

Short Form Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming



Event: 2017 Trustee Academy - Education Evolution: Student-Centred Governance

When: Nov 24, 2017 11:40 am – 12 pm

Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminister Hwy, Richmond

Length: 20 mins

Event Details: BCSTA's Winter Trustee Academy's theme is "Education Evolution: Student-Centred Governance" this November. This year's winter academy will highlight the role students play in the governance of our public education system along with the value their perspective brings to decision-making.

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INTRODUCTION

- Thanks for having me.
- Pleased to be here.
- Theme is Education Evolution: Student-Centred Governance.
- Evolution is happening in B.C. education right now.
- Opportunity to come together, focus on student achievement & success.

MOA/TEACHER HIRING

- Recognize significant efforts to implement MOA.
- Top priority is student achievement.
- To make sure students thrive, need to increase stability and fully cover costs.

- Govt is investing extra \$681 million over the next three years.
- Districts received \$376 million CEF...
- ...to get classrooms ready and hire teachers and specialists.
- We are nearly there.
- Ongoing challenges with recruitment and retention.
- MOA hasn't made it easier.
- Finding and keeping specialists, especially in rural.
- Working on attracting teachers to get supports in the classroom.
- Expert task force to address immediate needs.

- Reps from school districts, BCTF, BCPSEA, PSEC, and a university Dean of Education.
- Will recommend actions by the end of December.
- Look forward to reviewing and working with you to fill vacancies.
- Teachers and specialists are crucial to student achievement and success.
- Need to work together to get supports in place ASAP.

FUNDING

- In addition to more teachers, enrollment is increasing.
- Ensuring funding is there for every student.
- Evidence shows best way to build a strong economy is to invest in kids.

- By investing in schools, we invest in a better future.
- Previous government - some inequities in funding caused challenges, especially in rural.
- Rural communities unique – school is centre of community.
- Equitable education system must support all.
- Conducting review of formula so students can benefit from fair and sustainable funding.
- Looking forward to working with the BCSTA.
- First step - develop shared principles and solid financial foundation.
- Will be centered on students.

ACHIEVEMENT & CURRICULUM

- Strong education system in B.C.
- Students perform at top in international assessments.
- PISA results (Tuesday morning) show students performed 2nd in world in Collaborative Problem Solving.
- New curriculum helping students continue to find success, focusing on core competencies and hands-on learning.
- Collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills for post-secondary and workforce.
- Still work to do.
- Have a vision for the system.
- Equal access and opportunity are key.

VULNERABLE STUDENTS

- Student success is about ensuring ALL learners are successful...
- ...and can benefit from quality education.
- Education is single greatest lever to improve people's lives.
- Overall outcomes are good, but we can do better for most vulnerable.
- Student-centred approach, needs to ensure best possible start for ALL - no matter where they come from.
- Committed to improving results for Indigenous learners.
- New curriculum acknowledges painful legacy of residential schools and recognizes Indigenous contributions.
- 17 Indigenous languages approved to be taught, and another 6 under development.

- Working with partners to develop a plan to support achievement.
- RCY report shows more needs to be done, particularly for Indigenous children in care.
- Gap for children and youth in care is unacceptable – much more needs to be done.
- Additional efforts and resources required.
- All students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in safe learning environment.
- In partnership with ARC and others, steps toward SOGI inclusion.
- Counted on BCSTA for support in joint statement, showing solidarity for SOGI and inclusion.

- Goal to create safe and supportive school environment, all students find success and achieve potential.

CAPITAL/SEISMIC

- Supportive and safe environment includes safety of school buildings.
- Students need optimal learning environments to achieve.
- Parents need peace of mind.
- Committed to accelerating seismic projects.
- 165 out of 346 seismic projects completed.
- We need to do more.
- We all have a role to play in this.
- Need to work together to speed up seismic upgrades as quickly as possible.

- 50 projects in our first 18 months.
- Already announced seven - \$64.6 million.
- Also work with fast-growing districts to speed up new student spaces.

LEADERSHIP

- One more critical piece to ensure student success...
- School district leaders.
- Principals, superintendents, and of course trustees.
- With changing students' needs, demands on leaders are complex and challenging.
- Many experienced leaders retiring, need to recruit next group of leaders.
- Working with BCSTA, BCPVPA, BCSSA, BCASBO and FISA to strengthen

leadership.

- Investing \$200,000 in pro-d for education leaders, and a Leadership Development Framework.

CONCLUSION

- Tremendous opportunity to do things differently.
- Need to work together to drive achievement and close gaps.
- You are doing great work to support students.
- Encourage you to continue to govern from a place where students are at the centre.
- I will always be available to hear concerns and suggestions.
- Together we will make our education system better for the people who matter most - students.

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INTRODUCTION

- Thanks for having me at this year's Trustee Academy.
- I'm pleased to be here as your Education Minister.
- The theme this year is Education Evolution: Student-Centred Governance.
- I do feel like we have an evolution happening in education in B.C. right now.
- This is our opportunity to come together to refocus on our students' achievement and success.

MOA/TEACHER HIRING

- I want to recognize your significant efforts over the past few months as we've worked to implement the MOA reached with the BCTF.

- My top priority is student achievement.
- To make sure our students continue to thrive, we need to increase the stability in the education system and make sure that the costs continue to be fully covered.
- This government is investing an extra \$681 million in the education system over the next three years.
- So far, \$376 million has gone to districts through the Classroom Enhancement Fund for this enormous effort...
- ...Getting classrooms ready for the school year, and hiring teachers and specialists.
- We are nearly there.
- However, we know there are still ongoing challenges with teacher recruitment and retention...
- The MOA hasn't made this any easier.

- And we know that finding and keeping educators with certain specializations is a major challenge, especially to support students in rural districts.
- We are working on attracting more teachers to B.C. to fill the remaining postings and get the supports students need in the classroom.
- As part of the Rural and Remote Workforce Sustainability Fund, districts received \$1.5 million for moving allowances, housing supports, and training to do just that.
- Earlier this month we introduced a task force of experts in the education sector to address the immediate needs of teacher recruitment and retention.
- The panel includes representatives from school districts, the BCTF, BC Public School Employers' Association, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat, and a university Dean of Education.

- The task force will assess the current challenges and recommend immediate actions by the end of December.
- I look forward to reviewing those recommendations and working with you to ensure vacancies are filled.
- Teachers and specialists are crucial to student achievement and success.
- We need to work together to ensure all the supports are in place for students across B.C. as soon as possible.

FUNDING

- In addition to having more teachers this year, we also know that enrollment is increasing in many districts.
- Our government is ensuring funding is there to support each and every student entering our education system.

- The evidence from all over the world is that the best way to build a strong economy for today and tomorrow is to invest in the success of our kids.
- By investing more in schools, we are investing in a better future for students.
- As you know, under the previous government some inequities were created in school district funding, causing challenges in many of your communities – especially in rural areas of B.C.
- I know that rural communities face unique challenges and pressures - the local school is often the centre of the community.
- An equitable education system must support all districts including rural, to ensure all students can find success no matter where they live.
- We are conducting a comprehensive review of the education funding formula to

make sure students can benefit from a system that is funded fairly and sustainably.

- I am looking forward to working closely with the BCSTA to establish principles at the outset, and I understand this work is underway.
- I know that those principles will be centered on student success and achievement.

ACHIEVEMENT & CURRICULUM

- We already have a strong education system here in B.C.
- Our students consistently perform at the top in international assessments.
- According to the 2015 PISA assessment, our Grade 10 students ranked high in reading, science and math.
- More results from that test were released

on Tuesday morning, showing B.C. students performed at the top for Collaborative Problem Solving skills, only narrowly beat out for the top score in the world by Singapore.

- Our new curriculum is helping students continue to find that success by focusing on important core competencies and hands-on learning.
- Students are developing the collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills they need to be successful in post-secondary studies and the workforce.
- But, as you are also well aware, we have work to do to make our strong education system even better for students.
- We have a vision for where we want to see the system now and in the future
- Equal access and opportunity are key to that vision.

VULNERABLE STUDENTS

- When we talk about student success we are talking about ensuring all learners are successful...
- ...and can benefit from the opportunities that come with a quality education.
- We know that public education is the single greatest lever we have to help improve people's chances to do well in life.
- Overall student outcomes are good, but we know that we can do better when it comes to our most vulnerable students.
- If we are truly committed to a student-centred approach, we need to ensure that all children get the best possible start - no matter where they come from.
- That's why we are committed to improving results in student achievement for

vulnerable students and Indigenous learners.

- Our new curriculum acknowledges the painful legacy of residential schools, recognizes Indigenous peoples' significant contributions to our country.
- So far we have approved 17 Indigenous languages to be taught in B.C. schools, and another 6 are under development.
- And we are working with all of our education partners develop a plan to support achievement for Indigenous learners.
- The Representative for Children and Youth's report several weeks ago shows more needs to be done for our most vulnerable, particularly for Indigenous children in care.
- The student achievement gap for children and youth in care is unacceptable and I agree much more needs to be done.

- It's clear from this report that additional efforts and resources are required to make a real difference in the lives of these young people.
- Here in B.C., we know that all students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment.
- Over the past year, through our partnership with the ARC Foundation and other key stakeholders, our province has taken a number of significant steps forward in creating SOGI inclusive learning environments.
- I'm proud that I was able to count on the BCSTA for support in issuing a joint statement recently, showing that all of B.C.'s education partners believe in SOGI and inclusion.
- The goal of all of these actions is to create a school environment that is safe and supportive, where all students can find

success and achieve their highest potential.

CAPITAL/SEISMIC

- There is another piece to creating a supportive and safe school environment, and that is the safety of our school buildings and classrooms.
- Students need optimal learning environments to achieve their best.
- And parents need to have peace of mind that their child is going to school in a safe classroom.
- This government is committed to accelerating seismic projects to make schools safer for students.
- As of now, 165 out of 346 seismic projects have been completed.
- We need to do more than has been done in the past.

- The Ministry, school boards and local governments all have a role to play in this.
- We will work with you to speed up the process of seismic upgrades for high risk schools in your districts as quickly as possible.
- Our goal is to approve 50 projects in our first 18 months.
- Since this government came in, we've already announced seven seismic projects for a total of \$64.6 million.
- We will also work with trustees in fast-growing districts to speed up investments in new student spaces, so we can get kids out of portables fast.

LEADERSHIP

- There is one more piece that is critical to ensuring students have every opportunity to find success and achieve their best...

- School district leaders.
- Principals, superintendents, and of course trustees.
- We know that with students' needs changing so rapidly, the demands on leaders are increasingly complex and challenging.
- We also know that many experienced and effective leaders are approaching retirement, and we need to recruit and train the next group of leaders to support our students.
- We have been working with our partners - BCSTA, BCPVPA, BCSSA, BCASBO and FISA – to strengthen the leadership in schools and districts so students can continue to succeed.
- We're investing \$200,000 in professional learning opportunities for education leaders and to create a Leadership

Development Framework that will guide us moving forward.

CONCLUSION

- I believe that if we work together we have a tremendous opportunity to do things differently from how they've been done in the past.
- We need to work together to drive student achievement and close the gaps in our system.
- You are all doing great work in your districts to support students.
- I encourage you to take away the theme from today and continue to govern from a place where all students are at the centre.
- And I want you to know that I will always make myself available to hear your concerns and suggestions.
- Together we will make our education

system better for the people who matter most - students.

Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Fleming



Event: Hugh Boyd Secondary School Seismic Upgrade

When: Friday, Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m. (pre-brief at 1:15 p.m.)

Where: Hugh Boyd Secondary School
9200 No. 1 Road, Richmond

Length: 20 minutes

Speech: 2-3 minutes

Parking: Main parking lot

Key Participants:

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Debbie Tablotney, chair, Richmond School Board
- Ravinder Johal, principal, Hugh Boyd Secondary School
- Sherry Elwood, superintendent, Richmond School District
- PAC Parent (TBC)

Other Attendees:

- CUPE and BCTF representatives
- Hugh Boys students, teachers and support staff

Audience Size: 20 – 25

Contact: Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events

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Itinerary:

Time	Event Itinerary
11:30 a.m.	Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator (778-584-1253), and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
Event Summary:	This is a podium event at Hugh Boyd Secondary School. Minister Rob Fleming will make the announcement from the podium. School banner in the shot. Hugh Boyd students standing with Minister and speakers
11:30 a.m.	Media relations: Sean Leslie Photographer/Videographer: GCPE
1:15 p.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Events Coordinator Location: Principal's office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Fleming, Minister of Education • Debbie Tablotney, chair, Richmond School Board • Ravinder Johal, principal, Hugh Boyd Secondary School (emcee) TBC • Sherry Elwood, superintendent, Richmond School District • PAC Parent (TBC)
1:15 p.m.	Minister Fleming plays sports with students
1:20 p.m.	Game concludes, Marlene gets students and speakers set at podium
1:22 p.m.	Ravinder Johal welcomes guests, introduces himself, and invites Minister Rob Fleming to the podium.
1:24 p.m.	Minister Rob Fleming delivers remarks.
1:27 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Minister Rob Fleming, introduces Debbie Tablotney.
1:28 p.m.	Debbie Tablotney delivers remarks.
1:30 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Debbie Tablotney, introduces Sherry Elwood.
1:31 p.m.	Sherry Elwood delivers remarks.
1:33 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Sherry Elwood, introduces PAC Parent.
1:34 p.m.	PAC Parent delivers remarks.
1:36 p.m.	Ravinder Johal delivers closing remarks, invites speakers to the front for a group photograph.
1:38 p.m.	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
1:40 p.m.	Media availability, scrum format.
1:45 p.m.	Event Complete.

Event Background:

Minister Rob Fleming will announce \$10.6 million in Ministry of Education funding for the seismic upgrade and partial replacement of Hugh Boyd Secondary School in Richmond. No temporary accommodation for students will be needed during the project.

Hugh Boyd was built in phases between 1960 and 1994.

The project will see Blocks 2 and 3 seismically upgrades, and Block 4 replaced. These three blocks have a high risk of failure or liquefaction in a seismic event. Block 2 is a one and two-storey classroom block, Block 3 contains Gymnasium A, and Block 4 is home to Hugh Boyd's Technical Education Program.

Block 1 is remaining untouched, as it was built in 1994, is rated as having a low seismic risk and is not at risk of liquefaction. Block 4 will be replaced on a different location on the property.

Liquefaction occurs when soil substantially loses strength in response to an applied stress, usually earthquake shaking or other sudden change in stress condition, causing it to behave like a liquid.

Construction begins in summer 2019 and will be complete in fall 2020, and will allow students to remain on site during the project. Contractors will work to minimize any disruptions to the learning environment.

Hugh Boyd is a Grade 8 to 12 secondary school in south-west Richmond with a capacity of 900 and a student population of about 720. The construction will right-size the school's capacity to 800 to better utilize space.

Government has committed to working with school districts and municipalities to speed up funding approval for seismic mitigation projects across B.C. . Government has committed \$522 million over three years for seismic upgrades across B.C.

School layout:

Block 1: Gymnasium B, Administration, two-storey classroom block (no upgrades)

Block 2: South one and two-storey classroom block (seismic upgrade)

Block 3: Gymnasium A (seismic upgrade)

Block 4: Technical Education Wing (replacement)

Richmond School District

Three of the 27 high-risk schools in Richmond have had their seismic upgrades completed, with only one other school (William Cook Elementary) proceeding to construction.

Government is working with the district to help them expedite following projects for funding approval:

- WD Ferris Elementary
- Tomsett Elementary
- Steves Elementary
- Quilchena Elementary
- James Whiteside Elementary

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Hugh Boyd Secondary School Seismic Upgrades
Funding Announcement

Friday, November 3, 2017
1:30 p.m. (30 minutes)

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KEY MESSAGES:

- The safety of students and teachers is a top priority for our government.
- We are committed to accelerating the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers.
- That's why we're investing \$10.6 million for the much-needed seismic upgrade of Hugh Boyd Secondary School.
- We are working with school boards, and local municipal officials to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Students, teachers and support staff
- School trustees and parents
- CUPE and BCTF representatives if present

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Coast Salish people

INTRODUCTION:

- Thank you, Mr. Johal.
- And thank you all for having us today – this is a great school community here in Richmond.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.
- And welcome all of our guests.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

- Parents need to feel confident their children are safe at school.
- That's why seismic upgrades are so important.
- To make sure the students, teachers and support staff can go to a safe school.
- I am very pleased to announce a \$10.6-million seismic upgrade and partial replacement of Hugh Boyd Secondary School.

HUGH BOYD

- As many of you know, this is a 57-year-old school and one of the oldest in the district.
- And it is a vital part of this community that we need to maintain.

- Three of its four blocks have been rated as having a high risk of failure and liquefaction in the event of a major earthquake.
- And that is not good enough for me.
- This project will see the south classroom block and this gymnasium seismically upgraded, while Technical Education Wing will be replaced.
- This is all scheduled to begin in summer 2019 and be complete by fall 2020.
- It allows students to remain in their school during construction with minimal disruptions to the learning environment.
- This project is about the safety of students, teachers and support staff, and a government that works for people.

- Because our children deserve to go to safe schools. And parents deserve peace of mind.
- I can't wait to see Boyd students in a seismically safe school.

RICHMOND

- When I became education minister in August, I made seismic upgrades in Richmond one of my top priorities.
- Because I want to make sure every family in BC can send their children to safe, healthy schools.
- But onnly three schools have been upgraded in Richmond in the past 15 years. This is not good enough.
- We are committed to seismically upgrading all 24 high-risk schools in Richmond.

- We are working with the district to help them expedite following projects for funding approval:
 - WD Ferris Elementary
 - Tomsett Elementary
 - Steves Elementary
 - Quilchena Elementary
 - and James Whiteside Elementary
- Hugh Boyd is an example of how we can work together to accelerate funding approvals to get students in safe schools as soon as possible.
- And we hope to have many more announcements in the weeks and months to come in Richmond and across B.C.

SEISMIC/CAPITAL PLAN:

- It is very important to me that we ensure that all of our schools across BC are safe for students.
- We are going to increase investments in school capital and find ways to speed up important seismic projects like this one.
- We are going to find ways to cut wait times for school construction by speeding up funding approval.
- And I can tell you that we have 50 seismic projects that will proceed to approval in the next 18 months.
- There's a lot of work to do to cut into the backlog of seismic projects-and we are committed to doing that work.

CONCLUSION:

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

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Event: BCCPAC – DPAC Summit

When: Nov 24, 2017 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Where: Red Cedar Ball Room - Pacific Gateway Hotel
3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond B.C.

Length: 20 minutes speaking, 40 minutes QA

Event Details: The DPAC summit is a two-day meeting of DPAC chairs/executive from across the province.

Key Participants:

- Jen Mezei, president, BCCPAC
- Scott MacDonald, deputy minister, Ministry of Education
- Renzo del Negro, Chief Executive Officer, BCPSEA
- Melissa Horner, Director, Ministry of Education
- Eleanor Liddy, Executive Director, Ministry of Education
- Jennifer McCrea, ADM Learning Division, Ministry of Education

Other Attendees: Approximately 120 DPAC representatives (2 reps from each district, and up to 5 parents from Aboriginal Parent Clubs

Time	Agenda Topic	Presenter(s)
8:30 – 9:00	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis for the day • Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory 	Jen Mezei President, BCCPAC
9:00 – 10:00	Minister Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Q&A 	Honourable Rob Fleming Minister of Education
10:00 – 10:15	COFFEE	
10:15-11:30	BCPSEA 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education sector labour relations overview 	Renzo del Negro
11:30 – 12:00	Student Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Student Transcript Services • Student Bursaries and Scholarships Family Portal	Melissa Horner Director, Ministry of Education Eleanor Liddy Executive Director, Ministry of Education
12:00 - 12:10	WorksafeBC Rick Hansen Foundation	
12:10 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:30	Student Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview ○ Next Steps ○ Q&A 	Jennifer McCrea ADM Learning Division, Ministry of Education
2:30-2:45	COFFEE	
2:45 – 3:45	Ministry Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Q&A 	Scott MacDonald Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	Jen Mezei President, BCCPAC

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BCCPAC – DPAC Summit
Red Cedar Ball Room - Pacific Gateway Hotel

Nov 24, 2017
9:00 am – 10:00 am

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INTRODUCTION

- Thanks for having me.
- Excited about opportunities to make things better.
- As parents and leaders, you have faced challenges.
- We are looking forward to making improvements.
- Not just to schools and educational programs...
- ...But to return affordability.
- Returning affordable, quality public education is a top priority.
- In spite of challenges, we have a solid education system.

- We have work to do to make it even better.
- We have a vision for the system now and in the future.
- We're taking steps in the right direction.

BCCPAC FUNDING

- BCCPAC is the voice for parents in public education.
- Parent engagement is key to student success.
- I heard BCCPAC's request for funding, and have doubled last year's
- \$200,000 total to support this summit, organizational needs and development.
- That is one example of how we are investing in student success.

- I'm proud to share what else we're working on.

NEW CURRICULUM

- New curriculum is being used in K-9 classrooms, and trialed in 10-12.
- Providing students with tools for future success in post-secondary and the workforce.
- Instead of memorizing facts and textbooks, students are engaging in hands on learning...
- ...and developing collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills.
- I've seen how students are learning in new and exciting ways.
- I'm sure many of you have heard from your kids, and notice the personalized and flexible learning.

- Successfully implementing the new curriculum is a top priority.
- Several weeks ago, we announced changes to timing for Grade 11-12.
- Extending full 11-12 implementation an additional year to September 2019.
- Making sure students have the best possible chance for future success.
- In response to feedback from teachers who will use the time to get more familiar and develop resources and assessments.
- Post-sec partners also requested extra time to ensure new curriculum is aligned with admission requirements.
- Grade 10 will be implemented as planned in Sept 2018, so current Grade 9 students continue using it through graduation.

- We are committed to the most fair education system and helping our most vulnerable students.
- Building on the existing Aboriginal content by adding learning resources and languages.
- 17 Indigenous languages approved to be taught, and another 6 under development.
- New curriculum is helping students find success, but there is another piece to the puzzle – teachers.

TEACHER HIRING

- One of biggest challenges is teacher hiring as a result of the MOA with the BCTF.
- Top priority is to stabilize the education system and cover costs of the MOA.

- You have all seen the effects in your kids' schools.
- School districts have done an incredible job hiring 3,500 new teachers.
- Provincially, school districts have come very close to hiring all the teachers they need.
- Still some ongoing challenges.
- Districts have turned to their teacher teaching on call (TTOC) lists...
- ... Meaning many TTOCs secured full-time positions..
- Makes it challenging for districts to replenish TTOC lists.
- Some areas regularly struggle with maintaining lists, but replenishing will be more difficult in more districts this year.

- Finding and keeping specialized educators is a challenge, especially in rural districts.
- Earlier this month we introduced a task force...
- ...a panel of experts to address immediate needs...
- Panel includes school districts, BCTF, BCPSEA, PSEC Secretariat, and a university Dean of Education.
- It will assess current challenges and recommend immediate actions.
- Will work quickly, provide final recommendations by the end of December.
- I look forward to reviewing and working with partners to ensure supports are in place for students.

FUNDING

- Students have a better chance of success when schools are fairly funded.
- Past inequities in school district funding caused challenges in many communities.
- We're working to find a solution to improve how we fund school districts.
- I committed to conduct a comprehensive review of the education funding model.
- This is long overdue.
- Just launched the first phase of K-12 review.
- Goal is a system that is predictable, stable and fair.
- Will work with BCSTA to develop shared

principles and establish a solid financial foundation.

- Then conduct research and results will be reviewed with BCSSA and BCASBO.
- Over the winter, we will review the options and develop recommendations.
- New funding model in place for the 2019/2020 school year.

PAC FUNDRAISING

- We're making life more affordable for British Columbians.
- In the past, schools have leaned heavily on PACs to fundraise for things that should be funded.
- You shouldn't have to dig into your pockets and dedicate time to buy things students need.

- Looking at a few options in preparation for Budget 2018 to make that a reality.
- Including fair funding for new curriculum learning resources...
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- More details in the 2018 budget.

CAPITAL/SEISMIC

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- Need to do better.
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CONCLUSION

- Ensuring kids get the quality education and opportunities, so parents can rest easy.
- Tremendous opportunity to do things differently from the past.
- I will always make myself available to hear your concerns and suggestions.
- Thank you to everyone here for all that you do for students.

Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming



Event: BCCPAC – DPAC Summit

When: Nov 24, 2017 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Where: Red Cedar Ball Room - Pacific Gateway Hotel
3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond B.C.

Length: 20 minutes speaking, 40 minutes QA

Event Details: The DPAC summit is a two-day meeting of DPAC chairs/executive from across the province.

Key Participants:

- Jen Mezei, president, BCCPAC
- Scott MacDonald, deputy minister, Ministry of Education
- Renzo del Negro, Chief Executive Officer, BCPSEA
- Melissa Horner, Director, Ministry of Education
- Eleanor Liddy, Executive Director, Ministry of Education
- Jennifer McCrea, ADM Learning Division, Ministry of Education

Other Attendees: Approximately 120 DPAC representatives (2 reps from each district, and up to 5 parents from Aboriginal Parent Clubs

Time	Agenda Topic	Presenter(s)
8:30 – 9:00	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis for the day Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory 	Jen Mezei President, BCCPAC
9:00 – 10:00	Minister Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Q&A 	Honourable Rob Fleming Minister of Education
10:00 – 10:15	COFFEE	
10:15-11:30	BCPSEA 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education sector labour relations overview 	Renzo del Negro
11:30 – 12:00	Student Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Student Transcript Services Student Bursaries and Scholarships Family Portal	Melissa Horner Director, Ministry of Education Eleanor Liddy Executive Director, Ministry of Education
12:00 - 12:10	WorksafeBC Rick Hansen Foundation	
12:10 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:30	Student Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Next Steps Q&A 	Jennifer McCrea ADM Learning Division, Ministry of Education
2:30-2:45	COFFEE	
2:45 – 3:45	Ministry Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Q&A 	Scott MacDonald Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	Jen Mezei President, BCCPAC

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INTRODUCTION

- Thanks for having me at this year's DPAC Summit.
- I'm pleased to be here as your Education Minister.
- I am excited about all the opportunities we have to make things better for you and your children.
- I know as parents and leaders in your schools, you have faced challenges in the past.
- I want to reassure you that our new government is looking forward to making improvements.
- Not just to your children's schools and educational programs...
- ...But also to return affordability for you as parents.

- After all – returning affordable, quality public education is a top priority for this government.
- In spite of the challenges our education system has faced over the past several years, we have a solid education system in Canada and right here in B.C.
- But I know that we have a lot of work ahead of us to make our good education system even better.
- We have a vision for where we want to see the system now and in the future
- This government is taking steps in the right direction.

BCCPAC FUNDING

- The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils is the voice for parents in public education.

- Keeping parents in the loop and engaged in their child's learning is a very important part of student success.
- I heard the BCCPAC's request for increased funding, and am happy to have doubled last year's funding.
- This year the BCCPAC is receiving \$200,000 to help support this summit, along with other organizational needs and development.
- That is just one example of how we are investing in student success.
- I'm proud to share with you what else we're working on in B.C.'s education system right now.

NEW CURRICULUM

- Many of you are familiar with the new curriculum being used in K-9 classrooms

throughout the province, and trialed in 10-12 classrooms.

- Our new curriculum is providing students with the tools they need for future success as they prepare for post-secondary studies and the workforce.
- That means that instead of simply memorizing facts and reading from textbooks, students are engaging in hands on learning...
- ...and developing the collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills that will help them get ahead.
- I've seen first-hand how students are learning in new and exciting ways.
- I'm sure many of you have heard stories back from your kids, and notice that they're enjoying the personalized and flexible approach to learning.

- Successfully implementing the new curriculum is a top priority for our government.
- Several weeks ago, we announced changes to the timing of the new curriculum for Grade 11-12 students.
- We're extending the full implementation of the new grades 11 and 12 curriculum an additional year to September 2019.
- By extending this timeline, we are making sure students have the best possible chance for success during their graduation years and beyond.
- The additional year of transition is in response to feedback from teachers who will use the extra time to get more familiar with the curriculum and continue to develop classroom resources and assessments.
- Post-secondary partners also requested

the extra time to ensure the new curriculum is aligned with their admission requirements.

- The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018, ensuring current Grade 9 students continue using the new curriculum through to graduation.
- We are committed to building the most fair education system possible and helping our most vulnerable students.
- That's why we're building on the existing Aboriginal content in the curriculum by adding learning resources and languages.
- So far we have approved 17 Indigenous languages to be taught in B.C. schools, and another 6 are under development.
- B.C.'s new curriculum is helping students find success for the future, but there is another piece to that puzzle – teachers.

TEACHER HIRING

- As many of you know, one of the biggest challenges facing the education system is teacher hiring as a result of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the BCTF.
- One of my top priorities since becoming Minister has been to increase the stability of the education system and make sure that the costs of the MOA continue to be fully covered.
- I know you have all seen the effects of this in your kids' schools.
- School districts across the province have done an incredible job hiring 3,500 new teachers since last winter.
- Were still crunching the final numbers, but we do know that provincially, school districts have come very close to hiring all

the teachers they need.

- We know there are still some ongoing challenges.
- We understand that to fill available job openings districts have turned to their teacher teaching on call (TTOC) lists...
- ... Meaning many teachers teaching on call were able to obtain full-time positions in schools closer to home.
- However, this made it challenging for districts to replenish their TTOC lists for this school year.
- While some areas of the province regularly struggle with maintaining TTOC lists, replenishing those lists will be more difficult in more districts this year.
- We also know that finding and keeping educators with certain specializations is a major challenge, especially in rural

districts.

- In fact, specialist teachers have never been plentiful and we are aware of that.
- That's why earlier this month we introduced a task force...
- ...an appointed panel of experts in the education sector to address the immediate needs of teacher recruitment and retention.
- The panel includes representatives from school districts, the BCTF, BC Public School Employers' Association, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat, and a university Dean of Education.
- The new task force will assess the current challenges and recommend immediate actions to address those challenges.
- The team will work quickly to provide their final recommendations to me by the end

of December.

- I look forward to reviewing those recommendations and working with our education partners to ensure vacancies are filled, and all the supports are in place for students as soon as possible.

FUNDING

- We all know that students have a much better chance of success when their schools and classrooms are being fairly funded.
- We know that under the previous government there were inequities in how school districts were being funded in some cases, causing challenges for parents, students, teachers and staff in many communities.
- And that's why we're working right now to find a solution to improve how we provide funding to school districts.

- One of the first things I committed to do as the new Education Minister was conduct a comprehensive review of the education funding model.
- This is long overdue.
- The last time B.C. had a wide-ranging change to education funding was over 15 years ago.
- We just launched the first phase of a K-12 funding review.
- The goal is to develop a funding system that is predictable, stable and fair.
- We will continue to work with the B.C. School Trustees Association to develop a set of shared principles and establish a solid financial foundation for K-12 public education.
- After the new principles have been

drafted, we will conduct research and produce a summary of the results, which will be reviewed with the BC School Superintendents' Association and the BC Association of School Business Officials.

- Over the winter, we will work together to review the options and develop the recommendations.
- We are planning to have a new funding model in place for the 2019/2020 school year.

PAC FUNDRAISING

- Part of the reason we're conducting this funding review is because we want to make life more affordable for British Columbians.
- In the past, schools and districts have leaned heavily on PAC members like you to fundraise and pay for things that should be funded.

- We want to make sure moving forward that you don't have to dig into your pockets and dedicate time out of your busy schedules to buy the things students need.
- We are looking at a few different options in preparation for Budget 2018 to make that a reality.
- Including fair funding for learning resources so the new curriculum can be supported with the proper tools...
- ...And a big one that PACs have been on the hook for – playgrounds.
- We have made it a priority to create an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds, and more details will come with the 2018 budget.

CAPITAL/SEISMIC

- Another priority for this government is to accelerate seismic projects to make schools safer for students.
- As parents, you need to have peace of mind that your child is going to school in a safe classroom.
- As of now, 165 out of 346 seismic projects have been completed.
- We need to do more than has been done in the past.
- That's why we are working with school boards to expedite seismic upgrades for high risk schools in B.C as quickly as possible...
- ... our goal is to approve 50 projects in our first 18 months.
- Since this government came in, we've already announced seven seismic projects for a total of \$64.6 million.

- We are also going to speed up investments in new student spaces for the province's fastest growing school districts, so we can get kids out of portables fast.
- I encourage parents to stay tuned to see our plan for capital and seismic investments in Budget 2018.

CONCLUSION

- Our government is ensuring that kids get the quality education and opportunities they deserve, so you as parents can rest easy.
- I believe that if we work together we have a tremendous opportunity to do things differently from how they've been done in the past.
- And I want you to know that I will always make myself available to hear your concerns and suggestions to make our

education system better.

- Thank you to everyone here for all that you do for students.

Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Fleming



Event: Hugh Boyd Secondary School Seismic Upgrade

When: Friday, Nov. 3 at 2:00 p.m. (pre-brief at 1:45 p.m.)

Where: Hugh Boyd Secondary School
9200 No. 1 Road, Richmond

Length: 30 minutes

Speech: 2-3 minutes

Parking: Main parking lot

Key Participants:

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Sandra Nixon, vice chair, Richmond School Board
- Ravinder Johal, principal, Hugh Boyd Secondary School (emcee)
- Kathryn D'Angelo, assistant superintendent, Richmond School District

Other Attendees:

- CUPE and BCTF representatives
- Hugh Boyd students, teachers and support staff
- School board trustees
- PAC members

Audience Size: 20 – 25

Contact: Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events

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Itinerary:

Time	Event Itinerary
12 p.m.	Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator (778-584-1253), and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
Event Summary:	This is a podium event at Hugh Boyd Secondary School. Minister Rob Fleming will make the announcement from the podium. School banner in the shot. Hugh Boyd students standing with Minister and speakers
12:00 p.m.	Media relations: Sean Leslie Photographer/Videographer: GCPE
1:45 p.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Events Coordinator Location: Principal's office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Fleming, Minister of Education • Sandra Nixon, vice chair, Richmond School Board • Ravinder Johal, principal, Hugh Boyd Secondary School (emcee) • Kathryn D'Angelo, assistant superintendent, Richmond School District
2:00 p.m.	Minister Fleming plays sports with students
2:05 p.m.	Game concludes, Marlene gets students and speakers set at podium
2:07 p.m.	Ravinder Johal welcomes guests, introduces himself, and invites Minister Rob Fleming to the podium.
2:09 p.m.	Minister Rob Fleming makes announcement.
2:12 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Minister Rob Fleming, introduces Sandra Nixon.
2:13 p.m.	Sandra Nixon delivers remarks.
2:15 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Sandra Nixon, introduces Kathryn D'Angelo.
2:16 p.m.	Kathryn D'Angelo delivers remarks.
2:18 p.m.	Ravinder Johal thanks Kathryn D'Angelo delivers closing remarks, invites speakers to the front for a group photograph.
2:20 p.m.	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
2:25 p.m.	Media availability, scrum format.
2:30 p.m.	Event Complete.

Event Background:

Minister Rob Fleming will announce \$10.6 million in Ministry of Education funding for the seismic upgrade and partial replacement of Hugh Boyd Secondary School in Richmond. No temporary accommodation for students will be needed during the project.

Hugh Boyd was built in phases between 1960 and 1994.

The project will see Blocks 2 and 3 seismically upgraded, and Block 4 replaced. These three blocks have a high risk of failure or liquefaction in a seismic event. Block 2 is a one and two-storey classroom block, Block 3 contains Gymnasium A, and Block 4 is home to Hugh Boyd's Technical Education Program.

Block 1 is remaining untouched, as it was built in 1994, is rated as having a low seismic risk and is not at risk of liquefaction. Block 4 will be replaced on a different location on the property.

Liquefaction occurs when soil substantially loses strength in response to an applied stress, usually earthquake shaking or other sudden change in stress condition, causing it to behave like a liquid.

Construction begins in summer 2019 and will be complete in fall 2020, and will allow students to remain on site during the project. Contractors will work to minimize any disruptions to the learning environment.

Hugh Boyd is a Grade 8 to 12 secondary school in south-west Richmond with a capacity of 900 and a student population of about 720. The construction will right-size the school's capacity to 800 to better utilize space.

Government has committed to working with school districts and municipalities to speed up funding approval for seismic mitigation projects across B.C. Government has committed \$522 million over three years for seismic upgrades across B.C.

School layout:

Block 1: Gymnasium B, Administration, two-storey classroom block (no upgrades)

Block 2: South one and two-storey classroom block (seismic upgrade)

Block 3: Gymnasium A (seismic upgrade)

Block 4: Technical Education Wing (replacement)

Richmond School District

Three of the 27 high-risk schools in Richmond have had their seismic upgrades completed, with only one other school (William Cook Elementary) proceeding to construction.

Speaking Notes
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Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

Hugh Boyd Secondary School Seismic Upgrades
Funding Announcement

Friday, November 3, 2017
2:00 p.m. (30 minutes)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- The safety of students and teachers is a top priority for our government.
- We are committed to accelerating the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers.
- That's why we're investing \$10.6 million for the much-needed seismic upgrade of Hugh Boyd Secondary School.
- We are working with school boards, and local municipal officials to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Students, teachers and support staff
- School trustees and parents
- CUPE and BCTF representatives if present

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Coast Salish people

INTRODUCTION:

- Thank you, Mr. Johal.
- And thank you all for having us today – this is a great school community here in Richmond.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.
- And welcome all of our guests.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- I'm thrilled to be here to deliver on a commitment to provide safe schools for B.C. children.
- As a dad, I understand that nothing is more important to any parent than the safety of our children.

- Parents need to feel confident their children are safe at school.
- That's why seismic upgrades are so important.
- To make sure the students, teachers and support staff can go to a safe school.
- So it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.
- I am very pleased to announce a \$10.6-million seismic upgrade and partial replacement of Hugh Boyd Secondary School.

HUGH BOYD

- As many of you know, this is a 57-year-old school and one of the oldest in the district.

- And it is a vital part of this community that we need to maintain.
- Three of its four blocks are at a high risk of failure in the event of a major earthquake.
- And that is not good enough for me.
- This project will see the south classroom block and the old gymnasium seismically upgraded, while the Technical Education Wing will be replaced.
- This work will begin in summer 2019 and be complete by fall 2020.
- It allows students to remain in their school during construction with minimal disruptions to the learning environment.
- This is about the safety of students, teachers and support staff.

- It's also about a government that works for people.
- Because our children deserve to go to safe schools. And parents deserve peace of mind.
- I can't wait to see Boyd students in a seismically safe school.

RICHMOND

- When I became education minister in August, I made seismic upgrades in Richmond one of my top priorities.
- Because I want to make sure every family in B.C. can send their children to safe, healthy schools.
- But only three schools have been upgraded in Richmond in the past 15 years. This is not good enough.

- We are committed to seismically upgrading all 24 high-risk schools in Richmond.
- Hugh Boyd is an example of how we can work together to accelerate funding approvals to get students in safe schools as soon as possible.
- And we hope to have many more announcements in the weeks and months to come in Richmond and across B.C.

SEISMIC/CAPITAL PLAN:

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

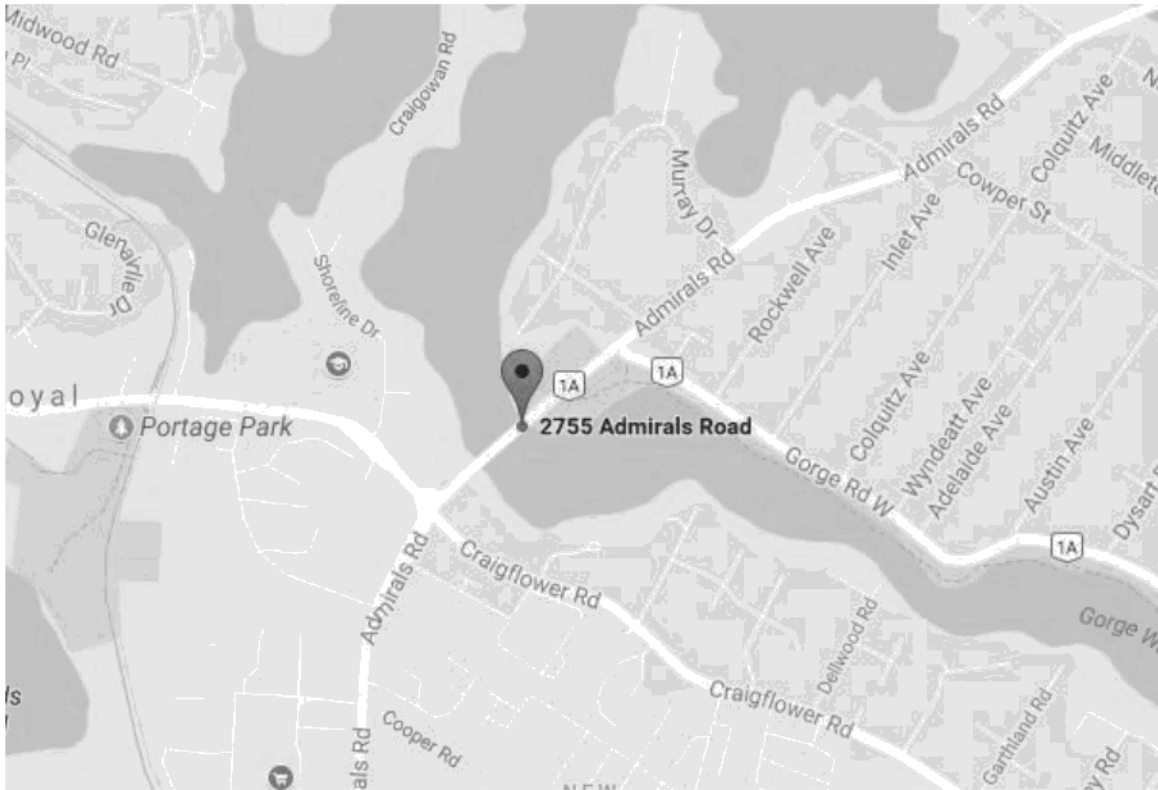
- We are going to find ways to cut wait times for school construction by speeding up funding approval.
- And I can tell you that we will be looking to move 50 School District seismic projects forward to approval in the next 18 months.
- There's a lot of work to do to cut into the backlog of seismic projects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

CONCLUSION:

- We are now two months into a very exciting school year.
- Our government is working hard to ensure our kids get the quality education and opportunities they deserve.
- It's time to put our kids first and invest in schools, classrooms, and a better future for our children.

- I am looking forward to seeing what a sustainable, strong, properly resourced education system can deliver for all British Columbians.
 - Thank you.
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Remembering Reena: A Community's Commitment to Nonviolence Speaking Notes



Event: Remembering Reena: A Community's Commitment to Nonviolence

When: Tuesday Nov. 14, 2017, 12:30 PM - 2 PM

Where: Heritage Craigflower Schoolhouse in Kosapsom Park
2755 Admirals Road, Victoria

This memorial is organized by Artemis Place Society and Learning Through Loss

Speaking:

- Manjit Virk
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Kosapsom Park
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- In 1997, the terrible crime committed against Reena consumed the nation.
- Victoria is a very small tight knit community now, and even more so in 1997.
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- The death of Reena Virk dominated everyone's thoughts - it was a very sad time.
- The healing and the recovery is ongoing.
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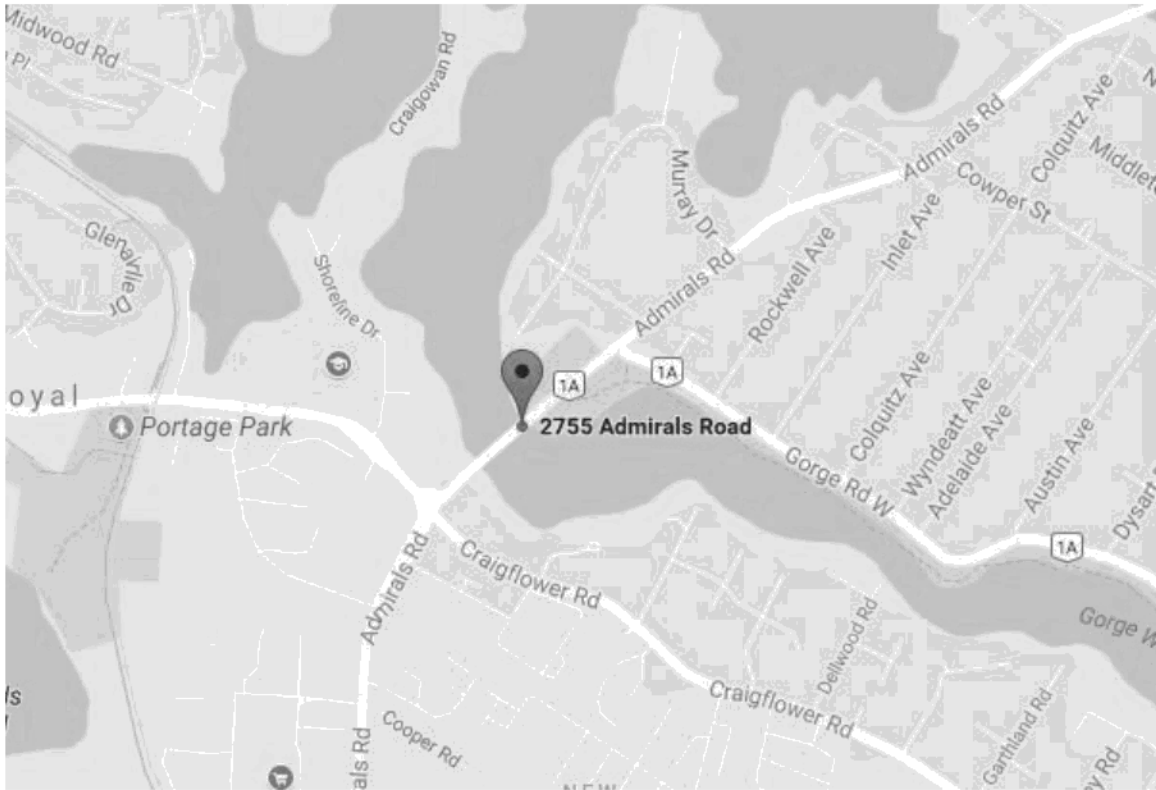
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- Sadly, bullying didn't end with Reena's passing.
- But 20 years later we have a preventative strategy – ERASE – to try and make sure bright young people like Reena don't fall victim again.
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- We have coordinated anti-bullying programs, resources and training for educators, parents, students and the broader community.
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partners who have been trained to identify and address bullying in schools.

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- Of the tragedy of Reena's death, and others.
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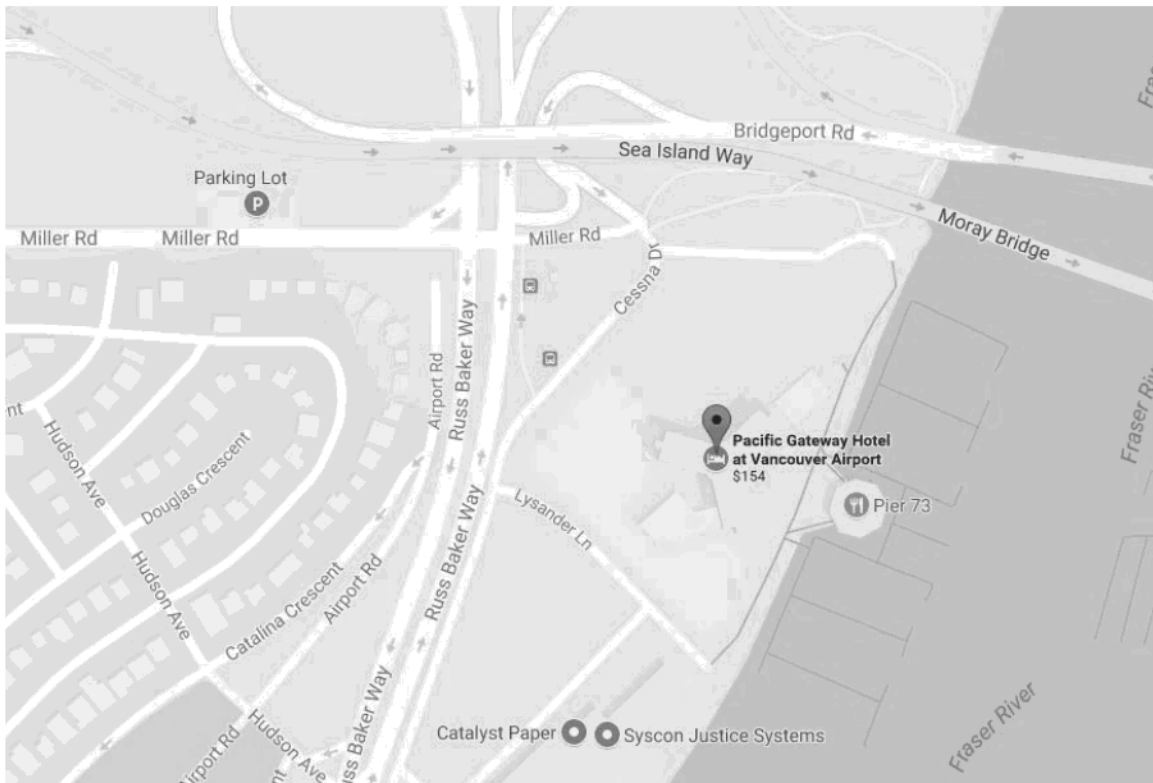
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BC Teacher's Federation Representative Assembly Meeting Speaking Notes



Event: BC Teachers' Federation Representative Assembly Meeting

When: Friday, November 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: Pacific Gateway Hotel, 3500 Cessna Drive in Richmond.
Minister Fleming will meet Nancy Knickerbocker, Communications Director from the BCTF in the hotel entry around 4:20 p.m.

Length: The meeting will be held over two days, November 3-4.

Minister Fleming has been asked to speak for 10-15 minutes and then participate in a QA after his speech.

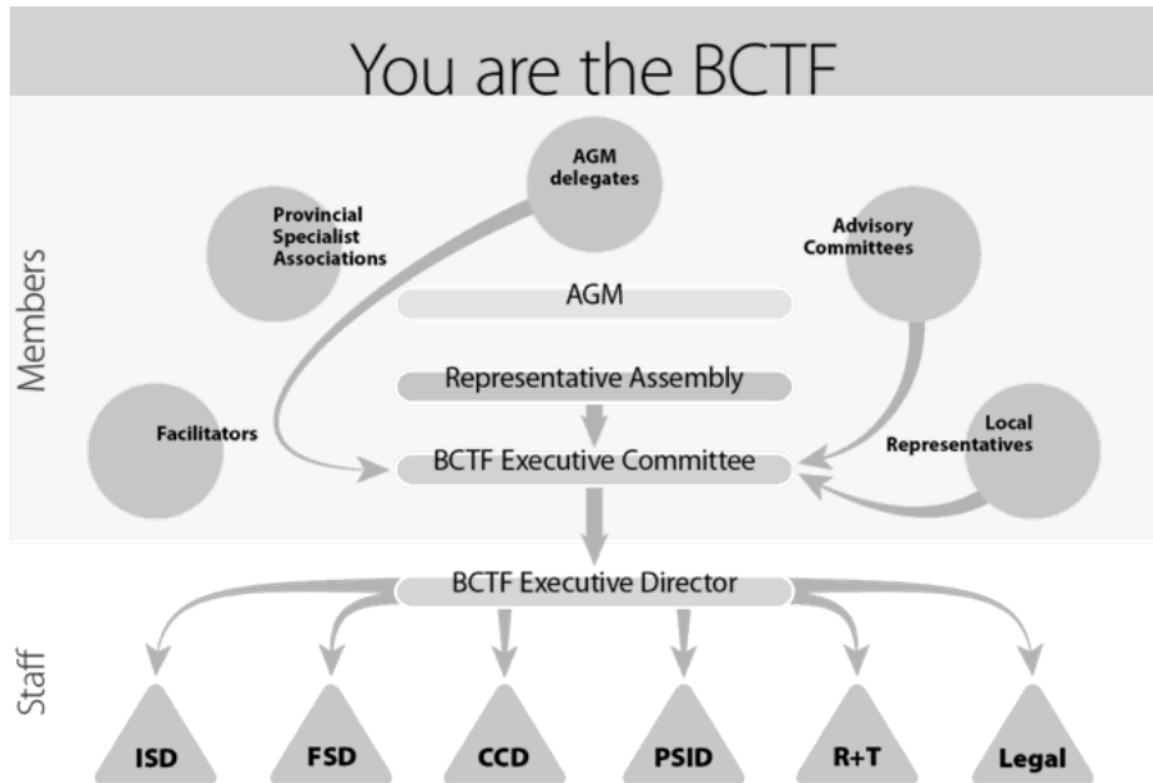
Media will NOT be invited

Key Participants: BCTF President Glen Hansman, Minister of Education Rob Fleming.

Other Attendees: Approximately 275 delegates from around the province.

Purpose of the Representative Assembly (RA):

The RA regularly meets three times a year to advise the Executive Committee (EC), receive reports and adopt a detailed budget based on the fee set by the AGM. The RA is made up of approximately 120 voting Local Representatives, plus the Local Presidents and the BCTF Executive Committee. To become a local representative, you must be a member of the local's executive committee (see diagram below).



Audience – what do they want to hear:

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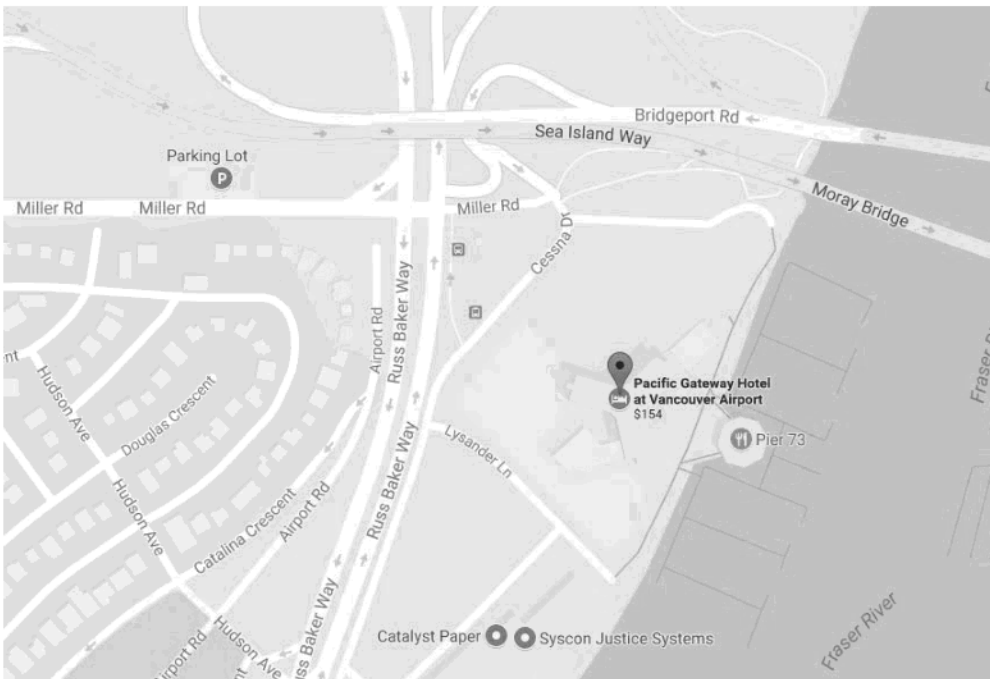
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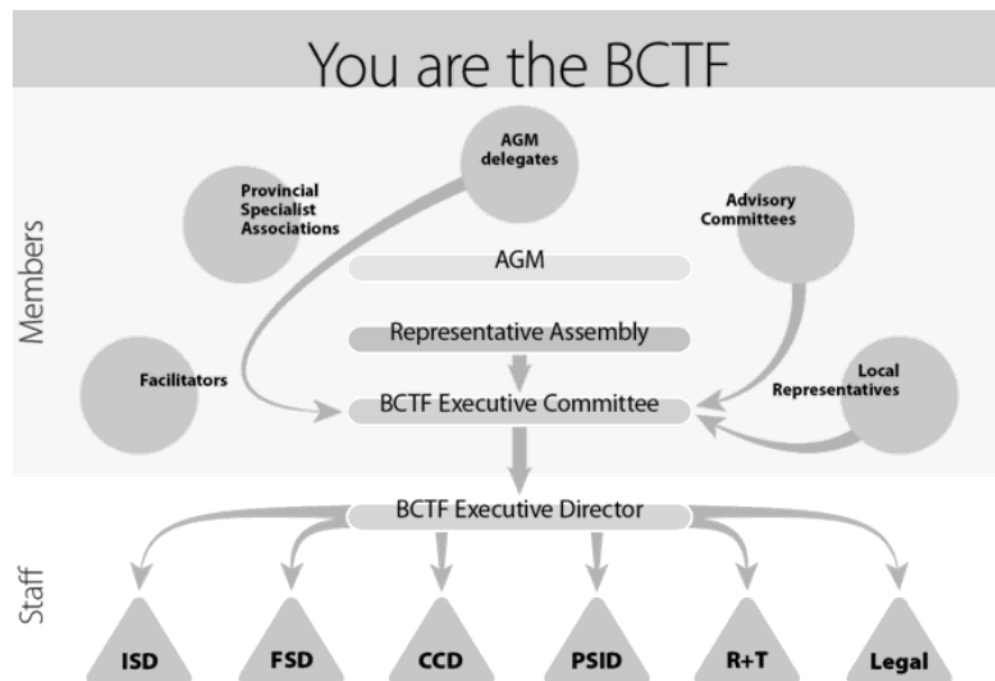
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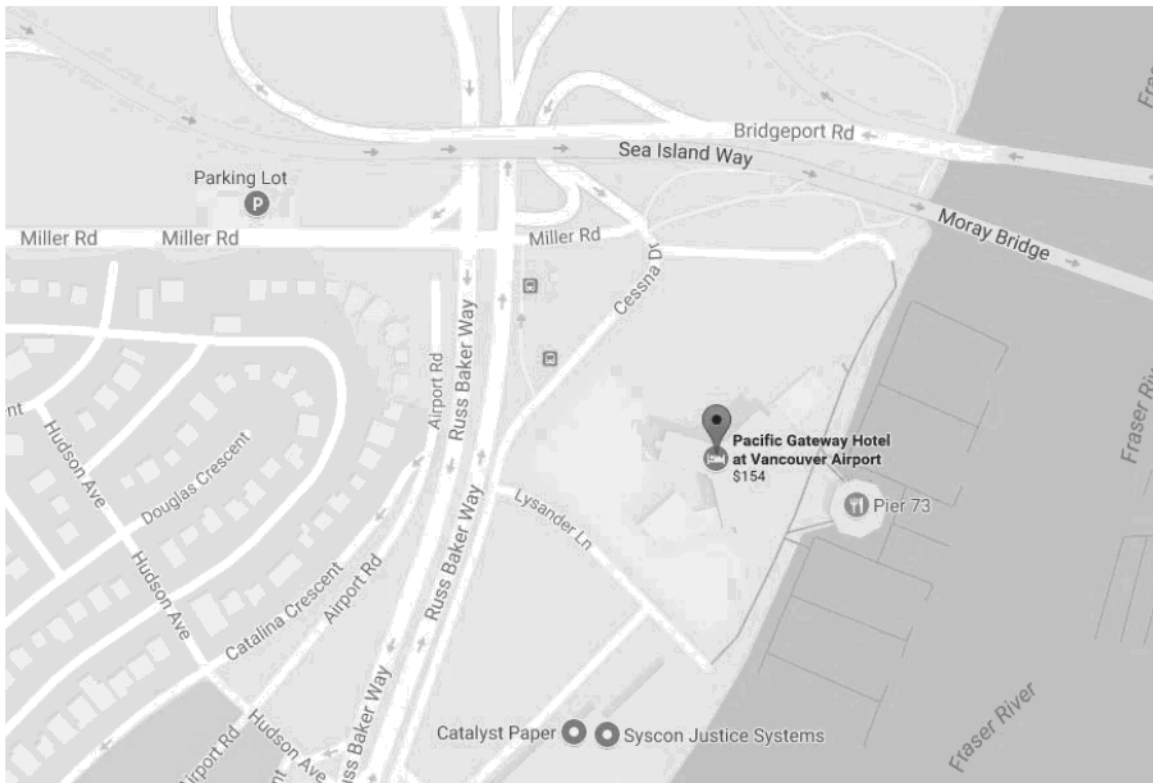
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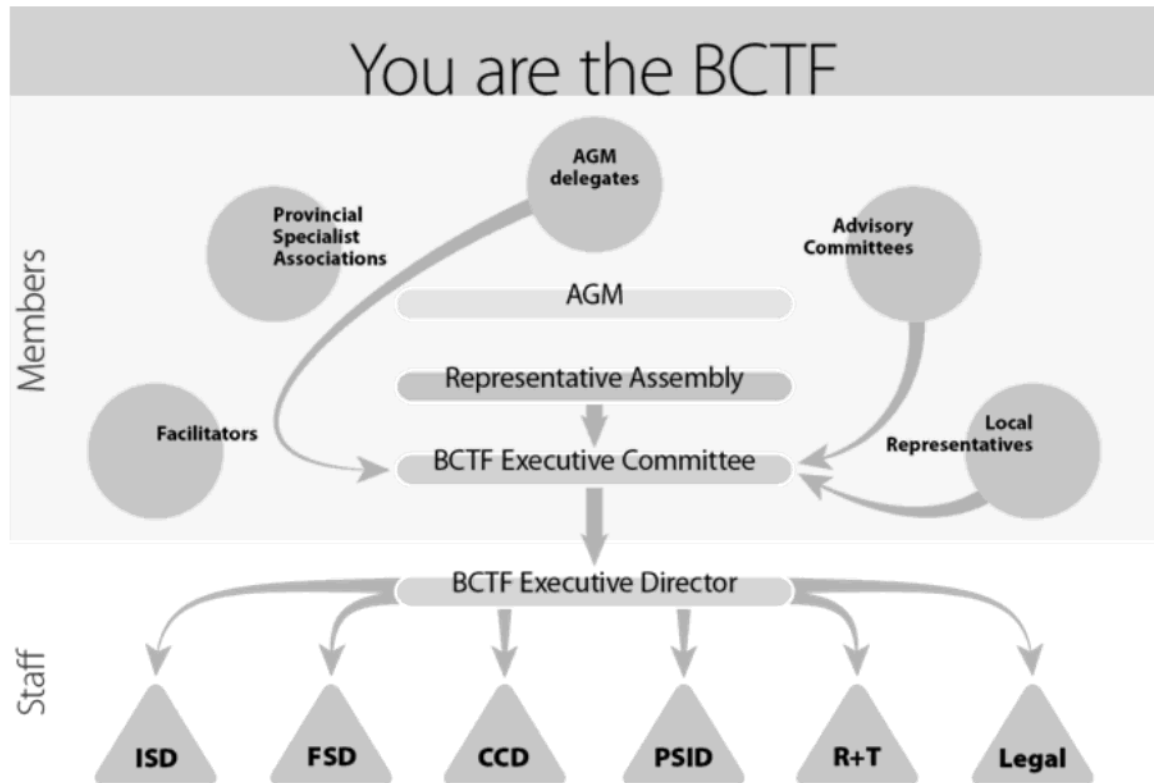
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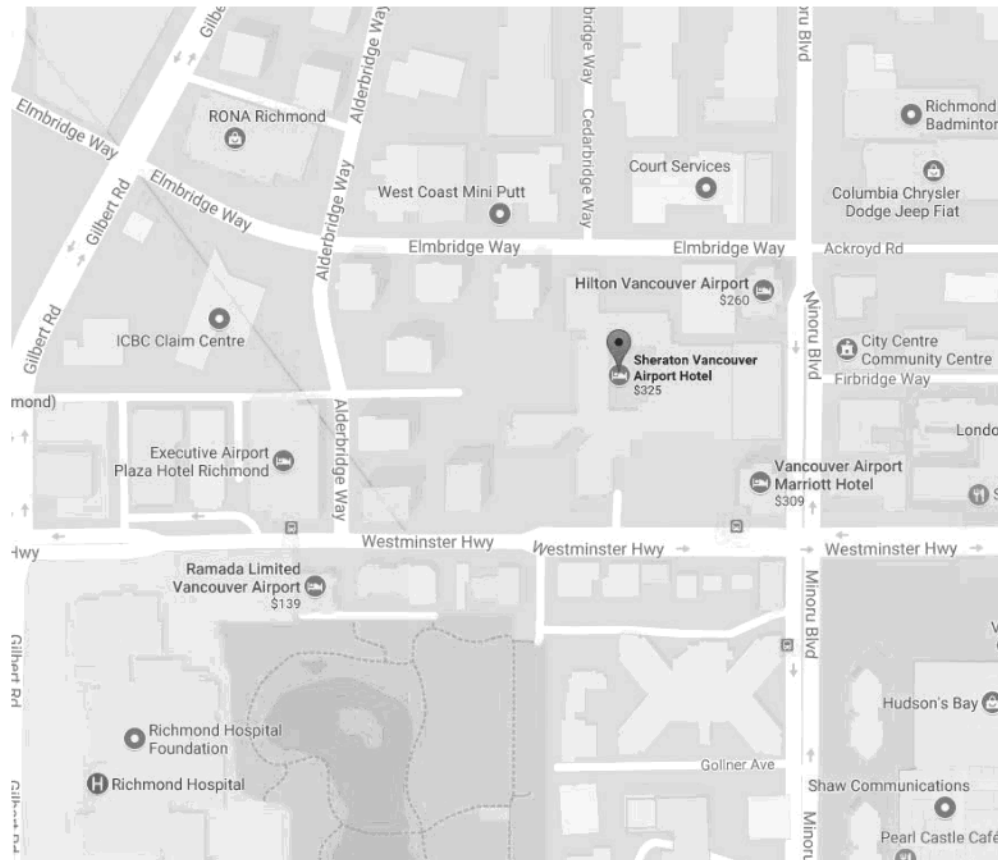
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- And I want you to know that I will always make myself available to hear your concerns and suggestions to make our education system better.
- Thank you to everyone in this room for your hard-work and dedication.
- Being a teacher is one of the most important professions in the world.
- Every day, parents trust you to guide and help shape our children into the people they will become when they grow up.
- I'm happy now to take any questions you may have for me.

Event Information / Speaking Notes/ Childcare in B.C. Forum



Event: Childcare in B.C. Forum Towards Universal Early Care and Learning in BC Forum

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Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminister Highway, Richmond B.C.

Directions: Who will MRF meet when he arrives?

Length: 10 minute speech

Key Participants:

- Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
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Other Attendees: TBC

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Comment [RKG3]: TBC

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Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017

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- We are committed to investing in childcare and early childhood education to improve quality, expand spaces and increase affordability.
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PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

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- We need to provide our youngest learners with the support they need to succeed later in life.
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- The Ministry of Education is committed to provide high quality, accessible, affordable early childhood education for our youngest learners in B.C.
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- We know that early learning programs promote emotional, social, cognitive and physical skills.
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- Changing the school act to make sure early learning programs can't be displaced from schools.

- Including early learning spaces in major school renovations and new construction projects.

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○ Provide professional development in schools for early childhood educators.

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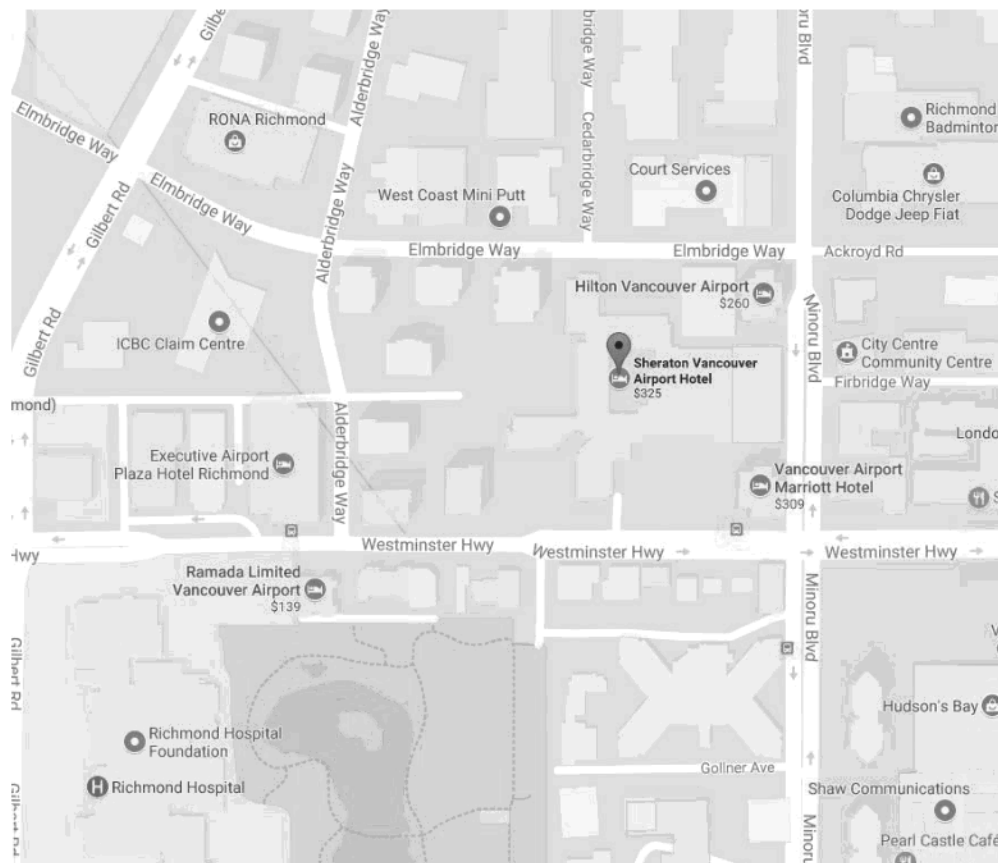
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- Christine Massey, ADM, Policy and Provincial Services, Ministry of Children and Family Development
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Audience: About 150

- School district representatives
- Health district representatives
- Local and municipal government representatives
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- Provincial Child Care Council members

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INTRODUCTION:

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- Provide our youngest learners with support they need to succeed later in life.
- Means properly educating them in early years.
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- And we all want to find the most affordable, efficient way to make this a reality.
- We need to do the proper research and work together with all of our partners and all of you here today to make this a reality.

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- We have very strong participation in B.C. – 43,000 of the 45,000 kindergarten students participated last year.
- This report found that 1/3 of kindergarten children are vulnerable on one or more scales.
- And in a 2014 national study, BC ranked 6th in Canada overall, on Early Childhood Education benchmarks for governance, funding, learning support, and accountability.

- These results show us that we definitely need to do much better here in B.C.
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- I can tell you that we are looking at a number of options so that schools can better support early learning.
- That may involve finding ways to open up more early learning spaces.
- Once we find the space we need, then we can make sure we're providing quality education to our students.
- We're looking at a number of options to ensure this happens and I hope to have more to say on that in the coming weeks and months.
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Event Information / Speaking Notes/ Childcare in B.C. Forum



Event: Towards Universal Early Care and Learning in BC Forum

When: Thursday, November 16th - 3:15 – 3:25 p.m. (10 minute speech)

(Note: conference runs from 8:30am to 3:30pm)

Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminister Highway, Richmond B.C.

Parking: Four VIP spots have been reserved in front of the Britannia Ballroom; they will be sectioned off with plastic cones. The driver can move the cones upon arrival. Parking is free.

Key Participants:

- Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
- Christine Massey, ADM, Policy and Provincial Services, Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Monique Gray Smith, Award winning author, international speaker and sought after consultant.

Audience: About 150

- School district representatives
- Health district representatives
- Local and municipal government representatives
- Child care providers
- Provincial Child Care Council members

What the audience may want to hear:

- Importance of quality early years programs and services on child development;
- Address some advocates' suggestions that early years' service provision move to EDUC and that more child care spaces be available on school grounds;
- How EDUC will work with CFD and other gov't partners, as well as local governments;
- To ensure partnerships to deliver new child-care spaces to meet demand over next few years;
- Explain any existing models of service delivery that may work for BC

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Itinerary:

Thursday, November 16, 2017

8:30am to 4:00pm

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
8:00 – 8:30am	Breakfast and Networking	Provided
8:30 – 8:35am	Welcome	Monique Gray Smith
8:35 – 8:45am	Opening Remarks	Honourable Katrina Chen, <i>Minister of State for Child Care</i>
8:45 – 9:30am	Keynote	Margo Greenwood
9:30 – 9:45am	Reflection on Keynote	Monique Gray Smith
9:45 – 10:00am	Key Questions for Breakout Sessions: <i>(Each participant will have the opportunity to circulate through each breakout session)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility • Affordability • Quality • Workforce 	Monique Gray Smith
10:00 – 10:15am	Break	Provided
10:15 – 11:00am	Breakout Session #1	Facilitated by Provincial Child Care Council
11:05 – 12:00pm	Breakout Session #2	Facilitated by Provincial Child Care Council
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Provided
1:00 – 1:45pm	Breakout Session #3	Facilitated by Provincial Child Care Council
1:45 – 2:30pm	Breakout Session #4	Facilitated by Provincial Child Care Council
2:30 – 2:45pm	Break	Provided
2:45 – 3:15pm	Summary of Breakout Sessions	Facilitators/Monique Gray Smith
3:15 – 3:25pm	Comments from the Ministry of Education	Honourable Rob Fleming, <i>Minister of Education</i>
3:25 – 3:30pm	Closing Remarks	Honourable Katrina Chen, <i>Minister of State for Child Care</i>

Speaking Notes
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

Towards Universal Early Care and Learning in BC
Forum

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017

MRF speaking from 3:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. (10 minutes)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- B.C. has a good early learning system, but it can be better.
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PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Monique Gray Smith
- Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
- Provincial Child Care Council members

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

Acknowledge First Nation Territory of the Coast Salish peoples and the Musqueam Nation.

- (confirmed with MARR).

INTRODUCTION:

- Thanks to Monique Gray Smith for the kind introduction.
- I'm very excited to be here today!
- I'd like to thank everyone here who has given their time to discuss this very important issue over the last two days.
- When our new government came into power we made a commitment to invest in childcare and early childhood education to improve quality, expand spaces and increase affordability.
- Childcare and early learning need to go together hand-in-hand.
- Research shows that child care without early learning provides fewer developmental benefits.
- I understand first-hand as a parent of two how important the early years are.
- We need to provide our youngest learners with the support they need to succeed later in life.
- And in order to do this that means properly educating them in their early years.

- The Ministry of Education is committed to provide high quality, accessible, affordable early childhood education for our youngest learners in B.C.
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Speaking Notes for the

**Hon. David Eby
Attorney General**

Electoral Reform public engagement

Reception Hall – Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.

Thurs., Nov. 23, 2017
Noon

Event Information / Speaking Notes

Event: Launch of the public engagement on electoral reform

When: Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017
12 p.m.

Where: Reception Hall, Parliament Buildings, Victoria

Length: Minister speaks for 3-4 minutes, as the engagement website shows beside him, followed by QAs from media in the room.

Key Participants:

Attorney General David Eby

Audience: Media only, including provincewide dial-in.

INTRO

- Good afternoon, and thank you for joining me.
- I would first like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the territories of the Lekwungen peoples, and of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.
- Today, our government launched a public engagement period asking British Columbians to help shape the 2018 referendum on electoral reform.
- Our government strongly believes that British Columbians deserve a say as to how their voice is represented in this building.
- There is no more fundamental a question to our democracy than how the will of the people is translated into the activity that goes on here in the legislature.

- Last month, we introduced legislation to hold a referendum by the end of November 2018 to determine B.C.'s voting system.
- Now, we want to hear from all British Columbians so that the people of our province can help shape key elements of the referendum, including:
 - What will the ballot look like?
 - What types of voting systems should be considered?
 - Should government fund advocacy groups, and if so, by how much?
 - What kinds of rules should there be on advertising during the referendum campaign period?
- The engagement begins with a website that you see on the screen beside me (*engage dot gov dot BC dot CA slash How We Vote*).

- There, readers are provided with educational information on voting systems used here and elsewhere in the world, including samples of ballots and how to use them.
- The website features a questionnaire to gather input on the key questions – and includes open areas to provide further comments.
- Political parties and all organizations are also encouraged to submit formal position papers through the site.
- These submissions will be posted publicly and could act as informal educational resources to those wanting to learn more.
- And after the holidays, more will be added to the site, including educational videos and graphics, and libraries will be provided with information kits to help engage British Columbians further.

- Much research and due diligence went into getting us here today and included consultations with four experts in this field of interest.
- I want to thank the academic experts we consulted in developing the engagement material for their knowledge and interest in voting systems.
- Dr. Max Cameron, Dr. Genevieve Fuji Johnson, Dr. Peter Loewen and Dr. Jonathan Rose... your expertise and input were appreciated.
- The engagement is open until Feb. 28, 2018 and we want to hear from British Columbians in every corner of the province.
- Your input will inform the report that is presented to Cabinet to shape the 2018 referendum.
- This represents the next step in our government's plan to modernize B.C.'s political system and

bring people back into the heart of our
democratic institutions.

- Thank you – I will now take your questions.

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Video Script for BCGEU Component One Conference

Draft 1 – Nov. 27/28 (length: 1:20)

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Hon. David Eby

Attorney General

AUDIO (text for teleprompter):

Welcome to everyone attending the fourth triennial Corrections and Sheriffs Component One BCGEU conference. You have two interesting days of learning and discussion with colleagues ahead.

I would like to thank Dean Purdy for inviting me to provide greetings to you all and regret that I am not able to attend in person.

Over the past few months, our government has been working tirelessly to ensure better services for the people of British Columbia . . . to protect our people, families and communities . . . to secure better services that make life more affordable . . . and to reform and improve access to justice.

As part of that work, our government is taking action to increase the number of court sheriffs, expand the use of duty counsel and increase staffing of the Court Services Branch to address court delays.

As you know, the B.C. Sheriff Services provides protective and enforcement services in courthouses throughout the province.

You protect all the participants in the justice system . . . court clerks, judges, witnesses, accused, counsel, courthouse administrators, corrections staff and police. In fact, it is your dedicated service that keeps the justice system working smoothly and safely.

I know that the job of a sheriff is unpredictable and that you take risks to ensure justice can be served for British Columbians.

I thank you for your dedication.

On behalf of our government and Premier John Horgan . . . I extend my appreciation to all sheriffs throughout the province.

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Video Script for Annual CBABC Bench and Bar Dinner

Draft 1 – Oct. 26 (length: 1:30)

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Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia Bench and Bar Dinner

Nov. 7, 2017

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SUPER (bottom of screen for first 5 seconds):

Hon. David Eby

Attorney General

AUDIO (text for teleprompter):

Good evening, everyone, and thank you to the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch for inviting me to provide greetings tonight for the 33rd annual Bench and Bar Dinner.

Please accept my regrets for not attending this evening. While I could not be with you, I do know how important this event is for the legal and judicial communities.

Tonight, you have gathered to celebrate the dedication, commitment and hard work of three individuals who exemplify leadership in the profession . . . individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to change in the justice system.

The recipients of tonight's *CBABC Georges A. Goyer Award* and the *Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia Leaders in Learning Award* deserve our recognition for their tremendous achievements.

It takes vision to see how change can improve lives, society and government.

Such individuals must have a passionate commitment to draw others into their causes, because seldom can one person go it alone.

That's what we are celebrating tonight.

And that's why our government has been working tirelessly to ensure better services for the people of British Columbia . . . to protect our people, families and our communities . . . to secure better services and make life more affordable . . . and to reform and improve access to justice.

These goals cannot be accomplished alone.

The legal profession has a celebrated history of public service . . . of stepping up to solve problems that people face every day . . . in every corner of the province that we call home.

On behalf of our government and Premier John Horgan . . . I extend to tonight's honourees our heartfelt congratulations on your accomplishments and thank all those guests for attending tonight.

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Speaking Notes

for

David Eby
Attorney General

Thompson Rivers University

House of Learning – Barber Centre
965 College Drive
Kamloops

Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Event Information/Speaking Notes

- Event:** Attorney General’s Human Rights Commission engagement with law TRU Faculty of Law students and the TRU community
- When:** Friday, Nov. 17, 2017
- Start time:** 10:20 am.: Minister arrives at the House of Learning building
(complete itinerary below)
- Event:** Thompson Rivers University – House of Learning
Katrina Harding and Professor Jones will meet the Minister at the front entrance.
- Parking:** TRU will provide a parking pass. Pick up at front entrance of Learning Building from Katrina Harding:^{s.22} (cell).
- Media scrum:** Lobby of Barber Centre – House of Learning building
- Contacts:** Katrina Harding, Special Events Coordinator, TRU:^{s.22}
Brad Morse, Dean of Law, TRU:^{s.22}
Craig Richardson, Ministry of Attorney General:^{s.17}
- Logistics:** Minister, Dean Morse and Professor Jones will be at the centre of the Barber Centre, which is a lecture hall in the round (see images).
Chairs will be available. The Minister will have a lapel mic. Opening remarks will be made from the podium.
Professor Jones will facilitate the QA from the round.
The HRC engagement homepage will show on-screen throughout the event and the Minister will have the option to move through it from a laptop set up at the podium during remarks.
Ministry staff will be present to take notes to feed into the engagement process and have rack cards to distribute.

Key Participants:

David Eby – Attorney General

Craig Jones – Law Professor, TRU

Brad Morse – Dean of Law, TRU

Elder Estella Patrick Moller – Will provide the First Nations welcome

Media attending: Media will be invited to attend a brief scrum before the event begins. Media will be invited to hear the Minister's remarks and observe the QA with the students.

Audience attending: The audience will be made up of students, faculty, and staff, primarily from Thompson Rivers University; however, members of the broader community may also be present. Local First Nations have also been invited.



The Irving K. Barber Centre is the largest in-the-round lecture theatre in the province. This centre features state of the art technology to support lectures, meetings, symposiums and conferences. The centre encourages and facilitates interactive dialog in the tradition of Aboriginal culture. It is the ideal venue for special presentations.

Itinerary -

Time	Event Itinerary
10:25 a.m.	Katrina Harding and Dean of Law Brad Morse meets the Attorney General at the front entrance of the House of Learning – NEED DIRECTIONS
10:30 a.m.-10:55 a.m.	QA session with the Attorney General and faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting will be chaired by Dean Morse House of Learning (Building), Room 402
11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Dean Morse leads pre-brief with the Attorney General and Professor Craig Jones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room 402 – House of Learning building
11:10 a.m.-11:25 a.m.	The Attorney General and Dean Morse are available to the media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby of the Barber Centre – House of Learning Building Christine Anderson of TRU will direct media to the Lobby
11:30 a.m.	Student QA Session begins with Attorney General, co-chaired by Professor Jones and Dean Morse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barber Centre – House of Learning
11:30 a.m.- 11:32 a.m.	Professor Jones gives short welcome, explains event purpose and logistics to audience
11:32 a.m. – 11:37a.m.	First Nations welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elder Estella Patrick Moller from the Nakazdli [<i>Na-k-ahz-dlee</i>] First Nations to give a welcome/blessing for the event
11:40 a.m. – 11:42 a.m.	Professor Jones introduces the Attorney General
11:42 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Attorney General offers remarks and begins the session and begins QA
11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Discussion
12:20 p.m.- 12:25 p.m.	Professor Jones asks for final questions, comments Invites the Attorney General to make final remarks Professor Jones closes the session
12:25 p.m.	Session ends
12:30 p.m.	Dean Morse accompanies the Attorney General to the office of TRU President Alan Shaver for lunch

INTRO

- Good afternoon.
- I would like to acknowledge and honour the traditional keepers of this land, the Secwepemc [*She-whep-m*] peoples, specifically the Tk'emlups [*Tay-come-loops*] Indian Band.
- It's an honour to be visiting Kamloops and Thompson Rivers University on my first trip here as Attorney General.
- Thank you Professor Jones for the introduction, and thank you to President Alan Shaver, and all faculty and staff at TRU who have helped make this session happen.
- As part of the Family Justice Pathfinder Project, staff from the ministry have recently been spending time in Kamloops talking to service providers and clients of the family justice system.

- I know that Dean Morse is engaged in this project and some of you here today may have participated in this important collaboration with Access to Justice BC.
- It is a valuable project to better understand client needs and how to improve the family justice system.
- I offer a special thanks to all the students who have taken time from your studies to join us today.
- I will keep my remarks short so that we have time to hear from you about your experiences and thoughts on the re-establishment of B.C.'s Human Rights Commission.
- In September, Premier John Horgan reaffirmed his commitment to fostering a society in which every person is treated with respect and dignity, regardless of race, gender, religion, or social condition, by asking the Ministry of Attorney General to re-establish a Human Rights Commission for B.C.
- Since that time, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon, who is leading the public engagement, has met with

many British Columbians and continues to read hundreds of online comments to hear what people have to say about the new Commission.

- We have been listening to your input on questions like what model would be best for the new HRC? What should the Commission's main focus and priorities be? And more broadly, what human rights issues do you think are most prevalent in today's society?
- I am here with you today for two reasons:
 - I want to hear your thoughts and ideas and to answer your questions about human rights in B.C.
 - And I want to encourage you to contribute to the public engagement process by speaking today or going online and sending in your ideas and submissions.
- This is a rather pressing request, as today is the last day of the public engagement – the website will be live for comments until 4 p.m. so please, once we have

concluded our session, I hope you will take a moment to share your ideas and experiences at [engage.gov.bc.ca slash BC human rights](https://engage.gov.bc.ca/slash-BC-human-rights).

- B.C. is the only province that does not have a Human Rights Commission...
- ... and while the Community Legal Assistance Society and TRU's Community Legal Clinic provide important services...
- ...and the Human Rights Tribunal is efficient in mediating and adjudicating individual discrimination complaints...
- ... the mandates of these organizations are limited.
- Human rights affect us all. Certainly in different ways and to varying degrees – but I believe that when one person's rights are violated, so are everyone's.
- That's why we want to create a human rights commission for B.C. with a mandate to do more: to educate about human rights, help prevent

discrimination before it starts, and help address systemic inequality and injustice in our province.

- I want to hear about your unique perspectives on the issues.
- To get us started, here are a few questions for you to consider:
 - What do “human rights” mean to you?
 - How do human rights play a role in your life?

[QA session is facilitated by Professor Jones.]

[QA session wraps up, Attorney offers closing remarks.]

AG’s CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Thank you for being so willing to share your stories and shape new possibilities today.
- It’s been a pleasure to be at Thompson Rivers University as my last meeting for this incredible public engagement.

- Your remarks will be brought back to the engagement team but I also encourage you to provide written submissions to the engagement website before 4 p.m. today - and encourage your friends and family to do so as well.
- Thank you.

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APPENDIX A: QUESTIONS:

Discussion Topic 1: Human Rights and You

Human rights are part of all our lives, yet they can be difficult to describe. In B.C., the Human Rights Code helps to protect you from discrimination and harassment. The personal characteristics protected in the Code may apply to certain situations only, and include:

Race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age (19 and older), criminal conviction, political belief, and lawful source of income.

Which of the above Human Rights Code grounds have played a role in your own life?

Discussion Topic 2: The Commission's Role

A primary role of human rights commissions in Canada and around the world is to educate the public about human rights. Other roles include hosting public dialogue, making recommendations to government, conducting human rights audits, and investigating root causes of discrimination.

Some specific examples in Canada: the Alberta Human Rights Commission hosts a series of public forums on topics such as human rights in employment and understanding gender identity and gender expression in the workplace. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission has hired an independent expert to examine police street check data related to persons of African descent. And the Ontario Human Rights Commission is calling for an end to solitary confinement in prisons.

What roles do you think the B.C. Human Rights Commission should take on?

Discussion Topic 3: Building Awareness

How do you feel the new commission should educate people about human rights under the B.C. Human Rights Code?

Based on your experience, what topics of education would be important to individuals?

What would be most helpful for employers or other organizations? What are the most convenient ways that you use to find information you need in your daily life?

Discussion Topic 4: Discrimination in the Workplace

Some of the stories we've heard so far have been about experiencing discrimination while searching for work, being at work, and pursuing career advancement. Despite having clear protections under the B.C. Human Rights Code, discrimination in the workplace is still a reality for many British Columbians. This must change.

What kind of discrimination have you experienced in the workplace? What did you do about it? How do you think employers can contribute to an inclusive workplace?

Discussion Topic 5: Youth and human rights

When I talk to young people today, I am often inspired by their naturally inclusive nature, their compassion for those in need, and their willingness to consider the views of others. I also know some young people struggle to be accepted for who they are. Whether it is about gender, sexual identity, race, economic status or other factors, their struggle is often silent and invisible.

How do you feel your views on human rights and discrimination compare to the way you were raised? What youth-centred issues do you think the new Human Rights Commission should focus on? And how do you think a Human Rights Commission should interact with youth?

APPENDIX B: Brief background on the Family Justice Pathfinder Project in Kamloops

- **What is FJPP?** The Family Justice Pathfinder Project (FJPP) is a collaborative project with A2JBC, MAG, the Family Justice Innovation Lab, front line service providers and users of the family justice system.
- **FJPP Objective:** FJPP's objective is to apply a user centred service design approach to understand and improve the journey of people through the family justice system in Kamloops. It is anticipated that prototyped solutions will produce services that will be scalable for use across the province.
- **Service Design activity in Kamloops:** Following government's established service design approach, Discovery Phase work in Kamloops started in August and continued in October 2017. This work included interviews with service providers, users and some indigenous groups/individuals as well as 2 workshops, one for service providers and one for system users.
- **Next steps:** In December and early 2017, the team will: (1) review findings with service providers and users; and (2) confirm opportunities with service providers and users; (3) prioritize opportunities; and (4) seek and engage with partners to begin prototyping potential solutions.
- **TRU Link and Project Board:** Brad Morse, TRU Dean of Law is on the Family Justice Pathfinder Project Board along with Co-Chair, Jamie Maclaren (Access ProBono), Co-Chair, Stephanie Melvin (Family Justice Services Division, Justice Services Branch), Jennifer Muller (former SRL) and Kurt Sandstrom (Justice Services Branch). There is one spot to be filled by a person from Kamloops with lived experience in the family justice system.
- **Why Kamloops:** Kamloops was chosen because of its size (not too big or too small), diverse community, range of services and reputation for positive relationships between the bench, bar and service providers.

Speaking Notes

for

David Eby
Attorney General

University of British Columbia

Room 104 – Allard Building
1822 East Mall
Vancouver

Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Event Information/Speaking Notes

- Event:** Attorney General’s Human Rights Commission engagement with law school students
- When:** Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
- Start time:** 12:10 p.m.: media scrum
12:20 p.m.: pre-brief in the Faculty Lounge led by Professor Young
12:30 p.m.: event
1:20 p.m. event concludes
- Where:** **Event:** University of British Columbia Law School – 822 East Mall, Allard Building, Room 104
Parking: Rose Garden Parkade – 6278 NW Marine Drive. Enter code s.15,s.17 for complimentary parking.
Professor Margot Young will meet Minister Eby at the entrance of the Allard Building
Media scrum: Weather permitting, front entrance of the Allard Building
- Contacts:** Margot Young, Law Professor, UBC office: 604-822-9685
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Kathleen Reilly, Ministry of AG: s.17
- Logistics:** Minister and Professor Young will stand at the front of the lecture hall and will provide remarks from there.
A microphone will be available at the podium, but the Minister can choose not to use it if he prefers.
Audience will view from theatre-style lecture hall (seats 75).
Professor Young will facilitate the QA from the front of the room.
The HRC engagement homepage will show on-screen throughout the event and the Minister will have the option to move through it from a laptop set up on table at the podium during remarks.
Kathleen Reilly has rack cards and posters to distribute to students.

Key Participants:

David Eby – Attorney General

Margot Young – Law Professor

University of British Columbia Students and Faculty

Media attending: Media will be invited to attend a brief QA with speaking guests before the event begins and to hear the Minister's remarks. Media will be allowed to stay for the QA with the students.

Ministry staff will be present to take notes to feed into the engagement process.

Audience attending: The audience will be made up of students, faculty, and staff, primarily from the University of British Columbia Law School however, the invitation is open to all university students, faculty, and staff and emeritus professors from the faculty.

Itinerary -

Time	Event Itinerary
12:05 p.m.	Minister Eby arrives at UBC and is greeted at the entrance by Professor Young and Erik Rolfsen
12:10 p.m.	Media Scrum: in front of the Allard Building main entrance
12:20 p.m.	Pre-brief with Minister Eby led by Professor Young led by XX – Faculty Lounge
12:27 p.m.	Minister Eby and Professor Young go to the Room 104
12:30 p.m.	Professor Young introduces Minister Eby
12:32 p.m.	Minister Eby gives remarks
12:35 p.m.	Question and answer sessions begins
1:10 p.m.	Final question
1:15 p.m.	Minister Eby gives concluding remarks
1:17 p.m.	Professor Young offers concluding remarks
1:20 p.m.	Event concludes

Parking:



INTRO

- Good afternoon.
- I'd want to acknowledge and honour the traditional keepers of this land, the Musqueam [*Mus-kwee-um*] Indian Band.
- It feels great to be back at UBC. Not only have I taught here, but as you may know, UBC is part of my riding as MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey.
- Thank you Professor Young for the introduction and for inviting me today and to all of you for taking the time out of your studies to join me.
- Often, the question and answer session is the more interesting portion of speaking events...
- With that in mind, I will keep my remarks short so that we have time to hear from you about your experiences and thoughts on the re-establishment of B.C.'s Human Rights Commission.

- In September, Premier John Horgan reaffirmed his commitment to fostering a society in which every person is treated with respect and dignity, regardless of race, gender, religion, or social condition, by asking the Ministry of Attorney General to re-establish a Human Rights Commission for B.C.
- Since that time, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon, who is leading the public engagement, has met with a hundreds of British Columbians and continues to read hundreds of online comments to hear what people have to say about the new Commission...
- We are listening and reading online answers to questions like what model would be best? What should be the Commission's main focus and priorities? And more broadly, what human rights issues do you think are most prevalent in today's society?

- I am here with you today for two reasons:
 - I want to hear your thoughts and ideas and to answer your questions about human rights in B.C.
 - And I want to encourage you to contribute to the public engagement process by speaking today or going online and sending in your ideas and submissions.
- As you may know, B.C. is the only province that does not have a Human Rights Commission...
- ... and while the Community Legal Assistance Society and UBC Student's Legal Advice Program provide important clinic services...
- ...and the Human Rights Tribunal is efficient in mediating and adjudicating individual discrimination complaints...
- ... the mandates of these organizations are limited.

- Human rights affect us all. Certainly in different ways and to varying degrees – but in truth, when one person’s rights are violated, everyone’s rights are violated.
- That’s why B.C. needs a human rights commission with a mandate to do more: to educate about human rights, help prevent discrimination before it starts, and help address systemic inequality and injustice in our province.
- I want to hear about your unique perspectives on the issues.
- To get us started, here are a few questions for you to consider:
 - What does “human rights” mean to you?
 - How do human rights play a role in your life?

[QA session is facilitated by Professor Young.]

[QA session wraps up, Attorney offers closing remarks.]

AG's CONCLUDING REMARKS

- It is always a pleasure to be on campus at UBC – Thank you for being so willing to share your stories and shape new possibilities today.
- Your remarks today will be brought back to the engagement team but I also encourage you to provide written submissions to the engagement website before November 17 - and encourage your friends and family to do so as well.
- Thank you.

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APPENDIX OF QUESTIONS:

Discussion Topic 1: Human Rights and You

Human rights are part of all our lives, yet they can be difficult to describe. In B.C., the Human Rights Code helps to protect you from discrimination and harassment. The personal characteristics protected in the Code may apply to certain situations only, and include:

Race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age (19 and older), criminal conviction, political belief, and lawful source of income.

Which of the above Human Rights Code grounds have played a role in your own life?

Discussion Topic 2: The Commission's Role

A primary role of human rights commissions in Canada and around the world is to educate the public about human rights. Other roles include hosting public dialogue, making recommendations to government, conducting human rights audits, and investigating root causes of discrimination.

Some specific examples in Canada: the Alberta Human Rights Commission hosts a series of public forums on topics such as human rights in employment and understanding gender identity and gender expression in the workplace. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission has hired an independent expert to examine police street check data related to persons of African descent. And the Ontario Human Rights Commission is calling for an end to solitary confinement in prisons.

What roles do you think the B.C. Human Rights Commission should take on?

Discussion Topic 3: Building Awareness

How do you feel the new commission should educate people about human rights under the B.C. Human Rights Code?

Based on your experience, what topics of education would be important to individuals?

What would be most helpful for employers or other organizations? What are the most convenient ways that you use to find information you need in your daily life?

Discussion Topic 4: Discrimination in the Workplace

Some of the stories we've heard so far have been about experiencing discrimination while searching for work, being at work, and pursuing career advancement. Despite having clear protections under the B.C. Human Rights Code, discrimination in the workplace is still a reality for many British Columbians. This must change.

What kind of discrimination have you experienced in the workplace? What did you do about it? How do you think employers can contribute to an inclusive workplace?

Discussion Topic 5: Youth and human rights

When I talk to young people today, I am often inspired by their naturally inclusive nature, their compassion for those in need, and their willingness to consider the views of others. I also know some young people struggle to be accepted for who they are. Whether it is about gender, sexual identity, race, economic status or other factors, their struggle is often silent and invisible.

How do you feel your views on human rights and discrimination compare to the way you were raised? What youth-centred issues do you think the new Human Rights Commission should focus on? And how do you think a Human Rights Commission should interact with youth?

Speaking Notes

for

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

BCBC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
and ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICY COMMITTEE

Borden Ladner Gervais, 200 Burrard Street, 12th Floor

Vancouver, BC

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Friday, November 10, 2017

Time: 11 a.m.

Background:

- Minister Heyman is asked to outline his Ministry's priorities.
- A QA session will follow with BCBC suggesting topics will include:
 - Climate policy
 - Environmental Assessment.
 - Species at Risk
 - Other topics
- Approximately 50 BCBC members present

Key Messages:

- 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.
- The business community and industry need to be at the table because we want to ensure we build a vibrant economy in all regions of the province, while we achieve our environmental objectives.

- Ministry's priorities align within broader government commitments:
 - Making life more affordable for British Columbians;
 - Delivering the services that people count on - effectively and efficiently;
 - Building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone;
 - Working towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Climate Policy

- We will take action to grow BC's low-carbon economy, creating thousands of new jobs for British Columbians.
- We are committed to working with industry to address emissions intensive trade exposed industries.
- Climate policy separate from economic policy is doomed to fail.
- The government is committed to building a robust economy that supports our climate goals.

- And we will support innovation in industries, like mining and cement, to help them to adapt and thrive in a modern economy as they reduce emissions.
- We have a plan to bring in a comprehensive clean growth strategy that will reduce emissions, put people to work, and grow our economy
- And by investing in transit, clean tech, and energy efficiency, we can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and help make life more affordable for families.

CSCG

- The Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Panel was announced Oct 23rd.
- The Panel will provide climate action advice on a continuing basis.
- The panel is co-chaired by Marcia Smith – from Teck and Merran Smith from Clean Energy Canada.
- As industry leaders, you will know the appointment of co-chairs representing industry and civil society is a signal.
- A signal of government's commitment to working with industry to build a sustainable future.

- Many of you will be aware of the good work Marcia and Merran along with others from COFI, CAPP, the cement association, academics and members from civil society.
- They called themselves the Bowen Group and their focus was on Emissions Intensive Trade Exposed industries.
- It was the spirit of collaborative pragmatism demonstrated by the Bowen Group – a group that formed at their own initiative and that drew me to ask Marcia and Merran to co-chair the new CSCG.
- Other members of the Bowen Group like Susan Yurkovich are also on our new Climate Council.
- It is this sense of collaborative pragmatism that I hope will permeate the work of the new council.

- In addition to industry members, the Council includes representatives from First Nations, environmental organizations, academics, local government and labour.
- This broad representation will help the Council in their pragmatic and optimistic work.
- The Climate Council is different than the previous Climate Leadership Team.
- This Council will be a long term advisory body – designed not to provide recommendations or draft policy, but to help government set strategic direction and to hold government accountable for our actions.
- I am looking forward to the Council's first meeting in early December and to working with them in the coming months.

Carbon pricing

- We have announced an increase to the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.
- Concurrent with the increase is a commitment to work with industry on efforts to support energy intensive trade exposed industries.
- This will fully align with national carbon pricing approach in the Pan-Canadian Framework.
- The tax is currently at \$30 and will rise to \$50 per tonne by 2021.
- This creates certainty for business and puts us ahead of the federally mandated \$50/tonne carbon price by one year.

- We will provide climate action rebate cheques for low and middle income families, to ensure a majority of British Columbians are better off financially.

GHG Targets

- We will put the province on a path to meeting B.C.'s legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 per cent below 2007 levels and will set a new legislated 2030 reduction target.

Restore Faith in Regulatory Process

- We are conducting a review of the province's professional reliance model to ensure the highest professional, technical and ethical standards are being applied to resource management in British Columbia.

- We announced this in mid-October with a rigorous consultation process underway.
- We are working towards strengthening our Environmental Assessment regime to significantly contribute to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples while enhancing both the process framework and public confidence in the system.
- Industry didn't always have a clear sense of what a path to success looks like, and we'll work to provide that certainty.
- We will ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, and the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met.

- I look forward to working with all stakeholders, including industry, to have a robust and efficient environmental assessment regime that helps to create and sustain jobs while protecting the environment.

Species At Risk

- We will bring in an endangered species law and will harmonize other laws to ensure they are all working towards the goal of protecting our province.
- Public consultation will begin in 2018.
- As well, a framework which sets out how the Province collaborates with the Federal Government on species-at-risk issues, is expected to be renewed in 2018.

Trans Mountain pipeline

- We will continue to defend B.C.'s interest with respect to the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project.
- There are thousands of jobs in the marine harvest industries as well as in the tourism industry in coastal BC, the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, that are threatened by an oil spill.
- These thousands of jobs in B.C. that exist today that are not short-term jobs. They are long-term jobs.
- Our job is to defend BC's economic interest. We are doing that thoughtfully and deliberately.

- B.C. gained intervenor status in a Federal Court of Appeal hearing, and will continue to explore other legal ways to defend the interests of British Columbians against this unnecessary project.
- Happy to answer questions...

BCBC – SUMMARY

- Broader government commitments
 - Affordability
 - Delivering services effectively/efficiently
 - Grow sustainable economy
 - Embrace UNDRIP.
- Climate Policy
 - CSCG Advisory Panel –Bowen Group
 - Carbon pricing. Rebates/EITE.
 - GHG targets.
- Regulatory reviews
 - Professional Reliance
 - Environmental Assessment process
- Species at Risk
- TMX
 - Defend jobs at risk of a spill

Speaking Notes

for

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

PICS Victoria
Just Solutions for Communities
Victoria Forum

(Location/address)

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Sunday, November 19, 2017
Time: 12:45pm.
10 mins speech

Background:

12:45 Opening remarks from Sybil: Theme: What are the problems for climate justice in communities? What are thought provoking solutions or recommendations?

1pm: Brief Self introduction (2 mins)

1:10: Minister speech, and other guests' speech.

1:30: Sit down after speeches and opening questions from Sybil to MGH, followed by audience questions and answers – as well as recommendations.

Possible questions from the panel:

- Indigenous communities on the coast and sea level rise. Sybil might ask a question on that.

Introduction:

- Thank you for inviting me to speak.
- I am so pleased to be here on the ancestral territory of the Lekwungen speaking people
- PICS is a leader in producing climate research that we decision makers use to develop effective policies and actions.
- (MGH: Do you have a personal story about using their research?)
- Climate change and carbon pollution is a critical issue for British Columbians, and the biggest challenge of our time.
- Recent reports that we are on track to a shocking 3.2C increase around the globe by 2100.

- Our government, aware of the significance of the issue, even renamed my Ministry to the Ministry of Environment *and* Climate Change Strategy.
- As many of you know, I spent 3 1/2 years as an advocate for climate policies as Executive Director of the Sierra Club.
- Then, I spent four years as environment critic, and now four months – has it only been four months? – as Minister.
- The past four months has reaffirmed my belief that tangible action on climate change can and should go hand-in-hand with building a clean, sustainable economy.
- And effective climate action will require every level of government to work together, including First Nations and Indigenous peoples.

Indigenous perspectives:

- I'm proud to be a part of a government that made a commitment to reconciliation, and honouring the principles of UNDRIP in concrete ways, nation to nation.
- I was just at the COP 23 conference in Bonn, Germany, and I heard again and again about how indigenous peoples are among the first to face the direct consequences of climate change, owing to their dependence upon, and close relationship with the land.
(MGH: Personalize this story)
- At COP I also heard about how in large urban areas, climate change is exacerbating the difficulties already faced by vulnerable communities.

- When times get tough, it's those who already face marginalization and unemployment who will be the least able to adapt, relocate and secure a safe place to live.
- Here in B.C, sea level rise and the increasing frequency of natural disasters such as this summer's unprecedented wildfires will mean a continual loss of coastal land and inland resources.

Climate Action:

- As governments, we must play a key role in tackling this issue head on. What have we done so far?
- This October, we announced our new Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council.

- This dynamic team includes members of three First Nations, industry, environmental and academic leaders, labour and local government.
- Everyone has expressed how eager they are to get to work.

GHG reduction targets:

- We will build on the former climate team's recommendations and develop a strategy that will put BC on a path to meeting its 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 percent below 2007 levels.
- We will also set a 2030 target to keep us on track, including sector-specific targets.

Carbon Pricing:

- We are also increasing the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne of carbon dioxide emissions annually, starting April 1, 2018.
- Pricing carbon encourages business, industry and individuals to make cleaner choices.
- By removing the requirement for the carbon tax to meet an arbitrary definition of revenue-neutrality, revenues can now support families and fund green initiatives.
- And we will provide climate action rebate cheques for low and middle income families, to ensure a majority of British Columbians are better off financially.

EITE Industries:

- We will take action to grow BC's low-carbon economy, creating thousands of new jobs for British Columbians.
- We are working with the federal government and industry to address emissions intensive trade exposed industries while building a greener economy.
- And we will support innovation in industries, like mining and cement, to help them to adapt and thrive in a modern economy as they reduce emissions.

- We know there is much to do, and rest assured our government is absolutely committed to setting targets and being accountable for what we accomplish as we work to make a difference in the fight against global climate change.
- Thank you.

PICS – SUMMARY

- Lekwungen
- PICS
- COP 23/Indigenous perspectives
- Climate Policy
 - CSCG Advisory Panel
 - GHG targets.
 - Carbon pricing. Rebates/EITE.

Event Information / COP 23 Speaking Notes

Event: Indigenous Leadership on Climate Action in Canada - Panel

When: November 16, 2017

Time: 1.5 hours, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Where: Indigenous Pavilion (Bonn Zone)

Length: Four minutes (two segments)

Audience: High-level panel of Indigenous and government leaders from Canada, moderated by one of the Co-Chairs of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), COP delegates, media.

Event summary:

The event will showcase the knowledge, experiences, practices and innovations of Canadian Indigenous Peoples in understanding and addressing the impacts of climate change, including best practices.

Panel format, moderated by: Co-Chair of the IIPFCC

Participants:

President Natan Obed, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Roberta Wesley, Ontario Native Women's Association of Canada

The Honourable George Heyman, British Columbia Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

President David Chartrand, Manitoba Métis Federation (video, TBC)

Regional Chief Bill Erasmus, Assembly of First Nations

National Chief Robert Bertrand, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

President Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Inuit Circumpolar Council-Canada

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Introduction

- It's a pleasure to be here today to talk about Indigenous Peoples and the role they have to play in climate change going forward.
- British Columbia's Government recognizes the need to change how government works with Indigenous people.
- I take this to heart and I am committed to this especially when it comes to climate change.
- B.C. is fortunate in that when it comes to climate change we have some of the strongest Indigenous voices in the country.

Advisory Council

- Some of those voices will be heard loud and clear with our new Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council that we announced a few weeks ago.
- The new advisory council includes members from First Nations, industry, environmental organizations, labour, academic researchers and local government.
- They will provide strategic advice to government on areas of focus for climate action that go hand in hand with economic growth.
- This is the first big step in getting B.C. moving ahead to meet its climate goals.

UNDRIP

- In B.C., we have recognized the need to change how government works with First Nations, and all Indigenous people.
- That is part of why we are committed to adopting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which has been adopted by 148 nations, including the federal government.
- As part of our commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, all ministers are reviewing policies, programs and legislation to determine how to bring the principles of the declaration into action in B.C.

- Equity, environmental quality, self-determination and the opportunity for economic development have motivated the provincial government and First Nations to find ways to govern together.
- Our government has accepted this approach as the standard we choose for conducting the business of the province.
- We will continue to work with our First Nations counterparts on addressing important shared issues like climate change.

Carbon tax

- By April 1st of next year, our new government is implementing an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 (CDN) per tonne per year. In current US dollars, that is an increase of roughly \$4 per year.

- The higher price on carbon will incent alternative transportation choices, helping to put the province on a path towards meeting B.C.'s legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction target.
- That target is: 80 per cent below 2007 levels, and a new legislated 2030 reduction target of 40 per cent below 2007 levels.

Additional info

- Currently the B.C. government has four Atmospheric Benefit Sharing Agreements signed.
- Government has also signed 50 revenue sharing agreements related to independent power producers with 37 First Nations, providing more than \$5 million in revenue sharing.

- B.C.'s First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund promotes community participation in the clean energy sector within First Nations asserted traditional territories and treaty areas.
- We have increased efforts to displace diesel in remote communities with clean energy alternatives.
- The Province is also working with First Nations to develop and market forest sequestration carbon credits.
- The Forest Carbon Initiative relies on partnerships with First Nations to develop and implement forest activities that reduce emission and sequester carbon.
- By 2050, the program is expected to have led to a reduction of 11.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide in annual greenhouse gas emissions.

- The importance of working inclusively with Indigenous peoples cannot be understated.
- B.C. will continue to collaborate with First Nations communities to address climate change going forward.

- **FN reps on (CSCG) Advisory Panel**
- **UNDRIP**
- **Increase carbon tax to incent reductions**
- **Revenue sharing program in place with FNs from IPPs.**
- **Proceeds fund Aboriginal renewable energy projects. Other actions:**
 - **Displace diesel in remote communities**
 - **Market forest sequestration carbon credits.**
 - **Continue to work with FNs on climate priorities.**

Event Information / COP 23 Remarks

Event: Paving the way for zero-emission vehicles with infrastructure

When: Tuesday, Nov.14

Time: 10-11:15 am

Where: UK Pavilion, Bonn Zone

Length: N/A - Panel exchange only (no formal speech)

Audience: COP members, possibly media

Event summary: Hosted by the International ZEV Alliance, this event will discuss why ZEVs are a critical element to governments' decarbonisation strategies and provide a platform for international exchange.

Introduction: Why electric vehicles?

- Christian Hochfeld, Director, Agora Verkehrswende

Opening speeches:

- Jerry Brown, Governor, California
- Vidar Helgesen, Minister of Climate and the Environment, Norway

Panel exchange on promotion of ZEVs and their infrastructure:

- Kate Brown, Governor, Oregon
- Melissa Lavinson, Vice President, Federal Affairs and Policy and Chief Sustainability Officer, PG&E Corporation
- Johanne G  linas, Chief Executive Officer, Transition   nerg  tique Qu  bec
- Minister George Heyman

Final remarks on international ZEV collaboration:

- Eric Wiebes - Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate, The Netherlands

Key Messages

B.C.'s Clean Energy Vehicle (CEV) Program

- B.C. is a great place to drive an electric vehicle - we have offered a Clean Energy Vehicle program since 2011.
- And the results speak for themselves.
- B.C. is a leader in clean-energy vehicles with one of the largest public charging infrastructure networks and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in Canada.
- The program offers point-of-sale incentives of up to \$5,000 (CDN) (or roughly \$4,000 in current US dollars) to buy or lease a new electric vehicle.

- And if you have an old gas-guzzling vehicle, we have a SCRAP-IT program as an additional incentive to "go green."
- With these two programs combined, total savings could be up to \$12,000 CDN (roughly \$9500 in current US dollars) for a clean energy vehicle.
- This fall, our new government continued our investment in that program by \$40 million CDN (roughly \$32 million US).
- This funding will ensure purchase incentives continue to be available and will be used for further investments in charging infrastructure and hydrogen fueling infrastructure.
- B.C. is also investing in research and economic development and job training in the zero-emission vehicle sector.

- The CEV Program has supported the growth of the ZEV sector in B.C., which is delivering jobs and significant economic opportunities to the province, including:
 - 198 companies and organizations involved in all aspects of the supply chain,
 - 3,850 full-time employees directly employed as a result of ZEV-related activities,
 - \$702 million CDN (roughly \$5.5 million US) in total economic output, and
 - \$373 million CDN (roughly \$293 million US) direct contribution to provincial GDP.
- Currently, just over 1 % of new vehicles in B.C. are zero emission.

- B.C.'s goal with the CEV Program's is to have 5% of new light-duty vehicle purchases in B.C. be zero emission vehicles by 2020.
- B.C. is a leader in clean-energy vehicles with one of the largest public charging infrastructure networks in Canada and one of the highest per capita adoption of electric vehicles in the country with close to 7000 vehicles registered.

International collaboration

- At COP 21 in Paris, British Columbia signed the Zero Emission Vehicle Alliance with 13 other international jurisdictions which has set a target for 100% of passenger vehicle sales to be ZEVs by 2050.

- As a member of the Pacific Coast Collaborative, B.C. teamed up with west coast cities, counties and utilities to launch the West Coast Fleets Initiative to accelerate adoption of ZEVs in public and private fleets.
- Currently, 53 B.C. fleets, including the Province of B.C., have signed the West Coast Electric Fleets Pledge.

Next Steps

- The B.C. government is working to build a network of charging stations that will enable electric vehicle operators to travel around the province.
- British Columbia is also working with the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial partners, industry and stakeholders, to develop a national strategy by 2018 to increase the number of zero-emission vehicles on Canadian roads.

Zero emission vehicle - SUMMARY

- **Raising carbon tax to incent reductions**
- **Clean Energy Vehicle Program:**
 - **one of the largest public charging infrastructure networks, and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in Canada.**
 - **\$40 million new investment; up to \$12,000 savings for electric vehicles**
- **Expanding recharging stations**
- **CEV economics:**
 - **\$702 million in total economic output, and \$373 million direct contribution to provincial GDP.**
- **Goal - Increase new electric vehicle purchases to 5% from 1% by 2020.**
- **Zero Emission Vehicle Alliance target 100% by 2050.**

Event Information / COP 23 Remarks

Event: Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC) - WASI (we are still in) **Event:** North American Governors-Ministers panel on climate leadership

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Where: US Climate Action Centre Pavilion, Beside Bula Zone on DHL building lawn

Length: 5 minutes

Audience: TBC - COP members, possibly media

Event summary:

Hosted by Climate Action Registry; being organized by the States (PCC/Reed Schuler).

- Speakers include:
 - Minister George Heyman
 - Governor Kate Brown, Oregon
 - Matt Rodriguez, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California
 - Sam Lemmo, Administrator, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Hawaii
 - Stephanie Zawistowski, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of MN Governor Mark Dayton
 - Governor Jay Inslee, Washington (TENTATIVE)
 - Governor Jerry Brown, California (TENTATIVE)

Event is split into two sessions

Session 1 (14:30-15:15)

Governor Kate Brown and/or Governor Jay Inslee will have a conversation with science and business writer John Carey.

Session 2 (15:15-16:00)

Panel of States and Province on their subnational and binational efforts. Ann McCabe, Interim Executive Director of The Climate Registry, will moderate.

Format: Brief intro remarks (5 minutes or less) followed by Q&A

Participants:

- George Heyman, Minister of Environment, British Columbia
- Matt Rodriguez, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California
- Sam Lemmo, Administrator, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Hawaii
- Stephanie Zawistowski, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of MN Governor Mark Dayton

Potential Questions:

1. Are there benefits to collaborating with adjacent states/provinces as opposed to more distant jurisdictions?
2. Which state/provincial or regional measures have been the most successful to-date?
3. Do regional programs have benefits over federal programs?
4. What are the easiest areas in which to collaborate – air quality, water, efficiency, renewables or transportation?
5. **BC: Discuss the federal vs provincial/territorial role and goals on GHG reductions and the Paris Agreement.**
6. What unique climate change-related challenges does your state or province face and how are you tackling those now and in the future?

Speaking note focus:

B.C.'s renewed leadership towards climate action, working together with other PCC members.

About PCC:

With a population of **55 million people and a regional GDP that is the 5th largest in the world**, together, the PCC jurisdictions and partner cities represent the most advanced attempt to create a low carbon future of any region in the world.

California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia joined together regionally through the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC) in 2008. The three Governors and Premier of BC signed the *Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy* in 2013 to work together as region to pursue commitments to put a price on carbon, reduce energy use and put new buildings on a path to net zero, transform transportation with electrification and cleaner fuels, and drive a transition to low carbon energy systems.

On June 1, 2016, PCC leaders signed the *Pacific North America Climate Leadership Agreement* to catalyze collaboration with the mayors of **Los Angeles, Oakland, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and Vancouver** as global leaders building thriving, sustainable and livable low-carbon economies on the West Coast of North America. The commitments within the Agreement seek to position the West Coast on a path to achieve 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050 by transforming the vehicle, building, energy, and waste sectors. British Columbia, California, Oregon, and Washington also signed the 2016 *Pacific Coast Climate Leadership Action Plan* to reaffirm key climate and clean energy commitments from a 2013 Action Plan, set more ambitious goals in areas of current work, and extend collaboration into new areas.

Introduction

- The West Coast states, the province of British Columbia, and the largest cities within them are leading the charge on climate change.
- We are doing this whether we have support from our federal governments or not.
- We know it's possible to build a thriving and innovative economy that fights climate change and benefits all people.
- We can do this by investing in:
 - Clean energy,
 - energy efficiency,
 - and reducing carbon pollution.
- We are aggressively fighting climate change and building a clean energy economy.

- Our communities will be healthier and more prosperous as a result.

Actions

- All PCC jurisdictions are founding signatories to the “Under 2 MOU” -
 - committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- In British Columbia, we are following up by putting our commitments into law.
 - And we’re backing up those laws with regulations and programs that will get results.
- By law, B.C. is required to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.

- Our government is planning on legislating an interim target for 2030 of a 40% overall reduction in carbon emissions.
- In our last budget, we announced B.C.'s carbon price will increase \$5 CDN (roughly \$4 US) per tonne each year until reaching \$50 CDN (roughly \$40 US) per tonne in 2021.
- And we're also building on a long history of using cleaner energy.
- Since 2005, approximately 95% of B.C.'s electricity, including industrial generation, has come from non-fossil sources.
 - The electricity supply for BC Hydro, the province's main utility, is 98% clean or renewable.

- Along with our partners in the PCC group, we are on the path to zero-emission transportation and increased mobility choices.
- Since 2011, \$71 million has been invested into the Clean Energy Vehicle Program in B.C. for:
 - vehicle incentives;
 - public charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure;
 - residential and workplace charging programs;
 - outreach and training;
 - and economic development projects.
- We know that low carbon economic development is already happening.
- In B.C., researchers and private sector leaders alike are talking about our province's "low-carbon advantage."

- Environmental sustainability is good for business.
- Low carbon fuel programs in B.C., California, and Oregon are stimulating regional production of low carbon- fuels.
 - Because of British Columbia's Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements we have prevented a total of 6.37 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions between 2010 and 2016.
- We are also on the path to net-zero buildings.
- For instance, B.C. has allowed gas utilities to double incentives for high efficiency gas equipment.

- And we're encouraging electric utilities to provide incentives to switch from fuel-driven to more efficient electric equipment.
- We are reducing emissions in other sectors - most notably organic waste.
- British Columbia's Zero Waste Business Case has found moving toward zero waste will:
 - reduce costs,
 - generate new economic activity,
 - and create new jobs for the province.
- Our Government will move ahead with more GHG reducing policies and have assembled a climate advisory panel to advise us on how and when to roll out new priorities.

Conclusion

- As a new government, we are excited to lead the way, along with our partners in the PCC.
- We are helping to develop a clean energy future along the West Coast ...
- A future that offers new possibilities and new opportunities ...
 - Opportunities that demonstrate the clean energy economy transition is underway;
 - Opportunities that demonstrate clean energy is good for business;
 - Opportunities that require creative collaboration among partners.
- There is no turning back.

PCC WASI SUMMARY

- **BC working with Washington, Oregon, California: subnationals lead the way.**
- **BC's GHG reduction targets**
- **Increase carbon tax to incent reductions.**
- **CEV program**
- **Low carbon fuels has saved over 6MT GHGs**
- **Net zero buildings**
- **Climate advisory panel**

Event Information / COP 23 Remarks

Event: Sub-National Strategies in North America for Meeting Paris Commitments

When: Monday, Nov.13

Time: 3-4:30pm

Where: Bonn Zone, Meeting Room 12

Length: 5-10 minutes followed by moderated discussion and QA

Audience: COP members, possibly media

Event summary:

Despite the Trump Administration, US states are determined to meet Paris commitments. A 'US Climate Alliance' was created to foster action at sub-national level. At this event, sub-national leaders will discuss wide variety of policy approaches, including how to harmonize policies with other jurisdictions

Other Speakers:

- Jerry Brown, Governor, California
- Dr. Rafael Martinez Blanco, Mexico Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources
- Chris Ballard, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Ontario

Moderated by: Gary Gero, President, Climate Action Reserve

Panel Format: Panelists will have 5-10 minutes to talk about the actions taking place in their respective jurisdictions. A moderated discussion and Q&A will follow.

Introduction

- As Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for our new government in British Columbia – my mandate is to provide real climate leadership in our province while growing our economy.
- The world is moving towards a lower carbon future and we intend to be at the forefront of this movement by reducing our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while investing in a sustainable economy for the future.

Advisory Council

- B.C. recently introduced a new Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council to provide strategic advice to government on areas of focus for climate action that go hand in hand with economic growth.

- This is the first big step in getting B.C. moving ahead to meet its climate goals.
- The new advisory council includes members from First Nations, industry, environmental organizations, labour, academic researchers and local government.
- The Advisory Council will provide advice to government on actions and policies that:
 - contribute to carbon pollution reductions and optimize opportunities for sustainable economic development and job creation;
 - enhance potential benefits and mitigate potential impacts of government's climate policies to ensure sustained economic prosperity and social equity;

- address the competitiveness of emissions-intensive trade-exposed sectors, to help them reduce their emissions and continue to thrive economically; and

Carbon Emissions Reductions

- In B.C., researchers and private sector leaders alike are talking about our province's "low-carbon advantage."
- By law, B.C. is required to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- Our government is planning on legislating an interim target for 2030 of a 40% overall reduction in carbon emissions.
- We plan to bring in this new legislation next year with a target of 50% reduction in emissions from buildings and homes, 30% in industry and 30% in transportation.

- This gives us a benchmark on the way to the 2050 target.
- By pricing carbon and setting targets, we're going to incent growth of a rapidly advancing technology industry that will help both us and other jurisdictions meet our targets.

Carbon Tax

- We are implementing an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 CDN (roughly \$4 US) per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.
- We will create a new climate action rebate cheque for low and middle income families.
- This cheque will go to 80 per cent of B.C. households, with a majority receiving more back from this rebate than they pay in new carbon taxes.

- We will provide certainty to stimulate investment and protect trade exposed businesses, maintaining our competitiveness, by establishing separate sectoral reduction goals and sectoral reduction plans for transportation, industry, and buildings and homes.
- We are committed to working with industry to ensure that they thrive at the same time they are reducing their emissions to meet targets.
- We will work also with the Federal Government on assessing the best approaches to address the competitiveness of emissions-intensive trade-exposed sectors.

Collaboration

- British Columbia works closely with other Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the federal government, to help Canada meet its international climate obligations.
- B.C. also works with California and other jurisdictions on the west coast of North America through the Pacific Coast Collaborative.
- This collaborative works to align policy strategies wherever possible in a variety of areas.
- Examples include:
 - Zero-Emissions Vehicles and charging networks;
 - Thermal decarbonization initiatives;
 - Enhancing building energy efficiency;
 - Organic waste prevention.

- Collaboration against climate change is key.
- It requires every level of government working alongside communities, First Nations, the public sector, non-profits, industry, labour and other climate leaders.
- Fighting carbon pollution, and adapting to climate change together, can help spur economic growth and create good family-supporting jobs that last.

Sub-National Strategies in North America – SUMMARY

- **Climate advisory panel**
- **GHG reduction targets**
- **Increase carbon tax to incent reductions**
- **Collaboration is key:**
- **Work with other regional governments, federal government and FNs.**
 - **Zero-Emissions Vehicles and charging networks;**
 - **Thermal decarbonization initiatives;**
 - **Enhancing building energy efficiency; and**
 - **Organic waste prevention.**

Event Information / COP 23 Speaking Notes

Event: Sustainable Innovation Forum: Decarbonising the Transport Sector Panel

When: Monday, November 13, 2017

Time: 11:55am – 12:35pm

Minister Heyman is requested to arrive by 11:35am at the latest.

Where:

Climate Action Domes
Lawn of the DHL Post Building
Platz der Deutschen Post /
Kurt-Schumacher-Strasse
53113 Bonn
Germany

Audience: COP delegates, media

Event summary:

Moderator: Nik Gowing, International Broadcaster, United Kingdom

Speakers:

Dr Thomas Becker, Vice President of Government Affairs, BMW Group
Dr Philipp Rode, Executive Director, LSE Cities

Nik Gowing will introduce the panel and panelists. Each panellist will have 4 minutes to introduce themselves briefly and make their opening statement and then we will start with questions. Please, note that no PowerPoint is required as contribution is entirely verbal.

Introduction

- One of the best ways to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is through clean and renewable resources.
- Where I am from – British Columbia (B.C.), Canada – transportation emissions account for 25 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. That's almost 40% of B.C. total emissions (64 million tonnes of Carbon dioxide equivalent).
- That's a big figure...so we are working to significantly reduce our emissions through our transport sector.
- Clean and efficient transportation solutions are a top priority for us.

Efforts to Reduce Transport Emissions

- Our efforts to reduce GHGs from transportation have been focused on three areas:

- encouraging a switch to cleaner-energy vehicles,
 - supporting growth in public transportation use,
 - and building cycling infrastructure.
- The use of electric vehicles plays a key role in reducing emissions in B.C.
- B.C. has one of the largest public charging infrastructure networks and one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in Canada.
- Since 2011, we have had a Clean Energy Vehicle Program.
- It offers point-of-sale incentives of up to \$5,000 CDN (roughly \$4000 US) to buy or lease a new electric vehicle.

- Our new government just increased funding by \$40 million CDN (roughly \$32 million US) into that program.
- Meantime, we continue to invest in rapid transit projects to support public transit across our province.
- Our government is prioritizing dedicated transit corridors to enhance rapid transit options for commuters.
- We expect to receive \$1.2 billion CDN in funding for public transit from our Federal Government by next spring.
- This funding is going toward investment in part in greener transit in the Vancouver, British Columbia region over the next ten years.

- What pleases me is that this means we will see a big increase in the number of British Columbians travelling on low emission public transportation daily.
- Investing in cycling infrastructure is also important.
- This year my government is investing \$9.2 million to build new cycling projects throughout my province.

General Low Carbon Actions

- In B.C., researchers and private sector leaders alike are talking about our province's "low-carbon advantage."
- Our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint go beyond just the transport sector.

- By April 1st of next year, our government is implementing an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 CDN (roughly \$4 US) per tonne per year.
- The higher price on carbon will incent alternative transportation choices, helping to put the province on a path towards meeting B.C.'s legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction target.
- That target is: 80 per cent below 2007 levels, and a new legislated 2030 reduction target of 40 per cent below 2007 levels.

Closing

- Whether it is major carbon reduction efforts province-wide or efforts that are geared toward the transport sector, reducing our emissions in British Columbia is top of mind.

- Our commitment to greener transportation will help improve commutes, make life more affordable for everyone, and at the same time, cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.
- We will continue to work with First Nations, all levels of government, industry, and other climate leaders to make this happen.
- It's a big challenge but one that's well worth the effort.

Decarbonising the Transport Sector Panel: SUMMARY

- **Transportation almost 40% of B.C. total emissions.**
- **Clean Energy Vehicle Program:**
 - **one of the largest public charging infrastructure networks and;**
 - **one of the highest per capita adoption rates of electric vehicles in Canada.**
 - **\$40 million new investment**
 - **Up to \$12,000 savings for electric vehicles**
- **Raising carbon tax to incent reductions**
- **Expanded rapid transit in Vancouver.**
- **Promote cycling**

Event Information / International Trips - Job Opportunities Speaking Notes

Event: International Trips - Job Opportunities

When: Monday, November 20, 2017

Time: 11:30am TBC

Where: BC Legislature

Length: Two to three minutes

Audience: Media

Event summary: Ministers Bruce Ralston, Doug Donaldson, George Heyman and Lisa Beare made international trips during the week of Nov. 12-18th to spark job creation, stimulate B.C.'s economy and raise the province's international profile. This event is a wrap of each's minister's trip.

Minister Heyman will provide a two to three minute speech based on job and economic opportunities connected to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Introduction

- **I just came back from the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23) in Bonn, Germany.**
- **What stood out for me, after meeting with representatives from around the world, is that there is global consensus on the immediate and critical need to take strong action against climate change.**
- **What was also clear was that it cannot come at the expense of jobs or the economy.**
- **We must protect jobs and grow the economy at the same time we reduce carbon pollution.**
- **That means we need industry to be at the table with us.**

- **The good news is industry is already going down the track of innovation.**
- **I have met with leaders in the oil and gas, mining and forestry sectors...key job creators - and I know they are working hard to reduce their carbon footprint.**
- **AT COP23, I met with industry representatives from Suncor, Altagas, Enbridge and Schneider Electric.**
- **What I heard from them was that they support B.C.'s measures to protect jobs and the economy as we reduce emissions.**
 - **Specifically, those industries support our goal to ensure**

emissions intensive, trade exposed industries to remain competitive as they work to reduce carbon pollution.

- **While in Germany, we shared success stories and learned from the actions that other governments are taking.**
- **Aside from supporting the competitiveness of our emissions-intensive industries, B.C. will continue to do its part by growing the clean tech sector and jobs.**
- **There are significant economic opportunities to be had by developing clean technologies.**

- **Additionally, there are valuable export opportunities to be had by making the switch to cleaner technologies.**
- **One of the things I heard from global climate leaders in Germany is that by being open to innovation and ensuring industry is on board with government policy, it means a stronger economy - including more jobs and minimizing costs we face with climate change.**
- **It is possible to protect our environment while ensuring B.C. has well-paying jobs along with a sustainable, innovative economy that puts people first.**

Trade Trips Job Opportunities: SUMMARY

- **Climate action not at expense of jobs.**
- **Business and industry at table.**
- **EITE industries.**
- **Develop clean technologies.**
- **Industry on board – strong economy.**

Event Information / COP 23 Speaking Notes

Event: Ocean Pathways Partnership Event

When: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Time: 3:45pm- 6:00pm + drinks & kava

Where: Fijian Pavilion, (Bonn Zone)

Length: Five minutes

Audience: COP members, possibly media

Event summary:

A COP23 Presidency ocean initiative, the Ocean Pathway embodies the important relationship between the Ocean and Climate Change. It:

- Re-affirms the Call for Action from the UN Ocean Conference,
- Promotes the possibility of a UNFCCC agenda item,
- Enhances the opportunity to support ocean health and maintain critical ocean ecosystems
- Supports priorities: sustainable transport, cities and human settlements, population displacement and migration, coastal infrastructure, marine ecosystem services, ocean food security, and ocean energy,
- Strengthens mobilization and collaboration of the Parties.

This event will:

- Announce Co-chairs of the initiative and Founders.
- Present forthcoming steps and events
- Provide for Leaders' signature of the Masi banner, for adhesion to the Ocean Pathway. [This does not constitute a new commitment or agreement being signed by BC. Jessie Turner of the OA Alliance will have more details after November 10th and inform the BC delegation if this changes]

Participants include:

Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Fijian Minister for Economy and responsible for climate change

- HE Peter Thomson, UN special envoy for Ocean
- Leaders from Pacific countries & committed Parties
- Alliances and platforms on Ocean-Climate

This event is an acknowledgement of the work of the various networks, reaffirming joint goals, a celebration of aligning of alliances/ platforms/efforts on an ocean pathway to promote ocean into the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes.

OA Alliance is hoping to have a PCC leader in attendance. Minister Heyman would be one of about 6 speakers among other Ocean initiatives, Fijian PM, and other Ministers and Presidents from island nations.

Introduction

- Changes in the ocean's temperature and chemistry brought on by climate change are a concern for all coastal jurisdictions, and particularly in my home city of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia which borders the Pacific Ocean.
- The Pacific Ocean is already experiencing an increase in acidity.
- This is concerning as the Pacific Ocean is the largest and deepest of the earth's oceans, and many parts of the world rely on this ocean for their food, commerce and transportation.
- Many of you in this room live alongside the Pacific Ocean and understand that it is a body of water we must protect.
- First Nations communities in my province are already seeing the ramifications first-hand with flooding in a coastal reserve (Kingcome Inlet).

Destructive Human Activity

- We have ourselves to blame for much of the ocean acidification and reduction in ocean health we see today.
- Human activities such as fossil fuel burning, and deforestation add carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. One-third of these emissions are absorbed by the ocean altering its chemistry.
- An increase in acidity has a big impact on the environment for aquatic life. An example of this is it makes it more difficult for some organisms, like shellfish, to form shells.

International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification

- The Province of British Columbia is committed to doing what it can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and mitigate the effects of climate change on our ocean.

- British Columbia and our partners in the Pacific Coast Collaborative (Washington, Oregon and California) have formed the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance) to address the serious threat of ocean acidification.
- The OA Alliance has five goals:
 - Advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.
 - Taking meaningful actions to reduce causes of acidification.
 - Protect the environment and coast communities from impacts of a changing ocean.
 - Expand public awareness and understanding of acidification.

Other efforts

- There is an urgent need for the U.S. and Canadian federal governments to bolster regional and cross-border efforts through enhanced coordination, monitoring and research to address this critical issue.

- B.C. is working with other governments in Canada – and with the Pacific Coast Collaborative – to better understand the impacts of climate change, including ocean acidification.
- And we recognize more work needs to be done.
- In the long run, the only way to slow ocean acidification is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- British Columbia is already required by law to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- And our new government is planning on legislating an interim target for 2030 of a 40% overall reduction in carbon emissions.
- We plan to bring in this new legislation next year with sectoral targets for the reduction in emissions from buildings and homes, industry and transportation.

- B.C. is also working on an Ocean Acidification Action Plan as part of our commitment to the OA Alliance.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- We're doing our part in British Columbia, and we're happy to see there's a desire on behalf of our Fijian hosts to have oceans included within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, (UNFCCC) process by 2020.
- I am thankful to them for signing on this week as a member of the OA Alliance.
- Fiji is a global leader on oceans protection and we are honoured to be able to participate on this initiative with them within the UNFCCC.
- I look forward to working together with Fiji and other Alliance members to combat ocean acidification.

Conclusion

- Since many of us here today live alongside oceans, and in particular the Pacific Ocean, we share a vested interest in protecting these important bodies of water.
- It will take commitment and collaboration from jurisdictions around the world to make a difference and protect our oceans for generations to come.

Ocean Pathways Partnership: SUMMARY

- **One-third of emissions are absorbed by the ocean, altering its chemistry.**
- **Along with PCC partners we're a member of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance).**
 - **Advance scientific understanding**
 - **reduce causes of acidification.**
 - **Protect environment from impacts of a changing ocean.**
 - **Expand public awareness**
- **BC's legislated GHG reduction goals**
- **Fiji – promoting having oceans included within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, (UNFCCC) process by 2020.**
- **Congratulations on joining OA Alliance.**

Event Information / COP 23 Speaking Notes

Event: What Canada can do to support Sustainable Development Goals?

When: Monday, November 13, 2017

Time: 6pm -7:30pm

Where: Bonn zone, IETA Pavilion

Length: Five minutes

Audience: COP delegates, media

Event summary: MGH and four other panelists to provide introductory remarks about their work/experience related to SDGs. Following all introductory remarks, there will be a moderated panel discussion.

All levels of government, Indigenous leaders, the private sector, NGOs and community partners have an important role to play in the Sustainable Development Goals. This panel will explore Canada's contribution to the SDGs.

Possible Discussion Questions for moderated panel discussion:

- What can industry and other levels of governments do to support engagement on SDGs?
- What do we need more or less of to engage successfully?
- Examples from your jurisdiction or other best practice examples?

Rollout:

- 6 pm Introduction and Context: Steve MacDonald, CEO, Emissions Reduction Alberta
- **6:05 Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Government of British Columbia**
- 6:10 Jenny Gerbasi, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- 6:15 Nancy Karatek-Lindell, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council
- 6:20 Glen Murray, Executive Director, Pembina
- 6:30pm Moderated Discussion with Panelists

Introduction – Supporting Sustainable Development Goals

- While Sustainable Development Goals are global in scale and ambition, we all have a role to play.
- Promoting and advocating for sustainable development, and the social and economic equality that results, is a personal passion.
- Prior to holding public office I led an environmental organization in British Columbia that is a champion for sustainable development and social equality.
- *(Minister reflects on his tenure as ED with Sierra Club BC)*
- Canada is blessed with economic, social and political advantages that others can only dream of.

- It is our moral imperative to encourage such advantages to be available to all.
- As a sub-national government we need to support a pan-Canadian approach to addressing the Sustainable Development Goals.
- But, similar to tackling climate change, sub-national governments can also lead by example.
- We have a new government in British Columbia that also believes strongly in the principles behind the Goals.
- We have been in office for only four months, but our moral fibre is already evident.

B.C. Climate Actions

- First, we're taking emissions reductions seriously.
- We are required by law to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- Our government is planning to introduce a legislated target for 2030 of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions.
- And will establish sectoral targets and plans for the built environment, industry and transportation sectors.
- We are also implementing an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 CDN (roughly \$4 US) per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.

- Before 100 days in office, I appointed a panel of leading British Columbians to advise us on achieving our climate objectives efficiently and effectively.

Social Actions

- While ‘poverty’ and social inequality may be a relative, we always need to take care of our own back yard before we can truly address others. “Walk the Walk”
- Our government just announced the first steps in developing B.C.s first ever Poverty Reduction Strategy...
- ...and have embraced the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Conclusion

- Our policies encourage affordability, with a strong, sustainable, innovative economy at the core.

Sustainable Development Goals: SUMMARY

- **Personal experience advocating for sustainable development, as Executive Director with Sierra Club BC**
- **BC GHG reduction targets; Increase carbon tax to incent GHG reductions.**
- **CSCG Advisory Panel**
- **Poverty Reduction strategy.**
- **UNDRIP**

Event Information / COP 23 Speaking Notes

Event: Under2Coalition- taking full advantage of mitigation opportunities

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 12:00 -1:00pm

Where: Bonn zone, German Pavilion

Length: Five minutes

Audience: COP delegates, media

Event summary: MGH to announce the signing ceremony and introduce the new Under2 signatories.

Other speakers:

- Franz Untersteller, Minister of Environment, Climate Protection, and the Energy Sector, Baden-Württemberg
- Helen Clarkson, CEO, The Climate Group
- Kalyan Chakravarthy, Director General, EPTRI, Tealngana, India (invited)
- Lorenz Peterson, Director of Climate Change, rural Development and Infrastructure, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Edmund G. Brown, Governor, California

This event will examine the crucial role of transparent climate action and the need for cost-effective capacity building.

Minister Heyman will provide an introduction to the signing ceremony, during which new Under2 signatories will be introduced. BC will tell the story of the Under2 Coalition, which began 2 years ago with 12 signatories and now includes 200 signatories.

Minister Heyman will be announcing the names of the following delegates and invite them on stage:

Gobierno Provincial de **Pastaza (Ecuador)** – Governor **Guillermo Antonio Kubes Robalin**

Departamento del **Caquetá (Colombia)** – Secretary of Planning **Óscar Raúl Rojas Peña**

Prefectura del **Azuay (Ecuador)** – Vice-Prefect **Maria Cecilia Alvarado**

Gobierno Regional de **Huánuco (Peru)** – Governor **Rubén Alva Ochoa**

Gobierno Regional de **Amazonas (Peru)** – Governor **Gilmer Wilson Horna Corrales**

Introduction – Under2Coalition

- I have the pleasure of welcoming you today to the signing ceremony for the Under2 Coalition.
- In two short years since this coalition was formed, the number of jurisdictions that have signed or endorsed the Under2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has grown from 12 to 200 – and that number is growing today.
- The Under2 MOU is a commitment by sub-national governments to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions towards net-zero by 2050.
- All signatories have publicly committed to reduce their GHG emissions by 80-95% on 1990 levels, or to two metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent per capita, by 2050.

- The Under2 Coalition represents more than 1.2 billion people and \$28.9 trillion in gross domestic product (GDP), equivalent to 16 percent of the global population and 39 percent of the global economy.
- My home – the Province of British Columbia – was one of the founding signatories in May 2015.
- We are joined by the other members of the Pacific Coast Collaborative (Washington, Oregon and California) as well as fellow Canadian provinces, Ontario and Quebec.
- Several subnational states in Europe, including Baden-Württemberg are also members.

- And I'm pleased to have the Minister of Environment, Climate Protection, and the Energy Sector for Baden-Württemberg – Franz Untersteller here today to speak.

B.C. Emissions Reductions Targets

- My home province of British Columbia, Canada is taking emissions reductions seriously.
- We are required by law to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- Our government is planning to introduce a legislated target for 2030 of a 40% reduction in carbon emissions.
- We are also planning on establishing sectoral targets and plans for built environment, industry and transportation sectors.

- We are also implementing an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 CDN (roughly \$4 US) per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.
- While British Columbia is certainly doing its part to reduce carbon emissions so are partners from around the world who have signed on with the Under2 Coalition.

Introduce new signatories

- This afternoon we are celebrating (TBC during conference) new signatories.
- Name jurisdictions joining the coalition (TBC during conference).
- I hope to see even more signatories joining this very important climate agreement in the near future as we continue to reduce emissions on a global scale.

Under2Coalition: SUMMARY

- **Jurisdictions endorsing the Under2 MOU has grown from 12 to 200.**
- **Represents 16 percent of global pop. And 39 percent of global economy.**
- **Reduce emissions by 80-95% on 1990 levels, or two metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent per capita, by 2050.**
- **Minister of Environment, Climate Protection, and the Energy Sector for Baden-Württemberg – Franz Untersteller here today to speak.**
- **BC GHG reduction targets; Increase carbon tax to incent GHG reductions.**
- **Announce new jurisdictions signing MOU.**

Minister of Finance
Event Details Checklist
Updated: 30/05/2018

Function Date	Friday, November 3, 2017
Name of Function	Long Service Awards (LSAs)
Number of attendees expected	230 (104 LSA recipients)
Sponsor/Host	Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Judith Guichon
Contact name and number	Frances Gorman, LSA Protocol Manager (250) 387-0744
Event Theme	Recognition for long-time public service
Speech topic	Public Service excellence
Recommended arrival time	6:00 p.m.
Time Minister will be introduced	7:40 p.m.
Speech length	3-5 minutes
Q&A time?	N/A
Anticipated departure time	9:00 p.m.
Appropriate Dress	Business formal
Address	1401 Rockland Ave, Victoria, B.C.
Parking arrangements	Reserved Parking for Minister. Attendant will advise on-site
Name and title of person introducing Minister	Lori Wanamaker, Director of Ceremonies, and Deputy Minister of the Finance and the BC Public Service
Media anticipated	No
Name and title of other notable guests	Hon. Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Lori Wanamaker, Director of Ceremonies, Deputy Minister, PSA Laura Nashman, CEO, BC Pension Corporation Tara Richards, Interim CEO and Superintendent, FICOM David Galbraith, Ministry of Finance – Recipient Speaker (25 year) Gail Poulton, Municipal Affairs and Housing (45 year)
Finance Staff attending event	Listed on next page

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Long Service Awards 2017

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Friday, November 3, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Government House
1401 Rockland Avenue, Victoria B.C.**

AUDIENCE: Long-serving public service employees (25-45 years)

TIME: 3-5 minutes

WORD COUNT: 498

KEY MESSAGES:

- The B.C.'s Public Service's strength is the expertise and knowledge of its employees.
- Government sincerely appreciates your years of service.
- Congratulations and thank you for all that you do to make our economy strong and our communities thrive.

INTRODUCTION

- Thank you, Lori.
- It is my pleasure to be here tonight.
- 25... 30... 35... 40... and wow, 45 years of public service is something to be proud of.
- My short four months as your Minister of Finance seems paltry in comparison!
- But in that time, I have been amazed by the dedication, the knowledge and the diversity in the B.C. Public Service.
- We have people here from all across the public sector, including:
 - The BC Pension Corporation;

- The BC Public Service Agency;
 - The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources;
 - B.C.'s Financial Institutions Commission;
 - Government Communications and Public Engagement;
 - Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - And, of course, the Ministry of Finance.
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- In my many roles over the years, I've been able to visit many B.C. communities and meet with dedicated government employees involved in all aspects of public service.

 - ...and I know the job you do is not always easy.

- I want each of you know that I am extremely proud of – and inspired by – the work you do each and every day to improve the lives of British Columbians.
- Because of your caring and commitment – we are able to deliver high-quality public services that keep our economy strong and our communities thriving.
- Whether you are working directly with British Columbians...
- Or developing policies that affect them...
- or keeping teams on task and under budget...

- (As your Finance Minister, I especially appreciate the under budget part!)
- ...the impact of your work is significant – and it benefits us all.

PAUSE

- I thought it might be fun to share some facts about what was happening 40 years ago...
- Around the time that some of you began in the B.C. public service!
- Bill Bennett was our Premier.
- Margaret Atwood released “Dancing Girls”...

- The Blue Jays played their very... first... game — defeating the Chicago White Sox.
- (So, things do change!)
- Jarome Iginla was born...
- “Beachcombers” was finishing its fifth season...
- And Jimmy Buffet released the biggest single of his career: “Margaritaville”.

PAUSE

- I was told that sharing these “fun facts” would be a hit, but now... I just feel a little old...

- But I think the point is that a lot of fantastic events happened in that year!
- Jimmy Buffet's music continues to make us smile and forget the world's troubles.
- Jerome Iginla's talent went on to annoy us diehard Canuck fans.
- (He started with the Kootenay Blazers, folks!)
- And like them, your efforts have had a positive impact on British Columbians in every corner of this province.
- And that impact will have a ripple effect for years, and generations, to come.

CONCLUSION

- Everyone here tonight made a decision to join the B.C. Public Service...
- ...and utilise their talents to make this province a better place to live, work and raise our families.
- So **thank you** for your commitment to serving the people of this province.
- **Congratulations** on your accomplishments.
- And **enjoy yourselves** tonight as we celebrate your achievements.



Speaking Notes
for

Hon. Carole James
Deputy Premier and
Minister of Finance

Louis Riel Day 2017
Sunrise flag raising and proclamation
November 16, 2017
Guests will gather in the Rattenbury Room

TIME: 7:00 – 7:40 a.m.
Pre-brief: 7:10 a.m.
Sunrise: 7:23 a.m.

Information for Minister

Event Summary:

- To mark Louis Riel Day, Deputy Premier James offers remarks at a sunrise event, raising the Métis flag outside the B.C. Legislature at 7:23 a.m.
- A proclamation was also issued to mark the importance of the day to Métis people in British Columbia. The proclamation is incorporated into Minister James speaking notes.
- President of Métis Nation BC will also offer remarks once the flag is raised.
- Members of unaffiliated Métis groups may be present (tbc).
- Note: There will be no gift exchange.

Action/Visual: Deputy Premier James, Madame President Morin Dal Col and MNBC executive with Métis Flag

Venue Audience: MNBC executive, any Métis community members present and government staff

Podium/microphone: no

Event Start Time: Participants to gather in the Rattenbury Room at 7:00 a.m. for pre-brief. (leader of pre-brief – Sharon Pocock, GCPE)

Length of speech: 2-3 minutes

Attire: Business

Emcee: No emcee

Media attendance: A media advisory will be issued, followed by media outreach

Speakers: Deputy Premier James, President Morin Dal Col

Other guests in attendance:

MNBC attendees:

- Vice President Lissa Smith
- Provincial Women's Chair - Victoria Pruden
- Regional Director for Vancouver Island & Powell River, Michael Dumont
- Regional Women's Representative – Nancy Larkin
- Regional Youth Representative – Danielle Atkinson
- Métis Veteran BC Women's Representative – Veteran, Barb Hulme
- Métis Veteran BC Chair – Veteran, Dave Armitt
- Elder Representative – Stella Johnson
- Jigger and Fiddler (tbc)

Métis Nation Greater Victoria

- President – Patrick Harriott
- Vice President - Daleen Thomas

- Women's Representative - Mariana Chapman
- Youth Representative - Mia Yule
- Education Director - Bertha Landrie
- Education Director - Joe Landrie
- Event coordination and social media director - Jo-Ina Young

Other guests

- Cory Linklater
- Representatives of unaffiliated Métis groups - tbc

Logistics:

- Guests will gather in the Rattenbury Room prior to being escorted by the Deputy Sergeant at Arms to the flag pole nearest Menzies St., in front of the parliament buildings.

What the audience wants to hear:

- The importance of the proclamation and government's commitment to Métis people in B.C.

Key messages:

- There are close to 90,000 Métis people in B.C. and they make a valuable contribution to the rich cultural fabric of our province.
- Today, we mark the anniversary of the death of Louis Riel, who is an important figure in the history and culture of the Métis people.
- B.C. is working with Métis Nation BC to ensure Métis people can access the social and economic opportunities that will make life better for everyone.

Time	Event Itinerary
6:30 a.m.	Rattenbury Room in Parliament Buildings available for guests
6:30 – 7:00 a.m.	Guests arrive
7:10 a.m.	Pre-brief in Rattenbury Room – lead, Sharon Pocock, GCPE
7:15 – 7:20 a.m.	Guest move out to front of Parliament Buildings accompanied by Deputy Sergeant at Arms
7:20 – 7:25 a.m.	Photo op of Minister and Madame President holding Métis flag Other photos as needed of other members of the party holding Métis flag
7:25 a.m.	Flag raising
7:27 a.m.	Deputy Premier James offers remarks – including proclamation Madame President Morin Dal Col offers remarks Deputy Premier hands framed proclamation to Madame President Morin Dal Col (Photo Op)
7:35 a.m.	Media availability if media present
7:40 a.m.	Event ends

SPEAKING NOTES:

- **Good morning**
- **Thank you to everyone for coming out so early.**
- **Before I start, I'd like to acknowledge that we are on the territory of the Lekwungen [La-kwung-en] people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.**
- **Today, we mark Louis Riel Day, to celebrate the Métis people and to honour a man who was an agent for change, a political leader, and a champion of Métis rights and culture.**
- **And to mark a shameful part of our history that occurred 132 years ago today when Louis Riel was executed**

at an RCMP barracks in Regina for treason.

- **By raising the Métis flag in front of the people's house, we are also recognizing the nearly 90,000 Métis people who live, work and contribute so much to our province.**
- **It's so important that we are working together through the Métis Nation Relationship Accord on the priorities that matter to Métis people.**
- **Areas such as health, housing, education support for children and families...**
- **Information sharing, justice and wildlife stewardship.**
- **Areas that would be priorities for Louis Riel if he was here today,**

continuing his work to build a Métis nation.

- **My heritage and culture mean a great deal to me. As a proud Métis, it's moving to be here to see this flag raised.**
- **The Province has proclaimed today as Louis Riel Day, and it's my honour to read the proclamation.**

Proclamation

WHEREAS the Métis people and their descendants have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada, and

WHEREAS the Métis people are recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 as one of Canada's Aboriginal peoples, and

WHEREAS Louis Riel was a humanitarian and an advocate for the Métis people, and one of the Métis people's foremost historic leaders who strove for justice and the rights of the Métis people as Manitoba joined Confederation, and

WHEREAS November 16 is an important and symbolic date recognized by Métis people across British Columbia each year in commemoration of the death of Louis Riel on that day in 1885, and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia honours Métis history and culture, Louis Riel's place in Canadian history, and the Province's valued relationship with the Métis people of the Province of British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 16, 2017 shall be known as

“Louis Riel Day” in the Province of British Columbia.

[end proclamation]

- **Those are moving words. They are words that resonate.**
- **I’m proud to be Métis today and every day... and I’m proud to be here today in this distinguished company.**
- **Thank you.**

- End -

SPEAKING NOTES FOR

SECOND QUARTERLY UPDATE

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

NOV. 28, 2017, 11AM

LEGISLATURE PRESS THEATRE

VICTORIA, B.C.

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- I'm pleased to be here to talk about the province's second quarter results.
- The second quarter report covers the financial results from April to September.
- I'll go through some of the detailed figures from Q2 in my presentation shortly.
- But first, I'd like to begin with a few opening remarks.

STABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- The second quarter shows continued strong, stable economic growth in our province.
- We are seeing strong growth in jobs, exports, retail sales and housing starts.
- Our debt-to-GDP and debt-to-revenue ratio in Q2 is lower than we projected in our September Budget Update.

- The Second Quarterly Report indicates that B.C. continues to outperform economic expectations.
- And that has been confirmed by the recent confirmation of our AAA credit rating and stable economic position from Standard and Poor's.

FISCAL CAUTIONS

- However, as you'll remember from the September Budget Update, there were areas of risk and unexpected costs that we have been tracking that have an impact in the Q2 report.
- I will go over these in detail through the presentation, but to list them:
- First, a \$418 million decrease in taxation revenue, primarily driven by a prior year adjustment from the federal government, impacting personal and corporate income tax.
- Secondly, we have an additional \$152 million forecasted to cover costs associated with fighting this season's wildfires.
- And lastly, the continued financial instability at the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

- ICBC'S Q2 results are \$139 million lower than estimated in September.
- ICBC is now forecasting a net loss of \$364 million this fiscal year.
- These are all pressures we will need to be very mindful of as we plan Budget 2018 and that you will see have an impact on the fiscal plan.
- With that, I'll now begin today's presentation and run through the specifics for you.

CONCLUSION – *(following presentation)*

- As Finance Minister, I am pleased to see that our economy is growing.
- Job growth remains strong and investment continue to flow into our province.
- Credit ratings agencies confirm that we are on a fiscally sustainable path forward.
- And we continue to have prudence built into our budget.
- We are committed to fostering sustainable economic growth as we deliver on our commitments to British Columbians.

- My work over the coming weeks and months will be focused on delivering a balanced budget in 2018.
- Balanced by recognizing priority areas British Columbians have identified for us, taking action to make life more affordable, improving the services that people rely on, and ensuring strong, stable financial management of our province.