandate Letters on behalf of their Boards.

#### Analysis:

- Immediate review and signature of the Cabinet-approved BCCIE and ITA Mandate Letters is required to ensure that updated Service Plans now being finalized align with Mandate Letter direction, and that Boards are fully apprised of the Mandate Letter direction when concurrently reviewing and approving the updated Service Plans.
- High level direction in the Mandate Letters references Government's three key commitments to British Columbians.
- The Mandate Letters are Cabinet-approved, therefore no content changes are permitted.
- Ministry staff have reviewed the letters and do not have any concerns.

#### Next Steps:

- It is requested that the Minister review and sign the attached Mandate Letters, after which they will be forwarded to the BCCIE and ITA Board Chairs for review and signature.
- All Crown Mandate Letters will be published on Budget Day for the September Budget 2017 to coincide with the release of the updated Crown Service Plans.
- Ministry staff will ensure the Minister and Board Chair-signed letters are forwarded to CARO prior to the September 15, 2017 due date.

**Attachment(s):** 1. 105085 BCCIE Mandate Letter 2017/18 (September 2017)  
2. 105085 – ITA Mandate Letter 2017/18 (September 2017)

**Contact:** Claire Avison (250-356-0826)



August 11, 2017

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

On behalf of Premier Horgan and our new government, thank you for your service to the people of British Columbia. I look forward to working with you in the months and years to come to help deliver on government's priorities, and provide effective programs and services to the people of our province.

This Mandate Letter lays out the principles of this government and you are to take these into consideration when revising your Service plan for the *Budget 2017 Update*. It is expected that BC Council for International Education will manage its programs and initiatives within its existing budget targets, unless otherwise directed.

Going forward you are to begin the process of working with me as the Minister responsible to develop strategic actions through the 2018 Mandate letter process for *Budget 2018*. I will provide further direction. The Ministry of Finance will provide guidance on preparation for *Budget 2018*.

Our government made three key commitments to British Columbians.

Our first commitment is to make life more affordable. We expect all public service organizations to work to contain costs, and to be conscious of the impact of every decision on the daily cost of living of families and businesses.

Our second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. In many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown Corporations, and ministers will work with Board Chairs to ensure your organizations remain focused on maintaining and improving levels of service to citizens.

Our third key commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that public sector organizations have a role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth in every region of the province.

To support true and lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, our government will be fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Please ensure that going forward your organization incorporates the UNDRIP and Calls to Action, given the specific mandate and context of your organization.

As the Board Chair of a Crown agency, your primary accountability to government is through me as the Minister responsible. My expectation is that regular dialogue and engagement between the ministry and your organization will continue, starting with regular meetings between us over the coming weeks and

months. Included in these meetings will be regular meetings between your communications staff and Government Communications and Public Engagement staff responsible for the communication of Ministry-related matters.

The Crown Agencies Resource Office (CARO) has lead responsibility for overseeing and maintaining the Public Sector Organizations Governance Framework. CARO has now integrated with the Board Resourcing and Development Office (BRDO) which provides leadership in the merit based appointment of qualified and competent individuals to the Crown Agencies. All Crown corporations and other public agencies are asked to work closely with this Office on Board member appointments, all governance matters including orientation and training of Board members, and on accountability to government generally.

I look forward to regular meetings to discuss progress on your strategic priorities and to ensure you and your organization are supported in delivering your mandate on behalf of the people of British Columbia. Sincerely,



Melanie Mark  
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Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training



Date: 6 Sept. 2017  
Jim Hamilton  
Chair, BC Council for International Education

CC:

Honourable John Horgan, Premier  
Mr. Don Wright, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary  
Ms. Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister of Finance  
Mr. David Galbraith, Associate Deputy Minister and Secretary to Treasury Board  
Ms. Lynne Holt, Executive Lead, Board Resourcing and Development Office  
Ms. Shannon Baskerville, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training  
Mr. Feroz Ali, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Ms. Claire Avison, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Ms. Robin Ciceri, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Mr. Peter Froese, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Mr. Brian Krieger, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Mr. Eugene Marks, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Mr. Neil Mort, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Ms. Ramona Soares, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Mr. Jordan Tinney, Director, BC Council for International Education  
Ms. Ruth Wittenberg, Director, BC Council for International Education



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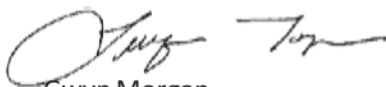
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Melanie Mark  
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Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training



Gwyn Morgan  
Chair, Industry Training Authority

*September 15, 2017*

CC:

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Ms. Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister of Finance  
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Mr. Lindsay Langill, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Mr. Rick Kasper, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Mr. Tom Sigurdson, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Ms. MJ Whitemarsh, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Mr. Jonathan Whitworth, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Ms. Laurie Sterritt, Director, Industry Training Authority  
Mr. Shane Stirling, Director, Industry Training Authority



## **Information Note Advice to Minister**

**Date:** August 23, 2017

**Issue:** Request from the University of Victoria (UVic) to fund operating and capital costs for a new Indigenous Law Degree Program

### **Background / Facts:**

- UVic is developing an Indigenous Law Degree Program (see Attachment 1) and is requesting operating funding:
  - \$1.8 million in on-going funding;
  - Up to approximately \$20 million in support of the capital costs for an Indigenous Legal Lodge
- The program would train legal professionals who are able to work across Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal traditions.
- The 4-year program aims to produce 25 graduates annually, with a total enrolment of 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) student spaces at steady state.
- UVic has shared the proposal with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST) became aware of the initiative in late 2016, when the President of UVic met with the former Deputy Minister on the issue.

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### **Analysis:**

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**Attachment:** Attachment 1: UVic's Indigenous Law Program Proposal  
**Contact:** Shannon Baskerville, Deputy Minister, 250-356-5173  
Jeff Vasey, Assistant Deputy Minister, 250-356-0697

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<sup>1</sup> One-time funding is sometimes available for allocation at the end of the fiscal year. However, as this programming and its funding needs are on-going, it is not a candidate for such funding.





Ministry of  
Advanced Education,  
Skills and Training

## Decision Note Advice to Minister & the Deputy Minister of Finance

Date: August 29, 2017

Cliff #: 105235

Issue: The British Columbia Institute of Technology is requesting approval to dispose of property by extension of their Lease Agreement with Fibria Innovation Inc. for space at their Burnaby Campus, and for permission to spend the proceeds.

### Recommendation / Next Steps (if any):

- Approve British Columbia Institute of Technology's (BCIT) request to dispose of property by extension of their Lease Agreement with Fibria Innovation Inc. (Fibria) for space at their Burnaby Campus, and to spend the proceeds of the Lease Agreement to help pay down debt.

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### Next Steps:

- Attached is the Consent Form for signature (Attachment 1).

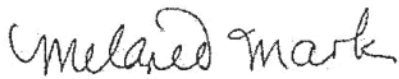
### Background / Facts:

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**Analysis:**  
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The Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is requested to approve the above recommendation.



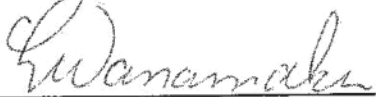
Honourable Melanie Mark

November 24, 2017

Date

**Approved/Not Approved**

The Deputy Minister of Finance is requested to approve the above recommendation.



Lori Wannamaker

Dec. 15/17

Date

**Attachment:** Attachment 1 – Consent Form with attached Schedule A – Plan of Premises

**Contact:** James Postans, Executive Director  
Post-Secondary Finance Branch  
250-356-7896



Ministry of Advanced Education,  
Skills and Training  
Post-Secondary Finance Branch  
Capital Asset Management

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Victoria BC V8V 4W8

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## CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) is requesting ministerial consent, pursuant to Part 6, Section 50(2) of the *College and Institute Act*, to dispose of portions of land and/or building(s) by way of a Lease Amendment Agreement between BCIT and Fibria Innovation Inc., dated for reference April 12, 2017. The property at BCIT's Burnaby Campus to be disposed of is more particularly described as:

**Legal Description:** PID: 027-328-791, Lot A, District Lot 72, Plan LMP5294 and Parcel 1, District Lots 71 & 72, Plan LMP52011, both of Group 1, New Westminster Land District  
Civically known as: Building SE50, 4705 Wayburne Drive, Burnaby, British Columbia, and outlined in red on the attached Schedule A.

**Lessor:** Fibria Innovations Inc.  
Building SE50, 4705 Wayburne Drive  
Burnaby BC V5G 3L1

**Term:** Five years – Commencing on January 30, 2018, and ending January 29, 2023, with no renewal options.

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Pursuant to Part 6, section 50(2) of the *College and Institute Act*, approval of the acquisition as described above is granted.

November 24, 2017

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Date

*Melanie Mark*

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Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

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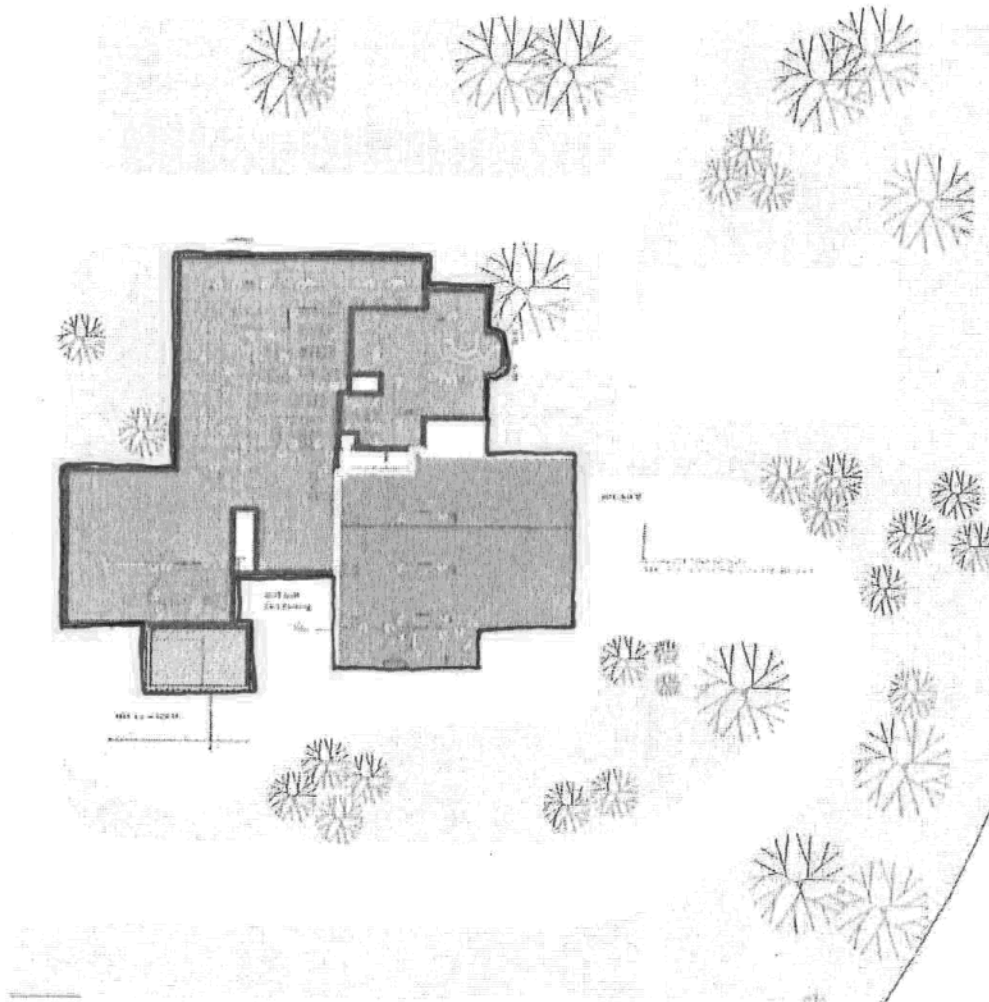
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*L. Panamake*

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Deputy Minister of Finance

**SCHEDULE "A" 11602**  
**PLAN OF PREMISES AND BUILDING**



-  EXISTING LANDSCAPE
-  TREES
-  EXISTING LANDSCAPE (NOT SHOWN)





## 2017 Decision Note Advice to Minister

**Date:** August 30, 2017

**Cliff #:** 105242

**Issue:** Simon Fraser University is requesting approval to dispose of property by way of a Statutory Right of Way to the City of Burnaby at their Burnaby, British Columbia Campus.

### **Recommendation:**

- Approve Simon Fraser University's (the University) request for approval to dispose of property by way of a Statutory Right of Way (SROW) to the City of Burnaby (the City) for property at the University's Burnaby Campus.

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### **Next Steps:**

- Attached is the Consent Form for signature (Attachment 1).

### **Background / Facts:**

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### **Analysis:**

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**Approved/Not Approved**

The Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is requested to approve the above recommendation.



**Honourable Melanie Mark**

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October 16, 2017

**Date**

**Attachment 1:** Consent Form

**Appendix 1:** Form C and Schedule A

**Attachment 2:** CLIFF # 103928 – Signed Decision Note and Consent Form

**Contact:** James Postans, Executive Director  
Post-Secondary Finance Branch  
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**Ministry of Advanced Education,  
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**PID 025-571-117**

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District, Plan BCP3161**

**Grantee:**

**City of Burnaby.**

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

**Term:**

99 Years – Commencing after Ministerial approval has been received and on the date the agreement is made and signed by both parties.

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Pursuant to Section 50(2) of the University Act, approval to dispose of the property as described above is granted.

October 16, 2017

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**Date**

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October 16, 2017

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**Date**

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**Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training**

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## 2017 Decision Note Advice to Assistant Deputy Minister

**Date:** January 31, 2017

**Cliff #:** 103928

**Issue:** Simon Fraser University is requesting approval to dispose of property by way of a Statutory Right of Way to the City of Burnaby at their Burnaby, British Columbia Campus.

### **Recommendation / Next Steps (if any):**

- Approve Simon Fraser University's (the University) request to dispose of property by way of a Statutory Right of Way (SROW) to the City of Burnaby (the City) for property at the University's Burnaby Campus.  
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### **Next Steps:**

- Attached is the Consent Form for signature (Attachment A).

### **Background / Facts:**

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### **Analysis:**

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**Approved/Not Approved**

The Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education is requested to approve the above recommendation.



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Kevin Brewster

February 28, 2017

Date

**Attachment A:** Consent Form

**Contact:** Kim Springer, Capital Asset Coordinator  
Post-Secondary Finance Branch  
250-356-6994



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**Legal Description:** **PID 028-300-131,  
Lot 1, District Lots 31, 101, 102, 141, 144, 147, 209, 210 and  
211, Group 1, New Westminster District, Plan BCP45523**

**Grantee:** **City of Burnaby.**  
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

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February 21, 2017

**Date**

**Director, Capital Asset Management**  
**Post-Secondary Finance Branch**

February 28, 2017

**Date**

**Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education**

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## **Information Note Advice to Minister**

**Date:** September 13, 2017

**Cliff #:** 110953

**Issue:** Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning tuition policy engagement

### **Background / Facts:**

- The Minister's July 2017 mandate letter included the commitment to "Provide greater access to adult basic education and English-language learning programs by eliminating fees."
- A tuition-free policy for Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Learning (ELL) programs was implemented on September 1, 2017.
- The elimination of tuition fees is the first step in providing greater access to these programs.

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### **Analysis:**

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### **Next Steps:**

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**Attachment(s):** s.13

**Contact:** *Jeff Vasey, ADM (250-952-0697)*

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## **Information Note**

### **Advice to Minister Melanie Mark**

**Date:** September 18, 2017

**Cliff #:** 111043

**Issue:** Phone call with Minister Doug Currie, PEI Minister of Education and Culture

#### **Background / Facts:**

- Minister Doug Currie is the current Chair of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).
- Minister Melanie Mark will assume the role of Chair of CMEC on September 22, 2017 for a two year term. This will occur at the meeting of the Corporation of CMEC.
- Minister Currie requested an introductory call prior to the Corporation meeting to ensure a smooth transition of the role of Chair.

#### **Suggested Speaking Points:**

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**Attachment(s):** *Bio for Minister Doug Currie*

**Contact:** *Shannon Baskerville (250-356-5173)*

**Honourable Doug W. Currie**

**PEI Minister of Education, Early Learning, and Culture**

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## Meeting Note Advice to Minister

**Date:** September 26, 2017

**Cliff #:** 111074

**Prepared for:** Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

**Date, Time of Meeting and Location:**

- Meeting date: Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1pm
- Location: Vancouver

**Attendees:** Ann English, CEO and Registrar of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia

**Background:**

- The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia (APEGBC) is a self-regulating professional association constituted under the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act (Act)*, which is administered by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (Ministry).
- The association has recently rebranded itself with a new business name, Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia. This change does not affect the association's legal name, which is defined in the *Act* as the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia.
- The *Act* requires APEGBC to uphold and protect the public interest in the practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience, and to establish, maintain, and enforce standards for the qualifications and practice of its 34,000 members and licensees.
- Members are entitled to use the designations "Professional Engineer" or "Professional Geoscientist" and membership is mandatory to practice the professions as they are defined in the *Act*. Both engineering and geoscience are professions with a restricted scope of practice as defined in the *Act*.

**Governance:**

- The *Act* dates to 1920 and has been amended many times, but not comprehensively. APEGBC has called for a substantial rewrite of the *Act* for several years. Understanding a new *Act* is not possible in the near future, APEGBC has sought smaller packages of legislative amendments to enable it to continue to uphold its public protection mandate.
- The last amendments were enacted in 2012, providing for additional disciplinary tools, permitting easier admission of qualified professionals from other jurisdictions, and governance changes.

- Government's role in the regulation of the professions of engineering and geoscience is to manage the enabling legislation and carry out several specific appointment and review functions provided in the *Act*.
- Four Council members are appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGiC) for two year terms.
- Any bylaw passed by APEGBC may be disallowed by the LGiC within 45 days of its filing with the Minister.

**Issue(s):**

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**Suggested Response / Key Message:**

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**Attachment(s):** *N/A*

**Contact:** Tony Loughran (250-387-8871)



## Meeting Note Advice to Minister

**Date:** October 12, 2017

**Cliff #:** 111171

**Prepared for:** Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister

**Meeting Profile:**

- Monday October 23, 2017 meeting with Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) executive.

**Attendees:** FPSE Executive listed below. See FPSE bios in attachment 1.

- George Davison, President;
- Frank Cosco, First Vice-President
- Terri Van Steinburg, Secretary-Treasurer;
- Leslie Molnar, Second Vice-President

**Issues:**

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**Background:**

- FPSE is a federation of nineteen faculty associations (and one private sector union) representing about 70 percent of faculty in the public colleges, institutes, and teaching universities.
- FPSE's main functions are to provide staff support to members in collective bargaining and grievance processes, and to act as a lobby group on a broad range of post-secondary topics.
- FPSE represents only about 2.4 percent of all unionized employees in the province (BC public sector).

**Discussion:**

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**Attachments:** 1. Bios of FPSE executive.

**Contact:** Tony Loughran, A/ADM, Governance, Legislation and Strategic Policy (250-387-8871)

**Attachment 1**

**Federation of Post-secondary Educators (FPSE) – Bios**

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## **Meeting Note Advice to Minister**

**Date:** October 11, 2017

**Cliff #:**111200

**Prepared for:** Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister

### **Meeting with Alliance of British Columbia Students (ABCS)**

- October 17, 2017 11:15-11:45

#### **Attendees:**

Caitlin McCutchen - Chair of the ABCS and VP External of the KSA  
Noah Berson - VP External at the CSU  
Amal Alhuwayshil - VP External at UBCSUO (Okanagan)  
Hanna Murray - VP External at the UBC GSS (Grad Society)  
Representative from Langara still being determined  
Patrick Meehan – Staff Person at ABCS

#### **Issue(s):**

ABCS staff has indicated the main topic they wish to discuss is on-campus housing and tenant rights. Background and response points on this issue is included as Appendix 1.

ABCS staff has also indicated they may speak to the Minister about:

- 1) Free Education for low and middle income students - Comprehensive needs based grants
- 2) Dedicated on-campus mental health funding
- 3) Eliminating interest on student loans
- 4) Graduate student scholarships
- 5) Continued support for the UPass program

High level background and response points on these topics are included in Appendix 2.

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**Background:**

- Not-for-profit advocacy group
- Founded as a grassroots alternative to the BC Federation of Students (formerly known as the BC chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students)
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- Represents five graduate and undergraduate student associations:
  - UBC Graduate Students
  - UBC Okanagan
  - Capilano University
  - Kwantlen Polytechnic University
  - Langara College

**Attachment(s):**

1. *Background and Response Points: Student Housing*
2. *Background and Response Points: Other Possible Topics*

**Contact:**            *Tony Loughran, A/ADM 250 356-0826*

## ATTACHMENT 1

## Student Housing

**Background**

- On Sep 5/16, the Alliance of BC Students (ABCS) released a white paper, entitled *Where's the Housing?*, calling for a provincial capital investment of \$18 million per year over 10 years to accelerate the construction of on-campus housing (10% of the estimated \$1.8 billion of investment required).

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- ABCS representatives met with a former Minister of Advanced Education in March 2017 to discuss a number of issues, including student housing. However, no outcomes from the meeting were shared with Ministry staff and no formal Ministry response to the paper was issued.

**Government Mandates**

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has been mandated to build 114,000 affordable rental, non-profit and co-op units through partnerships over the next 10 years.
- This mandate includes the creation of new student housing and the removal of “unnecessary rules” that prevent universities and colleges from building affordable student housing:
  - Institutions have not been able to borrow funds to build new student housing because this would add to the provincial debt and affect BC’s credit rating. Only the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University have been able to build new student housing residences in recent years due to their financial reserves and land development revenue.
  - Institutions have been restricted by accounting rules from using year-end surpluses for deferred capital contributions.
- Increasing the supply of affordable housing is part of the 2017 Confidence and Supply Agreement between the BC New Democrat Caucus and the BC Green Party Caucus.

**Key messages:**

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**Tenants' Rights:** *(With advice from the Office of Housing and Construction Standards)*

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- Section 4(b) of the RTA states the Act “*does not apply to accommodation owned or operated by an educational institution and provided by that institution to its students or employees.*” BC’s legislation is similar to legislation in other provinces across Canada.
- Other possible types of accommodation exempt from the RTA include special purpose housing, such as transitional housing, vacation accommodation, and living accommodation in community care facilities.
- For student accommodations, only dorm-style housing was exempt up to 2002. After 2002, self-contained apartments and townhouses were also exempt due to a situation at UBC’s Acadia residence where a student refused to leave after completion of their studies.
- In lieu of the Act, each institution with student housing requires students to enter into contracts outlining rights and responsibilities, which may differ by institution. Students can pursue resolution of disputes through the institution’s appeal process or through the provincial court system.

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- In 2002, the opposition voiced concern regarding student-housing exemption from the RTA. No further work resulted from this.

**Recommended Response:**

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has responsibility for the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

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**Contact:** Kevin Brewster, ADM 250 356-2496

## ATTACHMENT 2

## Other Possible Topics

Background	Key Messages
<p><i>1. Free Education for low and middle income students - Comprehensive needs based grants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario has/will be introducing 2 initiatives under its student financial assistance program that, when coupled with existing federal grants, results in non-repayable funding for many low and middle-income Ontario students' that meets or exceeds their billed tuition costs ("free tuition")</li> <li>• No new provincial funds have been provided – it's a redirection of existing funding.</li> </ul> <p>Ontario Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Student Grant – redirects 100% of provincial funding from previous grant and loan reduction programs to create a single up front grant</li> <li>• "Net Tuition Billing system" for students studying at ON public institutions starting in the 2018-2019 school year. This involves applying students' non-repayable financial aid (grants) and institutional aid (bursaries, scholarships, and awards) against their tuition fees upfront, and billing them for the remaining amount.</li> <li>• Ontario has traditionally allocated a higher proportion of provincial resources to non-repayable funding for low-income students.</li> <li>• In contrast, B.C. has historically targeted provincial up-front grant funding to student groups who are underrepresented in higher education, including students with permanent disabilities, students with dependants, and current or former youth in care.</li> </ul>	<p>s.13</p>

Background	Key Messages
<p><i>2. Dedicated on-campus mental health funding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC post-secondary institutions are committed to providing safe and healthy learning environments for students.</li> <li>• Supports and services at BC public post-secondary institutions for students with mental health and substance use issues vary but may include counselling, clinical and recreation services and wellness events.</li> <li>• Students may also access community-based support programs.</li> <li>• A number of BC institutions are recognized across Canada as healthy campus communities for their best practices in mental health and well-being. Many institutions have adopted student mental health strategies (Camosun College, University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, University of BC).</li> <li>• All 25 public post-secondary institutions participate in the Healthy Minds, Healthy Campuses program (funded by the Ministry of Health), a province-wide community of practice that supports campuses in delivering programs to students that promote mental health wellness and responsible relationships with alcohol and other substances.</li> </ul>	s.13
<p><i>3. Eliminating interest on student loans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2017 Mandate Letter for the Honourable Minister Melanie Mark included a commitment to “reduce the financial burden on students by eliminating interest on B.C. government student loans [...]”.</li> <li>• As a first step in achieving this mandate, effective August 1, 2017, interest charged to all B.C. student loans managed by the Province was reduced to the Prime rate from its previous rate of Prime plus 2.5 per cent.</li> </ul>	

Background	Key Messages
<p><i>4. Graduate student scholarships</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate student societies in BC have long advocated for a provincially-funded graduate scholarship program, similar to programs in most other provinces.</li> </ul>	s.13
<p><i>5. Continued support for the UPass program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPass is a universal program for highly discounted transit fares for students.</li> <li>In Metro-Vancouver the fare cost alone does not cover the cost of the program - the Ministry of Transportation provides TransLink with up to \$12M per year.</li> <li>In the rest of the province, government is not involved in UPASS agreements – they are negotiated directly between institutions/student unions and BC Transit.</li> <li>The current Vancouver program and agreement with TransLink are in place until the end of December 2019.</li> <li>The current cost to students is \$41/month through student association fees. The full cost of a monthly pass ranges from \$91 for one zone to \$172 for three zones</li> <li>The Vancouver program applies to all 11 Metro-Vancouver public institutions and Native Education College.</li> </ul>	

**Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training**  
**Board Appointments** <sup>s.13</sup>

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**Current and upcoming vacancies**

**Universities – 8 LGIC appointed board members**

**Research Universities:**

University of Victoria	2 vacancies ( <i>1 Alumni, nominated by the Alumni Association</i> ); 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017 ( <i>Alumni</i> )
University of British Columbia	6 terms expire Dec 31, 2017 *UBC has 11 LGIC members
Simon Fraser University	1 vacancy ( <i>Alumni, nominated by the Alumni Association</i> ); 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017, 1 term expires Jan 14, 2018
University of Northern British Columbia	2 terms expire in Dec 2017 ( <i>1 Alumni, nominated by the Alumni Association</i> )

**Teaching Universities:**

Kwantlen Polytechnic University	3 vacancies ( <i>2 Alumni nominated by the Alumni Association</i> )
Royal Roads University	3 vacancies; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017 *RRU has 6 LGIC members
Capilano University	2 vacancies ( <i>1 Alumni nominated by the Alumni Association</i> ); 3 terms expire Dec 31 2017
University of the Fraser Valley	2 vacancies 2 terms expire Dec 31 2017
Simon Fraser University	1 vacancy ( <i>Alumni, nominated by the Alumni Association</i> ); 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
Thompson Rivers University	1 vacancy 2 terms expire in Nov 2017
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	1 vacancy 3 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
Vancouver Island University	1 term expires Dec 31, 2017

**Colleges and Institutes – 8 or more LGIC appointed board members**

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	3 vacancies; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
Northwest Community College	3 vacancies; 2 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
North Island College	2 vacancies; 2 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
Douglas College	2 vacancies
Selkirk College	1 vacancy; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
Vancouver Community College	2 vacancies; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
British Columbia Institute of Technology	4 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
Camosun College	2 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
College of New Caledonia	2 vacancies; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
College of the Rockies	1 vacancy; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
Justice Institute of British Columbia	2 vacancies; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017
Langara College	1 vacancy; 2 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
Northern Lights College	3 terms expire Dec 31, 2017
Okanagan College	2 terms expire Oct 31, 2017; 1 term expires Dec 31, 2017

October 17, 2017



## Decision Note

### Advice to Minister Melanie Mark

Date: October 16, 2017

Cliff #: 111288

Issue: Re-Appointments to Post-Secondary Boards

#### Background / Facts:

- The appointment terms of 88 board members on post-secondary boards are either vacant or set to expire by December 31, 2017.
- 31 of the 88 current and upcoming vacancies on post-secondary boards could be filled with members who are eligible for re-appointment.

#### Analysis:

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#### Recommendation / Next Steps :

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#### RECOMMENDED OPTION:

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Honourable Melanie Mark  
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Date

**Attachment(s):** *Attachment 1: Proposed Board Re-Appointments*

**Contact:** Tony Loughran, Acting ADM, Governance, Legislation and Strategic Policy  
(250-217-3245)

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**Information Note  
Advice to Minister Melanie Mark**

**Date: October 25, 2017**

**Cliff #: 111302**

**Issue: Private Member's Bill: University Amendment Act**

**Background / Facts:**

- Andrew Weaver, MLA Oak Bay – Gordon Head, intends to introduce a private member's Bill entitled the University Amendment Act during the current legislative session. Mr. Weaver has previously introduced an identical bill in the 2016 and 2017 sittings of the legislature.
- Mr. Weaver's bill would amend the *University Act* in three ways:
  1. It would reduce the number of members that the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) appoints to the board of governors from 8 to 2 (or 11 to 9 in the case of UBC),
  2. It would empower the convocation of a university to elect its chancellor, and
  3. It would change the composition of the senate for special purpose teaching universities to increase faculty representation.

**Analysis:**

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**Conclusion:**

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**Contact:** Tony Loughran, Acting ADM, Governance, Legislation and Strategic Policy  
(250-217-3245)



## **Information Note**

### **Advice to Minister Melanie Mark**

**Date: October 25, 2017**

**Cliff #: 111439**

#### **Issue: Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) Transformation Initiative**

##### **Background / Facts:**

- The Province of Ontario's Budget 2016 announced several changes to its Student Financial Assistance (SFA) program including a re-profiling of existing SFA funds and the elimination of some provincial tax credits
- The changes were estimated to be cost-neutral through the re-allocation of previous provincial spending on SFA. However, Ontario has since publicly stated that their applications have risen by 20%.
- OSAP changes implemented in 2017/18 include:
  - Several student grant and loan reduction programs were consolidated into an up-front Ontario Student Grant (OSG) for full-time students.
  - With the recent 50% increase in federal grant funding, OSAP is able to offer combined federal/provincial grants equal to or greater than Ontario's average college or university tuition for students from families with incomes of \$50,000 or less (i.e., "free tuition").
  - Weekly provincial loan maximums were increased from \$155 to \$180/week for single students and from \$355 to \$450/week for married and sole-support students<sup>1</sup>.
- OSAP has announced further changes for 2018/19 implementation, including:
  - Expanding the availability of loans for students from middle and high-income families by raising income thresholds for parental contribution to align with federal thresholds (i.e., from current \$68,000 to \$86,000 gross annual income).
  - Work with institutions to implement a Net Tuition Billing System which considers grant and other financial aid in the calculation of tuition fees. Students are billed for the remaining amount.

##### **Analysis:**

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<sup>1</sup> Current BC weekly maximums are \$110 for single students and \$300 for sole-support students.

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**Suggested Response:**

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## Meeting Note

### Advice to Minister Melanie Mark

**Date:** November 1, 2017

**Cliff #:**111493

**Prepared for:** Melanie Mark

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**Date , Time of Meeting and Location:** November 3, 2017 3:00pm,

#### **Attendees:**

- Irene Lanzinger, President BC Federation of Labour
- Nina Hansen, Director, Occupational Health and Safety
- Lynn Bueckert, Political Action and the Assistant to the President

#### **Issue:**

The BC Federation of Labour has requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss their recently completed review of BC's apprenticeship and trades training system titled *"British Columbia's (Not So) Great Apprenticeship Training Experiment – A Decade Reconsidered"*.

#### **Background:**

- The BC Federation of Labour (BCFED) represents approximately 500,000 members from 54 affiliate unions and over 1,100 locals across all sectors of British Columbia. The BCFED advocates on issues that impact all workers, not just the unionized workforce. From health and safety to employment standards to social justice, the BCFED regularly makes submissions, provides media statements, and requests meetings with Ministers on a wide range of issues.
- In the past the BCFED has provided reviews, opinion papers and issued statements and recommendations on BC's apprenticeship and trades training system. The most recent was a submission in 2013 provided in relation to Jessica McDonald's independent review of the ITA's Role and Function.
- On November 1, 2017 the BCFED shared an embargoed copy of their latest report on BC's apprenticeship and trades training system titled *"British Columbia's (Not So) Great Apprenticeship Training Experiment – A Decade Reconsidered"* (the Report).

#### **Discussion:**

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**Suggested Response / Key Message:**

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**Attachment(s):**

- BCFED report “British Columbia’s (Not So) Great Apprenticeship Training Experiment – A Decade Reconsidered”

**Contact:** Bindi Sawchuk

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