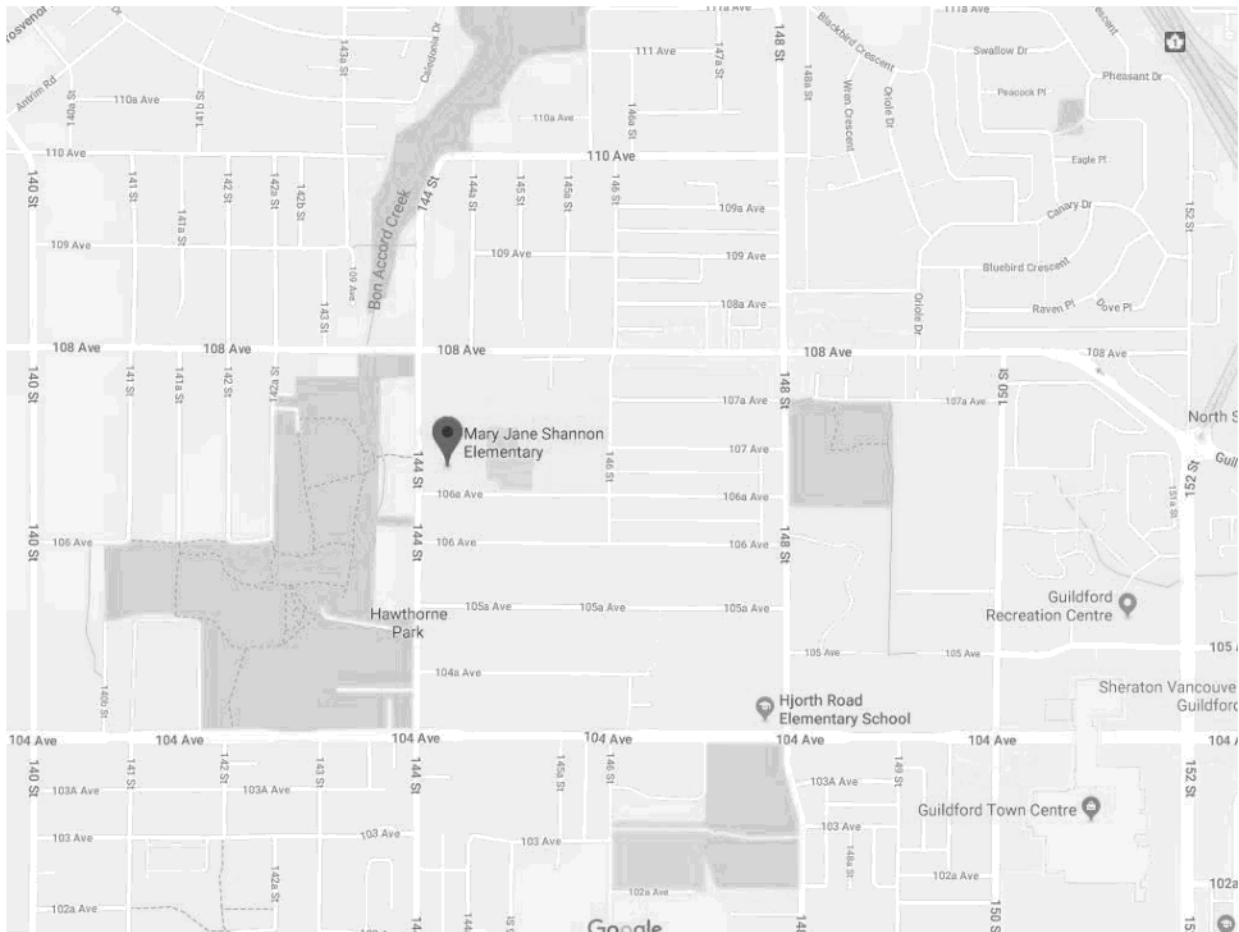


## Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Fleming

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**Event:** Mary Jane Shannon and Bear Creek Elementary Schools Seismic Upgrades

**When:** Friday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 p.m. (pre-brief at 12:45 p.m.)

**Where:** Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School  
10682 144 Street, Surrey

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

**Parking:** On-street, front of school

**Key Participants:**

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Deneen Reiter, principal, Mary Jane Shannon Elementary
- Laurie Larsen, chair, Surrey Board of Education
- Naj Nangal, vice president, Mary Jane Shannon PAC

**Other Attendees:**

- Surrey MLAs
- CUPE and BCTF representatives
- Students, teachers and support staff
- School board trustees
- PAC members

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events

**C:** 778 584-1253

## Itinerary:

Time	Event Itinerary
Event Summary:	This is a podium event at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School. Minister Rob Fleming will make the announcement from the podium. Mary Jane Shannon students standing with Minister and speakers
	Media relations: Sean Leslie Photographer/Videographer: Don Craig
10:30 a.m.	Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator (778-584-1253), and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
12:30 p.m.	Speakers, media, and guests begin to arrive
12:40 p.m.	Pre-brief with students, led by Marlene Behrens, Events Coordinator Location: gym
12:50 p.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Events Coordinator Location: Principals Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rob Fleming, Minister of Education</b></li> <li>• <b>Deneen Reiter, MC, Principal at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary</b></li> <li>• <b>Laurie Larson, Chair of Surrey School Board</b></li> <li>• <b>Naj Nangal, PAC VP</b></li> </ul>
12:55 p.m.	Speakers led to gym by Marlene
1:00 p.m.	<b>Deneen Reiter</b> welcomes guests, introduces speakers, and invites Minister Rob Fleming to the podium.
1:02 p.m.	<b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> makes announcement.
1:05 p.m.	<b>Deneen Reiter</b> thanks Minister Rob Fleming, introduces <b>Laurie Larson</b>
1:06 p.m.	<b>Laurie Larson</b> delivers remarks.
1:08 p.m.	<b>Deneen Reiter</b> thanks <b>Laurie Larson</b> , introduces <b>Naj Nangal</b>
1:09 p.m.	<b>Naj Nangal</b> delivers remarks.
1:11 p.m.	<b>Deneen Reiter</b> thanks <b>Naj Nangal</b> delivers closing remarks
1:13 p.m.	Group Photograph with students and speakers.
1:15 p.m.	Minister Fleming plays soccer with students and “Dash” robot
1:25 p.m.	Media availability, scrum format. Moderated by Sean Leslie.
1:40 p.m.	<b>Event Concludes.</b>

## **Event Background:**

Minister Rob Fleming will announce \$10.4 million in Ministry of Education funding for seismic upgrades at two Surrey schools – Mary Jane Shannon and Bear Creek Elementary schools. These are the Surrey Board of Education’s highest priority seismic projects and both schools are needed for students for many more years.

To date, 168 of the 346 schools in the Seismic Mitigation Program have had upgrades complete and 28 schools are either under construction or proceeding to construction.

The Ministry currently has \$560 million allocated for high-risk seismic projects in its three-year capital plan.

### **Mary Jane Shannon Elementary (\$7.3 million)**

This school was built in 1958 with additions in 1962, 1965, 1968 and 1973.

Block 1 (gymnasium) and Block 2 (two-storey classroom block) will be seismically upgraded as they have been rated as high-risk of failure in the event of a significant seismic event. Mary Jane Shannon was identified as being in need of seismic upgrades in 2015.

Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2018 and is expected to be complete in Fall 2019. Temporary accommodation will be required during construction – this will include 10 portables and a washroom portable located on the gravel playfield, and a temporary gymnasium may also be required. The school is operating at 88% capacity and enrolment is expected to remain stable over the next 10 years. Its seat surplus will be an asset as some nearby schools are projected to have a shortfall of seats in the near future.

Mary Jane Shannon offers the Strong Start program, which operates in a portable.

### **Bear Creek Elementary (\$3.1 million)**

This school was built in 1972 with additions in 1977, 1979, 1991 and 2000. Two of the blocks have been rated as high-risk and will be seismically upgraded.

Upgrades at Bear Creek will be performed on Block 1 (west classroom block) and Block 2 (gymnasium) with construction expected to begin in July 2018 and complete in Fall 2018.

The classroom block is expected to be ready for students in September 2018, with the gymnasium completion scheduled for October 2018. No temporary accommodation is needed for students during construction.

Bear Creek Elementary operates at 92% capacity and offers the Strong Start program. Student enrolment is projected to grow from 507 to 629 (114%) in the next 10 years.

## **Surrey School District**

The Surrey School District has had 21 of its 28 high-risk schools seismically upgraded, and no other schools are currently under, or proceeding to construction. David Brankin, George Greenaway, Holly, and Prince Charles elementary schools and Queen Elizabeth Secondary School are future priorities for seismic upgrades.

Government announced a new Grandview Heights South Area Elementary School and a 300-seat addition to Pacific Heights Elementary on Dec. 7, 2017.

Work continues on the new 1,500-seat Salish Secondary, a new 1,500-seat Grandview Heights secondary, and two new Clayton-area elementary schools. Additions are also coming to Sullivan Heights, Panorama Park and Woodward Hill Elementary Schools.

School board trustee Laurie Larsen was recently named chair of the Surrey Board of Education, replacing Shawn Wilson, who remains as a trustee.



Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Mary Jane Shannon and Bear Creek Elementary Schools  
Seismic Upgrades Funding Announcement

Friday, December 15, 2017  
1:00 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 \$10.4 million for the much-needed seismic upgrades of Mary Jane Shannon Elementary and Bear Creek Elementary schools.
- We are working with school boards, and local governments to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

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

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Coast Salish Peoples

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- Thank you, Ms. Reiter.
- And thank you all for having us today – this is a great school community here in Surrey.
- 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.
- I am a father with children in our public school system.

- I know how much it means to families to know that they can send their children to safe schools.
- As Minister of Education, my top priority is the safety of everyone who walks through the doors of schools across the province.
- Parents deserve 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.
- Because if an earthquake hits, we need to be prepared, and know that our children will be safe.
- So it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

- I am very pleased to announce that our government is providing \$7.3-million for seismic upgrades here at Mary Jane Shannon Elementary School ...
- ... and \$3.1 million for seismic upgrades at Bear Creek Elementary School.

## **MARY JANE SHANNON**

- As many of you know, we are standing in a 59-year-old school.
- It is a vital part of this community that we need to maintain.
- The gymnasium and the two-storey classroom block are at a high risk of failure in the event of a major earthquake.
- And that is not good enough for me.

- Because of this funding, they will be upgraded to withstand a seismic event.
- This work will begin in Fall 2018 and be complete in Fall 2019.
- I ask for some patience while the work is completed, as some temporary accommodation will be needed for students.

## **BEAR CREEK**

- Bear Creek Elementary's gymnasium will also get seismic upgrades, as will its west classroom block.
- This work begins in July 2018, and we expect it to be complete in October 2018.
- We expect classrooms to be ready when school begins in September, and the gymnasium will be ready a month later.

- This project does not require any temporary accommodation for students.
- 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 students here at Mary Jane Shannon and at Bear Creek in a seismically safe school.

## **SURREY**

- I recognize that there is more work to do in Surrey when it comes to school safety and crowding.



- Surrey is growing at an amazing rate.
- In the last number of years, investment has not met the demand in Surrey.
- We are changing that.
- Because I want to make sure every family in B.C. can send their children to safe, healthy schools.
- We are committed to seismically upgrading all high-risk schools, and reducing the need for portables as a long-term solution.
- We have set up a project office to manage the large number of capital projects that are needed in Surrey.
- Last week, our government announced 955 new elementary student spaces in Grandview Heights to ease overcrowding in that area.

- We also have the new Salish Secondary and Grandview Heights secondary school in the works.
- And we will continue to make these investments to make life better for students and families in Surrey.
- These investments are a great example of how we can work together with the school board to accelerate funding to give students a better place to go to school.
- And we hope to have many more announcements in the weeks and months to come in Surrey and across B.C.

## **SEISMIC/CAPITAL PLAN:**

- We are going to accelerate 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:**

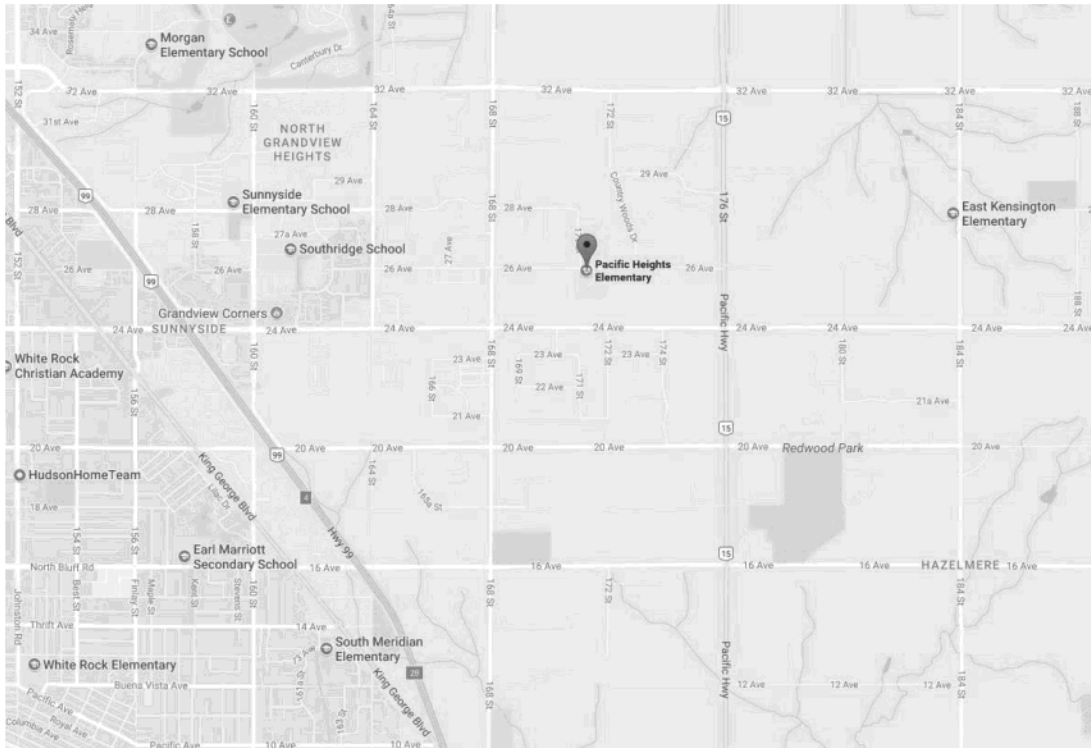
- We are now nearing winter holidays in what has been an exciting school year for all of us.
- This is our eighth and ninth seismic upgrade announcement so far, and we have many more to come.

- 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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## Event Information / MC Notes / Minister Rob Fleming

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**Event:** Creating new student seats in Grandview Heights

**When:** Dec. 7 at 11:00 a.m. (pre-brief at 10:45 a.m.)

**Where:** Pacific Heights Elementary School (Library)

17148 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

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

**Key Participants:**

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Minister Rob Fleming (speaking, emcee)
- Sundeep Chohan, principal, Pacific Heights Elementary (speaking)
- Laurie Larsen, trustee, Surrey School Board (speaking)
- Treena Carson-Piva, Pacific Heights Elementary PAC President (speaking)

**Other Attendees:**

- **Jagrup Brar**, MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood (TBC)
- **Rachna Sing**, MLA for Surrey-Green Timbers (TBC)
- **Gary Begg**, MLA for Surrey-Guildford (TBC)
- **Harry Bains**, MLA for Surrey-Newton (TBC)
- **Jinny Sims**, MLA for Surrey-Panorama (TBC)
- **Bruce Ralston**, MLA for Surrey-Whalley (TBC)
- Pacific Heights Elementary School students, teachers and support staff
- Media

**Background:**

Government is investing \$24 million to build a new 655-seat elementary school in Surrey's Grandview Heights area, and \$9 million to build a 300-seat addition to the nearby Pacific Heights Elementary School.

The Surrey School Board, City of Surrey, local development community, and local residents have all expressed concern with the shortage of student space in Surrey.

Enrolment forecasts for Grandview Heights area schools indicate a shortfall of more than 2,207 elementary seats within the next 10 years. Government has committed to "get students out of portables and into classrooms by building new schools in fast-growing communities."

The Grandview Heights area elementary schools, including Pacific Heights Elementary, are collectively operating over capacity with a combined shortfall of 401 seats this year and a capacity utilization of 124%. The level of growth in the Grandview Heights area cannot be accommodated through additions, boundary changes, or program moves.

The new Grandview Heights elementary school, and the addition to Pacific Heights, will help to ease current and future enrolment pressures on nearby schools including Sunnyside, Rosemary Heights, Morgan and East Kensington elementary schools.

**New Grandview Heights elementary school**

This new school is needed to address rapid enrolment growth at nearby schools. The new school will be built to accommodate 655 students on district-owned property at 16650-23rd Avenue. It is scheduled to be open for the 2020/21 school year.

The school will be arranged into six learning communities of four to five classrooms each, gathered around common collaborative area in support of 21st Century learning.

**Addition to Pacific Heights Elementary School**

Pacific Heights Elementary accommodates kindergarten to Grade 7. The operating capacity of the school is 308 with an actual 2017/18 enrolment of 426 students, and a capacity utilization of 138%.

The 12-classroom, 300-seat addition to the school will reduce the need for portables in the future.

Construction on the addition is scheduled to begin in May 2018 and be ready for students in September 2019.

**Surrey schools**

The Surrey School District currently has about 325 portables, up from about 270 last year.

These new investments are in addition to the thousands of seats currently under construction in Surrey schools. A new Grandview Heights Secondary and two new Clayton area elementary schools, as well as classroom additions at Sullivan Heights, Panorama Park and Woodward Hill elementary schools, have already been announced.

Work is underway on the 1,500-seat Salish Secondary, expected to be complete in fall 2018.

Growing student enrollment in Surrey continues to drive overcrowding and receive significant media attention. Since 2001, student enrollment has increased 18% – from 58,648 students to about 69,446 in 2015/16.

Recently, a summit was held in Surrey between Minister Rob Fleming and other ministry officials, as well as representatives from the City of Surrey and Surrey School District to discuss ways to accelerate new school construction to address space pressures.

A Surrey parents group held a rally at Earl Marriott Secondary School on Oct. 28, 2017 with a message to Government to "build schools now."

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events

**C:** 778 584-1253

**Itinerary:**

Time	Event Itinerary
Event Summary:	Podium announcement at Pacific Heights Elementary, announcing creation of new student spaces in Surrey, including new elementary school in Grandview Heights and addition to Pacific Heights.
Key contacts	Media relations: Sean Leslie, Scott McKenzie Photographer: Stephen Hargreaves Event Coordinator: Marlene Behrens
8:30 a.m.	Event Coordinator and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
10:30 a.m.	Guests and stakeholders begin to arrive
10:45 a.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator Location: LST Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Premier John Horgan</b></li><li>• <b>Rob Fleming</b>, Minister of Education <b>MC</b></li><li>• <b>Sundeep Chohan</b>, Principal, Pacific Heights Elementary</li><li>• <b>Laurie Larsen</b>, Trustee, Surrey school board</li><li>• <b>Treena Carson-Piva</b>, PAC President</li></ul>
10:55 a.m.	Speakers move to announcement area
11:00 a.m.	Students go through coding exercise with Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming
11:05 a.m.	Speakers move to the podium area
11:06 a.m.	<b>Principal Sundeep Chohan</b> welcomes guests and introduces Minister Rob Fleming
11:07 a.m.	<b>Minister Fleming</b> introduces speakers and invites <b>Premier John Horgan</b> to the podium.
11:08 a.m.	<b>Premier John Horgan</b> delivers remarks.
11:11 a.m.	<b>Minister Fleming</b> thanks Premier Horgan, introduces Laurie Larsen
11:12 a.m.	<b>Laurie Larsen</b> delivers remarks.
11:14 a.m.	<b>Minister Fleming</b> thanks Laurie Larsen, introduces Treena Carson-Piva
11:15 a.m.	<b>Treena Carson-Piva</b> delivers remarks.
11:17 a.m.	<b>Minister Fleming</b> thanks Treena Carson-Piva, delivers closing remarks.
11:19 a.m.	Media availability from the podium. Moderated by Press Secretary.
11:30 a.m.	Premier, Minister, and stakeholders pose for photos with students
11:35 a.m.	Event concludes



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for

Minister Rob Fleming

New Grandview Heights elementary school and addition to  
Pacific Heights Elementary

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017

11:00 a.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

### **KEY MESSAGES:**

- **We're determined to get a lot more done in Surrey.**
- **We've started by building a stronger relationship with the City of Surrey and the school district.**
- **Education is a top priority for our government, and we are committed to making sure that the use of portables to address growth pressures is not a long-term solution.**
- **We have committed to reducing the need for portables as long-term solutions for Surrey students.**

### **TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- **Coast Salish people**

# INTRODUCTION:

- Thank you, Ms. Chohan for your introduction.
- And thank you everyone in the room for joining us, and the students for showing us how to code.
- Clearly, our province's future is in good hands.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.
- And introduce our speakers today.
  - Premier John Horgan
  - Laurie Larsen, trustee, Surrey School Board
  - Treena Carson-Piva, president, Pacific Heights PAC
- It's an honour for me to be here with Premier Horgan for an announcement that will make life better for students and families in Surrey.
- As minister, I want every student in B.C. to go to school in a safe, positive environment.
- The population in Surrey continues to grow at a rapid rate, and we need to invest in our schools and our students to make sure that happens.

- And that is why we are here today.
- Now, please welcome Premier John Horgan to the podium.

## **PREMIER HORGAN SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Premier Horgan.
- It is so important to me that we accelerate funding to meet the demand for student spaces in fast-growing districts like Surrey.
- I'm excited for students in Grandview Heights to be able to spend their school days in positive environments like this one.
- And of course, they have a brand new secondary school that is currently in the works as well.
- Now, I would like to welcome Laurie Larsen, from the Surrey Board of Education, to tell us what this means to this district.

## **LAURIE LARSEN SPEAKS**

- Thank you.

- It is thanks to the work of your board and the school district staff, as well as the staff in my ministry, that these investments can be made a reality.
- I look forward to growing our relationship.
- Now, please welcome the president of the Pacific Heights Parent Advisory Committee, Treena Carson-Piva, who can tell us what this investment means for families.

## **TREENA CARSON-PIVA SPEAKS**

- Thank you, Treena.
- Families like yours are the reason our government is making this investment.

## **CONCLUSION:**

- That brings us to the end of our announcement.
- Thank you all for coming today, and joining us as we build a better province for families.
- Premier Horgan will now take any questions from the media from the podium.

- And we would love a photo with our speakers and the students who welcomed us to their library after that.
  - Thank you.
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## Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Rob Fleming

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**Event:** Land purchase for new schools in Langford

**When:** Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. (pre-brief at 9:15 a.m.)

**Where:** Belmont Secondary School Langford

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 2-3 minutes

**Parking:** Main parking lot

**Key Participants:**

- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- Henry Chipps, elder, Sc'ianew First Nation
- Jim Cambridge, superintendent, Sooke School District (emcee)
- Ravi Parmar, chair, Sooke School District (speaking)
- Stew Young, mayor, City of Langford (speaking, TBC)

**Other Attendees:**

- **Carole James**, MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill (TBC)
- **Andrew Weaver**, MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head (TBC)
- **Lana Popham**, MLA for Saanich South (TBC)
- **Mitzi Dean**, MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin (TBC)
- **Local mayors and councils** (TBC)
- **Local union representatives** (TBC)
- **Local Parental Advisory Committees** (TBC)
- **Media** (TBC)



**Background:**

Government is providing \$23.3 million for the Sooke School District to purchase 16 acres of bare land in Langford's Westhills area for the purpose of building a new elementary school and a new middle school on the property. The District is contributing \$1.6 million to acquire the land, which has been purchased from the Westhills Development Corporation.

The land has an appraised value of \$24 million, and was bought for \$23.69 million before fees and taxes (\$24.9 million total).

**Note: The Westhills Development Corp. has requested the final sale price of the property not be disclosed as it can affect future land market prices, despite this being public information.**

The new 16-acre site is required to address rapidly growing student populations in an area that is already seeing schools congested and portables being put to use.

The Sooke School District is growing at an extremely rapid rate, with 30% more students than in 2006. The area is expected to grow to 100,000 by 2021.

The District's first priority for the site is to build a 700-seat middle school to address capacity issues at Dunsmuir Middle School (Royal Bay family of schools) and Spencer Middle School (Belmont family of schools).

The proposed elementary school will accommodate 60 kindergarten and 450 elementary school students. It will address capacity pressures at Happy Valley and David Cameron elementary schools. A new elementary school on the site could also provide spaces for Early Childhood Education.

The proposed new schools would be built in what will be a developed suburban area.

**New school funding:**

It is important to note this funding is not to fund the construction of the proposed new schools.

Ministry staff will work with the Sooke School District to explore the best options for the new schools to be funded and built; however there is no set or estimated timeline as to when the schools will be built, nor is there a set or estimated budget to build the schools.

**Space projections:**

The District's 10-year enrolment projections indicate a Dunsmuir and Spencer Middle Schools will be 702 seats over capacity (combined) by 2026. For David Cameron and Happy Valley elementary schools, the district projects a space deficit of 428.

Building a new elementary and middle school on this property will significantly reduce pressures these area schools are experiencing.

**Royal Bay Secondary overcapacity:**

A business plan for a \$20-million addition to Royal Bay Secondary School is being reviewed by the Ministry. A decision is expected soon.

**Seismic Funding:**

Five of the seven high-risk schools in the Sooke School District have had their seismic upgrades completed. Ruth King Elementary's upgrade is nearly complete and Willway Elementary's upgrade is with the District in the business case development stage.

Province-wide, 165 of 342 high risk schools have had their seismic upgrades completed.

**Audience Size:** 20-25

**Contact:** Rick Devereux, GCPE Events

**C:** 250 812-1207

**Itinerary (DRAFT):**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event Itinerary</b>
Event Summary:	This is a podium event at Belmont Secondary School. Minister Rob Fleming will make the announcement from the podium.
	Media relations: Scott McKenzie Photographer/Videographer: TBC
7:30 a.m.	Rick Devereux, Event Coordinator, and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
9:00 a.m.	Speakers, media, and guests begin to arrive
9:15 a.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Rick Devereux, Events Coordinator Location: <u>Principal's Office or Staff Room</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Henry Chipp, elder, Sc'ianew First Nation</b></li><li>• <b>Rob Fleming, Minister of Education</b></li><li>• <b>Jim Cambridge, superintendent, Sooke School District (emcee)</b></li><li>• <b>Ravi Parmar, chair, Sooke Board of Education</b></li><li>• <b>Stew Young, mayor, City of Langford</b></li></ul>
9:25 a.m.	Speakers led to podium area by Joleen Badger.
9:30 a.m.	<b>Henry Chipp</b> performs First Nations welcome
9:30 a.m.	<b>Jim Cambridge</b> welcomes guests, introduces speakers, and invites Minister Rob Fleming to the podium.
9:32 a.m.	<b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> makes announcement.
9:35 a.m.	<b>Jim Cambridge</b> thanks Minister Rob Fleming, introduces <b>Ravi Parmar</b>
9:36 a.m.	<b>Ravi Parmar</b> delivers remarks.
9:38 a.m.	<b>Jim Cambridge</b> thanks <b>Ravi Parmar</b> , introduces <b>Stew Young</b>
9:39 a.m.	<b>Stew Young</b> delivers remarks.
9:41 a.m.	<b>Jim Cambridge</b> thanks <b>Stew Young</b> , delivers closing remarks.
9:43 a.m.	Group Photograph with speakers.
9:45 a.m.	Media availability, scrum format. Moderated by Scott McKenzie
9:50 a.m.	<b>Event Concludes.</b>

Speaking Notes

for

Minister Rob Fleming

Land Acquisition for new Langford schools

Monday, Dec. 18, 2017

9:30 a.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

## **KEY MESSAGES:**

- **Education is a top priority for our government, and we are committed to making sure that the use of portables to address growth pressures is not a long-term solution.**
- **We are contributing \$23.3 million to the Sooke School District to acquire 16 acres in Langford that we hope will be the future home of a new elementary and middle school.**
- **We want students to learn in healthy, secure and positive environments to make life better for families.**
- **We will work with school districts and local governments to find ways to speed up funding approvals to address growth pressures in fast-growing districts.**
- **This investment is an important first step to improve learning environments for students, strengthen this community and create a sustainable and strong economy.**

## **TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- **Sc'ianew (Cheanuh) First Nation**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- Thank you for your warm welcome, Jim.
- Good morning everyone.
- Thank you for joining us.
- I'm thrilled to be here in Langford, at the beautiful new Belmont Secondary School, to make an announcement that is an important step to meeting student growth in this area.
- I bring greetings from Premier John Horgan, your MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca, who is unable to be here today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- We don't want to see students spending their days in portables.
- And we are committed to reducing the need for portables across the province, and meeting demand with new capital investments in fast-growing areas.
- No district in B.C. is growing at a faster rate than the Sooke School District.

- Today, we're announcing a provincial contribution of \$23.3 million for the Sooke School District to purchase 16 acres of land here in Westhills.
- This investment will help the district toward its goal of building an elementary school and a middle school on the site.
- Building new schools here would address space pressures at nearby schools like:
  - Dunsmuir Middle School
  - Spencer Middle School
  - Happy Valley Elementary School
  - And David Cameron Elementary School
- And my ministry will support the Sooke School District to find the best options to make that happen.
- As we all know, new spaces are needed in this community as it continues to grow at an extremely rapid rate.
- And I am proud of our government for getting to work with the school district toward new schools for students.

- This is about the future of our children, and a government that works for people.
- Because our children need to learn in schools, not in portables.

## **PORTABLES:**

- Our government has an aggressive capital plan over the next three years, with \$14 billion in investments in schools, hospitals, roads, and transit.
- We're going to be aggressive on the school front largely in underserviced areas where there's a desperate need for new schools to meet the increasing school population.
- Of course, there is more work to do here in the Westshore, and around the province.
- We know that Royal Bay Secondary is already bursting at the seams as families flock to the area, and students are having to go to classes in portables.
- Staff in the Ministry of Education are working with the school district on a solution, and we hope to make an announcement at Royal Bay in the New Year.

- I am also happy to learn that both Royal Bay and the new Belmont Secondary School have achieved LEED Gold status.
- Let me be clear, there is more to come from this government that will make life better for families.

## **CONCLUSION:**

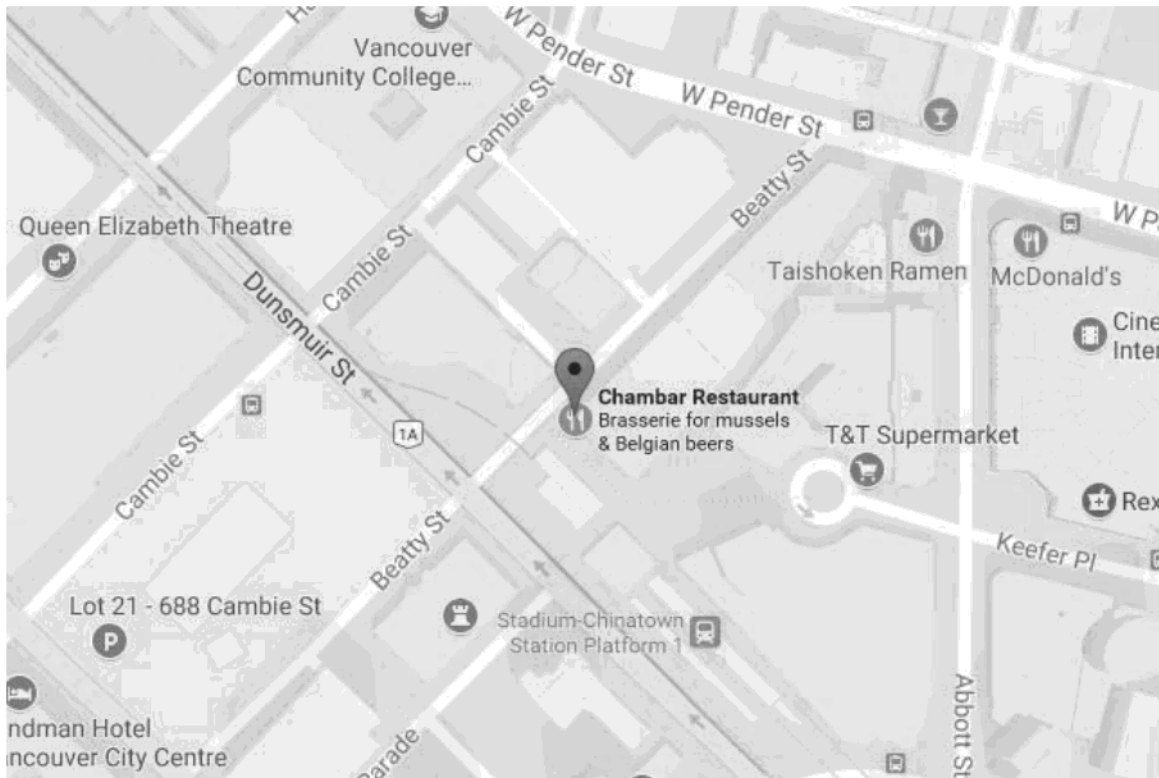
- We are already nearing Christmas holidays in what has been an exciting school year for all of us.
- Our government is getting to work to ensure our kids get the quality education and opportunities they deserve.
- It's time to put our kids first and invest in schools, classrooms, and a better future 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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## SHORT FORM Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming

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**Event:** B.C. Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Series

**When:** Dec 1, 2017

**Where:** Chambar Restaurant - 568 Beatty Street, Vancouver B.C.  
Private room on lower level

**Length:** 1 hour

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**for the**

**Hon. Rob Fleming**  
**Minister of Education**

**B.C. Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Series**  
**Chambar Restaurant**

**Dec 1, 2017 8 am – 9:30 am**

**Speech - 20 min**

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

- Thanks for having me.
- Business leaders - invested in strong education system...
- ...to prepare students with skills for jobs of the future.
- Mandate letter ambitious, speaks to educ's role in gov't that cares for people.
- Premier - firm believer in education.
- Credits success with experiences and inspiring teachers in school/university.
- People drive economy, public education single greatest lever to improve lives.
- Key area of investment for gov't.
- Equity is important.
- Student success is ensuring ALL learners are successful...

- ...and benefit from quality education.

## ABE

- Moved quickly to eliminate fees for ABE and ELL.
- Fees were shutting people out of the system.
- Re-opening doors, removing barriers to careers, training, advanced ed.
- Helps people get ahead and participate fully in economy.
- Every British Columbian should have opportunity to upgrade skills, build a better life.

## CURRICULUM

- Learners need to be prepared for life beyond secondary school.

- You know how important education is for strength of workforce.
- Fast changing world.
- Implementing new curriculum.
- Focuses on big ideas.
- Core competencies through hands-on learning.
- Competencies employers look for - collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

## TECHNOLOGY/CODING

- Heard Chamber's recommendation: invest in technical skills for future - automation, information studies, robotics, and mechatronics.

- Only on the job 3 months – seen amazing things happening in classrooms.
- Whole subject area on applied skills - Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST).
- Courses include - Electronics and Robotics, Computer Programming, Media Design, Web Development, and Mechatronics.
- Coding is a big focus.
- With new curriculum, every student has opportunity to learn to code.
- Coding skills can be used in almost any field.
- Basic coding is launch pad to career in tech – key driver of economic growth.

- Ministry provided \$4M to support coding last school year.
- Districts use funding for teacher pro-d, equipment and learning resources.

## CAREER PREPARATION

- Curriculum is in K - 9 now, all grades by 2019.
- 10-12 will include revised grad program...
- Focus on providing career connections - realistic, viable and support labour market needs.
- Grads will have better idea where they want to go, and base of skills to get there.
- Connecting students with work experience (co-ops, work experience electives, trades training programs)



especially in tech.

- Grad program requires 30 hrs of volunteer or work experience.
- Encourage businesses to work with districts to bring students on.
- Positive impact for students, value to business.

## CONCLUSION

- Investing in students means investing in strong, sustainable economy.
- Investing in social capital, recipe for success in industrialized world.
- It's a good thing for B.C. businesses.
- Pays every taxpayer in B.C. greatest dividend.
- Work is not done.

- Working towards 2019 implementation of 10-12 curriculum.
- Looking at ways to further support coding/technical skills.
- Train teachers, provide resources to teach those skills.
- Will continue to work with you to grow people who power B.C. and our economy.
- Happy to take questions.

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**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

- Thanks for inviting me to speak with you as Minister of Education.
- I know as business leaders in the province, you are invested in a strong education system...
- ...one that prepares students with the skills they need to be successful in the jobs of the future.
- The mandate letter I received from the Premier is ambitious and speaks to the important role education has to play in our vision for a government that cares for the people of B.C.
- Premier John Horgan is a firm believer in the value of education.
- He credits much of his own success with the valuable experiences and inspiring teachers he had in school and university.

- People drive our economy, and public education is the single greatest lever we have to help improve their chances to do well in life.
- We see education not only as a priority but as a key area of investment for our new government.
- Equity is a very important part of our approach.
- 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.

## ABE

- That's at the heart of why we quickly moved to eliminate tuition fees for Adult Basic Education (ABE) upgrading courses and post-secondary English Language Learning (ELL) programs.
- Those tuition fees were shutting people out of the system.
- By eliminating fees, we are re-opening those doors and removing barriers to career programs, training opportunities, and advanced education.
- These are the programs that help people get ahead and participate fully in our economy.
- Every British Columbian should have the opportunity to upgrade their skills and build a better life in B.C.



## CURRICULUM

- And all learners need to be fully prepared for life beyond secondary school.
- As business people you know how important education is for the strength of our workforce.
- This is a fast changing world.
- To make sure students are prepared we are implementing a new curriculum.
- The new curriculum focuses on the big ideas.
- It's about helping our kids develop the core competencies to be successful in life through hands-on learning.
- Core competencies that employers like you are looking for, like collaboration, critical thinking and communication.

## TECHNOLOGY/CODING

- I have heard the Chamber's recommendation that we invest in programs that teach important technical skills for the future - automation, information studies, robotics, and mechatronics.
- I have only been on the job for three months, and I can tell you there are amazing things happening in B.C. classrooms.
- There is a whole subject area in the new curriculum that is giving students specific applied skills - Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST).
- Courses offered include Electronics and Robotics, Computer Programming, Media Design, Web Development, and Mechatronics to name just a few.

- Coding is a big focus for us.
- With the new curriculum, every student has an opportunity to learn to code.
- The skills coding teaches can be used in almost any field.
- Basic coding can be the launch pad to a career in the tech sector - a key driver of growth for our economy.
- Last school year, the ministry allocated \$4 million to support coding implementation.
- Most of that funding went to districts to support teacher professional development equipment and learning resource purchases.

## CAREER PREPARATION

- The new K-12 curriculum is already being used in Kindergarten to Grade 9, and will be fully implemented in all grades by 2019.
- For Grades 10-12 that will include a revised graduation program...
- ...providing career connections that are realistic, viable and support the needs of our changing labour market and society.
- That means students are going to graduate high school with a better idea of where they want to go, and a strong base of skills to get there.
- Part of this will be connecting students with work experience opportunities like co-ops, work experience electives, and trades training programs – especially related to careers in technology.

- In fact, as part of the Graduation program, students are required to demonstrate at least 30 hours of volunteer or work experience.
- I encourage you as business owners to work with your local school districts to bring students on through these programs.
- The experience will make a real impact for the students, and you may be surprised by the value to your business.

## CONCLUSION

- Choosing to invest in students means we're investing in a strong, sustainable economy in British Columbia.
- It means we're investing in the social capital of this province, which is the recipe for success all over the industrialized world.

- That's a good thing for B.C. businesses.
- And it pays all of us, every taxpayer in B.C., the greatest dividend that we could possibly produce.
- But our work is not done.
- We will continue to work towards the successful implementation of the Grade 10-12 curriculum in 2019.
- We are looking at ways to provide more learning resources in the classroom that will further support coding and other technical skills in schools.
- We will continue to train teachers and provide them with the resources they need to teach those skills.
- And we will continue to work with you, the business sector, to grow the people who power B.C. and our economy in the years ahead.

- I will be happy to take your questions.

## **Grizzly Bear Announcement - Welcome**

- **Welcome and thank you for attending today.**
- **Minister Donaldson is joining us by phone and I will be turning it over to him shortly to make today's announcement.**
- **British Columbians have told us in no uncertain terms just how strongly they feel about protecting grizzly bears and conserving their natural habitat.**
- **Grizzly bear viewing is a growing industry, with people from around the world coming here to view these magnificent animals in their natural habitat.**



- **It is an expanding part of our tourism sector that, we believe, can become a regional economic driver.**
- **But more importantly, protecting one of most iconic species is simply the right thing to do.**
- **This is why we are working to improve grizzly bear management in B.C.**
- **I am now pleased to turn things over to Minister Doug Donaldson for today's announcement.**

## **Grizzly Bear Announcement: SUMMARY**

- **Gov't committed to wildlife management.**
- **People world-wide come here to view grizzlies.**
- **Grizzly bear viewing is growing industry and will benefit economy.**
- **Today's announcement shows listening.**

## Event Information / Speaking Notes

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**Event: Low Carbon Economy Fund – Federal Announcement**

**When: Friday, December 15, 2017**

**Time: 8:00am**

**Where: Capilano University – North Vancouver**

**Length: Three minutes**

**Audience:** Jonathan Wilkinson, Member of Parliament for North Vancouver and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, media.

**Event summary:** Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Jonathan Wilkinson and B.C.'s Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman, announcing funding under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, a component of the Low Carbon Economy Fund, designed to encourage clean growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help achieve Canada's national climate change targets.

**Other speakers:**

- Jonathan Wilkinson, Member of Parliament for North Vancouver and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

## **Low Carbon Economy: SUMMARY**

- **Traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (Slay-wa-tooth)**
- **Acknowledge:**
  - **Mr. Paul Dangerfield, President of Capilano University**
  - **Jonathon Wilkinson, Parliamentary-Secretary**
- **Thank feds – partnership**
- **BC govt climate vision**
  - **CSCG Advisory Council**
  - **Carbon tax increase by \$5 per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.**
  - **Climate action rebate cheques go to 80 per cent of B.C. households.**

## Event Information / Opening Remarks

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**EVENT:** 2017 Public Sector Climate Leadership Symposium

**WHEN:** Friday, December 8, 2017 (DAY 2)

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

**WHERE:** UBC AMS Student Nest, 6133 University Blvd,  
Vancouver

**LENGTH:** 15 - 20 minutes of speaking (Q & A to follow after  
opening remarks)

**AUDIENCE:** Symposium participants representing B.C.'s provincial  
public sector organizations

**NOTES:**

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- Andrew Szeri, Provost, University of British Columbia
- Traditional territory of the Musqueam people

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

**2017 Public Sector Climate Leadership Symposium**

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# **Minister Heyman Speaking Points**

*Minister to be introduced by Andrew Szeri,  
Provost, University of British Columbia:*

## **Introduction:**

- Thank-you for the introduction Andrew and thanks to UBC for co-hosting this year's annual Public Sector Climate Leadership Symposium.
- I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people.
- It's a pleasure to be here with so many of B.C.'s dedicated public servants.
- You not only provide the many important and essential services that our province depends on, you are also the stewards of our public sector assets.

- I want to acknowledge your collective efforts which have helped make B.C.'s public sector carbon neutral every year since 2010. Well done!
- You have helped to reduce public sector emissions and increase energy efficiency, ultimately reducing the public sector's reliance on offsets while achieving net-zero emissions annually.

### **B.C.'s climate goals:**

- We know climate change is the greatest challenge of our generation.
- And our government 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.
- And we 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 per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018.
- And in October, I appointed a panel of leading British Columbians to advise us on achieving our climate objectives efficiently and effectively.

## **COP 23**

- When I was the executive director of Sierra Club BC, confronting climate change was a top priority.
- Now I am in a position to help put B.C. at the forefront of a world that is moving towards a lower carbon future – and to help our province become resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- Recently, I was at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23) in Bonn Germany.
- 20,000 delegates from around the globe met to focus on implementing the Paris Agreement and take action to combat and respond to climate change

- As part of the conference, I led a signing ceremony for the Under 2 Coalition – an international group of 205 jurisdictions working to keep global temperature increase below 2 degrees.
- The agreement commits signatories to reduce emissions by 80-95% from 1990 levels or two metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per person by 2050.
- This is what we are talking about when we say our government is committed to taking real action on climate change.
- At the same time, we have the opportunity to create thousands of jobs in the clean economy, for example, through energy retrofits and public infrastructure.
- All of you here today play an important role in achieving that vision.

## **Importance of a Low Carbon Economy**

- We know that reducing our carbon footprint is the biggest thing we can do to minimize the effects of climate change.
- We also know that a sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment.
- That is why we established the Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council to help get our province on track to meet our climate goals.
- The advisory council's first meeting took place yesterday and I am confident they will help to shape our strategic direction in fighting climate change.

- The advisory council will review and publicly report on government's progress towards meeting our emission reduction targets and maximizing sustainable economic opportunities.
- They will play a key role in holding government publicly accountable to the commitments we make.
- Another important step we are taking to reduce carbon emissions is to increase the carbon tax by \$5/tonne each year, beginning in April, until it reaches \$50/tonne in 2021.
- This will help spur innovation and curb emissions while also creating certainty for business.

- B.C. has also made investments in clean technology through the Innovative Clean Energy Fund and the community and First Nations clean energy funds.
- We want to build on these initiatives while driving change through improved standards for our buildings, equipment and low carbon fuels.
- We are working with local and federal governments on opportunities to invest in innovative programs and clean technology.
- We are also working with the federal government to address emissions-intensive trade-exposed industries while building a clean economy.

## **Importance of Public Sector Leadership**

- While everyone needs to be involved in climate action, our public sector has a particularly important role.
- We in the public sector must not only walk the walk – we must lead the way.
- To help with this, Gov't has developed some educational materials to encourage public sector organizations to use low carbon materials within public infrastructure.
- This coincides with an existing Gov't requirement for Leadership in Environmental Design - LEED Gold or equivalent certification of all new public sector facilities.
- This new information is available on our main [gov.bc.ca](http://gov.bc.ca) website.

- By driving down the environmental footprint of our own operations, we will achieve significant GHG reductions, increase energy efficiency and champion B.C.'s transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Each of you in the public sector plays an important role in accelerating progress towards our targets.
- We know that for every 1% improvement in energy efficiency, the B.C. public sector saves over \$4 million in annual fuel costs
- These savings can be reinvested into public services such as health care and education.
- Factor in a steadily increasing carbon price and these savings become even more compelling.



- Going forward, we will need to reduce our emissions more broadly, and take action to prepare for a changing climate.
- This will require improving energy efficiency in all our public buildings.
- This will not only save money and reduce overall demand for energy, it will reduce the amount of carbon offsets we need to purchase and create good paying jobs and apprenticeships in every B.C. community.
- We also encourage the use of innovative B.C. wood products and low carbon materials in our public infrastructure projects like schools, hospitals and rental housing construction.
- By planning strategically and proactively, we can take advantage of opportunities, like building upgrades and retrofits, to

build emission reducing technologies and adaptation.

- It allows us to put in place technologies with a low cost-to-benefit ratio rather than facing significant clean-up costs and repairs down the road.
- At the same time, we can plan for desirable co-benefits like better air quality, energy cost savings and greater comfort.

## **Importance of Resilience**

- As some of you probably know, the 2017 wildfire season in B.C. saw an unprecedented 1.2 million hectares of our forests burned.
- The climate is changing in B.C. and our government understands that we need to prepare for, and adapt to climate change.

- We're already seeing the impacts including:
  - increasing temperatures
  - rising sea levels and
  - more frequent variable and extreme weather.
- These changes affect the likelihood of severe wildfire, flooding and water shortages – and impact our food production, human health and ecosystems.
- We know we will continue to see more of these kinds of extreme weather risks.
- This is a big reason why our government is committed to confronting the effects of climate change head-on.
- Managing these risks now is essential to protect our well-being, improve our prosperity and lower costs for generations to come.

- We already have some notable champions within our public sector organizations who are taking proactive actions to prepare for climate impacts.
- For example, staff in the Ministry of Transportation has developed criteria with respect to safety, climate risk prevention and earthquake preparedness to help them prioritize projects for capital investment.
- BC Housing recognized the impact of climate change and has developed a comprehensive adaptation strategy that protects the health and safety of tenants and ensures buildings are resilient to climate change.
- Taking action to adapt to climate impacts will require targeted investments, but we know the cost of delayed action or inaction is much greater.

## Conclusion

- Planning for climate change transforms organizations and communities for the better.
- As your government, we are excited to lead the way with all of you, our partners in the public sector.
- Together we can help to develop a future that offers new possibilities and opportunities that demonstrate that:
  - the clean growth economy transition is underway;
  - this transition is good for business and the people of B.C. and
  - we can do this through innovative ideas and collaboration, as so many of you are demonstrating here today.
- Thank-you for your time.

## **Summary**

- **Public sector carbon neutral since 2010.**
- **Gov't commitments - carbon tax, advisory council, GHG reductions**
- **COP23 takeaways**
- **Clean tech investments**
- **Public sector leadership**
- **Innovation in public sector**

**Minister of Finance**  
**Event Details Checklist**  
*Updated: 17/08/2018*

<b>Function Date</b>	Wednesday December 6, 2017
<b>Name of Function</b>	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
<b>Number of attendees expected</b>	
<b>Sponsor/Host</b>	
<b>Contact name and number</b>	
<b>Event Theme</b>	The meaning of the day and the importance of taking time to remember
<b>Speech topic</b>	Taking action on violence against women
<b>Recommended arrival time</b>	
<b>Time Minister will be introduced</b>	12:05 pm
<b>Speech length</b>	2 minutes
<b>Q&amp;A time?</b>	None
<b>Anticipated departure time</b>	
<b>Appropriate Dress</b>	Business
<b>Address/ directions</b>	B.C. Legislature - Hall of Honour
<b>Parking arrangements</b>	
<b>Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone</b>	
<b>Name and title of person introducing Minister</b>	Premier John Horgan
<b>Media anticipated</b>	yes
<b>Name and title of other notable guests</b>	Premier John Horgan, Bowinn Ma - MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale
<b>Recent special achievements to acknowledge</b>	
<b>Presentation details</b>	
<b>Staff attending event</b>	

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## **SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

### **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

**HON. CAROLE JAMES  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**B.C. Legislature – Hall of Honour**

**December 6, 2017  
B.C. Legislature – Hall of Honour  
Victoria**

**AUDIENCE: Media and British Columbians**

**TIME: 2 minutes**

**WORD COUNT: 253**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

## REMARKS

- On this 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events in Montreal, we come together with heavy hearts to mourn the loss of 14 innocent women.
- Sadly, 28 years later, we are still fighting gender-based violence and the stigma that victims face.
- More and more women are speaking out about the profound impact that sexual assault, harassment and violence has had in their lives, and in the lives of loved ones.
- And more and more voices are joining the fight for change.
- The #MeToo campaign showed us that one voice can start a ripple effect that can help those suffering in the shadows find their voice and put an end to this stigma.
- Together we can create a society with zero tolerance for gender-based violence.
- We must believe those who share their stories with us and give them the help and support they need to heal.
- We must educate in order to change attitudes and stop gender-based violence before it starts.
- We must speak out, and condemn violence and intolerance when we see it.
- From our dinner tables and classrooms to the halls of this Legislature, we are all responsible for ending violence against women.
- I would now like to take a moment to name all those who lost their lives on December 6, 1989 and ask you to join me in a moment of silence in their memory.
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  - Hélène Colgan [**Eh**-len kol-**gahn**]
  - Nathalie Croteau [**Na**-ta-ly kro-**to**]

- Barbara Daigneault [**Bar**-ba-ra de-**nyo**]
- Anne-Marie Edward [Ann Ma-**ri** Ed-**wahr**]
- Maud Haviernick [**Mode** Hav-**yair**-nik]
- Maryse Laganière [**Ma**-rees Lah-gah-**nyaire**]
- Maryse Leclair [**Ma**-rees Le-**klair**]
- Anne-Marie Lemay [Ann Ma-**ri** Le-**mai**]
- Sonia Pelletier [So-**nya** Pel-**ti-eh**]
- Michèle Richard [**Mish-el** Ri-**shar**]
- Annie St-Arneault [Anny Sain-t-har-**no**]
- Annie Turcotte [Annie Tur-**cut**]
- Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz [**Bar**-ba-ra Kludj-**nik Wed**-age-wiz]

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**Minister of Finance**  
**Event Details Checklist**  
*Updated: 17/08/2018*

<b>Function Date</b>	Dec. 12, 2017
<b>Name of Function</b>	Fasken Martineau DuMoulin
<b>Number of attendees expected</b>	Approximately 20 individuals
<b>Sponsor/Host</b>	Fasken Martineau DuMoulin
<b>Contact name and number</b>	Robin Dhir, strategic advisor, 604 786-0429 and Sergio Custodio 604 631-3266
<b>Event Theme</b>	
<b>Speech topic</b>	
<b>Recommended arrival time</b>	1:50 p.m.
<b>Time Minister will be introduced</b>	2:05 p.m.
<b>Speech length</b>	5 – 10 min.
<b>Q&amp;A time?</b>	Yes - 35 min.
<b>Anticipated departure time</b>	3:10 p.m.
<b>Appropriate Dress</b>	Business
<b>Address/ directions</b>	Suite 2900, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C.
<b>Parking arrangements</b>	
<b>Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone</b>	
<b>Name and title of person introducing Minister</b>	Will Westering, managing partner at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin.
<b>Media anticipated</b>	No.
<b>Name and title of other notable guests</b>	Confirmed: Will Westering (managing partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Kareen Zimmer (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Paul Wilson (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Sergio Custodio (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Robin Dhir (Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Susan Yurkovich (chief operating financial officer, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin), Anna Lilly (SVP, FleishmanHillard), Arvinder Bubber (A.S. Bubber & Associates Inc.), Tony Singh (Fruiticana), Joseph Nahkla (CEO/founder Bazinga!), Zulie Sachedina (VP of Human Resources and general counsel, Providence Health Care), Chris Catliff (CEO, Blueshore Financial), Anthony Lo (executive

	<p>vice-president, Oriental Yuhong and Keltic Developments), Jim Bogusz (Beedie Group), John Aisenstat (executive vice-president, Hy's Restaurants)</p> <p>Unconfirmed: Walter Pela (regional managing partner, KPMG), Aleem Bandali (managing director, MNP Corporate Finance), Dana Hayden (chair, Partnerships BC), Dan Coulter (CEO, Coast Capital Savings Credit Unions), Kevin Desmond (CEO, Translink)</p>
<b>Recent special achievements to acknowledge</b>	
<b>Presentation details</b>	
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## **SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**Fasken Martineau DuMoulin**

**HON. CAROLE JAMES  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017  
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin  
Suite 2900  
550 Burrard St.  
Vancouver, B.C.**

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## Agenda:

1:50 p.m.	Arrive.  Attendees will be mingling from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	Will Westering thanks everyone for coming and quickly introduces the Minister.
2:05 p.m.	Introductions.
2:25 p.m.	Minister's address.
2:35 p.m.	Moderated Q&A.
3:10 p.m.	Wrap-up.  Closing remarks.  Group photo.

**AUDIENCE:**

Approximately 20 individuals.

**TIME:**

Speech: 5 – 10 min.

Q&A: 35 min.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you Will

Good afternoon everyone, and thank you for your warm welcome.

As the Finance Minister, I am proud to tell you that B.C.'s economy is strong.

B.C.'s second quarterly report indicates that our province will continue to outperform economic expectations.

And Standard and Poor's has confirmed B.C.'s AAA credit rating.

Those are clear signals that our economy continues to be in a growth mode.

## **BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN B.C.**

Our government is working to build a sustainable provincial economy that benefits every sector and corner of B.C.

That is why we are supporting our job creators – B.C. businesses.

We've cut taxes for small business from 2.5% to 2.0%.

We have cut the PST on non-residential electricity by 50% starting Jan. 1, 2017 .

On April 1 of 2019, we will entirely eliminate the PST on non-residential electricity.

This will help businesses throughout the province expand and create more jobs for British Columbians.

We are seeing evidence that job creators are confident in B.C.'s future.

Businesses are already expanding their operations in B.C. and signalling their endorsement of the provincial economy and talent pool.

Amazon is expanding its B.C. operations by adding 1,200 new Vancouver-based jobs by 2020.

Microsoft is adding 50 new mixed reality jobs in Vancouver.

Microsoft also expanding its Technology Education and Literacy in Schools program and is partnering with BCIT to train future tech talent.

Fortinet is expanding its operations in Burnaby and adding 1,000 new tech jobs.

Major companies are also moving to B.C.

WeWork, a Manhattan-based commercial real estate firm, is moving to downtown Vancouver.

Major retailers Muji and Uniqlo are adding stores in Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby – these are the first new outlets for these companies in B.C.

B.C. is attracting international trades and investment.

Sumitomo Corporation has purchased 48% of Pacific BioEnergy Corporation's wood pellet plant in Prince George.

DP World Canada is expanding the Fairview Terminal in Prince Rupert. This will boost shipping capacity at the terminal by over 50% through a \$200-million investment.

## **BUSINESS INDICATORS IN B.C.**

We are seeing growth in retail, job, export and housing numbers in B.C.

B.C. ranks second among all Canadian provinces in terms of small business confidence in the first 11 months of this year.

On a year-to-date basis, consumer confidence in B.C. is up 12.7 points in the first 11 months of 2017 in compared to the same period in 2016.

Consumer confidence in B.C. during the month of November was at its highest level in 10 years.

Year-to-date, B.C. has the fastest employment growth rate among all provinces.

A total of 2.47 million people have jobs – that is a record level of employment in B.C.

In the month of November alone, B.C. gained around 4,100 full-time jobs and 14,200 part-time jobs.

Our province's unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in November, down from 4.9% in October.

Year-to-date, the value of B.C.'s goods exports have grown compared to the same time last year. (\$39 billion in 2016 vs. \$36 billion in 2015)

B.C.'s exports to the U.S. rose 7.4% year-to-date in October, and exports to other international destinations rose 24.8%.

The value of B.C.'s building permits increased 13.6% in October in comparison to the same period in 2016.

## **CONCLUSION**

The holiday season is a time to reflect on the past year, and to invest in the future.

In February, I will deliver the government's 2018 Budget for British Columbians.

We believe government should manage its budget responsibility to reach a balance.

We are committed to supporting businesses in B.C. by improving our workforce and attracting skilled workers.

Our government will also deliver on the priorities that British Columbians have identified for us.

We will be taking action to make life more affordable and will improve the services citizens rely on, including housing and childcare.

Our government will also be prudent to ensure the strong, stable financial management of our province.

Thank you for taking the time to be here today.

I look forward to hearing from you on the hopes you have for our beautiful province and how we can work together to carve a path to prosperity for us all.

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR**

**Public Sector Employers' Council Meeting**

**HON. CAROLE JAMES  
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Dec. 8, 2017 - 2:30 to 5:30 PM**

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**Vancouver, B.C.**



## Welcome and Roundtable Introductions – 2:30-2:40

- Hello and welcome to the Public Sector Employers' Council Meeting.
- I have asked you all here today because we have a lot of work to do in the coming months and years ahead.
- I think gathering all of us together is a good way to show our intention to deliver on our shared priorities.
- As the Chair of the Council, I'm pleased to revitalize this part of our unique to B.C. model for managing the public sector.
- I'd like to start with a round of introductions ...

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### *[ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS THAT INCLUDES THE 16 SEATED AT THE TABLE PLUS THE EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION CEOs]*

- Since it's been a while since the Council met, I also think the Council would benefit from hearing from the chairs of the employers' association to provide a bit context for your sectors.
- I would particularly like to hear about the preparations you have been making as we come to the last year of the 5-year agreements.
- After the Council meeting, as you know we will have a number of union representatives with us to jointly hear an economic update from David Galbraith, Secretary to Treasury Board.

- This will be followed by an invitation to union representatives to share their thoughts on opportunities and challenges as move ahead with government's agenda.
- I recognize they will be sharing their perspective on circumstances, so I do want to acknowledge that as employer associations, you may have some follow up information on what we hear today.
- I see this as a working meeting – we've got a lot of work ahead of us, so let's get down to business.
- I'd like to start by talking a bit about our roles and responsibilities.
- As I said, B.C. has a centralized model for public sector negotiations.
- Practically speaking, that means we have very clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- As we embark on the development of the next bargaining mandate, I'd like to outline my expectations with respect to each of our accountabilities.
- As Finance Minister and Chair of the Public Sector Employers' Council, I am the Minister responsible for the upcoming negotiations.
- My team at the Public Sector Employers' Secretariat will act as the central coordinating body that reports directly to me on negotiations.
- The roles of my cabinet colleagues here at the table and their deputies are to advise the Council on their priority areas

- Each of your different areas of sector responsibilities — health care, education, social services, post-secondary — will have different priorities.
- Your role is to provide the Council with strategic advice on the balance between those accountabilities in your portfolio and priorities — the vision of each of your ministries for service delivery to citizens.
- And finally to the Employers' Association Council members.
- Government relies on you to negotiate agreements that reflect combined government and employer priorities.
- And there are a number of feedback opportunities built into the centralized model to ensure we are all working towards our collective priorities.
- I am going to speak about those priorities in more depth shortly.
- But first, I'd like to acknowledge the very real challenges that we face as employers.
- The labour landscape is changing:
  - We have an aging demographic.
  - There is an increased dependence on technology in the workplace.
  - There are acute labour shortages across the public sector.
  - And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the high expectations of us as a new government.

- Taken together, these represent very real and well-defined challenges as we undertake negotiations for new collective agreements.
- That is why I want to affirm that — though this is the first Council meeting since 2009 — I expect we will continue to come together on an ad hoc basis as we move towards the mandate and through negotiations in the next round.

## Corporate Priorities Overview – 2:40-2:50

- I'd like to move on to our government's priorities as they relate to the next mandate.
- The principles guiding our government's decisions are clear ...
- We need to improve services and make life more affordable for British Columbians...
- We have already taken important steps in this regard, including eliminating bridge tolls, cutting MSP premiums, and increasing social assistance rates.
- But there is still work to be done as we look ahead to Budget 2018, especially in terms of affordable housing and quality, accessible childcare.
- We need to invest in the long-term, economic sustainability of our province and support good jobs in every region.
- These principles are the guide to our upcoming round of public sector bargaining.
- Recently, I have received two key economic signals that I'd like Council members to be aware of.
- First was the Second Quarter update.
- Second, were the projections from the Economic Forecast Council.
- You will hear in more detail later in today's meeting about the results from both.

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- I do want to point out both show continued strength in B.C.'s economy despite a number of pressures to the fiscal plan.
- And that we continue to be a leader in economic growth in Canada.
- As many of you will know ....
- Being a leader comes with expectations and many calls for resources.
- This is acutely true for us as a new government.
- What this means for me as Finance Minister is that I need to continue to manage spending while being mindful of our commitments to British Columbians.
- And what that means for Council members is we want public sector employers and unions to reach freely negotiated agreements under the mandate.
- However, those agreements need to meet two tests.
- First: they must fit within the fiscal plan.
- That means affordability balanced with flexibility in negotiations without creating fiscal instability.
- Second: they must deliver on our commitment to improve affordability and the services that British Columbians depend on.
- Negotiations are expected to be a give and take, but we're all in this together so how do we ensure they result in better access to services for citizens at an affordable and sustainable cost.

- We know that unionized employees in the province's public sector expect fair wage increases for the work they do.
- We understand that employees may feel like they have been left behind for too long.
- We also recognize that employers are accountable for meeting affordability and service expectations at costs that are manageable.
- I expect that the give and take of negotiations will lead us to mutually beneficial outcomes.
- We want to know what is possible.
- And as Finance Minister, that starts and finishes within the Fiscal Plan.
- As we make our way towards the new labour mandate, I ask that you keep three concepts top of mind:
  - Better services
  - Improved affordability
  - Sustainable growth
- These are the concepts that will guide most of our thinking as cabinet.
- We believe the choices made in the upcoming negotiations can ensure fair compensation for employees as well as protect our strong economy.
- Moving away from negotiations for a moment, I want to thank the employers' associations for the recent governance review.
- We expect to analyze and get back to you in the coming months.

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#### Roundtable/Sectoral Updates & Discussion – 2:50-3:40

- I'd like to now turn over the floor to the Employers' Associations.
- I would like each of the sector representatives to outline the current context in their respective sectors.
- Ideally you could each touch on some of the opportunities and some of the challenges you anticipate in this round of bargaining.
- And equally important is what you are hearing from unions and what steps you are taking right now in advance of starting these negotiations.
- Again, I see this as a working meeting, so I hope everyone is comfortable asking questions or seeking clarification.

#### *[EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION ROUNDTABLE]*



Close of Council Meeting – 3:40-3:45

*[Minister outlines format for meeting with union representatives:*

- *MCJ chairs meeting & facilitates discussion with union representatives.*
- *The meeting starts with presentation from David*
- *Galbraith, Secretary to Treasury Board on the quarterly update and recent discussion at the Economic Forecast Council.]*

Break – 3:45-4:00

Part 2: Meeting includes Council and primary union representatives at the table.

Deputies and secondary union representatives in classroom seating.

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Welcome and Roundtable Introductions – 4:00-4:10

- Hello and welcome to the Public Sector Employers' Council meeting
- As the Chair of the Council, I'm pleased to welcome elected and staff leaders from our major public sector unions that have joined our meeting and thank them for taking the time to meet with us today.
- I don't think any union leaders were invited to the last meeting back in 2009.

- You are all, however, familiar with the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat and its work in supporting me, and coordinating our centralized model for bargaining in B.C.
- The Council is an employer forum to coordinate human resource issues in the public sector.
- It is also a forum to consult with union leadership on policy issues that directly affect your members.
- I am pleased to be reinvigorating the Council and using the forum for discussion with you.
- This government recognizes and respects the work and contributions of the unions and their members across the broader public sector.
- Right now, I would like to do some roundtable introductions.
- Just before we do that, I would like to outline what I hope we will accomplish in this joint meeting:
  - As you know, the Council has not met substantively for over a decade and I want us to use the forum to engage in consultation with union leaders on issues that affect your members.
  - We will all hear a fiscal update from the Secretary to Treasury Board, David Galbraith.
  - Then I would like us to engage in a dialogue with you, to hear your views as to how government priorities and the external labour market environment affect your union members and the delivery of important services to citizens.

*[MCJ kicks off the roundtable of introductions]*

## Government Priorities — 4:10-4:20

- I'd like to move on to our government's priorities as they relate to yours.
- The principles guiding our government's decisions are clear ...
- We need to improve services and make life more affordable for British Columbians...
- And invest in the long-term, economic sustainability of our province.
- Recently, I have received two key economic signals that I'd like Council members to be aware of.
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- You will hear in more detail from the Secretary to Treasury Board about the results from both.
- I do want to point out both show continued strength in B.C.'s economy.
- And that we continue to be a leader in economic growth in Canada.
- As well, you hear some of the challenges for us as a new government.
- Second quarter results point to a number of economic pressures to the fiscal plan:
  - Significant costs to fight an unprecedented wildfire season.

- Continued financial instability at ICBC.
  - Reduced revenues, mainly due to the effects of weaker 2016 personal and corporate income tax returns.
- I am very mindful of these pressures as we work towards a balanced budget in 2018.
- We also heard from the Economic Forecast Council that the provincial outlook remains positive.
- However, they also warned of moderating growth in B.C. in the years ahead.
- What this means for me as Finance Minister is that I need to continue to manage spending while being mindful of our commitments to British Columbians.
- Negotiations are expected to be a give and take, but we're all in this together so how do we ensure they result in better access to services for citizens at an affordable and sustainable cost, and fair support for the employees who provide those services.

#### Fiscal Plan Context and Update – 4:20-4:35

- Now I'd like to welcome, David Galbraith, Secretary to Treasury Board

*[Q2 update and what's coming. David to take questions – anything specific to negotiations to be referred as more appropriate at the bargaining table]*

## Discussion on Government Priorities: Opportunities & Challenges – 4:35-5:25

- Thank you David
- Now, I would like to have a discussion and I invite people to contribute freely to the conversation.
- There are two themes that I think are important and a way for us to focus the dialogue:
  1. Government and employers are focused on making services more accessible and affordable for citizens. This is an opportunity for the parties to focus on how they can work together to achieve this within the fiscal context. What do you see as opportunities?
  2. The next round of negotiations will take place in a very different context: a growing economy but with a focus on affordable services to citizens, labour market shortages across multiple occupations, and changing demographics – younger workers have different priorities. How do you see this impacting your members?

## Closing Comments —5:25-5:30

- I want to thank each of you for your important contributions and participation today
- As the Chair, I will consider opportunities for future Council meetings
- This has been a critical step forward towards the development of the next mandate and towards the future round of negotiations.

- So once again I thank you for your time, feedback and ideas. I look forward to future discussion.