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Statement for Minister Scott Fraser
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Dr. Simon Lucas, Hesquiaht Elder
Sept. 20, 2017

- I rise with a heavy heart to recognize the loss of an important leader for the Hesquiaht First Nation and Nuuchah-nulth people.
- Dr. Simon Lucas, Elder, was a passionate advocate for Indigenous rights and culture. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 16 in Port Alberni.
- Every time an elder is lost, it's a tragedy beyond comprehension. An elder's knowledge cannot be duplicated, it's based on thousands of years of knowledge, wisdom and history.
- Dr. Lucas became politically active early on, starting with the West Coast Allied Tribes in 1958, working to increase the political influence of First Nations people.
- He was named an Elder at age 40 and played a lead role integrating First Nations' knowledge and values into emerging modern ecosystem science.

- He was known for his impassioned speeches... for his eloquence when advocating for the recognition and advancement of First Nation rights, particularly fishing rights.
- In May 2001, the University of British Columbia bestowed an honorary title and degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of Dr. Lucas' contributions to the university.
- He is described as a tireless advocate for Indigenous and non- Indigenous people, working together to restore fisheries resources to coastal communities.
- Dr. Lucas and his wife, Julia, were the go-to couple when it came to matters of culture and language.
- Dr. Lucas spent months recording songs and gathering people together to share the knowledge to help rebuild their culture.
- May this house join me in expressing our condolences to Julia Lucas and their 62 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and all the Nuuchahnulth peoples for their tremendous loss.

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Speaking Notes
for

Hon. Scott Fraser
**Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation**

**Pre-Convention Study Session
Advancing Local
Government- First Nations Relations**

**Ballroom A & B
Fairmont Waterfront
900 Canada Place
Vancouver
Sept. 25, 2017**

TIME: 2:35 – 2:45 p.m.

Information for Minister

Event Summary:

- Minister Fraser offers remarks at the pre-Convention Study Session on Advancing Local Government-First Nations Relations at the 2017 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference.
- The minister will offer his remarks at the start of the second part of the committee's session.

Action/Visual: Minister Fraser with UBCM delegates

Venue Audience: UBCM delegates. 235 delegates re expected to attend

Podium/microphone: Yes.

Event Start Time: 2:35 p.m. (minister's speaking time)

Length of speech: Up to 10 minutes

Attire: Business

Emcee: Murry Krause, UBCM Chair and Chair of Indigenous Relations Committee

Media attendance: Open to media

Logistics:

- The study session is split into two parts. The first part focuses on the BC Treaty Commission and the federal government.
- The minister will open the second part of the session.

What the audience wants to hear:

- Reconciliation is everyone's business
- Building a cross government vision for reconciliation/UNDRIP/TRC
- Commitment to stakeholder engagement

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Time	Event Itinerary: Pre-Convention Session - Advancing Local Government-First Nations Relations
	Part 1: Federal focus/Treaty negotiations
1:30 – 1:35 p.m.	Introduction: Murry Krause, City of Prince George, UBCM president and chair of Indigenous Relations Committee
1:35 – 1:40 p.m.	Welcome: Jim Kew, Elder, Musqueam Nation
1:40 – 1:55 p.m.	BC Treaty Commission Update: Chief Commissioner Celeste Haldane
1:55 – 2:20 p.m.	Federal government updates: Katherine Blair, Manager, Program Support Unit, Lands and Economic Development, Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Canada
2:20 – 2:35 p.m.	Break
	Part 2: Provincial updates – Reconciliation and Collaboration
2:35 – 2:45 p.m.	Hon. Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
2:45 – 4:20 p.m.	<p>Panel – First Nations-Local Government Collaboration in Practice</p> <p>Example 1: Tides of Change Economic Development Strategy Namgis First Nation, Alert Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Kelly Speck, Namgis First Nation • Justin Beadle, CAO, Village of Alert Bay <p>Example 2: Boundary Adjustment-Land Exchange Partnership Beecher Bay First Nation, Metchosin, Langford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Russel Chips, Beecher Bay First Nation • Mayor John Ranns, District of Metchosin • Mayor Stewart Young, City of Langford
4:20 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murry Krause, City of Prince George, UBCM president and chair of Indigenous Relations Committee • Jim Kew, Elder, Musqueam Nation

- I'd like to start by acknowledging the territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh (sail-wha-tooth) and Squamish peoples.
- Thank you Murry for the invitation to speak today.
- And thank you for being such a great president for UBCM and chair of the Indigenous Relations Committee.
- I'm sorry I can't stay for the whole session, but I am delighted to have the opportunity to be here, even for a short time.
- As many of you know, I started out in politics as Mayor of Tofino in the late 1990s.
- And I sat on the Clayoquot Sound Central Regional Board.
- It was made up of 10 members, five appointed by Nuuchahnulth chiefs, and five non-First Nations representatives.
- There were two co-chairs – one from Nuuchahnulth, and one from the Province.
- The board's role was to deal with all the issues around resource management and land use planning in Clayoquot Sound at that time.
- For those of you familiar with the Clayoquot protests of the mid 1990s... it was a challenging time.

- But the government-to-government-to-government relationship we created – between the Province, First Nations and local communities – was a great example of how we can work together.
- Many of my one-on-one meetings during UBCM this week will focus on similar discussions...
- Talking either about tremendous success through partnership with First Nations...
- Or tremendous opportunity for creating stronger relationships between First Nations and local governments.
- We need to learn from the experience of positive examples, such as the Clayoquot Sound Central Regional Board.
- Reconciliation is everyone's business.
- We all have a responsibility to reckon with the harms done and build and strengthen new relationships.

Mandate letter

- For anyone who has seen my mandate letter, it's clear that it's time for a change in **how** the Province works with Indigenous people.
- One thing that we know is we can't compartmentalize the work.
- We want to establish a clear, cross-government vision.
- That's why we are adopting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, and the Tsilhqot'in decision.
- These touch the work of almost every department and ministry, and they matter to municipalities too.
- At the start of September, we began discussions at the B.C. Cabinet – First Nations Leaders' Gathering.
- My colleagues and I spoke to many First Nations leaders about their vision for reconciliation.
- Over the course of the two days, there were 566 meetings.
- And over 647 First Nations leaders, ministers, public servants and youth attended.

- It was one of the largest gatherings of provincial and First Nations leaders in Canada.
- That was just the start of this work and we'll continue to have those discussions with First Nations to determine a path forward together.
- We must also broaden our discussions to all BC Indigenous people, including Métis, Inuit, and off-reserve and urban Indigenous people.
- I'm also talking to mayors and councillors here at UBCM and those conversations will continue on an on-going basis.
- And I'm looking forward to getting out and hearing what people in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across the province have to say.

UNDRIP

- I mentioned the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples earlier.
- Two weeks ago, we marked the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration as a standard of achievement to be pursued in the spirit of partnership and respect.

- Partnership and respect - two words you'll hear a lot from our government.
- They are the foundation for changing our relationship with Indigenous peoples in British Columbia.
- Because reconciliation can only be achieved if we have both.
- Every cabinet minister has been tasked with finding ways to bring the declaration into action in British Columbia.
- Because we have a responsibility to address the historical and ongoing wrongs being done to Indigenous peoples.
- The rights in the declaration are human rights.
- They include the right to self-determination, to be free of discrimination, to have access to education, healthcare and better social and economic outcomes.
- We aim to realize these rights.
- It is going to require some challenging conversations and doing things differently.
- For example, there has been a lot of fear mongering about the fundamental principles of 'Free, Prior and Informed Consent'.

- ‘Free, Prior and Informed Consent’ means the opportunity for Indigenous people to be involved in every step of the development process.
- We can’t be informing Indigenous communities about projects when they are already well into the planning process.
- It’s about being inclusive, with engagement and partnership from the very beginning.
- And it’s about recognizing rights and title.
- Non-Indigenous and sector partners, including industry and proponents, have an important role to play in helping British Columbia and Indigenous leaders implement the principles of UNDRIP.
- You can rest assured, municipalities will be invited to participate.
- Agreements come to life on the ground, and benefits are felt in individual communities.
- UNDRIP is not a threat to development.
- Rather, it is a path to unlocking opportunity and shared prosperity.

- So local governments and regional stakeholders must be informed and involved for negotiation and implementation of agreements to be successful.
- If we approach our conversations in this manner, with respectful and on-going dialogue that builds trust, we will build a true partnership.

Treaty process

- Another major mandate letter commitment of mine is transforming the treaty process so that it respects case law and the United Nation's declaration.
- Treaties are a powerful tool – look at the success of Tsawwassen, of the Maa-nulth First Nations and most recently of Tla'amin on the Sunshine Coast.
- But we realize treaties are not for every First Nation.
- We're working with Canada and the First Nations Summit on more flexible options for developing treaties.
- We'll be looking at how we address issues of shared territories and ways of reducing debt incurred by First Nations.

- Celeste Haldane has been confirmed as the Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission and I know she'll be a real asset as we do this work.
- The BCTC has just issued its annual report, with a focus on the role of local and regional governments in advancing modern treaties.
- We absolutely agree with the commission...
- Local and regional governments play a key role in advancing reconciliation, and partnering with First Nations to create regional prosperity.
- Some examples...
- A unique land-swap and industrial park development between Beecher Bay First Nation, Langford and Metchosin;
- An industrial park development between Kitselas and Terrace;
- An infrastructure and servicing agreement between K'omoks First Nation and Courtney;
- An MOU and steps toward reconciliation between Lheidli T'enneh, [clayt-clay den-ay] Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;

- And an MOU between Songhees First Nation and Colwood related to a Royal Roads property.
- All great examples of what we know – that when a First Nations community prospers, the entire region prospers.

(PAUSE)

Gaming Revenue

- One thing Indigenous leaders have requested for a long time is access to government gaming revenue.
- Currently, B.C. does not share gaming revenue directly with Indigenous people, unlike Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick.
- We'll be negotiating with Indigenous leaders and communities on expanding opportunities for their share of gaming revenue in B.C.
- My ministry will be working closely with the Ministries of Finance and Attorney General on this.
- While we do that work, First Nations communities continue to have the same opportunities to host a gaming facility as all local governments in B.C.

Language, culture and Métis

- Focus on the economic outcomes of any community are important, but a community will only flourish if we also pay attention to its social and cultural integrity.
- That's why we are also talking about directly supporting the revitalization of Indigenous culture and language.
- The inherent value and vibrancy of Indigenous culture should be respected, celebrated...
- And this government is committed to providing the resources to do just that.
- We're also looking at how we can give stable support to Friendship Centres so they can continue to do their great work with urban and off-reserve individuals and communities.
- The term Indigenous includes First Nations, Métis and Inuit.
- So as well as working with the First Nations Leadership Council, we're also working with Métis Nation BC on how to address the needs of the almost 70,000 Métis people in British Columbia.

Conclusion

- I want to share a piece of Nuu-chah-nulth wisdom: *hishuk ish tsawalk*. “Everything is one, and all are connected.”
- The work to improve the lives of British Columbians – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – is something that we have to do in partnership.
- Reconciliation is the responsibility of every Canadian, and every public institution.
- It will take hard work and a discomfiting reckoning with our past and present.
- But it must be a priority, particularly for non-Indigenous Canadians.
- I know we’re up to the challenge.
- We can create a government-to-government-to-government vision of reconciliation that benefits all British Columbians.
- Thank-you.

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House Statement
for

Hon. Scott Fraser
**Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation**

**10th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of the
Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

September 13, 2017

TIME: 3 – 5 minutes

Today marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

10 years ago, the UN General Assembly adopted the declaration as a standard of achievement to be pursued in the spirit of partnership and respect.

These two words – partnership and respect...

You will hear these words often from this government.

Because reconciliation can only be achieved if we have both.

We recognize it's time for a change in how we work with Indigenous peoples – First Nations, Métis and Inuit British Columbians.

We also recognize that this is not a partisan issue. We must all work together to make change happen.

The declaration is wide ranging.

It talks about the right to self-determination...

The right to be free of discrimination and to practice and preserve culture, language and traditions...

The right to education, healthcare, security and better social and economic conditions...

These are only a few of the important elements of UNDRIP.

The declaration emphasizes the rights of Indigenous peoples to participate in matters impacting their lives, including their relation to their traditional lands, territories and resources.

We will aim to realize these rights.

We have a great responsibility and a great opportunity to address the ongoing wrongs being done to Indigenous peoples.

It is a responsibility that we take seriously, and an opportunity we will not fail to grasp.

The declaration and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action teach us that we must stop looking at issues in silos.

That's why all my cabinet colleagues have been tasked with finding ways to bring the declaration into action in British Columbia by reviewing government's policies, programs and legislation.

Years ago, I learned a Nuu-chah-nulth piece of wisdom: hishuk ish tsawalk. "Everything is one, and all are interconnected."

We're doing this because everything is connected.

Economic outcomes are inextricably linked to social outcomes.

Social outcomes are linked to culture, language, and identity.

To quote Grand Chief Ed John:

“The adoption of the UN Declaration is an acknowledgement of the profound importance of the teachings of Indigenous peoples and of the relationships we collectively have with the world we live in.”

In this 10th anniversary year, it's time for action.

By embracing UNDRIP with humility, we will finally build a strong government-to-government relationship.

We will move forward together, in the spirit of recognition, respect, collaboration and cooperation.

On this 10th anniversary, I want to reaffirm to this House and the people of British Columbia, that the principles of the UN declaration will be our roadmap to reconciliation and we will travel this road – Indigenous and non-Indigenous British Columbians – together.

- End -

Minister Lana Popham

Speaking Notes

1pm EMBC Media Conference Call - \$20 million Agristability

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

- Thank you
- The wildfires have made this summer a long and difficult one for many British Columbians and many BC ranchers
- And I am thankful and proud of the partnership and effort that has taken place between so many agencies in the response
- The past week was an important one in our efforts to help BC ranchers in their recovery.

- I know the recovery is not going to be a quick one or an easy one.
- I have heard from ranchers who have suffered losses, and their words and stories have been heartbreaking.
- I want BC ranchers to know that I understand the losses you have experienced, whether it is animals that have perished, or infrastructure that has burned.
- And I know, whether it is a ranch, large or small, adjusting to wildfire loss is difficult, which is why we are here to help.

- Last Tuesday I met the federal minister of agriculture, and we jointly announced that \$20 million in funding will be available to B.C. ranchers and farmers impacted by the fires.
- The announcement offered an outline of the types of support that AgriRecovery will be funding, and will help producers cover costs related to:
 - Veterinary, transportation and housing costs for displaced animals;
 - Feed costs, including transportation;

- Re-establishing feed facilities for the coming winter.
 - Labour for fencing repair;
 - Critical infrastructure not covered by insurance;
 - Lost breeding animals; and
 - Re-seeding of crops damage by fires.
- I think it is important to understand the \$20 million program will do more than help B.C. ranchers recover, it will support the rebuilding of the communities they are part of and that their ranches and farms help drive

- Federal and provincial government staff are working hard to finalize the program details and criteria, and will make sure it works for BC ranchers
- I very much look forward to seeing applications made available in the coming weeks.
- And hope that by assuring B.C. ranchers of the types of support and funding that is on the way, we lessen their worries, and increase their confidence and optimism to recover, and return to the ranch.
- Thank you

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM
Minister of Agriculture

UBCM AGRICULTURE STUDY TOUR
ROOTS TO RESULTS
The Fairmont Waterfront
900 Canada Place, Vancouver

Monday, September 25, 2017
Speaking Notes
1:30 PM for approx 3 minutes

Audience:

The tour showcases some recent approaches and trends in the agriculture industry, consistent with the theme of the Convention “Roots to Results” and provides insight on how local governments can help ensure the success of farm operations through planning for agriculture. Minister Popham has been invited to speak during lunch.

Background:

Delta and Richmond have rich agricultural heritages that go back to the late 1800s and are significant contributors to agriculture production in the province. Both communities have the benefit of rich soils and mild climates. The dairy/forage/field vegetables sectors contribute to the grass and winter cover crop fields, which in turn support the migratory waterfowl and other birds on the Pacific Flyway, an internationally significant bird migration route.

Both local governments have a history of planning for agriculture and supporting their local farm communities through Agriculture Advisory Committees, agriculture plans/strategies, and supportive bylaws.

Itinerary:

8:15-8:30 Loading and Departure (Fairmont Waterfront)

8:30-9:30 Driving Session

9:30-10:25 Seabreeze Farms

11:00-11:50 BC Cranberry Research Farm

12:20-2:00 Westham Island Herb Farm (Lunch Stop)

Speaker: Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture

2:45-3:45 Ocean Spray Cranberry Receiving Station

3:45-4:30 Return to Vancouver

Background on Tour stops:**Seabreeze Farm:**

Seabreeze Farm has been producing milk in Delta for over 30 years. In 2015 the farm began producing another product, renewable natural gas. Through their innovative use of anaerobic digestion and nutrient recovery technologies, Seabreeze Farms has diversified their revenue streams and found a solution to effectively manage manure nutrients on their land. An anaerobic digester processes manure nutrients from the farm’s 300 cow milk herd and organics from off farm to produce natural gas and nutrient rich digestate. With real estate prices in Metro Vancouver competing with the highest markets in the world, recovering nutrients from the digestate has been key in allowing the family farm to expand their herd without acquiring new land.

BC Cranberry Research Farm:

Owned and operated by the non-profit BC Cranberry Research Society, the BC Cranberry Research Farm field trials cranberry cultivars with the goal of providing BC cranberry growers with information needed to grow effectively and efficiently into the future. The farm officially opened in 2014 and consists of five main cranberry fields as well as the associated irrigation and drainage infrastructure. The BC Cranberry Research Farm is the culmination of the vision of the BC Cranberry Marketing Commission achieved in collaboration with the Province of British Columbia.

Westham Island Herb Farm:

Westham Island Herb Farm is owned by a family that has been farming in Delta for well over a century and has been operating at the present location since 1916. Today, the farm offers a variety of products grown on the farm, or by neighbours in Delta or from other agricultural areas of B.C. for sale to the public. It also frequently hosts events which allow businesses to promote these items. Visiting the tranquil country setting of this unique location with its rustic country buildings is like stepping back in time to quiet country roads and good neighbours. Hard to believe this is literally minutes from the hub-bub of the city.

Ocean Spray Receiving Station:

Ocean Spray operates a cranberry receiving facility in Richmond which helps to support an industry comprised of over 80 cranberry farming families producing on over 2700 ha spread across the south coast region. Opened in 2012, the facility provided a significant increase in capability with a daily capacity of over three million pounds of cranberries. The station is equipped to receive, sort, screen and bin the berries which will ultimately be utilized in juices and for dried cranberries.

Organizer Contacts:

On the ground contact: Selena Basi 250-208-7070

Introduction

- It is a pleasure to join you for this tour today while we learn more about local agricultural economic drivers here in B.C.
- Before I begin I do want to pass along greetings from British Columbia Premier John Horgan.
- And I want to thank our many hosts today, in particular our current host, Westham Island Herb Farm.
- Did you know the company has been operating at this location since 1916?
- British Columbia has a rich, diverse agriculture history and we are right in the middle of it now!
- As the new Minister of Agriculture, I can't tell you how grateful I am to have the

opportunity to lead the Ministry of Agriculture here in B.C.

- Many people have asked me what my goals are in politics...
- ...and I've always said that my dream would be to become the Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia.
- The Premier has given me an exciting mandate letter and I will be working hard to accomplish several priorities.

Mandate

- My goal is to have the ministry help create opportunities for B.C. farmers and food producers, which includes the export market, but also focuses on a thoughtful, planned approach to growing the domestic market here in B.C.

- Our government will be taking a three pronged approach to building opportunities and sales for B.C. farmers and food processors, and those wishing to join the sector.
- We're going to be supporting the full spectrum of B.C.'s food, seafood and value-added processing sectors, by encouraging new entrants, increased production and higher consumption of B.C. products.

GROW BC

- The first pillar of our approach is Grow BC.

- Grow BC will be centered on policies that support farmers and help B.C. producers expand local food production, and include policies that support new entrants and young people getting into farming.
- British Columbians are so keen to grow local products, and we need to create opportunities that help people do that.
- We need to support the young people who are identifying farming as their chosen livelihood, we need to encourage them, and we need to support them.
- They are the future of agriculture in British Columbia.

FEED BC

- The part of our plan that will be the biggest game-changer is the Feed BC policy.

- Feed BC will increase the use of B.C. foods in hospitals and other government facilities
- The benefits are obvious, not only are we working to increase the sales of B.C. food products, we are working to increase the processing of B.C. foods as well.
- Food processors will have a big role to play in our government's Feed BC policy.
- We will work to ensure barriers for entry for small and medium sized processors are minimized...
- ...so we can eventually see B.C. foods in our hospitals, our care homes, and other public institutions.

Buy BC

- The third pillar includes an enhanced Buy BC marketing program to help local producers market their products and increase sales in B.C.
- B.C. products are some of the best in the world, and we need to do more to help British Columbians understand the impact their choices to support local agriculture and seafood companies have in our province.
- The program was an incredible success in the 1990s, and even though it hasn't been supported in 16 years, British Columbians still recognize it and they still want it.
- That's the power of a successful brand, and that's the power of a good program.
- Agriculture and food production contributes so much to our society in terms of food

supply, economic activity and community strength, and to encourage it we need two things, secure farmland, and secure farmers.

Revitalization of the ALR and ALC

- Secure farmland is achievable by revitalizing our Agricultural Land Reserve.
- In B.C. we have 5% of our land base designated as an agricultural land reserve.
- That's only about 47,000 square kilometers. It was put in place in 1973 to protect our food growing lands for the future...and that future is now.

- I understand that BC farmers are excited about changes to the ALR and ALC that will make their lives and businesses better; I am excited by them too.
- Small businesses are the heart and soul of our rural communities and they create jobs, support families, and grow local economies.
- We believe that agriculture should have a starring role in renewing our rural communities and our policies reflect that vision.

Agriculture in B.C.

- B.C. is known worldwide for our agricultural industry.
- In 2016, B.C. generated \$3 billion in farm cash receipts, and exported \$2.5 billion worth of agrifood products to 147 markets.

- Our cranberry farmers harvested nearly 46,000 tonnes of cranberries in 2016 and generated close to \$45 million in farm cash receipts.
- In 2015, B.C. farmers produced Canada's third largest vegetable crop, generating more than half a billion dollars in farm cash receipts!
- And at 70,900 tonnes, potatoes accounted for the largest volume of B.C. vegetable production.
- Let's not forget the dairy sector; in 2015 farm cash receipts from milk production in B.C. exceeded \$564 million.

Conclusion

- As municipal representatives, each and every one of you has a role to play in increasing agriculture in our province.
- By planning for agriculture in your communities, you're developing your own local economies and the overall provincial economy...
- ...while improving food security for all British Columbians.
- As the new Minister of Agriculture, I am excited to be a part of such a vital and growing industry and look forward to seeing where it will go in the years ahead.
- I'm also looking forward to working with each of you on how we, in our capacity as elected officials, can continue to strengthen and support B.C.'s agricultural and seafood sector.

- Thank you; enjoy the rest of the tour!

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM
Minister of Agriculture

CHILLIWACK AGRICULTURE TOUR
Chilliwack Heritage Park
44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack

Friday, September 22, 2017
Speaking Notes
Between 12:15-12:30 PM for approx 3 minutes

Audience:

The tour/luncheon is put on by The Chilliwack Agricultural Commission at the Chilliwack Heritage Park. Minister Popham has been invited to bring greetings for approximately three minutes to the audience during the luncheon.

Background:

Chilliwack families have a long and rich agricultural history in this community that spans decades, going as far back as the 1860's. Agriculture is still a predominate industry that comprises 30% of Chilliwack's economic activity. The City of Chilliwack facilitates and promotes agriculture through the Chilliwack Agricultural Commission, which is a committee of the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation.

Twin Willows:

Twin Willows Enterprises is a first generation egg farm. In 2007, Rob and Lori Martens had the opportunity to purchase this small 3000 bird layer operation, which was producing free range eggs for Golden Valley Foods, a major egg grading station in Abbotsford. The farm was expanded in 2010 and a new 500 sq.ft. layer barn was constructed for 10,000 egg laying hens. The barn was built with expansion in mind. The older barn was converted to grow ready-to-lay birds and filled a need at that time for 25,000 birds per year for egg producers throughout Chilliwack and the Lower Mainland.

In 2011, Twin Willows was asked by their egg grader, Golden Valley Foods, if they would produce organic eggs. Agreeing to take on this challenge, the farm was converted to Certified Organic in 2012. Followed by another expansion in 2017, the farm now has 12,800 laying hens and sells 25,000 ready-to-lay birds per year. This farm produces approximately 11,500 eggs per day which are mostly sold by Costco under Kirkland Organic.

Corner's Pride Dairy:

Corner's Pride Farms Ltd. began in 1968 as a 30 cow Dairy in Sardis. In 1972 we moved to our current location on McGrath Road in Rosedale. We have expanded over the years to our current size of milking 1700 cows with an average of 36 litres of milk per cow. Our company Mission Statement is "Through the highest standards of animal care, organization and teamwork, we feel we can produce the highest quality product for the consumer" and that is what we strive to do 24/7 around the farm. Although we take great pride in being one of the largest Canadian Dairies we still operate with a small town feel and enjoy the day to day operations and of being part of our community. We are currently in the process of converting from conventional parlour milking to Automated milking with Lely robots. We started the project in November 2016. We currently have 13 robots milking about 600 cows. As we renovate the barns more cows will be moved onto robotic milking until all cows are switched over. We hope to have this project completed by the end of this year. Once complete, Corner's Pride Farms will be the largest Lely robotic facility in Canada with 30 Lely robots. We

could not run this size of operation without some great employees. We employ 40 people from the community with 32 at our Dairy location and 8 others at 3 other locations. Employees work in positions of Milkers, Herdsman, Feeders, Equipment Operators and Mechanics. The health of our animals is very important to us and the Herdsman job is to look after the well-being of our cattle through diagnosing and treating for any illnesses, breeding and calving and hoof trimming among a few of their duties. Our shop department employs a full time feeder to feed our cattle as well as equipment operators to harvest grass and corn silage, as well as haul purchased feed and other cropping duties. There is a lot of equipment that goes into running a farm this size and we have a full time welder and a full time mechanic on site. We also employ 2 full time people for Office Administration.

Qualitree Propagators:

When it comes to ornamental plants, quality is key, and that's exactly what Qualitree strives for. Since 1994 we have dedicated ourselves to supplying the industry with high quality, innovative plant products. On our 100-acre home farm as well several offsite greenhouse facilities, we currently propagate and grow 14 genera of gorgeous plants either as young plants which our customers will grow on for retail, or as quality finished products you will see on retail shelves across North America.

We are a passionate, forward thinking, creative team that loves growing plants scientifically, creating unique products and working alongside our clients and business partners. We thrive on solid relationships with everyone from our suppliers and advisors to our customers and fellow growers. We believe we have not succeeded in our job until our customer has succeeded in supplying their customers with quality plants for their homes, yards, and gardens! That's the reason we've created the Grower Support Program, which connects Qualitree growers with the grower-customer throughout their growing cycle, supplying culture information and advice and helping to identify and solve any issue that may come up.

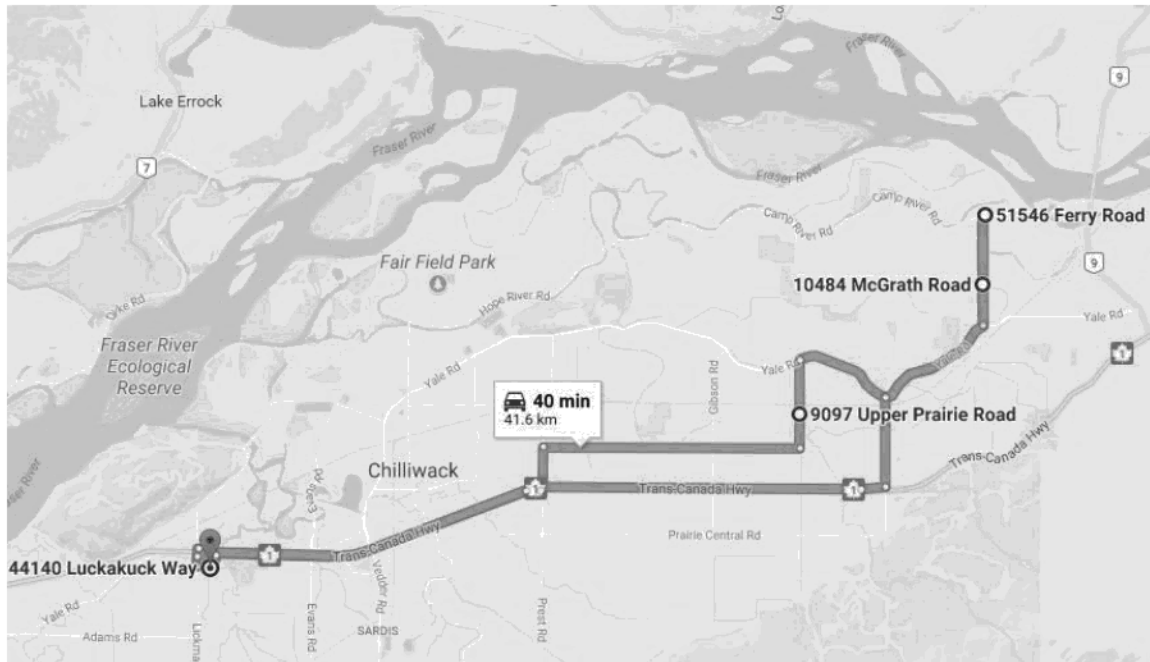
With the recent acquisition of 50 additional acres and development underway of an ultramodern greenhouse facility, outdoor container area, and water collection systems, we are on the path to become one of North America's most automated and environmentally conscious operation. We are a member of MPS (More Profitable Sustainability) which is the leading organization providing registration and certification in the international horticultural sector. Our new facilities will allow us to become even more environmentally responsible, enabling rainwater collection, recycling and more advanced sustainable crop production using Integrated Pest Management techniques both in our indoor and outdoor spaces.

Whispering Horse Winery:

Located in beautiful Chilliwack, BC, Whispering Horse Winery is a family-owned boutique winery that intends to showcase the unique terroir of the Fraser Valley through the production of high-quality wines made from 100% estate grown grapes. The winery's name was inspired by the history of the land, which was first established by my Grandfather in the early 1960s as a horse ranch, where he bred, raised, and trained hundreds of horses for over 50 years. Now, with the passing of this property to the next generations, pasture has changed to vineyard, where currently over 6000 vines have taken root.

In 2012 we planted our first three acres of vines and have now doubled this for a total of six acres. Our goal is to plant 16 acres in total and produce up to 3,000 cases of premium wine within the next 10 years. The five varietals planted have been carefully selected to reflect our terroir: L'Acadie Blanc; Epicure; Seyval Blanc; Pinot Gris; and Dornfelder. Considering the region's cooler climate, we will specialize in sparkling wines, with offerings ranging from Brut Nature (bone dry) to Doux (sweet) in white, rosé, and red. We will also offering a selection of still white and rosé wines made from our L'Acadie Blanc and Pinot Gris. Last year, in 2016, we held our first professional harvest, and while much of this wine has been dedicated to our sparkling reserve and is currently aging, we are thrilled to be able to have our first bottles of still L'Acadie Blanc (VQA) available for sale this fall.

Directions and Itinerary:



8:30 a.m. Depart

8:45 a.m. Arrive at Twin Willows Enterprises - 9097 Upper Prairie Road (left side)

9:45 a.m. Depart

10:00 a.m. Arrive at Corner's Pride Farms - 10484 McGrath Road (right side/blue bldg.)

11:00 a.m. Depart

11:05 a.m. Arrive at Qualitree Propagators - 51546 Ferry Road (right side) / Luncheon

12:00 p.m. Speeches: MC introduces sponsors; MC introduces Mayor Gaetz to say a few words, and introduces Minister Popham.

1:15 p.m. Depart

1:45 p.m. Arrive at Whispering Horse Winery - 43721 Vedder Mountain Road

2:40 p.m. Depart

3:00 p.m. Conclude at Chilliwack Heritage Park

Organizer Contact:

Michelle Graham s.22

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Introductions/Acknowledgements

- Thank you for that introduction.
- It is a pleasure to join you for this tour today while we learn more about the local agricultural economic drivers here in Chilliwack.
- Before I begin I do want to pass along greetings from British Columbia Premier John Horgan.
- And I want to thank our many hosts today, in particular our current host Qualitree propagators,
- I've heard great things about their lavender varieties!
- As the new Minister of Agriculture, I can't tell you how grateful I am to have the opportunity to lead the Ministry of Agriculture here in B.C.

- Many people have asked me what my goals are in politics and I've always said that my dream would be to become the Minister of Agriculture for British Columbia.
- The Premier has given me an exciting mandate letter and I will be working hard to accomplish several priorities.
- This includes revitalizing our Agricultural Land Reserve.
- In B.C. we have 5% of our land base designated as an agricultural land reserve.
- That's only about 47,000 square kilometers. It was put in place in 1973 to protect our food growing lands for the future...and that future is now.

- Our new B.C. Government also wants to help young farmers and we are going to do this by establishing Grow B.C.
- This collection of policies will help our young farmers and small business owner's access land.
- An important initiative for communities all over B.C., like here in Chilliwack.
- Small businesses are the heart and soul of our rural communities and they create jobs, support families, and grow local economies.
- We believe that agriculture should have a starring role in renewing our rural communities and our policies reflect that vision.
- My ministry's priorities include increasing the use of B.C.-grown and processed foods

in hospitals, schools, and other government facilities through Feed B.C. This is a game changer for B.C. Agriculture, seafood and food processing.

- I know a lot of you here today will be excited to hear that we will be bringing back an enhanced Buy BC marketing program.
- Buy BC will help local producers market their products, and we are committed to working with local producers to expand the market domestically and in the rest of Canada and abroad.
- Chilliwack families have a long and rich agricultural history that spans decades.
- And the companies we're touring today have shown that they are innovative,

creative and are playing a large part in a highly competitive market.

- Congratulations to all those who put in the long hours, the dedication and the hard work to make B.C.'s agriculture sector the success it is!
- Enjoy the rest of the tour.
- Thank you.

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM
Minister of Agriculture

UBCM TOWN HALL
Vancouver Convention Centre, East
Room 1
999 Canada Place
Vancouver

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Speaking Notes
3 PM for approx 2 minutes

UBCM - Provincial Cabinet Town Halls 3:00 - 4:15 pm

JOBS, RESOURCES, AND GREEN COMMUNITIES

Room: Room 1, VCC

Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture

Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum

Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development

Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology

Honourable George Chow, Minister of State for Trade

The theme of UBCM this year is **Roots to Results**.

This year's theme considers the increasing leadership of local government in matters of federal and provincial jurisdiction. In areas like climate action, the opioid crisis, and the need for a deeper response to homelessness and housing affordability, local governments are playing a greater role in defining issues and impacting the policy directions of other orders of government.

The workshops, policy sessions, and presentations throughout UBCM will provide a snapshot of the current state of collaboration between orders of government in addressing common issues.

- Good afternoon.

- I'm Lana Popham, the Minister of Agriculture.
- It is great to be here, to open up our Provincial Cabinet Town Hall on Jobs, Resources and Green Communities.
- I bring greetings from Premier John Horgan.
- I would also like to acknowledge my cabinet colleagues here today who you will be hearing from soon.
- I can't tell you how grateful I am to have the opportunity to lead the Ministry of Agriculture here in B.C.
- The Premier has given me an exciting mandate and I will be working hard to accomplish several priorities.

- Our government will be taking a three pronged approach to building opportunities for B.C. agriculture.
- The first pillar is Grow BC and it will focus on policies that support farmers and help B.C. producers expand local food production.
- Grow BC will include policies that support new entrants and young people who are just getting into farming.
- Our second pillar is Feed BC and it will increase the use of B.C. foods in government facilities.
- Food processors will have a big role to play in our government's Feed BC policy and so too will local governments.

- The Feed BC mandate is all about partnerships.
- I look forward to continuing to build these connections here at UBCM and in your own communities.
- Eventually we will see B.C. foods in our hospitals, our care homes, and other public institutions.
- The third pillar involves an enhanced Buy BC marketing program to help local producers market their products and increase sales in B.C.
- My mandate speaks to supporting the economic development of B.C.'s rural communities.

- The more you invest in local agriculture, the more it affects local communities in a positive way.
 - We know that for every one dollar in farm receipts, two dollars are spent in your local communities.
 - This is an exciting time for British Columbia agriculture.
 - Let's build on this momentum.
 - I look forward to hearing from you on how we can work together to ensure agriculture is a part of your municipalities economic plan.
- Thank you.

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM
Minister of Agriculture

NATURE TRUST OF B.C. FALL GALA

*Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
900 West Georgia Street, Vancouver*

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

*Speaking Notes
7:20 PM for approx 3 minutes*

Audience:

The Fall Gala is a benefit for the land conservation work of the Nature Trust of British Columbia. Minister Popham has been invited to bring greetings for approximately three minutes to the audience during the evening reception.

Background:

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is the oldest and largest provincial land trust in B.C. They acquire ecologically significant land usually through purchase or donation and then care for this land in order to protect nature with its diversity of wildlife and plants, and their critical habitats.

Nature Trust BC is a non-profit, non-advocacy group that seeks a balance between sustaining the environment and sustaining the economy. Collaboration is a hallmark of The Nature Trust. Partnership is key to their success. They work with individual donors, foundations, stewardship groups, corporations, and all levels of government to accomplish their goals.

Since 1971, The Nature Trust along with their partners have invested more than \$95 million to secure over 70,000 hectares (175,000 acres) of land.

Itinerary:

6:35pm	Doors open to Ballroom
6:55pm	MC Tess van Straaten Welcomes Guests and gets everyone seated MC introduces Rod Hoffmeister Tribute to Canada
7:00pm	Musical Performance Soloist: Kiel Magis Pianist: Annabelle Paetsch
7:20pm	MC Introduces Minister of Agriculture Hon. Lana Popham
7:30pm	MC Introduces Chair Ron Anderson Conservation Champion Award Dr. Peter Pearse MC Introduces CEO Jasper Lament and Tyler Olson auctioneer. CEO and auctioneer do Door Prize draw
7:45-9:00pm	Dinner
9:00pm	MC Introduces Robert Alloway
9:15pm	TNTBC Video
9:20pm	MC introduces Auctioneer Tyler Olson Live Auction
10:00pm	MC closes the event

Organizer Contact:

Deborah Kennedy, Nature Trust of BC, 604 969-3249, debkennedy@naturetrust.bc.ca

Introductions/Acknowledgements

- Thank you for that introduction Tess.

- It is a pleasure to be here this evening and I want to thank Nature Trust BC for the invitation.
- Before I begin I do want to pass along greetings from British Columbia Premier John Horgan and my cabinet colleagues:
 - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and;
 - Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
- I know your organization is in regular contact with both of these ministries and they look forward to continuing to work with you.

- I can't tell you how grateful I am to have the opportunity to lead the Ministry of Agriculture here in B.C.
- I entered into politics because of my love for agriculture and now I have my dream job.
- The Premier has given me a mandate letter and I will be working hard to accomplish several priorities.
- This includes revitalizing our Agricultural Land Reserve.
- In B.C. we have 5% of our land base designated as an agricultural land reserve. That's only about 47,000 square kilometers.
- It was put in place in 1973 to protect our food growing lands for the future...and that future is now.

- Our new B.C. Government also wants to help young farmers and we are going to do this by establishing Grow B.C.
- This collection of policies will help our young farmers and small business owner's access land.
- Protecting soil, water, air and biodiversity is also important for the agricultural sector.
- The B.C. government provides tools and information to support farmers and growers reach their goals.
- The Environmental Farm Plan Program helps producers identify both environmental strengths and potential risks on their farms.

- Once this is completed, eligible farmers and ranchers can apply for Beneficial Management Practices funding that can support the development of a biodiversity plan.
- The end goal is simple – we want to help increase agricultural sustainability in B.C. while contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment.
- I know Nature Trust BC holds similar values.
- I want to commend you for your commitment to land conservation.
- Nature Trust BC has more than 480 properties and some of those include operating ranches and farms.

- You work closely with ranching and farming families in conserving biodiversity and species at risk.
- For example, Nature Trust has partnered with two biodiversity ranches in the Okanagan delivering a viable livestock operation with a focus on protecting habitat for species at risk.
- British Columbians are proud to live in a province with rich biodiversity, and clean air, land and water.
- People are looking to the government to protect the environment and take action on climate change, while investing in a sustainable economy for the future.
- By taking action now, we can create good jobs in every sector and region in the

province, and make life better for people in our province.

- I thank Nature Trust BC for your commitment to these goals.
- Enjoy your Fall Gala and thanks for inviting me.

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM
Minister of Agriculture

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE'S RESPONSE TO THE
THRONE SPEECH**

THURSDAY, September 21, 2017

*Speaking Notes
approx 20 minutes*

Introductions/Acknowledgements

- Thank you.
- I want to say how honoured I am to be speaking to you here today on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (La-kwung-en) people –including the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- I can't tell you how grateful I am to be speaking here, on this side of the house, responding to the speech from the throne, as the Minister of Agriculture for B.C.

- The Premier has given me an exciting mandate letter and I will be working hard to accomplish several priorities.

Wildfire Recovery

- It's been said many times in this house; our government came into power during an unprecedented wildfire season.
- This fire, that has consumed more than one million hectares of forest, has also forced people away from their homes and their livelihoods.
- As mentioned in last week's Throne Speech, our government has been working diligently to provide an unprecedented response to this fire
- And at midnight last Saturday, the provincial state of emergency ended, moving us towards the recovery stage of this year's devastating wildfires.

- Firefighters continue to battle fires throughout the province as we speak,
- And our government continues to support them in that effort.
- My colleague, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is assuming the leadership role on behalf of our government's long-term wildfire recovery efforts.
- In my role as Minister of Agriculture, I will continue to work closely with him as he leads our government's plan that incorporates four key parts.
 - The first part of our recovery plan touches on people and communities.
 - This part of the plan will examine the social services required, based on each communities need.

- Services such as long-term mental-health support to those who have lost their homes and their livelihoods.
- The second part of our recovery plan focuses on the economy.
- Our government will be identifying short, medium and long-term recovery supports for the small business, tourism and resource-based sectors;
- We have already started doing this, having committed \$600,000 in support for Tourism Associations in the Interior with members impacted by the wildfires this year.
- The Province and the Federal Government have also committed up to \$20 million to farmers and ranchers affected by the wildfires, through the AgriRecovery initiative.
- In addition to the \$6 million the Province is already spending to replace damaged

fencing along highways and on Crown rangeland.

- We have also been working tirelessly to ensure feed is available for ranchers and that there are supports in place to help ranchers gather, sort and identify their cattle.
- The third part of our government's recovery plan focuses on the environment.
- It will provide coordinated support for land-based recovery operations, such as reforestation.
- Finally the fourth part of our recovery plan focuses on infrastructure and reconstruction.
- This part of the plan is so important, as we work to identify recovery supports for First Nations and local governments in their direct recovery of infrastructure losses...

- ...while also focusing on longer-term mitigation and adaptation.
- Anyone who has seen the structural devastation that resulted from the Elephant Hill Fire, as one example, understands the importance and the need for this recovery plan.
- As a government, we have committed that there will be ongoing engagement with First Nations, with local governments and with sector stakeholders throughout the recovery process.
- Recovery won't be quick, and it won't be easy, but we will be there with you every step of the way.
- It will take energy, resources and partnership from all involved, and my commitment to the farmers and ranchers of B.C. is the Ministry of Agriculture will contribute all three.

Rural Economic Development

- While it can't be quantified yet, we know that the communities hit the hardest by this summer's wildfires were our rural communities.
- These are the same rural communities that, outside of this year's devastating wildfires, already face higher unemployment and have fewer services in their communities.
- B.C.'s rural communities have struggled for some time, working to adapt and diversify their local economies to remain sustainable in a changing global economy.

Mandate

- As the Minister for Agriculture, my mandate speaks to supporting the economic development of B.C.'s rural communities.
- Revenues from agriculture, seafood and food processing in B.C. sit at \$14 Billion annually.

- And we know that for every one dollar in farm receipts, two dollars are spent in local communities.
- The federal government has identified agriculture and food production and processing as a high-potential sector for sustainable, economic growth with “unleashed potential”.
- And I completely agree with them.
- My goal is to create opportunities for B.C. farmers and food producers around the province...
- ...that includes the export market, but also focuses on a thoughtful, planned approach to growing our local, domestic market here in B.C.
- B.C. farmers, seafood and food processors deserve our support, not only for the fresh and healthy foods they provide us, but because of the jobs, incomes and revenues they create,

and the role they play economically and socially in so many of our communities.

- Our government will be taking a three pronged approach to building opportunities and sales for B.C. farmers and food processors, and those wishing to join the sector.
- We're going to be supporting the full spectrum of BC's food, seafood and value-added processing sectors, by encouraging new entrants, increased production and higher consumption of B.C. products
- I have heard from BC farmers and food producers all around the Province that are excited by the thoughtful, planned approach we are bringing, and I am looking forward to seeing them implemented in the coming weeks and months.

GROW BC

- The first pillar of our approach is Grow B.C.
- Grow B.C. will be centred on policies that support farmers and help B.C. producers expand local food production, and include policies that support new entrants and young people getting into farming.
- British Columbians around the province are so keen to grow local products, and we need to create opportunities that help people do that.
- Young British Columbians in communities across our province are passionate about pursuing a career in agriculture.
- They are reaching out to the Ministry for guidance in starting a new business, and they are joining the BC Young Farmers Association to share their knowledge and learn from each other.

- And the Ministry of Agriculture is going to be there to support young farmers and food producers who are identifying farming as their chosen livelihood.

FEED BC

- The part of our plan that will be the biggest game-changer is the Feed BC policy.
- Feed BC will increase the use of B.C. foods in hospitals and other government facilities
- The benefits are obvious, not only are we working to increase the sales of B.C. food products, we are working to increase the processing of B.C. foods as well.
- Creating a market and demand for year-round B.C. food products in government facilities in communities throughout our province, brings stability to our domestic market, and supports

opportunities to start or expand a farm or food business in communities all around British Columbia.

- Feed BC is a straight forward idea and plan, but as it involves planning for and growing crops, its implementation will take some time.
- Feed BC is going to be developed in terms and periods of time that make sense to farmers and food producers starting and expanding operations, and when the results of the program are seen, it is going to be worth it.
- Our government will take an innovative approach, and will focus on working with food processors within B.C.
- Previous government's had not done much to support food processors within this province...
- ...even though food processors make up a large segment of the province's manufacturing industry, creating good paying, long term jobs

in regions throughout the province, including in rural communities.

- Food processors will have a big role to play in our government's Feed BC policy.
- We will work to ensure barriers for entry for small and medium sized processors are minimized...
- ...so we can eventually see B.C. foods in our hospitals, our care homes, and other public institutions.
- There are opportunities here for farmers and food processors in communities across our province.
- Food that is grown or produced in BC, whether it be fresh fruit or vegetables, meat or seafood or processed foods like breads, beverages and sauces, can also be served to British Columbians in public institutions.

- One way to support food processors is through the development of a Food Innovation Centre, another mandate priority for the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The Food Innovation Centre will be a model of collaboration with industry, colleges and universities and government colleagues with a clear goal, creating opportunities for BC's food and agriculture sector.
- The centre will support agriculture technology in B.C. and the creation and adoption of products and practices that lead to innovation in the production, processing and packaging, and marketing of B.C. foods.
- It will also serve as a centre to build on B.C. agriculture, seafood and food exports, and link local food producers with the marketing and access advice and support they need to reach and grow in world markets.

- While it will take some time to develop the Food Innovation Centre, we are taking small steps now to support small and medium sized food processors as they try and scale up their businesses.
- Helping them as they work towards increased revenues often correlates with increased employment in their own communities.
- And we know that food processors can create their products, and jobs, throughout our entire province.

Buy BC

- The third pillar includes an enhanced Buy BC marketing program to help local producers market their products and increase sales in B.C.
- B.C. products are some of the best in the world, and we need to do more to help British Columbians understand the impact their choices

to support local agriculture and seafood companies have in our province.

- Buy BC offers the value of mass-marketing and a brand that everyone can recognize and everyone can support.
- The Buy BC program was an incredible success in the 1990s, and even though it hasn't been supported in 16 years, British Columbians still recognize it and they still want it.
- That's the power of a successful brand, and that's the power of a good program.
- We're going to be bringing it back, with some enhancements that fit in with modern life and technology.
- Consumers buying B.C. products leads to high-quality, great tasting meals on our tables, and healthy, diverse communities in our province.

- And **THAT** deserves our attention and our support.
- We believe that agriculture has the potential to unlock prosperity in every corner of our province.
- Whether we are supporting canola and grain growing in the Peace and cattlemen in the Cariboo,
- to seafood producers on our coastline from Haida Gwaii to the Gulf islands,
- I will be working to create opportunities for you to sell your products.
- If you are a winemaker or apple grower in the Okanagan, a rancher in the Cariboo, or a farmer and vendor at the Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market in Smithers, or any of the more than 100 Farmers markets around B.C.,
- My goal is to help you reach your goals.

- If you are a food processor in B.C., I want to help you access and use locally grown ingredients, and I want to help you sell more of your products
- Agriculture and food production contributes so much to our society in terms of food supply, economic activity and community strength, and to encourage it we need two things, secure farmland, and secure farmers.

Revitalization of the ALR and ALC

- Secure farmland is achievable by revitalizing our Agricultural Land Reserve.
- In B.C. we have 5% of our land base designated as an agricultural land reserve.
- That's only about 47,000 square kilometers. It was put in place in 1973 to protect our food growing lands for the future...and that future is now.

- I understand that BC farmers are excited about changes to the ALR and ALC that will make their lives and businesses better, I am excited by them too.
- But policy and legislative changes will take some time, and we are going to take that time to get it right.
- Revitalizing the ALR will help us get younger farmers and new entrants to farming onto agricultural land...
- Which will help build our rural communities, not only growing the local economy, but also providing greater food security in rural regions across the province.
- My expectation of the Agricultural Land Commission is that they uphold their mandate of protecting farmland and encouraging farming, and we will be looking at changes to make both parts of their mandate easier.

- This is not about the decision making process of the Commission. Their decision making is independent of government, and I respect and support that completely.
- The revitalization will look at ways we can make it easier and more efficient for the Commission to fulfill their mandate of protecting farmland and encouraging farming.
- Small businesses are the heart and soul of our rural communities and they create jobs, support families, and grow local economies.
- We believe that agriculture should have a starring role in renewing our rural communities and our policies reflect that vision.
- My commitment to B.C. farmers, seafood producers, and food processors is clear. I am here to work for your success

- And my commitment to British Columbians is clear. I am here, as the minister of Agriculture to work to build a better B.C., through growing the economic, social and community benefits that agriculture and food production bring,
- Our government's throne speech set out our vision and our plan for a better B.C.
- We're getting to work on the things that matter most to British Columbians:
 - Making life more affordable
 - Fixing the services people count on
 - Developing a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.
- The throne speech laid out our government's commitment to support B.C.'s traditional industries, which include agriculture, forestry, mining and natural gas development.

- It also laid out this government's belief that we must listen.
- The throne speech stated that government cannot deliver lasting solutions before they understand the heart of the matter.
- In my first two months in office, I have spent a lot of time listening.
- I've been listening to First Nations, to stakeholders, and to citizens.
- I've been hearing from them how we can work together within B.C.'s agricultural community to create a better future for everyone.
- While I will continue to listen, I look forward to taking action on the things that matter most to British Columbians.
- I will be working with my colleagues to spark innovation and grow a sustainable economy in B.C.

- Agriculture has long been an economic driver in every corner of our province,
- And I truly believe it will be the cornerstone of our sustainable economy going forward, both in B.C.'s rural and urban centres.
- It will take time to fix the problems that have been left behind.
- But our government is committed to getting it done.
- Thank you.

EMCEE SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER MELANIE MARK
MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS AND
TRAINING

Tuition-waiver program expansion
for former children in care

Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo
Shq'apthut – A Gathering Place, Building 170

Friday, Sept. 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Contact at the event:

Rick Deveraux, GCPE Director of Events Services, 250 812-1207

Janina Stajic, VIU Communications Manager, 250-618-2360 / 250-740-6288

Getting there and parking:

Meet at Shq'apthut, A Gathering Place, Bldg 170, Nanaimo Campus

Parking: Lot C or E, Exit 5B off of Fifth Street; complimentary parking for government reps will be available. There will be stanchions blocking VIP parking for Premier and Ministers.

Audience:

Media have been invited.

Students, faculty and staff from Vancouver Island University have been invited.

Current and former RCY have been invited.

Notable attendees:

Premier John Horgan

Minister Katrine Conroy

Makenzie Leine, Vancouver Island University Board Chair

Ruby Barclay, VIU student

Jordanna Southall, Social Worker and VIU Alumna

Doug White, Director of Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation and former

Chief of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

Former RCY Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

Event description:

The event will see the announcement of a province wide launch of a tuition-waiver program for former youth in care.

Shq'apthut is a Gathering Place on the Nanaimo campus and is the home of Services for Aboriginal Students. It is a gathering place and home away from home for First Nations, Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit students. Elders-in-Residence are available at Shq'apthut five days a week to assist students. Shq'apthut is also a place where cultural, academic, recreational, and social activities are promoted and celebrated.

Acknowledgements:

- Thank you **Gary Manson**, for the welcome.
- I would like to recognize the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw [**SNUH –nay-moo**] First Nation.
- Good morning – and thank you all for coming, it's great to see you.
- I'm Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and I'm your emcee.
- I would like to introduce our speakers:
 - Our Premier, **John Horgan**.
 - Minister of Children and Family Development, **Katrine Conroy**.
 - Vancouver Island University president and vice-chancellor, **Dr. Ralph Nilson**.

- Peer Support Navigator for the tuition waiver program at Vancouver Island University, student and advocate, **Ruby Barclay**.
- Social worker and Vancouver Island University alumni **Jordanna Southall**.
- I'd also like to acknowledge a number of people gathered with us including:
 - Director, Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation at VIU, **Doug White**.
 - **Tony Nelson** from the Office of the Representative for Children, and, former Representative **Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond**.
 - **Bill Yoachim**, Nanaimo City council and executive director of Kwumut Lelum Child and Family Services.
 - MLA **Leonard Krog** and MLA **Doug Routley**.
- We're here to make an important announcement that will change the lives of many youth aging out of our care system.

- Please welcome our Premier, John Horgan.

[PREMIER HORGAN SPEAKS]

- Thank you, Premier.
- Expanding the tuition waiver program for former youth in care to all 25 public post-secondary institutions sends an important message.
- It says we believe in these youth. We believe that they are our future leaders, our teachers, our agents of change.
- And we are going to invest in their success.
- So they can thrive, not just survive.
- I'd like to welcome Minister of Children and Family Development, **Katrine Conroy**, to speak about how our government is acting quickly to ensure youth leaving government care have the same opportunities as their peers to achieve success.

[MINISTER CONROY SPEAKS]

- Thank you, Minister Conroy.
- Opening the doors to education is a critical first step to improving supports for youth aging out of care.
- Vancouver Island University has been a trailblazer.
- They launched a tuition-waiver program in 2013 all on their own with 13 students.
- Please welcome Vancouver Island University president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Ralph Nilson.

[PRESIDENT NILSON SPEAKS]

- Thank you, Ralph.
- What VIU has done is inspiring. We want to build on it.
- Giving former youth in care the opportunity to access post-secondary education and skills training along with the tools needed to complete their studies will empower them to thrive.

- Please welcome our next speaker, Vancouver Island University Alumni and social worker, Jordanna Southall.

[JORDANNA SOUTHALL SPEAKS]

- Thank you, Jordanna, for those words.
- Education is an important equalizer because when we lift people up, all our communities benefit.
- I know the value of education. It changed my life.
- Education put me on the road to this room today.
- Ruby Barclay is VIU's Peer Support Navigator for the Tuition Waiver program, VIU student and advocate.
- Please welcome Ruby to speak.

[RUBY BARCLAY SPEAKS]

- Thank you, Ruby.

- For me, today's announcement is long overdue.
- It's the right thing to do for a small group of young people who have faced a lifetime of adversity and hardship.
- We owe it to them.
- We want former youth in care to be able to reach for the stars, succeed and achieve their dreams, whatever they may be.
- Thank you so much to everyone gathered here today.
- To wrap up the announcement, I'd like to invite Premier Horgan to the podium to answer questions from media in the room.

[MODERATED Q&A WITH MEDIA]

[EVENT CONCLUDES]

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER MELANIE MARK
MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS AND
TRAINING
NATIVE EDUCATION COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Native Education College
Longhouse
285 E 5th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
V5T 1H2

Event time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Speaking time: 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 28, 2017

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Contact at the event:

Dan Guinan, president of the Native Education College: s.22

Parking:

Paid parking is available on 5th Avenue and Quebec, and Main Street at 7th Avenue.

Audience:

Up to 200 individuals consisting of Native Education College alumni, faculty and staff.

Event description:

A public event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Native Education College. The event will include: a salmon BBQ, workshops and performances.

The college was established in 1967 as the Native Education Centre to provide Indigenous adult learners with the academic and life skills to secure employment and improve their quality of life. The centre became a private college in 1979. It is operated and controlled by B.C. First Nations.

The college provides programs in academic upgrading, business, health sciences, social sciences and humanities and the fine arts. Most of the college's certificate and diploma programs are transferrable to other post-secondary institutions in B.C. under B.C.'s transfer system.

The Ministry provides \$1.95 million in annual operating funding support to the Native Education College.

Time	Main Stage Parking Lot
4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by emcee Steve S. • Dan Guinan, NEC President • Coastal Wolf Pack – Dance
4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Hanson Performs • Squamish Nation – Dance
5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honouring 50 Years: Recognizing one staff, one graduate and one board member for each decade. • Keane Tait Performs
5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Mark, MLA • Metis Jiggers - Dance • James Jones Performs
6:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiqilap – NEC community singing/drumming group <p style="text-align: center;">* Dinner Served *</p>
6:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsleil-waututh Nation – Dance • Darcy Demas – Big Drum
7:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearl Jig
7:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norine Braun Performs • Closing Remarks, NEC Board Member • Closing – Drum Song

Acknowledgements

- The traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh [sail-wha-tooth] First Nations.
- Native Education College president Dan Guinan.
- Members of the Native Education College community:
 - Board members.
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Alumni
- Guests
- Performers

Comment [RdFunk1]: Organizers don't yet have this information. I suggest a general acknowledgement.

Removing barriers to education

- Just two months ago, Premier John Horgan appointed me as the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.
- I am proud to be part of a government that is committed to removing barriers to education and training for Indigenous learners, and all British Columbians.

Tour: Engaging, meeting and listening to students

- Our government understands that post-secondary education and training is a vital pathway to success for all students.
- Our government is committed to investing in post-secondary education to ensure British Columbians can get the education and skills training they need to grow, prosper and contribute to our strong economy.
- On September 1st, we expanded the tuition fee waiver program for former youth in care to all 25 public post-secondary institutions, and the Native Education College.
- My ministry is now working with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to develop the wrap-around support services former youth in care will need to complete their education and unlock their full potential.
- Starting September 1st, 2017, Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Programs at public post-secondary institutions became tuition free.
- This opens the door of opportunity for thousands of people, including underrepresented groups throughout B.C., such as immigrants, Indigenous people and women.
- This will help even more British Columbians to get the education and training they need to improve their lives, and the lives of their families, through better employment opportunities.

- My ministry will invest \$18.5 million in 2017-18 to support tuition free Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Programs throughout the province.

Post-Secondary Education and Training for Indigenous Peoples

- Over the coming months, our government will continue to remove barriers to education for all British Columbians, including Indigenous peoples, in B.C.
- Indigenous youth are the fastest growing demographic in the province.
- Almost half of all Indigenous people in B.C. are under the age of 25.
- There will be almost one million jobs to 2025 and Indigenous people will be an important part of that workforce.
- Our government is committed to providing Indigenous learners, and all British Columbians, with post-secondary education that is relevant, responsive and respectful.

Native Education College

- Fifty years ago, the Native Education Centre was launched to help Indigenous people who relocated to Vancouver.
- For half a century the Native Education College has grown to become a leader in providing urban and adult Indigenous learners with the education and training they need to not just survive but thrive.
- You only have to look at the annual list of alumni award recipients to see the difference Native Education College graduates make in communities throughout our province.
- Today, I stand before you as the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.
- The journey that brought me here today was not without challenges.
- I was raised by a single mother and grew up in East Vancouver.
- As an Indigenous woman and student I experienced racism.
- During my journey I was lifted by the mentorship, support, education and skills given to me by dedicated educators, including those at the Native Education College.
- Every student that comes through the doors of the Native Education College knows that the people in this room are standing by their side.

Conclusion

- On behalf of the province, I'd like to thank the faculty and staff who have served Indigenous learners for the last 50 years, and acknowledge the difference alumni throughout our province make every day.
- Tonight is not just a celebration of the past, and honouring of the hard work that is happening presently, but it is about looking forward to a promising future for Indigenous learner, and all British Columbians.
- Together, we will provide Indigenous learners with the education and training they need to become the builders, innovators and leaders our province needs.
- Together, we will build a more inclusive, and better B.C. by supporting an education and training system that is respected across Canada and throughout the world.

INTRODUCTION FOR UBCM CABINET TOWNHALL
'INVESTING IN PEOPLE'

MINISTER MELANIE MARK

MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS AND
TRAINING

UBCM Cabinet Town Hall
Room 11-12
Vancouver Convention Centre
Canada Place, Vancouver

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

TWO MINUTE INTRODUCTION

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UBCM Theme:

The theme for UBCM is 'Roots to Results'.

The theme considers the increasing leadership of local government in matters of federal and provincial jurisdiction. In areas like climate action, the opioid crisis and the need for deeper response in homelessness and housing affordability, local governments are playing a greater role in defining issues and impacting the policy direction.

UBCM Cabinet town hall participants: Investing in People

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
- Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development

Town hall format:

- Each Minister is to give a very brief welcome message at the outset of the town halls of roughly two minutes leaving about an hour for questions.
- A UBCM executive member will introduce each minister, drawing upon their online bios and facilitate discussion.
- Town halls will be moderated.
- The town halls are an opportunity to listen to challenges and opportunities.

Key Messages:

- Our government is breaking down barriers to public post-secondary education and skills training, including tuition-free Adult Basic Education.
- Partnerships between local government and public post-secondary institutions are vitally important to us all, especially students.
- I will work with Minister Selina Robinson in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to pave the way for universities, colleges and institutes so they are better able to build affordable student housing.
- Government will continue to work to reduce the burden of debt on students.

Acknowledgements

- Traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples.
- Participants include:
 - **Rob Fleming**, Minister of Education.
 - **Scott Fraser**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.
 - **Shane Simpson**, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.
 - **Katrine Conroy**, Minister of Children and Family Development.

Tour

- Just two months ago, Premier John Horgan appointed me as Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.
- It was important to me to get out as soon as possible and visit all 25 of our public post-secondary institutions.
- It was a privilege and an honour to engage, listen and learn from students, faculty and staff.
- I've taken what I heard back to Victoria and that feedback will make an impact.
- Students at our post-secondary institutions are passionate about their education and their future.
- They believe that post-secondary education is helping them shape their path to success and to B.C.'s strong, sustainable and innovative economy.
- While touring, students also told me about the challenges that they are facing: student debt, housing and mental health being the most common.

Affordable and accessible post-secondary education and training

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- This opens the door of opportunity for thousands of people throughout B.C. including immigrants, Indigenous people and women.
- My ministry will invest \$18.5 million in 2017-18 to support tuition free Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Programs throughout the province.
- Our government is making B.C. government student loans interest-free.
- As a first step on August 1st, 2017, the interest rate for provincial student loans was reduced by 2.5% to the prime rate as part of our commitment to completely scrap interest on B.C. loans.
- In the months ahead, we will remove even more barriers to education.

- My mandate includes implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Breaking down barriers and systemic institutional change will give Indigenous post-secondary learners the opportunity to fulfill their ambitions and contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of their communities, the province and global society.
- Our government will be creating a \$1,000 completion grant to provide debt relief for graduates.
- Our government will be working with stakeholders to develop and implement a graduate student scholarship fund.

Child care and early education training

- We are also encouraging British Columbians to get the education and training they need to enter careers that are critical to supporting our families.
- Our government has quickly taken a number of steps to make public post-secondary education more affordable.
- We are investing \$32.6 million in 2017-18 to support to create about 4,100 new child care spaces - and more are on their way.
- With the increase in child-care spaces comes the need for more Early Childhood Educators throughout the province.

- There are 33 approved B.C. post-secondary educational institutions that offer early childhood education programs. Six schools offer programs with an Aboriginal early childhood education perspective.
- I can assure you that public and private post-secondary institutions will be ready to respond to increased demand.

Conclusion

- Post-secondary students are the designers, innovators and builders of our province.
- From trades to health care through to business and clean tech, we need it all.
- Local governments are an important partner.
- Many of our universities, colleges and institutes have deep and vital connections with local government.
- Working together benefits us all: government, employers, industry, local government and, most of all, students.
- Employers in your communities provide good-paying jobs for employees with the right skills for the job opportunities of today and tomorrow.
- Our government will continue to focus on ensuring all British Columbians have access to relevant and responsive education and training.
- Post-secondary education is the pathway for all of us to a better future and a better B.C.



**SPEAKING POINTS FOR
HON. KATRINE CONROY, MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

Innovative Learning Partnership for Indigenous Youth

September 20, 2017

**Vancouver Island University
Nanaimo Campus**

**Vancouver Island University and Yukon College
to double enrollment and completion rates of Indigenous learners**

NANAIMO, B.C. — In the spirit of Canada's national reconciliation movement, a new learning partnership for Indigenous youth was announced today at Vancouver Island University (VIU). Building on the knowledge of Elders and the aspirations of Indigenous youth, VIU will join Yukon College in a collaboration supported by Rideau Hall Foundation and Mastercard Foundation, which creates opportunities for Indigenous learners to be full partners in their education.

Through a model of co-creation and collaboration, VIU and Yukon College have led the design and development of the program, which will create education experiences that are relevant and supportive of Indigenous learners. VIU will assist students from local Indigenous communities to enroll and complete their programs of study over the next five years.

"For me, as an Elder, this is an exciting partnership. We have people that are doing well, but many are not. With this learning partnership, we are providing additional support to reach deeper into the communities to young people we don't usually see, but who need someone to believe in them," explains Xulsimalt – Gary Mason, an Elder at VIU. "The poverty we have had to deal with impacts urban communities, but more so in rural communities where there are less resources and it is difficult to find employment. How do we tackle both? This opportunity will help. And, for me, it is about healing, which is a long time in coming. This is a start to creating more hope rather than hopelessness."

VIU child and youth care student Natalie Johnson added: "This partnership is designed to support our upcoming Indigenous students. Being a proud Indigenous learner, I know how important this is. For me, being part of post-secondary education has been a process of letting go, understanding my identity, and learning to live away from my community. Fortunately, VIU recognizes this and provides many supports that have strengthened my growth and belonging."

Ralph Nilson, VIU President and Vice-chancellor said this learning partnership is life-changing work. "Through this new learning partnership, we will build on the existing relationships we have with First Nations in our regions and deepen our partnerships, working collaboratively with communities to ensure Indigenous students have access to relevant and positive post-secondary education; that they are supported throughout their experience; and that they have the skills and abilities to transition," he said. "We look forward to continuing to engage in and support this critical life-changing work through this partnership."

The cradle-to-career approach underpinning this learning partnership means that all of VIU's Indigenous students will benefit from expanded support services on campus and within local communities. Over the next five years, VIU will expand and fine-tune its extensive efforts to interact with the communities it serves and enhance educational opportunities for Indigenous youth. VIU already offers a range of initiatives and wrap-around supports to encourage successful post-secondary education for these young people, including outreach workers, student mentors, campus Elders, tuition supplements as well as other services.

- Hello everyone!
- I'm Katrine Conroy, B.C.'s Minister of Children and Family Development.
- I'm sorry I couldn't be with you today to celebrate this wonderful opportunity for Indigenous youth.

[PAUSE]

- As I'm sure you know...
- Now is a pivotal time in our province.
- Our new government has an exciting opportunity to change and challenge the status quo...
- And for the first time, we can see a path toward meaningful reconciliation.
- We know the importance of building positive relationships, changing past dynamics, and forging partnerships that work for all British Columbians.
- Government can't do this alone.
- We need your help!

- Indigenous learners become Indigenous leaders...
- ...and we need to work together to build a better B.C. for children, families and communities.
- One way we're doing this is by helping more young people access post-secondary education.
- Vancouver Island University was one of the trailblazers in waiving tuition for youth in and from foster care.
- VIU turned vision into action – and now young people leaving foster care will have access to free tuition at all 25 of B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions.
- Today is another exciting step in the right direction.
- This learning partnership presents so many opportunities for our emerging Indigenous leaders.
- So thank you to VIU, Yukon College, and the Rideau Hall and Mastercard Foundations for your dedication and support.

- Today is about hope...
- Opportunity...
- And supporting younger generations of British Columbians as they achieve their educational dreams.
- Thank you...and keep up the great work.



**SPEAKING POINTS FOR
HON. KATRINE CONROY, MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Meeting Rooms #11-12, Level 2
Vancouver Convention Centre (East)
999 Canada Place
Vancouver**

Event: UBCM Cabinet Town Hall: Investing in People

Time: 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: **Meeting Rooms #11-12, Level 2**
Vancouver Convention Centre (East)
999 Canada Place
Vancouver

Parking: Parking is available on first come, first served basis. Entrance is off Howe Street.

On-site Contact: Paula Gunn, Senior Ministerial Assistant, 250 893-0352

Key Participants/Program:

- Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development
- Hon. Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
- Hon. Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Hon. Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

Audience: UBCM delegates, including mayors, councillors and other municipal leaders

Speaking Time: 2 minutes, plus Q&A/panel discussion

- Hi, I'm Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development.
- This is a portfolio that is very close to my heart.
- I had a number of different careers before I first ran for office.
- I spent 20 years as an early childhood educator...
- ...I taught program planning in the ECE department of Selkirk College...
- ...and I worked for a non-profit multi-service organization that helped children and families.
- My mother was a founding board member back in the 70s, and had to fight against the general sentiment that moms should stay at home with their kids.
- As a society, we're in a very different place now.

- I'm thankful to women like my mother who were ahead of their time.
- They worked to get us to a point where we – as British Columbians – can recognize and embrace the need to invest in mothers, fathers, children and families throughout this great province of ours.
- With this ministry, I've been handed an incredible responsibility.
- I've been told that serving as minister here is a thankless job, but I don't see it that way.
- I am honoured to stand up for kids and families from every background, and I see tremendous opportunity.
- I'm excited to challenge the status quo and make positive changes...

- ...and I am keen to build on and further improve our services.
- I am here to listen and I've already had the opportunity to hear from and work with some tremendous young people who want to change our system for the better.
- I attended the Ignite Your Spirit healing circle in Cowichan Lake and heard directly from Indigenous Youth about the change they want to see...
- ...what has worked for them and what hasn't.
- They had heart-wrenching stories to tell, but they also showed me incredible courage and resilience.
- They were willing to step up and work with us to make things better – not for themselves, but for their younger siblings and the kids after them.

- While this ministry will always have a role to care for children who need our temporary or, sadly, our long-term protection...
- ...we know we can do more to keep kids safely with their extended families, close to their friends and connected with their culture and communities.
- With your support, we want to lift up struggling families and ensure they have the help they need to thrive, keep their children safe, and prepare them for a bright future.
- Strong kids need strong families.
- And strong families, in turn, need strong communities.
- We'll need your help to build a better B.C. for all families, and I look forward to working with you to get there.

- Thank you.



**SPEAKING POINTS FOR
HON. KATRINA CHEN, MINISTER OF STATE
FOR CHILD CARE**

**UBCM Panel Discussion: Changing Demographics and
the Needs of Urban Families (Child Care)**

**10:50 a.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

**Meeting Room #1
Vancouver Convention Centre (East)
999 Canada Place
Vancouver**

Event: UBCM Panel Discussion: Changing Demographics and the Needs of Urban Families (Child Care)

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Location: **Meeting Room #1**
Vancouver Convention Centre (East)
999 Canada Place
Vancouver

Parking: Parking is available on first come, first served basis. Entrance is off Howe Street.

On-site Contact: Christine Massey, ADM: 250 415-0590
Karen Johnston, Communications Director: 250 812-0495

Key Participants/Program:

- Dr. Perry Kendall, BC's Provincial Health Officer
- Hon. Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
- Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC
- Chris Bone, Manager of Social Planning, City of Prince George

Audience: UBCM delegates, including mayors, councillors and other municipal leaders and child care advocates.

Speaking Time: 10-15 minutes, plus a Q&A/discussion

Itinerary (Timing Approximate):

10:50 – 11:40 am

PANEL #2 – BC KIDS: CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS AND NEEDS OF URBAN FAMILIES

Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer Report (TBC)

Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care

Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minister of State for Child Care (supporting Minister Chen, no formal speaking role)

Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

Chris Bone, Manager of Social Planning, City of Prince George

11:40 – 11:55 am

Q & A

11:55 – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

- Thank you, and good morning everybody.
- It's wonderful to be here with you.
- When I first came to Canada as a student, I realized that I wanted to make a difference in the lives of people who needed help.
- I still have the same goal – and I'm honoured to be part of a team that is working hard to build a better B.C. for children, parents and families...
- ...a government that works for people and values what is most important to them.
- As Minister of State for Child Care, I have the opportunity to hear stories from the front lines.

[Minister, feel free to share a personal story about kids/families you've met along the way]

- We've heard about many child-care challenges for B.C. parents.
- Their message has come through loud and clear.
- There aren't enough licensed child-care spaces – especially in urban areas – and many families are unable to afford quality child care for their children.
- For families who are struggling now with childcare, or choosing not to work, or not to have a second child because of the childcare crisis in B.C. – I know this change can't come fast enough.
- I have experienced this frustration, too.
- I know how hard it is to make the best choice for your family.
- When my son was born, we had a hard time finding suitable child care that worked for us.

- After much discussion, my husband and I decided that I would focus on my career, while he would be a stay-at-home dad.
- We're lucky to have that option – I know that many families aren't able to do that.
- And if we had access to a quality, affordable space for our son, we could have made a different choice, too.
- I believe that child care should be a basic service—because every parent deserves a stable foundation on which to grow their family.
- And it's not just families in the Lower Mainland who are struggling.
- There are challenges throughout B.C., including in communities like Campbell River, Cranbrook, Nelson, Vernon, Williams Lake and Fort St. John.

- B.C. parents shouldn't be put in a position where they are deciding not to have a second child because of a crisis in available, safe affordable childcare...
- ...and yet many parents have been forced to do just that.
- Life has become unaffordable.
- Child care and other costs are out of reach.
- But my government is committed to changing that.
- Premier Horgan outlined three key areas in my mandate.
- As Minister of State for Child Care, I will:
 - Implement a universal child-care plan.
 - Invest in the Early Childhood Educator workforce through training, education and fair wages to enhance and ensure quality.

- And speed up the creation of new licensed child-care spaces in B.C. communities.
- It's impossible to look at these goals separately: they go hand in hand and form the centrepiece of the \$10-a-day child-care plan...
- ... a plan that is accessible and affordable, and works for every B.C. family – because it's the right thing to do.
- Currently, some cities in the Lower Mainland are amongst the most expensive in Canada in terms of child-care costs.
- There's an acute need for more licensed child-care spaces across B.C., but it can be even more difficult in large urban spaces.
- In December 2016, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives published a report on child-care fees in Canada's big cities.

- This report showed that the average cost of child care has risen 8% across the country since 2014.
- It also showed that Vancouver ranks as one of the top five most expensive cities for child care of any kind.
- And Vancouver is the second most expensive city in the country for toddler fees.
- Both Richmond and Burnaby were also in the top five most expensive places for parents looking for toddler care.
- Our data shows a lack of infant and toddler spaces in almost every region of the province.
- After Vancouver and Richmond, fees for infant and toddler care are highest on south Vancouver Island at more than \$1,000 per month.
- This is followed closely by the Okanagan, the Kootenays and the Thompson/Cariboo/Shuswap.

- When the cost of child care is almost the same as your monthly rent, you know there's a problem.
- I met with parents last week at Vancouver Public Library, and it was heartbreaking to hear their struggles.
- There was Julia, who told me about her search for care for her eight-month-old daughter.
- The family is currently on waitlists for 14 different daycares.
- She has been told by some child-care operators that there is little chance of a space becoming available in the next four months.
- She has been on one waitlist since she was four months pregnant.
- That provider has recently told her that they might have a spot in July 2018 – two years after Julia first applied for child care.

- And then there's Laetitia, who has child care for her two children, but is shocked by rising costs.
- If the current fees remain, she will have spent around \$100,000 on child care by the time her youngest child is in kindergarten.
- And they're not the only ones who are having trouble.
- I recently spoke to one parent in Burnaby who is coming to the end of her maternity leave.
- Her employer is waiting for her to return to work, but she hasn't been able to find affordable care for her child...
- ... and may not be able to go back to work after all.
- Nobody should be placed in that position...

- No family should have to pay the same for child care as they do for their rent or mortgage.
- That's why we're committed to \$10-a-day child care.
- It's not just parents who are finding B.C.'s child-care system a strain.
- Child-care providers are feeling the squeeze as the cost of renting space or buying land continues to rise.
- There is a shortage of Early Childhood Educators throughout the province.
- And there are lots of other factors that are unique to heavily populated urban areas like downtown Vancouver.
- Urban areas often have a lack of physical space to create new child-care facilities.

- As it stands today, licensing regulations are one-size-fits-all for all B.C. communities, no matter whether they're urban, rural or remote.
- But we know that building new child-care centre in downtown Vancouver is very different from building one in Terrace.
- How can we create new child-care spaces that meet high standards of quality, while also encouraging child-care providers to build more spaces?
- We are looking to you for some creative solutions.
- We know that placing child-care facilities near to schools can benefit families.
- Children are given early exposure to the school environment, and will feel more comfortable when they take their first steps in K-12.

- And parents who have a child already going to the school only need to make one trip to drop off their children.
- We also know that employer-based child care can help many families.
- We're considering all of these scenarios, and we're committed to working with our stakeholders, including local governments, to determine our priorities.
- Together, we're working to make universal child care a reality in B.C.
- Our plan will, ultimately, lead to one of the most significant new social programs in B.C.'s history.
- It's important to remember, though, that changing an entire system won't happen overnight.

- It may take up to 10 years to fully implement, but we're taking steps to do just that.
- There are many things to consider, like how do we support low-income families?
- When we look around the world to other universal child-care systems, we see that vulnerable families don't always get access to the quality child care they need.
- This is important, because it's our most vulnerable children and families who will benefit most from high-quality, early childhood programs.
- Having access to quality affordable child care allows parents to return to the workforce, knowing that their children are being looked after in a nurturing, safe environment.
- It can make their lives better.

- And not having quality child care can have the reverse effect, too.
- If a parent is worrying about finding child care and wondering whether their child is being looked after properly, how can they focus fully on their job?
- Conversely, if parents are confident in the care their child is receiving, they will be more invested in their work, and will be happier overall.
- And happy parents mean happy children.
- We also need to make sure that there are enough Early Childhood Educators to care for all of the children who need child care.
- Child-care providers are already having trouble recruiting and retaining Early Childhood Educators because of low pay.

- We need to make this profession into a more attractive career.
- And how do we support providers to create new licensed child-care spaces across the province?
- Because the reality is that in order to meet the needs of B.C. families, we need *far more* quality, licensed spaces than we have today.
- And what about the needs of local governments? How can we work with you to ensure that the needs of your communities are being met?
- Those are just a few of the things we need to get right.
- We're looking for creative ideas from all partners on how we can do this together.

- We're having discussions – and launching a more formal, targeted consultation later this fall – not to see *if* we can introduce the plan, but to understand *how* we should do it.
- It's important for us to hear from parents and local governments, as well as from our partners in the child-care and education sectors, so we can form a solid implementation plan.
- That includes engaging with you today and talking to you about the needs of your communities.
- As well, we will hold a 1.5-day in-person session in Vancouver on Nov. 15-16.
- Invitations for this will go out early October and I hope that many of you in the room will be able to join us.

- For those who can't, a four-week targeted online consultation will be available for stakeholders beginning in October.
- We want to know your challenges, we want you to bring your creative ideas and solutions, and we want you to tell us what your priorities are for a new universal child-care system in B.C.
- Your input will help inform our next steps in implementing a better child care system in B.C. – a system that works for everyone.
- These consultations are in addition to the many informal meetings that I and my ministry staff have had with parents, child-care providers and advocates since July.
- We'd like to hear from you how the government can better support child care in your area.

- Could we work with you and the local school district to integrate child care into your school system?
- Or encourage employers or building contractors to include child-care facilities in any new projects that they undertake?
- What else could we do to help you solve the shortage of child care in your communities?
- I want to understand your needs, as our plan and how it's implemented should be shaped by those who are facing child-care pressures every day.
- The decision shouldn't be made in a vacuum in Victoria.
- There will be more details about our plan in the February 2018 budget – the first full budget that this government will deliver.

- But in the meantime, we're taking important steps here today by starting to help shape the implementation plan.
- Thank you again for inviting me to be with you today.
- I look forward to working with you to build a better B.C. for every family.



**SPEAKING POINTS FOR
HON. KATRINA CHEN,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHILD CARE**

**11 a.m.
Saturday, September 16**

**Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms
Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia Street**

Event: \$10-a-day Child Care Parent Delegation

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Location: Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye rooms
Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia Street

Parking: 2-hour metered parking is available around Library Square; there is also an Easy Park parking garage close by (entrance is on Hamilton Street).

On-site Contact:

Key Participants/Program:

- Sharon Gregson
- Parents
- \$10-a-day child care advocates

Audience: Parents and advocates for \$10-a-day childcare

Speaking Time: Approx. 3 minutes, plus Q&A

Background – Event: \$10-a-day advocates are gathering to hear Minister Chen speak about the government’s plans for universal child care, and to share their stories and challenges in accessing affordable child care in their community.

- Thank you, and good morning everybody.
- It's wonderful to be here with you this morning – thank you, Sharon, for inviting me.
- I'm looking forward to talking about child care, but more importantly – to meeting you and hearing your stories.
- Since moving from Taiwan to Canada 17 years ago, I have been passionate about improving the lives of families across the country.
- In all of my professional roles – from working in government constituency offices, to immigration services, to a position as Trustee on the Burnaby Board of Education – I have been focused on helping families.
- Hearing stories from the front lines has inspired me to do everything I can to help meet the needs of families.
- That's still my goal now that I'm the Minister of State for Child Care. I will work with my government to build a better B.C. for children, parents and families.
- We're here today to talk about a topic we're all passionate about – child care.
- There's a child-care crisis in B.C. – there aren't enough spaces, and many families are unable to afford quality child care for their children.
- I know how hard it is to make the best choice for your family.
- When my son was born, we had a hard time looking for suitable child care that worked for us.
- After much discussion, my husband and I decided that I would focus on my career, while he would be a stay-at-home dad.
- We're lucky to have that option – I know that many families aren't able to do that.

- And if we had access to a quality, affordable space for our son, we could have made a different choice, too.
- I believe that child care should be a basic service because families need child care so they can participate fully in our economy - and they need to know that their children are safe and well-cared for...
- Because if you are concerned about your child care or finding childcare for your kids, you really can't focus properly on anything else.
- Child care is not just one of the biggest expenses a family has, it is one of the most important...
- Over the last few days, there has been some uncertainty about whether we are still going ahead with our \$10-a-day commitment.
- I can tell you today: this government is committed to a \$10-a-day child-care plan...
- ... one that is accessible and affordable, and works for every B.C. family – because it's the right thing to do.
- It's important to remember, though, that this change won't happen overnight.
- We're in the early stages of this commitment: this is a long-term plan that may take up to ten years to fully introduce.
- I know that you're anxious to see what the plan will look like, and how we will fund it.
- We're working closely with the Green Party, with stakeholders and parents like you to shape this plan.
- Advocates like Sharon have been talking about the plan for years, and now we're working to make the plan a reality.

- That's why I am making every effort to meet with as many people as I can – from child-care providers and early childhood educators, to concerned parents like yourselves.
- We're having discussions – and launching a more formal, targeted consultation later this fall – not to see if we *can* introduce the plan, but to understand *how* we should do it.
- It's important for us to hear from parents like you and from our partners in the child-care and education sectors so we can form a solid implementation plan.
- We will identify priority areas – like infant and toddler care – and accelerate the creation of licensed child-care spaces where they're needed most.
- We'll also look at supporting Early Childhood Educators through improved access to training and education, and fairer wages.
- These important discussions will continue over the coming months, and will help inform our plans for universal child care in B.C.
- There will be more details about our child-care plan in the budget in February 2018 – the first full budget that this government will deliver.
- With that in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to speak to you directly and see what is most important to you – whether that be child care based at your local school, more providers in your community, or just more affordable care.
- I want to understand your needs – this plan should be shaped by those who are facing child-care pressures every day, not decided in a vacuum by politicians who think they know best.
- And on that note, I'm turning the floor over to you – I want to hear your stories and your questions about child care.
- Together, we can create a plan that will build a better B.C. for every family.
- Thank you.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Ravi Kahlon

Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism

EVENT

KidSport BC – Corporate Challenge

Saturday, September, 10, 2017

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

9500 Glenlyon Pkwy

Burnaby, B.C.

Please check against delivery

Event contact:

Pete Quevillon

Director, KidSport BC

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Background: Seventh annual Ritchie Bros. corporate event is a fundraiser for KidSport BC. It also showcases other partner support – including the Province – which is contributing \$400,000 in 2017/18 to KidSport BC.

Event summary:

- KidSport is a community-based program that provides grants averaging close to \$300 for children aged 18 and under to participate in one season of play in the organized sport of their choice.
- Government of BC funding: \$400,000

Event Contact: Pete Quevillon, KidSport BC director,^{s.22}

When: Arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Speaking time: 1:00 p.m. programs begins

Dress Code: Casual. Everyone participating in the events will be dressed up: this year's theme is "Canada 150" – optional for the PS Kahlon.

Parking: There will be a reserved parking spot in front of the building

Audience:

- Approximately 300-400 in attendance including corporate partners, Olympians and challenge participants.
- Media Present – yes.

Event Participants:

- Provincial Rep: Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary
- Community Rep: Pete Quevillon, Director of KidSport BC
- Sponsor Rep: TBC (Ritchie Brothers)
- Emcee: Perry Solkowski

Agenda

Time	Event Itinerary
12:30 p.m.	PS Kahlon arrives at event location.
12:45 p.m.	Individual briefing of the speakers by Pete Quevillon
12:55 p.m.	Five minute warning: Everyone gathers at front parking area
1:00 p.m.	Event begins, Emcee welcomes participants
1:05 p.m.	PS Kahlon welcomed to the stage to provide remarks on behalf of government.
1:10 p.m.	Sponsor rep welcomed to the stage to provide remarks
1:15 p.m.	Team KidSport "draft" – athletes drafted to corporate team to compete as honorary captains.

1:29 p.m.	KidSport thank you – provides info on money raised.
1:30 p.m.	Parade begins. End of formal participation. PS Kahlon is welcome to take part in further festivities.
2:00 p.m.	Challenges take place.
5:00 p.m.	Challenges conclude. Dinner/Auction begins.
7:30 p.m.	Event concludes

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon and thank you Perry, for the warm greeting today.
- I want to take a moment to recognize and respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish First Nation on whose traditional lands and home we meet today.
- This year, Canada celebrates its 150 anniversary and as I look around at the participants, I see the spirit of Canada 150 has extended to the competition today.
- Canada 150 is a unique and meaningful opportunity to honour the people and histories that make up British Columbia and our history as a nation.
- I look forward to seeing how this theme will extend into today's events.

- But today we are here to have fun, while supporting an amazing cause that provides youth across the province the opportunity to participate in organized sports through KidSport BC.

KIDSPORT

- Sport BC established the first KidSport organization in 1993.
- Today, there are 178 provincial, territorial and community chapters across Canada – including 42 right here in B.C.
- Each of these chapters are working towards addressing financial barriers faced by kids wishing to participate in organized sport.
- For some, the support they receive will have an incredible impact that will not only impact them today, but will have a lasting impact throughout their lives.

THE KIDS

- When it comes to sport, no child should be left behind, and everyone should have the opportunity to play organized sports.

- The benefits of participating in sport have an impact that lasts a lifetime.
- For me, it taught me [Insert personal story]
 - ...
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 - ...
- Today, more than ever we have to provide opportunities for our young people to grow and experience the many benefits of participating in organized sports.
- From improving physical and mental health to gaining important skills in teamwork ...from making lifelong friends to creating close community ties.
- Youth involved in sport build a foundation for success later in life, which ultimately leads to building stronger communities.
- Through my own involvement with sport as an athlete and coach, I have seen first-hand how participation can impact the lives of young people in positive ways.

FUNDING

- On behalf of Premier John Horgan and Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, I'm proud to announce the Province is providing \$400,000 in funding for KidSport BC this year.
- Our government is committed to make life affordable for B.C. families and this funding will help deliver on that promise.
- In addition, the week of September 10-17 has been proclaimed as KidSport BC Week!
- and I hope you will all join me in recognizing the great group of people at KidSport and the work they do every day in this province!!

[Encourage applause]

CONCLUSION

- Thank you to the athletes and honorary captains, provincial sport organizations who have come up with some unique and interesting challenges and of course, all of the participants here

today taking part in this Ritchie Brothers Corporate Kids Challenge.

- And thank you to the many businesses who generously contribute to KidSport BC.
- Thank you to Ritchie Brothers for hosting this event, and Pete Quevillon [pronounced KWE-vill-on] and all the KidSport BC staff and volunteers for organizing this wonderful event.
- Congratulations for doing such an outstanding job.
- I wish all the teams a fun-filled afternoon.
- Now, let the games begin!

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SPEECH FOR Round Table- CREATIVE BC

Event: Friday Sept. 15, 2017

Time: 3:30pm

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for meeting with me today.

I'm Lisa Beare, Minister for Tourism, Arts & Culture and I am honoured that the Premier provided me with the opportunity to focus support on the Creative Sector.

I am really looking forward to working with each of you.

The Creative sector in British Columbia is a significant economic force

With the industry being recognized by the United Nations as one of the world's fastest growing sectors for income generation, job creation and export earnings.

In the months ahead, I want to ensure that we're working closely with all of you to make BC a global leader in innovation and technology.

I understand you are having some challenges with THE CRA and the interpretation of Temporary Foreign Working being eligible for labour tax credits.

I understand my Deputy and Claire have started discussing this issue with you.

Partnership on issues is key to success.

Creative BC is part of this partnership and....

It plays an essential role in strengthening BC's motion picture, interactive digital, music and publishing sectors.

We already know the potential that our province holds, now let's make sure the rest of the world does too!

I look forward to listening and learning from you.

...and more importantly, I look forward to helping make our vision for a strong creative sector in British Columbia a reality.

Thank you.

BACKGROUND:

CREATIVE BC:

<https://www.creativebc.com/>

Creative BC is an independent agency that is responsible for promoting the development of creative industries in British Columbia and providing a single point of access for industry programming, production support services, tax credit administration, international marketing and policy development.

Creative BC brings a strategic and integrated approach to the growth and development of the province's creative industries. We provide professional expertise and business support to strengthen BC's motion picture, interactive digital, music and publishing sectors. Our programs, services and investments act as a catalyst to help these sectors realize their economic and creative potential and contribute to the future prosperity of our province.

Prem Gill is Chief Executive Officer of Creative BC. The agency is designated by the Province of British Columbia to focus on uniting, sustaining and growing British Columbia's dynamic and diverse creative sector including motion picture, music and sound recording, interactive and digital media, and magazine and book publishing.

Prem has been named one of Vancouver Magazine's "Power 50" and listed as one of The Globe and Mail's 10 Women Who Matter in Film and TV. She brings more than 20 years of experience from the digital media and entertainment industries to her current role as CEO, where she is responsible for delivering a wide range of programs and services that will expand BC's creative economy to reach its economic and creative potential both at home and globally.

Before Creative BC, Prem spent eight years with TELUS, most recently in the role of Director of Production & Original Programming. Her commitment to the advancement of BC's creative economy can be seen through her achievements there, including the successful development and launch of the StoryHive program and TELUS's Optik TV community channel.

CREATIVE ECONOMY KEY FACTS:

The province's competitive advantages include:

- An experienced and highly regarded full-service production centre that offers the highest standards in creative and technical talent, production infrastructure and world leading post, visual effects and animation capabilities;
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- One of the world's largest and most advanced digital and interactive entertainment clusters;

- An experienced and diverse music and sound recording sector with world-class music production capabilities and internationally renowned musicians, producers, engineers, songwriters, composers and managers; and,
- A vibrant and successful English language book and magazine publishing industry that produces content for all ages and audiences and is the second largest in Canada.

SPEECH FOR CREATIVE BC

Event: Friday Sept. 15, 2017

Time: 5:15pm

Hello and thank you for your welcome.

As the Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture, it's my pleasure to be here with you today as we celebrate the opening of this terrific office space for Creative BC.

I hope you all had a chance to hear the good news this morning... more than \$2-point-six BILLION dollars generated in our BC economy by the TV and film industry in 2016-2017.

An increase of more than 35 per cent over the prior year!

Congratulations to all of you. Our government salutes the terrific contribution of your sector and the thousands of stable jobs you have added to British Columbia's thriving creative economy.

Your industries are key economic and cultural drivers in BC, powered by knowledge, talent, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Because of your hard work, British Columbia has become a globally recognized centre of expertise for the creative industries.

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Your work in partnership with content creators and government has fostered higher levels of production, job creation and investment across all sectors of B.C.'s creative economy.

Our government is committed to supporting and accelerating the growth of the creative industries. Working with your agencies and other partners, we will ensure BC's creative economy continues to attract new investment and to create jobs for British Columbians.

I want to thank and congratulate the staff and Board at Creative BC for their work to promote our creative sector and on the opening of this new office.

I look forward to working with you to champion the success of BC's dynamic creative industries.

BACKGROUND:

2016-2017 TV & FILM ECONOMIC RESULTS (to be published by Creative BC on Friday)

	FISCAL 2016-17		
	Estimated Tax Credits	Number of Certifications	Production Volume
FIBC*	\$70,346,520	121	\$313,022,604
PSTC**	\$486,678,144	217	\$2,311,245,496
TOTAL	\$557,024,664	338	\$2,624,268,100

***FIBC:** stands for Film Incentive BC which is the name of the tax credit for Canadian Productions

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BC Motion Picture Production Activity Report

Creative BC monitors motion picture activity through the Motion Picture Tax Credit Programs administered by the organization, and the latest figures show 338 productions certified during the 2016/17 fiscal year. The newly published numbers reflect an upward trend over previous years with 297 certifications in FY 2015/16 and 287 in FY 2014/15.

The breakdown of production certifications for 2016/17 is as follows:

121 Domestic Productions:

- 51 Movies of the Week
- 24 Feature Films

- 46 TV Programs and Series
- 217 International productions:
- 90 Feature Films
- 21 Movies of the Week
- 98 TV Pilots, Programs and Series
- 8 Web-based/other and Direct to DVD

Confirming the impact of the industry's success on full-time employment for British Columbians are Annual Employment Averages by detailed industry already published by BC Stats. For the Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries combined, these figures reflect a 55% rise in direct full-time employment year over year between the 2015 and 2016 calendar years.

Supporting these employment numbers are those in Profile 2016 (also published earlier this year), an economic report on the screen-based media production industry in Canada. The publication indicates 44,330 total direct and spin-off full-time equivalent jobs in British Columbia. *[Study produced by the Canadian Media Producers Association (CMPA) in collaboration with the Association Québécoise de la production médiatique (AQPM), the Department of Canadian Heritage and Telefilm Canada.]*

Budgeted BC labour expenditures by motion picture productions certified in the 2016/17 fiscal year rose by 30% over FY 2014/15 figures, and by 36% over 2015/16 figures (year over year). This data is based on the newly published numbers from Creative BC, reflecting the provincially-approved tax credit certifications administered by the organization through BC's Motion Picture Tax Credit Programs.

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SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Ravi Kahlon

Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism

EVENT:

Official Opening of the National Soccer Development Centre

Friday, September 22, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location:

3055 Wesbrook Mall,
Vancouver, B.C.

Please check against delivery

Event contact on site:

Ruth Hobbs^{s.22}

or

Adriaan de Jager^{s.22}

Event summary:

- The official opening of the National Soccer Development Centre.
- PS Kahlon shares brief remarks (2-3 minutes) and participates in unveiling of the plaque
- Arrive by 9:45 a.m. Guests will be provided with a name-tag and directed be seated in the courtyard or tent (based on the weather).
- Adriaan de Jager will greet PS Kahlon for introductions and pre-briefing.
- A facility tour, soccer clinic and community festival will end the event.

Speaking Time: PS Kahlon provides remarks 10:19 a.m.

Parking: A parking spot will be reserved in the NSDC parking area for PS Kahlon

Logistics: Podium

Dress Code: Business for the unveiling. If interested in participating in the soccer clinic and festival, please bring appropriate footwear – the field could be a little muddy with the forecast to rain.

Background: On Sept. 6, 2012 the province announced its partnership with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC and the University of British Columbia (UBC) on construction of the National Soccer Development Centre (NSDC). The centre will feature a state-of-the-art fieldhouse, as well as five new, refurbished or improved soccer fields.

Funding: National Soccer Development Centre: Capital funding for the facilities was split between the Provincial Government (\$13.9 million), the Whitecaps (\$14.3 million) and UBC Properties Trust (\$825,000) for a total of project value of \$29.0 million. [CONFIRMED by AVED)

Audience:

- Approximately 80 - 100
- Media Present – yes.
- Additional guests: UBC Chancellor Lindsay Gordon, ^{s.22}

Event Participants:

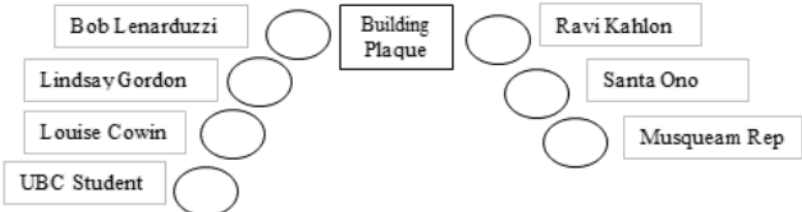
- Emcee: Dr. Louise Cowin, UBC, VP Students
- Provincial Rep: Ravi Kahlon, the Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism
- Musqueam First Nation Representative – TBD
- Prof. Santa Ono, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor
- Mr. Bob Lenarduzzi, President of the Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club
- UBC Varsity Athlete/student - TBD

Key Messages:

- Recognize and respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Musqueam
- Joining our partners at UBC and the Whitecaps for the official opening of the National Soccer Development Centre.
- Investing in sports infrastructure in the province.
- The facility will be the hub for soccer in the province

- Importance of supporting the development of elite and community athletes.
- Physical, mental and community benefits of sport.

Agenda

Time	Event Itinerary
10:10 a.m.	All guests are seated. Opening ceremony to begin.
10:15 a.m.	Emcee: Dr. Louise Cowin, VP, Students to the lectern for welcome and brief opening remarks
10:16 a.m.	Musqueam TBD: FN Welcome
10:18 a.m.	Emcee: Invites PS Kahlon to provide remarks
10:19 a.m.	PS Kahlon provides remarks
10:23 a.m.	Emcee: Invites Prof. Santa Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor to provide remarks.
10:24 a.m.	Prof. Ono, provides remarks
10:28 a.m.	Emcee: Invites Mr. Bob Lenarduzzi, President, Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club to provide remarks.
10:29 a.m.	Me Lenarduzzi provides remarks
10:33 a.m.	Emcee: Invites UBC Varsity Athlete/Student to provide remarks.
10:34 a.m.	UBC Student provides remarks
10:37 a.m.	<p>Emcee: Provides closing remarks and invites PS Kahlon, Chancellor Gordon, Prof. Santa Ono, Bob Lenarduzzi, Louise Cowin, Musqueam Rep TBD and UBC Student to gather around the plaque for the unveiling.</p> <p>DESIGNATED POSITIONS FOR PHOTO OP: THE UNVEILING OF THE BUILDING PLAQUE</p> 
10:40 a.m.	<p>Unveiling of the official plaque</p> <p>Mr. Ravi Kahlon and Mr. Bob Lenarduzzi to physically unveil the official building plaque</p>
10:45 a.m.	<p>Opening ceremony to conclude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional photo opportunities of special guests. - Reception and building tours to commence.
11:00 a.m.	<p>Community festival and soccer clinics begin (on nearby fields)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special guests to attend the start of the festival if time allows.
11:30 a.m.	NSDC Building Opening reception concludes.

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning and thank you Dr. Cowin, for the warm welcome.
- I want to take a moment to recognize and respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Musqueam, on whose traditional lands and home we meet today.
- I am delighted to be joining our partners at UBC and the Whitecaps for the official opening of the National Soccer Development Centre.

The Centre

- As an athlete, I know the importance of having the tools necessary to train and excel in sport.
- This facility not only has the right tools, but will be the hub for soccer.
- As the base of the Whitecaps men's and women's teams, it will support the clubs development squads, and be the home for the UBC soccer, BC Soccer and the Canadian national teams.

- It will become the heart of soccer for our province!

Our Athletes

- Our province not only supports athletes, but we develop them.
- B.C. athletes go on to compete in provincial, national and international competitions and return to our province to give back to our communities in so many ways.
- They can only do this if we provide them with the facilities, programs and development opportunities they need to excel.
- Facilities that support our elite athletes and our developing athletes.
- I am delighted that fifty percent of the field time at the National Soccer centre will be dedicated to community use.
- It is truly at the community level where young people begin to develop their passion for sport participation.
- A passion that will support them throughout their life, contribute to a healthy lifestyle and build connections to the community.

Investing in Infrastructure

- Investing in sports infrastructure provides facilities for coaches and athletes to train and develop to their fullest potential.

- It also becomes a community hub that inspires our next generation of athletes and those that want to live healthy, active lifestyles.
- This facility will join a number of world class facilities in our province that will provide opportunities for our communities to host provincial, national and international events.
- These types of events bring visitors to our province, contribute to our communities and showcase our province and our people.

The Athletes

- The benefits of participating in sport have an impact that lasts a lifetime.
- For me, it taught me [Insert personal story]
 - ...
 - ...
 - ...
- Today, more than ever we have to provide opportunities for our young people to grow and experience the many benefits of participating in organized sports such as soccer.

- Sport builds a foundation for success later in life, which ultimately leads to building stronger communities.
- Improving physical and mental health...
- Making lifelong friends and building close community ties.
- Through my own involvement with sport as an athlete and coach, I have seen first-hand how participation can impact the lives of young people in positive ways.
- This facility would not have been possible without the contributions of UBC, the Whitecaps and the former government.
- We're in an era of cooperation, and I believe that there is an opportunity to work together and make B.C. a better place and it is through these types of partnership that will happen.
- Thank you

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Soccer development centre to benefit British Columbia

VANCOUVER – The government of British Columbia will help complete a world-class soccer development centre in Vancouver that will serve to promote sport and physical activity as a foundation for strong families in the province, announced Bill Bennett, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

The B.C. government is partnering with Vancouver Whitecaps FC and the University of British Columbia (UBC) on construction of the National Soccer Development Centre (NSDC). The centre will feature a state-of-the-art fieldhouse, as well as five new, refurbished or improved soccer fields.

Minister Ida Chong, representing Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Bill Bennett, led a kickoff event for the project today at UBC, attended by local elementary students, minor soccer players, and members of both Whitecaps FC and Canada's national soccer teams.

The B.C. government will contribute up to \$14.5 million. The centre will be a significant community asset, with more than 50 per cent of field time devoted to community use. In addition, the facility will be a key physical asset to support BC Soccer and the ongoing development of players, coaches, and referees.

Located at UBC's Thunderbird Park, the NSDC will also be the focal point for Whitecaps FC's community programs that reach more than 30,000 community players annually – about 30 per cent of the youth players registered in B.C. The partnership will also create important recreational and high-performance sport legacies.

In addition to accommodating youth soccer players, the centre will be the home of Whitecaps FC men's, women's and residency teams, and UBC's soccer teams, as well as serving as the west coast base for Canada's men's, women's, and youth national teams.

Furthermore, the NSDC will help Vancouver attract and host major sporting events – including the 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup, a Major League Soccer all-star game, and major international friendlies – as well as the associated business opportunities that come with providing a world-class training facility for visiting athletes and teams.

Construction, refurbishment and improvement of the five fields – three grass and two artificial turf – as well as the new fieldhouse at UBC, combined with the two artificial turf fields built at Simon Fraser University by Whitecaps FC, will complete the historic project that is projected to cost \$32.5 million. In total, Whitecaps FC are providing \$15 million, while UBC will provide the land. As part of the agreement, Whitecaps FC may also request up to a further \$3 million from the Province in 10 years for artificial turf resurfacing.

The project will create more than 170 direct jobs and 90 indirect jobs during the construction phase. Whitecaps FC will officially move to the club’s new training grounds in spring 2013 when the first phase of the project is expected to be completed. This first phase will include a refurbished grass field and locker room access for Whitecaps FC. The balance of the project will be completed in advance of the 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup.

Quotes:

Bill Bennett, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –

“We are proud to partner with the Whitecaps and UBC to make the National Soccer Development Centre a reality. Our government’s support for construction of the facility will help grow the world’s most popular game in this province, promote sport and healthy activity for B.C. families and develop B.C.’s soccer stars of the future.”

“This centre will help attract major international soccer events and the accompanying business opportunities. In addition, more than 260 direct and indirect jobs will be created during construction.”

Bob Lenarduzzi, president, Vancouver Whitecaps FC –

“Today is a monumental day for Canadian soccer and elevates the game to new levels in British Columbia. UBC is a world-class university in a fantastic location and is quickly becoming the epicentre for sport in Canada.”

“The government’s commitment to healthy living and sport for our youth, combined with the amenities and synergy at UBC, makes this partnership truly special. We are excited to call the National Soccer Development Centre our home for many years to come.”

Louise Cowin, vice president, students, University of British Columbia –

“The new National Soccer Development Centre will be a cornerstone for UBC’s community athletic programs and we are delighted that members of our community as well as our students and athletes will enjoy world-class facilities on campus. We are both grateful and excited to be involved in this partnership and look forward to growing the sport of soccer and other athletic programs in the community.”

Quick Facts:

- More than 50 per cent of field time will be dedicated to community use.
- The National Soccer Development Centre will serve as a base for Whitecaps FC men’s and women’s teams, the club’s development squads, and the Canadian national men’s and women’s teams. It will also support UBC and BC Soccer.
- The centre will be situated at UBC’s Thunderbird Park.
- Annual operating costs of the centre will be fully covered by Whitecaps FC and UBC.

Learn More:

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SPEAKING POINTS FOR
Ravi Kahlon
Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism

AMSSA AGM and 40th Anniversary

Friday, September 22, 2017
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location:
Creekside Community Centre
1 Athletes Way, Vancouver, BC V5Y 0B1

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Event Contact on site:
Melissa Jay, Communications Manager
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Event summary:

- Brief description: This is annual general meeting for AMSSA where they will highlight the 40th anniversary of the organization and diversity awards presentation.
- Provincial rep role: PS Kahlon brings greetings on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture and congratulates the organization (2-3 min).
- Other event highlights: Northwest Coast First Nations mask dancing, Presentation of AMSSA Diversity Awards, AMSSA Board recognition and the screening of the 40th Anniversary video.

Time: PS Kahlon speaks at approximately 4:10 p.m.

Directions and Parking:

Directions: The event is being held at Creekside Community Centre in the Multipurpose room 4. See map below.



Parking: Pay parking is available in the underground parkade of the Creekside Community Centre. Rates are from 6:30am – 10:00 pm, Monday to Sundays: \$3.50/hr or maximum of \$13.00/day. Metered parking is available around the False Creek area and in effect from 9:00 am – 10:00pm 7 days a week, hourly limits may apply. Note: Street parking is available in the surrounding community; however, hourly limits are strictly enforced.

Logistics: Podium

Audience: There will be approximately 100 people attending this event, consisting of multicultural organizations and services, board members and Mark Seeley, Director of Multiculturalism with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

Dress Code: Business

Key participants:

- Jean McRae, AMSSA's President (EMCEE) also the Chief Executive Officer of The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria
- Provincial reps
 - PS Kahlon, Minister Ralston, Minister Sims

Key Messages:

- Today, we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of AMSAA
- AMSAA, along with their 70 + member organizations serve new comers to B.C. by providing programming that promotes multiculturalism and builds inclusive communities throughout the province.
- Our province welcomes nearly 40,000 new immigrants every year and is one of the most ethnically diverse provinces in Canada.
- Our government recognizes that cultural diversity including the participation and engagement of all cultures is vitally important to create a strong and vibrant social and economic future for British Columbia.

Agenda

Time	Event Itinerary
3:30 p.m.	Registration / networking
4:00 p.m.	Start of the Annual General Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Northwest Coast First Nations mask dancing Git Hayetsk Dancers
4:05 p.m.	Welcome Phil L'Hirondelle TITLE
4:10 p.m.	Welcome Remarks Jean McRae, President AMSSA
4:15 p.m.	Greetings from Mr. Ravi Kahlon, Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism
4:20 p.m.	Call Meeting to Order Jean McRae, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Remarks by Jean McRae • Executive Director's Remarks by Tracy Wideman • Reports reviews by Jessica Yuen • Elections by Michael Radano
4:50 p.m.	Presentation of AMSSA Diversity Awards
5:05 p.m.	Screening of the 40 th Anniversary Video
5:15 p.m.	AMSSA Board Recognition
5:20 p.m.	Closing of the meeting
5:30 p.m.	Networking and Refreshments

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Thank you Jean for the kind introduction.
- I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people, including the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (Sail-wa-tooth) First Nations.
- It's an honour and a pleasure to be here with you today to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA)
- I am pleased to be joined tonight, by Minister Simms and Ralston and bring greetings on behalf of Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

THE AMSSA ORGANIZATION

- I'd like to recognize the AMSSA organization, board members,, and staff.
- I had the opportunity to meet with Raj and Buncy Pagely this week. The Pagelys are shining examples of the many people in the province that volunteer their time and energy to promoting diversity in BC... in fact , Mr. Raj Pagely was a founding member of AMSSA 40 years ago.

- We live in a diverse and inclusive province, but we would not be where we are today without the support of AMSAA and their member organizations.
- AMSAA, along with their 70 + member organizations serve new comers to B.C. by providing programming that builds inclusive communities throughout the province.

A personal connection

- My parents were newcomers to Canada and I grew up seeing the struggles of coming to a new country, but I also saw the many rewards.
- When my family arrived in Canada, they quickly realized that their expectations were not what they thought they would be.
- Language issues, getting employment that paid a fair wage and many other factors made it really difficult for them.
- But, they sacrificed, so that their children could have a better life.
- This is a common story and a common theme.

Diversity in the province

- Our province welcomes nearly 40,000 new immigrants every year and is one of the most ethnically diverse provinces in Canada.

- Our government recognizes that cultural diversity including the participation and engagement of all cultures is vitally important to create a strong and vibrant social and economic future for British Columbia.
- I have had the opportunity to talk to many new immigrants and know the impact they are having as professionals, business owners, volunteers, coaches, athletes and as part of our public service.
- Many of them have been successful because of the support of AMSSA and their member organizations.

CONCLUSION

- I am very grateful for the commitment and dedication of the AMSAA team, and I would like to thank you for your continued work with the Multiculturalism branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.
- I know that it takes dedication, time, and continued focus to ensure that diversity is recognized and celebrated.
- Congratulations on your 40 year anniversary!
- Thank you.

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BACKGROUND

AMSSA is a provincial association with over 70 members that includes agencies who provide services to immigrants and newcomers as well as build culturally inclusive communities. AMSSA provides information, resources and other supports such as Info Sheets, toolkits, events (webinars, e-symposia, and meetings).

AMSSA members are part of the Provincial Community Antiracism Network (Organizing Against Racism and Hate, or ORAH.) Community Associations such as Abbotsford Community Services and Burnaby Family Life Institute have been instrumental in raising awareness and breaking down cultural barriers that lead to discrimination and racism in their communities.

AMSSA operates the *Safe Harbour* program which provides training in diversity and inclusion to businesses and organizations. Safe Harbour was formerly funded by the province, but now AMSSA continues to run the based on a cost recovery model.

AMSSA and its affiliated members have been recognized on numerous occasions by the Province at the BC Multiculturalism Awards. For example:

- In 2011, AMSSA received an award in the Outstanding Organization Category. In 2016, Paulina Grainer from the Intercultural Association of Victoria (an AMSSA member) , won the award in the *Individual* category – a multicultural champion who breaks down barriers and promotes community engagement;

Background: Federal funding

On April 12, 2012, citing a need to harmonize settlement services across Canada, CIC Minister Jason Kenney announced the federal government's intention to terminate immigration agreements with Manitoba and British Columbia, and to reassume management of the settlement program.

The announcement caught provinces by surprise and several, accompanied by a number of settlement organizations, reacted with dismay. Many programs funded by the BC and Canada agreement including Safe Harbour delivered by AMSSA ended as the federal government refocused its programming.

Key Individuals

- Katie Rosenberger is the current Executive Director s.22
- Farah Kotadia, Acting Executive Director
- Lynn Moran, former Executive Director s.22
- Anita Braha, Chair of the Vancity board. Vancity has been a strong supporter of AMSSA who have sponsored the Safe Harbour champions breakfast (last breakfast held in March 10 2016) no evidence of a 2017 event.
Jean McRae is the current president of AMSSA and she is also the Chief Executive Officer of The Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA).



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Hon. Lisa Beare

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

EVENT

**‘BC Creates Community Appreciation’
An Industry Appreciation Event**

Honouring Municipal, Provincial, Industry Partners in Motion Picture Production

Saturday, September 23, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Late

Location:

Vancouver Art Gallery

750 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC

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Event Contact on site:
Leslie Wootton
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Event summary:

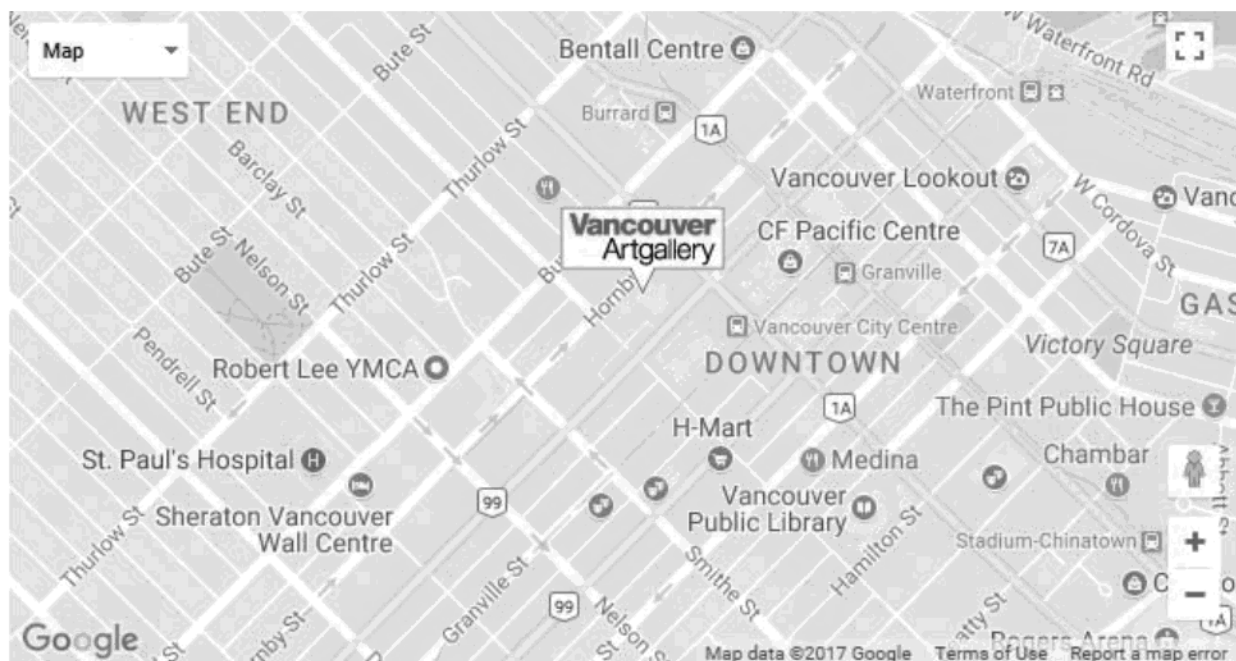
- The "BC Creates Community" event is the annual highlight of the Motion Picture Community Initiative (MPCI), established to pay tribute to the unique collaboration of key government, community and industry partners who together ensure our industry's ongoing success.
- Minister Lisa Beare will deliver greetings on behalf of the Province and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture with a focus on "partnerships" and their importance to the continued growth and prosperity of B.C.'s motion picture production sector.
- Character Guys will be at the event and could potentially escort the Minister to the stage. <http://thecharacterguys.com/>

Time: Minister speaks at 8:05pm

Directions and Parking:

Directions:

The Vancouver Art Gallery occupies an entire city block in the heart of downtown Vancouver, bounded by Georgia Street, Hornby Street, Robson Street and Howe Street.



Parking:

No parking is available on Gallery premises, but there is plenty of paid public parking nearby: Hotel Vancouver parkade (enter from Hornby Street), Pacific Centre Mall parkade (enter from Howe Street) and Robson Square Complex (enter from Howe Street).

Gallery Access:

You can enter the Gallery from Hornby Street.

Logistics: Stage/podium/microphone

Audience:

70% industry and other 30% are the partners are in the municipal film offices, in the provincial parks etc.

Dress Code:

Business casual

Key participants:

- Emcee: Peter Leitch, Chair, Motion Picture Production Industry Association of BC
- Stakeholders:
 - Sandi Richter Cooper, Creative BC Film Commissioner
 - Marnie Orr, Creative BC, Motion Picture Industry & Community Affairs Manager
 - Kendrie Upton, Executive Director, Directors Guild of Canada

Key Facts:**Motion Picture Community Initiative (MPCI)**

- In 2016, the Motion Picture Community Initiative (MPCI) developed a community appreciation strategy to build ties with local government partners and other key stakeholders whose little known contributions are vital to the success and sustainability of film and television production in BC.

BC Creates

- BC Creates is a collaborative communications initiative established in 2015 to celebrate and tell the story of British Columbia's vibrant creative industries.
- Under the banner BC Creates, collaborators – from across film & television, digital media, music, magazine & book publishing, are working together to share the story of the economic, social and cultural contributions at the heart of BC's creative economy.
- A strong collaboration between industry and Government has leveraged British Columbia to have strong history of creative excellence.
- This solid foundation will establish provide real opportunities for future generations of British Columbians.

BC Motion Picture Industry

- With 338 film and television productions, and direct spending of \$2.6 billion in 2016-17, B.C. is one of the top production centres in North America.
- British Columbia's motion picture industry supports quality jobs that make up a talented, highly experienced and knowledge-driven workforce.
- With over 60 studio facilities and over 2.75 million square feet in stage space, B.C.'s motion picture industry can service over 50 productions at once and accommodate all sizes and types of production.

Agenda:



Program Participants (in order of appearance):

- **Character Guy (woman)**
 - **Director**
 - **Emcee Peter Leitch, Chair, Motion Picture Production Industry Assn. of BC;**
 - **The Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture;**
 - **Sandi Richter Cooper, Creative BC Film Commissioner;**
 - **MPCI representatives Kendrie Upton,(Executive Director, DGC-BC & Marnie Orr, Creative BC, Motion Picture Industry & Community Affairs Manager**
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7:00 pm	Guests arrive.
7:15 pm - 8 pm	DJ Set #1 (45 mins).
7:00 – 8 pm	Guest arrivals continue, hospitality begins, Character Guys mingle and implement 'operation industry send up' gags; red carpet arrivals, step & repeat photo opps.
8:00 pm	Character Guy (woman) Director takes stage, uses bull horn to set up Peter Leitch 'scene'. Director cues Peter's remarks with "Action!"
8:00 pm	Peter Leitch welcome/introductory remarks: "The Collaboration"; Peter Leitch introduces Minister Lisa Beare. Industry PA quickly primps the Minister.
8:05 pm	Minister Lisa Beare, greetings on behalf of the Province of BC and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture: "The Partnership"

8:08 pm	<p>Peter Leitch thanks Minister Beare, begins to introduce Creative BC Film Commissioner Sandi Richter Cooper.</p> <p>Character Guy Director takes stage with Peter to call SRC to the stage for her scene. Director sets the scene for Film Commissioner SRC's remarks with short set of direction...then calls "Action!"</p>
8:10 pm	<p>Film Commissioner Sandi Richter Cooper remarks: "The Village"</p>
8:13 pm	<p>Sandi introduces Motion Picture Community Initiative representatives Kendrie Upton (DGC-BC) & Marnie Orr (Creative BC). Industry PA primps Marnie and Kendrie briefly as they take the stage.</p>
8:14 pm	<p>Marnie & Kendrie remarks: "the thank you".</p>
8:17 pm	<p>Marnie & Kendrie intro "recruitment" Thank You video</p>
8:17 pm	<p>Roll video</p>
8:20 pm	<p>Program concludes, Kendrie & Marnie thank all.</p>
8:20 pm	<p>Photo opportunity(s)</p>
8:25 pm	<p>MPCI intros the Boom Booms</p>

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Good evening and thank you for the kind introduction Peter.
- It's an honour to be here tonight as the Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture, on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, to offer greetings on behalf of the Province.

SPEECH

- I'd like to start by congratulating the Motion Picture Community Initiative for creating this celebration.
- Tonight is dedicated to honouring the contributions of key municipal and provincial government stakeholders, who contribute passionately to the success of BC.'s motion picture industry.

- As I hope you've heard – this sector contributed 2-point-six BILLION dollars to the economy last year. A huge achievement!
- Our province is one of the top centres for screen-production excellence in North America...
-with a long history of producing award winning feature films, television series, documentaries and commercials.
- And really, our success comes from your hard work and dedication.

PARTNERSHIP

- One of our key strengths is that British Columbia is known around the world as being a film-friendly -- full service production centre.

- BC’s “production friendly” reputation extends from our cities, to local residents and businesses, and to municipal film offices and provincial agencies that welcome production activity.
- Given increasing global competition, it is essential that we work in partnership with industry stakeholders, Creative BC, and all levels of government....
- This is to ensure the sustainability and continued success of BC’s creative industries.

Acknowledgments:

- I would like to recognize the important work of municipal and provincial film permitting agencies...
- ...And the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to make BC the best place to make screen based entertainment.

CONCLUSION

- The government of British Columbia is committed to strengthening a sustainable and competitive Creative economy....
- One that will employ new generations well into the future;
- And, in the months ahead, I want to ensure that we'll be working closely with you as partnership is the key to success.
- Once again, thank you so much for inviting me to share this beautiful evening with you.
- Congratulations to everyone on your achievements...
- On behalf of the Province, thank you.

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BACKGROUND

Event:

The Motion Picture Community Initiative (MPCI) is a taskforce of industry representatives established in 2016 specifically to recognize, appreciate and mitigate the pressures on municipal and provincial government partners whose resources are often stretched by the demands of B.C.'s thriving location production activity. In its short history, the Initiative has honored industry's municipal partners, delivered locally based appreciation events and communications, and evolved into an ambassador of community appreciation for all industry partners contributing to BC's reputation for excellence in motion picture production.

The "BC Creates Community Appreciation" event on **September 23rd** is the pinnacle of the MPCI's annual activities and brings out a cross section of key industry stakeholders to celebrate everyone's collective efforts.

Key Participants

- Peter Leitch, Chair of the Motion Picture Production Industry Association of B.C.: Peter was honoured with a Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal and an honorary doctorate degree from Capilano University. The Motion Picture Production Association works towards a fully integrated production centre, internationally recognized; a technically sophisticated infrastructure; vibrant domestic and service production activity; a diverse and skilled work force; and a competitive business environment with the ability to embrace change.
- Sandi Richer Cooper, BC Film Commissioner & Director of Production Services, Creative BC: leads Creative BC's production services team to deliver provincial film commission services, from locations marketing and physical production resource support, to industry and community relations services. With a focus on BC, Sandi works to sustain and grow ongoing opportunity and collaboration for the network of industry and government stakeholders who together contribute to the motion picture industry's success in our province
- Kendrie Upton, Executive Director, Directors Guild of Canada: is responsible for ensuring that Executive Board policies are implemented and represents the DGC BC in all facets of the industry. She is also the key contact with federal, provincial and city elected and appointed officials.
- Marine Orr, Motion Picture Industry and Community Affairs Manager, Creative BC: is responsible for helping resolve Industry production issues with all levels of

government and stakeholders, proactively advising on the development of standardized guidelines and procedures to facilitate production and building strong community relationships.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Hon. Lisa Beare

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

**Union of BC Municipalities- Resort Communities
Collaborative Meeting with RMI Mayors and Chief
Administrative Officers**

Monday, September 25, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location:

Pan Pacific Vancouver- Ocean View Suites

300 - 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3B5

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Event Contact on site:

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Event summary:

- Annual meeting with Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers of the fourteen Resort Municipalities across the province to hear about some of the successes of the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) program. This meeting is between the Minister responsible for the RMI program and Resort Community Collaborative members held at the start of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.
- This meeting is an opportunity for the Resort Communities Collaborative to share RMI outcomes and demonstrate their contributions to the Province's overall tourism development goals, looks ahead at future opportunities and highlights some of the ongoing successes of the RMI program.
- Minister delivers opening remarks and welcome message.

Time: Minister speaks at 4:00pm

Directions and Parking:

Directions: The event is being held at the Pan Pacific Vancouver at their Ocean View Suites. There will be directional signs at the hotel pointing you in the direction of the suites.



Parking: Parking is available underground at the hotel.

Logistics:

- There will be a podium at the front of the room with a microphone and screen behind.
- The room will be set up with rows of 3 on each side of the podium (front).

Audience:

There will be key stakeholders from the RMI communities and representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture.

Dress Code: Business casual

Key participants:

Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture Staff:

Sandra	Carroll	Deputy Minister
Claire	Avison	Assistant Deputy Minister
Amy	Schneider	Director
Adrienne	Beck	Manager

Stakeholders:

RMI Community	Name	Title
City of Fernie	Norm McInnis	CAO
City of Fernie	Mary Giuliano	Mayor
City of Kimberley	Scott Sommerville	CAO
City of Kimberley	Don McCormick	Mayor
City Of Revelstoke	Allan Chabot	CAO
City Of Revelstoke	Mark McKee	Mayor
City of Rossland	Bryan Teasdale	CAO
City of Rossland	Kathy Moore	Mayor
District of Invermere	Chris Prosser	CAO
District of Invermere	Gerry Taft	Mayor
District of Tofino	Bob MacPherson	CAO
District of Tofino	Josie Osborne	Mayor
District of Ucluelet	Mark Boysen	CAO
District of Ucluelet	Dianne St. Jacques	Mayor
Resort Municipality of Whistler	Mike Furey	CAO
Resort Municipality of Whistler	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden	Mayor
Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality	Rob Bremner	CAO

Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality	Al	Raine	Mayor
Town of Golden	Jon	Wilsgard	CAO
Town of Golden	Ron	Oszust	Mayor
Town of Osoyoos	Barry	Romanko	CAO
Town of Osoyoos	Sue	McKortoff	Mayor
Village of Harrison Hot Springs	Madeline	McDonald	CAO
Village of Harrison Hot Springs	Leo	Facio	Mayor
Village of Radium Hot Springs	Mark	Read	CAO
Village of Radium Hot Springs	Clara	Reinhardt	Mayor
Village of Valemount	Adam	Davey	CAO
Village of Valemount	Jeannette	Townsend	Mayor

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Key Messages:

- The Province is investing \$10.5 million in 2017/18 for tourism infrastructure and amenities in 14 resort communities. The funding comes from the government's Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI).
- Communities will use this funding to enhance tourism infrastructure and support events that are crucial to growing the tourism sector which drives their economies.
- In Spring 2017, the RMI program term was extended from December 31, 2017 to March 31, 2018, providing additional funding for the participating communities.
- With 2017/18 funding included, more than \$119 million in RMI funding has been invested in the fourteen communities since 2006.
- Including RMI funding, the Province invests over \$110 million annually in the Tourism sector.

Agenda

Time	Event Itinerary
4:00 p.m.	Emcee welcomes guests, provides remarks and introduces Minister Beare.
4:02 p.m.	Welcome message by the Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture
4:10-4:20 p.m.	History and overview of RMI program
4:20-4:45 p.m.	Presentations on program highlights and value of RMI
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Questions/discussion
5:00- 6:00 p.m.	Reception (light snacks provided)

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Good evening and thank you for the kind introduction.
- It's an honour to be here this evening, as the Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture, on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.
- Thank you for the invitation to join you this evening.
- As I look around the room, I am pleased to see mayors and community representatives from across the province.
- My colleagues and I are eager to hear from you about how the Resort Municipality Initiative has enhanced tourism infrastructure and supported events and programs in your communities.

- I look forward to the presentations this evening as well as the discussions that will follow.
- I would like to begin by acknowledging the remarkable work that our firefighters and emergency responders are doing in our province and near many of your communities.
- This year's fire season has been unprecedented and during my visit to the Cariboo-Chilcotin region last month, I saw first-hand the devastating effects that these wildfires are having.
- I want you to know that we're going to work side by side with the tourism industry as we start the recovery process.
- In the last few weeks, we announced \$600,000 in funding to tourism associations in the Cariboo Chilcotin, Kootenay Rockies and the Thompson-Okanagan.

- This funding will support the recovery needs of the impacted and marketing the areas will be a part of that process.

RESORT COMMUNITIES

- Personally, I always feel excitement when I visit a resort community in our province.
- Whether it's to go skiing in Whistler, for a summer getaway to Osoyoos or a hiking adventure in Kimberley, each of your resort municipalities are special places with some of the best experiences that BC has to offer.
- Your unique communities contribute to our strong provincial reputation, and for being recognized globally for our year-round tourism experiences.
- We're making it to the top of people's travel lists and we're being recognized by the international tourism

industry as a must visit destination.

- Just the other week, I read an article announcing that Sun Peaks Resort was named 2nd most recommended resort in the world by the Ski Club of Britain. Congratulations Mayor Raine.
- RMI communities like Whistler and Tofino are home to some of the world's best resort hotels offering memorable stay for their guests.

RMI

- Tourism is an important economic driver in the province, and the type of growth we have seen in this sector is only possible with all of us working in partnership.
- RMI has been successful in increasing visitation to your communities and drawing in visitors all year-round.

- Which has increased employment and contributions to your local economies...
- RMI has helped support local festivals and events...
- And, it has played a role in increasing private investment.
- This is all very impressive and I am pleased that 2017/18 RMI funding allocations were approved through to March 31st 2018.
- I look forward to how seeing the investments are used and how they contribute to further growth of the tourism sector.
- I also look forward to further expanding international marketing efforts of our province so you can host even more travellers.

- Industry projects that there will be more than 101,000 new jobs in the tourism and hospitality sector by 2020 – that's 10% of all expected job openings in B.C.
- Your continued efforts in making our resort communities vibrant will be essential in keeping us global leaders in marketing.

Future of RMI

- I understand that we are at a critical point now with the current RMI term ending in March 2018.
- While the RMI has been a success and I am pleased to hear about the impact it has made in each of your communities.
- I see a number of opportunities for improvement that I believe our government can work on.

- I have been briefed on the work the RCC has done to better demonstrate the impact of the RMI and to contribute to the Ministry's own review of the program.
- As I look forward at our options, I can see some opportunities for us in developing a future tourism infrastructure program...
- ...the importance of funding certainty: for several years now, there has been a lack of a long-term commitment to your communities, which I understand has presented challenges in project planning.
- The importance of spending parameters that meet your needs: what is needed in one community is not the same in another, particularly as we look at larger resorts and some of our less developed resorts.
- ...the importance of looking at how we distribute our investments to communities and across the province..

- ...and lastly, to consider all funding mechanisms and tools available to us as a government as we look at sustainable and competitive solutions.

CONCLUSION

- I see how very important your communities are to growing tourism in B.C. and I know March is not too far away.
- I commit to you all today that I will ensure the information and feedback you have provided on the RMI will be given careful consideration as government reviews options beyond March 2018.
- As I travel around the Province, I will keep an eye out for RMI projects that have enhanced your communities and enriched the lives of British Columbians and those who visit this wonderful province of ours.

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BACKGROUND

Event:

- This is an annual meeting between the Minister responsible for the RMI program and Resort Community Collaborative members held at the start of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.
- This meeting is an opportunity for the Resort Communities Collaborative to share RMI outcomes and demonstrate their contributions to the Province's overall tourism development goals, looks ahead at future opportunities and highlights some of the ongoing successes of the RMI program.

Funding

- The total funding is capped at \$10.5 million per year.
- The Province contributed \$10.5 million through the Resort Municipality Initiative program for 2017/18.
- Since, 2006, a total of \$119.1M in funding has been distributed to the RMI communities, with individual allocations to each community fluctuating from year to year.

About the RMI Program

Annual RMI funding is capped at \$10.5 million. The current RMI program term will expire in March 2018.

There are 14 communities that participate in the RMI: Fernie, Golden, Harrison Hot Springs, Invermere, Kimberley, Osoyoos, Radium Hot Springs, Revelstoke, Rossland, Sun Peaks, Tofino, Ucluelet, Valemount and Whistler.

Annual funding for RMI communities is based on Municipal and Regional District Tax collected in the previous calendar year and the number of accommodation units in a community. Should the calculation result in a total greater than \$10.5 million, funding to communities is adjusted by an equal percentage to stay within the program budget.

Through RMI funding, the fourteen communities have been able to highlight their unique competitive advantages. For example, Osoyoos' beachfront; Fernie's Nordic skiing and snowmobile opportunities; Ucluelet's Wild Pacific Trail; and Whistler's year-round mountain and cultural experience.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Lisa Beare

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

PAVCO Board Meeting

Friday, September 29, 2017

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

PavCo Corporate Office – Large Boardroom

Suite 200 – 999 Canada Place

Vancouver, BC

Please check against delivery

Event contact:

Judy Mah, EA, Mobile: ^{s.22}

Event Summary

Time	Event Itinerary
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	PavCo Board Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Minister Beare arrives and is greeted by board chair, Stuart McLaughlin
4:05 – 4:08 p.m.	Mr. McLaughlin will introduce Min. Beare to the board to provide greetings.
4:08 – 4:30 p.m.	Mix and mingle.

Directions and Parking: The office is located at the Canada Place building, up the white staircase next to the Canada Place parkade at the intersection of Howe Street and Canada Place. You will know you are in the right place as the staircase to our office is also located next the World Trade Centre and a Starbucks. The entrance is located at the top of the 1st set of stairs on the left.

Map link:

<https://www.google.ca/maps/dir//PavCo,+999+Canada+Place+%23200,+Vancouver,+BC+V6C+3C1/@49.2880781,-123.1496886,13z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m9!4m8!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x54867178474e70c1:0xb64660d83a739d6c!2m2!1d-123.112781!2d49.288028!3e0>

Dress Code: Business

Key Participants: Board members and PavCo executive. See background information for bio's

Key Messages:

- PavCo generates over \$450m, and in the last year close to \$500 million in economic benefit for the province annually, PavCo has over the past 4 years created an economic impact of \$2B for the people of British Columbia. See background for KMs related to BC Place and the Convention Centre.

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon.
- Offer greetings on behalf of Premier John Horgan.
- I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people, including the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh (Sail-wa-tooth) Nation.

REMARKS

- I am happy to have been appointed minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture with PavCo as part of my responsibility.
- PavCo supports the mandate of ministry for both tourism and sport and I am pleased to join you today and meet the people behind PavCo.

[Pause]

- I've had several opportunities to experience BC Place and the Vancouver Convention Centre as an attendee

- I also had the pleasure of joining Ken and Rehana for a tour of the facilities at the beginning of September.
- I continue to be impressed by both facilities and how they serve not only the people of Vancouver, but the province.
- The economic impact of both facilities is close to \$500 million annually and 2 billion in the last five years.
- These facilities are a key reason that we continue to be able to attract major events such as the upcoming Rugby 15's and major conventions such Women deliver 2019.
- These types of events put B.C. on the world stage and contribute to the economic prosperity of our province.

CONCLUSION

- What truly makes facilities such as BC Place and The Vancouver Convention Centre successful is the continued focus on meeting the needs of the communities they serve.
- The construction of Parq Vancouver, the upcoming announcement of the LEED Certification and capturing world

class events are some examples of the work that you are doing.

- I know PavCo has lots to do and I will look forward to working with you.
- As board members thank you for your time

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BACKGROUND:

Executive Team

- Ken Cretney, President and CEO, Interim
- Rehana Din, Chief Finance Officer
- Clark Ledingham, General Counsel
- Judy Mah, Board Liaison

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stuart McLaughlin, Chair

Stuart McLaughlin is the previous owner and President of Grouse Mountain Resorts Ltd. He has over 20 years experience in tourism and hospitality across the province. McLaughlin is a past chair of Tourism Vancouver, a former director of Tourism BC and chaired the BC Chamber of Commerce tourism advisory committee.

Michael Ballingall

Michael J. Ballingall is the Senior Vice President of Big White Ski Resort Ltd., British Columbia's second most popular winter resort. Ballingall has worked in tourism and hospitality in the Okanagan Valley since 1982 and is well regarded as an innovative thinker and leader within the ski and snowboard industry. Under Ballingall's leadership, Big White has grown to become Canada's Favorite Family Resort and has been awarded top 5 Children's Ski School in the world.

Teresa Breining

Theresa Breining, CMP, CMM, is a principal with Breining Group LLC and focuses on facilitating, training and consulting in the meeting industry. A recognized thought leader, Breining works tirelessly to advance the level of professionalism in the events industry. She has served as adjunct faculty for meeting planning programs for universities throughout Southern California for 25 years. She is a sought after speaker, presenting educational workshops for a variety of business entities, and she co-authored a book with Jack Phillips, entitled Return on Investment in Meetings and Events. Breining has been acknowledged professionally many times over the years, including numerous inclusions on lists highlighting the "Most Influential People in the Meeting Industry" by Meeting News and Smart Meetings magazines. In recognition of her lifetime of leadership, she was inducted into the Convention Industry Council's Hall of Leaders in 2010.

Elizabeth Model

Elizabeth Model is the Chief Executive Officer of the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association. Previously, Ms. Model was the General Manager of Operations for Captain's Cove Marina Ltd, Cove Links Golf Course, Foremarke Management and Springbank Land Development. Ms. Model was also the Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce serving Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, the Director of D.T. Addams and Associates Ltd., and the Owner of Travelodge in Vernon. Active in her community, she is the Chair of the Better Transit

and Transportation Society and a member of the Simon Fraser University Advisory Council for Surrey.

Ron Mundi

Ron Mundi is a successful entrepreneur in the hospitality industry, and presently owns six hotel properties and oversees 375 employees. Mr. Mundi's hotels include the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre, the Holiday Inn Express Kamloops and the Best Western Cedar Park Inn Edmonton among others.

Frank Palmer

Frank Palmer is the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of DDB Canada, an acclaimed marketing communications agency. The chief engineer of the 1998 merger of Palmer Jarvis and the DDB network, Mr. Palmer successfully created Palmer Jarvis DDB and built a thriving national network recognized for producing the country's most talked about and award-winning ad campaigns. DDB Canada has won Strategy Magazine's Agency of the Year more times than any other Canadian advertising agency.

Jatinder Rai

Jatinder Rai is Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Response Advertising Inc., a leading specialist communications agency that provides creative, media, market research and public-relations based communication solutions to major marketers in Canada and the US.

Key Messages

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Vancouver Convention Centre

- Welcoming and hosting nearly 800,000 guests in 2016/17, In 2016/17, the economic impact generated by the Vancouver Convention Centre from all spending from delegates outside Metro Vancouver was \$368 million, exceeding its target of \$345 million by \$14 million.
- The VCC achieved financial improvement from loss to profitability in 5 years and delivered on target of break-even in 2015 with positive income of \$3.2M; results have remained – and are expected to remain - profitable going forward.
- First facility in Canada - and only one of two facilities worldwide - to earn the Venue Level Four certification from the Convention Industry Council's Accepted Practices Exchange (APEX) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Level 4 Certification: Meeting Venue (2016)
- Best Convention Centre and Best Convention Centre Service in North America by Watkins Research (2015/16)
- VCC was recognized as the first Healthy Venue in the Americas by the World Obesity Federation (2016)
- APEX and ASTM certification: Venue and Food and Beverage Standards (2014)
- LEED® Platinum certification for new construction

BC Place

- BC Place Stadium now generates over \$100M annually in economic benefit
- Since the stadium's revitalization in 2011 economic impact has totaled \$790 million. Additionally, a strong focus on cost efficiencies, combined with higher than forecast revenues, resulted in 30 percent improvement compared to budget in 2016/17.
- BC Place Stadium was ranked as one of the "Top 100 Stadium Experiences of 2016" by Stadium Journey, and rated as one of the "Top 100 Best Football Stadiums in the World" by Four-Four-Two, the World's leading football Publication.

Women Deliver conference:

- Prime Minister Trudeau announced in June, that Canada will host the next Women Deliver Conference, which will be held from June 3 to 6, 2019, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- The last conference was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2016, was the largest gathering on girls' and women's health, rights, and wellbeing in the last decade, bringing together 6,000 participants

Rugby 15's

- Canada Men's Fifteens rugby team takes on the world-renowned New Zealand Maori All Blacks Friday, November 3rd at BC Place.
- We recognize how a major international sporting event such as the fifteens rugby will bring visitors and viewers from around the world, showcasing our province and country, as a prime destination for hosting international events.
- The Canada Men's Fifteens rugby team and the world-renowned New Zealand Maori All Blacks game will be an inspiration that will fuel the next generation of athletes and generate excitement throughout B.C. and across Canada.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Lisa Beare

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Parq Vancouver

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

39 Smithe Street St., Vancouver

Please check against delivery

Event contact:

Tamara Hicks, Director, Corporate Affairs and Strategic Communications

Cell: 604-377-8538

Event Summary

- Parq Vancouver is a new international entertainment destination that features two luxury hotels, a Casino, a 60,000 square feet meeting/event space, eight diverse restaurants and lounges, a 30,000 square foot park, a world class spa, a fitness studio and much more.
- The press conference is designed to give local media an opportunity to engage with key stakeholders in advance of doors opening to public.
- The event will kick off with a 'welcome to the territory' from the Musqueam Chief Sparrow.
- The press conference opens at 8:30am and begins at 9am.
- Minister Beare makes brief (2-3 minutes) remarks at the 9am ground breaking opening.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

- 8:30am Event: JW Marriott Lobby (first entrance on 39 Smithe Street)
- Taxis recommended
- Valet parking is available

Logistics

- Podium & mic available for remarks at 9am

Dress Code:

- Business Casual

Audience

- Media & Stakeholders

Key Participants

- Government Reps:
 - Minister Lisa Beare, Government of BC
 - MLA Sam Sullivan has RSVP'd
- **Other VIP participants:**
 - Joe Brunini – President, Parq Vancouver
 - Musqueam First Nation Chief Wayne Sparrow
 - CEO of PBC Group Paul Bouzanis; Executive Vice President
 - COO of Dundee Corporation, Richard McIntyre
 - Paragon Gaming co-founders, Scott Menke and Diana Bennett
 - Area Vice President of Marriott Hotels of Canada Martin Stitt
 - Blau + Associates founder and CEO Elizabeth Blau

- **Media invited**

AM 1470
Asian Global Press
Astral
AutoNerve Magazine
AutoNerve Magazine
CBC News
CFOX-FM
CityTV Vancouver
CKNW
CTV Morning Live
CTV News
CTV News
Daily Hive
Fairchild Radio
Fairchild TV
Global BC TV
Global BC TV
NOVUS TV
Roundhouse Radio
Vancouver Magazine / Western Living

Key Messages

- British Columbia offers visitors unique experiences they couldn't have anywhere else.
- Parq Vancouver will be an international entertainment resort destination that will contribute to the Province's tourism industry.
- The world-class entertainment hub is expected to generate over \$260 million per year in combined resort and local spending by visitors.
- It will also create 2,000 full-time, permanent jobs, including 650 current employees of the existing Edgewater Casino.

Agenda

Executive Summary - Friday, September 29, 2017	
8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Check-in at the JW Marriott Lobby (first entrance on 39 Smithe Street)
9:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Joe Brunini welcomes all guests and introduces Chief Sparrow▪ Musqueam: welcome to the territory▪ Minister Lisa Beare – tourism talking points▪ Parq Ownership speak (Scott Menke, Richard McIntyre, Paul Bouzanis)▪ Talking points about excitement over the opening, what the property means to each of them and to Vancouver▪ Other partners (Marriott/Blau) say a few words▪ Joe Brunini thanks everyone for their attendance
9:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ribbon cutting photo opportunity▪ Ownership, Partners, Sr. Management to pose for photos
10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There will be no Q+A only pre-arranged interviews with reporters▪ Post-conference pre-approved interviews with identified Partners/Sr. Management take place (TBC)▪ PR escorts media out to assure limited access and facilitate additional information▪ Wrap

SPEAKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- Offer greetings on behalf of Premier John Horgan.
- I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people, including the Musqueam (MUSS-quee-um) Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh (Sail-wa-tooth) Nation.

- It's a privilege to represent the government as the Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture.
- And, it's an honour to join you this morning for the Parq Vancouver Opening.

REMARKS

- What an exciting day for the thousands of people who worked hard to make today a reality.....
- Some of who are in the room today.
- Parq Vancouver is an **IMPRESSIVE** destination resort that has already gained international attention.
- The ability to travel has never been easier – and people are looking for unique, world-class experiences.
- With two luxury hotels, 8 curated restaurants and lounges, a **PARK**, a spa, a **casino**...
- Parq Vancouver will make it to the top of travel lists and bring people to Vancouver's door step.

Tourism

- The resort will contribute to the Province's tourism industry.
- As you know, tourism is one of the key contributors to our economy....
- The sector creates quality, well-paying jobs for British Columbians.
- Parq Vancouver will be home to **2,000** permanent, full-time jobs!
- Tourism also generates spin-off revenue for other areas of the economy...
- Some of which include retail, hotel, restaurant and small businesses who rely on tourists.
- It is expected that Parq Vancouver will generate over **\$260 million per year** in combined resort and local spending by visitors.
- All of this is great news for the Province.

- Personally, I look forward to further expanding marketing efforts of our province into international markets so we can host even more travellers.

CONCLUSION

- Parq Vancouver adds to the stunning landscape of Vancouver.
- It expands the entertainment HUB in the heart of our city.
- It brings two luxury hotels to our city...
- AND, it bolsters our position as a destination city around the globe.
- Thank YOU for being here today- I hope you all get the opportunity to fully enjoy all the resort has to offer!

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BACKGROUND:

ABOUT PARQ VANCOUVER:

Fresh on the scene as a leading international entertainment destination, Parq is at the heart of downtown Vancouver's energetic entertainment district. Built to meet LEED Gold Standards, Parq Vancouver's dynamic offerings include two luxury and lifestyle hotels within one complex, Western Canada's first JW Marriott

Hotel and a first-to-market Autograph Collection Hotel, the DOUGLAS. Parq Vancouver offers locals and guests instant access to a wide range of amenities, including 72,000 square feet of world-class casino space spanning across two floors and featuring 11 private gaming salons, a 30,000 square-foot rooftop park, more than 60,000 square feet of well-appointed, flexible meeting and event space, and eight chef-driven restaurants and lounges from the world's foremost international restaurant developers and James Beard Award nominees restaurateur Elizabeth Blau, and her Canadian husband, award-winning Chef Kim Canteenwalla. For more information or reservations, please visit parqvancouver.com.

PavCO Lease:

Paragon's initial proposal included expanding gaming with lease payments of an estimated \$6 million a year to PavCo. However the City of Vancouver, when faced with public opposition, did not approve an expanded gaming license. With a reduced casino size, the lease revenue to PavCo is \$3 million annually. The lease agreement is worth \$3M/year plus inflation (based on the CPI) after 10 years. The total lease term is 70 years.

Musqueam First Nation:

The land is under claim by First Nations. PavCo has reached an accommodation agreement with Musqueam First Nation, as required when a proposed action will infringe upon a First Nation's Aboriginal interests. PavCo will pay Musqueam FN a total of \$8.5 million over three years: \$2.84M in the first year that PavCo receives revenue and \$2.83M in the following two years.

Casino Concerns:

Opponents of the casino have recently criticized Paragon's suitability to lead the development. The criticism is broadly based on the financial status of Paragon's operations in Alberta. Examples of the criticism can be found here: <https://storify.com/Garossino/paragon-gaming-s-trail-of-alberta-default-and-bank>. Based on this information, critics have questioned the financial viability of Paragon's development on Site 10a. See Appendix 1 for Paragon's response to this criticism.

Critics has also questioned whether PavCo has conducted sufficient due diligence in order to protect the taxpayer from the risk of Paragon defaulting on the project. See example here: <http://www.news1130.com/2014/11/17/future-is-unclear-for-casino-resort-development-near-bc-place/>

PavCo has implemented the following measures to best protect the interested of the taxpayer related to this project:

Under the confidential and undisclosed business terms between PavCo, Paragon and Parq Holdings LP (who have assumed all obligations of the Developer and will become the Developer of the project), the Developer has obtained financing for the project that provides for the up-front borrowing of:

1. all development costs of the completion of the construction based on a

- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract, and
2. an additional contingency borrowing of 15% of GMP, and
 3. all interest costs required to service these debt amounts to the completion of the project.

This is not a credit facility that is drawn upon by the Developer to pay expenses as they are incurred. It is a complete funding of the total development costs before substantial construction begins.

These funds are to be deposited by the project lenders directly into segregated 'lock box' accounts that can only be accessed by the Developer to pay invoices from the lead contractor after they have been certified both by the project lenders and an independent third party quantity surveyor to ensure that the project is 'in balance' with the construction management completion schedule and budget.