

BCSTA AGM /Speaking Notes for Minister Rob Fleming

FRIDAY April 27, 2018	TIME / VENUE	EVENT
	7:15 A.M. Lobby Foyer	REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
	7:30-8:40	BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS <i>(Full breakfast provided for delegates. Venues: TBA)</i>
	8:50-9:10 Britannia Ballroom	DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS Gordon Swan, <i>President, BCSTA</i>
	9:10-10:10 Britannia Ballroom	PLENARY 1 Preparing Our Students for the Future of Our Workforce Eric Termuende, <i>Co-Founder, NoW Innovations</i>
	10:10-10:30 Britannia Ballroom	BREAK
	10:30-11:30 Britannia Ballroom	PLENARY 2 Focusing on the Successful Transitions for Our Aboriginal Students Mike Downie, <i>Documentary Filmmaker/Co-Creator, Secret Path</i>
	11:30-12:00 P.M. Britannia Ballroom	CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION Traditional Dance Presentation SD92 (Nisga'a) Students
	12:00-12:40 Britannia Ballroom	LUNCH <i>(Lunch provided for delegates)</i>
	12:40-1:40 Britannia Ballroom	LONG TERM SERVICE RECOGNITION <i>(Separate program to follow)</i>
	1:40-1:50 Britannia Ballroom	GREETINGS FROM THE OPPOSITION CRITIC FOR EDUCATION MLA Dan Davies, <i>Opposition Critic for Education</i>
	2:00-3:00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <i>(See page 5 for more information)</i>
	3:10-3:40 Britannia Ballroom	GREETINGS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Hon. Rob Fleming, <i>Minister of Education</i>
	4:00-5:00 Britannia Ballroom	BCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' CANDIDATES FORUM
	5:10-6:30 TBA	RECEPTION Hosted by: The Canadian Union of Public Employees BC (CUPE I

Event: BCSTA AGM

When: April 27, 2018 – 3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway,
Richmond BC, V6X 1A3



Background:

- Annual Spring Conference and AGM
- Members and parents from across the province come together to share, learn and experience
- There will be a series of Pre-conference workshops including a Ministry of Education/Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training panel during the afternoon of April 26, followed by a Keynote in the evening featuring Dr. Santa Ono, President of UBC. April 27 will begin with a pair of plenary sessions in the morning. Eric Termuende will present on the theme of the Future of the Workforce, followed by Mike Downie, brother of the late Gord Downie, unpacking the story of Chanie Wenjack and the effects of Residential schools and reconciliation. A student performance provided by the Nisga'a dancers, singers and drummers will wrap up the morning events, leading to a series of concurrent workshops in that afternoon that will highlight the theme of preparing students for Post-Secondary and the role of the Trustee in making Governance decisions which impact successful student transition to post public school life.

- Partner Groups in attendance: Canadian School Boards Association, BC Association of School Business Officials, BC Confederation Of Parent Advisory Councils, BC Principal's & Vice Principal's Association, BC Public School Employers' Association, BC Teachers' Federation, First Nations Education Steering Committee
- **Concurrent workshop plans:**
 - Election workshop: Preparing for the 2018 Trustee Elections.
 - Make A Future: presenting on teacher work force analysis, recruitment and retention.
 - Reconciliation Project 'Site Unseen' Partnership art installation project with West Vancouver and Hartley Bay
 - Student Mental Health: Panel: Coaches; teachers; Trustees. Ways School Districts can support Student Mental Health and Staff wellness through
 - Policy and Programs. (follow up from pre-conference)
 - Youth Leadership Project (YLP) / Reconciliation initiative: SD 64 Gulf Islands Project

Audience Size: 380

Format:

Minister Fleming's Presentation: 15 minutes

Q + A: 15 minutes

Itinerary

3:15 pm - BCSTA President Gordon Swan introduces Minister Rob Fleming

3:17 pm - Remarks by Honourable Rob Fleming (15 minutes)

3:30 pm – BCSTA President Gordon Swan thanks Minister Fleming

3:31 pm – 3:45 pm – QA (Lead by BCSTA Board Members) (15 minutes)

Speaking Notes
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

BCSTA AGM –
Working Together for Successful Student Transition

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond BC
April 27, 2018

3:10 p.m.-3:40 p.m.
(Speak 15 minutes; Q+A 15 minutes)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- Education is a priority for our government.
- We are building better relationships with our partners to focus on student success.
- That includes helping vulnerable students improve their academic success-and their career potential.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Gordon Swan, BCSTA President
 - BCSTA Board

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Acknowledge the territory of the Musqueam People

INTRODUCTION

- Acknowledge Musqueam People
- Gordon Swan, BCSTA President
- BCSTA Board
- It's Education Week and today is Education day
- AGM theme "Successful Transitions" is fitting
- as we are focused on an agenda of student success
- We put challenge out to SD's to work together to boost student achievement.
- Working with you to get things right, like:
- new curriculum

- new graduation program
- transitions to post-secondary —
- university, college, technology or trade schools —
- on a path to adulthood and successful careers.
- Thanks for your leadership and local governance in these areas
- Also working with BCSTA and other partners to build high quality leadership in system.
- Providing another \$1.4 million over next two years to leadership working group for leadership development

CURRICULUM

- Continue to phase in new curriculum

- K-9 is now in place
- Teachers and students experiencing benefits
- Provides flexibility and personalized learning for students - ultimately drives better outcomes.
- New Grade 10 curriculum rolls out this July.
- Extended the timeline for Grades 11 and 12 to July 2019 — to get it right.
- New curriculum and grad program designed to improve student success — and help transition to next stage in life.
- Helping students develop core competencies
- to participate fully in ever changing world

- collaboration, critical thinking, communication.

SUCCESS OF ALL STUDENTS

- Also focusing on early years for best start in life.
- Child care a priority – working with MCFD
- Significant investments to benefit children and families – over \$1 billion in next 3 years
- Mental health – growing concern
- Two-day conference May 10 & 11 – teams from your regions attending – to build local action plans
- Renewed emphasis on Indigenous education.

- Overall grad rate 84%, Indigenous students still lag behind by 18%.
- Improvements made (19% over last 10 years) but still work to do.
- Integrated FN perspective across all curriculum areas from K-12. New courses at 10-12 level.
- Building on existing curriculum by adding Indigenous languages.
- Approved 17 Indigenous languages, another 6 under development.
- One of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's key priorities is revitalizing Indigenous language.
- \$50M to the First Peoples' Cultural Council.

- Supporting initiatives that provide new pathways for Indigenous students to become teachers.
- Just invested \$260,000 to support (to Nicola Valley Institute of Tech and UBC programs)

CHILDREN IN CARE

- Need to graduate more children in care.
- Abolished tuition fees for children in care
- As a result, 77% more students in public PSIs benefiting compared to 2016-17
- That said, it's clear additional efforts are required
- We've established cross-ministry working group to improve monitoring of outcomes.
- Are developing training on trauma informed practice to support districts

- Also committed to reviewing funding model

FUNDING MODEL REVIEW

- Funding Model Review currently underway.
- First time in recent memory we've engaged in consultative process on model
- Last time in 2002, previous gov did not consult before implementing current formula.
- Review only began after we jointly created list of guiding principles:
 - Responsive
 - Equitable
 - Stable and Predictable
 - Flexible
 - Transparent
 - Accountable

- Appointed independent panel to meet with you, gather information and provide advice and reccs.
- They are meeting with districts and partners groups in every region of province.
- Panel is pleased with the amount of feedback received already
- Dozens of submissions and more coming in every day
- Recently received status update from the Chair – it's clear there are a range of perspectives
- Many different views on how funding should be allocated.
- Panel in place to look at things objectively, fresh perspective ...

- and identify reccs that balance different viewpoints.
- I want to take this opportunity to clarify the role and purpose of the review.
- Remind you that gov has annual budgeting process
- Current budget - additional \$241M this year, \$274M next and \$274 in third year of fiscal plan.
- Panel tasked with reviewing current model, which determines how we distribute \$5.65 billion in operating
- Review to find more equitable and predictable way to fund, with student success as shared goal
- Important all students have access to same opportunities

- New model should better support vulnerable students
- New model must also take into account differences across province ...
- fast-growing urban districts, rural and remote and everything in-between.
- I look forward to receiving panel's recs this summer, and working with gov to determine how best to move forward.
- New model for the 2019/20 school year.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT

- Gov supporting MOA with more than \$400 million annually
- 3,700 new teaching positions
- Budget 2018 - additional \$24 million annually for 200 more teachers.

- This has been a great story
- More resources for kids
- But also highlighted existing pressures - ToCs, specialty teachers
- Task force appointed
- Thoughtful reccs made
- Took immediate action
- \$570,000 to train 100 specialist teachers, starting this September.
- Includes 37 seats for French teachers at SFU and UBC.
- Finding qualified French teachers challenging
- Focusing on training more teachers here, then recruiting from across Canada

- Even with these efforts more needed
- We have heard from Canadian Parents for French that we need to look internationally, so we are starting to do that.
- SDs have already travelled across Canada to recruit
- Next step is to work together to continue recruitment efforts across Canada and internationally.

CAPITAL FUNDING

- It's why budget 2018 is a real investment in kids.
- \$1.8 billion in capital over three years
- To add more spaces and accelerate seismic.

- Historic investment
- \$344 million since Labour Day for 21 new capital investments
- Seismic goal - 50 projects in 18 months
- Working to get from greenlight to ground breaking faster
- Ministry finding ways to improve and streamline processes
- For example - updating Unit Rates to reflect rising construction costs
- This will help district and ministry staff in developing capital project budgets more efficiently.
- Also working with SDs over coming months to update Areas Standards to further streamline process
- \$508 million to maintain and rehabilitate

schools

- Annual Facilities Grants totalling \$115.5M
- Increase of \$5M over last year - first increase to AFG since 2005.
- \$5 million annual playground equipment program -details to come soon.
- Investing smarter...
- Like new \$100 million enrolment growth program

Bargaining

- Looking ahead, bargaining new contract next year
- Restored BCSTA voice and representation at BCPSEA
- Important for trustees to play direct role

- Your efforts, at local and provincial tables, critical to ongoing improvements.

CONCLUSION

- In less than a year, much has happened to the outlook for education
- Investing more than ever before
- Focusing 100% of our efforts to ensure every student is successful.
- Focusing on...
- high and measurable standards - new curriculum, grad program
- Student Centered learning - more flexible, personalized
- Future orientation - prepare kids for a changing world
- Instruction/Leadership - support teachers,

educational leaders

- Safe environments – mental health, SOGI, Capital
- Goal to create even greater system built on supporting success for all students
- It's a goal I know everyone shares and I look forward to continuing our work together.
- Now happy to take your questions.

Event Information / MC Notes / Minister Rob Fleming



Event: Surrey school investments

When: April 30 at 12:30 pm (pre-brief at 12:15 pm)

Where: Sunnyside Elementary School Library

2828 159 Street, Surrey

Length: 30 minutes

Speech: 2-3 minutes

Parking: Parking will be reserved in the upper parking lot

Key Participants:

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Minister Rob Fleming (speaking, emcee)
- Laurie Larsen, chair Surrey School Board (speaking)
- Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary (speaking)
- Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC president (speaking)

Other Attendees:

- Jagrup Brar, MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood (TBC)
- Rachna Singh, 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)
- Stephanie Cadieux, MLA for Surrey South (TBC)

- Marvin Hunt, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale (TBC)
- Linda Hepner, Surrey Mayor (TBC) and city councillors (TBC)
- Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, and district staff and trustees (TBC)
- Marcey Campbell, acting president CUPE 782
- Gioia Breda, president, Surrey Teachers' Association
- Sunnyside Elementary School students, parents, teachers and support staff

Background:

Government is investing \$63.7 million for three capital projects and a land acquisition:

1. 605 space new elementary in Douglas - \$24.3 million
2. 150 space addition at Frost Road Elementary in Fleetwood - \$5.6 million
3. 150 space addition at Coyote Creek Elementary in Fleetwood - \$4.9 million
4. Land Acquisition for a future elementary school in Sunnyside - \$28.9 million (includes \$1.4 million SD contribution)

The new school and additions will add up to 855 new K-7 spaces in Surrey.

Construction on the new Douglas elementary is expected to start in March 2019 with completion in December 2020.

Construction at both Coyote Creek and Frost Road is expected to begin in April 2019 with completion in June 2020.

Sunnyside Elementary (the school where the event is being held) is not receiving any capital funding with this announcement. The future elementary school to be built on the land purchased, along with the new Edgewood Elementary School (formerly called Grandview) and addition at Pacific Heights Elementary that were announced in December will help relieve enrolment pressures at this school.

Surrey schools

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 this fall.

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

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.

Including today's announcement, Government has invested over \$107 million dollars for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition since September 2017. These include a new \$24-million, 655-seat Edgewood

elementary school in Grandview Heights and a \$9-million 300-seat expansion at Pacific Heights Elementary school.

Audience Size: 20 – 25

Contact: Elena Banfield, GCPE Events

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Time	Event Itinerary
Event Summary:	Podium event in Sunnyside Elementary School library. Premier Horgan will make the announcement from the podium, standing with Sunnyside students and speakers. Following remarks, Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming will participate in hands-on robotics activity with grade 7 and kindergarten students.
Key contacts	Event Coordinator: Elena Banfield, 604-842-0984 Media relations: Shruti Joshi, 778-587-4521 Photographer/Videographer: Stephen Hargreaves, 250-886-7687
10:00 a.m.	Elena Banfield, Event Coordinator, and SW AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
12:00 p.m.	Speakers, media, and guests begin to arrive.
12:15 p.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Elena Banfield Location: Meeting room #1 (across the hall from the library) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier John Horgan • Rob Fleming, Minister of Education (Emcee) • Laurie Larsen, Chair, Surrey Board of Education • Rachel Der, Principal, Sunnyside Elementary • Karen Tan, President, Surrey DPAC
12:28 p.m.	Speakers led to speaking area and positioned at podium by Elena.
12:30 p.m.	Minister Fleming welcomes guests, provides opening remarks, then introduces Premier Horgan .
12:32 p.m.	Premier Horgan delivers remarks.
12:35 p.m.	Minister Fleming thanks Premier Horgan and invites Laurie Larsen to the podium.
12:36 p.m.	Laurie Larsen delivers remarks.
12:38 p.m.	Minister Fleming thanks Laurie Larsen, invites Rachel Der to the podium.
12:39 p.m.	Rachel Der delivers remarks.
12:41 p.m.	Minister Fleming thanks Rachel Der, invites Karen Tan to the podium.
12:42 p.m.	Karen Tan delivers remarks.
12:44 p.m.	Minister Fleming thanks Karen Tan, delivers concluding remarks and invites questions from media.
12:46 p.m.	Media Q&A – moderated by Shruti Joshi
12:55 p.m.	Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming move to tables adjacent to podium area where students will have robotics projects set up. Premier and Minister will engage with students as they demonstrate their robots.
1:00 p.m.	Event concludes.

Emcee Notes
for

Minister Rob Fleming

New classrooms for Surrey students

Monday, April 30, 2018
12:30 p.m.

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- For too long, investment in Surrey schools did not meet the growth of the district.
- We're working to fix the situation.
- Today we are announcing a new elementary school, the expansion of two existing schools and the purchase of land for a future school to support people in Surrey's growing communities.

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Coast Salish people (Premier will acknowledge)

INTRODUCTION:

- Welcome
- Recognize
 - Local MLAs
 - Surrey School District officials and trustees
 - Mayor and city councillors (TBC)
 - Surrey Teachers' association and CUPE representatives (TBC)
 - Sunnyside Students, teachers & staff
 - Parents
- Introduce speakers
 - Premier John Horgan
 - Laurie Larsen, board chair, Surrey School Board
 - Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary
 - Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC President

- Honour to be here
- Sunnyside Elem. – beautiful school
- Safe, comfortable learning environments critical to student success
- That's why we're here
- Welcome Premier John Horgan

PREMIER HORGAN SPEAKS

- Thank you, Premier Horgan
- Great news for Surrey students and parents
- Students at this school will benefit
- Future elementary to be built on land announced today will help relieve enrollment pressure here at Sunnyside.
- As will the addition at Pacific Heights and new Edgewood Elem. in this neighbourhood - Premier announced in December.
- Welcome Laurie Larsen, Surrey Board of Education chair

LAURIE LARSEN SPEAKS

- Thank you
- Great partnership with Surrey School District
- Excited to be working together to move more projects forward
- Welcome, Rachel Der, principal at Sunnyside Elementary

RACHEL DER SPEAKS

- Thank you
- Welcome Surrey School District PAC President Karen Tan

KAREN TAN SPEAKS

- Thank you, Karen

CONCLUSION:

- Thank you all for coming

- Building better education system for students
- We will now take questions from media
- And after that, we will get to see what some of the students here at Sunnyside have been learning about robotics.

- END -

Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Rob Fleming



Event: First Nations Schools Association AGM at the Annual Conference: Honouring our Past, our Present and our Future

When: Friday April 20, 3 pm (speak 3:20 to 3:30 pm)

Where: Sheraton Vancouver Airport, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC

Directions: Robin Austin will greet Minister Fleming at 3pm in the lobby of the Sheraton Vancouver Airport hotel. Robin Austin is a former MLA for Skeena, and husband of FNSA president Colleen Austin

Event Background:

The First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) invites First Nations school teachers, education assistants and principals to our conference and annual general meeting, where they explore a wide range of effective practices in classroom instruction, school administration and key areas of professional growth.

Minister Fleming's remarks will open the AGM, which will be attended by about 100 First Nations school principals who are voting members of FNSA.

About First Nations Schools Association:

The First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) is a registered non-profit society that represents and works on behalf of the First Nations-controlled schools in B.C. almost all of the 131 First Nations schools in B.C. are members of the Association. FNSA supports schools in creating effective, nurturing and appropriate educational environments that provide students with a positive foundation in all academic areas.

The Provincial and Federal governments support First Nations on-reserve schools in partnership with FNEESC (First Nations Education Steering Committee) and FNSA through the Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA). The TEFA was signed in January 2012 and extended in April 2017 through June 2018. B.C. is currently negotiating an enhanced replacement agreement.

Length: 10 minute remarks

Key Participants:

- Colleen Austin, FNSA president will introduce Minister Fleming
- Main keynote speakers earlier in the conference:
 - Sophie Pierre former chief of ʔAq'am, St. Mary's Indian Band and former Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission
 - Dr. Avis Glaze, founder of Edu-quest International

Audience: about 100 principals (and some teachers) from First Nations schools.

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Minister of Education

First Nations Schools Association AGM
Annual Conference: Honouring our Past, our Present and
our Future

Sheraton Vancouver Airport

Friday April 20, 3 pm (speak 3:20 to 3:30 pm)

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KEY MESSAGES:

- The First Nations school system is an important partner in supporting Indigenous learner success.
- First Nations schools are doing great work to support students.
- Education is a tool for reconciliation, and we take this work seriously.
- We're committed to implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Colleen Austin, FNSA president
- Principals and Teachers from First Nations schools

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Acknowledge Coast Salish Peoples – Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-waututh [sail-wha-tooth]

INTRODUCTION:

- Acknowledge Coast Salish
 - Musqueam
 - Squamish
 - Tsleil-waututh [sail-wha-tooth]
- Recognize FN school system - separate and important partner
- FN schools - great work
 - Linguistically & culturally appropriate learning environments
 - Learners' pride in language and heritage
- Strong partnerships in B.C. supporting FN learner success

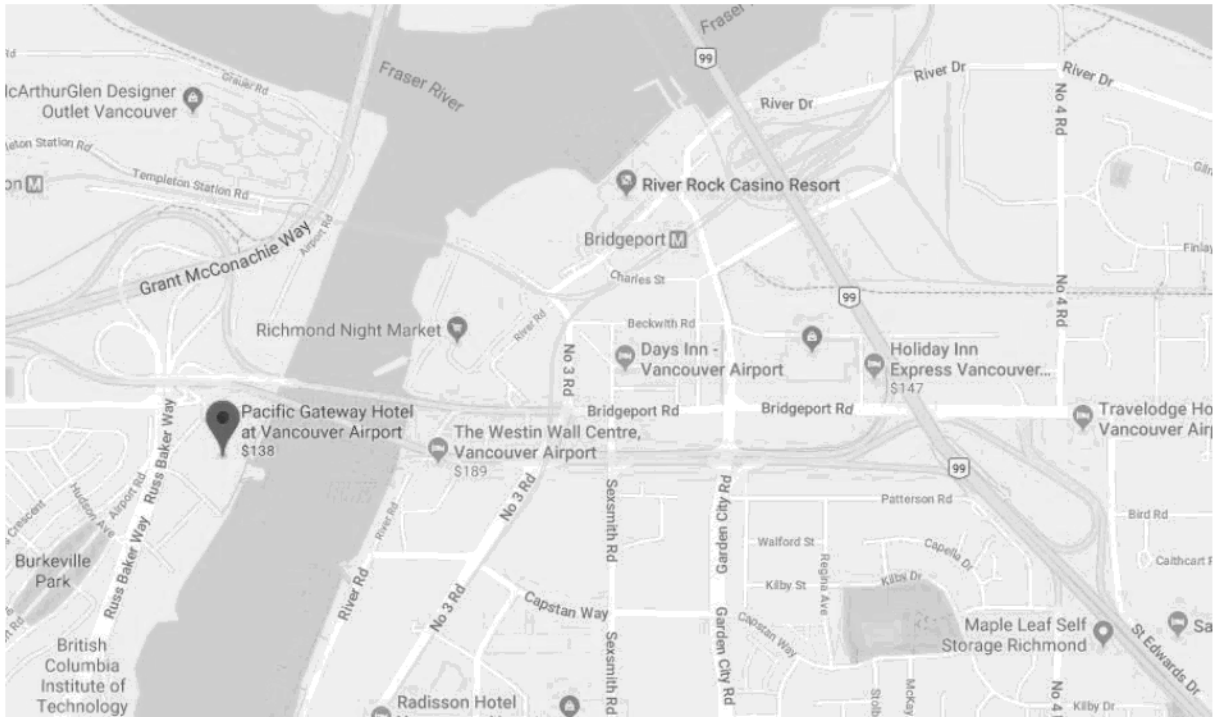
- Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA), partnership between
 - FNEESC & FNSEA
 - Ministry
 - Indigenous Services Canada
- TEFA means FN students supported, no matter where they go to school
 - Allows on-reserve students to earn Dogwood
 - Promotes sharing expertise & resources between systems
- B.C. only juris. with this type of agreement – more equitable for FN students.

- Right now, working together on new, enhanced agreement (current one expires June 2018)
- B.C. Aboriginal Education Partners Group, includes reps from all major stakeholders
- Partners meet quarterly to work on
 - Student outcomes
 - Partner collaboration
 - #s of Aboriginal educators
 - Respecting & understanding knowledge, cultures and histories
 - Indigenous perspectives in decision-making
- Need to support all B.C. students to understand Indigenous perspectives through new curric

- FN communities were key to developing 17 languages now approved, 6 more in development
- FNEESC & Ministry developed English First Peoples course – explore First Peoples' worldviews through literature
- Education as a tool for reconciliation, take this work seriously.
- B.C. national leader in Indigenous ed, huge improvements in outcomes.
- TRC Calls to Action
 - Working hard to implement
 - Curriculum & teacher development
 - Just invested \$260,000 to support (to Nicola Valley Institute of Tech and UBC programs)

- Education system needs to, and is, changing to better support FN students and families.
- Vision – school system that works for *all*
- Thank FNSA and FNEESC – supporting this conference & continuous development

Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming



Event: BCPVPA Student Voice Spring forum

When: April 27, 2018 – 1-1:30 pm

Where: Pacific Gateway Hotel
3500 Cessna Dr., Richmond

Parking: Park anywhere, provide license plate # to hotel front desk and let them know your parking is under Student Voice

Length: 15 minutes speaking, 15 minute QA from students

Key Participants:

- Secondary students and advisors from 12 different districts (4 students and 1 advisor from each district)
- Monika Jandhu, a Grade 12 student from North Delta Secondary will introduce the Minister

Students are selected for forum participation by their district advisors. Selected students have demonstrated willingness to share their voice and engage with the decision-makers who impact them – typically they are leadership students.

Students are coming from:

Southeast Kootenay SD, Kootenay Lake SD, Kootenay-Columbia SD, Vernon SD, Langley SD, Surrey SD, Delta SD, Coquitlam SD, Peace River North SD, Comox Valley SD, Kamloops-Thompson SD, Nechako Lakes SD

Other Attendees: several BCPVPA staff

Audience Size: ~ 60, mostly students

Tone: Students appreciate a casual, relaxed tone.

Other Ministry staff speaking at event:

- Friday am - Student Safety and Wellness with Danielle Carter-Sullivan, Sr. Manager, Learning Division, and Joy Harrison, Project Coordinator, Learning Division
 - Gather student perspectives on safety and wellness issues in schools, and where more support is needed
 - Introduce core concepts of a school mental health framework, and discuss successes, challenges and helpful resources related to peer to peer support initiatives
 - Examine a refreshed ERASE strategy, including plans for new online tools, and identify opportunities to raise awareness and enhance relevancy for students
 - Explore the concept of school connectedness, and strategies for enhancing students' connections to school
- Friday pm - Inclusive Education with Sanja Ristic and Linda Lamers, Inclusive Education
 - Hear about student experiences in the classroom learning alongside students with diverse abilities (special needs)
 - Hear students' thoughts on how schools and classrooms can better support vulnerable students including children and youth in care
- Saturday am - Pat Duncan, speaking on Learning Transformation

- Share with students why we are transforming education in BC
- Share summary of the Grad Program and the redesigned curriculum – what has changed – what is new.
- Seek feedback on their experiences with concept based and competency driven learning.
- Saturday am - Student Involvement in Learning Framework with Dean Goodman, Director for Accountability
 - Students to share and discuss their schools' priorities for learning, the evidence they value, and strategies being taken to support student learning in their schools.
 - Students to provide recommendations to inform school planning and continuous improvement efforts.

Event Background:

Student Voice is a BCPVPA-sponsored program that gives students an opportunity to influence decisions that affect their education. Meetings are held regionally throughout the year, and provincially twice a year. The last provincial Student Voice meeting was in September 2017.

Student Voice History:

In 1990, a group of dedicated students and educators saw a need for enhancing student leadership in British Columbia. The BCPVPA, with the support of the Ministry of Education, assisted the group in launching a concept called BC Student Voice. Since then, the Voice has grown to represent all regions across the province. BC Student Voice has placed representatives on provincial Ministry of Education committees and represented student opinion at regional and provincial meetings. BC Student Voice has developed its own vision, mission and goals. Supported by adult advisors, students meet regularly to review provincial education directions, gather support for their various regional initiatives and facilitate developments of school and district student voices.

BACKGROUND: Ministry financial support for Student Voice:

- In December 2018, the BCPVPA submitted a funding request letter to the Ministry asking for an annual grant of \$80,000, which would restore funding to the level received in 2008.
- In February 2018, the Ministry replied to this request unable to confirm funding at that time, but with the promise to re-consider the request, as the upcoming budget priorities are determined.
- In February 2017, the ministry allocated BCPVPA \$50,000 as a one-time discretionary grant to support the 2017 Student Voice meeting and planning for the 2017/18 meeting. This was the first time BCPVPA received funding for Student Voice since 2008.
- The actual cost of the full program is \$140,000 for two meetings per year.

Contact: Emily Rogness, BCPVPA -s.22

Itinerary:

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:15 am	Welcome & Overview of the Day
8:30 am	Ice Breaker: Kamloops SD73
8:45 am	Team Building – Problem Solving
9:15 am	Session 1, Part 1: Ministry of Education – Student Safety and Wellness – SD5 TBA
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 1, Part 2: Student Safety and Wellness Group
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Ice Breaker – Delta SD37
1:00 pm	Minister of Education – Rob Fleming – Monika Jandhu SD37
1:30 pm	Session 2: Ministry of Education – Inclusive Education – Kobe Tulloch SD60
2:15 pm	Session 3: Ministry of Education – Children Youth in Care
3:00 pm	Session 4: Writing Exercises – Morning Reflections

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BCPVPA Student Voice Spring forum
April 27, 2018 – 1-1:30 pm

15 mins speaking
15 mins QA from students

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KEY MESSAGES:

- In order to build a system that works better for students, we need to make sure students are heard on the matters that affect them.
- That's why we are keen to hear their perspectives, thoughts and suggestions for improvement.
- By listening to students, we can continue to move in the right direction and address the issues that matter most to them.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Students
- Facilitators
- BCPVPA Staff
- Other Ministry representatives

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Acknowledge Musqueam First Nation

INTRODUCTION:

- Students are most important education partners
- Students need & deserve to have say in matters that affect them directly
- Student Voice provides valuable info that actually informs ministry direction
- Thanks to BCPVPA for ongoing support for Student Voice
- Students' perspective is unique – students are ahead of curve
- In past, Student Voice has identified shifts, changes and challenges – some still working through today. For example:
 - Changing roles of technology and teachers

- Need for more hands-on learning, increased flexibility and personalised learning
- Student perspective is important and valuable.
- And it is input that continues to guide us today.
- Not an easy time to be a student.
- The struggles you face are important, and we need your help and input to address them.

Over the years, Student Voice has shown us that students need more support to transition out of high school:

- Students want:
 - More opportunity to explore career options

- To learn about financial planning/budgeting – practical applications
 - Someone they can talk to about career and post-secondary options
- We are listening
- Grad transition program being developed - education partners have been engaged.
- Pat Duncan will be with you tomorrow morning to talk about that, and
 - Curriculum changes
 - Learning transformation overall
- New curriculum in process of being fully implemented in grad years – will help students discover what they want to do:
 - Course options - Applied Design Skills Technology

- Want to hear what other changes we can make to support you.

Mental health is also a growing concern for students – Danielle and Joy heard your thoughts on that this morning:

- World has changed –
 - Social media
 - Increased pressures on students
 - World events impacting schools
- All has effects on youth mental health, esp. causing anxiety.
- Recognize we need to do more - research shows schools are critical setting for support.

- The number one determinant of student mental health is school connectedness, even more than family connection (UBC 2014).
- School districts in B.C. doing different things to support mental well-being.
- As you heard this morning - working on a school mental health and addictions framework/ERASE refresh
- Your input will help inform that work, to make sure what we're doing will work for students.

I know students are also interested in making their schools more inclusive for all:

- How can we better support students
 - With diverse learning abilities/special needs

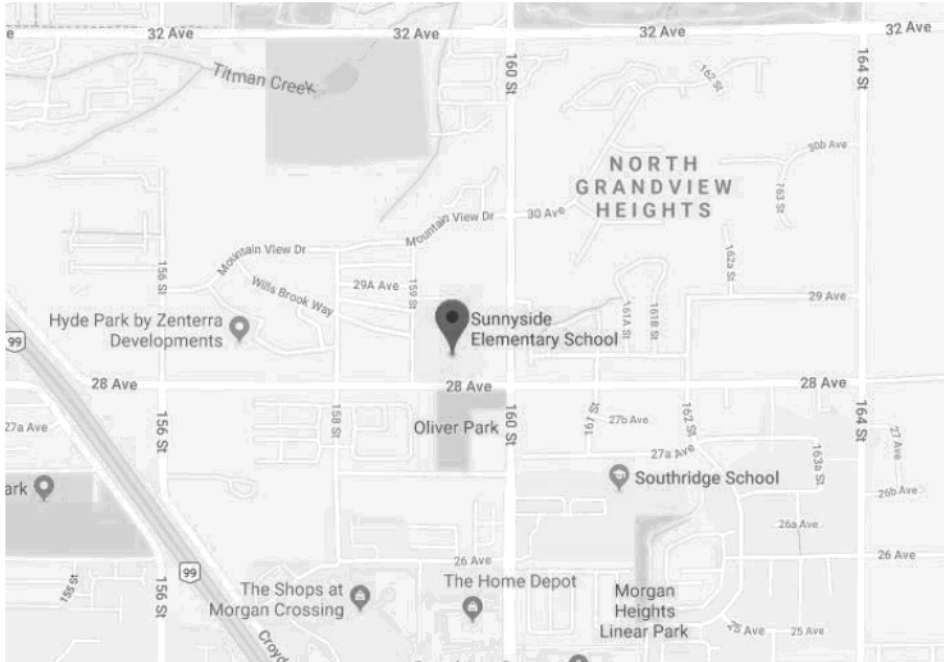
- Vulnerable students - kids in care
- Indigenous students
- Students of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- Students of all racial/cultural backgrounds
- Sanja Ristic and Linda Lamers will be speaking with you this afternoon about inclusion in schools –
- Looking forward to hearing your experiences, perspective, and ideas on how we can better support all your fellow students.

Conclusion:

- Our number one goal is to make the system work better for students.

- We need to know what students value in order to get there.
- Tomorrow, you'll be talking with Dean Goodman from the Ministry on school planning, and how we can continue to work together to support student success.
- Thank you all for being here and taking the time to share your thoughts and ideas with us.
- Happy to take your questions and hear your thoughts.

Event Information / Speaking Notes / Premier John Horgan



Event: Surrey school investments

When: April 30 at 12n (pre-brief at 11:45 a.m.)

Where: Sunnyside Elementary School

2828 159 Street, Surrey

Length: 30 minutes

Speech: 2-3 minutes

Parking: TBC

Key Participants:

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Minister Rob Fleming (speaking, emcee)
- Laurie Larsen, chair Surrey School Board (speaking)
- Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary TBC
- Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC president TBC

Other Attendees:

- Jagrup Brar, MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood (TBC)
- Rachna Singh, 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)
- Linda Hepner, Surrey Mayor (TBC)
- Surrey school district staff and officials
- Parents
- Ryan Groundwater, president CUPE 782
- Gioia Breda, president, Surrey Teachers' Association
- Sunnyside Elementary School students, teachers and support staff
- Media

Background:

Government is investing \$62.32 million for three capital projects and a land acquisition:

1. 605 space new elementary in Douglas - \$24.3 million
2. 150 space addition at Frost Road Elementary in Fleetwood - \$5.6 million
3. 150 space addition at Coyote Creek Elementary in Fleetwood - \$4.9 million
4. Land Acquisition for a future elementary school in Sunnyside - \$27.6 million

The new school and additions will add up to 855 new K-7 spaces in Surrey.

Construction on the new Douglas elementary is expected to start in March 2019 with completion in December 2020.

Construction at both Coyote Creek and Frost Road is expected to begin in April 2019 with completion in June 2020.

Sunnyside Elementary (the school where the event is being held) is not receiving any capital funding with this announcement.

Surrey schools

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 this fall.

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

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.

Including today's projects, Government has now announced \$106 million dollars for eight seismic and capital projects in Surrey since September 2017. These include a new \$24-million, 655-seat elementary school in Grandview Heights and a \$9-million 300-seat expansion at Pacific Heights Elementary school.

Audience Size: 20 – 25

Contact: Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events TBC
C: 778 584-1253

DRAFT ITINERARY

12n	Student activity TBC
12:05 p.m.	Minister Rob Fleming - emcee
12:07 p.m.	Premier Horgan makes announcement
12:10 p.m.	Laurie Larsen, Chair, Surrey Board of Education (TBC)
12:13 p.m.	Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary (TBC)
12:16 p.m.	Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC President (TBC)
12:20 p.m.	Media Q&A
12:30 p.m.	Photograph

Speaking Notes
for

Premier John Horgan

New Grandview Heights elementary school and addition to
Pacific Heights Elementary

Monday, April 30, 2018
9:00 a.m.

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- We're determined to get a lot more done in Surrey.
- For too long, investment in Surrey schools did not meet the growth of the district.
- We're working to fix the situation.
- Today we are announcing investments to build a new elementary school, expand existing schools and acquire land for a future school to support people in Surrey's growing communities.

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Coast Salish people

- Good morning.
- Thank you for having me.
- I first want to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples.
- And recognize my colleagues in the room today.
- Kids deserve a positive, healthy learning environment to thrive in.
- We're working hard to build the schools and additional spaces that are desperately needed in growing communities around the province.
- Today, I'm proud to announce three projects and a land purchase that will help us start to get more Surrey

students out of portables and into classrooms.

- We're building a new \$24.3-million elementary school in the Douglas area.
- This school will have room for 605 students, and a Neighbourhood Learning Centre with space for childcare.
- We're also adding on to 2 schools in Fleetwood—
- Frost Road Elementary is getting a new \$5.6-million addition with 150 more student spaces...
- And Coyote Creek Elementary is getting a \$4.9-million addition with 100 new spaces.

- These additions will get rid of four portables at each school.
- Combined, these three projects will create up to 855 new spaces for students.
- On top of that, we're helping the Surrey School District with \$27.6 million to purchase land for a future elementary school in this area – Sunnyside.
- This \$62-million dollar investment will make school a better experience for Surrey kids and reduce portables.
- These projects build on the seismic and capital projects we've announced here since September...
- ... including a new \$24-million, 655-seat elementary school in Grandview

Heights and a \$9-million 300-seat expansion at Pacific Heights Elementary school.

- And this is just the beginning.
- We are very pleased to be working in partnership with the Surrey School District and the City to get schools built as quickly as possible.
- We will continue to work together through the Surrey Project Office to find solutions and accelerate projects.
- Our goal is to get every B.C. school district to a position that allows every student to go to a seismically safe and appropriately-sized school.
- 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.
- Thank you.

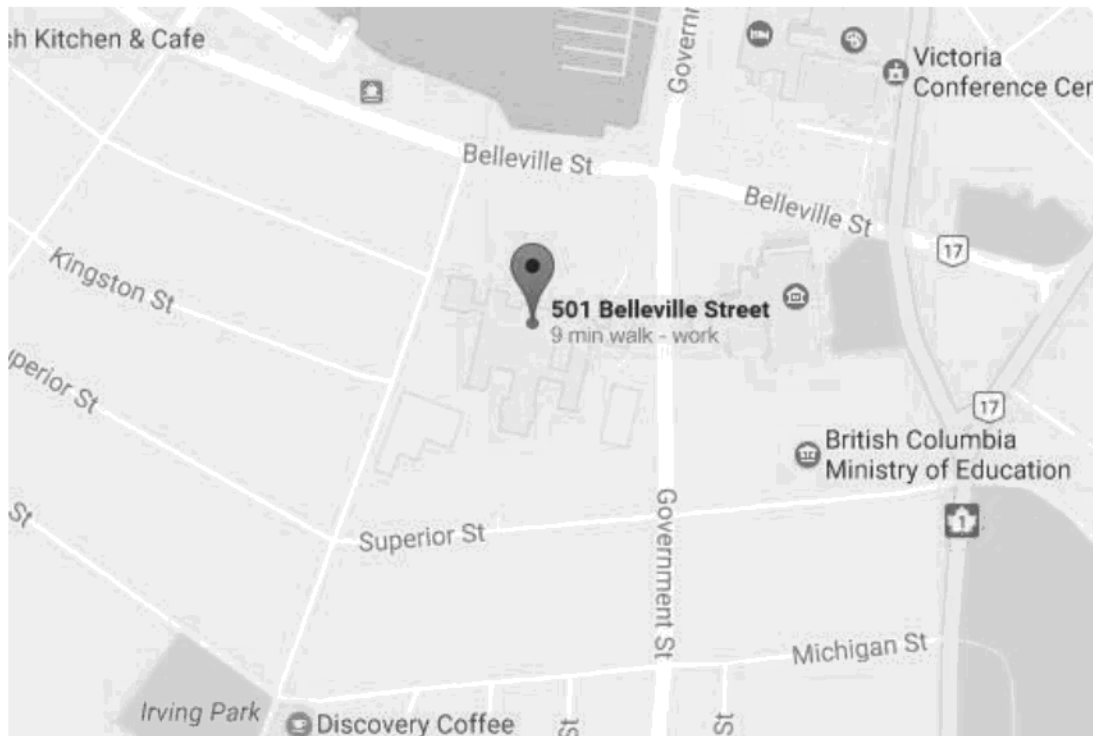
Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Rob Fleming

Event: Greater Victoria Area WE Walk for Water

When: Friday, April 27, 2018, 8:45-10:30 a.m.

Where: Front steps of the B.C. Legislature, Victoria

Directions:



Length: One hour

Key Participants:

Minister of Education Rob Fleming

Kelly Chessman, Emcee

Bryanna Baker, WE Representative

Student Representative: Nicole Quast, Grade 11, Oak Bay Secondary

Other Attendees/Audience Size:

Estimated 300-500 students from School Districts 61, 62 and 63; Ministry of Education staff; and media.

Audience/What do they want to hear:

WE Walk For Water is a new fundraiser from WE aiming to provide 50,000 people in developing communities with access to clean water. The Victoria

walk is one of many being held across Canada. Following presentations by speakers, participants will walk, circling the paths of the B.C. Legislature and using the sidewalk along Belleville Street. Participants will have the option to choose their number of laps, up to 5 km.

Participants are looking to hear a general welcome, remarks about their passion and interest in social justice, as well as receive walk encouragement.

Contact: Anna Sparks, market director – Western Canada, WE Schools

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E: anna.sparks@we.org

Itinerary:

<i>Time</i>	Event Itinerary
7:30 a.m.	WE staff on site.
8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Students arrive – buses to drop students off at Menzies Street driveway entrance. *students are coming from SD's 61, 62, and 63.
Event Summary	WE Walk For Water (WW4W) is a five kilometre walk where participants will be walking for all of the women and children around the world who spend hours each day walking to collect water for their families. The goal is to remind participants what it means to have access to clean water, and how this walk and the money raised will create real impact in developing communities around the world.
	Media relations: TBC Photographer: Arman Hooshmandian (from WE)
8:45 a.m.	Speaker Pre-brief – Rattenbury Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Rob Fleming, Minister of Education • Kelly Chessman, Emcee • Bryanna Baker, WE Representative • Nicole Quast, Student Representative (Gr. 11 student from Oak Bay Sec.)
8:59 a.m.	Speakers move to positions in event area.
9:00 a.m.	Emcee welcomes guests, introduces herself, the speakers and invites Minister Rob Fleming to give remarks.
9:02 a.m.	Minister Fleming delivers remarks
9:05 a.m.	Emcee thanks Minister Fleming and invites Bryanna Baker, WE Walk Rep. to give remarks.
9:06 a.m.	Bryanna Baker, WE Walk Rep. delivers remarks.
9:09 a.m.	Emcee thanks Bryanna Baker and invites Nicole Quast, Student Rep. to the podium.
9:10 a.m.	Nicole Quast, Student Rep. delivers remarks.
9:13 a.m.	Emcee thanks Nicole Quast, delivers closing remarks, invites speakers to come together for a group photo, and announces that following the photo guests and media are invited to join the speakers and students from School Districts 61, 62, and 63 to join them on their walk.
9:15 a.m.	Group Photo on Front Steps

9:20 a.m.	<p>Walk Begins – the walk will be a 0.5 km loop using the paths at the front of the legislative building, the sidewalk along Belleville St., then completing the loop on the paths in front of the building again. EMCEE will provide details at the event and give participants the choice to walk anywhere from 5-10 laps (up to 5km)</p> <p>Photo 1: Minister walking with WE representatives and students Photo 2: Students walking</p>
TIME TBC	Media Availability?
10:15 a.m.	Walk and Event Concludes.
10:30 a.m.	Buses to pick-up students at Menzies Street driveway entrance.

Speaking Notes
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming
Minister of Education

Greater Victoria Area WE Walk for Water

Front steps of the B.C. Legislature
Friday, April 27, 2018
(3 minutes)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- I'm inspired by B.C. students' passion for social justice.
- It's government's job to make sure we support your quest to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- Thank you to WE for organizing such a great event.
- I hope all participants meet their distance and fundraising goals.

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Students from School Districts 61, 62, and 63
- Ministry of Education staff
- Kelly Chessman, Emcee
- Bryanna Baker, WE Representative
- Student Representative: Nicole Quast, Grade

11, Oak Bay Secondary

TERRITORY:

- Acknowledge the territory of the Lekwungen people - Pronounced: La-kwung-en - including the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

INTRODUCTION:

- Good morning.
- I'm pleased to welcome all of you to the Greater Victoria Area WE Walk for Water.
- It's amazing to see so many students from SD 61, 62 and 63 here ...
- ... to show their support for women and children around the world who spend more than 200 million hours fetching water every day.
- I'm proud to see you rise to the occasion in an effort to make a difference in the lives of others.
- I also want to say a huge thanks to WE.
- B.C. students have been participating in the WE Schools empowerment and service-learning program for some time now...
- ... and this event is just one more way that your organization is helping to "make doing good, doable," as your tagline suggests.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- B.C. students continue to go the distance to support a variety of important causes.
- While this event raises funds for people in need around the world....
- it's a cause close to the hearts of participants here today.
- The proceeds from this event will help ensure access to clean water, which can be transformative for developing communities...
- ... as it gives particularly young women an opportunity to attend school, rather than spend all of their time fetching water.
- In B.C. we're fortunate to have access to both clean water and education and it's great to see that not being taken for granted.
- Your commitment to social justice is impressive and you're all showing real compassion and leadership, which will serve you well in your future endeavours.

CONCLUSION:

- I wish all of you good luck as you embark on today's walking course.

- I hope you meet both your distance and fundraising goals.
- I look forward to joining you out there today as we join the thousands of young people across Canada walking together to raise awareness of this important issue.
- Thank you for letting me be part of your event.

Event Information / COFI Ministers' Panel, Thursday, April 5, 2018

Event: B.C. Council of Forest Industries Annual General Meeting

- (Two-day session starting Wed April 4, ending Fri. April 6.)

Date: Thursday April 5, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Prince George Civic Centre, Prince George, B.C.

Length: 10 minutes approximately, plus Q&A afterward

Moderator: Greg D'Avignon, President & CEO, Business Council of BC

Panelists:

- Minister Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development
- Minister Brue Ralston, Jobs, Trade and Technology
- Minister George Heyman, Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Audience: Forest industry leaders and decision-makers.

Event summary:

- Please be near the stage at 1:50 pm
- Greg D'Avignon will introduce the Ministers and immediately start the panel discussion
- Initial questions below.
- Further questions will come from the delegates via PidgeonHole app

Q1 Each of you has the responsibility for the Land, Innovation and Productivity, and Environment. These must be kept in balance in the face of the reality of uncertain and competitive world.

To start, what are you doing within your Ministry to support a commercially successful forest industry and the 140 communities that depend on the sector in rural and urban BC?

Q2 BC, as a result of investment and technology, clean energy, regulation and expertise, produces among the lowest carbon content natural resource products in the world. In the case of forestry not only are wood products captured carbon but reforestation recognized under the Paris Climate agreement is a carbon sink. What will you be doing to invest in new innovations, new uses for building products, or applying new building codes and innovative regulations specifically around the carbon tax and Energy Intensive trade exposed industries to enable these low carbon BC products to get to market at a competitive price.

Q3 Pine beetle and other invasive species, forest fires, changing climate, duties, parks and protected areas, regulations and responsible stewardship all put pressure on a finite fibre supply while mills, jobs and families rely on access to fibre. In your view, how do we address the realities and challenges of our fibre supply, and what does the future hold?

Q4 Professional excellence, clarity and efficiency of decision making is essential to any industry and protection of environment and safety. In the case of forestry, it is populated with an array of professionals in a multitude of disciplines from professional foresters to engineers to environmental professionals. All in my experience are committed to excellence. What, in your view (Minister Heyman), are the key things that need to be addressed in professional reliance review. Do technology applications such as LIDAR, data sensors and analytics or visualization play a role in this assessment (to Minister Ralston)?

Key Messages: Professional Reliance review

- We're conducting a review of B.C.'s professional reliance model because the public should be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and high environmental standards.
- The views and experiences of industry are integral to an effective PR model; my ministry has reached out to a variety of organizations to make sure your voices are heard.
- We're also reviewing legislation and best practices in other jurisdictions, and I am expecting a final report later in the spring.
- Government received over 2,400 feedback forms from the public, 102 stakeholder submissions, and over 1,800 surveys of qualified professionals.
- In the forestry sector, there are people concerned that the Professional Reliance model is inadequate – has too narrow a focus on “ticking boxes” – and doesn't take into account the larger picture needed for protecting valuable and sensitive ecosystems.
- People are wondering where the responsibility lies for making regulatory decisions; and how to ensure there are systems in place for ensuring public interest and the environment are appropriately monitored and protected by government.
- Is it appropriate for someone who is hired by a proponent of a natural resource project (whether it is a mine, forestry, or waste disposal) to make regulatory decisions in the public interest?
- Most people on all sides of that issue agree the discussion foresters are professionals; that they do the best job you can with the best of intentions.
- This review is about ensuring good decision making and proper oversight for the public interest to ensure social license.
- There are a couple of examples in the forestry industry where the Professional Reliance model might be in need of clarification.
- The submission from the Forest Practices Board summarizes those examples:
 - First, regulatory decisions have been left to Qualified Professionals, and District Managers have virtually no discretion to adjust or override those decisions for a range of public policy reasons: “The Forest Practices

Board has seen situations where forestry development was putting environmental and community values at risk, yet district managers could do little to affect the development and protect the public interest. The Board has also encountered situations where conflicts between resource users could have been avoided if district managers had the authority to intervene to ensure operations would meet local management objectives and respect tenured interests.”

- Secondly: “...there is ambiguity about what responsibility individual professionals have when more than one licensee operates on the same landbase. Under the current legislative framework, one licensee may design access and harvesting to achieve certain results, including retention of wildlife habitat, only to have a subsequent licensee undermine these results by harvesting the retention areas. The Board has seen numerous examples of this.”
- Actions flowing from this review are intended to help restore public confidence and ensure the public interest is protected when it comes to resource management. It’s that simple.

Key Messages: Climate Action

- A sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment for British Columbians.
- By law, we are required to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- We recognize the challenge in front of us to reduce greenhouse (GHG) emissions and are taking meaningful steps to tackle this issue while at the same time investing in a sustainable economy.
- We know serious work is needed to accomplish this emissions reduction which is why we are already taking real leadership on the climate file.
- For example, our government will introduce a legislated target of 40% by 2030 to give us a benchmark on the way to the 2050 target.
- Additionally, we will establish sectoral targets and plans for the built environment, industry and transportation sectors.

- And we are working with industry and the Federal Government to address the competitiveness of emissions-intensive trade-exposed sectors, to help them reduce their emissions and continue to thrive.
- Underscoring these actions, is the appointment of the new Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council which is advising government on how to achieve our climate objectives efficiently and effectively while growing our clean economy and helping British Columbians come out ahead.
- With their advice and feedback we will prioritize and gradually introduce new climate actions to ensure we get on course to achieve our climate commitments.
- The strategy will evolve over time and various policies and measures will be announced and implemented over the coming months and years. We want to make sure it is a strategy that works for British Columbians.

Key Messages: Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council

- The Advisory Council includes members from First Nations, industry, environmental organizations, labour, academia and local government.
- The Advisory Council provides strategic advice on areas of focus for climate action that go hand in hand with clean growth and job creation.
- As part of its mandate, the Advisory Council will review and publicly report on government's progress towards meeting legislated carbon pollution reduction targets and maximizing job and economic opportunities.
- Members of the Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council
 - Merran Smith
 - Marcia Smith
 - Taylor Bachrach
 - Dave Collyer
 - Matt Horne
 - Lee Loftus
 - Gavin McGarrigle
 - Michelle Molnar
 - Nancy Olewiler
 - Josie Osborne
 - Gordon Planes
 - DJ Pohl
 - Sybil Seitzinger
 - Aaron Sumexheltza
 - Karen Tam Wu
 - Kathryn Teneese
 - Jill Tipping
 - Tesicca Truong
 - Susan Yurkovich

Key Messages: EA Revitalization

- Revitalization of the Environmental Assessment Process will focus on three key outcomes:
 - Enhancing public confidence and meaningful participation;
 - Advancing reconciliation with First Nations; and
 - Protecting the environment while supporting sustainable economic growth.
- We are working to ensure First Nations, local governments and communities and the general public can meaningfully participate in all stages of a revitalized environmental assessment process that will be transparent, timely and provides early indications of the likelihood of success
- This work will also contribute to our government's commitment to fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is working directly with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council, on behalf of the First Nations Leadership Council, to ensure a revitalized environmental assessment process advances reconciliation.
- A newly formed Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee will lead Indigenous and stakeholder engagement. This independent forum will review and make recommendations on B.C.'s current environmental assessment process.
- The committee is co-chaired by Bruce Fraser, an ecologist by training and past chair of both the Forest Practices Board and the Taskforce on Species at Risk; and Lydia Hwitsum, former Chief of the Cowichan Tribes.

Event Information / College of Applied Biology annual conference

Conference Theme: "Professional Reliance: Shaping the Future"

When: Friday April 6, 2018

Time: 09:00 – 9:30 am

Where: Westin Wall Centre, 3099 Corvette Way, Richmond B.C.

Length: 15 minutes plus 10-15 minutes Q+A

Moderator: Christine Houghton, Executive Director, College of Applied Biology

Event Contact: Karen Barry (Cell: 250-713-3193)

Audience: Approximately 200 attendees: mostly members of the College who work for government, First Nations organizations, industry, private consultants, or academia. The College of Applied Biology and the Association of Professional Biology will jointly hold their annual conferences. Minister has been asked to speak primarily about Professional Reliance at the College of Applied Biology conference on Friday April 6.

- The College of Applied Biology regulates professional practice and serves the public interest; the Association of Professional Biology serves to promote their members and profession.
- Both the College and the Association submitted papers to the PR Review.
- Respondents to the APB January 2018 internal member's survey on Professional Reliance expressed a range of views, summarized as:
 - support for the current professional reliance model (39%),
 - support for improvements to the current model (32%),
 - rejection of professional reliance as a resource management framework (29%).

Event summary:

- 8:45 am arrive at Westin Wall Centre, Richmond. Karen Barry will greet Minister Heyman and show him to his seat.
- 9:00 am (approx.) Introduction of Minister Heyman by Brian Clarke, incoming President of the College of Applied Biology
- Minister speaks for 15-20 minutes
- 9:20 am (approx.) Q&A: conference attendees will submit questions from the floor.

A Q&A is appended to the Key Messages below.

Plenary: Professional Reliance, Shaping the Future

Introduction:

Territorial Acknowledgement: the Coast Salish peoples

Key people to recognize and thank:

- **Christine Houghton** for the invitation to speak
- **Every biology professional:** whether private sector or government, academic or consultant or First Nations, who took the time to complete the Qualified Professional Survey as part of the Professional Reliance Review. *Note: There are 2300 members of The College of Applied Biology.*

Top message: Reviewing the professional reliance model is a top priority for this government because the public wants to be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and the highest environmental, safety and resource-use standards.

Introduction – General Key Messages and Facts

- B.C. is Canada's most geographically and biologically diverse province – for example, of the 225 federally identified species at risk, over 40% are found in B.C.
- B.C. plays an important global role in biodiversity:
 - B.C. is home to some of the last remaining large intact predator-prey systems in North America.
 - The Fraser River is one of the few remaining undammed river systems in the world.
- B.C. has a vibrant indigenous culture with our 200-plus First Nations culturally, socially and economically intrinsically linked to their ancestral lands.

As members of the College of Applied Biology, you have an important task, and many challenges ahead of you:

- B.C.'s population is expected to grow significantly over the coming decades bringing pressures on our lands, waters and resources.
- Climate change has already changed B.C.'s ecology and will continue to do so over the coming decades.
- The province's natural resources will continue to attract interest world-wide.

Professional Reliance Review Key Messages

- The B.C. government is conducting a review of the province's professional reliance model to ensure the highest professional, technical, environmental and ethical standards are being applied to resource management in British Columbia.
- Many people are wondering if more could have been done to pre-empt the situations they've faced recently.
- Mount Polley and the Hullcar Aquifer contamination are two examples.
 - Lakes and aquifers that are people's drinking water source, lakes and streams valued for their high tourism and recreational use, waste management treatment technologies which result in low impacts to the environment ...
 - Managing forests for watershed protection, ecosystem values as well as fibre.
 - These are areas where we as government have asked qualified professionals to contribute sound science and expert opinion.

- People are wondering where the responsibility lies for making regulatory decisions; and how to ensure there are systems in place for ensuring public interest and the environment are appropriately monitored and protected by government.
 - Is it appropriate for someone who is hired by a proponent of a natural resource project (whether it is a mine, forestry, or waste disposal) to make regulatory decisions in the public interest?
- Currently, approximately 40 natural resource sector regulatory regimes rely on qualified professionals.
- Besides applied biology professionals, these include:
 - ☐ foresters,
 - ☐ applied science technicians and technologists,
 - ☐ agrologists,
 - ☐ engineers and geoscientists.

Biology professionals and Professional Reliance

- Most people on all sides of that issue agree scientists – including biologists and applied biologists - are professionals, that you do the best job you can with the best of intentions.

- This review is about ensuring good decision making and proper oversight for the public interest to ensure social license.
- Actions flowing from this review are intended to help restore public confidence and ensure the public interest is protected when it comes to resource management. It's that simple.
- B.C. residents must have confidence that the experts proposing, constructing, and monitoring projects and sites have the tools, and direction to put the public interest first and foremost, no matter who employs them.

Public and stakeholder engagement

- Feedback collected from citizens, stakeholders, qualified professionals, and users of qualified professionals are being considered in our review.
- Public engagement began December 1, and closed January 19, 2018
- Stakeholder engagement launched at the same time and continued to the end of February.

- Government received over 2,400 feedback forms from the public, 102 stakeholder submissions, and over 1,800 surveys of qualified professionals. Again, thank you.
- Stakeholder submissions can be read online at the GovTogetherBC web site (search for Professional Reliance).
 - Web address: engage.gov.bc.ca/professionalreliance
- This feedback will be considered along with findings from a legislation review, interviews with professional associations, and best practices in other jurisdictions.
- Government is committed to ensuring Indigenous Peoples' concerns and interests are represented in this review, and an invitation has been sent to every nation in the province to share their experience of professional reliance in natural resource decisions in their traditional territories.
- A final report with recommendations will be completed and publicly released later this spring.

Professional Reliance Review Questions and Answers:

1. What are the preliminary findings?

- The Ministry is still in the final phase of the Review, and the final report is due later in the spring (2018).

2. What differences have you noticed in the responses you've received?

- The differences in feedback have been focused on where the responsibility lies for making regulatory decisions; and how to ensure there are systems in place for ensuring public interest and the environment are protected.
- There is a difference of opinion amongst respondents as to whether it is appropriate for someone who is hired by a proponent of a natural resource project (whether it is a mine, forestry, or waste disposal) to make regulatory decisions in the public interest.
- Most people on all sides of that issue agree that QPs are professionals, and are doing the best job they can with the best of intentions.

3. There was initially some confusion as to who the QP survey was aimed at. Can you please clarify who the survey was meant for and how it was administered?

- The public engagement phase of the review was aimed at three audiences: 1) the general public, 2) Qualified Professionals, and 3) those who use Qualified Professionals.
- Citizens (individuals) and users of Qualified Professionals (QPs) could complete an online survey. The public survey and the QP survey were different.
- Stakeholders were invited to submit a formal submission.
- QPs were invited to complete a survey through their member associations.
- The survey for the general public and those who use QPs opened on Dec 1, 2017 and closed on Jan 19, 2018, and received 2,400 responses.
- In addition, we received 300 emailed submissions from members of the general public.
- The survey for Qualified Professionals also opened on Dec 1, 2017 and closed Jan 27, 2018.
- We intended for the survey to apply to all QPs, no matter where they worked: for government, public entities, or private industry.
- Unfortunately, there was some miscommunication about this, and some members of professional associations who work for government were under the impression, at first, that they were not invited to take the QP survey.
- As soon as this was brought to our attention, we contacted all the professional associations, to assure their members that government professionals were invited to participate in the PR Review.

- We also sent word to all public servants through the leadership teams in the Resource ministries.
- We received over 1,800 completed surveys from QPs from all sectors.

4. It appears, from the submissions posted publicly, the vast majority of PR submissions are dealing with forestry – can you comment on why that might be?

- We haven't analysed all the data yet, but yes, many of the submissions were from people concerned about how our forests are managed.
- We also received submissions on the PR system in other sectors: watersheds, waste disposal, and mining for example.
- Forestry has for all of British Columbia's history been our primary economic driver; so it's perhaps not surprising so many people would have an interest in how our forests are managed.

5. How have Applied Biologists been involved in the professional reliance review?

- We have received a submission from the Association of Applied Biologists.
- Officials from the Ministry have been meeting regularly with the College throughout this process.
- The College was one of the five professional regulators that were the subject of a compliance audit. Throughout this process the College was extremely helpful in providing everything the Ministry requested of them.

6. Will the Professional Reliance review result in legislation changes?

- The review includes a review of the effective use of qualified professionals in a number of legislative acts and regulations (over 30). As this review is still underway, it is not clear yet what, if any, changes will be required.
- The Review will assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of the professional reliance model, and will identify where there could be amendments to legislation.
- Our aim is to ensure that roles, responsibilities and expectations of QPs are clear, and the public can see who is informing or making various decisions. This clarity will help improve public trust in the professional reliance model.

7. Is the government going to lead by example and hire or have appropriately qualified professionals within government making decisions and overseeing submitted QP work?

- The provincial government has qualified professional staff within the public service; the use of professionals in natural resource decision making is within the scope of this review.
- I am awaiting the final report with recommendations from the Professional Reliance review.

Key messages: Environmental Assessment Revitalization

- Revitalization of the Environmental Assessment Process will focus on three key outcomes:
 - Enhancing public confidence and meaningful participation;
 - Advancing reconciliation with First Nations; and
 - Protecting the environment while supporting sustainable economic growth.
- We are working to ensure First Nations, local governments and communities and the general public can meaningfully participate in all stages of a revitalized environmental assessment process that will be transparent, timely, science-based and provides early indications of the likelihood of success
- This work will also contribute to our government's commitment to fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is engaging directly with Indigenous groups and working with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council, on behalf of the First Nations Leadership Council, to ensure a revitalized environmental assessment process advances reconciliation.
- A newly formed Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee will provide an independent analysis of B.C.'s current environmental assessment process and make recommendations for revitalization.

Event Information / Climate Action & Just Transition, Friday, April 6, 2018

Event: B.C. Federation of Labour “Climate Action & Just Transition”

Date: Friday April 6, 2018

Time: 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Where:

Length: 5 minute opening remarks

Moderator:

Panelists:

Audience: Labour leaders, community activists

Event summary:

Key Messages: Green jobs

- The Columbia Institute in 2016 released a landmark study: Jobs for Tomorrow - Canada's Building Trades and Net Zero Emissions, commissioned by Canada's Building Trades Unions:
 - Countries worldwide are “decarbonizing” their infrastructure, industries, and economies. This shift is gaining momentum and will impact all sectors of our society.
 - Solar power already supplies over 6 per cent of electricity in Germany.
 - The State of California shows the rapid gains that can be made in building a cleaner grid Since 2003 California has tripled its renewable energy capacity from 7,000 to 23,500 MW using a mixture of solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass.
 - Scandinavian cities are world leaders in district heating systems.
 - Copenhagen captures waste heat from electricity generation stations and pipes it through an underground network as hot water or steam to provide space heating. Of Copenhagen's 35,000 buildings, 97 per cent do not have boilers or furnaces.
 - In Iceland, Reykjavik's geothermal system enables the city to save the equivalent of 4 million tonnes of GHGs per year.
 - Recent studies indicate that over the past three years the global economy grew while GHGs from energy production and delivery declined.
 - The International Trade Union Confederation forecasts that investments of 2 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the green economy over a five-year period in 12 countries could create up to 48 million new jobs, or up to 9.6 million new jobs per year, including more than 17 million jobs in the construction sector.
 - Meeting Canada's climate goals could generate over 3.9 million direct jobs in the building trades by 2050, and 19.8 million jobs if induced, indirect, and supply-chain jobs are included.

- The clean economy is the single most important global opportunity on the medium-term horizon, with revenues expected to reach US \$2.3 trillion by 2020 (HSBC 2010).
- Members of the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC), in particular, the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and the province of British Columbia, commissioned a study by Delphi in 2014.
- “West Coast Clean Economy: 2010-2014 Jobs Update:”
 - Between 2010 and 2014, clean economy jobs in British Columbia grew at an overall rate of 12.5 percent. As of 2014, B.C. had 68,165 clean economy jobs equal to 7,600 more clean economy jobs than in 2010.
 - Green Building and Energy Efficiency was the dominant sector in terms of employment growth in B.C., growing a total of 32 percent between 2010 and 2014.
 - Growth in market penetration of green building certification programs (particularly in the commercial and institutional sectors) has resulted in expansion of green architecture and construction services, as well as jobs in energy efficient equipment and related technology.
 - British Columbia also saw a diversification of its renewable energy generation portfolio over the five year period, resulting in new jobs for segments that include wind, waste-to-energy, and bioenergy.
 - Municipal efforts have also been supporting clean economy job growth with the City of Vancouver for example experiencing a 19 percent increase in green and local food jobs from 2010-2013 tied to its 2020 “Greenest City Action Plan”.
 - Green buildings are an engine of economic growth in British Columbia. This has been driven in part by leaders in the B.C. real estate community, as well as by the province’s progressive building code and actions by a number of municipalities.
 - B.C. is the Canadian leader in terms of the total number of LEED certified projects per capita, with total certified square footage up 17% since 2010.
 - In April 2013, B.C. became one of the first jurisdictions in Canada to adopt the new National Building Code energy-efficiency requirements for housing and small buildings.

Key Messages: Climate Action

- A sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment for British Columbians.
- By law, we are required to reduce GHG emissions by 80% from 2007 levels by 2050.
- We recognize the challenge in front of us to reduce greenhouse (GHG) emissions and are taking meaningful steps to tackle this issue while at the same time investing in a sustainable economy.
- We know serious work is needed to accomplish this emissions reduction which is why we are already taking real leadership on the climate file.
- For example, our government will introduce a legislated target of 40% by 2030 to give us a benchmark on the way to the 2050 target.
- Additionally, we will establish sectoral targets and plans for the built environment, industry and transportation sectors.
- And we are working with industry and the Federal Government to address the competitiveness of emissions-intensive trade-exposed sectors, to help them reduce their emissions and continue to thrive.
- Underscoring these actions, is the appointment of the new Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council which is advising government on how to achieve our climate objectives efficiently and effectively while growing our clean economy and helping British Columbians come out ahead.
- With their advice and feedback we will prioritize and gradually introduce new climate actions to ensure we get on course to achieve our climate commitments.
- The strategy will evolve over time and various policies and measures will be announced and implemented over the coming months and years. We want to make sure it is a strategy that works for British Columbians.

Key Messages: Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council

- The Advisory Council includes members from First Nations, industry, environmental organizations, labour, academia and local government.
- The Advisory Council provides strategic advice on areas of focus for climate action that go hand in hand with clean growth and job creation.
- As part of its mandate, the Advisory Council will review and publicly report on government's progress towards meeting legislated carbon pollution reduction targets and maximizing job and economic opportunities.

Speaking Notes
for
Hon. George Heyman
Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Introducing the Newest Conservation Officers

B.C. Legislature

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Time: 12 p.m.

Introduction:

Territorial Acknowledgement: Lekwungen

Key people to recognize and thank:

- Doug Forsdick, Chief Conservation Officer, B.C.
Conservation Officer Service

Top message:

- We are taking action to put more boots on the ground, to help ensure all British Columbians benefit from the important work conservation officers do every day.

Announcement:

- I'm excited to announce that 20 new conservation officers will soon be working in communities throughout British Columbia.
- For too long, the BC Conservation Officer Service has been underfunded and we are reversing this trend.
- Our government has committed approximately \$3 million for each of the next three years to the B.C. Conservation Officer Service, for additional officers.

- We've heard from British Columbians throughout the province about the importance of having a conservation officer in their community.
- And new resources will be placed in communities with the highest need as it relates to officer safety and call volumes.
- Conservation officers are on the frontlines every day, responding to human/wildlife-conflicts as well as conducting investigations and enforcing various provincial acts – from illegal dumping, to hunting without a licence to inspecting boats for invasive mussels.

- These highly trained officers are also pillars of their community and deliver outreach services and educate and engage the public.
- We are taking action to put more boots on the ground, so that more British Columbians can benefit from the important work conservation officers do daily.
- I'm proud to say that some of the fine recruits we have with us here today will be placed into newly-created positions in:
 - Grand Forks
 - Bella Coola
 - Port McNeil
 - Vernon
 - Mackenzie
 - Chetwynd

- Duncan
 - Chilliwack
 - Atlin, and
 - in the North Fraser area.
- Other conservation officers are slated to fill posts in Quesnel, Terrace, Creston, Prince George, Merritt and the Lower Mainland.
- The hiring of these additional officers gives a much-needed boost to staffing levels, and will bring the total number of conservation officers on the frontlines around our province to 160.
- I'd now like to turn things over to Chief Conservation Officer Doug Forsdick, who will lead the swearing-in ceremony.

[Forsdick swears in recruits]

- Thank you Doug.

Conclusion:

- The new faces you see before you today will fill existing vacancies, new positions and areas where retirements are imminent.
- Recruits will start training at the Western Conservation Law Enforcement Academy in May, and begin their new roles in the fall.
- I look forward to the latest contingent of conservation officers serving their communities, and to have the communities they serve get to know them.

- Thank you all again for being here today.

[Now speaking to recruits]

- Congratulations and welcome to the organization. Good luck in your future training, and I look forward to hearing about your work in your new communities.

[Summary to Follow]

Summary

- Our government recognized the need for CO's.
- We're taking action to put more boots on the ground.
- We've committed approx. \$3 M for each of the next three years to the COS.
- Additional resources are being added to locations with the highest need.
- Boost to COS staffing levels; now 160 frontline officers.

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Event Information/Speaking Notes

Event: Burnaby Board of Trade roundtable discussion

When: Mon., April 30, 2018
3:00pm – 4:15pm

Where: 201-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby

Parking: There is parking from behind the building and the elevator in the parkade would take you right up to floor 2 and they are right there.

Contact: Cory Redekop, Manager, Policy and Stakeholder Relations (cory@bbot.ca; 604-412-0100)

Length: 10-15 minutes with Q&A afterwards

Speaking Backdrop: Roundtable discussion

Audience: BBOT members, business owners, senior professionals

Media invited No

Participants: 10-15

Agenda:

3:00pm	Arrivals and welcomes
3:10pm	Opening remarks – Paul Holden, President and CEO, BBOT
3:15pm	Participant introductions
3:20pm	Attorney General speaks
3:30pm	Questions and roundtable discussion
4:10pm	Closing remarks – Paul Holden

Speaking Notes

for

Attorney General David Eby

Burnaby Board of Trade
Roundtable Discussion

Mon., Apr. 30, 2018

201-4555 Kingsway St.
Burnaby

Event runs 3:00 - 4:15pm

Minister speaks at 3 p.m., followed by roundtable Q&A

Introduction

- Thank you for the introduction and thank you to the Burnaby Board of Trade for having me here today.
- I would like to acknowledge that we are on the territory of the Coast Salish People.
- I'm pleased to be here and be able to give you an update on how we're addressing the challenges at ICBC, and our plan to keep rates affordable for British Columbians.
- The financial state of ICBC is one of the most significant issues facing our government – both from the perspective of affordability, and with regard to the impact it has on our bottom line.
- ICBC's year-end loss is projected to hit \$1.3 billion – a staggering figure.

- If we did nothing, drivers would need to pay \$400 more for their insurance as early as 2019 for us to help close the financial gap.
- A recent Fraser Institute Report has been clear on the changes that are needed - that Band-Aid solutions will not be enough.
- And the operational review of ICBC that PwC conducted early this year indicated that the single most impactful change we can make is to reform the insurance product itself.
- We agree, and we are pushing forward with comprehensive reforms, including legislative amendments I introduced just last week.
- The legislation delivers on commitments I made in February focused on directing more care to those injured in crashes, reducing legal costs and keeping insurance rates affordable.

- Let me give you a bit more detail -
- We are making major changes to ICBC's accident benefits to dramatically increase the care available for anyone injured in a crash – changes that have not been made for more than 25 years.
- It is simply unacceptable that benefits for injured drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians have been frozen in time for a quarter century.
- We are making more money available for treatments and more types of treatments will be covered.
- ICBC will also pay the fair market rate for necessary treatments so that customers are less likely to have to pay out-of-pocket and more likely to seek the care they need to recover from injuries.

- This will also mean improvements for these businesses and their administration. They will no longer have to bill the customer and ICBC, streamlining their paperwork.
- ICBC will be adding coverage for new treatment providers such as kinesiology, acupuncture, counselling and massage therapy to the list of treatments pre-approved for payment...
- ...and will effectively double existing limits for existing benefits, such as wage losses, funeral costs and death benefits.
- These are substantial changes that will make an enormous difference to British Columbians who are injured and in need of care and recovery.

- Second, we will implement a \$5,500 limit on payouts for pain and suffering for minor injuries.
- This is a move that will help rebalance where ICBC premium dollars go. We're shifting the money out of administration, expert reports and court processes, and into driver's pockets through stable rates and better benefits.
- It will help reduce legal costs so that more funds can be allocated to the care, treatment and support that customers need to get better.
- B.C. is the last province to take this kind of action.
- We have now set the framework for the definition of minor injury in legislation, and will be refining it in regulation in the coming months.

- The intent is that it will include things like sprains, strains, mild whiplash, cuts and bruises, anxiety and stress from a crash.
- It will not include things like broken bones, brain injuries, or other more serious impairments.
- Importantly, it will recognize that if you don't get better after a certain period of time and the injury continues to have a significant effect on your daily activities, such as work or school, then your injury is not considered minor.
- The third change I want to highlight is our plan to enable the Civil Resolution Tribunal to help resolve certain motor vehicle injury disputes.
- Enabling the CRT to do this was also part of the legislative package I introduced last week.

- We will be establishing a threshold of \$50,000 in regulation, so disputes below that amount will all be handled by the CRT beginning next April.
- CRT adjudicators will be independent of ICBC and will provide fair, fast resolution. While people won't need a lawyer, they'll still have that option if they so choose.
- Currently, the CRT aims to resolve claims in 60 to 90 days, on average, while the average legal claim with ICBC can take more than 30 months.
- Collectively, the changes I have outlined are expected to save about \$1 billion each year.
- As I'm sure you recognize, these reforms are ambitious and we have much work yet to do be ready to implement changes next April.

Other improvements

- But that's not all we're doing. When I say we are taking a comprehensive approach to fixing ICBC, I mean it.
- We are looking at reforms and savings within ICBC's operations and out on our roads, to reduce collisions and the associated claims costs.
- I mentioned PwC's review of ICBC. It identified recommendations that have the potential to save \$58 million or more annually.
- One of those recommendations is for ICBC to redesign its material damage supplier program, and that work is already underway.
- And when it comes to road safety, we know where the problem areas are – 900 crashes

happen each day in our province, if you can believe it.

- Distracted driving, intersections, speeding. These are not new concerns, but we are now focusing on how we can reduce these kinds of collisions.
- It's why we're in the process of turning on all 140 of BC's intersection safety cameras to operate and catch red light violations 24/7.
- It's also why we're looking to upgrade some of these cameras to identify and ticket the fastest vehicles.
- The Ministry of Public Safety is analyzing crash and speed data to help determine which cameras will be upgraded, and new signs will warn approaching drivers about this enhanced intersection enforcement.

- We're also targeting distracted drivers by designating it as a high-risk offence in ICBC's driver risk premium program.
- This means that repeat offenders could now pay as much as \$2,000 in penalties — an increase of \$740 — in addition to their regular vehicle insurance premium.

Rate Fairness

- Beyond these substantive reforms, we also think rates need to be more fair, and drivers need to be more accountable for their decisions and driving behaviour.
- Following a month-long public engagement, we are now considering all the feedback as we look at ways to make high-risk drivers pay more and low-risk drivers pay less.
- I expect we'll be able to make changes in this area in time for next spring as well, so that

some drivers may even see a discount on their rates next year.

Conclusion

- While we have taken the first critical steps that will enable us to keep rates affordable for years to come, much remains to be done.
- Thank you everyone for the opportunity to be here today.

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Event Information/Speaking Notes

Event: Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

When: Fri., April 13, 2018
7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Where: Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront
1133 West Hastings, Vancouver

Parking: Parking at hotel about \$7/hour (ramp just west of hotel) or free street parking until 9 am

Contact: Gayatri Thakor cell: s.22

Length: 20 minutes with Q&A afterwards

Key Participants: Chair or president of GVBOT

Speaking Backdrop: Podium and lapel mic

Audience: GVBOT members and non-members, business, government officials, industry leaders

Media invited Yes

Participants: 60 to 80

Agenda:

7:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
7:25 am	Minister Eby arrives
7:45 am	Opening remarks by Ian Black, GVBOT CEO and President
7:50 am	Rob Felix, senior vice president of merchandising of London Drugs, introduces MDE
7:55 am	Minister's Address
8:15 am	Q & A by the audience, moderated by Ian Black
8:30 am	End of QA

8:35 am	Ian Black thanks Minister Eby and makes closing remarks
8:45 am	Program ends, head table photo on stage, media availability

Speaking Notes
for
Attorney General David Eby
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade
Breakfast
Fri., April 13, 2018
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront
1133 West Hastings Street
Vancouver
Event runs 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Minister speaks at 7:55 a.m. followed by audience Q&A

Introduction

- Thank you for the introduction.
- I would like to acknowledge that we are on the territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh First Nations.
- I want to thank the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade for inviting me to speak about reforms at ICBC.
- On behalf of Premier John Horgan and the government of B.C., it's my pleasure to join you.
- As Attorney General, I'm proud of the steps our government has taken to help make B.C. a better place to live,
- And I appreciate today's opportunity to discuss some of that work we're doing with ICBC.

- Over the past months, that work has involved meetings with many ICBC stakeholders and partners.
- It's also included cross-ministry efforts in our provincial government, as well as discussions with other levels of government to ensure B.C. improves the services British Columbians count on.
- When our government took office, we made three key commitments to British Columbians to:
 1. Make life more affordable, especially for many families who were, for too long, left behind. We committed to do our part to make their lives easier.
 2. Deliver the services that people count on. This means that families get access to the quality public education they need to succeed; individuals and families receive

timely medical attention; and seniors are able to live their final years with dignity.

3. Build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone, tackles poverty and inequality, creates good-paying jobs in every part of the province, and ensures people from every background have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

- As Attorney General, I am working to ensure substantive progress on priorities that include:
 - Getting big money out of politics;
 - Holding a province-wide referendum on proportional representation this fall;
 - Re-establishing the Human Rights Commission;
 - Increasing access to justice and addressing delays in the province's court system;
 - Working with First Nations to set targets and take action to reduce the numbers of

Aboriginal people involved in the justice system and incarcerated.

- For today I'll focus on the actions our government is taking to address the fiscal crisis at ICBC.
- The financial state of ICBC is one of the most significant issues facing our government – both from the perspective of affordability, and with regard to the impact it has on our bottom line.
- ICBC's year-end loss is projected to hit \$1.3 billion – a staggering figure.
- We also now know the former government had received clear recommendations in 2014 from independent auditors that could have saved the corporation hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Yet they did not act.

- They ignored the recommendations and excised them from a report presented to the public.
- In fact, a Fraser Institute Report last week on ICBC said, “Previous B.C. governments failed to act when it came to difficult decisions at ICBC, and that inaction has led, in large part, to the current financial crisis, which has been years in the making.”
- It also stated: “The government of Premier John Horgan deserves credit for bringing the issue forward and seeking informed advice. But Band-Aid solutions will not be enough. ICBC’s role must be rethought, as must the objectives and role of government in the auto insurance business in B.C.”
- We agree that band-aids will not deliver the reforms we need.

- ICBC must become financially sustainable to keep rates affordable for British Columbians,
- and we're moving forward quickly with comprehensive, transformational solutions to repair the damage that's been done.
- In February, our government announced significant reforms to the auto insurance system, including the doubling of accident benefits, introducing a limit on pain and suffering payouts for minor injuries and the creation of a new dispute resolution process for minor injury claims.
- We are working to make these changes take full effect April 1, 2019,
- And will introduce legislation for those changes during the current session of the Legislature.

- The reforms focus on directing more care to those injured in crashes, reducing legal costs and keeping insurance rates affordable.
- First, major changes will be made to ICBC's accident benefits to dramatically increase the care available for anyone injured in a crash – changes that have not been made for more than 25 years.
- More money will be available for treatments and more types of treatments will be covered.
- While the increased accident benefits will be available to anyone injured in a crash, we know they will make the biggest difference to those people who are catastrophically injured in a crash on our roads.
- ICBC will also pay the fair market rate for necessary treatments – treatments that apply to anyone injured in a crash regardless of whether the driver is at fault or not.

- This means customers are less likely to have to pay out-of-pocket costs and more likely to seek the care they need to recover from injuries.
- This will also mean improvements for these businesses and their administration. They will no longer have to bill the customer and ICBC, streamlining their paperwork.
- And we hope to encourage more people to seek out treatment so they will get better.
- To do so, ICBC will add coverage for new treatment providers such as kinesiology, acupuncture, counselling and massage therapy to the list of treatments pre-approved for payment,
- And will increase limits for existing benefits, such as wage losses, funeral costs and death benefits.

- These are substantial changes that will make an enormous difference to British Columbians who are injured and in need of care and recovery.
- Second, we will implement a \$5,500 limit on payouts for pain and suffering for minor injuries.
- This moves the focus away from maximizing compensation and will reduce legal costs so that more funds can be allocated to the care, treatment and support that customers need to get better.
- B.C. is the last province to take this kind of action.
- We will use legislation and regulation to create a definition for minor injury that will include things like sprains, strains, mild

whiplash, cuts and bruises, anxiety and stress from a crash.

- It will not include things like broken bones, head injuries, or other more serious impairments.
- Importantly, it will recognize that if you don't get better after a certain period of time and the injury continues to have a significant effect on your daily activities, such as work or school, then your injury is not considered minor.
- Just as today, ICBC will rely on a medical professional to diagnose these injuries,
- Medical professionals who will be chosen by the injured person – not people selected by ICBC.
- ICBC is working directly with medical treatment providers to determine

appropriate guidelines to be put in place so that we will work together and help people get better as quickly as possible.

- The third change I want to highlight is our plan to enable the Civil Resolution Tribunal to help resolve certain motor vehicle injury disputes.
- CRT adjudicators will be independent of ICBC and will provide fair, fast resolution, without requiring the involvement of a lawyer.
- It has already shown success in resolving disputes for strata and small claims and freeing up court time.
- Currently, the CRT aims to resolve claims in 60 to 90 days, on average.
- Today, the average legal claim with ICBC can take more than 30 months.

- Collectively, the changes I have outlined are expected to save about \$1 billion each year.
- We have much work yet to do to ensure these changes will become effective April 1, 2019, including the introduction of legislation in the coming weeks.
- It's clear to me that everyone will benefit if we drastically cut down on legal costs, provide increased care for anyone injured in a crash, keep insurance affordable and make rates more fair.
- Those reforms are ambitious and are also the largest opportunity to address ICBC's revenue shortfall.

Operational Review of ICBC

- But that's not all we're doing.

- We asked PwC Canada to conduct an operational review of ICBC and publicly released the report's findings in early February.
- The review indicated that if all recommendations were fully implemented, ICBC could have potential annual savings starting at \$58 million.
- But it also confirmed that the larger opportunity for savings lies with the product reforms I spoke of earlier.
- I can assure you that ICBC is taking action on a key PwC Canada recommendation to redesign its material damage suppliers programs to create more appropriate tiering of these suppliers.
- ICBC has started discussions with industry associations on this program redesign with body shops as the first area of focus.

Public Engagement

- In addition, we've recently concluded a four-week public engagement that asked British Columbians about the fairness of auto insurance rates,
- about how individual Basic insurance rates are set and about driver accountability for decisions and driving behaviours.
- The engagement had just under 70,000 site visits with 34,283 questionnaires completed, 495 individual submissions and seven stakeholder submissions received.
- We expect to release a final report highlighting findings of the engagement in the coming weeks.

- The results of the engagement will also help inform ICBC's application on Basic insurance rate design to the B.C. Utilities Commission.

Road Safety Initiatives

- I'd like to turn to road safety for a moment,
- Because the pressure on ICBC's insurance rates starts from one place – the rising number of crashes taking place on B.C.'s roads.
- The number of crashes in our province is increasing every year, to a point where we saw 330,000 crashes in 2016 alone -- that's 900 crashes on any given day on our roads.
- And while our 2017 crash numbers have yet to fully settle with some late reported crashes still anticipated, our early indication is that this high number of crashes has continued.

- We know that 60% of all crashes occur at intersections --- and police cite speed as a contributing factor in killing an average of 88 people each year.
- We also know that an average of 84 crashes happen at each Intersection Safety Camera site each year.
- Speed is a top contributing factor in crashes, with an average of 10,500 vehicles going at least 30 km/h over the posted speed limit at each ISC site annually.
- That's why we're taking action at some provincial intersections that have a high number of speed-related crashes to upgrade the existing red-light camera program to identify and ticket the fastest vehicles.
- In the coming months, analysis of crash and speed data will inform decisions about activating ISC cameras for speed

enforcement, and new signs will warn approaching drivers about this enhanced intersection enforcement.

- Research shows this technology reduces speeding, as well as the number and severity of crashes involving speed.
- We're also targeting distracted driving, which is a preventable, high-risk behaviour that must be stopped for the safety of all road users.
- We've taken action to make some of the toughest distracted driving penalties in Canada even tougher.
- As of March 1, 2018, distracted drivers with multiple distracted driving offences face added and higher penalties, over and above their regular insurance premium.

- Drivers with two convictions for the use of electronic devices while driving over a three-year period could pay as much as \$2,000 in penalties — an increase of \$740 — in addition to their regular vehicle insurance premium.
- We are also continuing to explore other options to make our streets safer.

Conclusion

- While we have taken the first critical steps that will enable us to keep rates affordable for years to come, much remains to be done.
- I look forward to sharing more information with British Columbians as we progress.
- Thank you everyone for the opportunity to be here today,
- And I am happy to answer any questions you have.

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Event Information/Speaking Notes

Event: Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS

When: Fri., Apr. 27, 2018

Start time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Westin Bayshore Hotel
Marine Room
1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver

Parking: Richard Elliot is working with the hotel to ensure Minister Eby has a spot secured.

Contact: Richard Elliott, cell: 416-898-3313
Philip Wong, cell: s.22

Length: 10 minutes

Key Participants:

- Mark Tyndall, director of the BC Centre for Disease Control
- Dean Wilson, long-time activist for health and welfare of people who use drugs
- Evin Jones, executive director of the Pacific AIDS Network
- Josh Paterson, executive director of the BC Civil Liberties Association
- Neil Self, chair of the board of Positive Living BC
- Scott Bernstein of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
- Dr. Mona Loutfy, leading HIV researcher
- Andrew Beckerman, HIV survivor, Legal Network board member and major donor
- Richard Elliott, Executive Director, Legal Network

Speaking

Backdrop: Mic and podium will be provided.

Audience

Description: Audience will consist of HIV researchers, government and policy leaders, front-line HIV services representatives, community members including people living with HIV, media, and others.

**Number of
Participants:** 80-100

Media attending: Media have been invited

Agenda: TBC

Speaking Notes

for the

Hon. David Eby
Attorney General

Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS

The Westin Bayshore Hotel
Marine Room
Vancouver, B.C.

Fri. Apr 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Introduction

- Good morning, and thank you Richard [Elliott] for that kind introduction.
- It's my pleasure to be here with all of you.
- Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the territory of the Coast Salish people, including the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.
- Thank you to Richard and the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network for hosting this conference, and for bringing so many different voices together to share ideas and experiences.
- Members of the Legal Network understand that advancing human rights is a matter of both practical and philosophical imperative,
- And the importance of approaching the topics of public health, law and policy reform in an integrated and strategic way.

- Its core goals are to:
 1. Repeal or reform punitive laws or policies that unjustly criminalize or discriminate against key populations affected by HIV;
 2. Help enact or implement laws and policies that protect key populations from discrimination and abuse, and ensure access to appropriate health care; and
 3. Provide support for key populations affected by HIV so they know, promote, demand and enjoy their human rights.
- As B.C.'s Attorney General, I value the Legal Network's continuing work towards making the province a safer, healthier and more equitable place to live.
- In addition - as the former president, I am well-versed in the scope of its objectives and the profound quality of its work.

- Among other reasons, the unique focus on human rights was a central part of my interest in joining the Legal Network's board.
- Since today's event is also a 25th anniversary celebration for the Legal Network, I think that's a perfect reflection of the record of success this organization enjoys today.
- A lot has changed over the course of those twenty-five years.
- The movement to fight HIV/AIDS was, and continues to be, one of the most significant of our time –
- It changed the course of history, and it renewed hope for those living with the disease.
- The battle against HIV and AIDS has made significant progress,
- Due in large part to the resilience of those who have suffered and continue to today ...

- Along with the many different individuals and groups that have collectively pushed back against this disease.
- In the time since the Legal Network was founded, B.C. has become a global leader in the prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS.
- Using HIV Treatment as Prevention is now a globally adopted practice that is saving countless lives,
- And is one that has been implemented across B.C. under the STOP HIV/AIDS program.
- B.C. has seen increased HIV testing in every region and a decline in new positive diagnoses since the province-wide expansion of the STOP HIV/AIDS program.
- And that is great news.
- But more work is needed – not only to ensure early diagnosis, but also to confront some of the sociological and legal factors that relate to people living with HIV

and AIDS.

- Some of our province's most disadvantaged people continue to be at risk.
- The Provincial Health Officer has noted disturbingly higher rates of HIV infection among Aboriginal people, and particularly Aboriginal women, relative to declining rates in the general B.C. population.
- Despite availability of treatment, an HIV diagnosis can be extremely traumatic, and there appears to be a link between trauma, risk of HIV, and drug use.
- Another area of concern lies in the relationship between the justice system and HIV/AIDS.
- An effective global HIV response must respect, protect and fulfill human rights, particularly for marginalized communities most at risk of having their human rights infringed and denied.

- While improvements have lowered the risk of transmission, there can still be serious legal consequences for anyone who doesn't disclose their positive diagnosis to potential partners.
- It is certainly a major topic of concern to people living with HIV and one where the Legal Network has played – and continues to play – a major leadership role in Canada and around the world.
- Government is committed to supporting all British Columbians, including those from marginalized communities or facing challenging life circumstances.
- In cases involving non-disclosure of HIV status, the complainants are often vulnerable persons who run the risk of suffering serious and life altering consequences.
- The BC Prosecution Service has the responsibility to independently determine and define the policies that govern criminal prosecutions, including cases about non-disclosure of HIV positive status.

- Those policies are reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure they accurately reflect developments in Canadian criminal law; respond appropriately to emerging trends or community needs, including scientific developments; and reasonably balance individual rights with societal interests.
- The prosecution service continues to work with federal, provincial and territorial partners on legislative reform that addresses the unique culpability and medical circumstances that arise in these cases, as well as the unique risk to victims.
- Consideration of the recently released federal report on the criminal justice system's response to HIV non-disclosure, and the scientific information contained in the report from the Public Health Agency of Canada, has formed part of the policy review process.
- The Provincial Health Officer continues to advocate for the removal of HIV from the criminal code entirely and to move the issue of HIV transmission to the public

health realm as we do with all other communicable diseases.

- I appreciate that HIV-positive disclosure can reinforce a stigma for people looking for a pathway to treatment ...
- And can discourage people who may be at risk from even getting tested.
- As Attorney General, I know that access to justice is vitally important in the context of advocating for public and human rights.
- Some of you may recall that last year, we announced our plans to re-establish a new Human Rights Commission here in B.C.
- Government is committed to delivering the services people that people count on.
- That includes creating a new Human Rights Commission with the goal of promoting equal access to human rights

services to all British Columbians – no matter where they live or what they can afford.

- After eight weeks of extensive public engagement, Parliamentary Secretary Ravi Kahlon presented me with a robust report and 25 recommendations for the new commission's scope.
- Primarily, the report recommends that the Province implement an independent Commission that reports directly to the Legislature, focuses on education and takes into account government's goals on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples –
- Who are, as I mentioned, disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS in Canada.
- This report and its recommendations are informed by the voices of British Columbians from many different walks of life who shared their stories about how human rights and human rights violations have impacted their lives.

- I have instructed Ministry staff to move forward with the implementation of the new B.C. Human Rights Commission, including the introduction of legislation in 2018.

CONCLUSION

- I want to thank you all for being here today, including the speakers and the event's organizers.
- Once again, I want to congratulate the Legal Network on 25 successful years of hard work and commitment to this battle.
- Thank all those who are part of the fight against HIV/AIDS, and those who dedicate their lives to providing all the necessary supports and services ...
- Including the advocacy work towards limiting pressure on those already suffering.
- And to those who are not only surviving, but living your life to the fullest: thank you for your inspiration, your

strength, and your incredible spirit.

- I wish you all an informative and productive day.
- Thank you.

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Event Information/Speaking Notes

Event: Sheriff recruit graduation

When: Fri., April 20 from 11:45 a.m. to approximately 1:40 p.m. (end of Minister's speech)

Speaking time: Five minutes

Where: Theatre, Justice Institute of British Columbia, 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster

Parking: Reserved parking at JIBC front entrance (where the flags fly)

Contact: Robert Chong s.22

Logistics: Minister to be greeted by ADM Cavanaugh, Chief Corrado, JIBC President Tarko.

Minister to be ushered to President's boardroom for light lunch and mingling with stage party.

Stage party to be ushered into theatre by piper at 1 p.m. for ceremony start.

Key Participants:

- Chief Judge Thomas Crabtree, Provincial Courts
- Chief Rhonda Larrabee (Quayquayt First Nations)
- Dr. Michael Tarko, President and CEO, JIBC
- Rob Kroeker, Chair of the Board of Governors, JIBC
- Lynda Cavanaugh, ADM, Court Services Branch
- Paul Corrado, Chief Sheriff, B.C. Sheriff Services

Other attendees: JIBC faculty, family and friends of graduates

Audience size: Up to 200 in the theatre. Ceremony being webcast to family, friends and BCSS members who could not be in attendance.

Agenda:

Emcee – Sgt. George Moschonas
Stage party and recruits piped into theatre
March on the Colours and Oh Canada
Introduction of stage party by Rob Chong
Traditional Welcome by Chief Rhonda Larrabee
Emcee remarks
Dr. Michel Tarko – JIBC President
Introduction of Minister by Lynda Cavanaugh, ADM
Speech by Attorney General (Approximately 1:30p.m.)
Speech by Chief Judge Crabtree
Speech by Chief Paul Corrado
Speech by Al Rosa, Supt., Office of Professional Standards
Instructor's address
Valedictorian
Grad video
Special Awards
 a. Academic Award - Lynda Cavanaugh
 b. Marksmanship Award - Al Rosa
 c. Chief Sheriff Shield of Merit Award – Paul Corrado
Michel Tarko (JIBC President) & Rob Kroeker (Chair of BOG) –
confer JIBC Certificates
Individual Certificates – Each recruit marches across stage and
receives JIBC certificate and badge
Closing remarks by emcee
Ceremonial Unit – God Save the Queen
Colour, march out, piper exits with recruits & stage party

Media attending: No

Key messages:

- Congratulations to the 18 new recruits.
- Welcome to B.C. Sheriff Services – you will have a rewarding career.
- Best of luck on the journey ahead.

Speaking Notes

for the

Honourable David Eby, QC
Attorney General

Graduation ceremony for sheriff recruits

Justice Institute of British Columbia
715 McBride Boulevard
New Westminster

Fri., April 20, 2018
Light lunch at 11:45 a.m.
Ceremony starts at 1 p.m.

Introduction

- Thank you Lynda for that kind introduction.
- I would like to start by acknowledging that we are on the territory of the Central Coast Salish peoples.
- I am very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the ceremony to welcome our newest deputy sheriffs.
- This is an exciting day and we are very honoured that Chief Judge Crabtree, Chief Larrabee, ADM Cavanaugh, Chief Corrado, Dr. Tarko, Mr. Kroeker, and our other distinguished guests were able to join us today.
- I also want to welcome the families and friends who are here in support of our graduating class – the 18 proud individuals standing here before us.

Commented [NTG1]: Will they be standing at this time?

- Today, we celebrate your achievements as you reach the end of challenging and rigorous training from your sheriff instructors.
- Your hard work, commitment and dedication over the last several months is recognized today with the presentation of your badges – signifying the move from recruit status to a recognized deputy sheriff.
- Next week, you will join your fellow Sheriff Services members in various regions to complete your new employee orientations and begin your careers.
- I know the courthouses in the Lower Mainland, Victoria, Fort St. John and Prince George are eagerly awaiting your arrival.
- As our government has indicated, we are committed to hiring and training more sheriffs and are currently running three classes a year to realize our goals.

- That means you won't be the 'new kids' on the block for long. There will be more deputy sheriffs joining the ranks right behind you.
- As we bring in the third recruit class I want to thank JIBC for our ongoing working relationship.
- JIBC is celebrating its 40th anniversary and I understand the Sheriff Academy was one of the first academies established here – a notable achievement!
- Recruits, as you join the B.C. Sheriff Service, know that you're joining an organization with a long and proud service to British Columbians.
- The sheriffs have roots in this province that trace back to 1856.
- And the sheriffs continue to provide distinguished service to the citizens of this province every day.

- As deputy sheriffs, you will be responsible for not only carrying out orders of the court, but also for ensuring the safety and security of all court users, including the judiciary, the legal profession, other justice related agencies, court staff and members of the public.
- You are not only peace officers, but also officers of the court, and you play an integral role in the administration of justice.
- I am confident you will enjoy a rewarding career with B.C. Sheriff Services...
- A career that will offer opportunities for growth, advancement and a wide range of memorable experiences.
- In turn, I know that B.C. Sheriff Services will benefit from your contributions, including both the skills and training taught to you by your sheriff instructors here at the Justice Institute,

and the unique experiences and insights each of you brings to the role you're about to undertake.

- On behalf of the B.C. Government and Premier John Hogan, I welcome you all to the public service... and offer my congratulations to our graduating recruits.
- I look forward to working with you and wish you all the best in your new careers.
- Thank you.

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BILL XX – 2018

Amendments to the Public Service Act, 2018

SECOND READING SPEAKING NOTES

Minister of Finance: “I move that the Bill be read a second time”.

Minister of Finance: “Honourable Speaker, in April 2017 the Ombudsperson issued the Misfire Report after reviewing the 2012 Ministry of Health employment terminations and related matters. The Misfire Report made 41 recommendations.

Recommendation 27 of the Report called for the Office of the Merit Commissioner to assume a new responsibility for the review of just cause dismissals in the BC Public Service.

This bill amends the Public Service Act to assign that function to the Merit Commissioner as recommended.

There are approximately 25 just cause terminations in the BC Public Service in a typical year.

This legislation will give the Merit Commissioner the responsibility to:

- 1. Provide oversight to ensure the Public Service's practices for just cause terminations are consistent with government processes and standards.**
- 2. Conduct independent reviews of public service just cause termination processes to ensure adherence to government practices, policies, and standards and to identify any systemic issues.**

As per the Misfire report, such reviews are only to take place following the completion of all labour relations or litigation proceedings related to terminations where the time for seeking a remedy has expired.

- 3. Publicly report the aggregate results of these reviews without disclosing identifiable personal information, along with whatever recommendations for improvement to the just cause termination processes the reviewer considers appropriate in the circumstances.**

It is important to note that the Commissioner's mandate is not to grant a remedy in individual cases or to determine whether a dismissal met the legal standard for just cause.

The mandate is a review of dismissal processes and practices, not to review the dismissal decisions themselves – which is consistent with the Ombudsperson's recommendation.

While Recommendation 27 set a timeline of March 31 for the introduction of this legislation, the Ombudsperson has granted some flexibility to that timeline provided it is introduced in time to be passed in the spring sitting.

Under the legislation any just cause dismissals that take place on or after April 1, 2018 will be eligible for review.

Minister of Finance: Honourable Speaker, I move that the Bill be referred to a committee of the Whole House to be considered at the next sitting of the House after today.”

Minister of Finance
Event Details Checklist
Updated: 27/02/19

Function Date	April 6, 2018
Name of Function	Keynote address: Economic Club of Canada “A Bold New Vision for Child Care in British Columbia”
Number of attendees expected	Approximately 80 – 150 individuals from Greater Toronto’s financial sector, as well as individuals from sectors such as government, policy and health care.
Sponsor/Host	Economic Club of Canada
Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone	Emily Peters, events lead with the Economic Club of Canada, (905) 330-9018 Minister is asked to proceed to the Grand Banking Hall upon arrival. Minister will be met by Rhiannon Traill, CEO of the Economic Club of Canada, and Emily Peters, event lead for the Economic Club of Canada.
Event Theme	Investors Tour: The keynote address is part of the Minister’s Investors Tour to promote <i>Budget 2018</i> .
Speech topic	<i>A Bold New Vision for Child Care and Economic Growth in British Columbia.</i> Synopsis: Canada faces an economic challenge with an aging population and declining labour force participation. Finance Minister Carole James will discuss British Columbia’s bold approach to tackle this challenge with a made-in-BC universal child care program.
Recommended arrival time	7:25 a.m.
Time Minister will be introduced	8:10 a.m.

Speech length	15 min.
Q&A time?	20 min.
Anticipated departure time	9 a.m.
Appropriate Dress	Business attire
Address/ directions	One King West Hotel - 1 King Street West, Toronto, ON.
Parking arrangements	NA
Name and title of person introducing Minister	Rhiannon Traill, Economic Club of Canada president and CEO.
Media anticipated	Yes
Name and title of other notable guests	Paul Bourque , President & CEO, Investment Funds Institute of Canada Aaron Sutherland , Vice President, Pacific, Insurance Bureau of Canada
Presentation details	The Minister will speak from a mic and podium for the speech and Q&A portion of the event. Economic Club of Canada staff will have mobile mics available to members of the audience asking questions.
Staff attending event	Jim Hopkins, ADM (250) 387-9295 Sam Myers, ED (778) 698-5908 Sadaf Mirza, Chief Economist (778) 698-1534

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SPEAKING NOTES FOR

Keynote: Economic Club of Canada

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
B.C. MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Friday, April 6, 2018
One King West Hotel - 1 King Street West
Toronto, ON.**

AUDIENCE:

Approximately 80 – 150 individuals from greater Toronto's financial sector, as well as individuals from sectors such as government, policy and health care.

TIME:

Speech: 15 min.

Q&A: 20 min.

Introduction

- Thank you for your introduction, Rhiannon.
- And Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to talk about a new vision for universal child care being led by British Columbia....
- To talk about B.C.'s continued economic success story....
- And to talk about our government's first full budget tabled six weeks ago, which includes the kind of bold action needed to ensure the continued economic success of our province today and into the future.

British Columbia: An Economic Leader in Canada

- As many of you know, British Columbia is rich in natural resources, our spectacular natural environment, and in the diversity of people who call B.C. home.
- We have a thriving, diverse economy that is well-positioned to handle the fiscal and trade uncertainty coming from our southern neighbour.
- We are a hub for investment with some of the lowest personal and corporate taxes in the country.
- We have a thriving service and tech sector with young professionals, flocking to not just Vancouver, but Victoria, Kelowna, and other parts of our province..

- And British Columbia continues to lead the way across Canada when it comes to fiscal responsibility.
- We are currently the only province rated triple-A by each of the major international credit rating agencies, a recognition of our balanced fiscal policy and economic stability.
- We have the fastest employment growth rate among all the provinces and the lowest unemployment rate in the country.
- And private sector forecasters expect B.C. to sit near the top of the provincial rankings in economic growth in 2018 and 2019.
- Behind this success are the people and businesses that built our province.
 - The entrepreneur building a tech start-up.
 - The young family putting down roots.
 - The senior volunteering to help better their community.
 - And the forest and mine workers, teachers and firefighters, city workers and small business owners.
- Our province is strong because of the people who call B.C. home.
- And our government believes that investments in people and a strong economy go hand in hand.

- We are focused on addressing the challenges facing British Columbians today, in order to prepare for the future and ensure that our province will thrive now and in the decades to come.
- This is what BC's *Budget 2018* does.
- It builds on our successes, and focuses in on our challenges.
- It addresses the housing crisis stifling opportunity in our province today.
- And it introduces a made-in-BC universal child care plan to tackle both the difficulties facing families and the economic challenges associated with an aging population.

Housing

- I'll begin with our focus on housing.
- Housing costs across British Columbia are skyrocketing.
- Most of our major urban centres face a severe affordability crisis. The price of single family housing in Greater Vancouver, for example, has increased by over 50 percent in just the last three years.
- We face near 0% vacancy rates and Families, seniors, students and workers can't find or afford a home in our urban centres.

- Young professionals are faced with the prospect of moving out of their communities or the province because they can't afford to rent or buy.
- And parents worry their children won't have a safe, secure place to live, let alone be able to afford a home.
- B.C. businesses and our economy are feeling the effects as well, with three out of five Vancouver Board of Trade members citing housing unaffordability as a barrier to recruiting and keeping employees.
- Nurses, construction workers, teachers, engineers and city workers are building careers, growing families and contributing to our province.
- They should be able to afford to put down roots and call a community home.
- That's why, with *Budget 2018*, we are taking bold action to meet this challenge head on by:
 - curbing demand from non-residents,
 - increasing housing supply with an investment of over \$7 billion and incentivizing the usage of largely vacant homes
- Budget 2018 lays out a 30-point, comprehensive housing plan to accomplish this.

- These measures are designed to help moderate B.C.'s out of control housing market to ensure that the people who live and work there can afford a place to call home.
- It is a plan that commits to long-term solutions and fairness for the people who live, work and pay taxes in B.C.
- We are countering tax fraud:
 - with better information sharing,
 - by closing real estate loopholes, and
 - by strengthening our audit and enforcement system with the federal government.
- We think it is fair to ask those who have benefitted from soaring housing prices in B.C. to give a bit more back.
- That's why we are increasing taxes on B.C.'s most expensive properties, on the value over \$3 million dollars.
- And we're taking action on speculators who distort our market with a new annual speculation tax focused in B.C.'s major urban areas.
- The tax will target speculators who are driving up prices and leaving homes vacant.
- B.C.'s real estate market should not be used as a stock market.
- It should be used to provide safe and secure homes for families, renters, students and seniors.

- To curb demand we're also increasing the additional property transfer tax rate – known as the foreign buyers tax – to 20%,
- And expanding it to overheated markets beyond Metro Vancouver.
- We think that foreign buyers should contribute more for the high quality of life they enjoy in our province.
- And, finally, we are investing over \$7 billion to build and maintain tens of thousands of new affordable housing units.
- And we're partnering with municipalities, the private sector, non-profits, faith groups and others to expand our housing stock.
- These are bold actions, and tackling a crisis isn't easy.
- But as the government of British Columbia, we have a responsibility to act to ensure that British Columbians can afford a place to live.
- Our intent is to moderate and bring stability to our housing market with these changes.
- And to have the revenues to invest in affordable housing and increased support for families, seniors, students and renters.
- This is a challenge that needs to be addressed today head on and we are doing just that.

Looking to the future: A Made-in-BC Universal Child Care Plan

- The housing crisis is one immediate challenge facing our province, but it isn't the only challenge we face.
- As with most of the country, we have an aging population with declining labour force participation, which presents major fiscal challenges over the long run.
- At the same time, those with young families can't afford the cost of child care, often forcing a parent to stop working altogether.
- This matters for our economy. It matters today for the tens of thousands of families who can't afford child care, and it matters for the future in ensuring we have the workforce we need.
- Families and businesses in B.C. tell us that a lack of accessible and affordable child care is holding them back.
- They are finding it harder and harder to recruit and retain talent, which is why the BC Business Council, the Vancouver Board of Trade and other Chambers of Commerce joined child care activists in calling for action.
- Too many parents, especially mothers, are forced to put their career on hold temporarily or permanently because they can't find or afford child care.
- And too many firms have lost some of their best workers for the very same reason.

- Countless families, business owners and child care advocates have spoken out about the struggle parents face in balancing work needs and family needs.
- Parents, in particular women, should not be forced to choose between having a family and keeping their career.
- *Earlier this year I was at a baby shower for a family friend.*
- *While the room was filled with celebration, it was also marked by anxiety.*
- *Young parents were asking, “have you gotten on all the child care waitlists? Did you hear the wait is now 18 months?”*
- *People were asking the new mother, “Are you going to extend your maternity leave? Will you be able to keep your position at work?”*
- *One young mother gave up her job because her family couldn’t afford child care for two kids.*
- These kinds of impossible decisions between family and work were not fair 50 years ago, and they’re not fair today.
- Women should be able to have a career and a family if they choose.
- Times have changed, but the child care system hasn’t kept pace.
- There are not enough child care spaces to meet the growing demand that has come with the rise of dual career families

- This has meant a shortage of spaces and child care costs that are out of reach for parents who are working and middle class.
- For parents in Vancouver with toddlers, they are paying \$1,300 a month or more.
- For working class families those costs plus rent can take up almost all of a family's budget.
- The result?
- Some women are forced to give up their careers.
- Others return to work, but see their progress and promotion slowed.
- They find themselves at lower seniority and lower pay than their male peers.
- And the newest evidence on the gender wage gap shows that it is largely explained by this exact phenomenon.
- Activists across the country have been fighting to transform our child care system and build a more equal country.
- Their efforts helped launch the first universal child care program in the country in Quebec 20 years ago.
- And they created the grassroots support needed to put child care at the centre of BC's most recent election.
- In British Columbia, we are proud to take up this challenge, at the very start of our mandate, with the goal of transforming child care in our province.

- Our 2018 Budget charts a path to universal child care with a historic billion dollar investment over three years that sets our province on the path to a universal system.
- This is the beginning of a 10 year plan that will bring universal child care to British Columbia in a responsible, evidence-based manner.
- This means learning from the successes and challenges of other jurisdictions and taking the time to do things right.
- Our plan starts with an immediate, broad-based child care fee reduction, which lowers fees for all children in licensed care while also ensuring price stability for parents from f providers. That is step one of our plan.
- Step two provides broad, but targeted support to make child care affordable. A new affordable child care benefit, worth up to \$1250 per month, further reduces child care fees for parents with incomes below \$111,000 with parents earning less than \$45,000 per year receiving free or extremely low cost child care and others receiving care for as little as \$10/day.
- Together these measures give broad fee reductions to all families and significant immediate savings for the most vulnerable while providing a clear path to a full, universal system.
- Our government took up the challenge of developing a new, made-in-BC child care system because both the need and evidence are there.

- More and more economic leaders and financial institutions are saying that with today's labour market and aging demographics, providing access to child care is essential for our long run economic growth.
- In recent weeks, Stephen Poloz, Governor of the Bank of Canada, spoke about the future of work.
- The Governor noted that we cannot take advantage of economic growth opportunities unless we have people available to do the work.
- With aging demographics, Poloz states we should "be doing everything we can to develop untapped sources of labour supply within our existing population," which can best be done by increasing women's participation in the workforce through investments in child care.
- Affordable and accessible child care is an investment in people, in human capital, and as such is an investment in our economy.
- Only 83% of prime-age women in Canada are in the labour force.
- This is compared to 91% of prime-age men participating in the workforce today.
- And these numbers understate the challenge as many of these women in the workforce are either underemployed, under promoted or underpaid.
- Quebec's model is a success story for the rest of Canada to learn from.

- 20 years ago in Quebec, the prime-age female participation rate in the workforce was 74%.
- Government wanted to change that.
- They identified barriers to female participation in the workforce and made changes to reduce those barriers.
- They reduced the cost of child care and extended parental leave provisions.
- Within a few short years, women's prime-age labour force participation shot up 5%.
- And today, the rate of participation is 87%; a 13% increase over two decades.
- Importantly, their increased workforce participation did not displace but was *in addition to* male workforce participation.
- Fast forward to today , and the changes the Quebec government made in 1997 continue to have positive impacts on the social and economic fabric of their province.
- A 2012 study by Canadian economist Pierre Fortin and his colleagues at the University of Sherbrooke demonstrated the financial benefits of Quebec's child care system today.
- They found that Quebec's child care system returned \$1.47 for every dollar invested to federal and provincial government, GDP jumped by 1.7%, and 70,000 more mothers with children under the age of 14 had jobs in 2008 than would have otherwise been the case.

- Quebec isn't the only example we can learn from. Nearly 80 years ago, with the Lanham Act of 1940, the United States embarked on a short-lived but very successful universal child care program across hundreds of cities.
- The evidence shows that the program not only increased mothers' paid work, but that children's long run outcomes from schooling to work were improved.
- With our made-in-B.C. child care plan, we have taken lessons from the successes and struggles of previous programs, and we believe our province will see similar positive economic outcomes.
- Our plan is setting up B.C.'s economy for continued sustainable growth.
- We know that quality early childhood education will set up our children for success in school and later in life.
- We know that allowing parents, and especially women, to enter and remain in the workforce will help our economy and businesses.
- Providing child care to B.C. families is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do to support our long run economic growth.
- Our made-in-B.C. universal child care plan :
 - Lower costs for parents,
 - Increase the number of child care spaces, and

- Make sure those spaces meet quality care standards.
- Our plan sets us on the path to universal child care.
- Our plan will be affordable for families and the Province.
- It will give children the quality care and early learning they deserve.
- It will ensure parents do not have to choose between a career and their family.
- And it will transform British Columbia for the better.

Building on success

- B.C. is headed in an exciting new direction.
- We are proud of our progressive values and we are acting on them.
- Because it isn't enough to talk the talk. We promised a universal child care system and, in our first budget, we have laid out the path.
- By investing in people in our province, in women, and in families we're investing in a strong, sustainable economy where everyone has opportunity.
- And we're taking the responsible approach.
- We're charting a path for long run economic sustainability by tackling declining labour force participation head on.

- We have made substantial investments in Budget 2018 while recognizing that societal change takes time.
- We've built a budget that is balanced fiscally and balanced in its approach.
- We've built significant prudence into our fiscal plan, and maintained our competitive tax environment.
- Our balanced approach has ensured that our province maintains its AAA credit rating and remains an economic leader, now and into the future.

Conclusion

- Budget 2018 builds on B.C.'s success....
- It's balanced fiscally and balanced in its approach.
- It lifts people up.
- It tackles the housing crisis
- It makes a historic investment to take care of our children.
- And it focuses on maintaining a strong economy now and into the future.
- It is a budget that recognizes and builds on our province's successes, and focuses on key investments in the people who help build our strong economy.
- The investments we are making today have been carefully considered with one thing in mind...

- What actions can we take today to build a better future for British Columbians?
- This budget is not only about what will happen next year...
- Or over our three-year fiscal plan.
- The choices we make today chart a path to what we want our province to look like in 10, 20 and even 50 years.
- Because a budget is about more than revenues and expenses.
- It's about the kind of future we all want.
- It's about the growth and strength we want for our communities and businesses.
- It's about a better B.C. for each and every person in our province.
- Thank you.
- I look forward to taking your questions.

END

Minister of Finance
Event Details Checklist
Updated: 2019-02-27

Function Date	Friday, April 27, 2018
Name of Function	
Number of attendees expected	
Sponsor/Host	Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC), Prosper Canada
Contact name and number	Paul Howard, s.22
Event Theme	Amendments to the <i>BC Securities Act</i>
Speech topic	Protecting British Columbian's life savings from fraud
Recommended arrival time	9:45 am
Time Minister will be introduced	10:02 am
Speech length	5 minutes
Q&A time?	Yes, ~10:35 am
Anticipated departure time	11:00 am
Appropriate Dress	Business attire
Address/ directions	James Bay New Horizons 234 Menzies Street, Victoria, B.C.
Parking arrangements	N/A
Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone	Paul Howard will meet the Minister at James Bay New Horizons. Please call his cell at s.22
Name and title of person introducing Minister	Lucy Becker, VP Public Affairs and Member Education Services of IIROC
Media anticipated	Yes
Name and title of other notable guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Kang, MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake — Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors Andrew Kriegler, President and CEO — IIROC Liz Mulholland, CEO — Prosper Canada
Recent special achievements to acknowledge	
Staff attending event	

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SPEAKING NOTES FOR

IIROC MEDIA EVENT — SECURITIES ACT AMENDMENTS

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

JAMES BAY NEW HORIZONS

**FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018
234 MENZIES STREET
VICTORIA BC V8V 2G7**

KEY MESSAGES:

- We made changes to the *Securities Act* so people can have more confidence in the securities market and know their life savings are better protected.
- We are amending our securities laws so the self-regulatory organizations (SROs) that represent investment and mutual fund dealers can enforce their penalties in the courts.
- Our goal is securities legislation that works for people, protects investors and promotes a fair, efficient capital market in British Columbia.

INTRODUCTION

- Good afternoon, and thank you Lucy for your introduction.
- First, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen people, including the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- I'm pleased to be here with the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada, as well as Prosper Canada and CARP, who are co-hosting this event today in my own riding of Victoria-Beacon Hill.
- Thank you to James Bay New Horizons for hosting us, and thank you to all of you who joined us.
- It's been a pleasure to be Victoria – Beacon Hill's MLA for 13 very lucky years.

- And now as your Minister of Finance, representing British Columbians here and across our province.
- From housing to child care to eliminating MSP payments, I am proud to work on a wide range of issues that help make British Columbians lives more affordable.
- As your government, we have a longstanding commitment to work towards a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.
- One way we can do that is to ensure that British Columbia has securities legislation that works for people, protects investors and helps prevent financial misconduct.
- Fraud and financial crime are serious issues that deserve serious action.

- That's why we're extending additional legislative power to our partners at IIROC through new investor protection legislation.
- As a self-regulatory organization in the securities industry, IIROC is in the best position to work with regulators to protect investors.
- Working alongside provincial regulators, IIROC is responsible for making sure investment dealers who do not act in the best interests of their clients face tougher consequences.
- Through the new legislation,
 - IIROC can file their disciplinary decisions directly with the BC Supreme Court to pursue fines.
 - B.C. joins six other provinces across the country in changing securities law so

regulators can more effectively pursue wrongdoers.

- IIROC will now have another tool to ensure that investment dealers will be accountable for wrongful behaviour.
- Accountability means that investors from British Columbia, from Canada, and from beyond our borders, have confidence in our province's securities markets.
- We are fortunate to live in a province that has a stable democracy, a robust financial market, and a strong stable economy.
- And above all, we are fortunate to work alongside hard-working British Columbians who are the foundation of our strong economy.

- Your savings and investments are a symbol of your work, your time and your energy.
- Investments are how British Columbians:
 - pay for their retirement...
 - Help their children get a post-secondary education...
 - And help them buy their first home...
- And, rightfully, people expect their investments to be safe.
- But we know that there are people who would target vulnerable investors, and we know that the loss of life savings can be devastating.
- This is especially true for those at or nearing retirement, because every dollar you save will support you as you look towards the

future.

- We're proud to work with industry regulators to ensure that those savings and investments are protected.
- Thank you.

Minister of Finance *Event Details Checklist*

Updated: 27/02/2019

Function Date	Sunday April 29, 2018
Name of Function	Khalsa Day Parade — Vaisakhi celebration
Number of attendees expected	
Sponsor/Host	
Contact name and number	
Event Theme	Vaisakhi
Speech topic	Welcome
Recommended arrival time	
Time Minister will be introduced	
Speech length	2 minutes
Q&A time?	N/A
Anticipated departure time	
Appropriate Dress	
Address/ directions	
Parking arrangements	
Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone	
Name and title of person introducing Minister	
Media anticipated	
Name and title of other notable guests	
Recent special achievements to acknowledge	
Presentation details	
Staff attending event	

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SPEAKING NOTES FOR

VAISAKHI — KHALSA DAY PARADE

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

GURDWARA SINGH SABHA

**SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018
GURDWARA SINGH SABHA
470 CECILIA ROAD
VICTORIA BC**

KEY MESSAGES:

- It is important that we share and celebrate our special cultural days that have shaped our values and influenced who we are today.
- Honouring the rich heritage and traditions of British Columbians helps promote a respectful, fair and inclusive society.
- Participating in these activities is an opportunity to bring people together in celebration and honours British Columbians unique heritages,

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning, and welcome to all.
- First, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen people, including the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- Thank you to Gurdwara Singh Sabha for organizing this parade — the first ever celebrating Vaisakhi here in Victoria.
- As the MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill, I'm proud to be here in the Premier's stead and to celebrate with you today.
- It is exciting to participate in the rich heritage and traditions of British Columbians.
- Our province is one of the most ethnically diverse in Canada.
- We are proud to embrace the histories, stories and values that come from all over our globe.

- As Canadians, multiculturalism is a part of our common identity.
- And our recognition and celebration of our diverse society helps nurture inclusiveness, understanding and respect.
- Today, we're here to celebrate, to participate and to connect with our fellow British Columbians.
- And in doing so, we honour the different cultures that have shaped our values and influenced who we are today, tomorrow and beyond.
- Happy Vaisakhi.
- Thank you.

Minister of Finance
Event Details Checklist
Updated: 27/02/2019

Function Date	Tuesday, April 24 2018
Name of Function	Provincial Announcement on 30-Point Housing Plan
Number of attendees expected	Media invited
Sponsor/Host	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Event Theme	Housing
Speech topic	Tracking Pre-Sale Condo Assignments (REDMA Amendments)
Recommended arrival time	11:15 a.m.
Time Minister will be introduced	11:30 a.m.
Speech length	4 mins
Q&A time?	11:44 a.m.
Anticipated departure time	11:50 a.m.
Appropriate Dress	Business casual
Address/ directions	BC Legislature, Victoria. Rear entrance area
Parking arrangements	General parking
Contact meeting Minister at location/ cell number/phone	Rick Devereux (250) 812-1207
Name and title of person introducing Minister	Minister James to open and close event
Media anticipated	Media are invited
Set up	Podium with microphone; (podium riser requested)
Event Plan	<p>11:15 a.m. – Pre-brief with Rick Devereux in Minister James' office.</p> <p>11:28 a.m. – Speakers make their way to podium in press theatre.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Opening Remarks by Minister James</p> <p>11:34 a.m. – Minster James introduces Minister Robinson</p> <p>11:35 a.m. – Minister Robinson give remarks (rental zoning)</p> <p>11:39 a.m. – Minister Robinson introduces Lisa Helps</p> <p>11:40 a.m. – Lisa Helps, City of Victoria gives remarks</p> <p>11:43 a.m. – Minister James thanks Mayor and closes event</p> <p>11:44 a.m. – QA with media moderated by media relations</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – Event concludes.</p>

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SPEAKING NOTES FOR

Rental Zoning Authority for local governments: Tracking Pre-Sale Condo Assignments

**HON. CAROLE JAMES
MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**BC Legislature— rear behind Library
Victoria, BC**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Victoria, B.C.**

INTRODUCTION

- **Good morning.**
- **Thank you for joining us here today on the territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.**
- **Our government made a commitment when we were putting together our first full budget.**
- **A commitment to put people at the centre of every decision we make.**
- **That's why as part of Budget 2018, we released our 30-Point Housing Plan.**
- **We want to make life more affordable for people.**
- **The housing crisis in B.C has spiralled out of control...**
- **Housing prices have soared out of reach for too many people...**
- **Vacancy rates are at historic lows...**
- **And rental rates are unaffordable.**
- **That is why we have moved forward with a comprehensive plan to address both demand and supply.**
- **In the past two months our government has announced a number of legislative changes and actions we are taking to bring housing affordability home to B.C.**
- **From increasing and expanding the foreign buyers tax...**
- **To establishing the new Housing Hub.**

- This flurry of activity is necessary.
- B.C.'s housing crisis demands that we act swiftly, and in partnership, to enact real change.
- In a moment, Minister Robinson will speak to what her ministry is doing today to help increase supply.
- But first, I'd like to share what my ministry is taking to curb demand.

TRACKING PRE-SALES

- We have all heard a story of a condo unit being sold multiple times before the unit is even lived in.
- These are called pre-sale contract assignments.
- Part of what makes contract assignments lucrative investments is the potential to skirt tax laws.
- People may be assigning pre-sale condo contracts without reporting their capital gains
- Plus, each time the contract changes hands, it drives the price up.
- This pushes legitimate buyers –families looking for a place to call home – out of the market.
- That's why we're taking action to close real estate speculation loopholes and crack down on tax evasion.

REDMA

- **Today, we are introducing amendments to the Real Estate Development Marketing Act to track pre-sale condo assignments.**
- **We will require developers to collect comprehensive information on the assignment of contracts for pre-sale condos and other strata lots.**
- **This information will include:**
 - **The personal or business information of the parties;**
 - **The location of the strata lot; and**
 - **The amount received for assigning the contract.**
- **We will require developers to include terms in their contracts to inform buyers of the new collection and reporting requirements.**
- **We will also require them to report this information to the property transfer tax administrator in the Ministry of Finance.**
- **To protect people's privacy, we will keep this information confidential and it will not be publicly available.**
- **But we will be sharing it with the Canada Revenue Agency...**
- **To ensure assignment transactions are reported and the appropriate taxes assessed.**
- **Today's amendments are the first step to making sure people who flip pre-sale condos are paying their fair share of taxes.**
- **A first step to stopping people from using pre-sale condos as a quick, lucrative investment.**

- Stop them from driving prices up for British Columbians trying to get into the housing market.
- By tracking pre-sales and ensuring appropriate enforcement we will crack down on tax evasion...
- As promised in Budget 2018 and our Housing Plan.

INTRODUCE MINISTER ROBINSON

- In the few short months since launching our 30-Point Housing Plan, Minister Robinson and I have worked hard to address both demand and supply.
- To share more about what her ministry is doing to build the homes people need...
- Please welcome Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson.

[Minister Robinson speaks]

Mayor Helps speaks]

- Thank you Lisa.
- It's good to see that our partnerships with local governments are working, and working for the people living in our province.

CONCLUSION

- **I have always said that addressing housing affordability won't happen overnight.**
- **After 16 years of neglect, we have a lot of work to do.**
- **But I can tell you that I am immensely proud of the actions our government has taken so far.**
- **I look forward to sharing more with you, as our government works to make housing more affordable for British Columbians.**
- **Because we want people to be able to afford to live in the communities they work in.**
- **Thank you.**

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