

**From:** [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gill, Goneet LASS:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Meetings this week  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 11:18:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Goneet,  
Terrace event is no longer happening so just confirming the following:

Sep 5th:  
Still require Ravi to participate in Forestry Meeting Prep at VCO from 3pm-4pm

Sep 6<sup>th</sup>  
830am Pre Brief with PJH/MDD and staff  
9am-1030am Meeting with Premier, Ravi Kahlon & Forest Industry leaders  
VCO

Thank you!

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**From:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** August 30, 2019 9:43 AM  
**To:** Gill, Goneet LASS:EX <Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Plans for next week

Hi Goneet,  
There have been additional changes, my understanding is that Ravi & Kenn spoke about these changes last night:

Sep 5<sup>th</sup>:  
Still require Ravi to participate in Forestry Meeting Prep at VCO from 3pm-4pm

Sep 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Ravi will now travel to Terrace instead of attending the meeting at 830am-1030am at VCO

We are still waiting to receive the agenda from Skeena Sawmills in Terrace for their Pellet Plant Opening so will await this before booking flights.

I checked flight options for Sep 6<sup>th</sup>. Both AC and WJ have flights departing around 845am getting into Terrace at 1030am

Departures vary AC has a 4:10pm Dep Arr YVR 545pm  
CMA has a 245pm Dep Terrace Arr YVR south at 545pm

Will update you as we get more info from Skeena Sawmills.

| Lisa Silverio  
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**Subject:** Ravi Availability  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:35:21 PM  
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COFI Dinner is in PG in the evening so if he plans to attend COFI dinner he would need to fly out morning of 20<sup>th</sup>. (not sure what time last flight departs PG on sep 19<sup>th</sup> - you would have to look at options)  
MDD and Tim flying out on 20<sup>th</sup>

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**To:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Ravi Availability

Will he be returning on the 19<sup>th</sup> evening?

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**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:58:38 AM  
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**From:** [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gill, Goneet LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE Re: Forest Industry meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 11:32:36 AM

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Hello,  
Please ensure PSRKs calendar reflects times below, thx.

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**From:** McLaren, Chris PREM:EX  
**Sent:** September 4, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <[Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** UPDATE Re: Forest Industry meeting

Hi Lisa,  
Just to confirm timing, attendees and details for the upcoming briefings and meeting with the Forest Industry.

On **Thursday, September 5 at 3:00 pm (45 minutes) at VCO** there will be a briefing for the Forest Industry meeting.

Attending the briefing will be Minister Donaldson, PS Kahlon, Geoff Meggs, DM John Allan, Christine Kennedy and Tim Renneberg. Please let me know if there will be any further attendees from FLNRO.

On **Friday, September 6 there will be a pre-brief at VCO at 8:45 am (15 minutes) with the Industry meeting commencing at 9:00 am (90 minutes) at VCO.** Attendees for the pre-brief will be same folks as briefing on Thursday.

Please let me know if Larry Pedersen and Rick Manwaring will join the pre-brief as I see that they are scheduled to be at the meeting. All those at the pre-brief will attend the meeting. There will be a coffee and tea service only.

At this time I do not have confirmation of industry attendees and materials will be brought into the briefing on Thursday.

Let me know if you require any further information or have any further updates for me.

Cheers,  
Chris

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**Cc:** [Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX](#)  
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Hi,

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We need to have a discussion on procedures and how to handle all of this so that we are all in the loop on process.

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**Subject:** 250440 - FW: Letter for Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon from Western Forest Products

Hi Sandra,

Following up on this incoming. DMO asked us to await your direction. This has been logged in CLIFF

as 250440.

Thank you,  
Angela

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Hi Tristan, how should we handle this one?

Cc'd to Minister and John.

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File: 280-30

**CLIFF: 241280**

**PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development**

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#### **Next Steps in the Contractor Sustainability Review**

Dan Miller, former BC Premier and MLA, has been hired to bring the contractor and licensee associations together to develop a joint implementation plan agreeable to all parties.



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#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Appendix 1 Summary of Contractor Sustainability Review Report Recommendations**
- 2. IN re: Meeting with Dan Miller on the final facilitation phase of contractor review CLIFF #241297**

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- September 5<sup>th</sup>- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- September 6<sup>th</sup>- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Best,

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#### **Next Steps in the Contractor Sustainability Review**

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The final facilitation stage will be held with Associations only in order to remove the potential for company specific influences and interests in establishing the joint implementation plan.

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#### **Attachments:**

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## **TEAL-JONES CURTAILS ITS COASTAL LOGGING OPERATIONS**

Teal-Jones has curtailed all harvesting operations on the BC Coast due to weak lumber markets and the high cost of fibre. The shutdown is effective immediately and includes Teal's Fraser Valley and its Honeymoon Bay – TFL46 operations.

Weak North American and global lumber demand has resulted in persistently weak lumber prices in 2019. As a vertically integrated producer of lumber and other wood products, Teal-Jones' economics have been further negatively impacted by high stumpage rates and higher harvesting costs on the BC Coast. Current stumpage rates remain high relative to lumber prices, and harvesting costs have been adversely impacted by new regulations to bring out more residual waste fibre. These negative factors have made it impossible for the company to continue operating its forest licenses economically.

The curtailment will result in substantial loss of employment for the company's forestry employees and contractors. In addition, the reduction of fibre flowing to Teal's milling operations will result in downtime and lost wages at the company's lumber, shake and shingle mills in Surrey, BC.

For further information, please contact:

Gerrie Kotze  
Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer



**From:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** PSRK Maple Ridge  
**Date:** Monday, September 9, 2019 3:58:34 PM

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If PSRK is meeting with USW this week, we should alert MLA D'Eith and Beare's offices.

Let me know if you want me to take care of it.



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**To:** "Jennifer Jones"  
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**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:48:00 PM

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4 p.m. today, meeting with Dick Jones

Teal Jones:

17897 Triggs Rd, Surrey BC

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**Subject:** FW: The Teal-Jones Group ~ Logging Curtailment Announcement  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:42:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Hello PS Kahlon,  
Wanted to confirm you received the message from Goneet that we have booked a meeting for you at 4pm with Dick Jones at the Teal Jones Group Site.  
17897 Triggs Rd, Surrey BC



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Dick will be available to meet with Ravi Kahlon at the Teal Surrey site at 4 pm today.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jones

**From:** Jennifer Jones <[jjones@tealjones.com](mailto:jjones@tealjones.com)>  
**Date:** September 9, 2019 at 9:50:11 AM PDT  
**To:** "[doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)" <[doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>, "[john.allan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:john.allan@gov.bc.ca)" <[john.allan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:john.allan@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 12:54:45  
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**Attachment 2:** Harvest Curtailment Notice Sept 2019.pdf

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**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 9:50 AM  
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## **TEAL-JONES CURTAILS ITS COASTAL LOGGING OPERATIONS**

Teal-Jones has curtailed all harvesting operations on the BC Coast due to weak lumber markets and the high cost of fibre. The shutdown is effective immediately and includes Teal's Fraser Valley and its Honeymoon Bay – TFL46 operations.

Weak North American and global lumber demand has resulted in persistently weak lumber prices in 2019. As a vertically integrated producer of lumber and other wood products, Teal-Jones' economics have been further negatively impacted by high stumpage rates and higher harvesting costs on the BC Coast. Current stumpage rates remain high relative to lumber prices, and harvesting costs have been adversely impacted by new regulations to bring out more residual waste fibre. These negative factors have made it impossible for the company to continue operating its forest licenses economically.

The curtailment will result in substantial loss of employment for the company's forestry employees and contractors. In addition, the reduction of fibre flowing to Teal's milling operations will result in downtime and lost wages at the company's lumber, shake and shingle mills in Surrey, BC.

For further information, please contact:

Gerrie Kotze  
Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

**From:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Vasilev, Susan LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Ravi  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:56:00 PM

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Meeting with Dick Jones  
4 p.m. today  
17897 Triggs Rd, Surrey BC

Tim Renneberg  
Ministerial Assistant  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:47:09 AM  
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Hi Tristan,

That's great, thank you.

If any travel delays occur its best to call myself at <sup>s.22</sup> and we can try to make time-sensitive adjustments as they arise.

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Good morning Taddea,

I don't see a problem with this as long as their flight is on time!

We will schedule the Minister and PS Kahlon to arrive for 6:45.

Can you provide me with a cell phone # for the most appropriate person to contact should we need to update them on any travel delays?

FYI, they are flying in on CMA #564 and should be arriving by 5:25.

Thank you,

Tristan

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:55 PM

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**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:37:52 AM  
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Ok I found Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS calendar

There is nothing in it for next 2 days

Sep 13 shows 3 busy blocks

Is this the right calendar? If so we will need different access so we can actually see what the "busy" is so we know where he is.

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Lisa

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**To:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Johnson, Alan I FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Document from AP Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:11:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [20190911120835.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see attached.

Thanks,  
Kiran Sidhu  
Constituency Assistant  
Ravi Kahlon, MLA – Delta North  
Kiran.Sidhu@leg.bc.ca | Tel: (604) 502 5449  
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**To:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** PSRK travel Sept 17-19  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:52:26 PM  
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This is doable, long days and lots of driving....also depends on evening meetings in 100 mile and FSJ. I have set aside 2 hours in each community (1.5 in Clinton)  
Mackenzie, FSJ, Clinton, 100 Mile and Clearwater.

Tuesday, Sept 17

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Travel - PG to Mackenzie  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Mackenzie Meetings  
3:30 – 6:00 p.m. - travel forestry connector to FSJ - staff escort maybe required? ( add 1.5 hours if we go on highways)  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Meetings FSJ

FSJ – PG/YXS - 2 hours (either overnight in FSJ or PG. If overnight in PG will not arrive until 11 p.m. If overnight FSJ need to leave by 6 a.m. to make flight)

Wednesday, Sept 18

No early morning flights will get him in to Kamloops earlier than options below (flights to Williams Lake don't work either)

9:05 – 1:08p.m. – PG to Kamloops (stop yvr)  
1:45 – 3:30 p.m. – Kamloops to Clinton  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Meetings in Clinton  
5:15 – 6:00 p.m. – Drive to 100 Mile House  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – meetings in 100 Mile House  
Overnight 100 Mile House

Thursday, Sept 19

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. - Drive to Clearwater  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Meetings Clearwater  
11:30 - 5:00 p.m. – Drive Clearwater to PG (no flights out of Kamloops in p.m. will get him to PG on time – maybe time for a quick stop in Quesnel))  
6:00 – 9:00 – COFI

**From:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Ravi's Schedule for next week  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:23:13 PM

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Ravi's current schedule:

Monday night: constituency event (overdose training)

Tuesday: 1 constituency meeting

Wednesday: PA committee and a PS for racism meeting – depart for Quesnel

Thursday: Quesnel/COFI

Friday: Free – possible event with Premier in evening

Can you check-in with him regarding his Wednesday meetings to see if he can change?

Working on Friday addition....

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**Cc:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Week of UBCM- PSRK  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:58:49 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Forests for Tomorrow - request from MO  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:48:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [250714 FFT update Sept 2019 EAPP 1786.docx](#)  
[250714 Reforestation update Sept 2019 EAPP 1786 RUSH.docx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Ravi,

As you requested, please find attached information regarding the Forests for Tomorrow and reforestation in the province. Apologies for the delay, but staff wanted to give you the most up to date information.

In s.22 please let me know if your require anything further.

Thanks,  
Tristan

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**From:** Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** September 12, 2019 9:49 AM  
**To:** McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Forests for Tomorrow - request from MO  
**Importance:** High

Hi Tristan

Please find attached 2 notes regarding Forests for Tomorrow and Reforestation in the province. Kenn requested this for PSRK. This took a bit longer than expected as we didn't have anything current to provide.

This material has been approved by DM.

Thanks



*Allison Tripp*

Manager, Executive Issues

Deputy Ministers Office

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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**From:** McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** August 27, 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <[Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <[Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Forests for Tomorrow

Hi Allison;  
Do we have an existing note on the Forests for Tomorrow program? This is for information for PSRK.  
Thanks,  
Kenn

Kenn McLaren  
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Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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### **Issue:** Reforestation – Forests For Tomorrow (FFT) Program

#### **Key Facts Regarding Issue:**

The Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) program is a longstanding government funded program that contributes to reforestation, carbon sequestration, wildfire recovery and Mountain Pine Beetle (and other forest pests) recovery. FFT is a significant contributor to reliable employment in rural areas. FFT is in partnership with the provincial Forest Carbon Initiative and the Federal Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund which also contribute millions onto the BC forested landscape.

**Purpose:** FFT was established by the Province of British Columbia in 2005 to respond to natural disasters impacting the forests. The initial focus was on mitigating impacts resulting from catastrophic wildfires that occurred in the southern and central interior, and impacts from the mountain pine beetle epidemic.

**Funding.** From 2005 to 2010, FFT received funding through two sources: the Forest Investment Account and a specific FFT fund. The funding was amalgamated in 2010 under the FFT program. Additional funding for resource investments was added, resulting in the FFT program being the primary program under the Land Based Investment Strategy (LBIS). In 2017 it is approximately \$48m of the \$74.8m total LBIS.

**Program:** FFT only applies to forests that are under Crown responsibility; no FFT investments can be made on lands that Forest Licensees are responsible for. The FFT program is divided into three categories: Current Reforestation, Timber-Supply Mitigation, and the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) Section 108 program.

Current Reforestation. Investments are aimed at re-establishing young forests, with the goal of mitigating risks to other forest values and improving future timber supply.

- In 2017/18, FFT planted over 27 million tree seedlings.
- In 2018/19 and 2019/2020, FFT will continue with an annual planting program of 25 million trees.

Timber Supply Mitigation. Investments in this category are focused on managing existing forests with stand-tending activities such as fertilization, brushing, and spacing.

- These activities can improve timber volume and production, which is key to balancing economic impacts that result from setting forested areas aside for non-timber values.
- FFT will fertilize approximately 20,000 hectares (ha) in 2017/18, and 17,000 ha in 2018/19. The program will coordinate the delivery of additional fertilization activities funded through the Forest Carbon Initiative (FCI) .

FRPA s108. This program reinstates forests on plantations and second growth areas that have suffered damage during a catastrophic natural event such as a wildfire.

- In 2016 Section 108 funds planted almost 3,000 ha of burnt plantations bringing the total treated since inception to 28,000 ha. 2017 and 2018 has seen

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unprecedented amounts of wildfire and resulted in over 125,000 ha of burnt plantations which will need to be surveyed for replanting.

### ***Advice and Recommended Response:***

**Who plants seedlings in BC?** The forest industry delivers approximately 65 – 75 percent of the total seedlings planted; the BCTS program plants approximately 10 – 15 percent of the total; and the remaining 10 – 15 percent is primarily delivered through government programs including FFT and FCI Programs. Recent investments in reforestation through the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) and the Forest Carbon Initiative are expected to increase these reforestation numbers in the future.

### **How many seedlings are planted?**

The table below identifies the number of trees planted in the province from 2017- 2019, with 2020 being a projection based on last years sowing request.

Calendar Year	Licensee obligation	BCTS & FSMF	Forests for tomorrow	Forest Carbon Initiative	Fire s108	Other	Total *millions of seedlings
2017	166	46	26	0	6	3	247
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2020 <i>projected</i>	200	40	23	25	10		298

The Province's overall reforestation program, which began in the 1930's, has now planted over 8.5 billion trees.

**Carbon sequestration.** BC Forests have traditionally been a carbon sink, but with natural disturbance and forestry; BC's forests are now in a state of flux between sink and source. Managing wildfire and Reforestation is key to returning the forests to being a regular carbon sink. For every one million trees planted approximately 125,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> is stored (site index 18 Pli age 62 harvest age).

**Jobs.** FFT mitigates the impacts of the MPB and wildfire through restoring new forests and accelerating the growth of existing forests. FFT activities create immediate and long term employment opportunities, predominantly in rural communities.

**Program Delivery.** The FFT program is delivered across the Province. Provincial oversight and responsibility rests with the Office of the Chief Forester's Resource Practices Branch, while operational implementation is largely delivered by Regional

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Operations and BC Timber Sales. However, FFT also relies on a cross section of major licensees, small tenure holders, First Nations and consultants, particularly silviculture contractors to enable projects to be completed.

**Worker Safety.** Worker safety is non-negotiable. The FFT program works with the BC Forest Safety Council and WorkSafe BC to ensure worker safety is a priority.

**Further detail:** FFT funding, planting, fertilization and activity numbers for each year are appended. An FFT overview is also appended.

## Reforestation Update

### Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

#### **Issue:** Reforestation

#### **Recommend Response:**

- To reforest the areas harvested throughout the province each year, an average of about 210 million trees per year are planted, while about 20 percent of the area regenerates naturally.
- In addition, naturally disturbed areas (wildfires, insects and disease) that have no legal reforestation obligations are reforested by several government programs including Forests for Tomorrow (FFT), Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC), and the Forest Carbon Initiative (FCI).
- In the 2018 planting season, approximately 253 million seedlings were planted across the province. This is anticipated to increase to 265 million trees in 2019.
- There will be a substantial increase in 2020 when planting levels will exceed 300 million trees. The long-term goals are presently being evaluated to determine what level of planting can be sustained.

#### **Key Facts:**

- The Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB) is the portion of the Crown Land which is available for harvesting in contrast to parks and protected areas where no timber harvesting is allowed. The area of THLB harvested throughout the province's Crown Land is fairly constant from year-to-year and in 2017/18 it was 170,000 hectares (ha). This is less than 0.4 percent of the forested land in BC and less than 1 percent of the THLB.
- The 2017 and 2018, wildfire seasons have impacted over 1 million ha in the THLB. Including area previously impacted by Mountain Pine Beetle, there is now up to 2 million ha that needs to be surveyed to determine the actual amount of area not sufficiently restocked that will require planting.
- The Minister's mandate letter commits to "*renew our forests by expanding investments in reforestation*". The expanded investment will focus on areas of Crown land that have experienced large-scale natural disturbances, such as wildfires and insect outbreaks.

#### Basic Reforestation

- BC's forest legislation requires all harvested areas to be reforested. To reforest the areas harvested each year, an average of about 210 million trees per year are planted across the province, while about 20 percent of the area regenerates naturally.
- Natural regeneration is generally used in stands that are known to seed profusely such as lodgepole pine and Western hemlock. It is also used where partial harvesting retains overstory trees for shade and seed supply.

# Reforestation Update

## Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

### Forests for Tomorrow

- In 2005, the province established the Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) Program in response to the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and wildfires.
- FFT planted 25 million trees in 2019 and will plant 23 million in 2020 on a mixture of Mountain Pine beetle rehab sites and on wildfires.

### Section 108

- Section 108 of the *Forest and Range Practice Act* (FRPA) requires the government to either relieve the licensee of their obligation or to pay them to return the plantations to their pre-fire condition. The 2017 and 2018 fires have impacted an area of approximately 190,000 ha of licensee silviculture obligation. The actual liability will be determined by thorough field surveys which started in the 2018 field season. It is anticipated that reforestation will take 5-10 years and require about 150 million trees.

### Forest Carbon Initiative (FCI) and the Low Carbon Economy Fund (LCELF)

- FCI is aimed at sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in BC through a range of forest management activities including: rehabilitation, fertilization and improved fibre utilization.
- FCI will be implemented through a combination of service delivery partners. In 2019, FCI planted 11 million trees while planning is underway to plant 25 million seedlings in 2020 and over 30 million in 2021.

### Forest Enhancement Society of BC

- FESBC is carrying out a mix of forest rehabilitation and improved utilization projects across BC which will include some reforestation work
- In fall 2019, they expect to order over 3 million seedlings for planting in spring 2021.

### Summary

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**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:18:30 PM

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Hello Goneet,

I have not registered PSRK for UBCM, pls advise if this is still required. I do not have all of his personal info, credit card details and what portions of UBCM he plans to attend. If I am required to register him ,please provide this information.

Thank you,

Lisa

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This is the second option. I will send you another version shortly

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You get me as your driver!

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**To:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Drive option pls. Lots of driving but I'll figure it out.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2019, at 4:01 PM, Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello Ravi,

Please see options below.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed. Driving gives a bit more breathing room on Wednesday to get you to Quesnel for the Grand Opening.

Tristan  
778.584.4285

**Mon. Sept 16**

6:20 – 7:35 p.m. – Fly Vancouver – PG (AC)  
Overnight PG

**Tues, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

Option 1 flying

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - announcement  
11:15 – 1:15 p.m. – Drive to Mackenzie (lunch)  
1:30– 3:30 p.m. – Meetings Mackenzie  
3:45– 5:45 p.m. – Drive to PG  
7:50 – 9:00 p.m. – flight to Vancouver (WJ)

Option 2 – Driving: (5.5 hour drive from Mackenzie to 100 Mile)

3:45 – 9:15 p.m. – Drive Mackenzie to 100 Mile



Overnight 100 Mile

**Wed, Sept 15**

Option 1 Flying

7:20 – 8:10 a.m. – Fly Vancouver – Kamloops (AC)  
8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Drive to Clearwater  
10:30– 12:00 a.m. – Meetings Clearwater  
12:15 -2:30 p.m. – Drive to 100 Mile (lunch)  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Meetings 100 Mile House  
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Overnight Quesnel  
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6:45 – Grand Opening  
Overnight Quesnel

**Thursday, Sept 16**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Forestry Think Tank  
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1:30 -3:00 p.m. – Meetings FSJ  
3:15– 5:15 p.m. – Drive to PG  
5:45 – 6:45 – COFI Community Reception  
7:00 – 9:00 – COFI Dinner

**Friday, Sept 17**

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Tristan

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FYI, this is roughly what Ravi's sked will look like. We are going to invite the mayor of Clinton to the meeting in 100 Mile. Will need a media engagement lens put to this.

Tim Renneberg  
Ministerial Assistant  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
250-387-6240  
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**To:** [Gill, Goneet LASS:EX](#); [Giuliano, Angela LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** PSRK travel Sept 17- 20 require flights and hotels  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:33:27 AM

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Hello,

Please see travel plans below for PSRK and advice once flights have been booked and changed to accommodate this tour

Will reach out when we get further updates. EA Tristan Jones will accompany PSRK on this trip.

**New Booking: Monday Sep 16<sup>th</sup>**

WJ 5:35 – 6:55 p.m. Vancouver – Prince George

Already Booked for my pick-up:  
Rental Car

Clarification required:

I don't see any accommodation booked for Ravi in his Calendar: Needs to be booked:

- Monday, Sept 16 - Courtyard Marriot, Prince George (PG)
- Tuesday, Sept 17 – Ramada Limited 100 Mile House
- Wednesday, Sept 18, Sandman Hotel, Quesnel
- Thursday, Sept 19, Courtyard Marriot, PG

**Need to cancel:**

Flight into Quesnel on Wednesday Sep 18 Central Mountain Air

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**Subject:** UBCM PSRK  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:45:32 AM  
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Hi,

I registered PSRK for UBCM, I see that you have Premiers Keynote for 30 minutes on Friday. It is on the program for one hour 11-12.

Thanks.



Lisa Silverio  
Administrative Coordinator to the  
**Honourable Doug Donaldson**  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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**Subject:** FW: Letter from Acting Mayor Bruce Lloyd  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 12:55:50 PM  
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Hello,

I've been told you are the best people to send these requests to. I believe this letter was forwarded to the ministry before as well, and that Mr. Lloyd has also tried getting in touch, but he's followed up with our CO a few times now too, so I thought I'd ensure it was sent along again.

Thanks,  
Kiran Sidhu  
Constituency Assistant  
Ravi Kahlon, MLA – Delta North  
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**From:** "info@portalice.ca" <info@portalice.ca>  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 12:46 PM  
**To:** "Sidhu, Kiran" <Kiran.Sidhu@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Letter from Acting Mayor Bruce Lloyd

Good Afternoon,

Councillor Lloyd asked me to pass this letter on to you.

Thank you,

*Tanya Spafford*  
*Administrative Assistant*

 *Village of Port Alice*  
*Box 130 Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0*  
*250 284-3391*

August 15, 2019

Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary  
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
PO Box 9352, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC  
V8W 9M1

Dear Mr. Kahlon:

Congratulations on your appointment as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The Village of Port Alice council has read the media articles regarding your intent to travel to the Interior of BC and meet with communities who are being effected by recent mill closures.

The Village Council would like to remind you that Coastal BC communities have also been affected by mill closures. In particular the Neucel Specialty Cellulose Ltd mill went into curtailment in 2015 and sent home their last few workers in February of this year. Neucel has not paid their property taxes for 2018 and 2019 and currently owe the Village of Port Alice \$1,789,000. For a small community whose annual budget averages \$1,000,000 this is indeed a financial emergency.

The curtailment and subsequent closure has reduced the population Port Alice by 19%. Families have been split up as workers have found jobs in Alberta and now commute between two provinces. There are still laid off workers who have been unable to find employment elsewhere.

Local businesses have closed their doors including the hotel, coffee shop and restaurant. The only bank is leaving the community on October.

The Village of Port Alice Council would like to invite you to visit our community and see for yourself the challenges we are now facing and that we need as much support as the communities whose mills have recently closed.

Thank you,



Bruce Lloyd, Acting Mayor

**From:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)  
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Meeting request for PSRK

Tim Renneberg • Ministerial Assistant • Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 12:46 PM  
**To:** "Sidhu, Kiran" <[Kiran.Sidhu@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Kiran.Sidhu@leg.bc.ca)>  
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*Box 130 Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0*

*250 284-3391*

August 15, 2019

Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary  
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
PO Box 9352, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC  
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Dear Mr. Kahlon:

Congratulations on your appointment as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

The Village of Port Alice council has read the media articles regarding your intent to travel to the Interior of BC and meet with communities who are being effected by recent mill closures.

The Village Council would like to remind you that Coastal BC communities have also been affected by mill closures. In particular the Neucel Specialty Cellulose Ltd mill went into curtailment in 2015 and sent home their last few workers in February of this year. Neucel has not paid their property taxes for 2018 and 2019 and currently owe the Village of Port Alice \$1,789,000. For a small community whose annual budget averages \$1,000,000 this is indeed a financial emergency.

The curtailment and subsequent closure has reduced the population Port Alice by 19%. Families have been split up as workers have found jobs in Alberta and now commute between two provinces. There are still laid off workers who have been unable to find employment elsewhere.

Local businesses have closed their doors including the hotel, coffee shop and restaurant. The only bank is leaving the community on October.

The Village of Port Alice Council would like to invite you to visit our community and see for yourself the challenges we are now facing and that we need as much support as the communities whose mills have recently closed.

Thank you,



Bruce Lloyd, Acting Mayor

**From:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Sidhu, Kiran LASS:EX](#); [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Acting Mayor Bruce Lloyd  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 1:26:33 PM

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Thanks Kiran,

Yes, please send any Parliamentary Secretary related correspondence through me. We will handle from the MO.

Tristan

Tristan Jones  
Executive Assistant to the  
**Honourable Doug Donaldson**  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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**To:** [Giuliano, Angela LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PSRK travel Sept 17- 20 require flights and hotels  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 3:50:38 PM

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Tristan Jones has a car reserved and will pick up PSRK at airport

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**From:** Giuliano, Angela <[Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 13, 2019 3:00 PM  
**To:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <[Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Gill, Goneet LASS:EX <[Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: PSRK travel Sept 17- 20 require flights and hotels

Hi Lisa,

Please see my notes in red below. I've added the schedule you have mapped out below in Ravi's calendar. When will agenda with more details i.e. locations, attendees, etc) be available for this trip? Thank you! Angela

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**From:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <[Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** Gill, Goneet <[Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Goneet.Gill@leg.bc.ca)>; Giuliano, Angela <[Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** PSRK travel Sept 17- 20 require flights and hotels

Hello,

Please see travel plans below for PSRK and advice once flights have been booked and changed to accommodate this tour

Will reach out when we get further updates. EA Tristan Jones will accompany PSRK on this trip.

### **New Booking: Monday Sep 16<sup>th</sup>**

WJ 5:35 – 6:55 p.m. Vancouver – Prince George (Clare/Vision travel has booked Ravi on this flight – will add details to calendar as soon as she sends)

Already Booked for my pick-up: (Who has booked car rental?)

Rental Car

Clarification required:

I don't see any accommodation booked for Ravi in his Calendar: Needs to be booked:

- Monday, Sept 16 - Courtyard Marriot, Prince George (PG) (Clare/Vision travel just confirmed room for Ravi)
- Tuesday, Sept 17 – Ramada Limited 100 Mile House (Clare/Vision Travel just confirmed room for Ravi)
- Wednesday, Sept 18, Sandman Hotel, Quesnel (Goneet had booked & details were already in calendar)
- Thursday, Sept 19, Courtyard Marriot, PG (Goneet had booked & details were already in

calendar)

**Need to cancel:**

Flight into Quesnel on Wednesday Sep 18 Central Mountain Air (Clare/Vision travel has cancelled this trip and credit on file)

**Mon. Sept 16**

5:35 – 6:55 p.m. – Fly Vancouver – PG (WJ)  
Overnight PG

**Tues, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - announcement  
11:15 – 1:15 p.m. – Drive to Mackenzie (lunch)  
1:30– 3:30 p.m. – Meetings Mackenzie  
3:45 – 9:15 p.m. – Drive Mackenzie to 100 Mile  
Overnight 100 Mile

**Wed, Sept 18**

7:00– 8:30 a.m.– Drive to Clearwater  
8:45 – 10:45 a.m.- Meetings Clearwater  
11:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Drive to 100 Mile (lunch)  
1:15-3:15 p.m.– Meetings 100 Mile  
3:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Drive to Quesnel  
6:45 – Grand Opening  
Overnight Quesnel

**Thursday, Sept 19**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Forestry Think Tank  
9:45 – 1:15 p.m. – Drive Quesnel to FSJ (lunch)  
1:30 -3:00 p.m. – Meetings FSJ  
3:15– 5:15 p.m. – Drive to PG  
5:45 – 6:45 – COFI Community Reception  
7:00 – 9:00 – COFI Dinner

**Friday, Sept 20**

10:05 – 11:25 a.m. – Fly PG to Van (WJ)

**From:** [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#)  
**To:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX](#); [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Allan, John FLNR:EX](#); [Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX](#); [Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX](#); [Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX](#); [Basi, Selena PREM:EX](#); [McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX](#); [Badger, Joleen GCPE:EX](#); [Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX](#); [Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX](#); [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#); [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#); [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Communications Materials - Funding to support mill workers impacted by Interior Forest Sector mill closures-curtaiment  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 4:51:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [EP Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding Sept 13 4 PM.docx](#)  
[SN MDD Interior Forest Worker Transition Funding Sept 13 DRAFT 4 PM.docx](#)  
[MP Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding Sept 13 DRAFT 4 PM.docx](#)  
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[SN Ravi Kahlon Narrative Sept 13 4 PM.docx](#)  
[NR Transition Release Sept 13 4 PM.docx](#)  
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Hi all,

Please find attached the latest drafts of the communications materials for Tuesday's announcement. The materials are in good shape and logistics for the event has firmed up. We're working on gathering quotes and final notes as well as confirming a few things like the MC. Attached are the following:

- Communications plan – includes key messages
- News release
- Event plan
- Q&A
- MDD speaking notes
- PS Ravi Kahlon speaking notes
- Draft Media plan

**Outstanding items:**

- Minister Mark quote for news release
- Minister Bains quote for news release
- Minister Bains speaking notes
- Quotes from union reps (USW, PPWC, Unifor) – embargoed NR was shared
- Quote from West Fraser – confirmed not attending but will provide a quote
- Confirmation of USW speaking role
- Confirmation for PG mayor as MC
- Final approvals/sign off on all communications materials (HQ/MOs/PO)

Cheers - David

## Event Title: Government announces \$69 million New Forest Worker Support Programs

(Min/MLA): Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister Harry Bains, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon

<b>Date:</b> September 17, 2019 10:00am	<b>Media Market:</b> Province-wide
<b>Location:</b> Northern Mat and Bridge Lot 1637 River Road Prince George, B.C.	<b>English Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Donaldson
	<b>Multicultural Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Bains, P.S. Kahlon

## THE EVENT

### EVENT

- Government will be announcing \$69 million dollars to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

### WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- GCPE Events

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:
  - \$2 million to establish a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
  - \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
  - \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
  - \$12 million to fund worker training and provide and enhanced community mental health support programs.
  - Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

### VENUE DESCRIPTION

- CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, Prince George TBD

### KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC) TBD
- Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson – speaking (TBD)
- West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris – speaking (TBD)
- Union reps (TBD)

### LIST OF VALIDATORS FOR POST-EVENT ROLLOUT

Name	Organization	Contact
Jeff Bromley	United Steel Workers (USW)	Cell 250 426-9870 <a href="mailto:Jbromley@usw.ca">Jbromley@usw.ca</a>
Brian O'Rourke	United Steel Workers (USW)	250 565-3641



	P.G. Local President	
Gary Fiege	Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC)	Office 604 731-1909 Cell 250 715-8320 <a href="mailto:Gfiege@ppwc.ca">Gfiege@ppwc.ca</a>
Lynn Lindeman	Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC)	Cell 250 246-7022 <a href="mailto:llindeman@shaw.ca">llindeman@shaw.ca</a>
Jon Hawkins	Unifor	250 640 0993 <a href="mailto:Jon.hawkins@unifor.org">Jon.hawkins@unifor.org</a>

#### **MEDIA INVITED?**

- Yes

#### **AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES**

- Invited guests include local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.
- Media

#### **Contacts:**

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Glen Plummer (FLNR GCPE Manager)	Office: 250 952-0559 Cell: 250 213-5667
Tim Renneberg (Ministerial Assistant - MDD)	Office: 778 974-5997 Cell: 250 480-8269
Tristan Jones (Executive Assistant – MDD and PSK)	Cell: 778 584-4285
Dawn Makarowski FLNR Communications – Media	Office: 778 698-8395 Cell: 778 584-4823
Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)	Cell: 604 842-0984
Harrison Wicks, Plant Manager, Lakeland Mills (Onsite contact)	Cell: 250 617-5341

**Draft Itinerary:**

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# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

*(Check Against Delivery)*

*DRAFT 1*

**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 5-10 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

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- Good morning, everybody,
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:

- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- This is about doing the right thing for your employees through whose hard work your companies saw record profits – they were there for you, now it's your turn to be there for them.
- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.



# Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

## Media Plan

### DRAFT 2

**Date:** 17 Sept 2019

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Location:** CN Intermodal Terminal, Prince George

#### **Media Outreach:**

Media outreach will focus primarily on regional outlets in communities affected by mill closures, curtailments and shift reductions. However, provincial outreach will also be made to the press gallery via the radio room, select outlets (CKNW) and radio talk shows (CBC, CHNL). We will be looking to pro-actively book MDD on various B.C. talk shows post-event from noon of Sept. 17 until noon of Sept. 18 (to be extended to print as well). PSRK will be doing Mackenzie media as he is in the community Sept. 17

Media will be invited to attend the event and call-arounds will be done to drum up the maximum amount of media attendance followed by targeted media outreach.

#### **Announcement Summary:**

The provincial government is announcing \$69 million to fund a series of measures that will support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in B.C. communities. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors and include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; and
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis.

The announcement is being made by Ministers Donaldson and Bains, with support from Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon at CN Rail's Intermodal Terminal in Prince George.

The event is to be videoed and photographed for use in social media from @BCGovNews, @DonaldsonDoug, @HarryBainsSN and @KahlonRav. Media interviews will be set up, and a provincial news release distributed.

#### **Rollout:**

Date/ Time	Task
One day prior	Media advisory and outreach to targeted media
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	On-site event with photo-op and media availability for interviews with MDD/MHB/union reps/industry rep  Event includes a listen-only provincial media dial-in
Post announcement	Schedule call-in interviews with targeted talk radio and other media. Minister Donaldson to provide interviews from Sept. 17 @ noon – Sept.

	18 @ noon  PSRK to provide interviews with Mackenzie media
Sept. 18-21	PSRK visits impacted communities (Clearwater, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Prince George), re-announces the funding in each community and provides interviews with interested local media (call rounds prior to his visit in each community as listed below)

### **Media List:**

#### ***Television***

- **CKPG TV** – Cheryl Jahn (Reporter); 250 961-4827

#### ***Radio***

- **CBC North** – Nicole Oud (Reporter); 250 562-6701 x223, 250 917-8583
- **Vista Radio** – Brendon Pawliw (Reporter); 250 564-2524 x234, 306 530-0984

#### ***Print/Online***

- **Prince George Citizen** – Mark Nielsen (Reporter) 250 562-2441 x3838, 778 281-1635
- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, 416 629-8491

### ***To call and line up MDD interviews following the announcement (outside of Prince George)***

#### ***Press Gallery – Radio Room: 250 387-6084***

- **Vancouver Sun** – Rob Shaw (Reporter) 250 893-0841 / Vaughn Palmer (Reporter) 250 920-6677
- **Global TV** – Keith Baldrey (Reporter) 250 387-1572, 250 360-7658 / Richard Zussman (Reporter) 250 216-7328
- **Black Press** – Tom Fletcher (Reporter) 250 888-3438
- **Times Colonist** – Lindsay Kines (Reporter) 250 380-5364, 250 812-9877
- **Globe and Mail** – Justine Hunter (Reporter) 250 220-2718, 250 857-4779
- **Canadian Press** – Dirk Meissner (Reporter) 250 984-4912, 250 418-5779
- **The Province** – Mike Smyth (Reporter) 250 812-6462
- **Liza Yuzda** – News 1130 (Reporter) 250 508-6479
- **The Tyee** – Andrew MacLeod (Reporter) 250 885-7662
- **BC Today** – Shannon Waters (Reporter) 236 882-7149
- **The Narwhal** – Carol Linnitt (Editor) 250 858-1329
- **CBC Radio-Canada** – Adrien Blanc (Reporter) 604 404-4042

#### ***Talk Radio:***

- **CKNW**
  - The Jon McComb Show (Morning) (Vancouver) – Pippa Reed (Producer); 778 233-7541
  - The Lynda Steele Show (Afternoon) (Vancouver) – Sara Hyde (Producer); 604 331-2838, 604 725-0810
- **CBC**
  - CBC Daybreak North (Prince George) – Robert Doane (Producer) 250 596-1856
  - CBC Daybreak South (Kelowna) – Marion Barschel (Producer) 250 469-0354

- CBC Daybreak Kamloops (Kamloops) – Tom Popyk (Producer/Reporter) 250 861-3781 x223, 416 875-5968
- **CHNL** (Kamloops) – Brett Mineer (Host) 250 374-1610, 778 789-1664
- **AM 1150** (Kelowna) – Phil Johnson (Host) 250 861-0639

***Print/Online:***

- **Merritt Herald** – Cole Wagner (editor) 250 378-4241, 604 880-9203
- **Kelowna Capital News (Black Press)** – Barry Gerding (Editor) 250 738-1053, 250 878-7575
- **Kelowna Daily Courier** – Ben Verkerk (Editor) / Ron Seymour (Reporter) 250 470-0750
- **Castanet (Kelowna)** – Darren Handschuh (Reporter) 250 826-5829
- **InfoNews (Kelowna)** – Adam Proskiw (Reporter) 250 718-0428

***Radio:***

- **CKMQ Merritt (Q101)** – Michael Reeve (Reporter) 250 508-7321
- **GOAT FM (Williams Lake)** – Rebecca Dyok (Host/Reporter) 250 392-6551 x224

***For call-arounds regarding PSRK visits:***

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development

### **Government outlines new forest worker support programs**

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Horgan and Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development met with the chief executive officers of the major Interior forest companies to set out measures to support forest workers in the months and years ahead. Those measures include:

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Donaldson called on the forest industry to increase supports for impacted workers, ensure key corporate leaders are working on the industry transition and ensure that it does a better job of communicating effectively with impacted workers and communities.

Minister Bains quote

**Quotes:**

“Over the summer, I met with workers, industry and elected officials in many of the Interior communities impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures,” said Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. “The \$69 million our government is providing to support impacted workers and families and enable resilient forest communities is a direct result of my discussions with the people who live and work in these Interior communities.”

Industry Quote

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Hi David,

Thanks for sending these materials. I've added two questions that may come up for the Minister or PS. Let me know if this language works/if there are any additional questions we should add.

-Leila

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Hi all,

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Cheers - David

**Funding to Support Mill Workers Impacted by Permanent and Indefinite Mill Closures**  
**Q & A**  
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**Funding General:**

**1. Is this new funding?**

- We are reallocating funding from other areas to ensure urgently needed supports are in place for impacted workers and their families. Our government will ensure that forests workers impacted by mill closures are supported.

**2. Why are you making this funding available to forestry workers when you haven't provided supports to workers in other sectors that have similarly faced job losses?**

- There has not been another industry in British Columbia where significant job loss of this nature has been experienced.
- Job loss in the forest sector is unique, as forestry is the main source of employment for many Interior communities.
- Given the scope of this issues, I'd really like to see additional support from the federal government. Earlier this year, the feds were quick to respond with support for aluminum and steel workers. B.C.'s Interior forestry sector needs that kind of federal response and the workers and their families need it now.
- We appreciate the measures the federal government announced in 2017 as part of its Softwood Lumber Action Plan, but more needs to be done.

**Who Qualifies:**

**3. What are the eligibility criteria for workers and contractors to access the funding?**

- Eligibility criteria and information about the application process will be made available to workers and companies next week

**4. Will downstream businesses and workers that are indirectly impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures, suppliers, etc., qualify for any of the funding?**

- The program will be available to eligible applicants that have been actively employed in the forest industry. This support will allow these workers to remain in the communities where live, reducing potential economic impacts to other businesses in their communities.

**5. How many Interior forestry workers and are impacted?**

- We're currently looking at approximately 497 workers in 3 interior communities that have been impacted by permanent closure, 2547 workers in 13 interior communities

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- I should note, that of the indefinite curtailment numbers, 970 of the 2547 workers are being impacted indefinitely starting in the future (middle of September) and not impacted today.

**Early Retirement Bridging:**

**6. Government is providing \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early retirement bridging program. How much is industry providing for this program?**

- The split between government and industry contributions will vary from individual to individual as there are numerous factors that must be considered on a case by case basis. As there are multiple companies involved, it is not possible at this time to determine how much industry as a whole is providing. Industry and government are committed to working together to make the program as seamless as possible in providing support to workers.

**7. Do you have a number for how many of the impacted forestry workers and contractors qualify for early-retirement bridging?**

- It's too early to say. Over the coming weeks we will work with the companies to get a better picture of how many employees may qualify.

**Job Placement:**

**8. Will the new job placement coordination office be part of the WorkBC offices or will it be a stand-alone entity?**

- The job placement coordination office will be a standalone entity within the Ministry of Labour, but will align and coordinate with the programs and services provided by WorkBC. The job placement coordination office will have dedicated resources to support interior forest workers that are currently impacted, whereas WorkBC services could provide additional support where needed.

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**Support for Communities:**

**9. Given that a number of the mill closures are permanent, what are you doing to support impacted workers and communities over the long-term?**

- Funding is in place to provide community support grants aimed at providing short-term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.
- Earlier this year, I asked industry, labour, Indigenous and non-Indigenous community leaders to work together to develop a new vision for the Interior forest industry at the regional level.
- This is not a Victoria-imposed solution. It is a locally-developed vision for the future based on local timber supply areas.
- Government will support communities and workers to find their place in the future of the forest industry. Value-added wood products are the future of B.C.'s forest industry. This period is difficult as the industry undergoes transition, but this is a time of transition as the industry moves towards generating higher-value, instead of higher-volume production. We are moving ahead with taller wood building construction, and we're going to do more to encourage local companies, municipalities and Indigenous Nations to use engineered wood products for their projects.
- The industry has renewed itself in the face of challenges before and will do so again. Together we can build a forest industry that creates thousands of good-paying jobs for local workers and Indigenous Nations and supports communities for generations to come.
- Change is never easy. There are no quick fixes. If we're going to find solutions that work for everyone, we need to roll up our sleeves and face up to the challenges together.

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**From:** [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#)  
**To:** [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#); [Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX](#); [Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Communications Materials - Funding to support mill workers impacted by Interior Forest Sector mill closures-curtailment  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 5:28:12 PM

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Fine with me. Thx.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2019, at 5:25 PM, Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <[Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi David,

Thanks for sending these materials. I've added two questions that may come up for the Minister or PS. Let me know if this language works/if there are any additional questions we should add.

-Leila

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**From:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** September 13, 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <[Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca)>; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX <[Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca)>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)>; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Communications Materials - Funding to support mill workers impacted by Interior Forest Sector mill closures-curtailment

Hi all,

Please find attached the latest drafts of the communications materials for Tuesday's announcement. The materials are in good shape and logistics for the event has firmed up. We're working on gathering quotes and final notes as well as confirming a few things like the MC. Attached are the following:

- Communications plan – includes key messages
- News release
- Event plan
- Q&A
- MDD speaking notes
- PS Ravi Kahlon speaking notes
- Draft Media plan

**Outstanding items:**

- Minister Mark quote for news release
- Minister Bains quote for news release
- Minister Bains speaking notes
- Quotes from union reps (USW, PPWC, Unifor) – embargoed NR was shared
- Quote from West Fraser – confirmed not attending but will provide a quote
- Confirmation of USW speaking role
- Confirmation for PG mayor as MC
- Final approvals/sign off on all communications materials (HQ/MOs/PO)

Cheers - David

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**From:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX  
**To:** "Brian O'Rourke"  
**Subject:** PS Kahlon Schedule Sept 17-19  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 6:05:23 PM

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Hello Brian,

As discussed, here's Ravi's schedule:

PG – Ravi will be at the announcement at 10 a.m. Tuesday

Then:

Mackenzie meeting: Tuesday Sept 17, 1:30 -3:30

Fort St. James meeting: Thursday, Sept 19, 1:30 – 3:15

Venues still to be determined. I'll let you know Monday.

Thank you,

Tristan

P.S.

FYI

I will contact Marty Gibbons for Clearwater – Wednesday: 8:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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**From:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** ["gibbonsusw@telus.net"](mailto:gibbonsusw@telus.net)  
**Subject:** PS Ravi Kahlon visit to Clearwater  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 6:11:35 PM

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Good afternoon Marty,

PS Ravi Kahlon will be visiting Clearwater on Wednesday, September 15 8:45 -10:45 a.m.

Could you call me regarding this visit.

My cell# is 778.584.4285

Thank you,  
Tristan

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**From:** [Leslie Groulx](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayor Blackwell](#); [Rhonda West](#)  
**Subject:** Confirmation for Wednesday Sept 18 meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 10:11:10 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Tristian

Thank you for your call this am.

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Cheers  
Leslie

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**From:** [Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ravi's schedule for next week  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 11:37:20 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Musika, Sherry FLNR:EX" <[Sherry.Musika@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sherry.Musika@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** 2019-09-16 11:33 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** "Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX" <[Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Bichon, Ryan FLNR:EX" <[Ryan.Bichon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ryan.Bichon@gov.bc.ca)>, "Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX" <[Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ravi's schedule for next week

Hi Allison,

The "Main Boardroom", in Fort St James District office, has been booked from 1-4 on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The "BCTS Client Room" in Mackenzie District office has been booked from 1:00-3:30pm on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>; for this meeting, they will try and move things around to secure a larger room and staff will let Ryan Bichon know if it is able to change prior to your arrival.

Let me know if you need anything else!

Thanks,

Sherry Musika

Authorizations Coordinator

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

250-561-3421

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**From:** Musika, Sherry FLNR:EX **On Behalf Of** Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX

**Sent:** September 16, 2019 11:07 AM

**To:** Musika, Sherry FLNR:EX <[Sherry.Musika@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sherry.Musika@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Ravi's schedule for next week

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX

**Sent:** September 16, 2019 10:34 AM

**To:** Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX <[Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Wendy.Cole@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Ravi's schedule for next week

**Importance:** High

Hi Wendy

Do you have a moment to chat?

I am hoping you might be able to help me secure rooms in Mackenzie and Fort Saint James this week.



*Allison Tripp*

Manager, Executive Issues

Deputy Ministers Office

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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**From:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

**Sent:** September 13, 2019 10:46 AM

**To:** Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <[Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Ravi's schedule for next week

**Importance:** High

**Mon. Sept 16**

5:35 – 6:55 p.m. – Fly Vancouver – PG (WJ)

Overnight PG

Brad McRoberts, Ryan Bichon – no venue yet. MTG 1:00-3:30

**Tues, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - announcement

11:15 – 1:15 p.m. – Drive to Mackenzie (lunch)

1:30– 3:30 p.m. – Meetings Mackenzie

3:45 – 9:15 p.m. – Drive Mackenzie to 100 Mile

Overnight 100 Mile

**Wed, Sept 15**

7:00– 8:30 a.m.– Drive to Clearwater

8:45 – 10:45 a.m.- Meetings Clearwater – being sorted out

11:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Drive to 100 Mile (lunch)

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1:15-3:15 p.m.– Meetings 100 Mile – being sorted out no need for a space – can we book district office if available

3:30 – 5:45 p.m. – Drive to Quesnel

6:45 – Grand Opening

Overnight Quesnel

#### **Thursday, Sept 16**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Forestry Think Tank

9:45 – 1:15 p.m. – Drive Quesnel to FSJ (lunch)

1:30 -3:00 p.m. – Meetings FSJames – Allison to book at district office

3:15– 5:15 p.m. – Drive to PG

5:45 – 6:45 – COFI Community Reception

7:00 – 9:00 – COFI Dinner

#### **Friday, Sept 17**

10:05 – 11:25 a.m. – Fly PG to Van (WJ)

**From:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX  
**To:** "Leslie Groulx"  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation for Wednesday Sept 18 meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 12:38:25 PM

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Also, I appreciate that you will provide contact info for Vavenby.

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All the best  
Tristan

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**From:** Leslie Groulx <lroulx@docbc.ca>  
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**To:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Mayor Blackwell <mblackwell@docbc.ca>; Rhonda West <rwest@docbc.ca>  
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Cheers  
Leslie

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**From:** [Kahlon, Ravi PREM:EX](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fort St. James meeting  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 1:36:01 PM

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Can we accommodate this somehow?

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**From:** "Van Dolah, David FLNR:EX" <David.VanDolah@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 at 1:29 PM  
**To:** "Kahlon, Ravi PREM:EX" <Ravi.Kahlon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Park, Jill E FLNR:EX" <Jill.Park@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fort St. James meeting

Ravi

I understand that you are coming to Fort St. James this Thursday for a meeting. I'm wondering if you would be able to take some time to meet with Vanderhoof Mayor Thiessen either after your meeting in the Fort or possibly before? If you recollect, Mayor Thiessen would like to have an opportunity to connect with you, either in his role as Mayor or as the current Regional District chairperson. Also, I'm in Victoria this week, so I won't be available to get together with you, but I have made arrangements to have my Resource Manager, Jill Park, attend the Fort St. James meeting in my absence.



**David Van Dolah, RFT**

**District Manager**

*Stuart Nechako*

*Natural Resource District*

*Phone: 250-567-6363 – Vanderhoof Office*

*Phone: 250-996-5200 – Fort St. James Office*

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**To:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation for Wednesday Sept 18 meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 3:33:08 PM

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Hi Tristan

Director Carol Schaffer - [director.cschaffer@tnrd.ca](mailto:director.cschaffer@tnrd.ca) 250-674-7049

Madeline De Vooght – Canfor USW (labour) representatives that lives here in Clearwater – I only have an email for her [kandm5769@gmail.com](mailto:kandm5769@gmail.com)

Cheers  
Leslie

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**From:** Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 12:38 PM  
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**Cc:** [Allan, John FLNR:EX](#); [Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX](#); [Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX](#); [Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX](#); [Basi, Selena PREM:EX](#); [McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX](#); [Badger, Joleen GCPE:EX](#); [Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX](#); [Banfield, Elena GCPE:EX](#); [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#); [Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX](#); [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX](#); [Roscoe, Lisa GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Communications Materials - Funding to support mill workers impacted by Interior Forest Sector mill closures-curtailement  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 4:02:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [MA NEWS-20604.pdf](#)  
[SN MC PG Mayor Lyn Hall Interior Forest Worker Transition Funding Sept 16 DRAFT 209 PM.docx](#)  
[SN - MHB FLNR early retirement announcement - Sept 17 2019.docx](#)  
[SN Ravi Kahlon Narrative Sept 16 1030 AM.docx](#)  
[SN MDD Interior Forest Worker Transition Funding Sept 16 DRAFT 1140 AM.docx](#)  
[EP Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding Sept 16 1223 PM.docx](#)  
[MP Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding Sept 16 DRAFT2 927 AM.docx](#)  
[QA Funding to support mill workers impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures Sept 16 DRAFT 224 PM.docx](#)  
[NR Transition Release Sept 16 342 PM.docx](#)  
[CP Funding to support mill workers impacted by Interior Forest Sector mill closures-curtailement Sept 16 1030 AM.docx](#)

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All - attached are the comms materials for tomorrow's 10 am announcement in PG on support programs for interior mill workers:

- Comms Plan
- News Release – Jving underway
- Q&A – a few additional QA from Leila
- Media Advisory – distributed 240 pm – PG media tweeting heavily. We expect a good turnout
- Media Plan – calls being booked for MDD
- Event Plan – pre-brief location still TBD. Glen Plummer will determine late today
- MDD speaking notes
- Ravi Kahlon speaking notes
- MHB speaking notes
- MC PG Mayor Lyn Hall speaking notes – confirmed as MC

### Outstanding Items:

- Labour/union quotes for news release – USW only outstanding.
- IN/Messaging on COFI report released today underway and to be completed by EOD
- Arrange for PG FLNR staff to print copies of final news release (Shawn Rice or John Huybers)  
Office is 2000 South Ospika

# MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development

Sept. 16, 2019

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Prince George; teleconference**

PRINCE GEORGE – Media are invited to join Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Harry Bains, Minister of Labour; and Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon for an announcement about helping B.C.'s Interior forestry workers affected by mill closures.

Event Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Time: 10 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Location:  
CN Railyards  
1637 River Rd.  
Prince George

Media unable to attend are invited to dial in and listen to the announcement.

Dial-in information (listen only):  
From Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260  
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., (toll-free): 1 877 353-9184  
Participant Pass Code: 32299#

### **Contact:**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource  
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# EMCEE NOTES

**Lyn Hall**

Mayor, Prince George

## **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

*(Check Against Delivery)*

*DRAFT 1*

**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting B.C. forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 1-2 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

Times are approximate:

Time	
8:00 a.m.	GCPE events arrives onsite for event set up with Colin Wood, Northern Mat and Bridge representative
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- Good morning, everybody.
- I think you all know me but, for those of you that might not, I'm Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall and I'll be your emcee this morning.
- Thank you all for being here with us today on the traditional territory or the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nation for this incredibly important announcement for Interior forest sector workers, their families and their communities
- As mayor of a city where forestry is a major economic driver, I know just how difficult it is for some of the families, workers and businesses being impacted by these market-driven reductions in production.
- We know how hard community transition teams are working to get the **right supports** in the **right places** in each impacted community.
- And I want to recognize the efforts of everyone involved in these community transition teams – you are doing great work.
- With that said, I would like to welcome Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to come and provide some remarks on help for impacted forest workers.

[Minister Donaldson provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Donaldson.
- That is some incredible news and I know it's welcome by everyone who has been impacted by recent mill closures and curtailments.
- Minister of Labour Harry Bains is also with us today and I'd like to welcome him to come and say a few words.



[Minister Bains provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Bains.
- These jobs are indeed important to families and communities in the Interior.
- We appreciate you and Minister Donaldson coming here today with this good news for the Interior forest sector workers impacted by these mill closures and curtailments.
- And I also want to recognize and extend my appreciation to Ravi Kahlon who is here with us, today.
- Ravi is the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- Ravi – I know you’ve been pounding the streets in impacted communities over the last couple of weeks, talking with municipal and Indigenous leaders, industry, unions, impacted workers and other stakeholders.
- I want to recognize your work on the ground and say that I look forward to continued conversation with you about longer-term solutions and community transition supports.
- With that, I’d like to thank you all for being here, today.
- Before you all leave, Glen, did you have something to pass on?

[Glen Plummer provides info on media availability.]

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**MINISTER HARRY BAINS**

**MINISTER OF LABOUR**

**NEW FOREST WORKER  
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CN Rail Intermodal Terminal  
1637 River Road, Prince George

September 17, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

Speaking length – 3 minutes

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

# EVENT DETAILS & LOGISTICS

**Event:** New Forest Worker Support Program

**When:** Sept 17, 2019 at 10 a.m.

- Minister requested to arrive by 9:40 a.m. for pre-brief
- Minister Donaldson to speak on the details of the new program and investment, as well as an overview of new measures aimed at supporting forestry workers impacted by mill closures in B.C.'s Interior
- Minister Bains to follow and speak 2-3 minutes re-emphasize the value and commitment to the forest sector why this matters for workers and communities around the province.

**Where:** CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, 1637 River Road, Prince George

**Contact:** Onsite person: Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)  
C | 604-842-0984

## Key Participants:

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson – speaking (TBD)
- West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris – speaking (TBD)

## Post Event Validators:

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**EVENT DETAILS:**

Media Attending: Yes

Audience: local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.

Event Context: Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers and the supports include:

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- \$10M for worker training and community mental health support programs; and
- Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

**Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary**

- Currently, there are 24 mills that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than 6,000 workers are being affected across 23 communities.

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

British Columbia's forest industry is facing difficult times. In the Interior, the end of the pine beetle cut, lower prices for lumber, and back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons have led to a number of sawmill closures. This has created hardship for workers and uncertainty for the communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

Logistics notes: Theatre style set up with a riser, podium. Minister to be seated in the front row.

Clothing: Business casual.

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10:24 a.m.	P.S. Kahlon makes remarks
10:29 a.m.	MC thanks P.S. Kahlon, introduces Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)
10:31 a.m.	Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson speaks (TBD)
10:36 a.m.	MC thanks Mayor Atkinson, introduces West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)
10:38 a.m.	West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris speaks (TBD)
10:43 a.m.	Media availability
11:00 a.m.	Event concludes

## PARTICIPANT INTEL:

### P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall (TBD)



Mayor Lyn Hall has been an active member of the Prince George community for over 30 years. He and his wife Lorrelle are the parents of twin daughters, both of whom graduated from UNBC.

Hall began his political career as a School Trustee on the Prince George School Board. He spent 10 years on the board holding various positions including vice-chair and chair. In 2011, he ran and won a seat on Prince George City Council. In 2014 and 2018, he ran successful campaigns for Mayor of Prince George.

### Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)



Joan moved to Mackenzie with her husband Jim and two sons in 1997; both sons and her husband work in the local forest industry. She professes to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong forest economy, said publicly that she is concerned with the current provincial forest model that puts her community's forest future at risk due to fibre supply and says her community is in crisis after three wood products operations closed in Mackenzie.

Joan, once recognized as Volunteer of the Year in her community, was acclaimed as mayor in 2018, but has been a member of council since 2007.

### West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)



Ray is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He assumed the role of Pres/CEO of West Fraser as of July 1, 2019. Ray joined the company in 1997 and has served in several executive positions since on both the Alberta and B.C. operations.

West Fraser has more than 50 locations throughout B.C. and Alberta in Canada, and in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida in the United States. B.C.'s operations currently account for 34 per cent of the company's total lumber capacity – 7.2 billion board feet – with Alberta supplying 23 per cent and the USA 43 per cent.

# SPEAKING NOTES

- Thank you Mayor Hall.
- I want to begin by saying that behind every productive business and viable industry, in fact, driving their success and sustainability...
- Is a workforce that is also, at the same time, contributing to the social fabric of their communities...
  - Workers who coach hockey and lead girl guides or boy scouts;
  - Or that serve on school committees and volunteer in local service clubs like the Rotary.
- And let's not forget, it's workers that built B.C.'s forestry sector...
- That built an industry that has fueled our economy for decades.
- And now it's these same forestry workers who are suffering in the wake of historic job losses, particularly in B.C.'s Interior.
- Our communities, B.C. businesses and their workers are strong and resilient, innovative and industrious...
- But even still, they need a helping-hand sometimes.
  - And that's what today's announcement is about...
  - It's about working with industry to provide a helping-hand.
- Because when an industry like forestry takes a downturn, family supporting jobs and wages become threatened.
- And in turn, communities like Prince George, Mackenzie and so many others with deep roots in forestry, also suffer.
  - Young workers need family supporting wages to make ends meet or they leave to find work elsewhere.

- **Today's announcement helps prevent the hollowing-out of rural communities hardest hit by the curtailments and closings.**
  - **It supports impacted workers, their families and the communities that are their home.**
  - **It helps provide incentives for early retirement so that we can retain workers with a long career still ahead of them.**
  - **And it provides training, job placement assistance and mental health supports for those reeling from job losses.**
- **Because our government believes that our purpose is to make life better and easier for people in the province.**
- **And because it's not lost on us that forestry is an important economic driver in B.C. and our industry is in crisis.**
  - **That log costs and market conditions...**
  - **Trade sanctions and timber supply issues caused by things like wildfires and beetle infestations...**
  - **Has led to market uncertainty and instability...**
  - **As well as operational slow-downs and shut-downs...**
  - **And they are having real, tangible and personal impacts.**
- **It matters.**
  - **It matters to those working or benefiting from the forestry sector – and let's be clear – that's all of us in B.C.**
  - **This is not just a rural problem, it's merely where the impacts are most often, or most profoundly seen.**
  - **So, let me also be clear: it matters to your government and we're all working together to find solutions.**



- **Stealing from a June headline in the Vancouver Sun, we all recognize that there is no quick fix to our forestry situation.**
  - **It was created over time and without an eye towards the future or how to mitigate the impacts to come.**
  - **Today we are investing for both today and tomorrow.**
- **And I am glad to have our ministry help deliver solutions and provide direct support to help sustain family-supporting jobs.**
- **I'm glad mayors like Lyn and Joan are here (TBC), because they see the direct impacts on friends and neighbours in their communities.**
- **And perhaps nowhere is it more greatly felt or recognized than in Joan's own family, since her husband and sons work in forestry.**
- **Let me add that I'm happy to be part of something that even the B.C. Council of Forest Industries president said is needed:**
  - **A systematic, collaborative approach to the industry's transition by industry, government, First Nations, communities and workers combined.**
- **And since Ray is here today (TBC), I'd like to say that I'm grateful too for the support of industry leaders like West Fraser.**
  - **He once said that their past and future success is built on the strengths of their people and that together, they're driven to deliver a better today than yesterday as a company.**
- **Lastly, I'd like to offer thanks to my cabinet colleague for allowing me to aid in his forest worker support plan; it is important work.**
- **I know Minister Donaldson shares my concern for the health and prosperity of the industry and its workers...**
- **Because like me, he has first-hand working experience in forestry.**

- **And maybe it's because of my forestry roots or that I began my career in sawmills, that I feel so proud of today's announcement...**
  - **But today we outlined how we'll help workers continue to participate and be proud of their forestry jobs;**
  - **And when they can't work, providing additional supports to help them get back on their feet and back to work;**
  - **So that like me, while working in a mill, they too can build a good and stable life, family and future in this province.**
- **Be assured that while standing up here, we're also standing along side our forest industry partners and shoulder-to-shoulder with the people working in forest industries who are worried or have been impacted by mill closures or curtailments.**
- **We understand how important these jobs are to you...**
- **To your families, your communities and to the province.**
- **They're important to us too.**
- **Thank you.**

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# SPEAKING NOTES

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

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**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 5-10 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

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- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.



- This is about doing the right thing for your employees through whose hard work your companies saw record profits – they were there for you, now it's your turn to be there for them.
- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.

## Event Title: Government announces \$69 million New Forest Worker Support Programs

(Min/MLA): Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister Harry Bains, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon

<b>Date:</b> September 17, 2019 10:00am	<b>Media Market:</b> Province-wide
<b>Location:</b> Northern Mat and Bridge Lot 1637 River Road Prince George, B.C.	<b>English Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Donaldson
	<b>Multicultural Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Bains, P.S. Kahlon

## THE EVENT

### EVENT

- Government will be announcing \$69 million dollars to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

### WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- GCPE Events

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:
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### VENUE DESCRIPTION

- CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, Prince George TBD

### KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
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#### **MEDIA INVITED?**

- Yes

#### **AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES**

- Invited guests include local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.
- Media

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# Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

## Media Plan

**Date:** 17 Sept 2019

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Location:** CN Intermodal Terminal, Prince George

### **Media Outreach:**

Media outreach will focus primarily on regional outlets in communities affected by mill closures, curtailments and shift reductions. However, provincial outreach will also be made to the press gallery via the radio room, select outlets (CKNW) and radio talk shows (CBC, CHNL). We will be looking to pro-actively book MDD on various B.C. talk shows post-event from noon of Sept. 17 until noon of Sept. 18 (to be extended to print as well). PSRK will be doing Mackenzie media as he is in the community Sept. 17

Media will be invited to attend the event and call-arounds will be done to drum up the maximum amount of media attendance followed by targeted media outreach.

### **Announcement Summary:**

The provincial government is announcing \$69 million to fund a series of measures that will support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in B.C. communities. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors and include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
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- \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; and
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis.

The announcement is being made by Ministers Donaldson and Bains, with support from Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon at CN Rail's Intermodal Terminal in Prince George.

The event is to be videoed and photographed for use in social media from @BCGovNews, @DonaldsonDoug, @HarryBainsSN and @KahlonRav. Media interviews will be set up, and a provincial news release distributed.

### **Rollout:**

Date/ Time	Task
One day prior	Media advisory and outreach to targeted media
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	On-site event with photo-op and media availability for interviews with MDD/MHB/union reps/industry rep  Event includes a listen-only provincial media dial-in
Post announcement	Schedule call-in interviews with targeted talk radio and other media. Minister Donaldson to provide interviews from Sept. 17 @ noon – Sept.

	18 @ noon  PSRK to provide interviews with Mackenzie media
Sept. 18-21	PSRK visits impacted communities (Clearwater, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Prince George), re-announces the funding in each community and provides interviews with interested local media (call rounds prior to his visit in each community as listed below)

### **Media List:**

#### ***Television***

- **CKPG TV** – Cheryl Jahn (Reporter); 250 961-4827 / newsroom 250 563-0111

#### ***Radio***

- **CBC North** – Nicole Oud (Reporter); 250 562-6701 x223, 250 917-8583
- **Vista Radio** – Brendon Pawliw (Reporter); 250 564-2524 x234, 306 530-0984
- **CFIS 93.1 FM** – Allan Wishart (Reporter); 250 617-9939

#### ***Print/Online***

- **Prince George Citizen** – Mark Nielsen (Reporter) 250 562-2441 x3838, 778 281-1635
- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, 416 629-8491

### ***To call and line up MDD interviews following the announcement (outside of Prince George)***

#### ***Press Gallery – Radio Room: 250 387-6084***

- **Vancouver Sun** – Rob Shaw (Reporter) 250 893-0841 / Vaughn Palmer (Reporter) 250 920-6677
- **Global TV** – Keith Baldrey (Reporter) 250 387-1572, 250 360-7658 / Richard Zussman (Reporter) 250 216-7328
- **Black Press** – Tom Fletcher (Reporter) 250 888-3438
- **Times Colonist** – Les Leyne (Reporter) 250 889-4138 / Lindsay Kines (Reporter) 250 380-5364, 250 812-9877
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- **The Narwhal** – Carol Linnitt (Editor) 250 858-1329
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<link to forestry website or news article>

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- an early-retirement bridging program to help people transition to retirement;
- new training and better community mental health support programs;
- Community transition and response teams to address the unique needs in each impacted community;
- and grants to help impacted communities stay afloat where forestry is the main source of employment.

Changes are also being made to help the forestry industry adapt to changing circumstances. From moving ahead with taller wood building construction to doing more to motivate local companies, municipalities and First Nations to use B.C. engineered wood products for their projects.

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
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Sept. 16, 2019

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Prince George; teleconference**

PRINCE GEORGE – Media are invited to join Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Harry Bains, Minister of Labour; and Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon for an announcement about helping B.C.'s Interior forestry workers affected by mill closures.

Event Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Time: 10 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Location:  
CN Railyards  
1637 River Rd.  
Prince George

Media unable to attend are invited to dial in and listen to the announcement.

Dial-in information (listen only):  
From Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260  
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., (toll-free): 1 877 353-9184  
Participant Pass Code: 32299#

### **Contact:**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource  
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# EMCEE NOTES

**Lyn Hall**

Mayor, Prince George

## **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

*(Check Against Delivery)*

*DRAFT 1*

**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting B.C. forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 1-2 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

Times are approximate:

Time	
8:00 a.m.	GCPE events arrives onsite for event set up with Colin Wood, Northern Mat and Bridge representative
9:40 a.m. Pre-brief	Pre-brief with stage guests, led by Elena Banfield GCPE Events Location: TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister FLNR Doug Donaldson</li> <li>• Minister LBR Harry Bains</li> <li>• Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon</li> <li>• P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall</li> <li>• USW rep (TBD)</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.	Event begins. MC P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall welcomes everyone, introduces Minister Doug Donaldson
10:05 a.m.	Minister Donaldson makes remarks, announces \$69 million in funding
10:15 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Donaldson and introduces Minister Bains
10:17 a.m.	Minister Bains makes remarks
10:27 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Bains – thanks attendees
10:28 a.m.	Glen Plummer GCPE informs attendees of media availability
10:30 a.m.	Media availability
10:45 a.m.	Event concludes

- Good morning, everybody.
- I think you all know me but, for those of you that might not, I'm Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall and I'll be your emcee this morning.
- Thank you all for being here with us today on the traditional territory or the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nation for this incredibly important announcement for Interior forest sector workers, their families and their communities
- As mayor of a city where forestry is a major economic driver, I know just how difficult it is for some of the families, workers and businesses being impacted by these market-driven reductions in production.
- We know how hard community transition teams are working to get the **right supports** in the **right places** in each impacted community.
- And I want to recognize the efforts of everyone involved in these community transition teams – you are doing great work.
- With that said, I would like to welcome Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to come and provide some remarks on help for impacted forest workers.

[Minister Donaldson provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Donaldson.
- That is some incredible news and I know it's welcome by everyone who has been impacted by recent mill closures and curtailments.
- Minister of Labour Harry Bains is also with us today and I'd like to welcome him to come and say a few words.

[Minister Bains provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Bains.
- These jobs are indeed important to families and communities in the Interior.
- We appreciate you and Minister Donaldson coming here today with this good news for the Interior forest sector workers impacted by these mill closures and curtailments.
- And I also want to recognize and extend my appreciation to Ravi Kahlon who is here with us, today.
- Ravi is the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- Ravi – I know you’ve been pounding the streets in impacted communities over the last couple of weeks, talking with municipal and Indigenous leaders, industry, unions, impacted workers and other stakeholders.
- I want to recognize your work on the ground and say that I look forward to continued conversation with you about longer-term solutions and community transition supports.
- With that, I’d like to thank you all for being here, today.
- Before you all leave, Glen, did you have something to pass on?

[Glen Plummer provides info on media availability.]



**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**MINISTER HARRY BAINS**

**MINISTER OF LABOUR**

**NEW FOREST WORKER  
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CN Rail Intermodal Terminal  
1637 River Road, Prince George

September 17, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

Speaking length – 3 minutes

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# EVENT DETAILS & LOGISTICS

**Event:** New Forest Worker Support Program

**When:** Sept 17, 2019 at 10 a.m.

- Minister requested to arrive by 9:40 a.m. for pre-brief
- Minister Donaldson to speak on the details of the new program and investment, as well as an overview of new measures aimed at supporting forestry workers impacted by mill closures in B.C.'s Interior
- Minister Bains to follow and speak 2-3 minutes re-emphasize the value and commitment to the forest sector why this matters for workers and communities around the province.

**Where:** CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, 1637 River Road, Prince George

**Contact:** Onsite person: Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)  
C | 604-842-0984

## Key Participants:

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson – speaking (TBD)
- West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris – speaking (TBD)

## Post Event Validators:

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**EVENT DETAILS:**

Media Attending: Yes

Audience: local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.

Event Context: Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers and the supports include:

- \$2M for a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
- \$40M for a cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15M for a short-term forest employment program focussed on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$10M for worker training and community mental health support programs; and
- Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

**Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary**

- Currently, there are 24 mills that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than 6,000 workers are being affected across 23 communities.

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

British Columbia's forest industry is facing difficult times. In the Interior, the end of the pine beetle cut, lower prices for lumber, and back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons have led to a number of sawmill closures. This has created hardship for workers and uncertainty for the communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

Logistics notes: Theatre style set up with a riser, podium. Minister to be seated in the front row.

Clothing: Business casual.

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10:31 a.m.	Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson speaks (TBD)
10:36 a.m.	MC thanks Mayor Atkinson, introduces West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)
10:38 a.m.	West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris speaks (TBD)
10:43 a.m.	Media availability
11:00 a.m.	Event concludes

## PARTICIPANT INTEL:

### P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall (TBD)



Mayor Lyn Hall has been an active member of the Prince George community for over 30 years. He and his wife Lorrelle are the parents of twin daughters, both of whom graduated from UNBC.

Hall began his political career as a School Trustee on the Prince George School Board. He spent 10 years on the board holding various positions including vice-chair and chair. In 2011, he ran and won a seat on Prince George City Council. In 2014 and 2018, he ran successful campaigns for Mayor of Prince George.

### Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)



Joan moved to Mackenzie with her husband Jim and two sons in 1997; both sons and her husband work in the local forest industry. She professes to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong forest economy, said publicly that she is concerned with the current provincial forest model that puts her community's forest future at risk due to fibre supply and says her community is in crisis after three wood products operations closed in Mackenzie.

Joan, once recognized as Volunteer of the Year in her community, was acclaimed as mayor in 2018, but has been a member of council since 2007.

### West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)



Ray is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He assumed the role of Pres/CEO of West Fraser as of July 1, 2019. Ray joined the company in 1997 and has served in several executive positions since on both the Alberta and B.C. operations.

West Fraser has more than 50 locations throughout B.C. and Alberta in Canada, and in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida in the United States. B.C.'s operations currently account for 34 per cent of the company's total lumber capacity – 7.2 billion board feet – with Alberta supplying 23 per cent and the USA 43 per cent.

# **SPEAKING NOTES**

- **Thank you Mayor Hall.**
- **I want to begin by saying that behind every productive business and viable industry, in fact, driving their success and sustainability...**
- **Is a workforce that is also, at the same time, contributing to the social fabric of their communities...**
  - **Workers who coach hockey and lead girl guides or boy scouts;**
  - **Or that serve on school committees and volunteer in local service clubs like the Rotary.**
- **And let's not forget, it's workers that built B.C.'s forestry sector...**
- **That built an industry that has fueled our economy for decades.**
- **And now it's these same forestry workers who are suffering in the wake of historic job losses, particularly in B.C.'s Interior.**
- **Our communities, B.C. businesses and their workers are strong and resilient, innovative and industrious...**
- **But even still, they need a helping-hand sometimes.**
  - **And that's what today's announcement is about...**
  - **It's about working with industry to provide a helping-hand.**
- **Because when an industry like forestry takes a downturn, family supporting jobs and wages become threatened.**
- **And in turn, communities like Prince George, Mackenzie and so many others with deep roots in forestry, also suffer.**
  - **Young workers need family supporting wages to make ends meet or they leave to find work elsewhere.**

- Today's announcement helps prevent the hollowing-out of rural communities hardest hit by the curtailments and closings.
  - It supports impacted workers, their families and the communities that are their home.
  - It helps provide incentives for early retirement so that we can retain workers with a long career still ahead of them.
  - And it provides training, job placement assistance and mental health supports for those reeling from job losses.
- Because our government believes that our purpose is to make life better and easier for people in the province.
- And because it's not lost on us that forestry is an important economic driver in B.C. and our industry is in crisis.
  - That log costs and market conditions...
  - Trade sanctions and timber supply issues caused by things like wildfires and beetle infestations...
  - Has led to market uncertainty and instability...
  - As well as operational slow-downs and shut-downs...
  - And they are having real, tangible and personal impacts.
- It matters.
  - It matters to those working or benefiting from the forestry sector – and let's be clear – that's all of us in B.C.
  - This is not just a rural problem, it's merely where the impacts are most often, or most profoundly seen.
  - So, let me also be clear: it matters to your government and we're all working together to find solutions.

- Stealing from a June headline in the Vancouver Sun, we all recognize that there is no quick fix to our forestry situation.
  - It was created over time and without an eye towards the future or how to mitigate the impacts to come.
  - Today we are investing for both today and tomorrow.
- And I am glad to have our ministry help deliver solutions and provide direct support to help sustain family-supporting jobs.
- I'm glad mayors like Lyn and Joan are here (TBC), because they see the direct impacts on friends and neighbours in their communities.
- And perhaps nowhere is it more greatly felt or recognized than in Joan's own family, since her husband and sons work in forestry.
- Let me add that I'm happy to be part of something that even the B.C. Council of Forest Industries president said is needed:
  - A systematic, collaborative approach to the industry's transition by industry, government, First Nations, communities and workers combined.
- And since Ray is here today (TBC), I'd like to say that I'm grateful too for the support of industry leaders like West Fraser.
  - He once said that their past and future success is built on the strengths of their people and that together, they're driven to deliver a better today than yesterday as a company.
- Lastly, I'd like to offer thanks to my cabinet colleague for allowing me to aid in his forest worker support plan; it is important work.
- I know Minister Donaldson shares my concern for the health and prosperity of the industry and its workers...
- Because like me, he has first-hand working experience in forestry.



- **And maybe it's because of my forestry roots or that I began my career in sawmills, that I feel so proud of today's announcement...**
  - **But today we outlined how we'll help workers continue to participate and be proud of their forestry jobs;**
  - **And when they can't work, providing additional supports to help them get back on their feet and back to work;**
  - **So that like me, while working in a mill, they too can build a good and stable life, family and future in this province.**
- **Be assured that while standing up here, we're also standing along side our forest industry partners and shoulder-to-shoulder with the people working in forest industries who are worried or have been impacted by mill closures or curtailments.**
- **We understand how important these jobs are to you...**
- **To your families, your communities and to the province.**
- **They're important to us too.**
- **Thank you.**

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# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

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**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 5-10 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

Times are approximate:

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8:00 a.m.	GCPE events arrives onsite for event set up with Colin Wood, Northern Mat and Bridge representative
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10:27 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Bains – thanks attendees
10:28 a.m.	Glen Plummer GCPE informs attendees of media availability
10:30 a.m.	Media availability
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- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- This is about doing the right thing for your employees through whose hard work your companies saw record profits – they were there for you, now it's your turn to be there for them.
- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.



## Event Title: Government announces \$69 million New Forest Worker Support Programs

(Min/MLA): Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister Harry Bains, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon

<b>Date:</b> September 17, 2019 10:00am	<b>Media Market:</b> Province-wide
<b>Location:</b> Northern Mat and Bridge Lot 1637 River Road Prince George, B.C.	<b>English Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Donaldson
	<b>Multicultural Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Bains, P.S. Kahlon

## THE EVENT

### EVENT

- Government will be announcing \$69 million dollars to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

### WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- GCPE Events

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:
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  - Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

### VENUE DESCRIPTION

- CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, Prince George TBD

### KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Union reps (TBD)

### LIST OF VALIDATORS FOR POST-EVENT ROLLOUT

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Lynn Lindeman	Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC)	Cell 250 246-7022 <a href="mailto:llindeman@shaw.ca">llindeman@shaw.ca</a>
Jon Hawkins	Unifor	250 640 0993 <a href="mailto:Jon.hawkins@unifor.org">Jon.hawkins@unifor.org</a>

#### **MEDIA INVITED?**

- Yes

#### **AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES**

- Invited guests include local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.
- Media

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# Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

## Media Plan

**Date:** 17 Sept 2019

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Location:** CN Intermodal Terminal, Prince George

### **Media Outreach:**

Media outreach will focus primarily on regional outlets in communities affected by mill closures, curtailments and shift reductions. However, provincial outreach will also be made to the press gallery via the radio room, select outlets (CKNW) and radio talk shows (CBC, CHNL). We will be looking to pro-actively book MDD on various B.C. talk shows post-event from noon of Sept. 17 until noon of Sept. 18 (to be extended to print as well). PSRK will be doing Mackenzie media as he is in the community Sept. 17

Media will be invited to attend the event and call-arounds will be done to drum up the maximum amount of media attendance followed by targeted media outreach.

### **Announcement Summary:**

The provincial government is announcing \$69 million to fund a series of measures that will support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in B.C. communities. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors and include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; and
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis.

The announcement is being made by Ministers Donaldson and Bains, with support from Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon at CN Rail's Intermodal Terminal in Prince George.

The event is to be videoed and photographed for use in social media from @BCGovNews, @DonaldsonDoug, @HarryBainsSN and @KahlonRav. Media interviews will be set up, and a provincial news release distributed.

### **Rollout:**

Date/ Time	Task
One day prior	Media advisory and outreach to targeted media
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	On-site event with photo-op and media availability for interviews with MDD/MHB/union reps/industry rep  Event includes a listen-only provincial media dial-in
Post announcement	Schedule call-in interviews with targeted talk radio and other media. Minister Donaldson to provide interviews from Sept. 17 @ noon – Sept.

	18 @ noon  PSRK to provide interviews with Mackenzie media
Sept. 18-21	PSRK visits impacted communities (Clearwater, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Prince George), re-announces the funding in each community and provides interviews with interested local media (call rounds prior to his visit in each community as listed below)

### **Media List:**

#### ***Television***

- **CKPG TV** – Cheryl Jahn (Reporter); 250 961-4827 / newsroom 250 563-0111

#### ***Radio***

- **CBC North** – Nicole Oud (Reporter); 250 562-6701 x223, 250 917-8583
- **Vista Radio** – Brendon Pawliw (Reporter); 250 564-2524 x234, 306 530-0984
- **CFIS 93.1 FM** – Allan Wishart (Reporter); 250 617-9939

#### ***Print/Online***

- **Prince George Citizen** – Mark Nielsen (Reporter) 250 562-2441 x3838, 778 281-1635
- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, 416 629-8491

### ***To call and line up MDD interviews following the announcement (outside of Prince George)***

#### ***Press Gallery – Radio Room: 250 387-6084***

- **Vancouver Sun** – Rob Shaw (Reporter) 250 893-0841 / Vaughn Palmer (Reporter) 250 920-6677
- **Global TV** – Keith Baldrey (Reporter) 250 387-1572, 250 360-7658 / Richard Zussman (Reporter) 250 216-7328
- **Black Press** – Tom Fletcher (Reporter) 250 888-3438
- **Times Colonist** – Les Leyne (Reporter) 250 889-4138 / Lindsay Kines (Reporter) 250 380-5364, 250 812-9877
- **Globe and Mail** – Justine Hunter (Reporter) 250 220-2718, 250 857-4779
- **Canadian Press** – Dirk Meissner (Reporter) 250 984-4912, 250 418-5779
- **The Province** – Mike Smyth (Reporter) 250 812-6462
- **Liza Yuzda** – News 1130 (Reporter) 250 508-6479
- **The Tyee** – Andrew MacLeod (Reporter) 250 885-7662
- **BC Today** – Shannon Waters (Reporter) 236 882-7149
- **The Narwhal** – Carol Linnitt (Editor) 250 858-1329
- **CBC Radio-Canada** – Adrien Blanc (Reporter) 604 404-4042
- **CBC** – Tanya Fletcher (Reporter) 250 384-2685
- **CHEK News** – Mary Griffin (Reporter) 250 480-3700, 250 213-8979
- **CTV Vancouver** – Bhinder Sajan (Reporter) 250 383-2480, 250 418-5207

#### ***Talk Radio:***

- **CKNW**

- The Jon McComb Show (Morning) (Vancouver) – Pippa Reed (Producer); 778 233-7541
- The Lynda Steele Show (Afternoon) (Vancouver) – Sara Hyde (Producer); 604 331-2838, 604 725-0810
- **CBC**
  - CBC Daybreak North (Prince George) – Robert Doane (Producer) 250 596-1856
  - CBC Daybreak South (Kelowna) – Marion Barschel (Producer) 250 469-0354
  - CBC Daybreak Kamloops (Kamloops) – Tom Popyk (Producer/Reporter) 250 861-3781 x223, 416 875-5968
- **CHNL** (Kamloops) – Brett Mineer (Host) 250 374-1610, 778 789-1664
- **AM 1150** (Kelowna) – Phil Johnson (Host) 250 861-0639

**Print/Online:**

- **Merritt Herald** – Cole Wagner (editor) 250 378-4241, 604 880-9203
- **Kelowna Capital News (Black Press)** – Barry Gerding (Editor) 250 738-1053, 250 878-7575
- **Kelowna Daily Courier** – Ben Verkerk (Editor) / Ron Seymour (Reporter) 250 470-0750
- **Castanet (Kelowna)** – Darren Handschuh (Reporter) 250 826-5829
- **InfoNews (Kelowna)** – Adam Proskiw (Reporter) 250 718-0428

**Radio:**

- **CKMQ Merritt (Q101)** – Michael Reeve (Reporter) 250 508-7321
- **GOAT FM (Williams Lake)** – Rebecca Dyok (Host/Reporter) 250 392-6551 x224

**For call-arounds regarding PSRK visits:**

**Mackenzie:**

- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, cell 416 629-8491
- **Macktown Buzzette** – Janice Nelson (Reporter) 250 997-5038
- **Mackenzie Times** – Jackie Benton (Editor) 250 997-6675 (weekly print)

**Clearwater:**

- **Clearwater Times (Black Press)** – Jaime Polmateer (Editor) 250 674-3343

**100 Mile House:**

- **100 Mile House Free Press** – Max Winkelman (Editor) 250 395-2219
- **CKBX Country 840 AM Radio** – Chris Adams (Host/Reporter) 250 395-3848

**Quesnel:**

- **Quesnel Cariboo Observer (Black Press)** – Lindsay Chung (editor) 250 992-2121 x204
- **GOAT FM (Quesnel)** – George Henderson (Reporter) 250 992-7046 x224

**Fort St. John:**

- **Moose FM** – Chris Newton / Scott Brooks / Tracy Teves (Reporters) 250 787-7100
- **Alaska Highway News (shares content with BiV)** – Matt Preprost (Editor) 250 271-0724, 250 785-5631
- **Sun FM/Bear FM/CJDC TV** – Myron Mayne (Reporter) 641 982-9216

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"The forest industry and its workers have built the success of the industry and bolstered BC's economy for decades," said Harry Bains, Minister of Labour. "I am pleased that my ministry can help deliver solutions that provide direct and tangible support to workers impacted by current challenges in the forest industry and that will help sustain family-supporting jobs in communities that are home to the industry and its workers."

**Quotes:**

**Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development –**

"Over the summer, I met with workers, industry and elected officials in many of the Interior communities impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures. The \$69 million our government is providing to support impacted workers and families and enable resilient forest communities is a direct result of my discussions with the people who live and work in these Interior communities."

**Ray Ferris, CEO, West Fraser –**

"We appreciate the Province recognizing these supportive measures needed for impacted workers as industry adapts to declining timber supply. This funding for workers' support aligns with our efforts at West Fraser to ensure continuing employment and opportunity for our hard-working employees and their families as industry works together with government on longer-term solutions to our current challenges."

**Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training –**

"We're ensuring that impacted forestry workers and their communities have access to retraining and supports they need to assist them with this transition. We're providing funding for skills training programs and employer and community grants that will give people the new skills they need to prepare for sustainable employment and good family-supporting jobs."

**Gary Fiege, President, Public and Private Workers of Canada –**

"The Public and Private Workers of Canada stands with the provincial government, today. In doing so, we recognize the value of what is being offered to the people of rural British Columbia. It was through communication, co-operation and compassion with, and for, the affected forestry workers and the communities they call home that relief will be forthcoming. We will continue to work to save jobs but have to be realistic with the situation at hand and help people transition in a changed landscape. This funding announced today is just a start in the effort needed to accomplish this transition."

**Gavin McGarrigle, Western Regional Director, Unifor –**

"Taking this step to support workers and their families is the right thing for the B.C. government to do. Forestry workers are facing enormous challenges across the Interior right now and we

know that with the right supports for these workers and with the right investments by corporations, the forestry sector can rise to meet these challenges and be a vital part of our sustainable future."

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Development  
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## **Objective:**

To ensure British Columbians, especially those in forest dependent communities, are aware of the \$69 million the provincial government is providing to support mill workers and contractors impacted by mill closures/curtailments.

## **Overview:**

Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:

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It is proposed that Minister Donaldson and Minister Bains announce the new programs with Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon.

### **Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary**

- Currently there are **24 mills** that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than **4,000 workers** are currently affected across **23 communities**

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

British Columbia's forest industry is facing difficult times. In the Interior, the end of the pine beetle cut, lower prices for lumber, and back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons have led to a number of sawmill closures. This has created hardship for workers and uncertainty for the

communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

### **Strategic Approach:**

The approach will consist of pro-active/ reactive communications, stakeholder outreach, and issues management supported by earned media

### **Tactics:**

#### **Earned Media**

- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson, Minister of Labour Harry Bains and Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon will announce the funding at a mill (Prince George or Maple Ridge) where workers have been impacted by recent closures/curtailments.
- Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon will visit multiple locations impacted by the closures/curtailments, meet with workers, local government and First Nations to personally deliver the news.
- Minister Donaldson will reiterate government's funding announcement at a number of confirmed speaking engagements and any future speaking opportunities.
- One week following the funding announcement Minister Donaldson and/or PS Kahlon will announce the launch of the government's one-stop web portal for impacted workers/contractors/communities. The web portal will include details regarding how impacted workers/contractors may access funding.

### **Communications Tools:**

News Release	First draft – Sept. 10
Communications Plan	First draft – Sept. 10
Q&As	TBD – CVK knows what the program is intended to be but

	open to who develops the Q&A
Speaking Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDD</li> <li>• MHB</li> <li>• PSRK</li> </ul>	These can be adapted from the Premier's speaking notes for September 6 meeting with industry leaders
MLA Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QA</li> <li>• KMs</li> </ul>	
Event Plan/agenda	

### **Critical Path:**

**Sept 17, 2019 – Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson announces \$69 million to support workers/contractors.**

#### **Location:**

- Prince George – TBD staff are scoping out sites – possible location CN Intermodal Terminal.

**Sept. 17, 2019 – Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon community announcement - \$69 million to support workers/contractors.**

#### **Location:**

- Mackenzie Rec Centre

**Sept. 18, 2019 – Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon community announcement - \$69 million to support workers/contractors.**

#### **Locations:**

- Vanderhoof
- Fort St. James

**Sept. 18, 2019 – Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson attends Forestry Innovation Centre Grand Opening.**

#### **Location:**

- Quesnel – Forestry Innovation Centre, City Hall, 410 Kinchant Street.

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## **Objective:**

To ensure British Columbians, especially those in forest dependent communities, are aware of the \$69 million the provincial government is providing to support mill workers and contractors impacted by mill closures/curtailments.

## **Overview:**

Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:

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- \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
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- Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

It is proposed that Minister Donaldson and Minister Bains announce the new programs with Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon.

### **Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary**

- Currently there are **24 mills** that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than **4,000 workers** are currently affected across **23 communities**

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

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communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

### **Strategic Approach:**

The approach will consist of pro-active/ reactive communications, stakeholder outreach, and issues management supported by earned media

### **Tactics:**

#### **Earned Media**

- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson, Minister of Labour Harry Bains and Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon will announce the funding at a mill (Prince George or Maple Ridge) where workers have been impacted by recent closures/curtailments.
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### **Communications Tools:**

News Release	First draft – Sept. 10
Communications Plan	First draft – Sept. 10
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	open to who develops the Q&A
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MLA Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QA</li> <li>• KMs</li> </ul>	
Event Plan/agenda	

### **Critical Path:**

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**Location:**

- Prince George – TBD staff are scoping out sites – possible location CN Intermodal Terminal.

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Minor edit to MDD speech at request of Selena. Final attached.

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All - attached are the comms materials for tomorrows 10 am announcement in PG on support programs for interior mill workers:

- Comms Plan
- News Release – J Ving underway
- Q&A – a few additional QA from Leila
- Media Advisory – distributed 240 pm – PG media tweeting heavily. We expect a good turn out
- Media Plan – calls being booked for MDD
- Event Plan – pre-brief location still TBD. Glen Plummer will determine late today
- MDD speaking notes
- Ravi Kahlon speaking notes
- MHB speaking notes
- MC PG Mayor Lyn Hall speaking notes – confirmed as MC

**Outstanding Items:**

- Labour/union quotes for news release – USW only outstanding.
- IN/Messaging on COFI report released today underway and to be completed by EOD
- Arrange for PG FLNR staff to print copies of final news release (Shawn Rice or John Huybers)  
Office is 2000 South Ospika

# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

*(Check Against Delivery)*

*FINAL*

**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 5-10 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

Times are approximate:

Time	
8:00 a.m.	GCPE events arrives onsite for event set up with Colin Wood, Northern Mat and Bridge representative
9:40 a.m. Pre-brief	Pre-brief with stage guests, led by Elena Banfield GCPE Events Location: TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister FLNR Doug Donaldson</li> <li>• Minister LBR Harry Bains</li> <li>• Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon</li> <li>• P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall</li> <li>• USW rep (TBD)</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.	Event begins. MC P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall welcomes everyone, introduces Minister Doug Donaldson
10:05 a.m.	Minister Donaldson makes remarks, announces \$69 million in funding
10:15 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Donaldson and introduces Minister Bains
10:17 a.m.	Minister Bains makes remarks
10:27 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Bains – thanks attendees
10:28 a.m.	Glen Plummer GCPE informs attendees of media availability
10:30 a.m.	Media availability
10:45 a.m.	Event concludes



- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.

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# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

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**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

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10:17 a.m.	Minister Bains makes remarks
10:27 a.m.	MC thanks Minister Bains – thanks attendees
10:28 a.m.	Glen Plummer GCPE informs attendees of media availability
10:30 a.m.	Media availability
10:45 a.m.	Event concludes

- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development

Sept. 16, 2019

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Prince George; teleconference**

PRINCE GEORGE – Media are invited to join Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Harry Bains, Minister of Labour; and Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon for an announcement about helping B.C.'s Interior forestry workers affected by mill closures.

Event Date: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019

Time: 10 a.m. (Pacific Time)

Location:  
CN Railyards  
1637 River Rd.  
Prince George

Media unable to attend are invited to dial in and listen to the announcement.

Dial-in information (listen only):  
From Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260  
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S., (toll-free): 1 877 353-9184  
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### **Contact:**

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# EMCEE NOTES

**Lyn Hall**

Mayor, Prince George

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- Thank you all for being here with us today on the traditional territory or the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nation for this incredibly important announcement for Interior forest sector workers, their families and their communities
- As mayor of a city where forestry is a major economic driver, I know just how difficult it is for some of the families, workers and businesses being impacted by these market-driven reductions in production.
- We know how hard community transition teams are working to get the **right supports** in the **right places** in each impacted community.
- And I want to recognize the efforts of everyone involved in these community transition teams – you are doing great work.
- With that said, I would like to welcome Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to come and provide some remarks on help for impacted forest workers.

[Minister Donaldson provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Donaldson.
- That is some incredible news and I know it's welcome by everyone who has been impacted by recent mill closures and curtailments.
- Minister of Labour Harry Bains is also with us today and I'd like to welcome him to come and say a few words.

[Minister Bains provides remarks]

- Thank you, Minister Bains.
- These jobs are indeed important to families and communities in the Interior.
- We appreciate you and Minister Donaldson coming here today with this good news for the Interior forest sector workers impacted by these mill closures and curtailments.
- And I also want to recognize and extend my appreciation to Ravi Kahlon who is here with us, today.
- Ravi is the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- Ravi – I know you’ve been pounding the streets in impacted communities over the last couple of weeks, talking with municipal and Indigenous leaders, industry, unions, impacted workers and other stakeholders.
- I want to recognize your work on the ground and say that I look forward to continued conversation with you about longer-term solutions and community transition supports.
- With that, I’d like to thank you all for being here, today.
- Before you all leave, Glen, did you have something to pass on?

[Glen Plummer provides info on media availability.]

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**MINISTER HARRY BAINS**

**MINISTER OF LABOUR**

**NEW FOREST WORKER  
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

CN Rail Intermodal Terminal  
1637 River Road, Prince George

September 17, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

Speaking length – 3 minutes

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# EVENT DETAILS & LOGISTICS

**Event:** New Forest Worker Support Program

**When:** Sept 17, 2019 at 10 a.m.

- Minister requested to arrive by 9:40 a.m. for pre-brief
- Minister Donaldson to speak on the details of the new program and investment, as well as an overview of new measures aimed at supporting forestry workers impacted by mill closures in B.C.'s Interior
- Minister Bains to follow and speak 2-3 minutes re-emphasize the value and commitment to the forest sector why this matters for workers and communities around the province.

**Where:** CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, 1637 River Road, Prince George

**Contact:** Onsite person: Elena Banfield (GCPE Events)  
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## Key Participants:

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson – speaking (TBD)
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**EVENT DETAILS:**

Media Attending: Yes

Audience: local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.

Event Context: Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers and the supports include:

- \$2M for a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
- \$40M for a cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15M for a short-term forest employment program focussed on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$10M for worker training and community mental health support programs; and
- Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

**Mill Closure/Curtailment Summary**

- Currently, there are 24 mills that have adjusted their output through indefinite or temporary curtailments and shift reductions.
- There have been four permanent mill closures.
- More than 6,000 workers are being affected across 23 communities.

Mill closures and curtailments are primarily the result of impacts to timber supply as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) and related fire losses. The MPB outbreak in B.C. began in the early 2000's with impacts peaking in 2005. By 2012, MPB had killed 53% of merchantable pine forests in the B.C. Interior.

British Columbia's forest industry is facing difficult times. In the Interior, the end of the pine beetle cut, lower prices for lumber, and back-to-back catastrophic wildfire seasons have led to a number of sawmill closures. This has created hardship for workers and uncertainty for the communities that depend on forestry for their livelihoods.

For more than a decade, industry experts predicted the mountain pine beetle epidemic would result in multiple mill closures. Despite this, the previous government failed to take the necessary action to help workers, industry and communities adapt. This failure to act has compounded the difficulties forest workers and communities are facing today.

Logistics notes: Theatre style set up with a riser, podium. Minister to be seated in the front row.

Clothing: Business casual.

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10:24 a.m.	P.S. Kahlon makes remarks
10:29 a.m.	MC thanks P.S. Kahlon, introduces Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)
10:31 a.m.	Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson speaks (TBD)
10:36 a.m.	MC thanks Mayor Atkinson, introduces West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)
10:38 a.m.	West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris speaks (TBD)
10:43 a.m.	Media availability
11:00 a.m.	Event concludes



## PARTICIPANT INTEL:

### P.G. Mayor Lyn Hall (TBD)



Mayor Lyn Hall has been an active member of the Prince George community for over 30 years. He and his wife Lorrelle are the parents of twin daughters, both of whom graduated from UNBC.

Hall began his political career as a School Trustee on the Prince George School Board. He spent 10 years on the board holding various positions including vice-chair and chair. In 2011, he ran and won a seat on Prince George City Council. In 2014 and 2018, he ran successful campaigns for Mayor of Prince George.

### Mackenzie Mayor Joan Atkinson (TBD)



Joan moved to Mackenzie with her husband Jim and two sons in 1997; both sons and her husband work in the local forest industry. She professes to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong forest economy, said publicly that she is concerned with the current provincial forest model that puts her community's forest future at risk due to fibre supply and says her community is in crisis after three wood products operations closed in Mackenzie.

Joan, once recognized as Volunteer of the Year in her community, was acclaimed as mayor in 2018, but has been a member of council since 2007.

### West Fraser CEO Ray Ferris (TBD)



Ray is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He assumed the role of Pres/CEO of West Fraser as of July 1, 2019. Ray joined the company in 1997 and has served in several executive positions since on both the Alberta and B.C. operations.

West Fraser has more than 50 locations throughout B.C. and Alberta in Canada, and in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida in the United States. B.C.'s operations currently account for 34 per cent of the company's total lumber capacity – 7.2 billion board feet – with Alberta supplying 23 per cent and the USA 43 per cent.

# **SPEAKING NOTES**

- **Thank you Mayor Hall.**
- **I want to begin by saying that behind every productive business and viable industry, in fact, driving their success and sustainability...**
- **Is a workforce that is also, at the same time, contributing to the social fabric of their communities...**
  - **Workers who coach hockey and lead girl guides or boy scouts;**
  - **Or that serve on school committees and volunteer in local service clubs like the Rotary.**
- **And let's not forget, it's workers that built B.C.'s forestry sector...**
- **That built an industry that has fueled our economy for decades.**
- **And now it's these same forestry workers who are suffering in the wake of historic job losses, particularly in B.C.'s Interior.**
- **Our communities, B.C. businesses and their workers are strong and resilient, innovative and industrious...**
- **But even still, they need a helping-hand sometimes.**
  - **And that's what today's announcement is about...**
  - **It's about working with industry to provide a helping-hand.**
- **Because when an industry like forestry takes a downturn, family supporting jobs and wages become threatened.**
- **And in turn, communities like Prince George, Mackenzie and so many others with deep roots in forestry, also suffer.**
  - **Young workers need family supporting wages to make ends meet or they leave to find work elsewhere.**

- **Today's announcement helps prevent the hollowing-out of rural communities hardest hit by the curtailments and closings.**
  - **It supports impacted workers, their families and the communities that are their home.**
  - **It helps provide incentives for early retirement so that we can retain workers with a long career still ahead of them.**
  - **And it provides training, job placement assistance and mental health supports for those reeling from job losses.**
- **Because our government believes that our purpose is to make life better and easier for people in the province.**
- **And because it's not lost on us that forestry is an important economic driver in B.C. and our industry is in crisis.**
  - **That log costs and market conditions...**
  - **Trade sanctions and timber supply issues caused by things like wildfires and beetle infestations...**
  - **Has led to market uncertainty and instability...**
  - **As well as operational slow-downs and shut-downs...**
  - **And they are having real, tangible and personal impacts.**
- **It matters.**
  - **It matters to those working or benefiting from the forestry sector – and let's be clear – that's all of us in B.C.**
  - **This is not just a rural problem, it's merely where the impacts are most often, or most profoundly seen.**
  - **So, let me also be clear: it matters to your government and we're all working together to find solutions.**

- **Stealing from a June headline in the Vancouver Sun, we all recognize that there is no quick fix to our forestry situation.**
  - **It was created over time and without an eye towards the future or how to mitigate the impacts to come.**
  - **Today we are investing for both today and tomorrow.**
- **And I am glad to have our ministry help deliver solutions and provide direct support to help sustain family-supporting jobs.**
- **I'm glad mayors like Lyn and Joan are here (TBC), because they see the direct impacts on friends and neighbours in their communities.**
- **And perhaps nowhere is it more greatly felt or recognized than in Joan's own family, since her husband and sons work in forestry.**
- **Let me add that I'm happy to be part of something that even the B.C. Council of Forest Industries president said is needed:**
  - **A systematic, collaborative approach to the industry's transition by industry, government, First Nations, communities and workers combined.**
- **And since Ray is here today (TBC), I'd like to say that I'm grateful too for the support of industry leaders like West Fraser.**
  - **He once said that their past and future success is built on the strengths of their people and that together, they're driven to deliver a better today than yesterday as a company.**
- **Lastly, I'd like to offer thanks to my cabinet colleague for allowing me to aid in his forest worker support plan; it is important work.**
- **I know Minister Donaldson shares my concern for the health and prosperity of the industry and its workers...**
- **Because like me, he has first-hand working experience in forestry.**

- **And maybe it's because of my forestry roots or that I began my career in sawmills, that I feel so proud of today's announcement...**
  - **But today we outlined how we'll help workers continue to participate and be proud of their forestry jobs;**
  - **And when they can't work, providing additional supports to help them get back on their feet and back to work;**
  - **So that like me, while working in a mill, they too can build a good and stable life, family and future in this province.**
- **Be assured that while standing up here, we're also standing along side our forest industry partners and shoulder-to-shoulder with the people working in forest industries who are worried or have been impacted by mill closures or curtailments.**
- **We understand how important these jobs are to you...**
- **To your families, your communities and to the province.**
- **They're important to us too.**
- **Thank you.**

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# **SPEAKING NOTES**

## **Doug Donaldson**

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
Development

### **Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding**

**CN Intermodal Terminal  
Prince George, BC**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019**

**10 a.m.**

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**ADVICE FOR SPEAKER:**

**Summary:** Minister Donaldson will provide an overview of a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

**Audience and Anticipated Size:**

**Speaking Time:** Approx. 5-10 minutes

**Contact Person:**

**Glen Plummer** – A/Communications Manager, FLNRORD – C: **250 213-5667**

**Agenda:**

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- Good morning, everybody, and thank you Mayor Hall.
- Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay den-ay) First Nations.
- All of you here today are unfortunately all too aware of the challenges facing our Interior forestry sector.
- Those industry challenges have resulted in job losses for many workers in communities throughout the Interior.
- Our government has consistently said we are committed to supporting you and other Interior forestry workers dealing with job losses.
- Today, I'm here to let you know what that support looks like.
- We recognize the urgency of the situation, so our government is making more than \$69 million available to implement a new approach to worker, contractor and community transition.
- To do this, we are realigning our worker and community support programs and establishing capacity to ensure that workers like you have access to the services you need, from training to work placement to early retirement.
- Our new approach includes (1) job placement coordination, (2) cost shared support for incremental early retirement opportunities, (3) short-term work opportunity creation, (4) enhanced worker training and mental health support and (5) transition funding for communities to provide services to workers.
- This is for Interior forestry sector only, not the coastal sector.
- We are aware of the situation on the coast and are watching it closely, but for the time being these supports are for Interior mill workers only.

### **Job Placement Coordination:**

- We have allocated \$2 million for a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Placement Coordination Office, which will:
- Provide fair and equitable treatment of workers impacted by permanent and indefinite closures, with a focus on individual worker needs and circumstances.
- Facilitate placement opportunities within and outside the forest sector.
- Ensure that workers are receiving needed support services – ranging from employee and family assistance programs delivered by your companies, tuition support for training programs, job search assistance and support for resume-writing services where needed.
- We are also calling on the federal government to add to the available funding, to make it accessible to more workers.

### **Early Retirement Bridging**

- We have allocated \$40 million over two years toward a B.C. Interior Forest Industry Adjustment Program.
- Based on the early retirement coverage your employers are offering, our government will establish an early retirement bridging opportunity program for age-eligible workers impacted by a permanent or indefinite mill closure or for age-eligible workers whose position could be filled by an impacted worker from another facility.

### **Short-Term Work Opportunity Creation**

- We are providing \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects.
- My ministry is prioritizing forest enhancement and wildfire prevention initiatives that can offer interim employment for impacted workers and contractors.

### **Enhanced Worker Training and Mental Health Support**

- A further \$12 million will be used to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs.

### **Support for Communities**

- We are also providing municipalities with funding to assist workers, families and businesses impacted by change.
- Municipalities impacted by a permanent closure will be eligible to receive immediate funds of \$100,000 and municipalities responding to a publicly-announced indefinite closure will be eligible to receive funds of \$75,000, where more than 1/3 of the workforce remains in need of permanent or temporary employment.
- Municipalities responding to a shift reduction will have access to a pool of funding to provide defined services for workers and families, based on identified need.
- Additional funding will be available, including through the \$10 million Labour Market Partnerships Fund which helps municipalities transition to new economic opportunities and the Cooperative Marketing Funding Program for communities looking to further develop the tourism industry.

### **WHAT WE'RE ASKING INDUSTRY TO DO**

- We are asking industry to stand with us and step up to support the worker programming I've outlined here. We want industry to be partners in this.
- Company approaches to closures and curtailments have varied, and we need to work together to create a uniform, fair and organized response those impacted by closures.
- I'm standing here today and asking all Interior forest companies to step up and throw your support behind these initiatives.

- This is about doing the right thing for your employees through whose hard work your companies saw record profits – they were there for you, now it's your turn to be there for them.
- Our government is committed to supporting the people impacted by this change, but we need to forest industry and the federal government to step-up and do their part as well.
- Thank you.

## Event Title: Government announces \$69 million New Forest Worker Support Programs

(Min/MLA): Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister Harry Bains, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon

<b>Date:</b> September 17, 2019 10:00am	<b>Media Market:</b> Province-wide
<b>Location:</b> Northern Mat and Bridge Lot 1637 River Road Prince George, B.C.	<b>English Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Donaldson
	<b>Multicultural Media Spokesperson:</b> Minister Bains, P.S. Kahlon

## THE EVENT

### EVENT

- Government will be announcing \$69 million dollars to fund a new series of measures aimed at supporting BC forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several BC Interior communities.

### WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- GCPE Events

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- Government is providing \$69 million to support mill workers and contractors impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures in the B.C. interior. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors. Support for impacted workers will include:
  - \$2 million to establish a new job placement coordination office that will track the transition of and assist the re-employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis;
  - \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
  - \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
  - \$12 million to fund worker training and provide and enhanced community mental health support programs.
  - Community support grants aimed at providing short term assistance to communities more profoundly impacted by the closure of a major forest employer.

### VENUE DESCRIPTION

- CN Rail Intermodal Terminal, Prince George TBD

### KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS

- Minister Donaldson- speaking
- Minister Bains-speaking
- Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon - speaking
- Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall – speaking (MC)
- Union reps (TBD)

### LIST OF VALIDATORS FOR POST-EVENT ROLLOUT

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Lynn Lindeman	Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC)	Cell 250 246-7022 <a href="mailto:llindeman@shaw.ca">llindeman@shaw.ca</a>
Jon Hawkins	Unifor	250 640 0993 <a href="mailto:Jon.hawkins@unifor.org">Jon.hawkins@unifor.org</a>

#### **MEDIA INVITED?**

- Yes

#### **AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES**

- Invited guests include local government reps, industry reps, labour reps, ministry staff.
- Media

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# Interior Forest Workers Transition Funding

## Media Plan

**Date:** 17 Sept 2019

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Location:** CN Intermodal Terminal, Prince George

### **Media Outreach:**

Media outreach will focus primarily on regional outlets in communities affected by mill closures, curtailments and shift reductions. However, provincial outreach will also be made to the press gallery via the radio room, select outlets (CKNW) and radio talk shows (CBC, CHNL). We will be looking to pro-actively book MDD on various B.C. talk shows post-event from noon of Sept. 17 until noon of Sept. 18 (to be extended to print as well). PSRK will be doing Mackenzie media as he is in the community Sept. 17

Media will be invited to attend the event and call-arounds will be done to drum up the maximum amount of media attendance followed by targeted media outreach.

### **Announcement Summary:**

The provincial government is announcing \$69 million to fund a series of measures that will support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in B.C. communities. The funds are aimed at addressing short-term challenges faced by impacted workers/contractors and include:

- \$40 million to establish a new cost-shared early-retirement bridging program for older forest workers;
- \$15 million to establish a new short-term forest employment program, focused on fire prevention and community resiliency projects;
- \$12 million to fund new worker training, and enhanced community mental health support programs; and
- \$2 million to establish a new job placement co-ordination office that will track the transition and employment of impacted forest workers on an individual basis.

The announcement is being made by Ministers Donaldson and Bains, with support from Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Ravi Kahlon at CN Rail's Intermodal Terminal in Prince George.

The event is to be videoed and photographed for use in social media from @BCGovNews, @DonaldsonDoug, @HarryBainsSN and @KahlonRav. Media interviews will be set up, and a provincial news release distributed.

### **Rollout:**

Date/ Time	Task
One day prior	Media advisory and outreach to targeted media
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	On-site event with photo-op and media availability for interviews with MDD/MHB/union reps/industry rep  Event includes a listen-only provincial media dial-in
Post announcement	Schedule call-in interviews with targeted talk radio and other media. Minister Donaldson to provide interviews from Sept. 17 @ noon – Sept.



	18 @ noon  PSRK to provide interviews with Mackenzie media
Sept. 18-21	PSRK visits impacted communities (Clearwater, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Fort St. John, Prince George), re-announces the funding in each community and provides interviews with interested local media (call rounds prior to his visit in each community as listed below)

### **Media List:**

#### ***Television***

- **CKPG TV** – Cheryl Jahn (Reporter); 250 961-4827 / newsroom 250 563-0111

#### ***Radio***

- **CBC North** – Nicole Oud (Reporter); 250 562-6701 x223, 250 917-8583
- **Vista Radio** – Brendon Pawliw (Reporter); 250 564-2524 x234, 306 530-0984
- **CFIS 93.1 FM** – Allan Wishart (Reporter); 250 617-9939

#### ***Print/Online***

- **Prince George Citizen** – Mark Nielsen (Reporter) 250 562-2441 x3838, 778 281-1635
- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, 416 629-8491

### ***To call and line up MDD interviews following the announcement (outside of Prince George)***

#### ***Press Gallery – Radio Room: 250 387-6084***

- **Vancouver Sun** – Rob Shaw (Reporter) 250 893-0841 / Vaughn Palmer (Reporter) 250 920-6677
- **Global TV** – Keith Baldrey (Reporter) 250 387-1572, 250 360-7658 / Richard Zussman (Reporter) 250 216-7328
- **Black Press** – Tom Fletcher (Reporter) 250 888-3438
- **Times Colonist** – Les Leyne (Reporter) 250 889-4138 / Lindsay Kines (Reporter) 250 380-5364, 250 812-9877
- **Globe and Mail** – Justine Hunter (Reporter) 250 220-2718, 250 857-4779
- **Canadian Press** – Dirk Meissner (Reporter) 250 984-4912, 250 418-5779
- **The Province** – Mike Smyth (Reporter) 250 812-6462
- **Liza Yuzda** – News 1130 (Reporter) 250 508-6479
- **The Tyee** – Andrew MacLeod (Reporter) 250 885-7662
- **BC Today** – Shannon Waters (Reporter) 236 882-7149
- **The Narwhal** – Carol Linnitt (Editor) 250 858-1329
- **CBC Radio-Canada** – Adrien Blanc (Reporter) 604 404-4042
- **CBC** – Tanya Fletcher (Reporter) 250 384-2685
- **CHEK News** – Mary Griffin (Reporter) 250 480-3700, 250 213-8979
- **CTV Vancouver** – Bhinder Sajan (Reporter) 250 383-2480, 250 418-5207

#### ***Talk Radio:***

- **CKNW**

- The Jon McComb Show (Morning) (Vancouver) – Pippa Reed (Producer); 778 233-7541
- The Lynda Steele Show (Afternoon) (Vancouver) – Sara Hyde (Producer); 604 331-2838, 604 725-0810
- **CBC**
  - CBC Daybreak North (Prince George) – Robert Doane (Producer) 250 596-1856
  - CBC Daybreak South (Kelowna) – Marion Barschel (Producer) 250 469-0354
  - CBC Daybreak Kamloops (Kamloops) – Tom Popyk (Producer/Reporter) 250 861-3781 x223, 416 875-5968
- **CHNL** (Kamloops) – Brett Mineer (Host) 250 374-1610, 778 789-1664
- **AM 1150** (Kelowna) – Phil Johnson (Host) 250 861-0639

*Print/Online:*

- **Merritt Herald** – Cole Wagner (editor) 250 378-4241, 604 880-9203
- **Kelowna Capital News (Black Press)** – Barry Gerding (Editor) 250 738-1053, 250 878-7575
- **Kelowna Daily Courier** – Ben Verkerk (Editor) / Ron Seymour (Reporter) 250 470-0750
- **Castanet (Kelowna)** – Darren Handschuh (Reporter) 250 826-5829
- **InfoNews (Kelowna)** – Adam Proskiw (Reporter) 250 718-0428

*Radio:*

- **CKMQ Merritt (Q101)** – Michael Reeve (Reporter) 250 508-7321
- **GOAT FM (Williams Lake)** – Rebecca Dyok (Host/Reporter) 250 392-6551 x224

*For call-arounds regarding PSRK visits:*

*Mackenzie:*

- **Caledonia Courier (Black Press – Fort St. James)** – Aman Parhar (Editor) 250 567-9258, cell 416 629-8491
- **Macktown Buzzette** – Janice Nelson (Reporter) 250 997-5038
- **Mackenzie Times** – Jackie Benton (Editor) 250 997-6675 (weekly print)

*Clearwater:*

- **Clearwater Times (Black Press)** – Jaime Polmateer (Editor) 250 674-3343

*100 Mile House:*

- **100 Mile House Free Press** – Max Winkelman (Editor) 250 395-2219
- **CKBX Country 840 AM Radio** – Chris Adams (Host/Reporter) 250 395-3848

*Quesnel:*

- **Quesnel Cariboo Observer (Black Press)** – Lindsay Chung (editor) 250 992-2121 x204
- **GOAT FM (Quesnel)** – George Henderson (Reporter) 250 992-7046 x224

*Fort St. John:*

- **Moose FM** – Chris Newton / Scott Brooks / Tracy Teves (Reporters) 250 787-7100
- **Alaska Highway News (shares content with BiV)** – Matt Preprost (Editor) 250 271-0724, 250 785-5631
- **Sun FM/Bear FM/CJDC TV** – Myron Mayne (Reporter) 641 982-9216

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"The forest industry and its workers have built the success of the industry and bolstered BC's economy for decades," said Harry Bains, Minister of Labour. "I am pleased that my ministry can help deliver solutions that provide direct and tangible support to workers impacted by current challenges in the forest industry and that will help sustain family-supporting jobs in communities that are home to the industry and its workers."

**Quotes:**

**Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development –**

"Over the summer, I met with workers, industry and elected officials in many of the Interior communities impacted by permanent and indefinite mill closures. The \$69 million our government is providing to support impacted workers and families and enable resilient forest communities is a direct result of my discussions with the people who live and work in these Interior communities."

**Ray Ferris, CEO, West Fraser –**

"We appreciate the Province recognizing these supportive measures needed for impacted workers as industry adapts to declining timber supply. This funding for workers' support aligns with our efforts at West Fraser to ensure continuing employment and opportunity for our hard-working employees and their families as industry works together with government on longer-term solutions to our current challenges."

**Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training –**

"We're ensuring that impacted forestry workers and their communities have access to retraining and supports they need to assist them with this transition. We're providing funding for skills training programs and employer and community grants that will give people the new skills they need to prepare for sustainable employment and good family-supporting jobs."

**Gary Fiege, President, Public and Private Workers of Canada –**

"The Public and Private Workers of Canada stands with the provincial government, today. In doing so, we recognize the value of what is being offered to the people of rural British Columbia. It was through communication, co-operation and compassion with, and for, the affected forestry workers and the communities they call home that relief will be forthcoming. We will continue to work to save jobs but have to be realistic with the situation at hand and help people transition in a changed landscape. This funding announced today is just a start in the effort needed to accomplish this transition."

**Gavin McGarrigle, Western Regional Director, Unifor –**

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> Subject: Re: Fyi - pre-brief location - 16 Sept 19  
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> Will this be enough time to give MDD, MHB and PSRK to get immersed in the details or will there be another opportunity to give them better info?  
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> Tim Renneberg • Ministerial Assistant • Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development [Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca)  
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>> On Sep 16, 2019, at 5:25 PM, Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <[Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
>>  
>> Hi all,  
>>  
>> Pre-brief will be at 9:30 at the Lakeland Mill boardroom.  
>>  
>> Address is 1335 Foley Crescent.  
>>  
>> Lakeland plant manager Harrison Wicks will meet us in the Lakeland parking lot. Lakeland will provide safety vests and glasses (required to be on the mill site). Boardroom is on 2nd floor of mill office.  
>>  
>> Event site is 2 minutes down the road from Lakeland Mill at 1637 River Road - Northern Mat and Bridge lot.  
>>  
>> Thanks

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>> Glen Plummer  
>> A/Communications Manager  
>> Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural  
>> Development  
>> 250 213-5667  
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**From:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Bev Playfair](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PS Kahlon, Fort St James  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:48:38 PM

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Thank you. I will be with Ravi on Thursday, so we'll see you then.

Tristan

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:48 AM, Bev Playfair <[mayor@fortstjames.ca](mailto:mayor@fortstjames.ca)> wrote:

Good Morning Tristen.

Sounds like great news. Thank you for forwarding this. I have passed it on to staff to send out to Council for the meeting.

Bev

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 17, 2019, at 7:58 AM, Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX  
<[Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Playfair,

Minister Donaldson will be making an announcement today (Tuesday) in Prince George regarding funding for impacted forestry workers and communities.

Parliamentary Secretary Kahlon will be visiting communities to discuss this announcement.

He will be in Fort St. James, Thursday, September 19 at 1:30. The meeting will be held at the FLNRORD District Office – 2537 Stonesbay Road.

If you would like further information please contact me at 778.584.4285.

I am sorry for the last minute nature of this invitation, however this announcement and subsequent plans has come together very quickly.

Please let me know if you, council and appropriate staff are able to attend.

Thank you,  
Tristan Jones

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Tristan Jones  
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**To:** [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#); [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#); [Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** COFI Dinner - invite to join head table tomorrow evening  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 5:39:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [Invitation to join the Head Table - COFI Community Dinner Sept 19.msg](#)

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Please see attached addressed to MDD, Ravi Kahlon and John Allan.

This is not in cliff.



*Allison Tripp*

Manager, Executive Issues

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**From:** Mina Laudan [laudan@cofi.org]  
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**Subject:** Invitation to join the Head Table - COFI Community Dinner, Sept 19  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 14:44:52  
**Attachment 1:** image003.png

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Good afternoon,

We wish to confirm with you in advance that you will be invited to be seated at the head table at COFI's Prince George Community dinner tomorrow evening, Thursday, September 19.

There will be a reserved table at the front of the ballroom and a name card will be at your place setting.

If you have any questions, please contact me. See you at the Courtyard Marriot tomorrow evening.

Best regards,  
Mina

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**Subject:** Re: Meetings for the parliamentary secretary  
**Date:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:43:22 AM

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Tim,

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On Sep 23, 2019, at 9:24 AM, Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <[Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Slight revision. Remove 11 am Wednesday (Okanagan Similkameen RD) and insert 8:20 Thursday (Peace River RD)

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**Cc:** Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <[Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Meetings for the parliamentary secretary

Hi all,

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the list of meetings the minister is taking that fall under the mandate of the parliamentary secretary. I have not included meetings today as I'm not aware he has leave from caucus. There are also a couple communities that asked directly for him; these are not captured by this document.

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[ATT00002.txt](#)

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