



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

Shane Simpson

Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Federation of Community Social Services of BC General Meeting

Minoru Room, Vancouver Airport Sheraton Hotel
7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC

Friday, October 13, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Event Profile:

Federation of Community Social Services of BC (FCSSBC) represents over 140 agencies who provide support to individuals and communities in BC. Member agencies span the entire province and offer a broad range of services to communities, people living with physical and mental challenges, vulnerable children, youth and seniors, new immigrants, people living with addictions or mental health issues, and those living in poverty.

FCSSBC is holding a General Meeting and is expecting 50-60 guests. The GM is promoted as “a great opportunity to network and gain a broader understanding of BC’s social care system while learning about key sector issues, BC’s new government, and The Federation’s current projects and priorities.”

The GM follows a two-day conference, Building on Success: Promising Practices in BC’s Child, Family, and Community Service. Conference details are as follows: What works? Why does it work? And how can we build on these successes? This conference will examine practices from across BC that are improving the management, measurement, and delivery of services to the children, families, and vulnerable people of BC.

Other Speakers/Key Participants:

Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care: her speech will touch on Minister Conroy’s mandate (child protection and some of the key social-service areas) as well as child care and the struggle for B.C. families to access it.

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General: his speaking topics will cover PSSG-funded services; Crime Prevention and Community Safety / Gang and Gun Violence; Restorative Justice; Victim Services; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Reconciliation; closing mention of Anti-Poverty Strategy.

What Audience Will Ask

1/3rd of members have contracts with CLBC and will want to know if there are changes planned for the future. There is concern that the needs of persons with disabilities are taking a back seat to organizational needs. And lack of communication and collaboration are a big concern.

General interest in what will happen with employment programs, and some discussion about the need to pay more attention to some special areas such as youth employment and employment programs for persons with disabilities that need a focused approach.

People are excited about the poverty reduction strategy - a great feeling of optimism about collaboration in this process. There are concerns about the need to meet the immediate needs of people living in poverty while the plan is being developed and implemented. For example, what will be happening with the MCFD poverty reduction pilots?

Audience:

- FCSSBC members and staff. Not open to public.

Event Details:

Date and Time: Friday, October 13, 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Location: Minoru Room, Vancouver Airport Sheraton Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond

Start Time: 10:45 a.m.

Length of Speech: 10 minutes of speaking followed by 10 minute question period

Parking: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel: please attend the front desk inside and ask for the discounted parking for FCSSBC of \$10/day – if payment is made at the outside station (at a higher cost) they cannot refund.

Event Contact: Tisha Card, Executive Coordinator: 250 480-7387

Event Itinerary:

7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 am	Start of Meeting Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories Welcome and Opening Remarks: David Young, Federation President
9:00 am	Ratification of New Federation Members: Ann Kutcher, Federation Board Director
9:15 am	Guest Speaker: Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Childcare
10:00 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 am	MOU signing with Métis Nation BC
10:45 am	Guest Speaker: Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
11:30 am	Guest Speaker: Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
12:15 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:15 pm	Organizational Update: Rick FitzZaland, Federation Executive Director Question and Answer
2:15 pm	Recognition of Retiring Members
2:30 pm	Closing Remarks: Tanya Behardien, Federation Vice-President
2:45 pm	End of Meeting

Key Messages:

- 1. Government is focused on addressing poverty and making life more affordable for British Columbians.**
- 2. While there is more to do, we have already begun making progress.**
- 3. Poverty has many contributing factors and we need a variety of tools to reduce poverty in our communities.**

- Greetings. Coast Salish territory.
 - Thanks to Federation for day of dialogue and connection. And to members who support vulnerable individuals
 - Honoured to be hear with you to talk about the work we have done and share what we will do to reduce inequality and poverty
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- We have an opportunity to reshape our province
 - New investments in people, communities and a sustainable economy that works for everyone
 - Have already taken steps to make life better for people
 - \$100 rate increase
 - \$200 increase to monthly earnings exemptions
 - New transportation supplement in effect January 1
 - Moving forward on \$15 hour minimum wage
 - Announced 2,000 modular units – 600 already underway in Vancouver
 - A good start for the first 90 days, still much more to do
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- We know some things working well.
 - Many great programs run by the people in this room. You support children, youth, families, seniors. People with disabilities and immigrants getting settled in Canada.
 - And through those supports you help build stronger communities

- Some here operate WorkBC Centres - help people reconnect with the labour market
- Offer comprehensive supports to those who face barriers; interview prep, job coaching and skills training
- Help people find new opportunities – and opportunities are what we need to create if we are going to reduce poverty
- I would emphasize that just because things are working, doesn't mean we can't make them better
- Employment programs are one example – Is what we have in place currently working? Do we need to enhance our supports for some groups?
- And if something works then how do we get those services to more people?
- Questions we will ask through the poverty reduction strategy
- We also know some things aren't working.
- Homelessness increasing; families struggle to afford housing
- Economy has grown, but have highest poverty rate in Canada
- People have been falling farther and farther behind
- Idea that getting a job will fix everything is not the reality
- Need interventions that break the cycle of poverty
- People in this room understand that more than most

- 700,000 in poverty
- 120,000 children – enough to fill BC Place twice.
- That's not acceptable
- Many factors contribute to poverty – affordable housing, wages, job opportunities, child care costs, food security, education
- With so many contributing factors, we need variety of tools
- Not something my ministry will do on its own
- We will work with other ministries, across different levels of government and with partners in the community
- Work underway:
 - Advisory Committee nominations
 - Public Consultations to begin soon
 - Engage with broad range of people
 - Introduce plan Fall 2018
 - A lot to do but we are energized
- We are going to listen to British Columbians, learn from best practices, and develop a comprehensive Poverty Reduction Strategy that is right for BC.
- Not about giving people more money – it's creating opportunity – the right environment for someone to thrive

CONCLUSION

- I know that many of you will participate in the poverty reduction consultation – in person, or submit a policy brief
 - We need to hear from the people who provide services, those who use services, those who may need supports in the future
 - Will look to a wide group of people and stakeholders to help shape the poverty reduction strategy
 - Need your ideas and experience
 - We will not move forward without you
 - Poverty affects everyone and we all need to work together to fix it
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- Everyone here has same goals: supporting vulnerable citizens
 - We all want to make life a little better for people
 - Will take time and effort - Won't always get it right
 - Won't stop us from trying
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- Now, looking forward to your questions
 - Today I'm interested in hearing what you have to say, what your concerns are
 - I may not have all the answers yet – these are early days
 - But I do want to know what is on your mind
 - Thank you
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SPEAKING POINTS FOR

SHANE SIMPSON

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Breaking the ICEwest Conference

Nikkei Place
6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC

Saturday, October 28, 2017
Conference runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minister speaks: 2:15 p.m. Conference restarts at 2:30 p.m.

Background – Breaking the ICEwest Conference

Breaking the ICE is a conference that originated in Ontario 25 years ago. It brings together people over the age of 19 who use Alternative Augmentative (AAC) technology to communicate because their own speech doesn't meet their daily needs.

The purpose of the conference is to promote awareness of AAC, and allow people who use AAC to discuss issues of importance to them and to network with people who have similar challenges.

British Columbia has held a Breaking the ICEwest conference every two years since 2013. This year, the B.C. event will feature a one-hour teleconference link to participants attending simultaneous Breaking the ICE events in Alberta and Ontario.

ICEwest is hosted by March of Dimes Canada, and is a collaborative effort between CAYA, Bridges Canada, Tobii Dynavox, March of Dimes, Prentice Romich Company, Saltillo and volunteers who use AAC.

ICE stands for:

- Independence
- Community Inclusion
- Empowerment

Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults (CAYA)

- Established in 2005, CAYA helps British Columbians aged 19 and older, who don't have functional speech, to obtain the technology they need to communicate.
- Examples of Alternative and Augmentative technology include: special apps like "Predictable" for IPADs and equipment such as Touch Chat, Boogie Boards, and Lightwriters (text to speech device).
- The technology allows people who can't talk to communicate with their families, caregivers, and friends and to participate in their communities.
- CAYA assesses clients' needs, recommends technological solutions, acquires the devices and trains the clients and their families in how to use them.
- To date, CAYA has served more than 2,300 British Columbians.
- The BC government provided CAYA with \$4 million in funding in March 2017, bringing its two year budget to \$4.3 million.
- SDPR has worked with CAYA over the past 18 months to assist the organization with budgeting.

- The government has provided CAYA with nearly \$27 million in funding since 2005. People who benefit from AAC technology may have a wide range of medical conditions, including, but not limited to:
 - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
 - Autism
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Chromosomal abnormalities
 - Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Stroke
 - Traumatic brain injury

People with Disabilities Stats:

Poverty:

- 700,000 people in poverty in B.C. – 120,000 are children.
- People with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty as those without a disability.

Disabilities

- Number of people in B.C. between the ages of 15 and 64 who self-identify as having disabilities: approx. 334,000.
- Number of people supported monthly: approx. 100,000.
- Government will provide about \$1.2 billion in disability assistance in 2017/18.
- Monthly disability assistance rate for single: \$1,133 as of Oct. 1, 2017.

EPBC:

- Since 2012, EPBC has served more than 88,000 clients with disabilities.
- EPBC has supported more than 27,800 people with disabilities to reach their employment goals.

CLBC:

- Number of people supported with developmental disabilities: about 19,000.
- CLBC's 2017/18 total operating budget from government: \$953.8 million.

Key Messages for Participants

- **This government is committed to building a better B.C. for people with disabilities.**
- **We're getting ready to consult British Columbians on creating B.C.'s first Poverty Reduction Plan.**
- **We need your insights to make sure the plan will improve things for people with disabilities.**

AGENDA

**Key Contact for Event: Lois Turner, President of CAYA. Cell #: s.22
email: lturner@cayabc.org.**

- Registration, Coffee and Welcome – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Creative Displays – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (1st half)
- Online connection with Breaking the ICE conferences in Toronto and Ontario – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Creative Displays – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (2nd half)
- Lunch – 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.
- Minister arrives at 1:45 p.m. and is greeted by Lois Turner, President of CAYA. She will show the Minister her IPAd with “Predictable”.
- Group photo – 2:15 p.m. Minister Simpson is invited to participate, if he wishes.
- **The Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction speaks - 2:15 to 2:25 p.m.**
- Town Hall Meeting - 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Topic: What is my perception of Canada as a person who uses AAC? How do I express that creatively?
- Time capsule ceremony – 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.

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SPEAKING NOTES

- Acknowledge Coast Salish territory.
- As you know we are a new government.
- 100 days in office yesterday.
- At the top of our agenda is building a better B.C. for all people.
- As a new Minister I'm meeting with many people and organizations. Hearing thoughts and ideas for how to create that Better BC.
- Grateful for the opportunity to be here today, see what you are doing and to learn from you.

- The Breaking the ICEwest conference is an important event.
- It's an opportunity to:
 - share experiences and ideas ...
 - and build confidence in a supportive social setting.
- I understand you had an exciting addition to the event this year – a teleconference with Breaking the ICE conference participants in Alberta and Ontario.
- The things we can do with technology these days are amazing.

- I appreciate how critical technology can be for people with disabilities – and especially for people with communication challenges.
- There is no doubt AAC can dramatically improve people's lives...

giving people the gift of speech – through computers.

- Technology can be life changing.
- This really came home to me when I read an article written by a young woman named ^{s.22}

- AAC technology opened up her world.

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- My ministry is pleased to have partnered with CAYA who has worked very hard to achieve this for their clients for the past 12 years.
- I commend your commitment to supporting people with communication challenges.
- As we are working to build a better B.C, one of my top priorities as Minister is to develop a Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- People with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty as people without disabilities.
- We need to change that.

- We have taken our first steps to make life more affordable for people with disabilities:
 - Increased the monthly assistance rate by \$100.
 - Increased the monthly “earned income exemption.”
 - Announced a new Transport Supplement for people on disability assistance.

Those were just the first steps.

- But we know more needs to be done to make sure people with disabilities have equal opportunities in this province.

- **Poverty Reduction Strategy**

- I invite you to help us with that.
- Before we develop the Poverty Reduction Strategy – we will launch a public engagement process to hear thoughts and ideas from people throughout the province.
- In person and online consultations will start soon.

- I hope you will help us build a strategy that will create a better future for people in our province.
- Tell us your ideas; share your experiences.
- If we are going to build a Strategy that reflects the ideas and needs of the people in our province, then we need to hear from you. We need you at the table.

Conclusion

- There are so many individuals, family members, advocates, employers, community members who are committed to supporting people with disabilities to live lives of dignity, respect and opportunity.

- We take great pride in working with our community partners like CAYA to promote greater awareness of a person's ability, rather than their disability.
- Together we will make B.C. a better place for people of all abilities to live, work and play.
- Enjoy the rest of your conference.
- The Town Hall topic looks very interesting. I'm sure it will lead to a lively discussion.

Thank you.--

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER HARRY BAINS
MINISTRY OF LABOUR**

**BC Building Trades Council 50th Anniversary
celebration**

**Anvil Centre
777 Columbia Street, New Westminster**

Saturday, October 28, 2017

**Event: 6:00 – 10:00 pm
Minister will speak at about 7:15 pm**

Speaking length – 5 minutes

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Event: BC Building Trades Council 50th Anniversary Gala

When: Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 – 6:00-10:00 pm

- Minister will speak @ 7:15 for 5 minutes.
- Minister requested to arrive by 7:00 pm, but is welcome prior to that for cocktails.
- Minister to speak first, to be introduced by Tom Sigurdson, Executive Director of the BC Building Trades Council.

Where: Anvil Centre
777 Columbia Street, New Westminster
Underground pay parking available

Contact: Nancy Antolcic
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Key Participants:

- **Tom Sigurdson –Executive Director, BC Building Trades Council**
- **Executive Board of the BC Building Trades Council:**
 - Manuel Alvernza
 - Dave Holmes
 - Brian Cochrane
 - Jim Noon
 - Jim Pearson
 - Chris Feller
 - Adam Van Steinburg
 - James Leland
 - Lee Loftus
 - Jim Paquette
 - Tony Santavenere
 - Geoff Higginson
- **Irene Lanzinger – President, BC Federation of Labour**
- **David Podmore – past CEO of Concert Properties**

Event Details:

- Audience Composition: Expecting 340 guests, composed of labour and business community including CEOs, business managers, business agents, employers, various unions
- Media Attending: No

- Q&A to Follow: No
- Event Context: Minister will be first to speak, after being introduced by Tom Sigurdson
- Event Billing/Theme: 50 years of uniting and representing the many and varied trades and unions in B.C.'s thriving construction industry
- Speech Theme: Congratulations on the 50th anniversary, Minister's priorities
- Logistics notes: Round table seating; a stage/podium/mic set up at the front of the room
- Clothing: Formal

Itinerary:

Time	Details
6:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cocktails, mingling • Minister may attend for cocktails and 'red carpet' pictures, if he likes
7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People invited to take their seats • Minister will be seated at Tom Sigurdson's table • Executive Board will be piped (bagpipes) into the room
7:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Sigurdson introduces Minister Bains • Minister speaks
7:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister leaves
7:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Lanzinger speaks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Podmore speaks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner, party

Key Issues:

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Framework:

Introduction

- Thank you Tom Sigurdson –Executive Director, BC Building Trades Council.
- Acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people.
- Congratulations on 50 years.

The critical role of the Council

- You champion skills, training, labour standards and workplace safety.
- A priority for you is to improve those standards through, for example, the reinstatement of compulsory trades in the construction industry. I'll be discussing this with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

My own background has been heavily influenced by unions

- When I first came to Canada I worked in a large mill and experienced racism and discrimination. It prompted me to become active in unions and led me into political life.
- I remain focused on workers' rights, protections, respect and dignity.
- Honoured to be appointed Minister of Labour.

My priorities as Minister

- First and foremost – worker safety.
- This is especially important in the construction industry where injury rates are almost twice the average.
- Falls are one of the leading causes of injuries – yet they are very preventable
- Building industry is not immune to the opioid crisis – I've spoken to WorkSafeBC on what more we can do to address this.
- Asbestos exposure is also very concerning. Strict regulations in place but we can do more. My ministry is leading a working group on this, and consultations start next month.
- Another priority is the protection and support of Temporary Foreign Workers.
- My family and I are living proof that immigrants can come to Canada and contribute greatly to its prosperity.
- But immigrant workers are vulnerable to abuse, which is why my ministry is creating a Temporary Foreign Worker registry so we can better support them.

Thank you

- I've been talking a lot about problems and concerns. But tonight is about celebrating the positives, the progress and the improvements in the building industry that you have championed over the last 50 years, and continue to champion.

- Congratulations and enjoy the evening!

Speaking Notes:

- Thank you, Tom.
- Good evening, everyone, and thank you for inviting me to this event.
- I'd like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people, where we are gathered today.
- First of all – of course – sincere congratulations to the BC Building Trades Council on your 50 years of uniting and representing the many and varied trades and unions in B.C.'s thriving construction industry.
- You have a critical role in championing skills, training, employment equity, labour standards and workplace safety across the province's building sector.
- And I recognize that a priority for your organization is to improve those standards through, for example, the reinstatement of compulsory trades in the construction industry.
- I will discuss this with my colleague, the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, in the near future, because our government is working to improve opportunities for apprentices.
- My own background is heavily influenced by the trades and unions. When I first came to Canada in the early '70s, I worked in a large sawmill here on the Lower Mainland. I was definitely a minority in that mill and, unfortunately, found myself dealing with racism and discrimination.
- That prompted me to get involved in the union, and I became a shop steward. Later I worked for the union and became a workers' advocate and activist, which eventually led me into political life, where I have remained focused on workers' rights, protections, respect and dignity.

- So you can imagine that I was very honoured to be appointed as the Minister of Labour in the new government.
- I'd like to take a moment to speak about my priorities as Minister of Labour.
- First and foremost is worker safety. I am firmly committed to making workplaces in British Columbia the safest and healthiest in Canada.
- That goal is especially critical in the construction industry, where the injury rate is almost twice the B.C. average.
- Falls are one of the leading causes of injuries to construction workers. This is very troubling because most falls are preventable.
- Falls can happen for a variety of reasons: unsafe equipment or conditions, worker distraction or fatigue. And too often it's because employers do not insist on the use of proper safety equipment.
- Unfortunately, the building industry is also not immune to the opioid crisis facing B.C. today.
- Workers may turn to drugs to manage pain - in any form - job stress or isolation.
- Perhaps it's because someone has been injured on the job and has become addicted to pain medications.
- In any case, it is an issue in this industry, and I've spoken directly with WorkSafeBC about what more we can do to address it.

- Asbestos exposure is another very concerning area, especially for workers renovating or demolishing buildings.
- There are strict regulations in place to protect workers from exposure, but more can be done. This we know.
- My ministry is leading a provincial working group to examine the practices around asbestos and is beginning consultations on this next month.
- Senior representatives will be meeting with stakeholders, including the BC Building Trades, to get feedback about the use, handling and disposal of asbestos.
- We can, and must, invest in prevention, training and enforcement. Doing this will foster safer, more supportive work environments.
- Another priority in my Ministry that is of interest to the construction industry is the use of temporary foreign workers in our province.
- B.C.'s workforce, like any other part of Canada, is bolstered by international workers, and these workers often become new Canadians.
- My family and I are living proof that you can come to this country – to this province – and contribute greatly to its prosperity and the richness of its people.
- All workers, regardless of their immigration status, have the same rights and protections as any other worker. But all too often, these temporary workers can be abused in the workplace, and find it difficult to get help.
- To that end, my ministry is leading on creating a Temporary Foreign Worker Registry so that we can better protect and support these vulnerable workers.

- Now, it occurs to me that I have been speaking about the problems and concerns that are top of mind for me and my ministry, and likely for you as well in your daily lives – a lot of gloom and doom, I’m afraid!
- But tonight is about celebrating the positives, the progress, the improvements in the building industry that your organization, over the last 50 years, has championed and achieved in B.C.
- There has been a great improvement in safety in the construction industry and the BC Building Trades deserves credit for championing safety among workers and worksites.
- You have built a deep and solid foundation for your industry, and now you are preparing for the future challenges.
- You are working to expand training and apprenticeship opportunities to offset predicted skills shortages.
- You are actively focused on employment equity by recruiting unprecedented numbers of women, First Nations and other workers not traditionally employed in the trades.
- And you continue to champion best practices and high standards of quality in all areas of the construction industry.
- I would like to sincerely thank you for your past, present and future efforts and I look forward to working with you in the years to come.
- I wish I could stay and help you celebrate this great occasion longer ...
- Enjoy the evening!

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**SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER HARRY BAINS
MINISTRY OF LABOUR**

Estimates Opening Remarks

B.C. Legislature

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017

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- **It is my honour to present the 2017-18 spending estimates for the Ministry of Labour.**

- **I'd like to start by introducing the staff who will be with me over the course of estimates:**
 - **Deputy Minister, Trevor Hughes.**
 - **Tracy Campbell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Management Services Division**
 - **John Blakely from the Labour Policy and Legislation Branch of the Ministry.**
 - **And, from WorkSafeBC:**
 - **Al Johnson, Vice President, Prevention Services;**
 - **Todd McDonald, Vice President Claims Services; and**
 - **Brian Erickson, Senior Vice President of Finance, Information Technology and Chief Financial Officer.**

- **The budget for the ministry is \$11.5 million, an increase of \$348-thousand from last year.**
- **The budget supports the ministry's overall responsibility for worker health and safety, labour relations stability and to ensure B.C.'s employment standards reflects the needs of British Columbians.**
- **As a new stand-alone ministry, we have an opportunity to focus our expertise and resources on making improvements that will support a better quality of life for workers.**
- **Imminently ahead for example, I look forward to setting up the Fair Wages Commission.**
- **This Commission will help us to implement the \$15-per-hour minimum wage and make recommendations to close the gap between the minimum wage and living wages.**

- **There's lots of work to be done to better serve workers in B.C. while also ensuring sustainable economic growth.**
- **With that, I'd like to acknowledge the labour opposition critic, John Martin, and the important role you and your colleagues have.**
- **I look forward to the discussion ahead and am pleased to answer questions about the great work underway within the Ministry of Labour.**

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER JINNY SIMS
MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES
OCIO Connect 2017

Victoria Convention Centre
720 Douglas Street

Tuesday and Wednesday
October 24-25, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Speaking Time: **15 minutes** at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday

Contact at the event:

Tania Linkes, Sr. Project Management Analyst, OCIO, s.17
Ian Donaldson, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, OCIO

Arrival Notes:

Time	Victoria Conference Centre	Function
8:15am to 8:45am	Saanich Two	Executive Meeting with Taavi Kotka

Note: Waiting to confirm DM Kot can attend the meeting with Taavi. Ian Donaldson will also be attending this meeting.

Bio - keynote

Taavi Kotka (proun. TA-vee KOT-ka) is the former CIO of the Estonian Government and was recognized as the European CIO of the Year in 2014.

He started his career as a programmer, rising to be a CEO of the largest software development company in the region – Webmedia (now Nortal). In 2012, he accepted the Estonian Governments offer to become the country's first Chief Information Officer. Now he is back in the private sector, helping his start-ups and consulting large enterprises and governments on digital transformation.

As an engineer and CIO, he has been instrumental in many Estonian e-government innovative initiatives like e-residency (digital citizenship), data embassies, country in the cloud, no-legacy policy, VAT fraud detection etc.

Taavi is also a special advisor to the European Commission Vice-President Andrus Ansip on European Digital Single Market.

Education: Master of Science of Engineering (focus: ICT), PhD Studies in Tallinn Technical University.

Time	Victoria Conference Centre	Function
9:00am to 9:15am	Lecture Theatre	Opening Remarks

Minister will be escorted through the doors on the left hand side of the lecture theatre to sit down just in front of the stage. The first several rows in this area have been reserved for VIPs.

Audience: approx. 650 public sector employees

Theme: Future Realities, Digital Service Revolution and Technology in Motion

Description: Annual, 2-day internal learning session for government employees. The purpose of the conference is to inspire B.C. public service employees to think about innovation in two ways: actions to modernize government in terms of government's own use of technology and how government could manage assets differently to support industry and stimulate the economy.

A/V and room details:

The theatre at the Victoria Conference Centre will be set up with a podium and microphone.

List of speakers and notable attendees: (ATTACHED)

Objectives of Speech

- Acknowledge the work of public service employees and encourage their participation and leadership of innovation.
- Inspire employees to think of themselves as innovators and to look outside the box for ideas and learning opportunities.

Itinerary

Tuesday, October 24

8:00am	Registration and Morning Coffee
9:00am	Opening Remarks - Welcome to OCIO Connect Minister Jinny Sims
9:15am	Keynote Digital DNA - Shifting from 'Doing' to 'Being' Digital Jill Kot • Garth Andrus
10:15am	Keep Connecting SCRUM with Garth Andrus Garth Andrus
10:35am	Microsoft Augmented Reality with Llama Zoo and Finger Food Studios Charles Lavigne • Edoardo De Martin • Ryan Peterson
	Panel Exploring Dev/Ops FILLING Tyler Sherwood • Todd Wilson • Todd Yule
	Driving Disruptive Innovation through a Patient Centric Approach FILLING Shannon Malovec • Kathryn Seeley
11:25am	Panel Digital Evolution from Around the Globe FILLING Dejan Cvetkovic • Taavi Kotka • Craig Wallace
	Augmented Reality Demo FULL
	Four Megatrends Drive our Future Realities Will Allen
	Digital Buildings - The Building as the Personal Assistant FILLING Ralph Bisschops
12:10pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Keynote Trust your Engineers - The Digital Transformation of Estonia Taavi Kotka
2:30pm	Keep Connecting SCRUM with Taavi Kotka Taavi Kotka
2:50pm	Data Analytics as a Driver of Change FULL Adithi Pandit
	Digital Leaders - Driving Pace and Scale in a Dynamic Market Environment Craig Wallace

	Augmented Reality Demo FULL
	Reconstruction Work - Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and the Essential Role of Humans FULL Garth Andrus
3:40pm	<div>Augmented Reality Demo FULL</div> <div>Panel The Future of Artificial Intelligence Will Allen • Peter Guest • Ramy Sedra</div>
	Using the Internet of Things to Solve Real World Problems LIMITED Steve Wysmuller
	Panel Design Thinking FILLING Julie Foxcroft • Irene Guglielmi • Adithi Pandit

Wednesday, October 25

8:00am	Registration and Morning Coffee
9:00am	Keynote Design for the Data Boom - Meeting Citizens' Expectations in an Age of Continuous Connection Nora Young
10:00am	Keep Connecting SCRUM with Nora Young Nora Young
10:20am	Investing in Children - Social Services Reform in New Zealand Adithi Pandit
	<div>Panel #EpicFail - The Sequel FILLING Colin How • Mike Wilson</div> <div>Augmented Reality Demo FULL</div>
	Panel Ethics and Technology FULL Will Allen • Micheal Vonn

11:10am

Panel | Smart Buildings/Cities **FILLING**
Ralph Bisschops • Manav Gupta • Dr. Stefan Storey

Augmented Reality Demo **FULL**

Panel | The Mesmerizing World of Augmented and Virtual Reality **FULL**
Will Allen • Edoardo De Martin

Envisioning the Future Digital Government Technology Platform
Bill Finnerty

12:00pm

Lunch

1:30pm

'How To' Utilize Dev/Ops **FILLING**
Tyler Sherwood

Crimson Project - A Smart Cities' Initiative on Public Safety and Crisis Management Service
Orchestration
Michael Lomax

Augmented Reality Demo **FULL**

Blockchain for Dummies **FULL**
Manav Gupta

2:25pm

Compete@Connect
Will Allen • Carl Anderson • Jill Kot

3:10pm

Voting Break

3:25pm

Compete@Connect Results & Award Presentation

3:45pm

Closing Remarks
Jill Kot

Speaking Notes for Minister Jinny Simms

2017 OCIO Connect

Victoria Conference Centre

October 24, 2017, beginning at 9am

10 minutes speaking time

- **Good morning everyone.**
- **First and foremost, I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen [La-kwung-en] people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.**
- **I'm pleased to welcome you to the fourth annual OCIO Connect conference.**
- **I understand this is a sold-out conference so I'll give the credit for that to the team at my Ministry's Office of the Chief Information Officer.**
- **I think this is an even bigger accomplishment given that you all have demanding jobs doing important work.**

- **But I know that it is important to take these opportunities to share knowledge, learn new ideas and be part of an innovative government.**
- **Again, welcome. You are about to experience some interesting topics:**
 - **Future Realities,**
 - **Digital Service Revolution; and,**
 - **Technology in Motion.**
- **As the Minister for Citizens' Services, I am grateful to you for bringing your hearts, hands and brains to this Ministry.**
- **Thank you in particular for your ongoing leadership in technology and innovation within the B.C. government.**
- **As someone who myself has served the public, I want to thank you for your dedication...**
- **I believe in sharing knowledge and collaboration.**

- **From my 20 year teaching career, my time as a Member of Parliament and now as a Minister, I understand the benefits of learning.**
- **And I also know how fulfilling it can be.**
- **As I look around this room, I see experience and expertise...**

...Leadership and dedication.

...It is so important for our Ministry to be working to learn and that is what this conference is about.

Our role:

- **Thank you for taking the time out of your always busy schedules to be part of the next two days.**

- **My Ministry's role is to support businesses, citizens, government ministries and broader public sector organizations.**
- **We do this by connecting our services to each other – other ministries and organizations – and to the people of British Columbia.**
- **During this conference, I invite you to be inspired and to inspire each other to think about innovation by finding ways to:**
 - **modernize government's own use of technology, and;**
 - **manage government assets in ways that best represent British Columbians – the real owners of these assets.**
- **This government understands that our citizens expect reliable, correct and immediate access to information.**
- **Speakers at this event are all set to inspire these discussions.**

- **For our part, we in this Ministry are focused on providing key services that B.C. citizens count on and we continue to build opportunities for local communities and businesses that can benefit from the government's purchasing power.**
- **This Ministry is also committed to providing simple, easy access to the government services British Columbians need, where they need them, through a single point-of-sale approach.**
- **We are looking at how we engage with business when it comes to providing services to ensure more B.C.-based businesses benefit from our buying power.**
- **We are also moving forward with improving procurement to make it more open, transparent and make sure it works for all businesses in B.C.**

- **The rapid acceleration of “digital” comes with increasing pressure from citizens for an improved “user experience”.**
- **Frankly, here is another place I am so grateful for your leadership!**
- **My Ministry has the capabilities to be successful in digital – we have you, we have this conference and we have creativity.**

So you know – Meeting the people:

- **I’d like to take a few minutes to tell you about what I did a couple of weeks ago.**
- **As a new Minister, I feel it’s very important for me to get outside of Victoria...**

...and my own constituency...

...to learn from those who work directly with British Columbians...

...and hear first-hand about what they do.

- I wanted to meet the people who connect British Columbians to their services.**
- Those who work at the Service BC Centres around this province.**
- These people rely daily on the work you all do...**
- For those of you who wonder if your work makes a difference?**

...I can tell you that it does...

- As you know, Service BC offices need IT support.**
- They need to connect fast without delay because they have customers!**

- **These customers are our neighbours, our community leaders...**
- **The staff at Service BC centres are truly the face of our government...**
- **I visited the Service BC location on Coutlee Avenue in Merritt as well as the one in Kamloops on Columbia Street.**
- **I absolutely enjoyed meeting staff who are there for British Columbians when they have business to conduct, or programs and services they require.**
- **For example, the Service BC staff in Quesnel played quite a role during the wildfires this summer.**
- **You'll be impressed, as I am, that they pride themselves on service with a heart, and that really comes through.**

- **Quesnel staff are just one example among many that shows us that this Ministry is the face of government within our communities.**
- **Meeting with staff in those locations and learning more about what British Columbians want and need from Service BC offices was important.**
- **But I know, their work is done because of your work – you help keep these offices connected.**
- **While on tour, I also had the opportunity to talk about connectivity with the Lower Nicola Indian Band and the All Nations Trust Company.**
- **I'm excited that we'll be working with local governments, local First Nations, small and large service providers to find ways to make sure all British Columbians have access to high-speed internet.**

- **As you know, this access is needed for health care, emergency services, for education support.**
- **I know this conference includes topics like the “Digital Evolution” and “Patient Centric Approach”.**
- **This is the reality of our world and we need to do what we can to connect all communities to these services.**
- **The highways and bridges help build this country...**
- **...but the internet – and access to it – will be what delivers vital services across this province.**
- **I know it’s easier said than done – but this government is committed to connecting rural and remote parts of the province online...**

...For a lot of these smaller communities, the cost is very, very prohibitive.

- Internet services are important for communication, of course.**
- But we also know that connectivity is a boost for tourism, vital for economic growth and access to services...**

...We know that, and we are very committed to ensuring online connectivity for rural and remote parts of the province.

Shared Commitment

- As the Minister of Citizens' Services, I share your commitment to making life better for British Columbians by delivering efficient and accessible services to residents across the province – families, workers, businesses; small and medium and large.**

- **To provide simple, easy access to the government services British Columbians need, where they need them through a single point-of-sale approach.**
- **To using the highest security and asset protection tools available...**
- **To protecting the privacy of British Columbians, which we take very seriously as a privilege and responsibility.**
- **You manage, grow and support the backbone of this government.**

Conclusion:

- **Look around. These are your colleagues, the people, who, like you, bring their best to work every day for the citizens of British Columbia.**

- **During this OCIO Connect event, I thank you for continuing to inspire each other to think about actions to modernize the way we use technology in this government.**

- **And, as I look at the busy and amazing itinerary in the coming days, I encourage you all to:**

...Shift from Doing to Being Digital...

...Augment your own reality...

...Drive disruptive innovation...

...And above all...

...be digital leaders.

- **Thank you for your participation over the next two days.**
- **Thank you for your partnership in the delivery of services to the people of British Columbia.**

SPEAKING NOTES FOR
MINISTER JINNY SIMS
MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES

Long Service Awards 2017

Government House, Victoria

Oct. 18, 2017

5:45 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Speaking Time: 5-6 minutes

Contact at the event:

Frances Gorman, LSA Manager (c. s.17

Sahye Cummings, LSA Assistant (c

Arrival Notes:

Minister to arrive by 7:15 p.m. and will be greeted by Ms. Frances Gorman. Once there, minister will proceed to the French Drawing Room (led by Ms. Gorman) for pre-brief.

Parking on Government House grounds (TBC).

Audience:

109 recipients including:

- 40 years' service – 5 recipients
- 35 years' service – 14 recipients
- 30 years' service – 34 recipients
- 25 years' service – 56 recipients

Notable attendees:

Hon. Judith Guichon

Deputy Minister, Jill Kot and Associate Deputy Minister, Sarf Ahmed

Event description:

Employees with Ministry of Citizens' Services, Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal, Office of the Representative for Children and Youth, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction will be receiving Long Service Awards.

Itinerary/agenda:

- **5:45 to 6:15 p.m.:** Registration and Reception - Guests arrive at Government House and proceed directly into the Ballroom.
- **6:15 to 7:15 p.m.:** Dinner buffet open after a brief welcome from the Director of Ceremonies.
- **7:15 p.m.:** Minister Sims to arrive at Government House and to be greeted by event organizer, Frances Gorman.
- **7:30 p.m.:** Speeches by the Lieutenant Governor, the Minister representing the Premier and the recipient speaker.
- **7:38 p.m.:** Director of Ceremonies (DM Jill Kot) introduces Minister (representing Premier).
- **7:44 p.m.:** Minister finishes speaking and is thanked by Director of Ceremonies.
- **7:40-7:50 p.m.:** Award presentations begin in the Drawing Room. Awards are presented by the Lieutenant Governor and the Minister representing the Premier. The role of the Deputy Ministers and HR Directors and their equivalents is to congratulate their employees as they come back to their tables in the Ballroom.
- **8:15 p.m.:** Dessert buffet open
- **8:30-8:45 p.m.:** Expected end of award presentations
- **9:00 to 10:00 p.m.:** Dancing
- **10:00 p.m.:** Evening concludes and guests depart.

Intro:

- **Thank-you, Jill.**
- **Good evening everyone.**
- **I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen [La-kwung-en]people and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.**
- **It is an honour to be representing the premier tonight as we celebrate the milestones you have all achieved.**
- **Thank you to Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, for hosting us at Government House this evening.**
- **As the Minister of Citizens' Services I have had the distinct pleasure of working with public servants like yourselves.**

- **I know not everyone we are celebrating could make it tonight but please know for those here and those unable to attend, we celebrate you all.**
- **I know public service. I've dedicated much of my life to supporting those who are in education and, as a teacher for over 20 years; I am passionate about teaching and educating.**
- **I understand the pressures and obligations faced by those who serve the public regardless of your capacity.**
- **But I also know the rewards and that is why we are here tonight – to remind you all how much we appreciate your work.**

- **As I look around this room, I see experience. Expertise. Leadership. Dedication.**
- **It isn't said enough – people like yourselves are the essence of public service, and I am honoured to celebrate this milestone with you all.**

Public service:

- **I'd like to take a moment to speak about public service.**
- **Public servants like you help to make B.C. work. The service you've provided to British Columbians over the years has helped to make our province an incredible place to live.**
- **In fact, five of you have been with the public service since 1977.**

- **You know who you are and so do your colleagues – many of whom have benefited from your knowledge and experience – I’m sure.**
- **These dedicated public servants deserve special attention so I’d like to acknowledge these individuals here.**
- **They are:**

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- **1977, coincidentally, is the same year I moved to B.C. from Quebec.**

- **And what a year it was – a detached house in Vancouver could be bought for less than \$70,000. If you can believe that!**
- **And while we may have traded typewriters for smart phones, the dedication and commitment to duty remain the same...**
- **To provide exceptional service on behalf of British Columbians.**
- **Wherever your career with the B.C. government has taken you, serving the public has been the foundation of your efforts.**
- **You are all here because of your professionalism, your dedication, your commitment to this province – and perhaps for some, a fondness for buffet dinners.**

Long Service Awards:

- **Tonight we celebrate 109 recipients of Long Service Awards.**
- **I see many people from Citizens' Services in this room, many of whom I've had the honour to meet as minister.**
- **Joining us this evening are also colleagues from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth and the Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal.**
- **Tonight we have 14 people who have contributed 35 years of service, those among you who began your careers here in 1982.**

- **In 1982, the constitution was re-patriated and Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' became the best-selling album of all time.**
- **And, the first computer virus was written – a piece of trivia some in my ministry may find interesting.**
- **These are the people who protect our provincial computer systems from viruses 24/ 7.**
- **34 of you have reached the 30-year mark.**
- **In 1987, Canada first introduced the Loonie.**
- **Rick Hansen returned to Vancouver after the Man in Motion world tour.**
- **And, of course, I must acknowledge the 'newbies' in the crowd....**

- **56 fresh-faced youngsters are also being honoured for 25 years of service.**
- **To put that in context...**
- **25 years ago, Dr. Roberta Bondar became the first Canadian woman in space and we were just learning the details of the North American Free Trade Agreement.**

Conclusion:

- **With all of that, I want to say thank-you for inviting me to speak here tonight.**
- **One of the great privileges of being a minister is the opportunity to work with such dedicated public servants.**

- **All of you here tonight and those not able to be here are shining examples of that dedication.**
- **As a teacher by profession, I know that the knowledge and skills you share will grow our future public servants.**
- **As we celebrate you, we also acknowledge that your service is through sharing and mentoring and I encourage you all to be teachers in your roles wherever the opportunity presents itself.**
- **Your knowledge is not something that can be learned in books or shared on social media.**
- **It is earned and learned on the job.**
- **I want you all to know that it is not only important that you take the time to teach**

others – but that you are given the chance to do so as well.

- **You are the ones British Columbians like myself count on to deliver the programs and services we need.**
- **As new generations of public servants join our ranks, it is you who will be the leaders and mentors that passes on our culture of professionalism and dedication.**
- **To all of you, from myself and from the Premier, congratulations on this incredible milestone.**
- **And most of all - Thank-you.**

Speaking Notes

for the

Honourable Claire Trevena

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and
MLA for North Island

2017 ESTIMATES DEBATES

- I am honoured to be here today as we begin the Estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- I'd like to start off by introducing members of the ministry executive, who are with me today:
 - Grant Main – Deputy Minister
 - Nancy Bain – ADM, Finance and Management Services Division
 - Deborah Bowman – ADM, Transportation Policy and Programs
 - Kevin Richter – ADM, Highways Dept
 - Patrick Livolsi – ADM, Infrastructure & Major Projects Division
 - Silas Brownsey – ADM, Partnerships
- I have a dedicated executive team working hard on behalf of British Columbians, and I would like to sincerely thank them for all that they do.
- I would also like to take this opportunity to say how impressed and truly appreciative I am of the staff in the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- I have had the opportunity to tour several communities now, and meet ministry staff, from all over B.C.
- My stops have included Victoria, up and down the island, around the Lower Mainland, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Golden, Cranbrook, Invermere, Radium, Sicamous, Cache Creek, Williams Lake, Quesnel, and Prince George.

- The dedication, level of commitment, and energy they give to their jobs is incredible.
- These hard working people are delivering on highway and bridge projects, infrastructure projects, the Pacific Gateway initiative, working with our various partners such as BC Transit and BC Ferries...
- At the end of the day, ministry staff are working hard to ensure our world-class transportation system is safe, reliable and efficient.
- Our government has made a commitment to make life more affordable for British Columbians, to deliver the services that people count on and to build a strong and innovative economy that works for everyone.
- These commitments will guide every decision my ministry makes, and every project we deliver, as we work to keep people and goods moving safely and efficiently in every part of the province.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is a large and complex ministry and we cover a wide range of topics that we will review over the next few days.
- Honourable Chair, I'm happy to take Members' questions.

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