

March 13, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Madame Premier:

At the Public Session on February 14, 2012, the Burnaby Board of Education received a letter from Mr. Barry O'Neill, President of CUPE BC regarding the proposed Canada European Union Trade Agreement ("CETA") and its potential impact on local governments and school boards and unanimously passed the following motion:

THAT the Board of Education request the BC government to issue a clear, permanent exemption for BC school boards from the Canada-EU CETA agreement, and that it otherwise protect the powers of local government and school boards; and

That the Board of Education request the BC government to disclose what it is putting on the table regarding procurement, services and investment as part of CETA discussions, explain the impacts CETA would have on municipal and school board governance, and give school boards the freedom to decide whether or not they will be bound by the agreement.

The Burnaby Board of Education believes this is an important issue for all school districts. We look forward to a positive response from you regarding our request.

Yours very truly,



Larry R. Hayes,
Board Chair

Copy: Mr. Peter Julian, MP
Mr. Kennedy Stewart, MP
Mr. Harry Bloy, MLA
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March 29, 2012

Larry R. Hayes
Board Chair
Board of Education Burnaby
School District 41
5325 Kincaid Street
Burnaby, BC V5G 1W2

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing the Burnaby Board of Education's feedback regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations. Your concerns about the impact of trade agreements on BC school boards have been noted, and I appreciate being made aware of them. Please be assured they will be included in related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat



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February 4th, 2012
File #0410-01-00

Premier Christy Clark
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Dear Premier Clark:

The Village of Port Alice supports the resolution put forward by the Village of Slocan in their letter of November 16th, 2011 (attached). Accordingly, we request that the Province negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from the provisions from the Canada – European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement. We look forward to your reply and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,


Mayor Jan Allen



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November 16, 2011

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The Honourable Christy Clark
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Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada- European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the November 14th regular meeting of the Village of Slocan Council we considered the potential impacts on BC municipalities of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA) that is currently being negotiated. Our Council then passed the following resolution (2011/382):

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

WHEREAS the European Union and EU-based corporations are insisting on unobstructed access to procurement by subnational governments --including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies -- which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy; and

WHEREAS unobstructed access to Canadian municipal procurement by both EU and Canadian corporations, combined with investment protections in CETA on government concessions related to transit, water, electricity and other social services delivered locally may encourage privatization and reduce economic development options for local communities; and

WHEREAS the provincial and territorial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Slocan request:

- a briefing from the British Columbia Government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to subnational government procurement;
- Municipal staff review the available information on the impact CETA will have on municipal governments, with special emphasis on procurement and the delivery of social services;
- the Government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- that this resolution be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration and circulation.

We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -Village of Slocan Council
 -UBCM Member Municipalities
 -Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior
 -Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary
 -Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay



February 15, 2012

Her Worship Jan Allen
Mayor of the Village of Port Alice
PO Box 130
Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing the Village of Port Alice's support of the Village of Slocan resolution regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations. Your concerns about the impact of trade agreements on municipal programs have been noted, and I appreciate being made aware of them. Please be assured they will be included in related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

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Christy Clark
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pc: Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat



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January 23, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Clark:

**Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic
& Trade Agreement Negotiations**

Cranbrook City Council, at its regular meeting of January 9, 2012, reviewed the attached correspondence from the Village of Slocan, endorsed their resolution, and supported the requests put forward by the Council of the Village of Slocan.

We urge the British Columbia government to consider these requests and provide the BC municipalities with an early response.

Sincerely,

Wayne L. Stetski
Mayor

Copy: Village of Slocan
Bill Bennett, MLA, Kootenay East

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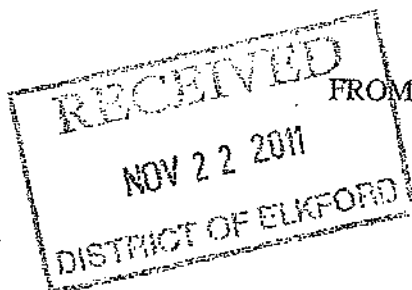
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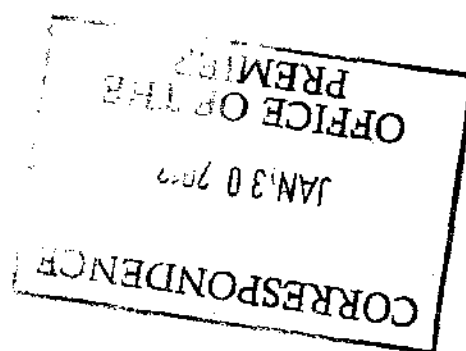
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- the Government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- that this resolution be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration and circulation.

We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -Village of Slokan Council
-UBCM, Member Municipalities
-Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior
-Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary
-Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay





February 6, 2012

His Worship Wayne L. Stetski
Mayor of the City of Cranbrook
40-10th Ave South
Cranbrook, BC V1C 2M8

Dear Mayor Stetski:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing the Cranbrook City Council's support of the Village of Slocan resolution regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations. Your concerns about the impact of trade agreements on municipal programs have been noted, and I appreciate being made aware of them. Please be assured they will be included in related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat



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January 18, 2012

Office of the Premier
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
V8W 9E1

Attention: Hon. Christie Clark, Premier

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement

Please be advised that the District of Chetwynd Council, at its Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2012, reviewed the attached correspondence from the District of Elkford and endorsed the resolution passed by the Village of Slocan regarding the Canada-European Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations.

We urge the Provincial Government to consider the potential impacts that this agreement may have on BC municipalities.

Sincerely,

Merlin Nichols
Mayor

cc: District of Elkford
Village of Slocan

Vision Statement

Chetwynd exists in order that area residents have sustainable opportunities for
Security, Health, Safety and Prosperity
in surroundings that display the best of our natural environment.



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December 6, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
P.O. Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

The District of Elkford Council at its Regular meeting of November 28, 2011 reviewed the attached correspondence from the Village of Slocan, endorsed their resolution, and supported the requests put forward by the Council of the Village of Slocan.

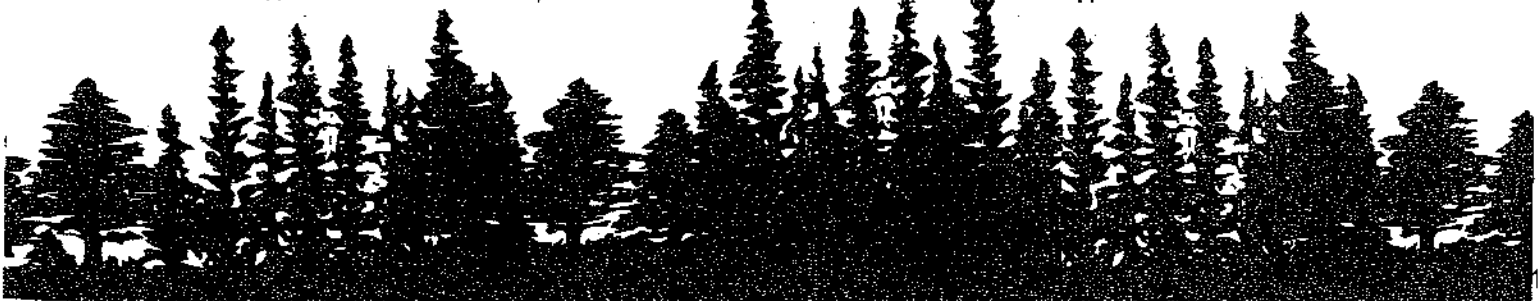
We urge the British Columbia government to consider these requests and provide the BC municipalities with an early response.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Attach.

Cc: Village of Slocan
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Dave Wilks, MP Kootenay-Columbia
Bill Bennett, MLA Kootenay East
Regional District of East Kootenay
UBCM member municipalities



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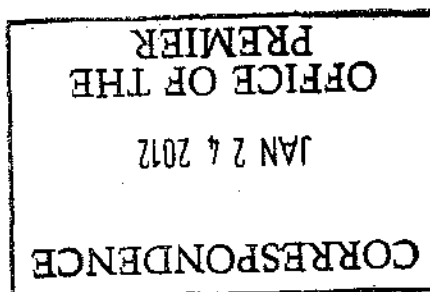
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We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -Village of Slocan Council
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 -Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior
 -Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary
 -Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay





January 31, 2012

His Worship Merlin Nichols
Mayor
District of Chetwynd
Box 357
Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

Dear Mayor Nichols:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for the Village of Slocan's resolution regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure that negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians. We welcome your input as it relates to local government and we will be sure to include your comments as well as the Village of Slocan's resolution in related discussions.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Pat Bell
Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations

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January 12, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
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Dear Premier Clark:

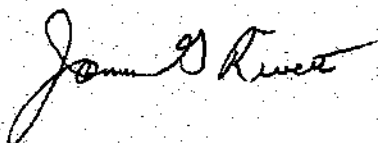
Re: Canada-European Union comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the November 14th, 2011 regular Council meeting of the Village of Slocan, Council passed a resolution (2011/382) expressing its concerns and requests regarding the above trade agreement negotiations. A letter was forwarded to your office dated November 16, 2011 outlining this resolution (see attached).

The Village of Clinton is one of the Canadian municipalities which have growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy.

We wish to voice our support of the Village of Slocan resolution and hope that you will consider the Village of Slocan's Council requests.

Sincerely,



Jim Rivett
Mayor

Clinton 2019 Community Vision

Clinton is a multigenerational learning community that has strong family values. We are a close-knit community that embraces history, arts and culture and has unique events and attractions. We are a fun, happening and outdoorsy place to live. We have a vibrant diverse economy that builds on our natural resources. We are renowned for being a 'Green economy' with a focus on renewable energy, eco-tourism, and local food production and processing. We have a

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November 16, 2011

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The Honourable Christy Clark
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada- European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the November 14th regular meeting of the Village of Slokan Council we considered the potential impacts on BC municipalities of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA) that is currently being negotiated. Our Council then passed the following resolution (2011/382):

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

WHEREAS the European Union and EU-based corporations are insisting on unobstructed access to procurement by subnational governments --including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies -- which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy; and

WHEREAS unobstructed access to Canadian municipal procurement by both EU and Canadian corporations, combined with investment protections in CETA on government concessions related to transit, water, electricity and other social services delivered locally may encourage privatization and reduce economic development options for local communities; and

WHEREAS the provincial and territorial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Slocan request:

- a briefing from the British Columbia Government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
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We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

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January 25, 2012

His Worship Jim Rivett
Mayor
Village of Clinton
1423 Cariboo Hwy
Box 309
Clinton, BC V0K 1K0

Dear Mayor Rivett:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing support of the Village of Slocan resolution regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations. Your concerns about the impact of trade agreements on municipal programs have been noted, and I appreciate being made aware of them. Please be assured they will be included in related discussions.

I do appreciate your taking the time to write to me about this important matter. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

Pc: Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat



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December 22, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the December 12th, 2011 regular meeting of the Corporation of the Village of Cumberland Council we considered the potential impacts on BC municipalities of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA) that is currently being negotiated. Our Council then passed the following resolution (11-217)

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

WHEREAS the European Union and EU – based corporations are insisting on unobstructed access to procurement by sub national governments – including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies – which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy; and

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WHEREAS the provincial and territorial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Cumberland request:

- A briefing from the British Columbia government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to sub national government procurement;
- The government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- That this resolution be sent to Vancouver Island North MP – John Duncan, Comox Valley MLA – Don McRae, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration and response.

Yours truly,



Leslie Baird,
Mayor

cc: Village of Cumberland Council
John Duncan, Vancouver Island North MP
Don McRae, MLA
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Union of BC Municipalities



January 5, 2012

Her Worship Leslie Baird
Mayor of the Village of Cumberland
2673 Dunsmuir Avenue
PO Box 340
Cumberland, BC V0R 1S0

Dear Mayor Baird:

Thank you for your letter about CETA. I appreciate your sharing the Village of Cumberland Council's resolution with me.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians and the communities in which they live. Please be assured your comments and concerns will be included in any related discussions.

Again, thank you for contacting us. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier



The Corporation of the **CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

December 15, 2011

File: 6750-01

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: *and Comprehensive Economic and Trade
Agreement (CETA)*

The City Council at its regular meeting of Monday, December 12, 2011,
unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

"THAT the City call upon the Provincial and Federal governments to
establish a meaningful public engagement process regarding
and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement
(CETA) involving the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and provincial
/municipal associations prior to further negotiations of CETA or signing a
Canada-Europe trade agreement;

AND THAT staff actively seek out whatever information they can obtain
through their discussions with the local port industries;

AND THAT the City ask our MLA and MP to report to Council on any
impacts they foresee as directly affecting our community as a result of the
possibility of and the Comprehensive Economic and
Trade Agreement."

Yours truly,

Robyn G. Anderson
City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

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PREMIER

Encl. (Electronic version of posted on www.cnv.org/city_hall/council_meetings/council_meeting_agenda)

cc R. Silvester, President & CEO, Port Metro, 100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, V6C 3T4
F. Caouette, Director, Corporate Services

DELEGATION & CORRESPONDENCE

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CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
CITY CLERKS DEPARTMENT
FILE # 6750-01
OCT 27 2011
COPY:

From: Jean Macintyre
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 12:28 PM
To: Darrell Mussatto (Mayor)
Subject: Re: December meeting

Hi Darrell: Sheila Paterson and I would be happy to be included as a delegation at the December 12th meeting of Council to present material on ^{Not Responsive} and CETA. We will also drop off some of the material ahead of time so that councillors will have the opportunity to read something about these important matters beforehand. Thank you very much for your help!
Jean R. Macintyre.

Reviewed by:  City Manager
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January 4, 2012

Robyn G. Anderson
City Clerk
City of North Vancouver
141 West 14th Street
North Vancouver, BC V7M 1H9

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter regarding CETA. I appreciate your sharing the City Council of North Vancouver's resolution with me.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians and the communities in which they live. Please be assured your comments will be included in any related discussions.

Again, thank you for contacting us. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

File: 0230-01

December 13, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Box 9041
Station PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC

Dear Premier;

RE: Canadian European Trade Agreement

At their Regular Open Meeting held on December 12, 2011 Council for the City of Vernon discussed the above captioned issue, and adopted the following resolution:

*'THAT Council **directs** staff to forward a letter to the Province of BC, regarding the following two requests, as outlined by the November 14th, 2011 delegation to Council, which are related to the Canadian European Trade Agreement negotiations currently underway:*

- 1) Request for a briefing from Province on scope and content of trade negotiations with European Union**
- 2) Request that the Province negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA**

CARRIED.'

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, and your action in this regard.

Yours truly,

Patricia Bridal, Corporate Officer
Manager, Corporate Services

pc: K. Poole, Economic Development Officer, City of Vernon
M. Stockdale, Vernon, BC



January 3, 2012

Patricia Bridal
Manager, Corporate Services
The Corporation of the City of Vernon
3400 – 30th Street
Vernon, B.C. V1T 5E6

Dear Ms. Bridal:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing the Vernon Council's resolution regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure that negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians. We hope you will understand that providing information on specific discussions is not possible while negotiations are underway.

B.C. and Canada depend on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. For example, it is estimated that international trade is directly linked to one in five Canadian jobs. With a market of half a billion people and as the largest trading bloc in the world, the European Union presents tremendous opportunities for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Thank you again for taking the time to share this information with me. We welcome your input as it relates to local government and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

Pc: Honourable Pat Bell
Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations



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December 15, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
BC Premier
P.O. Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

The District of Elkford Council at its Regular meeting of December 12, 2011 further discussed the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement in the context of proposed changes in procurement of the delivery and maintenance of the municipal water systems.

Council expressed their concern that the Agreement may adversely affect the governance of the municipal infrastructure and urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to protect Canada's water from privatization and to remain control of public natural resources.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Dave Wilks, MP Kootenay-Columbia
Bill Bennett, MLA Kootenay East
Regional District of East Kootenay





January 4, 2012

His Worship Dean McKerracher
Mayor of the District of Elkford
PO Box 340
Elkford, BC V0B 1H0

Dear Mayor McKerracher:

Thank you for your letter about CETA. I appreciate your sharing the District of Elkford Council's concerns about the agreement.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians and the communities in which they live. I understand you are specifically concerned about protecting Canada's water from privatization and ensuring the continued control of public natural resources.

Again, thank you for contacting us. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Christy Clark
Premier

October 16th, 2011
Dear Premier,

We have been writing to you for the last year and have not had a response about CETA, and why it has not been made more public, transparent. There have been absolutely no indications of what the likely financial repercussions could be to Canadians, not to mention loss of Sovereignty in determining future choices, in the areas of health care, natural supplements, industry, agriculture, sales of our resources such as water, hyrdo and timber, to mention a few.

It is difficult to understand when we consider the billions of dollars in penalties that Canadians have paid due to NAFTA regulations, that Canada would continue to sell our soul, and actually PAY for that privilege, to global interests.

When we can go back to the financially stable debt-free state we had BEFORE the 1940's when private banking, and money mongering became the status quo.

We are increasingly concerned about the provincial/territorial role in ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union. The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement doesn't seem to be about trade at all, but about putting restrictions on what kinds of economic and social policies our provincial and local governments can pursue.

Our government should ensure that significant protection for the health care sector is secured beyond doubt. The province should halt negotiating with the European officials immediately and our federal government must negotiate a more effective exemption for health care in this current trade deal with the European Union. Like most Canadians, we want our public health care system protected and improved, not threatened and eroded.

Based on the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations world wide, you and all elected representatives paid by us, the taxpayer, best understand Canadians are no longer being as complacent when it comes to selling off our country.

We strongly believe these negotiations and offers should be made public, considering how much is at stake. CETA is too large an agreement to allow a small group of provincial, federal and European Union negotiators to make decisions on behalf of the whole province and our country! We expect you to make the offer you have put together public so that the public and other legislators can have a chance to decide whether it's in all our best interests.

We sincerely look forward to your response.

s.22

CC: Jean Crowder, MP Cowichan; Christy Clark; Adrian Dix, Leader of the Official Opposition; Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation; Jenny Kwan, NDP critic for economic development; Jane Sterk, Green Party leader; Steven Harper



November 03, 2011

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Dear and :

Thank you for your letter about CETA.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians. I hope you will understand that providing information on specific negotiating positions is not possible while negotiations are underway.

Your views and concerns around health care and CETA are noted and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

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RUTH ARMSTRONG
Women's Committee Chair



October 5th, 2011

Premier Christy Clark
3615 West 4th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V6R 1P2

Dear Premier Clark,

As concerned citizens of our communities we are very alarmed about the possible effects of the proposed Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). We are also concerned of the lack of information that has been provided to Canadians on this trade agreement.

The European Union has made specific requests for full access to all levels of public procurement in municipalities across Canada.

CETA threatens to privatize and deregulate many of our public services including public transit, electrical utilities and our mail service.

CETA threatens local job creation and "buy local" policies, as the European corporations want unrestricted access to the purchasing that our provincial and municipal governments do.

CETA threatens our water; under CETA, European multinational water companies would gain unprecedented access to municipal water services.

CETA threatens our public health care; the free trade deal will expose Canadian Medicare to privatization. CETA could increase the cost of public and private drug plans by as much as 2.9 billion dollars per year.

CETA threatens our environment; the trade agreement will allow transnational corporations to ignore or challenge our environmental regulations and it will impede our government's ability to make new ones.

CETA threatens Indigenous people's rights; CETA would allow big corporations to ignore or challenge Indigenous rights by allowing corporations to develop where and how they want on Indigenous land without their informed consent.

CETA threatens the quality of our jobs and our labour rights. Canada imports more goods and services from the E.U. than we export to them. In 2008 we imported 17 billion more in E.U. goods than we exported. A lot of this was automobiles. Canada has already lost 550,000 good paying manufacturing jobs in the manufacturing sector.

CETA threatens our democratic rights by putting corporate rights first; CETA negotiators are planning to give transnational corporations the right to sue our governments over policies or decisions that prevent them from making a profit. Our governments which we elect couldn't regulate on our behalf or use our tax dollars to support our local economies when needed because the trade rules would put corporations first; this is a threat to our democratic right.

We, the Canadian Auto Workers, Local 111 have taken on this campaign to inform our membership and the members of our communities to the issues related to the lack of transparency on the part of our Provincial and Federal Governments regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement. We believe that it is in the citizens' interest to seek more information and input from the Provincial Government into the status of negotiations, as well as to request an exclusion of municipal governments from the agreement.

Sincerely,

Ruth Armstrong
Ruth Armstrong

CAW Local 111

Women's Committee Chair

[Signature]
Signature

7979 108th St

Delta, BC

V4C 4C3

Address, City, Postal Code

Cc: Local MLA
Stephen Harper



October 20, 2011

Ruth Armstrong
CAW Local 111, Women's Committee Chair
7979 108th Street
Delta, BC V4C 4C3

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

Thank you for your letter about CETA.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

You might be interested to know that all of Canada's existing trade agreements exclude essential public services such as health care, public education and social services. The proposed agreement will not include provisions that restrict our government from continuing to regulate these public services.

Please be assured that it has been our longstanding position that open, transparent and fair competition reduces costs, ensuring best value for tax payer dollars. An agreement with the European Union would not force local governments to choose the lowest bidder, for example. A CETA would provide British Columbian suppliers the opportunity to compete for public contracts in the enormous procurement market of the European Union.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views are welcome and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for further discussions. We hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

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September 15, 2011

Office of Premier of British Columbia
PO BOX 9041 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1
Canada

Dear Honourable Premier:

Re: The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement

I have become increasingly concerned about the provincial/territorial role in ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union.

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) doesn't seem to be about trade at all, but about putting restrictions on what kinds of economic and social policies our provincial and local governments can pursue.

I understand that on July 14th in Brussels, an offer was tabled to the EU on government contracts (procurement) and trade in goods. I know there are further meetings contemplated for this month, to finish offers on investment and services, which will be exchanged with the EU in the middle of October. On behalf of 7,000 Affiliate collective members of the Building and Construction Trades Council on Vancouver Island I strongly believe these offers should be made public.

There has not been near enough open and public dialogue about these negotiations when we consider how much is at stake. CETA is too expansive of an agreement to allow a small group of provincial, federal and European Union negotiators to make decisions on behalf of the entire province without our understanding and buy-in. I would hope you would make the offer you have put together public so that other legislators, as well as all British Columbians, can have a chance to decide whether it's in all of our best interests, and so that we can avoid another poorly communicated HST style form of governing.

I would like to thank you in advance for consideration of my request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Phil Venoit
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary
President, VI-BCTC

PMV/jc
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CC: Island MLA's



September 27, 2011

Philip Venoit
Business Manager & Financial Secretary
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Rm 103-2823 Jacklin Road
Victoria, BC V9B 3Y1

Dear Mr. Venoit:

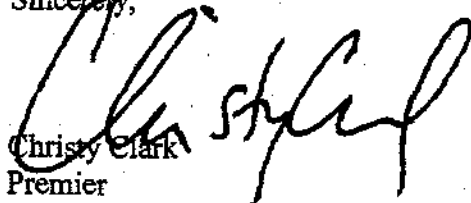
Thank you for your letter regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

I appreciate the time you have taken to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views about the trade negotiations are noted and will certainly be considered and included in any future related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Christy Clark
Premier

July 19, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia
V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:


Re: Negotiation of a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union

I am writing you on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to express our concern about the lack of public input into the negotiation of a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement ("CETA") with the European Union ("EU"). We understand that EU negotiators are asking that water supply and wastewater handling services be included in the agreement in the section on public procurement.

Our school district is, as you know, in a remote, rural community. The infrastructure in our communities is aging, with the expectation that upgrades to our water supply and wastewater handling services will be required over time. These upgrades will come at a cost to local taxpayers, of which the school district is one. We are concerned that CETA may lead to the privatization of this infrastructure. This may lead, in turn, to increased costs, service level declines and a loss of local employment.

The media reported last month that you intend to seek public input on this proposed agreement. We would encourage you to put in place a comprehensive process to receive input from a broad cross-section of public stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)



Tina Last
Chair

CM/hdg

cc: The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education
Gary Coons, MLA
Mayor Jack Mussalem, Prince Rupert
Mayor Dave McDonald, Port Edward



August 15, 2011

Tina Last
Chair
Prince Rupert SD No.52
634 6th Avenue East
Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1X1

Dear Ms. Last:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views around water supply and wastewater are noted and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

I hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

Pc: Honourable Ida Chong
Honourable George Abbott





THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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November 16, 2011

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The Honourable Christy Clark
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada- European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the November 14th regular meeting of the Village of Slocan Council we considered the potential impacts on BC municipalities of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA) that is currently being negotiated. Our Council then passed the following resolution (2011/382):

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

WHEREAS the European Union and EU-based corporations are insisting on unobstructed access to procurement by subnational governments --including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies -- which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy; and

WHEREAS unobstructed access to Canadian municipal procurement by both EU and Canadian corporations, combined with investment protections in CETA on government concessions related to transit, water, electricity and other social services delivered locally may encourage privatization and reduce economic development options for local communities; and

WHEREAS the provincial and territorial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Slokan request:

- a briefing from the British Columbia Government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to subnational government procurement;
- Municipal staff review the available information on the impact CETA will have on municipal governments, with special emphasis on procurement and the delivery of social services;
- the Government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- that this resolution be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration and circulation.

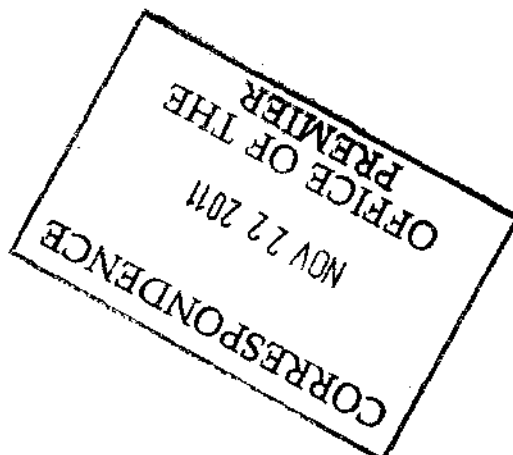
We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,



Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -Village of Slokan Council
-UBCM Member Municipalities
-Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior
-Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary
-Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay





VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



July 21, 2011

Premier Christy Clark

By Email: christy@christyclark.ca

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Proposed Canada – E.U. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

I am writing on behalf of the 60,000 members of the Vancouver and District Labour Council (VDLC). Our labour council has been monitoring the CETA negotiations since they commenced, and are deeply concerned about the lack of public knowledge or engagement on this proposed trade agreement.

The ramifications of CETA are enormous and reach into every level of governance. Yet we find most British Columbians are unaware of the potential impacts or even know that the agreement is being negotiated.

The VDLC membership adopted the following resolution on July 19, 2011 regarding CETA:

SUBJECT: Canada- EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

BECAUSE the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (the "CETA"), with their eighth round of meetings held July 8th - 15th, 2011 in Brussels and Paris; and

BECAUSE the European Union is insisting on full access to procurement by sub-national governments - including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies - which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

BECAUSE unfettered access to Canadian municipal procurement by European corporations may encourage privatization and reduce economic development options for local communities; and

BECAUSE CETA also threatens to give European multi-national corporations access to Canadian water services and supply, override indigenous rights and labour standards, and would

allow these corporations to sue the Canadian government for non-compliance similarly to Chapter 11 of NAFTA,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL

- Take steps to educate its affiliates about CETA's scope, cost impacts and resulting loss of local discretion;
- Sign onto the "Open Civil Society Declaration on a proposed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union";
- Urge the government of Canada exempt water rights, pharmaceuticals and sub-national government procurement from CETA and other trade agreements; and
- Urge the provincial government to negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA.

While we hope your government will consider the entire resolution, we ask that you pay particular attention to the final bullet. We believe it is essential that our local governments retain political autonomy on procurement practices and other decisions within their mandate. We ask you to direct the British Columbian representatives involved in the CETA discussions to insist on these exemptions.

Yours truly,



Ms. Joey Hartman
President

Cc: VDLC Executive



July 22, 2011

Joey Hartman
President
Vancouver and District Labour Council
#20, 1880 Triumph Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1K3

Dear Ms. Hartman:

Thank you for your letter and resolution regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views as expressed in your resolution – including those specific to local government, are welcome and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

Pc: Honourable Pat Bell
Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations

From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 10:10 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CETA

Along with the effect on municipalities, the CETA could add hundreds of millions of dollars a year to B.C.'s health care costs if it applies to drug purchases and could put the province's water at risk, said Dix. "It's significant on so many levels."

The only conclusion I can come to is the Liberal government does not care one whit about it's citizens or our water, etc.

I'm voting NDP as I've had enough of your government selling us and our resources " down the river ".

s.22

From:
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:40 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CE1A

Why is your government not telling the people of British columbia about how this proposed agreement would affect our limport/export ratios, our ability to keep water as human^sright and generally for Canada to retain our sovereignty! Where is your transparency?

s.22

Thank you for your email regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views around import/export impacts, water and our future sovereignty are welcome and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

From:
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:57 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: CETA

I believe that if we trade away our sovereignty and our resources for short term profit we will pay a great deal more in the long term! if you agree to an agreement it should be on the basis of saving our water and our rights to choose how to use our resources.

On Thu, Jul 14, 2011 at 10:52 AM, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

<Premier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

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We hope you will find this information helpful.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:40 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CETA

Why is your government not telling the people of British columbia about how this proposed agreement would affect our limport/export ratios, our ability to keep water as human^{s.22} right and generally for Canada to retain our sovereignty! Where is your transparency?

From:
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6:54 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CETA threatens our democracy

Dear Premier:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) currently being negotiated by Canada and the European Union.

CETA threatens our democracy by putting corporate rights first. It will encourage privatization of drinking water services and other vital public services. Under CETA local job creation and "buy-local" policies could be prohibited and big corporations could ignore or challenge environmental regulation. This deal will even impact our health care system by making it harder to expand or improve medicare and home care services as well as causing drug costs to skyrocket.

By now, your negotiators will have tabled your province's provisional offers – the list of what is on and off the table for each province. I urge you to make these offers public so that there can be a full and informed debate.

Canadians have too much to lose through this flawed deal. Please use your influence and your voice to put the brakes on negotiations.

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

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 12:55 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Jenny.Kwan.MLA@leg.bc.ca; leader@greenparty.bc.ca

Cc:

Subject: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

Dear Premier,

I am deeply alarmed about the ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union.

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) doesn't seem to be about trade at all, but about restricting what kinds of economic and social policies our provincial and local governments can pursue.

I understand that on July 14, in Brussels, you tabled an offer to the EU on government procurement and trade in goods. I know there are meetings this month to finish offers on investment and services, which will be exchanged with the EU in the middle of October. I demand that these offers -- being made in our name -- be made public.

There has been no public discussion about these negotiations; considering how much is at stake, this is not acceptable. CETA is too large an agreement to allow a small group of negotiators to make decisions on behalf of the whole province.

I expect you to make the offer you are putting together public, so that we citizens and our legislators can decide whether it's in our best interests.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your email about CETA.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Regarding your concern about public services, all of Canada's existing trade agreements exclude essential public services such as health care, public education and social services. The proposed agreement will not include provisions that restrict our government from continuing to regulate these public services.

Regarding your concern about local government and public agency spending, it has been our longstanding position that open, transparent and fair competition reduces costs, ensuring best value for tax payer dollars. An agreement with the European Union would not force local governments to choose the lowest bidder. A CETA would provide British Columbian suppliers the opportunity to compete for public contracts in the enormous procurement market of the European Union.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views are welcome and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations. We hope you will find this information helpful.

Pages 72 through 73 redacted for the following reasons:

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From:

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:06 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: RE: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

Dear Premier

Thank you for your response. I appreciate this information so that I can better understand all the issues. Your response doesn't refer to some of the issues that I am concerned about. Medical care and prescription drugs are not mentioned in your response and the impacts on costs to our system due to this deal. Nor do you make comment about Canadian water rights and the sale of it as a commodity and the impacts this could have on Canadians and British Columbians. It also doesn't discuss how Corporate interests will be regulated so that the public will take precedent.

I am concerned about cultural impacts to things such as the CBC. Also concerned about how it will affect our environment and the management of fish stocks and animal protection. So there are many issues. I suggest respectfully that you please make this deal more public and make British Columbians part of the discussion. You saw the impact that deal making when done without transparency had on the HST issue. If you do not make this something that is discussed in a public manner it will have negative impacts on the Liberal Government, which I support since you took the office of Premier, and it will damage your credibility as the Premier. It will make you look like you are Premier that is similar to that of the last Premier which is something you need to distance yourself from. It will make your government look like it's not transparent and pro-British Columbian in its interests and will remind people of the previous governments failures to be up front about the deals it makes. The other consequence is that if you remember, Brian Mulroney's decline in popularity after NAFTA. The reason I mention this is you will end up with a similar type of response from British Columbians because a large number of us as you know feel that British Columbian interests should always be the paramount concern so that the next generation of British Columbians are as prosperous and those of my parents' generation during Wacky Bennett days.

I wish you well and think you're doing a fantastic job as our Premier; from what I can see and I have only just recently started to support your party due to your leadership. Please keep being transparent and make the public aware of what it needs to know to understand what you're doing to protect British Columbian interests and to lead us. It will always earn you votes and respect even if doesn't resonate with the public and it will leave you room to politically manoeuvre without damaging you as it will allow you to switch direction without forcing you into a corner. You likely know all this

but I hope you do get to read this as I am making my comments sincerely with respect and in hopes that you may consider my concerns when you're making any deal on our behalf. Also in hopes that you will lead us like no other premier has, with respect by demonstrating you hear and listen because it's really the only way to be inclusive as a leader and gives you the ethical right to make the final choices on decisions that affect all British Columbians.

Thank you
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-----Original Message-----

From: Office of the Premier, Office PREM:EX [mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: October-14-11 9:30 AM

To:

Subject: RE: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

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From:

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 1:27 PM

To: Office of the Premier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Jenny.Kwan.MLA@leg.bc.ca; leader@greenparty.bc.ca

Cc:

Subject: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

Dear Premier,

I am increasingly concerned about the provincial/territorial role in ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union. The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement doesn't seem to be about trade at all, but about putting restrictions on what kinds of economic and social policies our provincial and local governments can pursue.

I understand that on July 14 in Brussels, you tabled an offer to the EU on government contracts (procurement) and trade in goods. I know there are meetings this month to finish offers on investment and services, which will be exchanged with the EU in the middle of October. I strongly believe these offers should be made public.

There has not been enough public debate about these negotiations considering how much is at stake. CETA is too large an agreement to allow a small group of provincial, federal and European Union negotiators to make decisions on behalf of the whole province. I expect you to make the offer you have put together public so that the public and other legislators can have a chance to decide whether it's in all our best interests.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

s.22

Hello and thank you for your subsequent feedback. The Governments of Canada and British Columbia have conducted ongoing consultations throughout these negotiations. You will understand, I hope, that providing information on specific negotiating positions, as you have requested, is not possible while negotiations are underway.

We appreciate your understanding and hope this additional information is helpful to you.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 10:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; joyce.murray@parl.gc.ca
Cc: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca; Yamamoto.MLA, Naomi LASS:EX
Subject: Fwd: Canadians making a difference on climate change - hydrologic cycle and CETA

Dear Honourables Christy Clark and Joyce Murray,

I normally vote Liberal and am a private citizen very concerned about the Canadian-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) and its potential impacts on our watersheds. I am unable to find a Canadian Government Environmental study for CETA (see below). There is an EU study on CETA environmental impacts which apparently does not include Canadian environmental groups as stakeholders. <http://www.eucanada-sia.org/>

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Please see below my email to Friends of the Earth Canada cc to Environment Canada.
Thank you very much for clarifying the Liberal's position on this matter,

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

Subject: Canadians making a difference on climate change - hydrologic cycle and CETA
Date: Mon, 24 Oct 2011 09:25:23 -0700
From:

To: foc@foecanada.org

CC: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Dear Geoff Love and Environment Canada,

I'm a private citizen - not associated with any organizations. I've been studying watersheds and private public partnerships, which led me to begin learning about CETA (the Canada EU trade agreement), environmental organizations and the water hydrologic cycle.

A few questions:

1) If we assume exports of Canadian drinking water ramps up and becomes similar in trade volume to exports of oil, how and at what point does the global hydrological cycle get impacted? What is the impact on Canada's climate? This question is influenced by references such as: global hydrology and human activity -

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water trading and water rights economics in the EU - [http://www.infraday.tu-](http://www.infraday.tu-berlin.de/typo3/filadmin/documents/infraday/2011/presentations/Water%20I%20I.pdf)

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water scarcity investment opportunities - <http://www.energyandcapital.com/articles/water-scarcity-creating-investment-opportunities/1831>

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4) If the Canadian government is relying on the EU study, is it wise in a negotiation to have your opponent be responsible for your arguments?

Thank you,

Thank you for your email about CETA.

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Your views and concerns around environmental issues [watersheds] are noted and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations. If our Ministry of Environment has any additional information on that point, they will be in touch with you directly.

Again, thank you for contacting us. We hope you will find this information helpful.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 11:57 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

Please be kind enough to bring the attached letter to the Premier's attention at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you very much indeed,
sincerely,

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----- Forwarded message -----

From:
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2011 at 8:57 AM
Subject: Re: Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.
To: Prime Minister Stephen Harper <pm@pm.gc.ca>

Prime Minister Stephen Harper,
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
October 25, 2011

Dear Prime Minister,
together with Millions of Canadian Citizens I am very concerned about this government's negotiations with the European Union to work out a 'Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)' without any input from Parliament.
In a democratic country, at least that's what Canada calls itself, Members of Parliament, the voice of the People, need to be informed and consulted!
This proposed trade agreement would enforce corporate rights under NAFTA and allow corporations to sue governments at all levels when making decisions in the interest of the Commons, even to compensate them for financial losses during war and riots.
Where is the protection for the PUBLIC interest? Isn't that what the government is elected for??
We strongly condemn your unaccountable dealing in negotiating agreements on behalf of our country!
You were elected on your promise of openness and accountability towards your constituents!
We call on you to either end the behind-closed-doors negotiations on CETA or open up the whole process for scrutiny by the House and the general public!

Please reply to this urgent message in a timely manner!

Sincerely, on behalf of Millions of Canadians who did not vote for you and your party,

s.22

cc. Interim Leader of the Opposition NDP
Hon. Bob Ray, Interim Leader, Liberal Party,
Hon. Elizabeth May, Leader, Green Party
Hon. Gil Duseppe, Leader, Bloc Quebecois

Hon. Christie Clark, Premier of British Columbia
Hon. Alison Redford, Premier of Alberta,
Hon. Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan,
Hon. Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba,
Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario,
Hon. Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec,
Hon. Kathy Dunderdale, Premier of Labrador-Newfoundland
Hon. Darrel Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia,
Hon. David Alward, Premier of New Brunswick,
Hon. Robert Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island,
Hon. Darrell Pasloski, Premier of the Yukon

Thank you very much. We will also bring it to the attention of our Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat. We appreciate hearing from you.

From:

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 8:55 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX; Lake.MLA, Terry LASS:EX; MacDiarmid.MLA, Margaret LASS:EX; McRae.MLA, Don LASS:EX; Thomson.MLA, Steve LASS:EX

Cc: NDP; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; info@thetyee.ca; h grewal

Subject: CETA is bad for BC

Dear Premier and MLAs,

CETA is bad for BC. There are negotiations with BC and Europe about CETA that can harm BC citizens and economy for years, if not forever. These negotiations are secret and need to be made public. Where are the "public consultations", Ms. Clark? Where are the documents on these negotiations that should be available to the public? Why is this happening 'to' us instead of 'with' us?

Please be 'OPEN' and fair. Ms. MacDiarmid is Minister of Open Government. Please, Minister, make sure our government is 'OPEN'.

Don't sell BC. Protect our citizens. Protect our environment. PLEASE

From the Tyee:

In June, Clark told The Tyee the province was still working out its positions as the eighth round of talks got underway and couldn't state them publicly.

Other accounts have suggested B.C. has strong positions and is pursuing them aggressively. In August, Postmedia quoted Jason Langrish, the executive director of the Canada Europe Roundtable for Business, saying, "B.C. has been the most ambitious of all the provinces in the CETA negotiations."

That former premier Gordon Campbell, known as a supporter of open markets and free trade, was going to be at the table would demonstrate to the Europeans that the provinces are committed to the CETA, Langrish said.

Thank you for your email about CETA.

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Again, thank you for contacting us. We hope you will find this information helpful.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 3:16 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Canadians making a difference on climate change - hydrologic cycle and CETA

Thank you for your response, very much appreciated.

On 26/10/2011 11:55 AM, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX wrote:
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CC: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

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4) If the Canadian government is relying on the EU study, is it wise in a negotiation to have your opponent be responsible for your arguments?

Thank you, s.22

From:
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 10:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: MacDiarmid.MLA, Margaret LASS:EX
Subject: CETA

Dear Premier Clark,

If I am to believe the polls, and what I am reading in the media, you are not exactly popular in BC at the present time. You are clearly reading the polls, as well, which is why there is no provincial election in sight. I have a couple of suggestions of ways in which you might repair some of your damaged reputation.

I think the people of BC would be pleased to have a Liberal Premier that stood up to the federal Conservative government. The Canada-European Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement is bad for Canadians, and particularly bad for provincial governments, who will be left paying the bills for much higher pharmaceutical costs. Sub-national (meaning provincial) contracts will also be affected, and the provincial governments will not be free to enact legislation that European companies believe puts them at a disadvantage. Please do not roll over at the bargaining table and allow this terrible agreement to be finalized.

Not Responsive

Just a couple of suggestions that might help boost your flagging popularity!

s.22

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions. As you know, we are asking for public input on all issues and working with that information as we move forward.

We have announced many new initiatives in the past ^{Not Responsive} several months and the feedback has been encouraging. Your comments about CETA and have been noted and will be included in those related discussions as well.

Again, we do appreciate your taking the time to share your view.

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

From:

Sent: Sunday, November 6, 2011 5:51 PM

To: Office of the Premier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Jenny.Kwan.MLA@leg.bc.ca; leader@greenparty.bc.ca

Cc:

Subject: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

Dear Premier

Canada's ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union, to create the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA, supposedly about free trade, is more about putting restrictions on what kinds of economic and social policies provincial and local governments can pursue.

BC has now sent EU trade negotiators a list of services and policies that BC is offering to be subject to CETA. It is wrong to conduct these negotiations in secret. Tell the people of BC what your government is prepared to give away!!

What are you going to do to protect the interests of BC citizens and the rights of our provincial and municipal governments? How are you going to let the citizens of BC have a say in these negotiations?!

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your email about CETA.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians and the communities in which they live. We hope you will understand that providing information on specific negotiating positions is not possible while negotiations are underway.

Again, thank you for contacting us. We hope you will find this information helpful.

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 12:32 AM

To: Office of the Premier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Jenny.Kwan.MLA@leg.bc.ca; leader@greenparty.bc.ca

Cc:

Subject: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

Dear [Premier, MLA, MPP, Councillor, etc]

I am increasingly concerned about Canada's ongoing free trade negotiations with the European Union. The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement doesn't seem to be about trade at all, but about putting restrictions on what kinds of economic and social policies our provincial, territorial and local governments can pursue.

I understand that our province [or territory] has now sent EU trade negotiators a list of service sectors, investment policies and local governments it's willing to bind by new policy in CETA. I think it would be undemocratic to allow CETA to be signed before we've had a chance to debate those offers. We need to make them public now!

There has not been enough public debate about these negotiations. Considering how much is at stake, this is unacceptable. CETA is too large an agreement to allow a small group of provincial, federal and European Union negotiators to make decisions on behalf of the whole province. I expect you to make the offer you have put together public so that the public and other legislators can have a chance to decide whether it's in all our best interests.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 2:12 PM

To:

Subject: RE: Make the provincial-territorial CETA offers public now!

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Again, thank you for contacting us. We hope you will find this information helpful.

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

From: EnquiryBC [mailto:Enquirybc@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 12:54 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: General comment/feedback [#98105]

We are forwarding^{s.22} the following e-mail for your attention. Please respond to the original sender at: Thank you.

SERVICE BC CALL CENTRE

Hours of Operation: 7:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, except on statutory holidays.
In Vancouver (604) 660-2421
In Victoria (250) 387-6121
Elsewhere in BC 1-(800) 663-7867 (toll free)

--Original Message--

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From:
Date: 12/11/2011 8:22:03 PM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
Cc: lcsocosystest@gov.bc.ca
Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by
on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 14:41:33

related: Other

message: I am very concerned about the CETA negotiations which the federal government in carrying on right now. I quote from then foreign affairs minister Peter Van Loan, which I saw on TV, "This is more than free trade...this goes far beyond simply the reduction of tariffs on goods to go to the rules of investment, labour mobility, rules that guarantee access to government procurement...overall just about everything is on the table, everything in the economy is up for discussion... The ramifications of all this are terrifying. I understand that the provincial governments need to agree to all of this. Is your government agreeing? What is your position. The provincial government can't sit back and blame the federal government for this. Either you agree with it or not. Which is it? Why isn't there public information and discussion about this?

reply: yes

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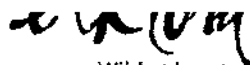
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Thank you for your email about CETA.

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Again, thank you for contacting us. We hope you will find this information helpful.



Wild at heart.

District of Elkford

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December 6, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
P.O. Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

The District of Elkford Council at its Regular meeting of November 28, 2011 reviewed the attached correspondence from the Village of Slocan, endorsed their resolution, and supported the requests put forward by the Council of the Village of Slocan.

We urge the British Columbia government to consider these requests and provide the BC municipalities with an early response.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Attach.

Cc: Village of Slocan
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Dave Wilks, MP Kootenay-Columbia
Bill Bennett, MLA Kootenay East
Regional District of East Kootenay
UBCM member municipalities



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Slocan request:

- a briefing from the British Columbia Government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to subnational government procurement;
- Municipal staff review the available information on the impact CETA will have on municipal governments, with special emphasis on procurement and the delivery of social services;
- the Government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- that this resolution be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration and circulation.

We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -*Village of Slocan Council*
-*UBCM Member Municipalities*
-*Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior*
-*Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary*
-*Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay*

From:
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 10:02 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: RE: General comment/feedback [#98105]

I don't find this so called information the least bit helpful. What have you told me - nothing!. Don't I deserve to know what my government is negotiating? Why isn't there a public discussion or information? Hasn't the provincial liberal government learned from the HST that people like to be informed?

> From: Premier@^{s.22}gov.bc.ca
> To:
> Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 10:14:48 -0800
> Subject: RE: General comment/feedback [#98105]
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> Thank you for your email about CETA.
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> --Original Message--
> From:
> Date: 12/11/2011 8:22:03 PM
> To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
> Cc: lcsocosystest@gov.bc.ca
> Subject: General comment/feedback

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> Below is the result of your feedback form at
> (<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).
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> It was submitted by
> on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 14:41:33

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> related: Other
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> message: I am very concerned about the CETA negotiations which the federal government in
carrying on right now. I quote from then foreign affairs minister Peter Van Loan, which I saw on
TV, "This is more than free trade...this goes far beyond simply the reduction of tariffs on goods
to go to the rules of investment, labour mobility, rules that guarantee access to government
procurement...overall just about everything is on the table, everything in the economy is up for
discussion... The ramifications of all this are terrifying. I understand that the provincial
governments need to agree to all of this. Is your government agreeing? What is your position.
The provincial government can't sit back and blame the federal government for this. Either you
agree with it or not. Which is it? Why isn't there public information and discussion about this?
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> Send Message: Send Message
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-----Original Message-----

From: email@addthis.com [mailto:email@addthis.com] On Behalf Of
 Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 2:50 PM
 To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
 Subject: [26-Jan-12] New report on leaked CETA documents explains threat to water services from Canada-EU trade deal

Dear Ms.Clark, I forward this with the request that you tell the Federal Gov't to take BC's water OFF the bargaining table with the EU. Canadian water for Canadians!

<http://canadians.org/media/trade/2012/26-Jan-12.html#.TyIIYr2xOB18.email>

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Thank you for your feedback. We will ensure your concern about BC water is included in the related discussions. We do appreciate hearing from you and thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

From: Grain Growers of Canada [mailto:office@ggc-pgc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2012 8:39 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; McRae.MLA, Don LASS:EX; Minister, JTI JTI:EX
Subject: Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) needs to be high priority

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Association

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Association

February 7, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC, V8V 1X4

RE: Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

Dear Premier Clark:

The Grain Growers of Canada representing tens of thousands of successful producers, many of whom farm in British Columbia, would like to commend the work BC is doing on the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and other ongoing bi-lateral trade agreements.

Outside of NAFTA, the European Union trade agreement is the greatest trade opportunity we have seen in decades. The EU has 500 million people. Their tastes are similar to ours and they have an appreciation for high quality Canadian agriculture products. It is a market where we have a lot of room to grow and it is a market, despite the recent news on Greece, that has cash to pay for high quality.

Currently, Canadian exports to Europe are only one-tenth of what we sell to the United States. But, as all farmers learned during the BSE crisis, while the US is one of our best trading partners, we need to diversify where possible.

In order to ensure the CETA trade deal and other ongoing bi-laterals are successful, it is imperative these trade negotiations remain a high priority for British Columbia with adequate provincial staff and resources being allocated towards this purpose.

On a personal note, we are pleased to report to you that the people representing BC that we have had the opportunity to work with, have been well informed, knowledgeable and a credit to the Province.

We look forward to continuing to work with your government to help expand new markets for farmers and to continue to work for greater innovation in agriculture.

Sincerely,

Stephen Vandervalk
President, Grain Growers of Canada

Richard Phillips
Executive Director, Grain Growers of Canada

CC
Honourable Don McRae
Honourable Pat Bell

Thank you for your support of our efforts. It was good to hear from you.

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

From: EnquiryBC [mailto:Enquirybc@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 11:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Rc: General comment/feedback [#109054]

We are forwarding^{s.22} the following e-mail for your attention. Please respond to the original sender at: Thank you.

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From:
Date: 2/13/2012 9:21:52 AM
To: EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca
Cc: lcsocosystest@gov.bc.ca
Subject: General comment/feedback

Below is the result of your feedback form at
(<https://extranet.gov.bc.ca/forms/gov/contact/index.html>).

It was submitted by
on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 09:21:40

related: Other

message: Why is the Province of BC not standing against Stephen Harper in regards to our Water .New report on leaked CETA documents explains threat to water services from Canada-EU trade deal

OTTAWA, ONTARIO â€” The Council of Canadians and Canadian Union of Public Employees have released a briefing note on recently leaked documents related to ongoing Canada-European Union free trade negotiations. The documents show that Canada and the provinces have failed to protect drinking water and wastewater services from trade rules that would encourage and lock in privatization.

â€œThe two biggest private water utilities in the world are European. Harper's message to them in CETA is that Canada is "open for business" to big European water firms who see public water services as a barrier to their investment opportunities The very notion of water as a public good and a human right is at stake."

The documents, made public yesterday by the Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC) and the Trade Justice Network, show Canada's initial services and investment offers to the EU in ongoing Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) negotiations. They list policy areas or sectors that are to be spared from liberalization, which can be understood as deregulation or re-regulation on market-based terms favourable to multinational investment. Water services are not on the list, which means they are automatically included in the deal.

"The two biggest private water utilities in the world are European and eager to use CETA to gain access to Canada's still public water systems," says Maude Barlow, national chairperson with the Council of Canadians. "Harper's message to these companies is that Canada is 'open for business' when it comes to water privatization. The very notion of water as a public good and a human right is at stake."

"Canadians hold a great deal of trust in publicly owned, operated and delivered water and sanitation systems," says CUPE National President Paul Moist. "Water and other essential services like health care, public transit, postal services and energy are vital to our communities. If European negotiators are prepared to protect those sectors why isn't Canada? We need to debate this deal right now."

CUPE and the Council of Canadians are asking, at the very least, that provincial governments correct their mistake by fully excluding drinking water and wastewater services from their Canada-EU trade offers. The organizations also urge the provinces to withhold their support for the CETA negotiations until the public and opposition parties have had a chance to study and make revisions to these offers and the broader Canada-EU agreement. There could be many other areas, for example public transit, health care, education, among others, which should be protected but which the provinces have not carved out of the CETA.

The leak is bound to embarrass the Prime Minister who will be promoting the Canada-EU trade talks while in Davos this week at the World Economic Forum.

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Thank you for your email regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

I can assure you that the Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Regarding your concern about public services, all of Canada's existing trade agreements exclude essential public services such as health care, public education and social services. The proposed agreement will not include provisions that restrict our government from continuing to regulate these public services.

The Governments of Canada and British Columbia have conducted ongoing consultations throughout these negotiations. You will understand, I hope, that providing information on specific negotiating positions, as you have requested, is not possible while negotiations are underway.

Thank you again for taking the time to write me on this important series of negotiations. Your comments about water have been noted and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

From: Jessie Pushell [mailto:Jessie@canadiangenerics.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 8:20 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Jim Keon; Jody Cox
Subject: Costly Drug Patent Proposals from EU

Dear Premier:

Please see the attached letter from Jim Keon, President, Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA).

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February 21, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Rm. 156, West Annex, Parliament Bldgs.
P.O. 9041, Stn Provincial Government
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E1

Dear Premier,

As you are no doubt aware, the European Union (EU) has proposed longer periods of market monopolies for brand-name prescription drugs for Canada in the current negotiations for a comprehensive economic and trade agreement (CETA). If implemented, these proposals would hurt the Canadian economy and substantially increase prescription drugs costs for provincial drug plans, businesses and patients.

A February 2011 report estimates that the EU's proposals would extend periods of market exclusivity for brand-name drugs in Canada by an average of 3.5 years and add approximately \$253-million annually to British Columbia's prescription drug bill. Of that \$253-million, approximately \$101-million would be borne by provincial governments with the remaining \$152-million coming out of the pockets of patients and employers that sponsor drug plans for their employees.

These EU proposals are unnecessary. Canada currently provides strong protection for patented drugs that exceeds international standards, as reaffirmed in several recent studies and by the federal Minister of State for Science and Technology in an interview with the *Hill Times* newspaper last October. These proposals would, however, increase prescription drug costs in Canada at a time when both governments and businesses are struggling to control them.

Canada cannot afford the EU's proposals for pharmaceuticals. Canadian health care savings – which provincial governments have been working hard to achieve – are too important to be traded away. Now is not the time to introduce additional obstacles to delay the availability of lower priced generic products to Canadians. Now is not the time to adopt proposals that result in increased drug costs. Now is not the time to hurt the Canadian economy or Canadian health care.

CGPA supports the Government of Canada in its refusal to adopt the EU pharmaceutical IP proposals in the negotiations to date. We remain hopeful that logic, a long-term view and fact-based decision making prevail at the CETA negotiating table, despite the rhetoric and extreme advocacy of brand-name pharmaceutical companies and the European Union. But trade negotiations are fluid and unpredictable by nature, and Canada has not yet insisted that these proposals be taken off the table.

Payers of prescription medicines must take a strong position of opposition to these EU proposals to ensure they are not adopted in the CETA negotiations. Private sector drug payers, through the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA), have shared their concerns about these proposals in a recent letter to International Trade Minister Ed Fast. This letter is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/7ghwxwk>. Public sector drug payers must also share their strong concerns.

As you and your provincial counterparts prepare to meet with International Trade Minister Ed Fast at the end of this month, I would encourage you to discuss the potential impact on health-care costs of these proposals with the Minister and tell him that your government is unable and unwilling to pay for these costly EU pharmaceutical intellectual property proposals.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. If you have any questions regarding any of the information contained above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Keon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Keon
President

From:

Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:24 PM

To: Sultan.MLA, Ralph LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Abbott.MLA, George LASS:EX; Colin - M.P. Mayes; Prime Minister/Premier ministre

Subject: Fwd: CETA - Ooops - use this version Procurement in UK showing how EU regulations prohibit member states from showing domestic preference

We're heading in the direction of countries like Bolivia, and others in the region, where finally people revolted against foreign utility corporations that were astronomically raising their water, hydro etc. rates, after buying the public utilities.

Please do not sign CETA!

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Begin forwarded message:

Subject: CETA - Ooops - use this version Procurement in UK showing how EU regulations prohibit member states from showing domestic preference

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From:

To: Global Democracy Ottawa

Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 6:43 AM

Subject: Ooops - use this version Procurement in UK showing how EU regulations prohibit member states from showing domestic preference

Not Responsive

Under CETA Canada will be facing similar restrictions, in a major number of sectors. But even before CETA is signed later this year,

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Not Responsive

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 2:59 PM
To: OfficeofthcPremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX
Subject: CETA

I cannot understand why the province would be in favour of signing CETA. Everything i have read indicates that we would be giving up the ability to make our own decisions and it would be a corporate free-for-all for our resources. Europe is not particularly interested in whether we agree with what their corporations plan to do to Canada, and with the approval of CETA it appears we would have little recourse to prevent anything they wanted.

Please do not agree to this potential attack on our resources and our democracy. The consequences are too great.

Thank you for your personal feedback on this matter. Your concerns have been noted and will be shared with the people involved in the discussions. We do appreciate your taking the time to write.

From:

Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:43 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX;

Jenny.Kwan.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Subject: re: CETA negotiations

Dear Premier Clark and Minister Bell

i read with some dismay, in the Tyee, that Minister Bell refused to let British Columbians know just what he and you and the Federal Government are up to in the negotiations over CETA. Don't you realise that this kind of obfuscation only damns your government in the eyes of the electorate, to a crushing loss in the next election?

isn't it about time that you stood up for British Columbians rather than the fat cats who own and run your party? Most people in B.C. are not in favour of joining with the Feds in this new "free trade" deal with the Europeans. they will get the benefits...we will pay the costs. this agreement is NOT good for Canada or Canadians, but only for the rich elites, who seem to have bought both the Federal and the Provincial Governments, particularly in B.C.

Not Responsive

we the people of B.C. are telling you to JUST SAY NO!!! to CETA. we don't need it....we don't want it...and please do NOT sign us up to it.....

NO to CETA!!! NO to CETA!!! NO to CETA!!!

am i clear enough yet?

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Thank you again for taking the time to write regarding this important series of negotiations. Your comments have been noted.

From:

Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2012 7:05 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Cc: Chong.MLA, Ida LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Bell.MLA, Pat LASS:EX

Subject: CETA

Premier Clark,

Where are you on the CETA debate? And make no mistake - it is a debate whether you want to engage in it or not.

Could you answer a couple of questions for me?

1. Who does Pat Bell work for? I thought it was me, but it looks like he has another agenda, one in which I don't count. Does he not want to speak out for B.C.?

2. Didn't your government learn anything from the BC Rail debacle; the IIST mess; the "smart" meter fiasco; etc.? The people of BC desire and deserve to be included in discussions regarding major changes in policy and legislation, not kept in the dark until the government announces a fait accompli.

3. Do you support Bell's interpretation of the non-disclosure clause in the CETA agreement? It would appear not to be supported by the Federal Trade Minister's comments. Does Minister Bell believe that he has the pulse of British Columbians to the extent that he can speak for them without asking for their opinion? This is consultation by osmosis - hardly a transparent process.

4. Other premier have spoken out. Why haven't you?

With all the respect I can muster,

Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2011 7:58 AM s.16
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - - Canada-
European Union Negotiations Round IX (DO NOT FORWARD)
Attachments: 63509 - Flash Report Round Nine CETA.pdf
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential
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Chelsie - fyi

From: Sen, Shom JTI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 6:14 PM
To: s.15
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Cc:
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - Canada-European Union Negotiations
Round IX (DO NOT FORWARD)
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Canada-European Union negotiations towards a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Round IX of the CETA negotiations was held in Ottawa ^{s.13 s.16} October 17 – 21, 2011. this was the last
“official” round, s.13 s.16

^{s.13 s.16} British Columbia will continue to be included for negotiations
in areas of provincial jurisdiction. Negotiations remain on track for an agreement to be reached in 2012

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Please note that the summary document attached to this email is protected under the agreement Provinces and Territories have with the federal government on the sharing of information on CETA. Your name and that of your staff have been identified on this list. Please do not forward the attached document without advising us so that we may update the contact list with the federal government.

The ongoing support of your ministry and staff has been critical to the process of negotiating an agreement that reflects British Columbia’s interests. We are grateful for the support.

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Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Cc: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

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Hi Janel – I had a quick email exchange with Sukumar. He'd welcome your offer to circulate the drafts to relevant folks on your distribution list and have comments go to him, if that wouldn't create too much work for you.

Many thanks!

Don

From: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:50 AM
To: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

Yes we do and we can circulate and have comments go to Sukimar and us if that helps.

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From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

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I don't think he has. I mentioned it to him a couple of times
What do you think?

If he were to circ it, would you have a distribution list?

From: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:20 AM
To: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

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Do you know if Sukimar has circulated this to some folks

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:06 AM
To: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

I think Sukumar will be attending the meeting on the 18th in Ottawa.

From: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:05 AM
To: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Today's Canada-EU call

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No issues from our end,

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 8:56 AM
To: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX; Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: Today's Canada-EU call

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Janel and Monica – Sukumar's asked me to take this call. Do either of you have any issues

Don

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Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:45 AM s.16
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: Re: Canada EU

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Good idea.

On 2012-01-20, at 9:23 AM, "Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX" <Chelsie.Luciani@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks!

I'm in Victoria – flights are cancelled until at least 11:20am today, and even that flight and later ones are weather dependent, so it seemed better to just cancel the meetings and reschedule for next week (flight didn't seem worth it when I'd be missing more meetings than I would be attending).

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:00 AM s.16
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: Re: Canada EU

Yes. I thought they were good too.

Are you in Vancouver?
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On 2012-01-20, at 9:01 AM, "Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX" <Chelsie.Luciani@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Chelsie

(also flights cancelled today so I'm in the office)

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 5:22 AM s.16
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: Canada EU

Chelsie - fyi

From: Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Sent: Wed, January 18, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX; Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Cc: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX; White, Don D JTI:EX s.16
Subject: Canada EU

FYI.

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Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2012 9:22 AM
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Cc: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Subject: FW: Estimates
Attachments: Trade Negotiations - CETA rev'd.docx; CETA Top 5 FINAL.docx

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Hi Chelsie,

We haven't gone to Estimates yet (anticipated week of April 16, 2012). Please find attached the notes we did for estimates and our "Top 5" Q's & A's which includes questions from last year's debates).

Let me know if this helps.

Monica

From: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
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Will do.

From: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
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Cc: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Subject: RE: Estimates

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Monica

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Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 4:49 PM
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Cc: Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: Re: Estimates

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Hi Chelsie, I sent some material to Paul Craven last week. I'm on Ottawa now, if you can't get it from him, please let me know and I can respond when I'm back in the office.

From: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 03:42 PM
To: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Cc: Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
Subject: FW: Estimates

Hi Janel,

I sent the email below to Monica but got an out of office reply - did JTI receive any CETA questions during estimates?

Thank you,
Chelsie

From: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 3:41 PM
To: Gervais, Monica JTI:EX
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From: Craven, Paul IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 11:04 AM
To: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Subject: RE: estimates

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Good for now. Thanks for asking.

From: Luciani, Chelsie IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Craven, Paul IGRS:EX
Subject: estimates

Hi Paul,

Do I have to make any changes to the CETA note? I asked JTI what questions they had received on CETA during their estimates – they said they had sent that info to you.

Thanks,
Chelsie

Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2012 2:59 PM
To: Periwai, Sukumar IGRS:EX; Craven, Paul IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

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From: James, Ben GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2012 2:39 PM
To: White, Don D JTI:EX; Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Subject: RE: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

Apologies for the delay gents. I've been in meetings off-site and could not access the BlackBerry.

We received zero calls on this. The only media pick-up I saw came through CBC Radio website and that was an interview originating in Montreal.

<http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/episode/2012/01/27/privatizing-water/>

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Cc: James, Ben GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

Not that we're aware of Don – not sure there was much beyond one article I saw in the media. Have asked GCPE folks if MPB/other minister was asked to comment but haven't heard back.

I notice there is a word missing in the attachment you forwarded – assume GCPE will be reviewing before finalizing...

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2012 8:27 AM
To: White, Don D JTI:EX
Subject: FW: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

Don – did anything more come of this?

From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Cc: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

Hi Don, heads up. Are you the person to send this to? Let me know if you have any concerns from an IGRS perspective. If not, I will send to Dimitri once I know JTI has signed off.

Robert Pauliszyn
Communications Director
Ministry of Education
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
Cell (250) 213-5096

From: James, Ben GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Parhar, TJ S JTI:EX; Ehl, Cameron JTI:EX; Murry, Sean JTI:EX
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Heiman, Carolyn GCPE:EX
Subject: IN - CETA services and investment offers 'leak'

Afternoon gents,

This morning, two organizations posted information on their websites they claim are initial services and investment offers on the Canada-EU trade talks. There's been very little media pick-up (Toronto Star only AFAIK)
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For approval, ^{S.13}attached is our issues note on the subject.

Below is the English-language group's news release.

Thank you,

Ben

Canada's Secret Offers to EU in Trade Negotiations Leaked, Posted to Trade Justice Network Website

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, Jan 25, 2012 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- The Trade Justice Network has made public Canada's initial services and investment offers to the European Union in ongoing free trade negotiations. The documents, which were previously secret but leaked this morning by the Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC), are available on the organization's website: <http://tradejustice.ca>. Both networks will be looking over the documents carefully in the coming days and encourage other organizations, media, academics and international observers to do the same.

Canadian civil society groups concerned about the scope and overly secretive negotiating process of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) have been calling for Canada's offers to be made public for many months and for the negotiations to be subject to public input prior to the signing of any agreement. The Trade Justice Network, comprising environmental, labour, Indigenous, cultural, social justice and farmers' groups from across Canada, once again urges the federal, as well as provincial and territorial governments, to cease negotiating and allow this public debate to happen.

Now that initial services and investment offers are public, the Trade Justice Network also calls on provincial governments to release their procurement offers to the EU, and to allow public input into these also.

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From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 2:00 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: Ltr re Village of Slocan

Sukumar - fyi

From: Brubacher, Kelly IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 1:58 PM
To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX; Haney, Donald IGRS:EX; Craven, Paul IGRS:EX
Subject: Ltr re Village of Slocan

Attached is a letter from Premier Clark to Mayor Nichols, and three other background letters.



PCC to Mayor
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Mayor



Mayor Nichols to Mayor Perriere to
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Mayor Perriere to
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Thank you,

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January 31, 2012

His Worship Merlin Nichols
Mayor
District of Chetwynd
Box 357
Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

Dear Mayor Nichols:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for the Village of Slocan's resolution regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations.

The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure that negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians. We welcome your input as it relates to local government and we will be sure to include your comments as well as the Village of Slocan's resolution in related discussions.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Pat Bell
Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations



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December 6, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
P.O. Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

The District of Elkford Council at its Regular meeting of November 28, 2011 reviewed the attached correspondence from the Village of Slocan, endorsed their resolution, and supported the requests put forward by the Council of the Village of Slocan.

We urge the British Columbia government to consider these requests and provide the BC municipalities with an early response.

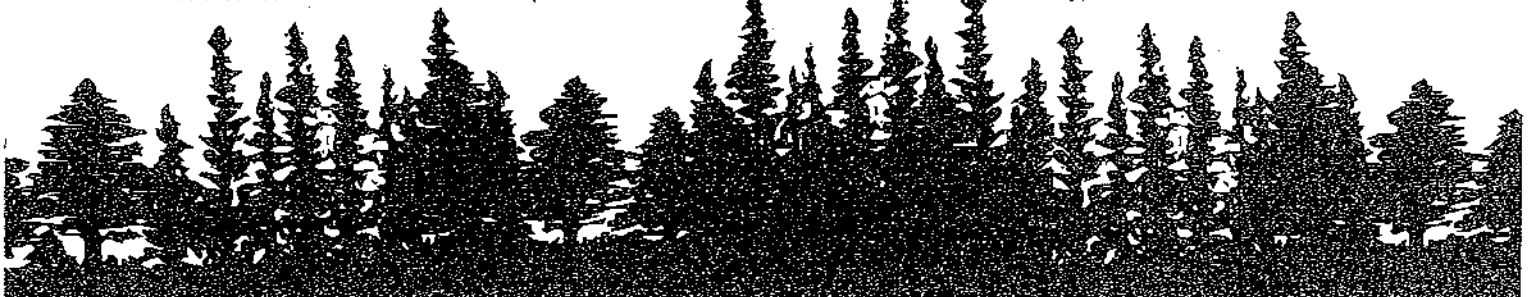
Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Attach.

Cc: Village of Slocan
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Dave Wilks, MP Kootenay-Columbia
Bill Bennett, MLA Kootenay East
Regional District of East Kootenay
UBCM member municipalities

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January 18, 2012

Office of the Premier
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
V8W 9E1

Attention: Hon. Christie Clark, Premier

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement

Please be advised that the District of Chetwynd Council, at its Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2012, reviewed the attached correspondence from the District of Elkford and endorsed the resolution passed by the Village of Slocan regarding the Canada-European Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations.

We urge the Provincial Government to consider the potential impacts that this agreement may have on BC municipalities.

Sincerely,

Merlin Nichols
Mayor

cc: District of Elkford
Village of Slocan

Vision Statement

Chetwynd exists in order that area residents have sustainable opportunities for
Security, Health, Safety and Prosperity
in surroundings that display the best of our natural environment.



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November 16, 2011

The Honourable Christy Clark
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DISTRICT OF ELKFORD

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Canada- European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations

At the November 14th regular meeting of the Village of Slocan Council we considered the potential impacts on BC municipalities of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA) that is currently being negotiated. Our Council then passed the following resolution (2011/382):

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and

WHEREAS the European Union and EU-based corporations are insisting on unobstructed access to procurement by subnational governments --including municipalities, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies -- which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on municipal programs and services and local autonomy; and

WHEREAS unobstructed access to Canadian municipal procurement by both EU and Canadian corporations, combined with investment protections in CETA on government concessions related to transit, water, electricity and other social services delivered locally may encourage privatization and reduce economic development options for local communities; and

WHEREAS the provincial and territorial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Slocan request:

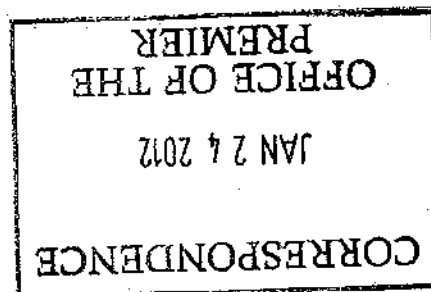
- a briefing from the British Columbia Government on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union, including the details of its procurement, services and investment offers to the EU;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities provide a sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking, and which exists already in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to subnational government procurement;
- Municipal staff review the available information on the impact CETA will have on municipal governments, with special emphasis on procurement and the delivery of social services;
- the Government of British Columbia negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA; and
- that this resolution be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration and circulation.

We hope that you will consider these requests, and we eagerly await your reply on these matters.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
Mayor

cc: -Village of Slocan Council
 -UBCM Member Municipalities
 -Alex Atamanenko, MP BC Southern Interior
 -Katrine Conroy, MLA West Kootenay Boundary
 -Board of Directors, Regional District of Central Kootenay



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From: White, Don D JTI:EX
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 10:04 AM
To: Craven, Paul IGRS:EX s.16
Cc: Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Subject: RE: CETA

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Happy to discuss this with you Paul – are you free to chat at 3:00 this afternoon?

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Don

From: Craven, Paul IGRS:EX
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 9:14 AM
To: White, Don D JTI:EX; Quiring, Janel JTI:EX
Subject: CETA

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I would appreciate any thoughts you have. I fly out tomorrow morning but if we could talk today that would be helpful (or just send comments by e-mail).

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Paul

Kindylides, Thespina LCTZ:EX

From: Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Craven, Paul IGRS:EX; Chiarelli, Nina
Subject: FW: Docs

Just noticed you weren't cc'd on these from yesterday afternoon.

From: White, Don D JTI:EX
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 4:08 PM
To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX; Haney, Donald IGRS:EX
Subject: Docs

As discussed, we've sent this to Shom, hopefully then to Dana but hasn't been approved as yet. Thought you may find it useful in the interim though, if there are any urgencies.

Kept the BN brief so if you need any further background/details, happy to provide.
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Regards,
Don



62035 CETA brief 62035 - CETA
PO key point... QA's Updated July.

Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation
BRIEFING NOTE FOR FOR INFORMATION

Ref #: 62035

Date: July 18, 2011

Title: Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Negotiations

Background: Round eight of the negotiations concluded successfully last week in Brussels and included the exchange of market access offers for government procurement and goods. Round nine is scheduled for October in Ottawa. Negotiations are expected to conclude by 2012.

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Key Points:

Potential Gains/Benefits: The European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world with a \$17 trillion economy and a population of half-a-billion people. Gaining preferential access to that market would be a huge benefit to British Columbia.

- These negotiations provide us with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen our economy for future generations.

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BC Negotiating Team:

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- For the first time, the provinces and territories are participating in international trade treaty negotiations – much of what is being negotiated falls within our jurisdiction.
- The Province has participated in each of the eight rounds of negotiations to-date,

Consultations: The Province has consulted extensively for years on the Canada-European Union and other trade negotiations with key stakeholders and worked closely with ministries across government to identify areas of opportunity and sensitivity.

Negotiating in Secret: The negotiations are ongoing. As negotiations progress, our positions have not been made public – it would be poor strategy to reveal the province's interests. The Province has been clear about its overall negotiating objectives.

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Intellectual Property/Health-care Costs: Fears have been expressed about an agreement increasing drug costs through stronger intellectual property provisions.^{s.13}

- The Province is keeping a close eye on this aspect of the negotiations,
- The Province also recognizes the importance of protecting innovation created by our knowledge-based industries.

Water: Trade agreements often provoke fears about Canada's water supply falling into foreign hands.

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Public Services: All of Canada's trade agreements covering services exclude public services such as health care,^{s.13} public education and social services.

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Alcoholic Beverages:

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Attachment: Questions and Answers

Contact: Janna Jessee
Telephone: 250 387-5283

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Status of negotiations and provincial role

Q: What's the latest on the negotiations with the European Union on a free trade agreement?

- Negotiations have been going on since May 2009 and are expected to conclude in 2012.
- Round eight was held July 11-15, 2011 with a ninth round scheduled for October.

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Q: Is British Columbia playing a role in the negotiations?

- Yes we are. For the first time, all provinces have an active role in the negotiations. British Columbia is at the table and provides input to the federal government about what we want to see as a province.

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Q: What will a deal mean for British Columbia and Canada?

- It will give Canada and British Columbia access to the largest trading bloc in the world – the European Union – with a population of over 500 million.
- A joint study undertaken in 2008 between Canada and the European Union concluded that a stronger economic partnership could increase bi-lateral trade between Canada and the European Union by 20 per cent and boost the Canadian economy by \$12 billion annually.
- In addition to more trade, a deal could mean more investment into our country. Right now, the European Union is Canada's second largest investment partner, after the United States.
- British Columbia has deep historical ties with Europe and many of our people maintain cultural, business and family connections with Europe.

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- After the United States, Europe is our second largest international market for visitors – with 2.2 million people visiting us from the continent.

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Q: Will Canada be doing an Environmental Assessment for this agreement?

- Yes. As with all negotiations, Canada is conducting a detailed assessment of any potential impacts on Canada's environment.

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July 22, 2011

Joey Hartman
President
Vancouver and District Labour Council
#20, 1880 Triumph Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1K3

Dear Ms. Hartman:

Thank you for your letter and resolution regarding the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

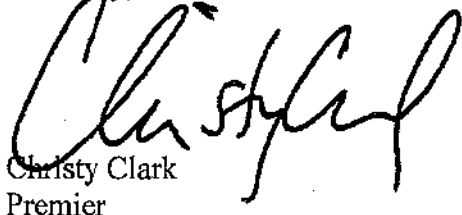
The Government of British Columbia is working closely with the federal government to ensure the negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union result in significant benefits and meet the needs of all British Columbians.

We are a province that depends on trade and investment for economic growth and job generation. With a market of half a billion people, the European Union is the largest trading bloc in the world and tremendous opportunities are possible for our exporters of goods and services, if an agreement is reached.

Thank you again for taking the time to write on this important series of negotiations. Your views as expressed in your resolution – including those specific to local government, are welcome and our negotiators will certainly consider them as they prepare for the next round of negotiations.

We hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

Pc: Honourable Pat Bell
Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations



March 29, 2012

Larry R. Hayes
Board Chair
Board of Education Burnaby
School District 41
5325 Kincaid Street
Burnaby, BC V5G 1W2

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Thank you very much for your letter expressing the Burnaby Board of Education's feedback regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations. Your concerns about the impact of trade agreements on BC school boards have been noted, and I appreciate being made aware of them. Please be assured they will be included in related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation
BRIEFING NOTE

Ref #: 62823

FOR MEETING

Date: September 12, 2011

Title: Meeting with the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and the Asia-Pacific Gateway, September 16, 2011.

Issue: the Canada-European Union trade negotiations.

Background:

Minister Fast has been meeting with representatives across the country to talk about the Canada-European Union trade negotiations. It is also an opportunity to advance and discuss some other issues of priority to British Columbia, as identified below.

Stakeholder Impact:

On the Canada-European Union trade negotiations, British Columbia and Canada have consulted extensively to identify stakeholder concerns, priorities and possible implications. a trade agreement is expected to bring overall positive economic benefits, generating new jobs and economic opportunities for all Canadians, including an increase to Canada's GDP of \$12 billion annually and bilateral trade of 20%.

Discussion:

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3. Canada-European Union Trade Negotiations

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General Background:

- Negotiations with the European Union have been ongoing since May 2009

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the last official round will take place in October 17 – 21, 2011 in Ottawa. negotiators will need to resolve the remaining difficult issues in order to have a final draft agreement ready for Cabinet consideration.

- The Prime Minister announced in the Throne Speech that negotiations would conclude in 2012, and is on-track to meet this deadline.
- The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation is responsible for negotiating and implementing trade agreements in British Columbia, working closely with all government departments and key stakeholders to identify positions, issues and priorities.

British Columbia's Interests and Key Issues to Raise:

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- **Municipal Procurement:** In 2010, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) passed a resolution seeking a “clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA”.

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To address concerns, British Columbia's negotiators are scheduled to deliver a Canada-European Union negotiations workshop at the UBCM Convention on September 29, 2011.

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Contact: Janel Quiring, Director, International Trade
Telephone: 250 356-5867

Don Haney, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Relations
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ATTACHMENT:

Two page correspondence between Minister Pat Bell and Minister Ed Fast
June 2011

FINAL **Date:** **2011 05 31** **Typist/Editor Initials:** **Dc/SK**

Ref: 61124

The Honourable Edward Fast, P.C., M.P.
Minister of International Trade and
Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Gateway. It is encouraging to know that British Columbia is well represented at the Federal level.

I look forward to maintaining British Columbia's strong relationship with the Department of International Trade, including the Embassies in overseas markets, and your trade negotiation teams. I can see many opportunities to cooperate and collaborate in trade negotiations, trade promotion, and investment attraction. The joint efforts of our departments were instrumental in recent investment announcements, such as the opening of the Mercedes Benz plant in Burnaby.

The Province of British Columbia is pleased with the progress of the "Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement" (CETA) negotiations to date, and the approach taken by the Federal Government substantively engages the provinces and territories.^{s.16}

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As British Columbia's Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, I look forward to working with you on issues of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Pat Bell
Minister