

## Event Information / Speaking Notes – CBA Conference

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**Event:** Building for the Future – Maximizing Community Benefit Agreements

**When :** Friday, January 25, 2019

**Where:** Westin Bayshore Hotel – 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver

**Directions:** Parking available at hotel

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**Length:** 3-5 minutes

**Audience:** Industry experts across North America who are building with CBAs.

### Background:

- **Community Benefit Agreements provide good-paying jobs, better training and apprenticeships, and better opportunities for Indigenous people, women and youth so local people stand to gain the most from public infrastructure spending.**
- **A new, landmark framework for major infrastructure projects in B.C. will deliver good paying jobs, better training and apprenticeships, and more trades opportunities for Indigenous people, women and youth around the province.**
- **With this agreement we're not just investing in roads, bridges and other infrastructure, we're investing in good jobs and new opportunities for people who live B.C. And with our focus on expanding apprenticeships for young British Columbians, we're helping build B.C.'s next generation of construction workers.**
- **British Columbians deserve the opportunity to work on major government projects being built in and near their communities.**
- **This Community Benefits Agreement will put local people first in line for good jobs building the roads, bridges and other infrastructure we need.**

### Focus of speech:

- **We're not just investing in roads, bridges and other infrastructure, we're investing in good jobs and new opportunities for people - building up B.C. with the next generation of construction workers.**

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for

**Minister Claire Trevena**

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

**Westin Bayshore Hotel**  
**1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver**

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# Schedule

Moderator: John Calvert, associate professor, Labour Studies, Simon Fraser University

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome and First Nations Greeting <b>Morgan Guerin</b> , Musqueam First Nation <b>Tom Sigurdson</b> , Executive Director, BC Building Trades <b>Kirsten Wilson</b> , President. Jack Cewe Ltd.
9:15 am – 9:25 am	Greetings from Government <b>Hon. Claire Trevena</b> , Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
9:25 am – 10:00 am	Managing BC's Skilled Trades Shortage <b>Bob Collins</b> , Economist, BuildForce Canada
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Community Benefits Framework <b>Vicki Willow</b> , Project Executive Director, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Community Benefits Agreements in Action <b>Mark Hovatter</b> , Chief Facilities Executive, LA Unified School District <b>Mark L. Johnson</b> , Nationally Recognized Labour Relations Professional <b>Anna Pavlik</b> , Labor Equity Program Manager, City of Seattle <b>Mark Wheeler</b> , PLA Deputy Director, Sound Transit
12:00 pm 12:30 pm – 12:40 pm 12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch <b>Hon. Harry Bains</b> , Minister of Labour <b>Mark L. Johnson</b> , Nationally Recognized Labour Relations Professional
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Building on Past PLA Success From Coast to Coast <b>Wally Penner</b> , Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin, John Hart Dam <b>Arlene Dunn</b> , Deputy Director, CBTU, Hebron Project <b>Tony Fanelli</b> , CLRAO, Kitimat Modernization Project
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Breakout Sessions Session 1: <b>Irene Kerr</b> , CEO, Transportation Investment Corporation and; <b>Vicki Willow</b> , Project Executive Director, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Session 2: <b>Sheri Cook</b> , Manager of the Construction Labor Group, Engineering, Port of Seattle and; <b>David Freiboth</b> , Senior Director of Labor Relations, Port of Seattle
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing <b>Allan Bruce</b> , Chair, BC Infrastructure Benefits
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Reception: H Tasting Lounge

## **INTRODUCTION**

- **Good morning – I'd like to start by acknowledging that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Musqueam (mus-kwee-um), Squamish, and Tsleil-waututh (sail-wha-tooth) peoples.**
- **Thank you Morgan Guerin of the Musqueam (mus-kwee-um) First Nation for the traditional welcoming.**

## **Building for the Future**

- **We've come together today to talk about building for the future.**
- **Everyone in this room knows what it means to build something substantial and to invest valuable time and effort -- creating real opportunities for your community and the people you care about.**
- **That's what we're doing here in B.C.**
- **When we build major infrastructure, it's an opportunity to invest in communities.**

- To provide real opportunities for people to further their career path, while supporting local economies.
- To train the next generation of workers.
- To do quality work that keeps communities running and people moving.

### **BC's Strong Economy**

- Under John Horgan's BC NDP, British Columbia has Canada's strongest economy.
- Last year, 23,000 new jobs were created in this province.
- And our GDP is expected to grow by 2.4% this year.
- All good news for the province.
- To keep this momentum moving forward, we want to work in partnership with industry as we invest in the next generation of our provincial infrastructure.

## **Invested in skilled workers**

- **Sustainable growth is not possible without skilled workers.**
- **And we know that there is a skills shortage looming in B.C.**
- **Companies surveyed last fall say there are not enough qualified trade workers like pipefitters, plumbers or electricians.**
- **With 60,000 job openings over the next ten years—we're poised to train the next generation.**
- **That's why we're here to work together, to put in place Community Benefit Frameworks for major projects.**
- **This framework means local workers will be paid consistent wages and be provided good benefits.**

- **Communities benefit from direct investment and quality projects done on time.**
- **When it comes to the Community Benefit Agreement**
  - **anyone can apply to work on the project, and any contractor is welcome to bid for work.**
- **For now, these agreements will apply to a select suite of infrastructure projects, including the Pattullo Bridge replacement project and some four-laning projects on the Trans-Canada Highway between Kamloops and Alberta.**

## **Conclusion:**

- **We're making sure that people can stay and work in their communities – with more time spent with friends and family and less time worrying about “going where the money is.”**

- **We're making sure that every dollar spent on provincial public infrastructure projects not only provides the best outcome for the project but provides long-lasting benefits for British Columbians and their communities.**
- **Our government is committed to working with industry to support and accelerate sustainable growth.**
- **When we do, local people stand to gain the most.**
- **Making life better for people is at the core of this government's work.**
- **It's what drives us to deliver solutions to the problems people face every day.**
- **We're proud to invest in the people, services, and infrastructure of our province.**
- **Working together, we can build a better B.C.**