

## Minister of Finance

### *Event Details Checklist*

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| <b>Function Date</b>                          | Friday, October 27   |
| <b>Name of Function</b>                       | Aboriginal Youth Internship Program Completion Ceremony  |
| <b>Host</b>                                   | BC Public Service Agency   |
| <b>Contact name and number</b>                | Bradley Dick (250-507-7405)  |
| <b>Event Theme</b>                            | Celebrating the interns and the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program  |
| <b>Speech topic</b>                           | Internship program and the interns   |
| <b>Recommended arrival time</b>               | 3:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Time Minister will be introduced</b>       | 4:45 p.m.  |
| <b>Speech length</b>                          | 3-5 minutes  |
| <b>Q&amp;A time?</b>                          | no   |
| <b>Anticipated departure time</b>             | 6:30 p.m. (or after dinner?)   |
| <b>Appropriate Dress</b>                      | Business (appropriate to wear Métis sash at this event)  |
| <b>Address/ directions</b>                    | Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel, 100 Harbour Road, Victoria   |
| <b>Media anticipated</b>                      | No   |
| <b>Name and title of other notable guests</b> | Leah George-Wilson, Co-Chair of the First Nations Summit<br>Chief Andy Thomas - Esquimalt Nation<br>MaryAnn Thomas - Esquimalt Nation<br>Clara Morin Dal Col - President of Métis Nation BC<br>Butch Dick -Songhees Nation<br>Don Wright - Deputy Minister to the Premier<br>Doug Caul - Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation<br>Lori Halls – Deputy Minister of the Public Service Agency |
| <b>Additional info:</b>                       | This marks the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program.  |



**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**ABORIGINAL YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  
COMPLETION CEREMONY**

**HON. CAROLE JAMES  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Friday, October 27  
4:30 pm to 6:00 p.m.**

**Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel  
Victoria, BC**

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## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thank you.
- I'd like to acknowledge the homelands, customs and culture of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations on whose traditional territory we meet tonight.
- I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone here.
- Some of you have travelled long distances to celebrate with us and we appreciate you taking the time to be here to honour these amazing young indigenous leaders.
- I am honoured to be in a room with so many people who are leaders and future leaders in their communities:
  - Leah George-Wilson, Co-Chair of the First Nations Summit
  - Chief Andy Thomas and AYIP Program Elder MaryAnn Thomas of the Esquimalt Nation,
  - Clara Morin Dal Col, President of Metis Nation BC,
  - And Butch Dick of the Songhees Nation
- ...As well as all of the Hereditary Chiefs, Matriarchs, Elected Chiefs and Elders who are here with us tonight.

- I would also like to take a moment to recognize Don Wright, Deputy Minister to the Premier
- Doug Caul, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- And Lori Halls, Deputy Minister of the Public Service Agency
- I also especially want to recognize all of the family members and supporters who have come here tonight to celebrate the interns.
  - Your support and guidance has helped shape the future generation of leaders and we are all better for it.
- And of course, the interns themselves.
  - You are all remarkable individuals who have already begun to make your mark and your legacy.
- Welcome to all of you.

## **ABORIGINAL YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

- This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Aboriginal Youth Internship Program, and tonight is the 10th time we have gathered to celebrate the Completion Ceremony and honour our newest program graduates.

- For 10 years this award-winning program has connected talented young Indigenous leaders with opportunities to grow and showcase their skills, gain experience, and help government provide services to British Columbians.
- And for 10 years, interns have helped shape a stronger, better Public Service by creating partnerships with colleagues, mentors and supervisors, and have raised awareness of Indigenous culture and relevant issues affecting Indigenous youth and communities.
- The alumni of this program have gone on to do some amazing things and contribute to communities throughout the province including becoming community leaders and administrators, executive directors, CEOs, lawyers, and doctors.
- Many have also gone on to become provincial public servants.
- This is a testament not only to the program, but to the calibre of youth who have been a part of it over the years, and the families and communities who have supported them.
- Now, as I look around at this year's graduates of this program, I can't help but get excited about the great things each of you will go on to do.
- You are all poised to take on new opportunities, pursue new challenges, and take on leadership roles in your developing careers.

- You have already demonstrated courage, curiosity and a desire seek knowledge while also staying grounded in your own indigenous perspectives and values.
- These traits are so important to future success, especially with the pace of change and innovation in our world today.
- The Aboriginal Youth Internship Program offers participants an opportunity to grow personally and professionally.
- The program also benefits the public service greatly.
- You have brought your perspective and experiences to the public service and the work that you've done here will remain as your legacy.
- Government, and by extension, all the people of British Columbia have benefited from your talent, hard work, knowledge and commitment.

## **RECONCILIATION**

- Government is committed to work collaboratively and respectfully with Indigenous people to establish a clear cross-government vision of reconciliation to act on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.
- Reconciliation touches upon all social, economic, cultural aspects, and it includes First Nations governance and jurisdiction.

- We want to work together collaboratively to improve the quality of life for Indigenous people through new economic partnerships, resource development revenue sharing, and closing gaps in health, education, skills training, and employment.
- It benefits every British Columbian if we work together to create the conditions for stronger, healthier, independent Indigenous communities.
- This program is a great example of how working together can lead to better understanding and I hope it has helped all those involved begin to build relationships now and into the future.

## **CONCLUSION**

- So tonight, each and every one of you should savour this moment, take it all in, and enjoy this feeling of success.
- This evening celebrates you as you take the knowledge and experience you have gained this year to continue to develop your leadership skills.
- Of course, I hope some of you will consider careers in the BC Public Service.
- But I know that whatever you choose, you will be successful. You've already proven that.

- And for the next cohort of interns entering year 11 of the program, you have achieved something outstanding and valuable yourselves.
- We look forward to learning from you and helping you reach your goals.
- Congratulations again to all on your well-deserved success.
- And enjoy the evening.
- Thank you.

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE ESTIMATES**

**HON. CAROLE JAMES  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**BC LEGISLATURE**

**OCTOBER 5, 2017  
BC LEGISLATURE  
VICTORIA**

## **OPENING REMARKS**

- Hello, and welcome to the Ministry of Finance estimates for Budget 2017 Update.
- I'm pleased to be here today for the first time as Finance Minister
- I will keep my opening remarks short as I would like to reserve as much time as possible for the question and answer part of the day.
- The estimates debate is an opportunity for us to have a transparent and detailed discussion about the Finance Ministry's priorities and the issues that matter to British Columbians.
- I look forward to answering any questions the members opposite may have.

## **STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

- But before I do, I would like to introduce the public servants who are with me here today:
  - Lori Wanamaker Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
  - David Galbraith Secretary to the Treasury Board
  - Steve Klak CFO, Ministry of Finance
  - Carl Fischer Acting Comptroller General
  - Tara Richards ADM, Corporate Services Division

- Elan Symes ADM, Revenue Programs Division
- Heather Wood ADM, Policy and Legislation Division
- Jim Hopkins ADM, Provincial Treasury
- Paul Flanagan Executive Director, Tax Policy Branch
- Richard Purnell Senior Director, Tax Policy

## **CONCLUSION**

- So I would now like to welcome the member opposite's first question.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR  
HONOURABLE MICHELLE MUNGALL  
**MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES & PETROLEUM  
RESOURCES**

Generation Energy Forum  
Plenary Room, RBC Convention Centre  
375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – Ministerial Panel  
“Driving the Energy Transition through Pan-Canadian  
Collaboration”

**9:25 – 10:30 a.m.**

Please check against delivery

### **Event Profile:**

The forum, billed as ‘A conversation of a Generation’, is being organized by NRCan and is open all Canadians either in person or virtually.

At the forum, stakeholders and experts will have a full debate on the pathways to an affordable, low-carbon energy future for Canada. Four major themes will be addressed including: pathways toward an affordable, low-carbon energy future; game changers – technology and innovation; governance, decision-making and social change; and Canada’s role in the world.

Minister Mungall will participate as one of 3 provincial ministers responsible for energy responding to a specific question in a one-hour Ministerial Panel on Thursday morning called ‘Driving the Energy Transition Through Pan-Canadian Collaboration.’ Minister Carr and other ministers will participate and cover other questions.

Moderator Jane McDonald will pose Question 2 **‘What do you see as some of the key challenges your jurisdiction faces in developing longer-term energy plans and policies? What are you doing to overcome them?’** to Minister Mungall, Manitoba Minister Squires and Yukon Minister Pillai (TBC). Each will give 3-5 minutes of remarks. Moderator will open floor to other panellists to add their views (time permitting)

### **Speakers (in order):**

- Jane McDonald (*moderator*)
- Minister Arcand (QC) is expected to discuss Quebec’s 2030 Energy Policy.
- Minister McCuaig-Boyd (AB) is expected to discuss the importance of innovation and competitiveness within the context of Alberta’s Climate Leadership Plan.
- Minister Coady (NL) is expected to discuss leadership on energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Minister Mungall (BC) TBC [will speak to British Columbia’s plans to drive innovation, expand energy-efficiency and generate new energy responsibly.
- Minister Squires (MB) [*tbc*] is expected to discuss actions underway to develop a Climate Action Plan for Manitoba.
- Minister Pillai (YK) [*tbc*] is expected to discuss Yukon’s programs, and areas for collaboration, to increase the efficiency of energy use in the north.
- Minister Duncan, (Canada, Science) is expected to discuss the Federal Science & Technology Strategy and recent appointment of a Chief Science Advisor
- Minister Carr, (Canada, Natural Resources) is expected to discuss the importance of federal, provincial and territorial collaboration to advance energy and environmental priorities.

**Speaking Time: 3-5 minutes**

**Audience: 500 – 550 delegates (session will be webcast)**

**Media: TBD**

**Itinerary:**

| Time  | Activity   | Notes   |
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|       | Seating  | You will be seated at a reserved You will be seated at a reserved VIP table near the stage with other panellists.   |
| 9:25  | Prepare to enter stage<br>Monica Gattinger                             | Monica will introduce the moderator (Jane McDonald, IISD) and welcome Ministers to the stage.   |
| 9:27  | Moderator to provide opening remarks and pose 1 <sup>st</sup> question | Question 1: “How does your government view the transition to a lower carbon energy future? What priorities that you are pursuing, and how are you collaborating with other jurisdictions?”<br><br>Ministers Arcand, McCuaig-Boyd, and Coady will be asked to respond (TBC). Each will give 3-5 minute remarks.  |
| 9:45  | Moderator to pose 2 <sup>nd</sup> question                             | <b>Question 2: “What do you see as some of the key challenges your jurisdiction faces in developing longer-term energy plans and policies? What are you doing to overcome them?”</b><br><br><b>Ministers Mungall, Squires, and Pillai</b> will be asked to respond. Each will give 3-5 minute remarks. Moderator would open the floor to other panellists to add (time permitting). |
| 10:00 | Moderator to pose 3rd question   | Question 3: “What do you see as areas of common interest worth pursuing among jurisdictions?”<br><br>Minister Pillai, Duncan, and Carr will be asked to respond (TBC). Each will give 3-5 minute remarks. Moderator would open the floor to other panels to add (time permitting).  |
| 10:15 | Q&A  | Moderated Q&A, using electronically submitted questions (time permitting).  |
| 10:30 | Departure  | All ministers to depart from stage.   |

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## Introduction

- Thank you for inviting me to join you in this nation-wide conversation; it's an important one.
- BC is committed to clean energy and we are in the process of developing a roadmap to drive innovation, expand energy efficiency and conservation programs, generate energy responsibly, and create good, lasting jobs.
- Our new government has been on the job for about 11 weeks now – and we are taking actions quickly and know we have the ability to make BC a powerhouse in clean energy.

## BC Overview

- Clean Energy/Technology:
  - BC has abundant renewable energy sources, and an electricity system that is almost 100% renewable.
  - We will continue to focus on renewable, modern energy sources like wind, solar and other clean energy projects for our future energy needs and to address climate change.
  - We are transforming our energy system through new technology and infrastructure, like electric vehicles and charging stations and also lowering the carbon intensity of inputs into existing infrastructure with programs like our Low carbon Fuel Standard and biomethane initiatives.

## Electric vehicles

- BC is a great place to drive electric vehicles; in the Budget Update of September 2017, we affirmed the previous investment of \$40 million to support point-of-sale purchase incentives.
- Of the \$40 million in funding, \$7 million has been allocated to support expanded public, residential and workplace charging hydrogen fueling infrastructure.
- Additional electric vehicle infrastructure programs in B.C. are under development.

## ICE Fund

- We have plans to resuscitate the Innovative Clean Energy Fund, or ICE fund, and boost investments in ground-breaking new energy technologies, climate change solutions, and community-focused energy projects - especially that that drive development in rural, Northern and First Nations communities.

- Natural Gas:
  - The natural gas sector is a major aspect of B.C.'s economy.
  - We have an amazing natural gas resource base, which should play a key role in cleaning up global energy – less Greenhouse Gas Emissions – but also cleaner air for growing developing countries.
  - LNG not only has the ability to reduce dependency on higher carbon-emitting fuel sources but also contributes significantly to the BC economy.
  - Nationally, we should be proud of our environmental and regulatory leadership in natural gas development and leverage it globally.

- Mining:
  - Mining in B.C. is another significant economic contributor – there is also a critical link between B.C.'s mining sector and the green economy.
  - The mining industry provides the minerals, metals and steelmaking coal needed for electric cars, wind turbines and transit systems to support a global movement towards a low carbon future.
  - We need to do a better job in explaining these interconnections to Canadians – this Forum is a great opportunity to come up with common messages.

## Challenges/innovative solutions

- We do have a few challenges...
- Our geography for instance poses challenges in terms of extending and maintaining infrastructure and serving some rural and remote communities.
- We have enormous clean energy resource potential – wind, tidal, solar, geothermal, run of river and biomass – often with variable output. Fortunately we also have large hydroelectric facilities that allow for the integration of variable output.

- The global downturn has created economic challenges for the LNG industry.
- We have initiated an LNG industry competitiveness consultation and are engaging with industry, First Nations, the federal government and communities.
- Commodity prices have hurt mining also.
- Work is already underway in my ministry to establish a B.C. Mining Jobs Task Force.
- Once established, the task force will work with industry, communities and First Nations to find ways to make jobs secure and keep mines viable during those periods when commodity prices decline.

## Collaboration

- Collaboration is a key theme of this conference and the way we work together across provincial boundaries is a crucial part of the energy dialogue.
- To that end I would highlight the Pan Canadian framework – we are looking with Natural Resources Canada and other western provinces at electricity infrastructure investments with large GHG reduction impacts, like a new intertie with AB and electrifying upstream natural gas processing.

- We are also working with our federal partners to ensure a competitive natural gas sector and new LNG opportunities.
- There is great potential to increase the use of BC's clean energy and technology outside our borders by exporting it and continuing the push towards renewable and lower carbon fuels.

## Conclusion

- We have an opportunity to demonstrate how B.C.'s clean resources and commitment to energy efficiency will reduce emissions, provide jobs, and include and respect First Nations.
- Forums like this provide opportunities for collaboration, networking and coming up with innovative solutions to issues.
- It is heartening to learn how many Canadians have participated in this process.
- Thank you for including me in the conversation.

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## **Speaking Notes**

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**Event:** Announcing Professional Reliance review

**When:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017

**Time:** 12 noon

**Where:** Victoria Parliament Building – Blue Curtain area

**Length:** Three minutes

**Audience:** Media

### **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MLA for Cowichan Valley, Sonia Furstenau</li></ul> |
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### **NOTES:**

- Media event scheduled from 12 noon to 12:15 pm
- Must be back in office in time for provincial media call at 12:30 pm.

Speaking Notes  
for  
George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**Professional Reliance Review announcement**

Victoria Parliament Building

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Time: 12 noon

## **Minister Heyman Speaking Points**

- **Good afternoon, thank you for being here.**
- **I am joined by my colleague in the house, Green party MLA for Cowichan Valley, Sonia Furstenau.**
- **We are here to announce next steps to ensure the public interest is protected when it comes to resource management in B.C.**
- **We`re announcing a review of the professional reliance model on the natural resource sector.**

- **The professional reliance model is one where the industry retains qualified professionals, and delivers services and products for client use or government review.**
- **These are people who have specific expertise necessary to inform natural resource decisions.**
- **Qualified professionals develop and oversee monitoring and implementation of natural resource management activities.**
- **Resource companies themselves retain and pay for those experts to do that specialized work.**

- **After all, they`re the ones responsible for maintaining compliance with the BC laws, and they need timely decisions to conduct the resource management activities.**
- **The natural resource industry isn`t the only one that has a Professional Reliance model.**
- **The health care and financial management sectors also rely on qualified professionals to make decisions that carry regulatory weight.**
- **However ... there are some folks in a few B.C. communities who have lost confidence that their government is doing enough to prevent environmental emergencies.**

- **Many people there are wondering if more could have been done to pre-empt the situations they`ve faced recently.**
- **Lakes and aquifers that are people`s drinking water source, lakes and streams valued for their high tourism and recreational use, waste management treatment technologies which result in low impacts to the environment ...**
- **...these are the things we as a government expect qualified professionals to contribute sound science and expert opinion.**
- **BC residents need to have confidence that the experts proposing, constructing, and monitoring those sites have the public interest first and foremost.**

- **Currently, approximately 27 natural resource sector regulatory regimes rely on qualified professionals.**
- **These include:**
  - **biologists,**
  - **foresters,**
  - **science technicians and technologists,**
  - **agrologists,**
  - **engineers,**
  - **and geoscientists.**

- **The review will make recommendations on:**

**1. Whether professional associations that oversee qualified professionals employ best practices to protect the public interest;**

**2. Whether government oversight of professional associations is adequate; and**

**3. Conditions governing the involvement of qualified professionals in government's resource management decisions, and the appropriate level of government oversight to assure the public their interests are protected.**

- **This review will be seeking input from the professional associations who represent qualified professionals, and the industries and businesses who rely on them.**
- **Government is committed to ensuring Indigenous Peoples' concerns and interests are represented in this review.**
- **And we will also be asking members of the general public for their perspectives.**
- **Actions flowing from this review are intended to help restore public confidence and ensure the public interest is protected when it comes to resource management in BC.**
- **We expect a final report and recommendations as soon as spring, 2018.**

- **I would now like to invite Sonia Fursteneau to say a few words.**
- **After Sonia's remarks we would be happy to take your questions.**

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## Event Information / Opening Remarks

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**Event: Real Estate Foundation of BC, Freshwater Breakfast**

**When: Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Time: 8:30am speaking timeslot (event starts at 8:00am)**

**Where: Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites**

**Length: 5 minutes of speaking**

**Audience: Breakfast participants, media**

### **On-site contacts:**

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### **NOTES:**

#### **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- Lekwungen people, Songhees and Esquimalt Nations
- Coree Tull – Canadian Freshwater Alliance
- Jon O’Riordan – SFU: Adaptation to Climate Change Team
- Lisa Matthus – Organizing for Change
- Susi Porter-Bopp – First Nations Fishery Council

Speaking Notes  
for  
George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

**Freshwater Breakfast**

Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites

Wednesday, October 25th 2017  
Time: 8:30am speaking timeslot (five minutes)  
12th Floor – The Lookout Room  
345 Quebec Street, Victoria

## **BACKGROUND**

### **ATTENDEES (- 30)**

- NDP Caucus
- Water leaders (academics, ENGOs, etc.). and funders from B.C. working in freshwater

### **PURPOSE OF EVENT**

- The Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) is pre-releasing a **BC Snapshot Report on Freshwater** that examines progress and obstacles with water sustainability efforts in BC.

### **IDEAL OUTCOMES**

- Strengthened relationships.
- MLA's have new knowledge about freshwater challenges and opportunities in B.C.

### **BACKGROUND ON CONFERENCE ORGANIZER**

- **Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC)** - is a philanthropic organization based in British Columbia. Their work supports land use and real estate practices that contribute to resilient, healthy communities and natural environments, including fresh water.
- REFBC has invested \$4 M in fresh water since 2013. Examples of funded groups:
  - POLIS – *Water Sustainability Act* policy,
  - Fort Nelson First Nation – Watershed Governance Planning,
  - Wildsight - Citizen Science, and
  - Okanagan Nation Alliance – TEK in watershed planning.
- REFBC is a founding member of **the BC Water Funders Collaborative** – represents a collective of more than a dozen

philanthropic organizations that provided over \$10 million for projects protecting freshwater across BC in 2016.

- REFBC is a founding member of **the BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative** – strategic partnership established by the Funders Collaborative to invest in new approaches to watershed governance and management in British Columbia. The initiative is a project on Tides Canada’s shared platform.

## **POTENTIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS AS SUGGESTED BY REFBC**

- Updates to *Water Sustainability Act* – tools in WSA should enable transformative water-centric land use planning.
- Building support for a sustainable economy in rural/northern BC – ensuring community involvement/confidence in watershed decisions, planning etc. (ex: Hullcar, Shawnigan, groundwater concerns with fracking etc.)
- Progress on government’s commitments to UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

## **Minister Heyman Speaking Points**

### **Introduction from Dave Hendrickson, Manager Special Projects, Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia (REFBC)**

- **Recognize Lekwungen.**
- **Mention recent meeting with BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative (REFBC a key member) and the value of partnerships such as this.**
- **Meeting held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with attendees:**
  - **David Hendrickson, Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia**
  - **Ross McMillan, Tides Canada Foundation**
  - **Oliver Brandes, POLIS Project, University of Victoria**
  - **Jennifer Archer, BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative**
  - **Ministry staff**
- **Key topics discussed::**
  - **Working together through an expanded partnership.**

- Partnering in support of First Nations reconciliation agenda.**
  - Potential for long-term Government commitment to water protection.**
  - Initiating watershed governance pilots**
- Reference BC Snapshots Report on Freshwater which will be launched at breakfast.**

### **Gov't Efforts**

- Gov't mandate to protect air land water.**
- Highlight what the Province's partnership with Freshwater Legacy Initiative offers (making decisions with First Nations, Local gov'ts and others) to prevent and resolve water management issues.**
- The Legacy Initiative aligns closely with key government commitments to modernize land use planning as well as reconciliation with First Nations and adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).**

- **Ensuring rural communities that their watersheds are protected.**
  - **Hullcar**
  - **Professional Reliance Review**
  - **Shawnigan Watershed**
  
- **Looking ahead, goals with respect to protecting watersheds, and ensuring clean safe drinking water for British Columbians etc.**

**Throw back: to Dave Hendrickson, Manager  
Special Projects, Real Estate Foundation of  
British Columbia.**

Speaking Notes

for

Hon. George Heyman  
Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy  
and MLA for Vancouver –Fairview

**Protecting Lands in the South Okanagan**

Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre  
1000 Rancher Creek Road  
Osoyoos, B.C.

Friday, October 27, 2017  
Time: 10 a.m.

- Thank you, Minister McKenna.
- And thank you all again for being here today, on the beautiful lands of the Osoyoos Indian Band.
- I'm pleased to be here with my federal colleague, and the Okanagan Nation communities, as we announce the first steps towards establishing a national park reserve.
- The South Okanagan is a very special place and many British Columbians want to see this unique region protected.
- As a new government, we are listening to the wishes of British Columbians, who have expressed their desire to have a new national park reserve – and one that incorporates a larger land area.
- We know people are passionate about preserving and protecting these biodiverse lands for future generations.

- This is why we immediately went to work resuming discussions with Parks Canada and the Okanagan Nation communities.
- We recognize there are a diverse range of interests in this area, including hunting, ranching, tourism as well as recreational and cultural aspects.
- And we will be renewing discussions with key stakeholders as we work towards establishing a national park reserve that will contribute positively to local economies.
- We will ensure all of these interests are taken into consideration as we work towards protecting these lands for everyone to admire and enjoy.
- This partnership also represents a valuable opportunity to move forward on reconciliation, and to strengthen nation-to-nation engagement with the Okanagan Nation communities.
- Our government has made reconciliation a priority.

- We have recognized the need to change how government works with Indigenous people.
- That is why we are committed to adopting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which has been adopted by 148 nations, including the federal government.
- The new partnership model we are developing as we jointly work towards establishing a national park reserve highlights our commitment.
- The South Okanagan region is one of the most ecologically-diverse regions in the country – home to more than 60 species at risk.
- To help better protect British Columbia's species at risk, I'm pleased to tell you the Province has committed to developing endangered species legislation.
- This legislation would help protect threatened species which call the South Okanagan home, such as: the American Badger, the Yellow-breasted Chat, or the Pallid Bat.

- I look forward to our collective work as we move towards preserving this magnificent landscape for future generations.
- Thank you.

## **South Okanagan - Speaking Notes**

- The South Okanagan is a special place; many British Columbians want to see it protected as a national park reserve.
- As a new government, we immediately went to work resuming discussions with federal government, Okanagan Nation.
- We know there are a range of interests in the area – hunting, fishing, tourism, etc.
- This partnership also represents an opportunity to move forward on reconciliation, UNDRIP.
- The South Okanagan is one of the most ecologically-diverse in the country – home to more than 60 species at risk.
- We are also committed to developing endangered species legislation.
- Future discussions with partners.

**BILL x – 2015**

**LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ACT, 2017**

**SECOND READING NOTES**

House Leader calls the Bill. The Speaker acknowledges the Attorney General.

Attorney General rises and states:

**“Mister Speaker, I move that Bill x, now be read a second time.”**

**The Bill introduces a new, two-year prohibition on lobbying for all former public office holders, which runs from the date the individual ceases to hold public office.**

**The definition of former public office holder includes all those individuals who are currently included in the**

**definition in the Act, with the addition of former parliamentary secretaries.**

**Currently the Act does not prohibit former public office holders from lobbying for any period of time after leaving public office. Senior public officials and decision-makers who become lobbyists, at least for a time, can have more insider knowledge and influence over former colleagues than lobbyists who did not formerly work in similar positions.**

**The Bill also provides the Registrar of Lobbyists with the discretion to grant exemptions from the prohibition on a case-by-case basis, if the exemption is in the public interest. For transparency and administrative fairness, the registrar will be required to make available to the public every exemption, its terms and conditions, and the reasons for granting the exemption.**

**Non-compliance with the prohibition on lobbying will attract administrative penalties, and will be subject to the offence provision in the Act.**

**These reforms will balance the interests of having well-informed policy makers who contribute to the democratic process and ensuring a level playing-field for all lobbyists. They will eliminate the potential for undue influence and the improper use of insider knowledge in lobbying.**

**The Bill also adds a new registration requirement for lobbyists who are lobbying a person on the staff of a minister or MLA, in order to influence the minister or MLA. In this situation the Act only requires that a lobbyist disclose the name of the minister or MLA on their return. Lobbyists will now be required by law to**

**disclose both the name of the staff person and the name of the minister or MLA in their return.**

**The new registration amendments will address the public's concerns with lobbying in the province by increasing transparency and openness in the business of lobbying.**

The Attorney General sits down.

Members debate the Bill on the principle. When the debate has concluded, the Speaker calls on the Attorney General.

Speaker states: "Seeing no further speakers, the Attorney General closes debate."

\* Optional: The Attorney General has the opportunity here to respond to the comments from other members and make

closing remarks. For example: “I appreciate the members’ comments on this important piece of legislation”.

Attorney General stands and states the following:

**“Mister Speaker, I move second reading of Bill x”**

The Speaker puts the question to the House for approval. If the second reading motion passes, the Speaker acknowledges the Attorney General.

Attorney General stands and states the following:

**“Mister Speaker, I move that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered at the next sitting after today.”** (or, “by leave, now”).

The Speaker puts the motion that the Bill be referred to Committee of the Whole House.

**LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT ACT, 2017**

**FIRST READING SPEAKING NOTES**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:** “Mister Speaker, I have the honour to present a message from her Honour the Lieutenant Governor.” *(Or from the Administrator, if LG not available.)*

[Page takes the message to the Speaker]  
[The Speaker reads the message]

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:** “I move that the Bill be introduced and read a first time now.”

[The Speaker puts the question on the motion.]

**ATTORNEY GENERAL:** “Mister Speaker I am pleased to introduce the *Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017*. This Bill introduces a two-year prohibition on lobbying for all former public office holders, which will run from the date the individual ceases to hold public office. The Registrar of Lobbyists will be provided with the discretion to grant exemptions from the prohibition, on a case-by-case basis, where it is in the public interest. Non-compliance with the lobbying

**prohibition will attract administrative penalties and will be subject to the offence provisions in the Act.**

**“Mister Speaker, I move that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.”**

[The Speaker puts the motion]

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General

The Law Society of British Columbia  
Caucus Event  
NDP and Green MLAs and  
Ministerial Assistants

Hotel Grand Pacific  
Vancouver Island Ballroom  
463 Belleville Street  
Victoria, BC

Wed., Oct. 4, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

## Event Information/Speaking Notes

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**Event:** The Law Society of B.C. – Caucus Event  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017  
**Speaking time:** Pre-event starts at 6:30 p.m., when the House adjourns  
Event starts at 7:00 p.m.  
Attorney General speaks between 7:20 p.m.

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| <b>6:00-6:30 pm</b> | Setup will begin<br>Briefing for the evening (Ascent Public Affairs and LSBC reps)                                |
| <b>6:45-7:10 pm</b> | Greet guests  |
| <b>7:15 pm</b>      | Herman Van Ommen will formally welcome guests (2 to 3 minute speech) once the majority have arrived               |
| <b>7:20 pm</b>      | Minister/AG David Eby will bring greetings on behalf of the government  |
| <b>7:25 pm</b>      | Herman Van Ommen will thank Minister/AG Eby give him a small gift and invite MLAs to continue enjoying themselves |
| <b>9:00 pm</b>      | Bar will close  |

**Speaking length:** 5-10 minutes

**Where:** Hotel Grand Pacific – Vancouver Island Ballroom  
463 Belleville Street  
Victoria BC

**Parking:** Parkade

**Contact:** Jeff Ingram, Associate, Ascent Public Affairs  
250-920-5900

**Key Participants:**

- Herman Van Ommen, QC, President and Chair of the Law Society of B.C.
- Attorney General David Eby, QC

**Other attendees:**

- Benchers
- NDP and Green MLAs
- NDP and Green Ministerial Assistants

**Audience size:** 50-60 attendees

**Agenda:** Insert table that was sent in response to questions so that Minister can see the agenda for the meeting and knows that he's receiving a small gift.

**Media attending:** No

**Key messages:**

- Thank you to The Law Society for hosting this event
- Recognition for the important work of The Law Society of B.C.
- Recognition of the shared goals in protecting the public interest in the administration of justice

## **Introduction**

- Thank you, Herman.
- I would like to acknowledge that we are on the territory of the Lekwungen people, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- On behalf of Premier John Horgan and the NDP and Green Members of the Legislative Assembly – we welcome The Law Society of B.C., Benchers and guests – and thank you to The Law Society for hosting us this evening.
- It is also good to see many of you again – I had the pleasure of attending last week's Benchers meeting in Vancouver.
- It was a valuable initial opportunity to discuss cooperative opportunities for improvements in our justice system.

- As Attorney General, it is a pleasure to be working with The Law Society on supporting our Government's commitment to deliver justice and legal services that all British Columbians can count on – services that are affordable, accessible and sustainable – services that are supported by a strong and innovative economy.
- And we share common goals with The Law Society, particularly with respect to preserving and protecting the rights and freedoms of all persons – as well as protecting the public interest in the administration of justice.
- As a valued partner and stakeholder, I recognize the important work of The Law Society of B.C. – from core regulatory functions, to the many initiatives underway – all of this contributes to a democratic and just society.

- I look forward to working with you to advance our common goals.
- The fundamental goal of my ministry is that every citizen in B.C. experiences equal access to justice and that increasing access to justice and legal services remains at the centre of everything we do.
- Recently, our government has:
  - initiated public engagement with British Columbians as the Province looks to re-establish the Human Rights Commission;
  - introduced legislation to put an end to big money in politics and put people back at the heart of government decision-making;
  - introduced legislation to toughen the rules around political lobbying, which is expected to help protect the integrity of public decision making; and

- appointed an independent expert to conduct a review of British Columbia's anti-money-laundering policies and practices in the gambling industry, with a focus on the Lower Mainland.
- I recognize The Law Society's vision for advancing legal aid in B.C., and I share in your commitment to taking steps to make legal services more accessible to the public.
- I also recognize work of The Law Society's "Legal Service Providers Task Force" report, the recent colloquium on legal aid, as well as The Law Society's support and participation in the B.C. Justice Summits.
- Another area of important work is the "Law Firm Regulation Initiatives".
- I look forward to more discussion and feedback on this.

## **Conclusion**

- Thank you again to Herman and The Law Society of B.C. for hosting us this evening.
- I am happy to elaborate on anything I have mentioned, share my perspectives on my ministry's agenda moving forward, and answer any questions you may have.
- I respect the esteemed history and the voice of The Law Society of B.C.
- You bring attention to issues affecting the justice system and to the delivery of legal services in the Province.
- Herman, it is a privilege to work with you and the Law Society.
- I look forward to productive conversations on many vital topics as we build a better B.C.

- Thank you.

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**Speaking Notes  
for  
Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General**

**Opening Ceremony for Nicola Valley Indigenous Court**

Shulus Arbour  
Behind the Shulus Community Arena  
Lower Nicola Indian Band Reserve  
2164 Neale Road

Tues., Oct. 10, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event:** Opening Ceremony for the Nicola Valley Indigenous Court

**When:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** 1 -- Shulus Arbour (behind the Shulus Community Arena), Lower Nicola Indian Band Reserve, 2164 Neale Road (off Highway 8 W.)  
2 -- Merritt Civic Centre (1950 Mamette Avenue) for lunch and further celebrations

**Contact:** Kurt Sandstrom cell s.17

**Speaking length:** Two to three minutes

**Key Participants:**

- Attorney General David Eby
- Provincial Court Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree
- Chief Aaron Sam -- Lower Nicola Valley Indian Band
- Chief Harvey McLeod -- Upper Nicola Indian Band
- Chief David Walkem -- Cook's Ferry Indian Band
- Elder Muriel Sasakamoose -- Kamloops Cknucwentn First Nations Court
- Merritt Mayor Neil Menard -- TBD

**Audience:** Local First Nations, Provincial Court staff, community members. Event is open to the public and media.

**Theme:** The B.C. government is committed to initiatives and strategies that provide more culturally appropriate ways for Indigenous people to access justice.

**Key Messages:**

- In partnership with Indigenous communities, our government is committed to developing initiatives to improve how indigenous people interact with and are treated by the justice system.
- We will work with First Nations to take action to reduce the numbers of Indigenous people involved in the justice system.
- Indigenous people continue to be over-represented in our criminal justice system.
- First Nations Courts provide an Indigenous perspective, which is based on a holistic and restorative approach to sentencing as outlined in R v. Gladue, involving Indigenous persons who have acknowledged responsibility for the offence(s) charged.

- The First Nations Court in Merritt is the fifth of its kind in the province. Its creation was instigated by a call from the First Nations community and it has required the efforts of the courts, the broader justice system and the community to make it a reality.
- These unique courts hold the promise of building stronger communities and improving access to justice for Indigenous people in B.C.

| Time               | Event Itinerary: Tues. Oct. 10   |
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| 10:45 a.m.         | <p><b>Minister Eby arrives at Shulus Arbour (behind the Shulus Community Arena), Lower Nicola Indian Band Reserve, 2164 Neale Road (off Highway 8 W.)</b></p> <p><b>Minister Eby joins Chief Judge Crabtree</b></p>  |
| 11:00 a.m.         | <p><b>Procession entrance with drumming and welcome song</b></p>   |
|                    | <p><b>Opening prayers in Nlakapamxcin (Thompson) and Nsyilxcin (Okanagan)</b></p>  |
|                    | <p><b>Welcome to territory by Chief Aaron Sam (Lower Nicola Indian Band)</b></p>   |
|                    | <p><b>Remarks by Chiefs Harvey McLeod (Upper Nicola Indian Band) and David Walkem (Cook's Ferry Indian Band)</b></p>   |
|                    | <p><b>Remarks by Chief Judge Crabtree</b></p>  |
|                    | <p><b>Remarks by Attorney General David Eby</b></p>  |
|                    | <p><b>Closing remarks by Elder, Muriel Sasakamoose from Kamloops Cknúcwentn First Nations Court</b></p>  |
| 12:30 p.m.         | <p><b>Exit with drumming</b></p>   |
| 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. | <p><b>Move to Merritt Civic Centre for lunch 1950 Mamette Avenue</b></p> <p><b>At the Civic Centre, there may be a brief welcome from Merritt Mayor Neil Menard.</b></p> <p><b>This is the point the organizing committee suggests a brief "sitting" of the court, followed by lunch.</b></p> <p><b>During and after lunch, there may be remarks by other Chiefs and dignitaries.</b></p> <p><b>This will be followed by singing, drumming and dancing and a prayer to conclude.</b></p> |

## **Introduction:**

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- Good morning and thank you for the invitation to take part in this significant event here at the Nicola Valley Indian Band, on whose territory we are gathered today.
- I would like to acknowledge Chief Aaron Sam, Chief Harvey McLeod of the Upper Nicola Indian Band, Chief David Walkem of Cook's Ferry Indian Band and Elder Muriel Sasakamoose . . . as well as the many councillors here today as well.
- I would like to acknowledge the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court, Thomas Crabtree, and other members of the Provincial court.
- Thank you to the community who have taken the time to join us for this milestone event.
- On behalf of Premier John Horgan and Government we recognize the longstanding

injustices that Indigenous peoples have suffered in Canada and throughout B.C. and reiterate our commitment to action.

- Indigenous people continue to be overrepresented in our criminal justice system.
- On taking office, the Premier mandated that the Ministry of Attorney General work in partnership with Indigenous communities to develop strategies to improve how Indigenous peoples interact with and are treated by the justice system.
- We will improve and support legal aid to increase justice through First Nations legal services, dispute resolution services for families, and through expanded poverty law services.
- As our commitment to ensure Indigenous

voices are central to the development of an Indigenous Justice Strategy, we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aboriginal Justice Council.

- We will work with Indigenous leaders and community members to develop this strategy to address and improve the overrepresentation of Indigenous People in our jails and in our child welfare system.
- It will support the development of culturally-appropriate programs and services and is part of this government's larger commitment to truth and reconciliation.
- This MOU provides a funding commitment from government of \$400,000 and will support the Aboriginal Justice Council to work with us to build this strategy.
- We know that we must build stronger

relationships with Indigenous communities.

- We must listen to Indigenous community members especially elders and knowledge keepers.
- And we must learn from Indigenous traditions and healing practices to be able to build a culturally safe justice system which promotes better outcomes for Indigenous people.
- Today is one such example.
- At the invitation of First Nations in the Nicola Valley, the Provincial Court and many others worked together to develop the Nicola Valley Indigenous Court.
- The goal to develop a local solution to the problems being faced by their community required the coming together of many justice agencies.

- This included the Ministry of Attorney General, the Provincial Court, First Nations leaders and members, the community of Merritt, Community Corrections, lawyers, the Legal Services Society, the Law Foundation, police and support groups . . . many of whom are with us today.
- Motivated by a desire to see better outcomes for Indigenous offenders, these partners came together and each played an important part in making this new court a reality.
- You are all to be commended for your dedication to better serving your community and for your commitment to improving our justice system for Indigenous peoples.
- By providing a First Nations-focused sentencing court in the community, this court helps to provide Indigenous members of the

community access to a restorative justice process and a path to healing.

- It is the local Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers that the community can turn to for advice, guidance to restore justice and balance.
- It provides sentencing that is sensitive to the context of the community and to the needs of Indigenous people.
- I am truly honoured to be here today with you all to witness this important step in our province's path to reconciliation with Indigenous people in British Columbia.
- Congratulations and thank you.

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## **Speaking Notes for the**

**Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General**

### **Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act and amendments to the Constitution Act**

Press Theatre – Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.

Wed., Oct. 4, 2017  
2:45 p.m.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event:** Review of Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act and Constitution Act

**When:** Wed., Oct. 4, 2017  
2:45 p.m.

**Where:** Press Theatre, Parliament Buildings, Victoria

**Length:** Three minutes

**Key Participants:**

- Attorney General David Eby

(Stephanie Sherlock to moderate QA)

**Audience:** Media

| Time      | Event Itinerary: Wed. Oct. 4   |
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| 2:45 p.m. | <b>Stephanie Sherlock walks to microphone and welcomes participants present in person or on phone.</b><br><br><b>Stephanie invites AG Eby to the podium.</b> |
| 2:45 p.m. | <b>AG Eby provides remarks.</b>  |
| 2:47 p.m. | <b>QA moderated by Stephanie.</b>  |
| 3:15 p.m. | <b>Event complete.</b>   |

- Good afternoon.
- Today in the house our government introduced legislation to ensure that British Columbians have a say in the fundamental question of how we elect our MLAs.
- The Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act will allow a referendum on proportional representation (PR) no later than November 2018.
- If a new voting system is approved, it will require Government to introduce legislation to implement the new system in time for the provincial general election to be called after July 1, 2021.
- The referendum will be conducted by mail-in ballot, with the chief electoral officer overseeing the process.
- The threshold will be a simple majority of

50%+1 vote provincewide.

- Beginning this fall, there will be extensive engagement with British Columbians that will provide input to the selection of the question—or questions – about proportional representation that will be on the ballot.
- We will promote active, healthy debate and discussion and provide information on our current voting system and systems of proportional representation to ensure British Columbians are able to make an informed decision.
- We encourage all British Columbians to participate in this engagement period by sending in their submissions.
- This includes all concerned groups such as political parties, whether or not they are currently represented in the House; democratic organizations; political scientists;

and everyday British Columbians.

- The ballot question will be determined following this engagement period.
- Throughout this process, I will act as an independent official and refrain from engaging in debate, and will recuse myself from any Cabinet or caucus discussion regarding the referendum.
- During the engagement period, Ministry staff will provide neutral and factual information in order to establish a clear question so that British Columbians can have their say and participate in a fair vote to decide the future of our democratic process.
- We have also introduced a number of amendments to the Constitution Act.
- These changes, if passed, would reduce the number of seats required for recognized

political party status, from four to two.

- The amendments also change the fixed election date to October from May.
- They also strengthen the institutional stability of government in the event, for example, of a natural disaster.
- The benefits of these amendments are many.
- By changing the required number of members for political party status, the voice of British Columbians is immediately strengthened within the House as more members of the Legislative Assembly are able to bring forward issues, thus enabling them to represent more British Columbians in the democratic process.
- Moving the fixed election date to the fall would leave time for a February budget to be debated and passed, and for year-end public accounts to be released in July, which

provides greater transparency and accountability.

- Taken together, the Bills introduced today along with Government's introduction of the Election Amendment Act 2017 and the Lobbyist Registration Amendment Act, are steps in our progress toward modernization of our democratic system.
- Thank you – I will now take your questions.

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## **Speaking Notes for the**

**Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General**

## **Lobbyist Registration Amendment Act**

Press Theatre – Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.

Mon., Oct. 2, 2017  
2:45 p.m.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event:** Review of amendments to Lobbyist Registration Act

**When:** Mon., Oct. 2, 2017  
2:45 p.m.

**Where:** Press Theatre, Parliament Buildings, Victoria

**Length:** 3 minutes

**Key Participants:**

- Attorney General David Eby

(Stephanie Sherlock to moderate QA)

**Audience:** Media

| Time      | Event Itinerary: Mon. Oct. 2   |
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| 2:45 p.m. | <b>Stephanie Sherlock walks to microphone and welcomes participants present in person or on phone.</b><br><br><b>Stephanie invites AG Eby to the podium.</b> |
| 2:45 p.m. | <b>AG Eby provides remarks.</b>  |
| 2:47 p.m. | <b>QA moderated by Stephanie.</b>  |
| 3:15 p.m. | <b>Event complete.</b>   |

- Good afternoon.
- As you heard in the house, what we have done today put British Columbians at the centre of government decisions.
- British Columbians deserve to know that decisions are being made in the interests of their families, communities and province and not because a lobbyist had access to inside information.
- Our government is taking action to increase transparency and build public confidence.
- I value the recommendations and feedback we have received from the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists while we reviewed the Act.
- The Lobbyist Registration Amendment Act includes a new two-year ban prohibiting former public-office holders from lobbying

after their term of office has ended.

- This prohibition will begin on the date employment has ended.
- That being said, the Office of the Registrar will have the discretion to grant an exemption if it is deemed best in the public interest.
- If an exemption is made by the Registrar, they must make the terms and conditions, and the reason for it, accessible to the public.
- The amendments will require lobbyists to disclose the names of any person on the staff of a minister or MLA with whom they speak.
- With this change, the public will know who is being contacted by lobbyists in an attempt to influence government policy.
- This is in addition to disclosing the name of the minister or MLA to whom a lobbyist

speaks.

- The goal of this significant legislation is to enact a strong, sweeping prohibition so that former public office holders cannot unfairly use their insider knowledge and contacts in order to influence government policy on behalf of corporations or organizations.
- This is yet another way our government is continuing to take action to increase transparency and following through on the promises we have made to British Columbians.
- Thank you – I can take your questions.

-END-

## **Speaking Notes for the**

**Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General**

## **Long Service Awards – Presentation**

Wed., Oct., 11, 2017  
5:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Government House  
1401 Rockland Avenue  
Victoria

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event:** Long Service Awards presentation  
**When:** Wed., Oct. 11, 2017  
5:45 p.m.  
**Where:** Government House – parking is available  
**Length:** Three minutes  
**Contact:** Frances Gorman, protocol manager, cellphone s.17  
**Dress:** Formal

### Event Participants:

- Director of Ceremonies Deputy Attorney General Richard Fyfe
- Attorney General David Eby

**Note:** Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor, is not attending

### Ministry VIPs and Guests

- Mrs. Karen Fyfe
- Ms. Cheryl Hall, Acting Executive Director BC Human Rights Tribunal and her guest Ms. Lynda Cavanaugh Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Attorney General
- The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
- Ms. Lynn Stevenson, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
- Ms. Eddy Piasentin, Executive Director, Ministry of Health
- Ms. Aleta Mullane, Strategic Human Resources Planner, Ministry of Health
- Ms. Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

### Theme:

- The Government of British Columbia strongly supports its employees and celebrates their service to the people of our province.

**Key Messages:**

- Government is proud of you and we thank you for your commendable dedication to serving the people of British Columbia.
- We recognize the contributions of public servants
- Congratulations on your length of service and your accomplishments.

**Background:**

- The Long Service Awards program celebrates and commemorates the long-term commitment and loyalty of BC Public Service employees with significant milestone years of service (25 plus years).
- 221 people are attending
- 107 recipients from four organizations: Ministry of Attorney General, BC Human Rights Tribunal, Ministry of Health and IGRS and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.
- Recipients honoured include:
  - 26 employees for 25 years
  - 69 employees for 30 years
  - Four employees for 35 years
  - Seven employees for 40 years – six from Health and one from AG
  - One employee for 45 years – Richard Dabrowski, Health

**Agenda:**

| Time      | Event Itinerary   |
|-----------|---|
| 5:55 p.m. | Minister Eby and other guests arrive at Government House.   |
| 6:00 p.m. | Minister Eby and Director of Ceremonies Richard Fyfe are briefed by Frances Gorman in the French Drawing Room.<br><br>After briefing, Ms. Gorman will take Minister Eby and Richard Fyfe into the ballroom. |
| 6:15 p.m. | Director of Ceremonies Richard Fyfe arrives and convenes with speakers  |
| 6:15 p.m. | Dinner  |
| 7:30 p.m. | Speech by Minister Eby and recipient speaker.   |
| 7:40 p.m. | Award presentations begin in the Drawing Room. Awards are presented by Minister Eby   |
| 8:30 p.m. | End of awards presentation.<br>End of Minister Eby's formal participation.  |

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| 9:00 p.m.  | Dancing         |
| 10:00 p.m. | Event concludes |

## **INTRODUCTION**

- Thank you, Richard. Good evening special guests, ladies and gentlemen and welcome.
- I'm pleased to be here on behalf of Premier John Horgan and to honour your many years of devoted service to the province of British Columbia.
- It is incredible to know that everyone honoured this evening has spent between 25 and 45 years working in the public service.
- That is an astounding career commitment – and probably represents most, if not all of your working life.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Over the years, you and all public service employees have seen great change -- in the workplace, in how business is performed and in

governments.

- I know that those in elected office recognize the commitment, professionalism and exceptional work each of you bring to the job every day.
- While I'm sure you have great stories about the major changes that you've seen in the workplace over the years, it should be recognized that you're part of something that is constant – the tradition of service excellence.
- It is your remarkable contribution to public service that is helping to lead our province into the future.
- You are exemplary leaders who set an example for those who will follow in your footsteps.

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE**

- Now, I'm told that this next part is the one that everyone looks forward to, and, in fact, is the

most popular part of the program when we take a stroll through history.

- Let's take a trip back 45 years ago . . . to 1972 when Richard Dubrowski joined the Public Service.
- In the year 1972:
  - The Prime Minister was Pierre Trudeau
  - The Premier of B.C. was W.A.C. Bennett . . . until September 15, when he was succeeded by Dave Barrett.
  - On September 28, Paul Henderson scored the “goal of the century” to give Canada the win in the Canada-soviet Hockey Series.
  - The television shows Canada AM and The Beachcombers had their debuts.
  - The biggest music hit of 1972 was Neil Young's Heart of Gold.
- Those of you with 40 years of service began your

work with the Provincial Government in 1977.

- What happened in that year?
  - I was born!! Okay, maybe that is only a significant milestone to my parents.
  - The final report of the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry was released.
  - All Canadian road signs were converted to metric units.
  - Michael Ondaatje [on-DOT-gee] won the Books in Canada First Novel Award
  - The Toronto Blue Jays played their first game . . . and defeated the Chicago White Sox.
  - And the biggest hit playing on the radio was Dan Hill's Sometimes When We Touch.
- If you're celebrating 35 years of service . . . you began your tenure in 1982, which was the year The Canada Act 1982 was passed by the

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Parliament of the United Kingdom to 'patriate' Canada's constitution.

- What else happened?
  - The Ocean Ranger, the world's largest oil rig sank in the North Atlantic.
  - The term 'Internet' was first used to describe the international collection of networks that communicated with each other.
  - The highest-grossing film was E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, followed by Tootsie and An Officer and a Gentleman.
  - The New York Islanders won the Stanley Cup.
- For those with 30 years of service, think back to 1987.

- Richard . . . [Minister: Richard Fyfe is a 30-year service award recipient] can you share your recollection from that year?
- Do you remember dancing to La Bamba by Los Lobos or I Wanna Dance with Somebody by Whitney Houston?
- Here in B.C.:
  - Bill Vander Zalm was Premier.
  - Rick Hansen completed his 26-month, 40,000 km around the world “Man in Motion” tour.
  - What had been the Canada Pavilion at Expo 86 became Canada Place.
  - The three top grossing films were Three Men and a Baby, Fatal Attraction and Beverly Hills Cop II.

- And for those with 25 years' of service, think back to 1992.
  - Roberta Bondar was the first Canadian woman in space.
  - The Charlottetown Accord was rejected in a nationwide referendum.
  - Canada celebrated its quasquicentennial [kwos-kwi-sen-TEN-ee-uhl] or 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Canada's top music hit was Instead of a Kiss by Alannah Myles.

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## **CONCLUSION**

- Congratulations on your long service award as you celebrate a significant anniversary of your

employment with the Province of British Columbia.

- Thank you for allowing me to celebrate with you and share my thoughts on your remarkable accomplishments.
- I know that together, we will continue to do our best for this province and have great success in the coming months and years ahead.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming

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**Event:** Educational Partners' Breakfast, We Day

**When:** 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Minister will speak at 8:23 a.m.**

**Where:** Sandman Hotel, Vancouver City Centre, 180 West Georgia Street, Vancouver

**Contact:**

Bryanna Baker – Regional Director, WE -<sup>s.22</sup>

Jenna Quelch, WE Charity -<sup>s.22</sup>

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Key Participants:**

- Maureen Dockendorf, Superintendent of Early Learning at BC Ministry of Education WE (emcee)
- Jeff Hainbuch, former Superintendent at the Toronto District School Board (speaking)  
Marc Kielburger, Co-founder (speaking)
- Kenyan Boys Choir
- Microsoft
- Nelson Publishing

**Attendees:** School district staff, superintendents, trustees and some teachers. See guest list in separate attachment that includes Ministry of Education staff attendees.

**Audience:** 100 people. This is a business casual breakfast, networking event with speakers at podium and an adult audience.

| <b>Itinerary – WE Day Rogers Arena Event</b> |   |
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| 7:15 a.m.                                    | Minister Fleming to meet with Bryanna Baker at Gate 9 at Rogers Arena from WE to do a sound check for the main event.   |
| 7:50 a.m.                                    | Bryanna will walk with Minister over to the Sandman Hotel for the Partners' Breakfast.  |
| 8:20 a.m.                                    | Jeff Hainbuch and Maureen Dockendorf start program and introduce themselves.  |
| 8:22 a.m.                                    | Jeff Hainbuch and Maureen Dockendorf introduce Minister Fleming.  |
| 8:23 – 8:26 a.m.                             | Minister Fleming speaks.  |
| 8:27 a.m.                                    | <p>Speakers after Minister Fleming TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nelson Publishing, TBD</li> <li>• Microsoft's Northwest Council for Computer Education, Morgan Larsen</li> <li>• Marc Kielburger, Co-founder</li> <li>• Kenyan Boys Choir, musical group</li> <li>• Maureen Dockendorf, presenting 4X teachers with awards</li> </ul> <p>*note: Minister may need to leave before the breakfast programming ends.</p> |
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| 9:15 a.m.                                    | Main WE Day event at Rogers Arena begins.   |
| 9:18 a.m.                                    | Welcome and indigenous blessing.  |
| 9:20 a.m.                                    | Kardinal Offishall opens the event as Emcee and introduces Minister Fleming.  |
| 9:21 a.m.                                    | Minister Fleming speaks.  |

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

**Education Partners' Breakfast, We Day 2017**

Sandman Hotel, Vancouver City Centre,  
180 West Georgia Street, Vancouver

Oct. 18, 2017  
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- Today is an exciting day, as 20,000 students are recognized and rewarded for their admirable work.
- Educators play a key role in guiding students on the path to becoming strong global and community leaders.
- Government is supporting WE Schools in their work to inspire students to make a positive global difference.
- Government is supporting the WE Organization this year with a \$200,000 contribution.

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- Maureen Dockendorf, Superintendent of Early Learning at BC Ministry of Education WE (emcee)
- Jeff Hainbuch, former Superintendent at the Toronto District School Board (speaking)
- Marc Kielburger, Co-founder (speaking)
- Kenyan Boys Choir

## OPENING REMARKS

- Thank you very much for inviting me to be here this morning.
- I'd like to start by acknowledging that we are gathered here on the Coast Salish traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh (sail-wha-tooth) and Squamish peoples.
- Thank you to Alec Dan from the Musqueam Nation for your wise words and your welcome to this territory. We are honoured and humbled to stand here on this ground with you today.
- It's very nice to see some familiar faces in the crowd this morning.

### Acknowledge:

- Maureen Dockendorf, Superintendent of Early Learning at BC Ministry of Education WE.

- Jeff Hainbuch (hane – buck), former Superintendent at the Toronto District School Board
  - Marc Kielburger, Co-founder of Me to We
  - Teachers, school district staff, superintendents and trustees.
- It's amazing to think that in just an hour Rogers Arena will be filled with more than 20,000 students from schools from every corner of the province.
  - I'm very excited to be a part of this event.
  - And I'm honoured to be here as the new Minister of Education.
  - Our new government is making different choices – choices that benefit people

- We care deeply about education and we're putting people first – especially our students.
- By doing this we're making sure that our children are getting an education that will let them thrive in this rapidly changing 21st century.
- We're committed to making investments to build a strong, effective and accessible education system for the future that will prepare our students to participate fully and contribute positively to the world.
- By working together with all of you, we will give our children the quality education they deserve.
- Our students are the future and we must work together to make sure they succeed and reach their full potential.
- I'm very proud of the partnership that the Ministry of Education and WE have built together over the past few years.

- This relationship has grown tremendously and is providing once in a lifetime experiences for our kids, like the Canada 150 celebrations in schools and at today's event.
- Thank you to the WE team - I look forward to working with you further on many more amazing events and experiences for B.C. students to enjoy and be a part of.
- Events like today would not be possible without support from our teachers, educators and our partners in education.
- You work with our kids and in our schools every day to make events like today a reality.
- Without your hard work and dedication, today would not be possible.
- Thank you!

- Programs like We Schools and the We Day event inspire students throughout this province to make not only B.C., but the world a better place.
- Government is supporting WE this year with a \$200,000 contribution.
- We know that we also need to prepare our students for the future by making sure that our schools are welcoming and safe.
- We believe in safe, respectful and inclusive schools.
- Government's ERASE Bullying Strategy promotes inclusion, and supports the diversity of all B.C. students.
- But even with the ERASE efforts, bullying remains a challenge in our schools.
- About half of students in grades 7 to 12 report being bullied.

- We're working to fix this and I look to all of you to help us with this challenge.
- The Ministry of Education has trained more than 16,000 educators and community partners to address bullying and threats.
- Together we can stop bullying so our kids can have the quality education they deserve.
- Thanks again to the WE Organization for putting together this amazing day and encouraging our young people to embrace their values and beliefs and strive to be the very best that they can be.
- Going forward, I look forward to working with all of you to help build our education system.
- Together we can and will prepare our kids for a bright and successful future to learn and succeed in.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming

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**Event:** WE Day Event

**When:** Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:21 a.m. – 9:24 a.m.

**Minister will speak at 9:21 a.m.**

**Where:** Rogers Arena, 800 Griffiths Way, Vancouver, BC

**Contact:**

Bryanna Baker – Regional Director, WE – <sup>s.22</sup>

Jenna Quelch, WE Charity - <sup>s.22</sup>

**Length:** The event will run a few hours but Minister will be speaking for 2-3 minutes.

**Key Participants:**

- WE Day DJ Kardinal Offishall
- Alexandre Trudeau
- Martin Sheen
- Kerry Kennedy
- Telus
- RBC

**Attendees:** 80% students and educators, 20% corporate sponsors and patron families.

**Audience:** 20,000 people. This is a concert-style, high energy, youth-focused, full stage event.

| Itinerary – WE Day Rogers Arena Event |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 7:15 a.m.                             | Minister Fleming to meet with Bryanna Baker at Gate 9 at Rogers Arena from WE to do a sound check for the main event.   |
| 7:50 a.m.                             | Bryanna will walk with Minister over to the Sandman Hotel for the Partners' Breakfast.  |
| 8:20 a.m.                             | Jeff Hainbuch and Maureen Dockendorf start program and introduce themselves.  |
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Speaking Notes  
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Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

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- Government is supporting the WE Organization this year with a \$200,000 contribution.

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- WE Day DJ Kardinal Offishall

## OPENING REMARKS

- Thanks for the warm welcome DJ Kardinal Offishall.
- This will most likely be the only time in my career that I get to be introduced by such a cool and talented DJ like yourself.
- I'd like to start by acknowledging that we are gathered here on the Coast Salish traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh (sail-wha-tooth) and Squamish peoples.
- Thank you to Elder Gloria Wilson of the Gitxsan (git-SAHN) Nation for your wise words and your blessing.
- I'm honoured to be here as the new Minister of Education.
- It's such a pleasure to be here with all of you....

- ...all 20,000 of you.
- Raise your hand if you have travelled here from Northern B.C.?
- Who was lucky enough to travel here by airplane?
- How many of you have taken the ferry over from the islands?
- Well no matter how you got here.
- You are here today because you have stepped up - you are making a difference in your neighbourhood and the world at large.
- You are the leaders of tomorrow and its government's job to make sure we support your quest to become global leaders.
- Our role in government is to provide you with a great education system that will prepare all of you so you can follow your dreams and reach your full potential.

- And we can't forget the teachers and educators that are helping you achieve your success along the way.
- I want to say a big thanks to all of the educators here today that have helped you to succeed.
- Without their guidance and support, it would be impossible for you to achieve your hopes and dreams.
- Educators - there is no job more important than yours.
- I also want to say a huge thanks to WE.
- A strong partnership has been built with the Ministry of Education over the past few years that has resulted in amazing experiences for students like today's event and the Canada 150 celebrations last year.

- As the new Minister, I'm very excited to be a part of this relationship now and I look forward to working with you to grow this relationship further.
- I can't wait to see what's in store for WE Day 2018.

[Break]

- As a parent of two kids, I understand first-hand how important it is that we make a strong education system for our kids.
- Government understands how important and exciting WE Day is for all of you.
- We're supporting WE this year with a \$200,000 contribution.
- Through We Schools, you are making a difference in your communities and inspiring others to do so as well.

- Government also knows that in order to prepare you for future success we need to make sure that our schools are welcoming and safe environments for you to learn in.
- The Ministry of Education has an ERASE Bullying Strategy in place that encourages inclusion, and supports the diversity of all B.C. students – because we know you're all unique.
- Even with the ERASE efforts, bullying remains a challenge in our schools.
- About half of students in grades 7 to 12 report being bullied.
- Female students are reported to be subject to bullying more than male students.
- Almost 2/3 of queer and trans students in BC feel unsafe in school because of bullying.
- And in today's day and age, bullying doesn't just happen in the schoolyard.

- 19% of students report being cyberbullied.
- Students that are being bullied often miss out on extra-curricular activities because of fear of being bullied.
- Even worse, students experiencing bullying are at greater risk of poor mental health.
- As leaders in our Province, I ask that you stand up against bullying by doing a few simple things:
  1. You have the power to stop bullying behaviour.
  2. Tell your parents or another adult you trust – your teacher, coach, principal about the bullying.
  3. Try to remember specifics – who was involved, what happened, when and where.

4. Help the student being bullied by supporting them and helping them to report the incident.
  5. Don't be an audience – bullies look for attention, and by standing around watching without intervening you can actually encourage them to carry on.
  6. Don't visit websites that are meant to target and hurt other students, and don't forward cruel emails, texts, messages, photos, etc. that you may receive from a bully or other students.
  7. Don't delete messages, photos, texts or emails – show a parent, teacher or trusted adult and keep them, they may be used as evidence when you report the incident.
- I know that it can be intimidating to speak up in the moment.

- There is an online bullying reporting tool available to help report and stop bullying in your schools @ EraseBullying.ca.
- We all need to stand up for each other and take care of each other.
- If we work together, we can and will make the world a better place.
- I want to thank WE for putting together this amazing event ...
- ...and for encouraging all of you to embrace your values and beliefs and strive to be the very best that you can be.
- Enjoy the rest of the event, you're going to hearing from some very talented and inspiring speakers today.

## Event Information / Emcee Speaking Notes / Minister Rob Fleming

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**Event:** Begbie, Bayview School Replacement Funding

**When:** Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m. (pre-brief at 10:15 a.m.)

**Where:** Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School  
1430 Lillooet St, Vancouver

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

**Parking:** A parking space will be reserved

**Key Participants:**

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education (emcee)
- John Cortens, principal, Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary (speaking)
- Birgitte Biorn [ber-GEET-ah BEE-ORN], principal, Bayview Community Elementary (speaking)
- Tanya Kyi [TAN-ya KIE], chair, Bayview Community Elementary seismic committee (speaking)

**Other Attendees:**

- Shane Simpson, MLA for Vancouver-Hastings and Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (TBC)
- David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey and Attorney General
- Dianne Turner, Vancouver School Board Official Trustee
- Begbie Elementary students (to sing welcome song)

## **Background:**

Government is investing \$46.9 million to replace two high-risk schools in Vancouver – Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary School (east side of Vancouver) and Bayview Community Elementary School (west side of Vancouver).

Both of these new schools will be built on the existing properties and ready for students by September 2021.

Government has committed to working with school districts and municipalities to speed up funding approval for seismic mitigation projects across B.C.

### **Begbie (\$22.4 million)**

The current, 95-year-old Begbie Elementary School was one of 16 high-risk seismic mitigation projects announced in 2005 to proceed to planning under the Province's Seismic Mitigation Program. The new school will be built on a new footprint of the existing property, allowing students to attend their home school while a modern, safe school is built.

The new school will have an operating capacity of 340 students (150 fewer than the current capacity due to future enrolment projections). It will also include a Neighbourhood Learning Centre for the entire community to use.

Once the new school is complete, the old school will eventually be demolished. However, ministry staff are working with the City of Vancouver to explore options that would keep the current school available to house students of other seismic mitigation projects, which would help expedite the Seismic Mitigation Program.

**Note:** There is some controversy around the name of this school. Sir Matthew Begbie was a colonial BC judge nicknamed 'The Hanging Judge' for his reputation of sentencing convicted people to death by hanging. The Law Society of B.C. recently removed a statue of Begbie from its lobby; a decision commended by the Tsilhqot'in Nation as his image is seen as offensive to some Indigenous people.

### **Bayview (\$24.5 million)**

Bayview's current building will be demolished and students will attend nearby Queen Elizabeth Elementary School as a swing site while a replacement is built at Bayview.

The new school will be located on the same site as the old school and will replace the 1913 existing brick-clad building. The new school's operating capacity will be unchanged at 365 students. Students will be housed at the Queen Elizabeth Annex swing site during construction, which is scheduled to begin in early 2020.

The new school also includes a Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Jarrett Hagglund, GCPE Events

**C:** (604) 817-1458

**Itinerary:**

|             |                     |  |
|-------------|---------------------|--|
| 10:30 a.m.  | <b>Event begins</b> |  |
| 10:30 a.m.  | <b>5 min</b>        | Begbie students sing welcoming song                              |
| 10:35 a.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Opening remarks – Emcee Minister Rob Fleming                     |
| 10:37 a.m.  | <b>3 min</b>        | Premier John Horgan  |
| 10:40 a.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | John Cortens, principal, Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary           |
| 10:42 a.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Birgitte Biorn, Vancouver School Board Official Trustee          |
| 10:44 a.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Tanya Kyi, chair, Bayview Community Elementary seismic committee |
| 10:46 a.m.  | <b>5 mins</b>       | <b>Photo-op</b>  |
| 10:51 a.m.  | <b>4 mins</b>       | <b>Media avail</b>   |
| 10: 55 a.m. | <b>Event Ends</b>   |  |

Emcee Speaking Notes

for

The Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Replacements of Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary and  
Bayview Community Elementary Schools  
Funding Announcement

Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

### **KEY MESSAGES:**

- **Children deserve to learn in safe, secure, and healthy schools.**
- **Parents have been waiting too long for the government to fix and replace schools that are at risk of collapsing in an earthquake.**
- **We are accelerating seismic upgrades so parents can be confident their children are safe at school.**

### **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- **Dianne Turner**  
Vancouver School Board Official Trustee
- **Shane Simpson**  
MLA for Vancouver-Hastings (TBC)
- **David Eby**  
MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey (TBC)

### **TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- **Coast Salish people**

## EMCEE NOTES:

- Good morning everyone.
- Thank you so much for that fantastic welcome song.
- My name is Rob Fleming.
- I'm honoured to be here today as your Minister of Education.
- I want to acknowledge that we are holding this event on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.
- I'm excited to be here with my friend and colleague, Premier John Horgan, who is going to make an announcement that will benefit hundreds of students in Vancouver.
- We also have with us today:
  - John Cortens, principal, Begbie Elementary
  - Birgitte Biorn [ber-GEET-ah BEE-ORN], principal, Bayview Elementary

- Tanya Kyi [TAN-ya KIE] , chair, Bayview Community Elementary seismic committee
- We're here to talk about safe schools for our children.
- For too long, too many schools with a high risk of failure in the event of an earthquake have been ignored.
- Every student in B.C. deserves to learn in a safe, secure, and healthy school.
- Unfortunately, as of today, that is not the case in many parts of our province.
- There are currently 181 schools in B.C. at high risk of damage or even outright collapse in an earthquake.
- That's unacceptable.
- It is time to step up and do the right thing – and make the investments that will provide safe schools for children.
- Now, it is my honour to invite Premier Horgan to the podium to make the announcement.

## **PREMIER JOHN HORGAN SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Premier Horgan.
- This is fantastic news for parents and students.
- These school replacements wouldn't have been possible without our partners at the Vancouver School Board.
- Now, let's hear from the principal here at Begbie, Mr. John Cortens.

## **JOHN CORTENS SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Mr. Cortens.
- I'm excited for the future of your students at Begbie.
- Next up is Ms. Birgitte Biorn [ber-GEET-ah BEE-ORN], principal at Bayview Community Elementary.

## **BIRGITTE BIORN SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Ms. Biorn.

- It is truly exciting for your students to be able to look forward to a brand new building.
- Now we will hear from Tanya Kyi [TAN-ya KIE], chair of the seismic committee at Bayview, on what new, safe schools mean to families.

## **TANYA KYI SPEAKS**

- Thank you.
- It is parents and families like you that show us how important it is to make these investments in your children.

## **ENROLMENT GROWTH:**

- We are making these investments because every child deserves to learn in a safe school.
- And because every parent deserves the peace of mind of knowing their children are safe at school.
- We committed to delivering the services British Columbians count on.
- That means not just upgrading and replacing schools at risk of collapsing in an earthquake, but building school capacity in growing communities.

- These investments are just the beginning.
- We will be upgrading seismically unsafe schools around the province.
- And investing in new student spaces in growing communities.
- My ministry is currently working with school boards across the province to invest in schools and in student success.
- So stay tuned for announcements in the near future.

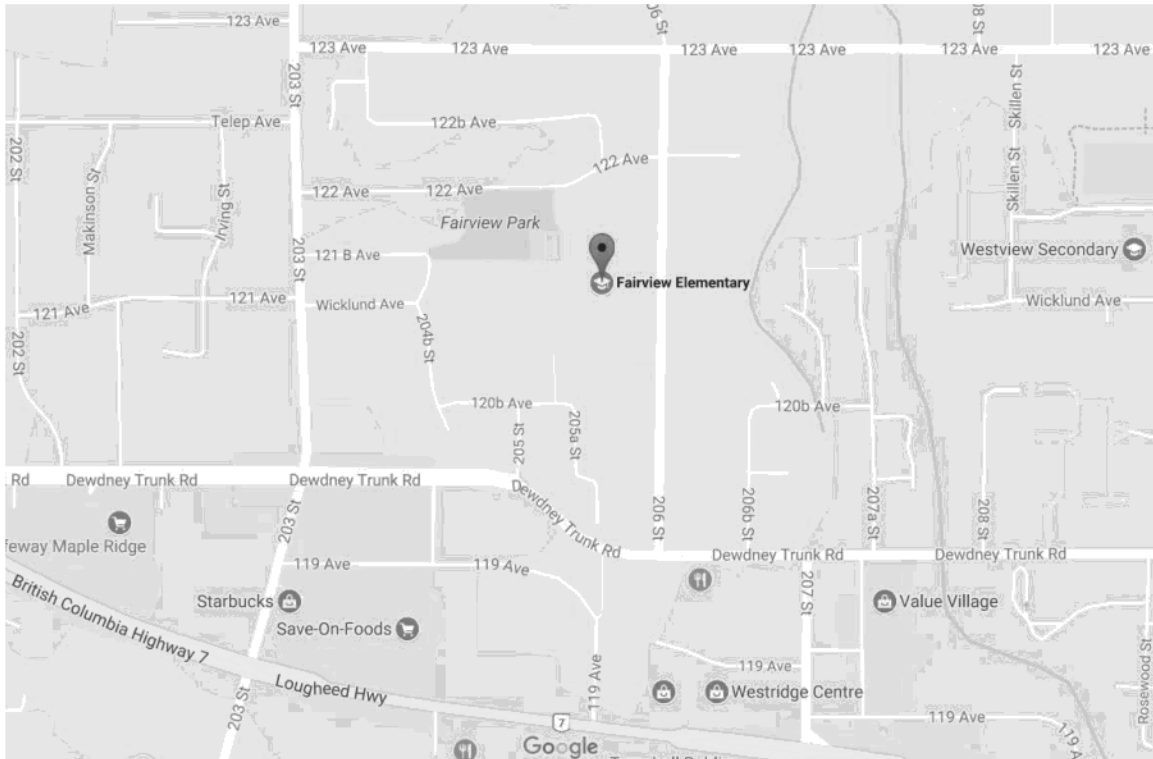
## **CONCLUSION**

- That concludes the speaking portion of today's event.
- I want to thank you all for being here today.
- Especially the students here at Begbie for their gracious welcome.
- It has been my honour to be here with Premier Horgan to deliver on our commitments, and invest in B.C. kids.

- We will continue to build partnerships with local governments and school districts across the province to speed up school investments and seismic upgrades.
  - There is more to come.
  - Now, I'd like to invite our speakers to gather for a photo, and then Premier Horgan will take questions from the media.
  - Thank you.
- **END** -

## Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Rob Fleming

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**Event:** Fairview Elementary and Westview Secondary seismic mitigation funding announcement

**When:** October 11, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Fairview Elementary 12209 206 Street, Maple Ridge

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

**Parking:** Main parking lot

**Key Participants:**

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education (emcee)
- Mike Murray, chair, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows school board (speaking)
- Miranda Carpenter, chair, Fairview Elementary PAC

**Other Attendees:**

- Fairview Elementary and Westview Secondary students
- School district officials
- Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows (TBC)
- Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission (TBC)

**Background:**

Government is investing \$3 million to seismically upgrade Fairview Elementary School and Westview Secondary School. These are the final two schools in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District that need to be upgraded.

This announcement highlights government's plan to accelerate the Seismic Mitigation Program by working with school boards, local governments and other stakeholders to fast-track construction to meet a goal of having every BC student learning in a seismically safe school.

**Fairview Elementary School (\$2 million)**

The upgrade of Fairview includes the seismic strengthening of classrooms, change rooms, multi-purpose room and the school's gymnasium. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2018 and finish in winter 2018. Some construction may occur during the Christmas and Spring break. Fairview, along with Hammond, Laity View and Maple Ridge Elementary schools, feed Westview Secondary School.

**Westview Secondary School (\$1 million)**

The upgrade of Westview includes the seismic strengthening of a wing of classrooms, washrooms and the gymnasium. Full construction will be completed during Summer 2018.

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Jarrett Hagglund

**C:** 604-817-1458

**Itinerary:**

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|------------|---------------------|---|
| 1:30 p.m.  | <b>Event begins</b> |   |
| 1:30 p.m.  | <b>5 min</b>        | Pre-event, Premier Horgan plays basketball with students      |
| 1:35 p.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Opening remarks – Emcee Minister Rob Fleming                  |
| 1:38 p.m.  | <b>3 min</b>        | Premier John Horgan   |
| 1:41 p.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Mike Murray, chair, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District. |
| 1:43 p.m.  | <b>2 min</b>        | Miranda Carpenter, chair, Fairview Elementary PAC             |
| 1:45 p.m.  | <b>5 mins</b>       | <b>Photo-op</b>   |
| 1:50 p.m.  | <b>4 mins</b>       | <b>Media avail</b>  |
| 1: 54 p.m. | <b>Event Ends</b>   |   |

Emcee Speaking Notes

for

**The Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education**

Fairview Elementary and Westview Secondary Seismic  
Upgrades Funding Announcement

Fairview Elementary School

Oct. 11, 2017

1:30 p.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

### **KEY MESSAGES:**

- **The safety of students and teachers is a top priority for our government.**
- **We are committed to accelerating the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers.**
- **That's why we're investing \$3 million for the much-needed seismic upgrades of Fairview Elementary and Westview Secondary schools.**
- **These are the last two high-risk schools in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows school district.**
- **We are working with school boards, and local municipal officials to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.**

### **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- School District 42 Board and Staff
- Hon. Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows and Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture.
- Bob D'Eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission

### **TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Acknowledge traditional territories of the Coast Salish people and the Katzie (kate-zee) and Kwantlen (kwant-len) First Nations.

## INTRODUCTION:

- Good afternoon and thank you for having us.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people and the Katzie (kate-zee) and Kwantlen (kwant-len) First Nations.
- I am honoured to be here today for an announcement that will make life better, and safer, for hundreds of students in Maple Ridge.
- It is a special privilege to be here with Premier John Horgan.
- We also have here with us:
  - Mike Murray, chair, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
  - Miranda Carpenter, chair, Fairview Elementary Parental Advisory Committee
- We are here because it's time to make investments in our children, and to make sure they're attending safe schools.

- For too long, too many schools with a high risk of failure in the event of an earthquake have been ignored.
- We have a goal to give every student and teacher in B.C. the opportunity to learn in a seismically safe school.
- Unfortunately, as of today, that is not the case in many parts of our province.
- Only 165 of the 342 high-risk schools in B.C. have been upgraded – and it simply isn't good enough.
- That is why we are here today.
- Earlier today, we announced a large investment to keep kids safe in Vancouver by replacing two schools in Vancouver.
- Now, it is time to step up and do the right thing – and make the investments that will provide safe schools for children in Maple Ridge.
- It is my honour to invite Premier Horgan to the podium to make the announcement.

## **PREMIER JOHN HORGAN SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Premier.
- I'm proud of our government for making this investment in people, and in ensuring the safety of all our students in Maple Ridge.
- Now, let's hear from Mike Murray, the chair of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School Board, which did such good work in putting this together.

## **MIKE MURRAY SPEAKS**

- Thank you to you, the rest of your board and the district staff for all your hard work.
- Now, I would like to introduce Miranda Carpenter, chair of the Fairview Elementary PAC, to tell us what this investment means for families here.

## **MAPLE RIDGE PARENT SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Miranda.

## **CONCLUSION**

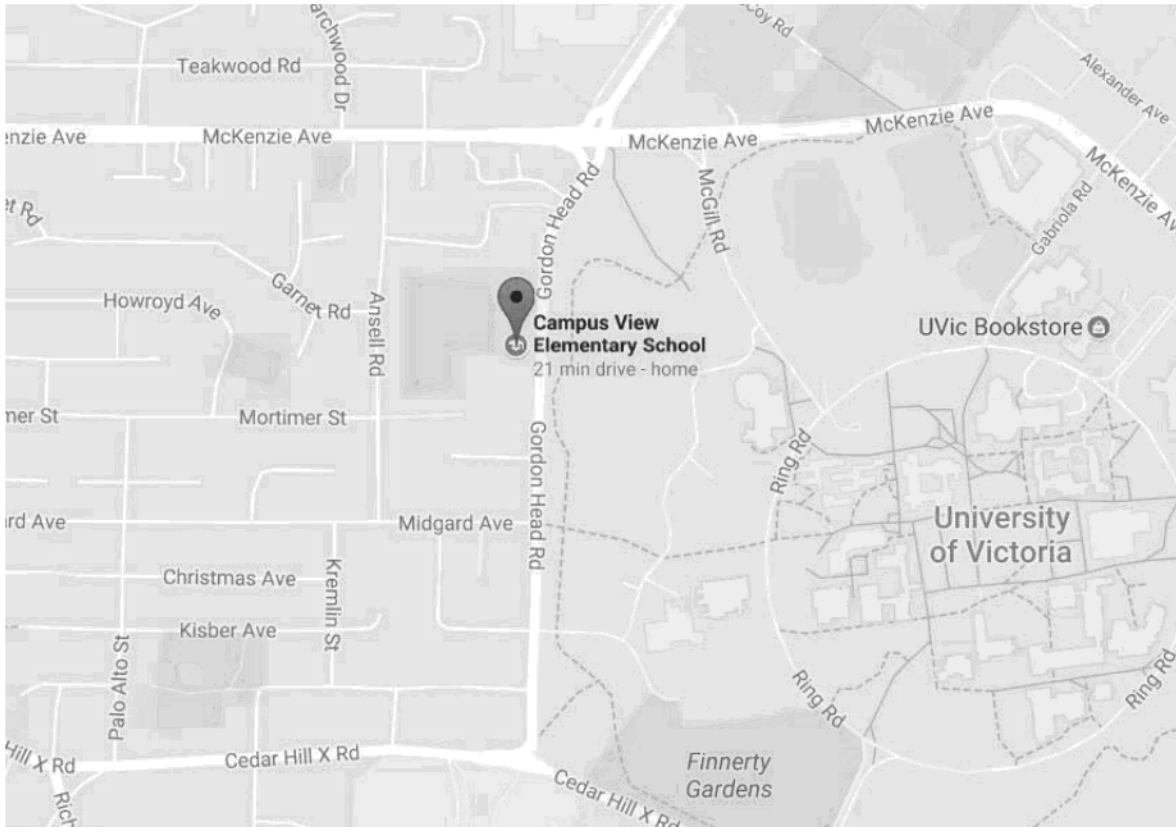
- That concludes the speaking portion of today's event.
- I want to thank you all for being here today.

- Especially the students here at Fairview, because they are why we are making these investments.
- It has been my honour to be here with Premier Horgan to make this announcement and make an investment in education and student safety.
- We will continue to work with local governments and school districts to make sure we can make many more of these investments to speed up seismic mitigation projects across the province.
- There is more to come.
- Now, I'd like to invite our speakers to gather for a photo, and then Premier Horgan will take questions from the media.
- Thank you.

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## Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Fleming

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**Event:** Campus View Elementary School Seismic Upgrade

**When:** Friday, Oct. 27 at 1:00 p.m. (pre-brief at 12:45 p.m.)

**Where:** Campus View Elementary School  
3900 Gordon Head Road, Victoria

**Length:** 20 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

**Parking:** A parking space will be reserved in the staff parking lot

**Key Participants:**

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Doug Smith, principal, Campus View Elementary School
- Tom Ferris, vice chair, Greater Victoria Board of Education
- Shelley Green, deputy superintendent, Greater Victoria School District

**Other Attendees:**

- Victoria area MLAs (TBC)
- CUPE and BCTF representatives
- Campus View students

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Joleen Badger, GCPE Events

**C:** 604 916-3551

| Time           | Event Itinerary   |
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| 11:00 a.m.     | Joleen Badger, Event Coordinator, and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.   |
| Event Summary: | This is a podium event at Campus View Elementary School. Minister Rob Fleming will make the announcement from the podium. Minister Fleming will play basketball or floor hockey with students prior to the event, and take a tour of the school, with media, after the event.   |
| 11:00 a.m.     | Media relations: Sean Leslie<br>Photographer/Videographer: GCPE   |
| 12:45 p.m.     | Pre-brief with speakers, led by Joleen Badger, Events Coordinator<br>Location: Principal's office or staff lounge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rob Fleming</b>, Minister of Education</li> <li>• <b>Doug Smith</b>, principal, Campus View Elementary <b>Emcee</b></li> <li>• <b>Tom Ferris</b>, vice chair, Greater Victoria Board of Education</li> <li>• <b>Shelley Green</b>, deputy superintendent, Greater Victoria School District</li> </ul> |
| 1:00 p.m.      | Minister Fleming plays basketball or floor hockey with students   |
| 1:05 p.m.      | <b>Doug Smith</b> welcomes guests, introduces himself, and invites Minister Rob Fleming to the podium.  |
| 1:07 p.m.      | <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> delivers remarks.   |
| 1:10 p.m.      | <b>Doug Smith</b> thanks Minister Rob Fleming, introduces Tom Ferris.   |
| 1:11 p.m.      | <b>Tom Ferris</b> delivers remarks.   |
| 1:13 p.m.      | <b>Doug Smith</b> thanks Tom Ferris, introduces Shelley Green   |
| 1:14 p.m.      | <b>Shelley Green</b> delivers remarks.  |
| 1:16 p.m.      | <b>Doug Smith</b> thanks Shelley Green, delivers closing remarks, invites speakers to the front for a photograph, and informs media that Minister Fleming will take questions from the podium after the photograph.   |
| 1:20 p.m.      | <b>PHOTOGRAPH</b>   |
| 1:21 p.m.      | <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> takes questions from the media.   |
| 1:25 p.m.      | <b>Event Complete.</b>  |
| 1:26 p.m.      | <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> tours the school, with media, led by Doug Smith.  |
| 2 p.m.         | Event concludes   |

**Event Background:**

Minister Rob Fleming will announce \$2.4 million in Ministry of Education funding for the seismic upgrade of Campus View Elementary School in Victoria.

Campus View was built in 1959, with additions in 1962, 1964, 1967 and 2001. Four of the school's five blocks are rated as H1 – high risk of failure in the event of an earthquake.

No temporary accommodation for students will be needed during the project.

The majority of the exterior construction work will be completed between June 2018 and June 2019 while the interior work will be completed during the summer school breaks. Final completion is scheduled for September 2019.

Campus View is a K-5 school with an operating capacity of 399 that includes a French Immersion program. The facility is operating with a utilization rate of 113% and it is expected that enrolment will remain stable over the next 10 years.

In the Greater Victoria School District, 15 of the 25 schools in the Seismic Mitigation Program have had their upgrades completed. The remainder of the schools that still need to be seismically upgraded are in the business development stage.

In nearby districts, five of the seven high-risk schools in the Sooke School District have had their seismic upgrades completed, while Ruth King Elementary is nearly complete. The Saanich School District has had eight of its 10 high-risk schools seismically upgraded.

Government has committed to working with school districts and municipalities to speed up funding approval for seismic mitigation projects across B.C .

Government has committed \$522 million over three years for seismic upgrades across B.C.

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Campus View Elementary School Seismic Upgrade  
Funding Announcement

Friday, October 27, 2017  
1 p.m. (20 minutes)

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- The safety of students and teachers is a top priority for our government.
- We are committed to accelerating the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers.
- That's why we're investing \$2.4 million for the much-needed seismic upgrade of Campus View Elementary School.
- We are working with school boards, and local municipal officials to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- MLAs if present
- CUPE and BCTF representatives if present

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Lekwungen [La-kwung-en] people

## INTRODUCTION:

- Thank you, Mr. Smith.
- And thank you all for having me here today.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Lekwungen [La-kwung-en] people.

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

- I'm thrilled to be here to deliver on a commitment to provide safe schools for B.C. children.
- As a dad, I understand that nothing is more important to any parent than the safety of their children.
- Parents need to feel confident their children are safe at school.

- That's why seismic upgrades are so important.
- And that is why we are acting to seismically upgrade Campus View Elementary School.
- To make sure the students, teachers and support staff can go to a safe school.
- I am very pleased to announce a \$2.4-million seismic mitigation upgrade of Campus View Elementary School.

## CAMPUS VIEW

- Campus View was built in 1959, with three additions in the 1960s and a fourth in 2001.
- Those first four blocks pose too much of a risk to the safety of our students.

- They will be seismically upgraded, and completed by the fall of 2019
- This project will allow students to remain in school during construction.
- This project is about the safety of our children, and a government that works for people.
- Because our children deserve to go to safe schools. And parents deserve peace of mind.

## SEISMIC/CAPITAL PLAN:

- It is very important to me that we ensure that all of our schools across BC are safe for students.
- We are going to increase investments in school capital and find ways to speed up important seismic projects like this one.

- We are going to find ways to cut wait times for school construction by speeding up funding approval.
- And I can tell you that we have 50 seismic projects that will proceed to approval in the next 18 months.
- There's a lot of work to do to cut into the backlog of seismic projects-and we are committed to doing that work.

## GREATER VICTORIA

- For example, only 60% of the high-risk schools in the Greater Victoria have been upgraded – it isn't good enough.
- We are going to do better.
- Our goal is to get every B.C. school district to the position where all of their high risk schools are completed...

- ...so that every student gets to go to school in a seismically safe school.

## CONCLUSION:

- We are now nearly two months into a very exciting school year.
- Our government is getting to work to ensure our kids get the quality education and opportunities they deserve.
- It's time to put our kids first and invest in schools, classrooms, and a better future for our children.
- I am looking forward to seeing what a sustainable, strong, properly resourced education system can deliver for all British Columbians.
- Thank you.

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## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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### MAP

**Event:** Minister Fleming visits Prince George Public Library/Bob Harkins Branch

This is an informal event. No podium or microphone. Presentation of Library Month Proclamation followed by a tour of the library.

**When:** October 12, 2017

**Where:** Prince George Public Library/Bob Harkins Branch  
888 Canada Games Way, Prince George, BC

**Directions:** The parking lot entrance has been temporarily relocated to Canada Games Way.

Parking is below the library; there are two flights of stairs to get to the main entrance: a flight of stairs up to the plaza, and another flight up to the library entrance. There is an elevator in the underground parking if needed.

**Length:** 45 minutes (includes presentation and tour)

**Key Participants:**

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Janet Marren, PGPL Chief Librarian
- PGPL Board Chair Carolynne Burkholder-James

**Other Attendees:**

- Acting Prince George Mayor Garth Frizzell
- PGPL Board Vice Chair Mike Gagel
- City Councillors

**Audience Size:** 10-20

**Site Contact:**

Janet Marren, Chief Librarian, Prince George Public Library

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**This is an informal event; no podium; no microphone.**

**Itinerary:**

4:30 – 5:15

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| 4:30 p.m. | <b>Minister arrives</b>   |
|           | Chief Librarian Janet Marren welcomes Minister Fleming  |
|           | Minister Rob Fleming speaks; Presentation of Library Month Proclamation to Carolyn Burkholder-James, PGPL Board Chair |
|           | Carolynne Burkholder-James says thank you on behalf of the Board  |
|           | Acting Mayor of Prince George Garth Frizzell presents the City's Endorsement of the Proclamation                      |
|           | <b>Photographs</b>  |
|           | <b>Media avail</b>  |
|           | Tour Library with Chief Librarian Janet Marren, Board Chair Carolynne Burkholder-James and Vice Chair Mike Gagel      |
| 5:15 p.m. | <b>Event Ends</b>   |

Speaking Points  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Prince George Public Library  
Bob Harkins Branch

Thursday October 12, 2017  
4:30 (45 minutes)

**PEOPLE ATTENDING:**

- Chief Librarian Janet Marren,
- PGPL Board Chair Carolynne Burkholder-James,  
Vice Chair Mike Gagel
- Acting Mayor Garth Frizzell
- City Councillors, Friends of the Library

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay ten-ay) First Nation

## **Prince George Public Library Speaking Points**

- **Thank Janet for hosting.**
- **Acknowledge Lheidli T'enneh (clayt-clay ten-ay) First Nation**
- **Great to be here at the Prince George Public Library–this is a terrific facility that delivers great programs.**
- **Acknowledge we proclaimed October as Library Month in B.C.**
- **Libraries are key partners in the delivery of quality and innovative services across B.C.**
- **Libraries ensure British Columbians have free, equitable access to trusted sources information, ideas and works of the imagination.**

- **Libraries help people discover the joy of reading, develop new skills, form deep community ties, find a job or become entrepreneurs, and participate in recreation and cultural experiences.**
- **Beyond simple lending of books, libraries are the places people go to explore an idea, to test a theory, to create new content, to find community connections and information, and to share knowledge with others.**
- **For example, I know that the Prince George Public Library offers the Homework Help program.**
- **This program provides support to students and learners through free tutors, homework help, research support and self-directed and independent learning supports.**
- **It also offers critical early learning, literacy support for preschoolers to help prepare children entering the school system.**

- **PGPL also provides an impartial and safe gathering space for all, like the award-winning Library Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) program.**
- **This is an amazing program that supports the social and emotional growth of youth.**
- **It's also fantastic that PGPL supports newcomers to Canada by offering language classes and social integration.**
- **And I know there are a number of Book Clubs here that I'm told are all full—which is a testament to the love of reading in Northern BC and the value that people place on libraries.**
- **Acknowledge that we are in the Bob Harkins Branch of the Prince George Public Library.**
- **I know that Bob was a legend in Prince George—a city councillor, a beloved broadcaster and Prince George's Citizen of the Year in 1997.**

- **I'm told there is a plaque here with a picture of Bob and his favourite saying – "There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met."**
- **A wonderful sentiment, and one I wholeheartedly share.**
- **Thank you again to Janet, Carolynne and the rest of the Board for inviting me.**
- **I look forward to seeing the rest of the library. Happy Library Month!**

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event: BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

**When: Friday, October 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Where: Lower Concourse, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue**



Event contact: Mike Roberts, (604) 734-2721 [MRoberts@bcsta.org](mailto:MRoberts@bcsta.org)

Length: Minister will speak for 10 min. From 7:10 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

Number of attendees: Approximately 75

**Key Participants:**

Gordon Swan, President, BCSTA & trustee at SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)

Mike Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, BCSTA

Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education

**Itinerary:**

5:30 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. Informal private dinner with the BCSTA board of directors  
(Delta Suites Hotel connected to Wosk Centre)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Opening Session and QA BCSTA Provincial Council  
(Lower Concourse, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue)

7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m. Gordon Swan, BCSTA intro remarks

7:05 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. Minister Fleming Remarks

7:20 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister Presentation

7:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Question and Answer with BCSTA Provincial Council  
(moderated by Gordon Swan)

8:30 to 9:30 pm – Informal wine and cheese social

**Speaking Notes  
For  
Minister Rob Fleming**

**BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Friday, October 27, 2017**

**(MRF Remarks 10 minutes from 7:05 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.)**

## INTRODUCTION:

- Good evening, thank you Mike and to the rest of you all for having me here.
- It's great to be here in Vancouver – where we once again have a democratically elected school board. I want to congratulate everyone who was elected.
- I look forward to a productive relationship with the VSB and all school districts in BC in the months and years ahead.
- Earlier this month I had the pleasure of touring schools and meeting students, educators and trustees in the Central Interior and Northern BC.
- It was an inspiring trip. I was impressed at the spirit of pragmatism and cooperation I saw across the North and Central Interior.
- Students at Nechako Valley Secondary School in Vanderhoof are benefitting from flight simulators thanks to an agreement with the College of New Caledonia.
- In Houston, high school students are getting hands-on experience with metal and woodworking equipment donated by Northwest Community College.
- And in Fort St. John, a unique partnership between the city, the province and the school district has led to the Energetic Learning Campus – a high school campus with ice rinks, a running track and even a speed skating oval.

- During that tour, I was also able to hear about some of the issues you are dealing with on the ground as you've worked to implement the memorandum of agreement with the BCTF.
- When we spoke, I heard about the need to ensure that proper resources are in place as districts worked hard to get classrooms ready and teachers hired for this school year.
- This has been a gigantic effort, from getting classrooms ready for the school year, to hiring thousands of teachers and specialists.
- Hiring approximately 3,500 teachers is unprecedented in BC and I commend the work being done at all school districts to recruit new staff and replenish TTOC.
- I realize there is still lots of work to be done with respect to recruitment and we are working with our partners at BCPSEA and Make-a-Future to attract teachers from outside of B.C.
- It is clear there are ongoing challenges recruiting specialist educators and with depleting teacher on call lists.
- It's why we have created an expert panel on teacher recruitment and retention.
- I've tasked the panel with assessing the extent of the challenges facing the current educator workforce, and bringing me recommendations by December on immediate actions we can take in the short term.

- But ultimately, this is a good news story.
- More teachers in classrooms is great news for students as smaller classes mean more one-on-one time for learners.
- The evidence from all over the world is that the best way to build a strong economy for today and tomorrow is to invest in the success of our kids.
- By investing more in schools, classrooms and for a better future for our children.
- That's why we are investing an extra \$681 million in the education system over the next three years.
- As you know, there are challenges with our current K-12 funding model.
- This is one of the reasons why we are launching a comprehensive review of the education funding model -- to ensure that our public education system receives stable and predictable funding and that students continue to be successful in the years to come.
- We will be working with the BCSTA to develop a set of shared principles to guide the future funding model and establish a solid financial foundation for K-12 public education.
- Once the foundational principles are established, we will be taking a broad engagement process that is inclusive of stakeholders from the sector – trustees, school business officials, educational leaders, etc.

- This collaborative exercise will identify emerging themes, challenges, and opportunities, and we will ultimately end up with a set of recommendations for government outlining the pathway forward.
- The goal is for a new funding model to be in place for the 2019/2020 school year.
- We expect to communicate information to you on what the model will look like, as well as transitional measures much earlier, by next fall, to support your planning processes.
- We know we have a good education system, but we can make it a great one that is focused on the success of our students.
- This review will help lay the groundwork to do just that.
- Equal access and opportunity are keys to a better education system.
- That's why we are putting people first by improving the services they need and making their lives more affordable, which is critically important when you listen to the anxieties of middle-class British Columbians and working families in the province.
- We're committed to lifting individuals out of poverty through stronger social programs.
- We can make sure students have a strong start by investing more in early childhood education and by making childcare more affordable and accessible.

- That's why one of our first steps was to abolish tuition fees in adult basic education - because it's the right thing to do.
- We're reopening those doors of opportunity, and now, British Columbians can go back to school free of charge with no tuition fee barriers.
- We will continue to focus on student success and achievement but we also want to ensure that no matter their personal circumstances all children get the best possible start.
- Our new curriculum focuses on core competencies and helping students learn and adopt new skills as they progress through school and life.
- We can make sure that students have the skills they need to move on successfully after school.
- We are upgrading our graduation program, so learners have the relevant skills and resources to succeed in work and further education.
- As we announced this week, we are giving teachers, school districts and post-secondary institutions one more year to prepare for the implementation of the new Grade 11-12 curriculum.
- The Grade 11-12 curriculum will now be mandated for use in all B.C. classrooms starting September 2019.
- The additional year of transition is in response to feedback from you in the K-12 sector, along with post-secondary

partners, who need to ensure alignment of the new 10-12 curriculum with their admission processes and requirements.

- While overall student outcomes are generally good – we know that we can do better – specifically when it comes to outcomes for children in care and BC's Indigenous students.
- That's why we are committed to closing the gap in student achievement for vulnerable students and First Nations.
- Our goal is to engage First Nations learners.
- We are doing this by developing content that acknowledges the painful legacy of residential schools, recognizes First Nations' significant contributions to our country and helps First Nations educators sharing their knowledge and teaching methods with other teachers.
- The Representative for Children and Youth's report this week shows more needs to be done for our most vulnerable, particularly for Indigenous children in care.
- The student achievement gap for children and youth in continuing care is unacceptable and I agree much more needs to be done.
- It's clear from this report additional efforts and resources are required to make a real difference in the lives of these young people.
- All BC students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment.

- This past week, we've unfortunately had to deal with some comments about SOGI that do not reflect the direction this province is going.
- Over the past year, through our partnership with the ARC Foundation and other key stakeholders, our province has taken a number of significant steps forward in creating SOGI inclusive learning environments.
- I'm proud that I was able to count on the BCSTA for support in our joint statement, as we showed that all of BC's education partners believe in SOGI and inclusive classrooms for all students, regardless of who they identify as.
- Our government also wants to ensure that parents and students can have peace of mind that their children are learning in safe classrooms.
- So we are increasing the pace of investments in school capital, speeding up repairs and replacements, and fast-tracking seismic upgrades.
- This school year I've already attended several seismic upgrade announcements in Maple Ridge, Victoria, Delta and right here in Vancouver, where we'll have two new seismic replacement elementary schools at Sir Matthew Begbie and Bayview.
- While the MOA implementation has seen the number of portables increase for many districts, we are committed to reducing the number of portables, to make sure our children are learning in proper classrooms.

- Where needed, we will work with local municipal officials and school boards so we can meet an ambitious timeline to get schools upgraded as quickly as possible.
- We know that parents expect to send their children into safe facilities.
- Our government also believes parents and teachers shouldn't have to dig into their pockets to provide decent school supplies.
- And parents shouldn't have to fundraise for basic school supplies for their children's classrooms.
- That's why the Premier has made it a priority in his mandate letter for my Ministry to establish annual funding to ensure students have the school supplies they need.
- Families and schools shouldn't have to hold cupcake sales to build safe and inclusive playgrounds.
- The Premier's mandate for our ministry also commits to creating an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds.
- Until very recently, parents have had to pay for busing services to get their children safely to school.
- Now that bus fees have been eliminated we have seen ridership increase as a result.
- I know this has caused some pressures on districts as they have had to hire more drivers and purchase more buses.

- The review of the education funding formula will look at ways to make sure that districts can count on stable and sustainable funding for services such as busing.
- Making significant investments in education is a key priority for our government.
- We are working hard to give British Columbians some well-earned relief.
- And I look forward to working together with you all to make BC's education system even better.
- Thank you and I look forward to your questions after Scott's presentation.

# **World Teachers' Day**

## **Minister Fleming Emcee Speaking Notes**

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**Event:** World Teachers' Day Celebration

**When:** Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** B.C. Legislature front steps for the speaking portion.

The reception will be held inside the buildings in the Hall of Honour.

**Length:** Event is one hour – Speaking portion is 30 minutes followed by a 30 minute reception. Minister Fleming will act as emcee for the event.

### **Key Participants:**

- Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
- Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Glen Hansman, President of the BC Teachers Federation
- Tanya Adams, Grade 2 & 3 teacher, Craigflower Elementary School
- Milan Van Dyk and Bayan Safaee, Adult basic education students, from the S.J. Willis Continuing Education Centre
- Carolyn Howe, Music teacher and choir students, South Park Elementary School

### **Other Attendees:**

- Gordon Swan, President of the B.C. School Trustees Association
- Tom Longridge, President of the B.C. School Superintendents Association
- Kevin Reimer, President B.C. Principals and Vice Principals Association
- Joan Axford, Executive Director for the B.C. Association of School Business Officials will be attending on behalf of President Patti Dundas.
- Juanita Coltman, K-12 Policy Manager for the First Nations Education Steering Committee will be attending on behalf of President Tyrone McNeil.
- Doug Lauson, President of the Federation of Independent Schools Association
- Jim Iker, Council Member of the B.C. Teachers Council, will be attending on behalf of the Chair Rebecca Blair.

**Audience Size:** There may be as many as 100 people attending. The choir has 60 kids attending.

**Event Contact:**

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**Itinerary:**

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| 11:30 a.m. |  | Event begins  |
| 11:30 a.m. |  | Minister Rob Fleming (emcee) welcomes everyone, introduces himself, invites the choir to sing O'Canada, speaks briefly after and then invites Premier Horgan to the podium  |
| 11:35 a.m. |  | <b>Speaker 1 – Premier Horgan delivers remarks</b>  |
| 11:40 a.m. |  | Emcee thanks Premier Horgan and invites Glen Hansman, BCTF to podium  |
| 11:41 a.m. |  | <b>Speaker 2 – Glen Hansman delivers remarks</b>  |
| 11:44 a.m. |  | Emcee thanks Glen Hansman and invites Aboriginal teacher to speak.  |
| 11:45 a.m. |  | <b>Speaker 3 – Aboriginal teacher delivers remarks</b>  |
| 11:48 a.m. |  | Emcee thanks teacher and invites Adult Basic Education students to speak.   |
| 11:49 a.m. |  | <b>Speaker 4 – ABE Students deliver remarks</b>   |
| 11:52 a.m. |  | Emcee thanks students and invites student choir to sing a song.   |
| 11:53 a.m. |  | <b>Speaker 5 – Student Choir sings the Freedom Train song.</b>  |
| 11:57 a.m. |  | Emcee thanks choir and gives final remarks and invites BCTF, Aboriginal teacher, BCSTA, and FISA to come up and receive the four proclamations.<br>Then students come and gather for a group photo.<br><b>PHOTO-OP</b> – Speakers in front of student made banner with student message poster boards off to the side.<br>Media questions here - TBC |
| 12:00 p.m. |  | Reception begins with refreshments and snacks.  |
| 12:30 p.m. |  | Event concludes   |

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

**World Teachers' Day Celebration**

B.C. Legislature

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11:30 a.m. Time (1 hour)

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- Oct. 5 is World Teachers' Day – a day to celebrate, recognize and honour the outstanding teachers we have in British Columbia.
- Our teachers are the cornerstone of B.C.'s education system and play a vital role in the well-being and learning of our children.
- We are proud of the quality of teachers in B.C. – teaching is as a highly respected and honoured profession filled with the best and brightest talent.
- We are focused on supporting our teachers by investing in their ongoing development and helping them upgrade their skills.
- B.C. students continue to be world leaders in many subjects, including reading, science and math - this is a result of the skills and efforts of their teachers and the strength of the education system in our province.

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

Acknowledge the First Nation Territory of Lekwungen (La-kwung-en) - including the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.  
(confirmed with MARR).

**INTRODUCTION:**

- Good morning everyone,
- Thank you for being here today!
- I'm honoured to be here with all of you to celebrate the dedicated and professional teachers in our province.
- Joining me for this event are:
  - Premier John Horgan
  - Glen Hansman, President of the BC Teachers Federation
  - Tanya Adams, Grade 2 & 3 teacher, Craigflower Elementary School

- Milan Van Dyk and Bayan Safaee, Adult Education Students from the S.J. Willis Continuing Education Centre
- Carolyn Howe, Music teacher and choir students from South Park Elementary School
- We also have many honoured guests in the crowd who have travelled to Victoria to mark this important day with us.
- I would like to take a moment and introduce them.
  - Gordon Swan, President of the B.C. School Trustees Association.
  - Tom Longridge, President of the B.C. School Superintendents Association.
  - Kevin Reimer, President of the B.C. Principals and Vice Principals Association.

- Joan Axford, Executive Director for the B.C. Association of School Business Officials - attending today on behalf of the President Patti Dundas.
- Juanita Coltman, K-12 Policy Manager for the First Nations Education Steering Committee - attending today on behalf of President Tyrone McNeil.
- Doug Lauson, President of the Federation of Independent Schools Association.
- Jim Iker, Council Member of the B.C. Teachers Council, is attending today on behalf of the Chair Rebecca Blair.
- And a special thanks to Gina Chase, Grade 3 Teacher and her students from James Bay Community School for creating this amazing banner in the background behind us. They unfortunately couldn't be here today.

- Now before we get this exciting event started we have some very special and talented guests with us that are going to help us start off the event.
- Join me in giving a warm welcome to South Park Elementary School choir as they start our celebration with the singing of O' Canada.

[South Park Elementary choir sings]

- Thank you to the choir and Mrs. Howe for that wonderful performance.

## **OPENING REMARKS:**

- Today is a very important day!
- We're here to celebrate our teachers and educators throughout B.C.
- Being a teacher is one of the most important professions in the world.

- Teachers guide and help shape our children into the people they will become when they grow up.
- I would like to personally say thank you to all of you for all you do.
- And I know Premier Horgan shares this same sentiment.
- He is a firm believer in the value of education.
- And credits much of his own success with the valuable experiences and the inspirational teachers he had in school and university.
- I am fortunate to have his strong support and the support of our entire Cabinet as we make education a top priority for British Columbians.

- Without further ado, I'd like to pass the microphone over now to the Premier of British Columbia to say a few words.

[Premier John Horgan speaks.]

- Thank you Premier Horgan.
- I would like to invite up the President of the British Columbia Teachers Federation, Glen Hansman to say a few words.

[President Glen Hansman speaks.]

- Thank you Glen.
- I look forward to working together with you to make our education system better.
- I would now like to invite up Tanya Adams, a grade 2 & 3 teacher from Craigflower Elementary School in Victoria.

[Tanya Adams speaks.]

- Thank you Ms. Adams for sharing your very moving story.
- We're so lucky to have teachers like you in our school system.
- And our next two guests have very special stories to tell.
- Milan Van Dyk and Bayan Safaee are currently enrolled in Adult Basic Education courses at the S.J. Willis Continuing Education Centre,
- When our government first came into power one of the first changes we made was to restore funding to Adult Basic Education.
- By eliminating these fees, we're opening the door to help people like Milan and Bayan upgrade their education and gain the skills they need to get into post-secondary, skills training programs and access better jobs.

[Milan and Bayan speak about their Adult Basic Education experience.]

- Thank you to you both for sharing your very inspiring stories.
- And thank you to their teacher Mike Greenwood who is here today, for all you do - it's clear you're a very inspirational teacher that is making a big difference in the lives of your students.
- That wraps up the speaking portion of the event. I can't think of a better way to close out such a great ceremony then by having the South Park choir come up again and sing for us.
- The students will sing the "Freedom Train" song which is quite fitting as the UNESCO theme for World Teachers' Day 2017 is, "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers."

[South Park Choir sings]

- Thank you again to Carolyn and the South Park Elementary School choir for celebrating teachers with us today.
- I would now like to invite up a few special guests to receive World Teacher day proclamations.
  - Glen Hansman from the BC Teachers Federation
  - Teacher Tanya Adams From Craigflower Elementary School
  - Gordon Swan from the BC. School Trustees Association
  - Doug Lauson from the Federation of Independent Schools Association
- We're going to take some photos now and then take some questions from the media.

- Please help yourself there are refreshments and snacks at the back of the room.
- Thanks to everyone for being a part of this special day and I look forward to visiting with many of you.