

Event Information: Shell H2 opening event

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**When:** Friday June 15

**Time:** 10:30AM

**What:** Grand opening events for Shell H2 Station - the first hydrogen retail station in Canada

**Where:** Shell Granville station, 8686 Granville St, Vancouver. BC

**Event contact:** Chantelle McGivern, Shell, 403 691-4476

**Audience:** Shell leadership, Govt officials, H2 leaders, Media, OEMs.

**Government Officials**

- Govt of BC\_ Ministry Heyman in place of EMPR Minister Michelle Mungall
- Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development: Hon Navdeep Singh Bains
- City of Vancouver Mayor: Gregor Robertson

\*TBD: other senior political leaders/ Premiers/ Federal Minister of Environment: Honorable Catherine McKenna

**Energy Industry**

- Michael Crothers, Shell Canada Country Chair
- Andrea Brecka, Shell Retail GM Canada:
- Oliver Bishop, Shell Hydrogen GM (global)

**OEMs**

- Don Romano, Hyundai CEO
- (Toyota and Honda reps are also attending but not their CEOs)
- Dan Brock, Fasken Martinique, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Coalition/ H2GO

**Hydrogen Industry**

- Colin Armstrong, CEO, HTEC
- Raymond Ling, CEO, Powertech
- Randy McEwan, President & CEO, Ballard

Due to site capacity issues they can only have ~65 people onsite for the launch and anticipate inviting ~ 100-150 to the energy dialogue panel lunch afterwards.

**Event summary:**

Shell will be hosting the launch event at the site mid-morning (ride & drive, refueling photo ops and ribbon cutting etc.) and following this an Energy Dialogue lunch with a panel of H2 leaders at a hotel close by.

## **Speaking notes:**

- **Good morning, and thank you to Shell for inviting me here today.**
- **I'm here on behalf of my colleague the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, who sends her regrets.**
- **I'm here to bring congratulations to Shell on the occasion of the grand opening of this, the first hydrogen fueling station in Canada.**
- **Taking action on climate change means supporting innovative companies that transform our economy away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy.**
- **BC is committed to supporting a transformation to a clean economy – it's the single most important global opportunity on the horizon.**
- **This station is a good example of the type of infrastructure needed to encourage drivers to switch to cleaner fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**
- **Through the Province's Clean Energy Vehicle Program, we are investing \$3 million in new funds toward hydrogen fuelling infrastructure, in addition to the \$300,000 the Province has contributed to the development of this station.**

- **Funding from the Province and others assembled here is expected to result in a total of eight stations in B.C. by the end of 2020.**
- **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.**
- **That's why we say thank you for your foresight in taking this action to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.**
- **You've invested in infrastructure that will create new climate solutions, jobs and a clean economy.**
- **As government, we salute your accomplishment and wish you all the success with this new facility.**
- **Thank you, and good luck.**

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

100,000 BC Parks Specialty Licence Plates Sold

Jack Poole Plaza  
1055 Canada Place  
Vancouver, B.C.

Monday, June 25, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m.



- **Introduction:**

**Territorial Acknowledgement: Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Musqueam**

**Key people to recognize and thank:**

- ICBC representative Mark Francis
- Student rangers North Vancouver crew

**Top message:**

- Our government is reinvesting direct revenue from the BC Parks Licence Plate Program into a series of new projects and programs designed to enhance conservation and preserve the natural, cultural and recreational values of BC Parks.

## **Announcement:**

- I am thrilled to announce we've reached a significant milestone with the BC Parks Licence Plate Program – we've officially sold 100,000 specialty plates.
- Reaching this milestone means a whopping \$2.3 million will go towards protecting and preserving our beautiful provincial parks.
- It also means British Columbians are passionate about their parks and this passion has helped us far exceed our expectations for licence plate sales, generating more revenue in one year than was initially forecasted for five years.

- Revenue from the sales of specialty licence plates is going towards a number of diverse programs and projects related to conservation, community engagement, and Indigenous relations.
- Two examples of meaningful programs being supported by licence plate funding are the Student Ranger Program and the GO Grants Program, operated by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.
- Established in April, the BC Parks Student Ranger Program offers 48 young adults hands-on work experience in eight regions throughout the province.

- The student rangers recently completed their training and have begun working in the field on projects related to conservation, trail maintenance, community outreach and Indigenous relations.
- I wish them well on this exciting opportunity.
- The GO Grants Program recently received \$30,000 from funds generated through the BC Parks Licence Plate Program.
- GO Grants provides funding for school field trips to provincial parks and other natural areas so students can learn about B.C.'s fish, wildlife, habitats and biodiversity while gaining an appreciation for the environment.

- Up to 2,500 students are anticipated to go on field trips during the next school year.
- I hope a new generation of young people will form a lifelong attachment to our province's diverse and rich natural environment.
- These are just two examples of the important programs and projects being funded through the BC Parks Licence Plate Program and many more will be unveiled in the coming year.
- The licence plate program is made possible thanks to our partnership with ICBC and support from hundreds of Autoplan brokers across the province.

- Motorists can choose one of three specialty plate designs depicting scenes from B.C.'s parks and protected areas.
- The designs include the Kermode bear, an elusive white version of black bear found on B.C.'s coast, the snow-capped Purcell Mountains symbolizing the province's interior region, and Porteau Cove overlooking Howe Sound.
- Starting this summer, the plates will now be available for fleet vehicles.
- British Columbians truly recognize how much provincial parks enrich our lives.
- By supporting the licence plate program, motorists can show their love for our parks

while investing in programs and projects that ensure meaningful action is taken to protect the environment and achieve B.C.'s conservation goals.

## **SUMMARY TO FOLLOW**

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- Reinvesting revenue plate sales into BC Parks.
- 100,000 plates sold = \$2.3 million for diverse programs
- Student Rangers and Go Grants
- More revenue in one year than forecasted in five.
- Plates available for fleet vehicles starting this summer.



## Event Information / Canadian Bioeconomy Conference

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**Event:** Canadian BioEconomy Conference & Exhibition ([web site](#))

**When:** Friday, June 8, 2018

**Time:** 8 am

**Keynote speaker:** Bioeconomy opportunities and B.C.'s Climate Commitment

**Location:** Prince George Civic Centre, Prince George, B.C.

**Audience:** Canadian biomass industry members

**Event Summary:**

- Founded in 2004. Previously the International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition.
- It focused attention on the emerging bioenergy industry in Northern B.C. and on creating a venue for Canadian wood pellet producers to connect and network with their customers and colleagues in other parts of the world.
- The event “reflects the diversification in the use of woody biomass across the full value chain of bioproducts.”
- MGH is the sole political representative from government at this conference as such he may be asked a wide variety of questions. A Q&A is provided as an appendix to these key messages.
- There may be local media in attendance.

<b>Event roll-out:</b>	
8 am	MC – Greg Stewart, President Sinclair Group Forest Products, convenes the plenary
8:02 am	Introduction of minister - Stan Mitchell, Partner, KPMG, PG office (sponsor)
8:04 am	Minister speaks
8:25 am	5-10 minutes for Qs – Pidgeonhole used – moderated Qs from audience
8:30 or 8:35 am	Greg Stewart to thank Minister Heyman

## **First Nations Acknowledgement:**

- The traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation [clayt-clay ten-ay]

## **Main Message Frame: Climate Strategy**

- 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.
- 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.
- Having failed to meet the legislated 2020 target (everybody knows now it's impossible) we have introduced legislation to set new targets: 40% reduction in carbon emissions (from 2007 levels) by 2030, and a 60% reduction by 2040.
- The new targets legislation will also enable sectoral targets to be set by Ministerial order.
- The legislation will require detailed public reports on climate change adaptation – a recommendation of the Auditor General's report.
- New targets to reduce GHG emissions are the foundation for a new climate strategy.
- We need a strategy that says “these are the steps we are going to take in industry, in transportation, in building, heating and lighting and energy use that will get us there.”
- People need to know that they are partners. People need to know that we are sincere and people need a framework in which we can work together most effectively.
- The touchstone of a new climate strategy is: our emissions are going down.

- Our strategy will include actions like:
  - supporting transition to bio fuels to deal with waste that otherwise is releasing greenhouse gases and polluting water,
  - supporting First Nations' energy projects,
  - helping people move from internal combustion engines to get into both transit and zero emission vehicles.
  - to retrofit homes, commercial buildings and public buildings to reduce energy use,
  - to spur clean technology and provide good jobs and training for those good jobs to our children.
- The new climate plan will feed people's hopes instead of stoking their fears.

### **Key Messages: Bioeconomy**

- A strong and diverse bioeconomy is an important component of a future low carbon economy in B.C.
- B.C. is recognized as a leader in global bioeconomy development
- Many communities across B.C. rely on forestry and bioeconomy resource industries, and this conference is an opportunity to recognize their importance to B.C.'s economy, and communicate their role in the transition to a low carbon economy.
- Many forestry and resource based communities will be significantly affected by climate change and yet are concerned about the affordability and competitiveness of their conventional industries, and this conference is an opportunity to showcase the success of many B.C. communities and industries in finding low carbon economic opportunities here and abroad to maintain their local economies.

### **Key Messages – ICE Fund**

- The ICE Fund is our way to increase innovation and generate new energy.
- Through the fund, we are supporting the development of everything from electric cars and lower carbon gasoline and diesel, to more energy-efficient

home furnaces and direct support for local governments and Indigenous communities seeking cleaner energy alternatives.

- All of these projects help grow the economy and empower people, while also supporting our environmental and greenhouse gas reduction priorities.
- By promoting clean-energy innovation, we are also creating good jobs and encouraging economic activity that will benefit communities throughout the province.
- Government has committed to reinvigorate the ICE Fund, to boost investments in ground-breaking new energy technologies and climate change solutions. The ICE Fund reinvigoration is expected to happen later in 2018.

## Questions and Answers

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### **How does the government of B.C. support the CCFM Bioeconomy Framework?**

- The B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development help lead the development of the Forest Bioeconomy Framework for Canada that was finalized in fall 2017. It provides a comprehensive approach for increasing and accelerating bioproducts in Canada to grow the forest bioeconomy through innovation and advanced clean technologies.
- Through collaborative efforts, federal, provincial and territorial governments advance the next generation of forest sector transformation and diversification efforts to shift our society toward a low-carbon, highly innovative, and sustainable future.
- Here in B.C. we have leveraged our existing networks and formalized partnerships to build a strong and competitive forest bioeconomy around the four pillars of CCFM Bioeconomy Framework.
- B.C. has engaged extensively with clean technology developers within the forest sector through FPInnovations, B.C. Innovation Council (B.C.IC) and B.C.'s Pulp & Paper Bioproduct Alliance (Bioproduct Alliance) in building and enhancing an innovation ecosystem to further support focused research to advance forest clean technology and innovation to support the bioeconomy over the past few years.

### **What is the Clean-Tech Innovation Strategy?**

- B.C. developed a provincial Clean-Tech Innovation Strategy for the B.C. Forest Sector (the innovation strategy). This strategy guides B.C.-based research programs in new bioproducts and clean technology R&D and commercialization and enables multiple levels collaboration and engagement among government, industry, and universities
- The Innovation Strategy has successfully ensured the outcomes of provincial research, development and innovation projects in the forest sector align with three provincial government priorities in bioeconomy development including: increase forest resource and product value, enhance competitiveness and sustainability and provide technical support to indigenous and rural communities.

### **How does the B.C. government support bioeconomy development, specifically land access and access to the fibre the biomass industry needs? (Industry would like access to fibre; forest companies slash burning can restrict fibre available).**

- The **Forest and Fibre Action Plan** (the Action Plan) announced in September 2015 includes 13 action items that focus on improving utilization of residual fibre.
- B.C. has worked collaboratively with industry via Forest Fibre Working Group for years to explore fibre utilization and fibre security to secondary users and maximize the value of new bioproducts from forestry resources.

- FFWG has actively engaged with primary harvesters and secondary users to provide support and encouragement for business-to-business relationships and support for removing residuals from the forest where business-to-business relationship do not exist and tenure opportunities for secondary users where there are no primary harvesters.
- B.C. has collaborated with FPInnovations to develop and utilize biomass inventory analysis at TSA level, develop and implement new tools, technologies and processes to improve the assessment of recoverable forest residual biomass for utilization.
  - FLNR's Forest Tenures Branch and FPInnovations are co-leading seven woody debris management workshops across the province for primary harvesters and secondary users this May and June to provide practical methods for improving the utilization of post harvesting residual fibre. The workshops will include, among other topics, descriptions of the existing policy and tenure tools that have been developed as part of the Forest Fibre Action Plan - the Fibre Recovery Process, Biomass Handling Guidelines and Pre-Harvest Waste Assessment and SPF Process.

#### **How will government help industry compete given the Carbon Tax?**

- We are gradually phasing in the federally mandated carbon price, starting with a \$5 per tonne increase announced in Budget 2018.
- The higher price on carbon will help to put the province on a path towards meeting B.C.'s legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction target of 80 per cent below 2007 levels, while supporting economic growth and protecting the finances of B.C. families.
- We will provide certainty for businesses to stimulate investment, as well as supporting the competitiveness of trade exposed industries.
- Government will consult on a new clean growth incentive program for large industrial emitters in B.C. The program is designed to keep industries competitive as they innovate to cut emissions.

#### **How can bio-fuel producers contribute more to the product required to meet the provincial Low Carbon Fuel Standard?**

- Government began consultation on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act and the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation (together, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard) in December 2017.
- The consultation is about ensuring that the Act and the Regulation remain flexible, responsive, and are based on the best available science.
- The current standard requires a carbon intensity reduction of 10% by 2020 designed to reduce the environmental impact of transportation fuels and contribute to a new, low-carbon economy.
- The Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation requires 5% renewable content in gasoline, 4% renewable content in diesel and, by 2020, a 10% reduction in carbon intensity of transportation fuels.

- The Low Carbon Fuel Standard resulted in the avoidance of over 1.13 million tonnes of global greenhouse gas emissions in 2016, and a total of 6.37 million tonnes between 2010 and 2016.
- By 2020, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard is expected to result in the avoidance of 2.68 million tonnes of greenhouse gases annually.

**What is the government doing to help industry foster good relationships with Indigenous peoples as it relates to land access and tenure?**

- Our government is taking steps in partnership with Indigenous Peoples in our jurisdiction to make true reconciliation possible.
- It is our intention to develop a cross-ministry framework in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to meet our commitments to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the Tsilhqot'in decision.
- Aboriginal title and rights are a matter of law and justice. We must move away from the ongoing cycle of court battles, embrace Section 35 of the Constitution and move toward meaningful reconciliation in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.
- This is a unique time in Canada's history, where all partners at the table are focused on transforming the Crown-Indigenous relationship. That process starts when we recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- We look forward to working with First Nations, Métis, all Indigenous partners and Canada, as we build a new and better relationship.

## Event Information / Canadian Water Summit

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**Event:** Canadian Water Summit ([web site](#)) – Closing Keynote

**When:** Wednesday June 20, 2018

**Time:** 5:10 - 5:30 pm

**Location:** Pinnacle Marriot Hotel, 1128 West Hastings, Vancouver

**Audience:** From 200-250 people expected. Audience consists of people from across Canada who work in industry (e.g., oil and gas, mining sectors), for Indigenous organizations and corporate NGOs, senior level executives and all levels of government.

**Event theme:**

- *Knowledge to Practice – Applying Science, Policy and Research to the Blue Economy*

**Event Summary:**

- Introducing minister will be either Madjid Mohseni (UBC) or Lynn Kriwoken (Ministry of ENV)
- 10-15 minute remarks followed by moderated Q&A

### **Main Message Frame: Government's role in managing water use and including indigenous perspectives**

- My ministry is leading two significant undertakings that will support government's broader economic agenda, by ensuring we have both a growing, resilient economy and a healthy environment:
  1. Professional reliance review
  2. Environmental Assessment review
- Our government's broader agenda includes a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples, and I will touch on a couple of MOUs dealing with water resources in that regard.
- It is essential we fill gaps in knowledge and learn from our past challenges to manage our water resources for the public good and in a sustainable way.



## **Key Messages: Professional Reliance Review**

- The B.C. government is conducting an independent review of the province's professional reliance model to ensure the highest professional, technical and ethical standards are being applied to resource management in British Columbia.
- The professional reliance model emerged from the desire to have project proponents in the natural resource sector pay for the expertise needed to ensure they are complying with the various regulatory regimes.
- Qualified professionals have specific expertise necessary to inform natural resource decisions, and develop and oversee monitoring and implementation of natural resource management activities.
- The reliance upon professionals exists in many other areas such as health care and financial management.
- Reviewing the professional reliance model is a top priority for this government because the public should be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and the highest environmental standards -- while industry retains the certainty it needs to continue to generate jobs and economic growth.
- Public engagement launched December 1, 2017 and closed January 19, 2018
- Stakeholder engagement launched at the same time, and Indigenous peoples were also consulted.
- Government received over 2,400 feedback forms from the public, 102 stakeholder submissions, and over 1,500 surveys of qualified professionals.
- This feedback was considered along with findings from a review of current legislation and best practices in other jurisdictions.
- A final report with recommendations will be released in the coming days.

## **Key Messages: EA Review**

- This week the Environmental Assessment Office released a discussion paper for public comment – as part of the EA revitalization process.
- We're revitalizing B.C.'s EA Process to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met and good sustainable projects can be up and running more quickly.
- B.C.'s environmental assessment process was last updated in 2002, and we're committed to ensuring B.C.'s environmental assessment process is in line with world leading best practices.
- We're working with an aggressive timeline to make recommendations and implement changes to the EA policy/legislative framework. The Province is aiming to introduce legislative changes late in the fall 2018 session.
- The new proposed process will be shorter and provide greater timeline certainty than the current process.
- Industry, as well as the public, have been and will continue to be substantially engaged throughout the revitalization process.

## **Key Messages: Water in BC**

- B.C.'s diversity – the diversity of our water systems, our people, and our economy – provides us with some key challenges in how we manage water.
- The B.C. government continues to make implementation of the Water Sustainability Act a priority. The Act modernizes how we manage water here in B.C.
- The Act brings groundwater and surface water together under the same management approach so we can manage it “as one water.”
- It contains tools to better manage aquatic ecosystems, to connect land and water, and to manage impacts to water and ecosystems.

## **Key Messages: Indigenous peoples & UNDRIP – recognition**

- A number of tools in the Water Sustainability Act support our commitments to modernize the land use planning process and to move towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- Our government is taking steps in partnership with Indigenous Peoples in our jurisdiction to make true reconciliation possible.
- It is our intention to develop a cross-ministry framework in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to meet our commitments to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the Tsilhqot'in decision.
- Aboriginal title and rights are a matter of law and justice. We must move away from the ongoing cycle of court battles, embrace Section 35 of the Constitution and move toward meaningful reconciliation in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.
- This is a unique time in Canada's history, where all partners at the table are focused on transforming the Crown-Indigenous relationship. That process starts when we recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- We look forward to working with First Nations, Métis, all Indigenous partners and Canada, as we build a new and better relationship.

## **Key Messages: Collaborative Stewardship Framework**

- The Nicola Watershed Pilot Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of B.C. and the Nicola Bands is an example of this commitment.
- It's part of the Collaborative Stewardship Framework -- a partnership between the Province and more than 30 Indigenous governments and communities.
- The Collaborative Stewardship Framework will be co-designed and co-implemented with Indigenous communities in a regionally appropriate manner.

- We're starting the work of implementing this Framework with five Collaborative Stewardship Forums, of which the Nicola Watershed Pilot is one.
- It's an agreement that establishes a government to government relationship.
- It's a commitment to explore opportunities to engage governments and stakeholders in the management of the Nicola Watershed.
- We've signed a similar MOU with the Spltasin in the Hullcar Valley, where the community has been under a water advisory for years due to high nitrate levels in the watershed.
- These agreements under the Collaborative Stewardship Framework will provide the opportunity for the Province and First Nations to explore different management approaches, governance structures and models of decision making.
- These are long-term undertakings that seek to build robust collaborative partnerships.
- Co-leadership with First Nations is essential to help ensure the health of these watersheds. We need to develop solutions together.

# Questions and Answers: Water Resources and Environment

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## Environmental Assessment Process/Revitalization

### 1. Why is B.C.'s environmental assessment process changing?

- We're revitalizing B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Process to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected and the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met.
- B.C.'s environmental assessment process was last updated in 2002, and we're committed to ensuring B.C.'s environmental assessment process is in line with world leading best practices.

### 2. What is EA revitalization focused on?

- Enhancing public confidence: ensuring impacted First Nations, local communities and governments and the broader public can meaningfully participate in all stages of environmental assessment through a process that is robust, transparent, timely and predictable;
- Advancing reconciliation with First Nations; and,
- Protecting the environment while offering clear pathways to sustainable project approvals by providing certainty of process and clarity of regulatory considerations including opportunities for early indications of the likelihood of success.

### 3. How can I participate in EA revitalization?

- The Discussion paper is on the Ministry web site.
  - Read the Discussion paper, and provide your feedback.
  - Complete the Engagement Survey

### 4. How will my feedback make a difference?

- The proposed changes in the discussion paper are just that: proposed. They are not final, and we recognize the importance of making sure that when it comes to revitalizing B.C.'s environmental assessment process – we get it right.
- It's important that we hear from the public that we're getting it right, and if not, where we could improve. We'll be strongly considering these suggestions as we put together the final changes proposed for B.C.'s environmental assessment process.
- The feedback provided in the engagement survey will be incredibly important to help the government through the EAO create new ways of engaging with British Columbians. The EAO is committed to ensuring the public can access information about Environmental Assessments in a way that is easy to understand, and through a variety of ways that reaches all British Columbians. Responses to the survey are vitally important to guide these efforts.

**5. Why is the public being engaged now?**

- The environmental assessment revitalization process has many steps and many opportunities for input. Each stage of engagement will help to inform future stages of engagement with different groups, each building off of previous work.
- In deciding when to engage the public, it is important that every British Columbian have the opportunity to meaningfully comment and engage. That means providing a clear picture of what B.C.'s environmental Assessment process could look like.
- To do that, we needed to engage with a community of experts first to help us paint that picture. We're now asking for feedback from the public to ensure we get it right.

**6. When will environmental Assessments actually change in B.C.?**

- We're working with an aggressive timeline to make recommendations and implement changes to the EA policy/legislative framework. The Province is aiming to introduce legislative changes late in the fall 2018 session.
- Assuming the legislation passes, it will take several months to ensure a smooth transition to the new process. This includes incorporating the new changes into policies, regulations and operations of the Environmental Assessment Office, and ensuring alignment with government permitting agencies, and other partner organizations.
- Environmental Assessments that are already underway will continue under the current process. A revitalized EA process would be prospective, not retrospective.

**7. It sounds like Revitalization has the potential to add additional layers of red tape to the EA process – how will the province ensure B.C. continues to remain attractive to investment?**

- A common complaint of the current Environmental Assessment process is that there can be uncertainty with respect to process, timelines, or outcomes. Addressing these concerns is one of our top priorities.
- The revitalized EA process will provide greater certainty to proponents, as well as providing opportunities for early indications of success.
- A revitalized EA process will be more responsive to proponent needs than the current process, and ensures B.C. continues to be an attractive destination for investment.

**8. Will the new EA process be longer or shorter than the current process?**

- While every Environmental Assessment varies from project to project, it is intended that the new proposed process will be shorter and provide greater timeline certainty than the current process.
- The new proposed EA process incorporates early engagement work that is already happening but not accounted for in the current time calculation. The addition of a mandatory early engagement phase is expected to increase certainty at later stages in the process and avoid suspensions/requests for information, resulting in more projects following the standard legislated timelines.

- Additionally, a 180 day timeline is being proposed for the Process Order and there is no prescribed timeline during current the pre-application phase of the EA, which is introduced with the new proposed process.

**9. Is industry being left out of the revitalization process?**

- Industry has been and will continue to be substantially engaged throughout the revitalization process.
- Industry stakeholders participated in bi-lateral meetings with EAO staff throughout the engagement period in February to April to ensure their concerns were understood. Industry representatives continue to be engaged as the revitalization process continues. For details on the organizations engaged thus far, check out the Direct Engagements page.
- Industry was also represented on the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee, in balance with Indigenous groups, local government, environmental NGOs, and others.

**10. What happens to projects that are already involved with the current environmental assessment process?**

- Projects currently under assessment under the current EA Act will continue under the existing process, with practical transition provisions.

**11. How is the First Nations Energy and Mining Council involved in the Revitalization process?**

- The Environmental Assessment Office is collaborating with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC), on behalf on the First Nations Leadership Council, to ensure a revitalized environmental assessment process advances reconciliation.
- FNEMC has been working with EAO for a number of years to identify ways to improve the EA process to make it more meaningful to Indigenous peoples.
- FNEMC delivered regional workshops for First Nations community representatives as well as a 2 day provincial workshop, to ensure their perspectives on the current environmental assessment process and suggestions on what changes could be made were captured.

**12. Why is the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) involved in B.C.'s EA Revitalization Process?**

- We're committed to engaging directly with Indigenous groups throughout the revitalization process at a government-to-government level.
- We are also working with FNEMC to engage with First Nations to make sure we provide a variety of opportunities to collect feedback.
- FNEMC is a partner in the Revitalization process for a number of reasons:
  - The previous government signed an agreement with the First Nations Leadership Council that identified changes to the EA process as a commitment and, at the request of First Nations, our government endorsed maintaining that commitment document.
  - The FNLC has named FNEMC as the organization that will work on behalf of FNLC for the EA commitment.

- Our government is also committed to implementing UNDRIP, and that means engaging with First Nations through the institutions they have identified to represent them, and working with them on legislation that effects them.
- That being said, some individual Indigenous groups have clearly identified to EAO that FNEMC does not speak for them. Because of this identified concern, EAO is offering direct government-to-government engagement opportunities for individual Indigenous groups to provide input to the EA revitalization process.

**13. Are Indigenous groups in B.C. only able to provide input through the First Nations Energy and Mining Council?**

- No. EAO is offering direct government-to-government engagement opportunities for individual Indigenous groups to provide input to the EA revitalization process.
  - Some individual Indigenous groups have clearly identified to EAO that FNEMC does not speak for them.
- In addition, four Indigenous regional workshops in Terrace, Prince George, Kamloops and Nanaimo were led by FNEMC for attendees to share their experiences and perspectives on B.C.'s current environmental assessment process. A fifth province-wide workshop was also held over 2 days in Vancouver.
- Finally, anyone will have an opportunity to provide feedback during the comment period which is now open until August 20th, 2018.

**14. Doesn't implementing The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples amount to a veto for Indigenous groups where development is concerned?**

- The Province is committed to implementing UNDRIP and is considering how to bring principles of the declaration into action in context of environmental assessment as it meets its commitment to revitalize the environmental assessment process.
- Free, prior and informed consent is not a veto. It is an important aspect of natural resource development and we must find ways to embrace and reflect the stewardship values and respective responsibilities maintained by First Nations in any decision making related to major projects.

**15. Who was on the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee? How were members selected?**

- The Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee was 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 and Chair of the First Nations Health Authority board of directors.
- The Committee included a further 10 members across Indigenous groups, local government, industry, Environmental NGOs, environmental law, impact assessors and planners, and provided an independent analysis of B.C.'s current Environmental Assessment process, and opportunities for improvement.



- Committee members were recommended by the Environmental Assessment Office and the First Nations Energy and Mining Council to represent a broad spectrum of experts who engage with environmental assessments.

**16. How will the Federal Government's review of their environmental assessment process impact B.C.'s revitalization efforts?**

- The changes proposed for the federal EA processes in Bill C-69 are quite aligned with what B.C. is already doing, or is aligned with changes likely to be considered in the revitalization process.
- We will certainly consider bill C-69 in the context of revitalization, but do not expect it to unduly influence B.C.'s efforts to revitalize our own environmental assessment process in the best interests of British Columbians.

**17. Many individuals and organizations just provided a wealth of feedback in the review of the Federal Environmental Assessment Process. Is their feedback being considered? Do they need to repeat themselves?**

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- Despite outreach to stakeholder groups, the rate of groundwater application submissions especially among rural users is lower than expected:

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- The Act also enables new approaches to decision making where shared decisions around water is possible.
- Support for reconciliation and UNDRIP can be supported when we start to use these tools in a government to government relationship where there is shared leadership between the Province and First Nations as has been started in the Nicola watershed.

**28. How does the *Water Sustainability Act* incorporate climate change considerations?**

- The need to consider climate change underpins much of the *Water Sustainability Act*. From the discretion statutory decision makers have, to tools that are flexible and able to adapt to changing water supply conditions to the requirement for groundwater users to obtain water licences and powers to regulate surface and groundwater as a single resource reflect this need.
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**29. Teck has recently closed down their water treatment plant in the Elk Valley that was supposed to address selenium levels – what is the government doing to ensure water quality there?**

- Government is aware of the decision by Teck to shut down its West Line Creek water treatment plant.
- The ministry continues to work with Teck and the Ktunaxa Nation Council to ensure that a robust monitoring program is in place for the Elk River watershed to provide data on the state of the aquatic ecosystem.
- The ministry will continue to monitor this situation.
- Teck has invested significant resources to try to mitigate its impact on the environment and meet the targets of the Area-Based Management Plan (ABMP).

**30. What is the Collaborative Stewardship Framework?**

- The Collaborative Stewardship Framework is a collaborative partnership between the Province and Indigenous governments and communities focused on reconciliation and shared responsibility for environmental stewardship.
- The CSF will be co-designed and co-implemented with Indigenous governments and communities in a collaborative and regionally appropriate manner that includes:
  - A common vision for the CSF within Indigenous governments' territories
  - Joint principles for collaboration
  - Co-designed and implemented stewardship activities that address landscape level stewardship interests such as cumulative effects assessment, restoration and recovery activities, and stewardship monitoring.
- These initial five forums are intended as learning labs to demonstrate and test the CSF concept, provide early feedback and relationship-building opportunities and build capacity with Indigenous partners to work collaboratively with the Province on a shared stewardship vision and associated priorities.
- In two years, the CSF will be evaluated with recommendations to evolve the CSF to a province-wide, long-term program.

Speaking Notes  
for  
Hon. George Heyman  
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GO Grants Program funding from BC Parks

Goldstream Provincial Park  
Langford, B.C.

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m.

## **Introduction:**

**Territorial Acknowledgement: Te'mexw (Te-muck) Treaty Association, Hul'qumi'num (Hull-Kah-me-num) Treaty Group and Saanich Nation.**

## **Key people to recognize and thank:**

- Representatives from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
- Grade 2 and 3 students from Ecole Margaret Jenkins School and their teachers Angela Dawson and Katherine Dennison
- Park Operator, RLC Park Services' interpretive program staff

## **Top message:**

- Our government is reinvesting direct revenue from the BC Parks Licence Plate Program into a series of new projects and programs designed to enhance conservation and preserve the natural, cultural and recreational values of BC Parks.

## **Announcement:**

- When you're a student, it's always a great day if you get to go on a field trip.
- And I may be biased, but it's even better when you get to experience nature firsthand in one of our beautiful provincial parks like Goldstream.
- That's why I am excited to announce that we are contributing \$30,000 towards the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation's GO Grants Program.
- The funding comes from the sale and ongoing renewals of BC Parks specialty licence plates...



- And will allow up to 2500 students to venture into the great outdoors this upcoming school year for some hands-on learning activities in B.C. parks across the province.
- Activities will include releasing salmon fry, nature scavenger hunts, and plant and animal identification.
- Licence plate funding has already supported outdoor learning in our parks for more than 700 students this past school year through GO Grants.

- BC Parks has an important partnership with the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, which ensures the funds reach schools directly.
- HCTF was also an important partner in our recent purchase of 144 hectares of land known as Eagle Heights near Koksilah River, providing \$400,000 in funding.
- I can't stress enough how important it is to get our youth into nature. By supporting the GO Grants Program, I hope a new generation of young people will form a lifelong attachment to our province's diverse and rich natural environment.

- The school field trips are important for building a conservation ethic in our youth. They also allow students who might not otherwise have a chance to explore the great outdoors to gain unique learning experiences.
- A lot of this is possible thanks to the contributions of British Columbians through the licence plate program. The program offers motorists a choice between three specialty licence plates depicting scenes from B.C.'s provincial parks and recreation areas.

- All net proceeds from the sale and ongoing renewals of the specialty plates are being reinvested back into BC Parks. It's a great way for British Columbians to show they care deeply about conservation and their parks system.
- The GO Grants Program is the second of a series of projects funded through the licence plate program.
- The first was the BC Parks Student Ranger Program, which was established in April with proceeds generated from the sale of specialty licence plates.

- The 48 student rangers recently completed their training and are now working in the field on a diverse range of projects related to conservation, recreation, community outreach and Indigenous relations.
- We look forward to unveiling more projects funded through the BC Parks Licence Plate Program in the coming year that will protect and improve our natural spaces into the future.

## **SUMMARY TO FOLLOW**

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- Reinvesting revenue from BC Parks licence plates.
- GO Grants (run by HCTF) provides funding for field trips to BC parks.
- More than 700 students went on field trips this year. Up to 2,500 students will go on field trips next school year thanks to \$30k in plate sales.
- Hands-on activities teach students about fish, wildlife, habitats and biodiversity.
- HCTF is an important partner – provided \$400K in funding for recent Eagle Heights purchase.
- Student rangers is the first program funded by licence plate revenues.

## Event Information / Resources for Future Generations (RFG) Conference

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**Event:** RFG 2018 Conference ([web site](#)) – expecting up to 2,000 delegates total

**When:** Monday June 18, 2018

**Time:** 9 am

**Opening Session:** Resource Perspectives

**Location:** Ballroom A, Vancouver Convention Centre West Building

**Audience:** From 500-1,000 people expected. Diverse audience, about half international, from many different sectors: renewables and conventional, earth scientists/technicians and policy makers alike.

**Panelists:**

- MC - Janice Zinck, Director at Canmet MINING, a research, development and innovation arm of Natural Resources Canada, and President of CIM.
- Hon. George Heyman, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Chief Harvey McLeod, Chief Upper Nicola Band and BCAFN Board of Directors
- Glenn Sigurdson, Mediator, “Once Lawyer”, Chair of Resolve Inc.

**Event Summary:**

- A series of three presentations providing Government, First Nation and personal perspectives on resources – opportunities and challenges.
- The session will involve **three 15 minute talks** with additional time at the end of all three for potential questions from the floor (via aisle microphones) – time permitting.
- Media have been invited.

<b>Event roll-out:</b>	
8 am	Please meet in Room 107 at 08:00am; the session will follow directly after the Indigenous Opening Ceremony and the welcome speech from Minister Ralston (08:30-09:00); participants in this session should be in their seats in Ballroom A before 08:30
9 am	MC Janice Zink will provide brief comments on the importance of resources and the significance of RFG, and the critical role of CIM in the organization and development of the conference. She will introduce the speakers with a brief biographical summary, and will provide guidance on timing and potential questions.
<b>9:05 – 9:20 am</b>	<b>Minister remarks</b>
9:20 – 9:35	Chief McLeod remarks
9:35 – 9:50	Glenn Sigurdson remarks
9:50 - 10 am	Q&A

## **Main Message Frame: Environment and Natural Resource Development**

- A sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon and other pollution and protecting the environment for British Columbians.
- My ministry is leading three significant undertakings that will support government's broader economic agenda, by ensuring we have both a growing, resilient economy and a healthy environment:
  1. Professional reliance review
  2. Environmental Assessment review
  3. Renewed Climate Strategy

## **Key Messages: Professional Reliance Review**

- The B.C. government is conducting an independent review of the province's professional reliance model to ensure the highest professional, technical and ethical standards are being applied to resource management in British Columbia.
- The professional reliance model emerged from the desire to have project proponents in the natural resource sector pay for the expertise needed to ensure they are complying with the various regulatory regimes.
- Qualified professionals have specific expertise necessary to inform natural resource decisions, and develop and oversee monitoring and implementation of natural resource management activities.
- The reliance upon professionals exists in many other areas such as health care and financial management.
- Reviewing the professional reliance model is a top priority for this government because the public should be assured that a strong, transparent process is in place that upholds the public interest and the highest



environmental standards, while industry retains the certainty it needs to continue to generate jobs and economic growth.

- Public engagement launched December 1, 2017 and closed January 19, 2018
- Stakeholder engagement launched at the same time, and Indigenous peoples were also consulted.
- Government received over 2,400 feedback forms from the public, 102 stakeholder submissions, and over 1,500 surveys of qualified professionals.
- This feedback was considered along with findings from a review of current legislation and best practices in other jurisdictions.
- A final report with recommendations will be released in the coming days.

### **Key Messages: EA Review**

- This morning the Environmental Assessment Office is releasing a discussion paper for public comment – as part of the EA revitalization process.
- We're revitalizing B.C.'s EA Process to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met and good sustainable projects can be up and running more quickly.
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- Industry, as well as the public, have been and will continue to be substantially engaged throughout the revitalization process.

## **Key Messages: Climate Strategy**

- New targets to reduce GHG emissions are the foundation for a new climate strategy, that we will be releasing this fall
- Legislation will require detailed public reports on climate change adaptation – a recommendation of the Auditor General’s report.
- We’ll produce a strategy that says “these are the steps we are going to take in industry, in transportation, in building, heating and lighting and energy use that will get us there.”
- People need to know that they are partners. People need to know that we are sincere and people need a framework in which we can work together most effectively.
- The touchstone of a new climate strategy is: our emissions are going down.
- Our strategy will include actions like:
  - supporting transition to bio fuels to deal with waste that otherwise is releasing greenhouse gases and polluting water,
  - supporting First Nations’ energy projects,
  - helping people move from internal combustion engines to get into both transit and zero emission vehicles.
  - to retrofit homes, commercial buildings and public buildings to reduce energy use,
  - to spur clean technology and provide good jobs and training for those good jobs to our children.
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# Questions and Answers: Resource Development and Environment

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- Advancing reconciliation with First Nations; and,
- Protecting the environment while offering clear pathways to sustainable project approvals by providing certainty of process and clarity of regulatory considerations including opportunities for early indications of the likelihood of success.

### 3. How can I participate in EA revitalization?

- The Discussion paper is on the Ministry web site.
  - Read the Discussion paper, and provide your feedback.
  - Complete the Engagement Survey

### 4. How will my feedback make a difference?

- The proposed changes in the discussion paper are just that: proposed. They are not final, and we recognize the importance of making sure that when it comes to revitalizing B.C.'s environmental assessment process – we get it right.
- It's important that we hear from the public that we're getting it right, and if not, where we could improve. We'll be strongly considering these suggestions as we put together the final changes proposed for B.C.'s environmental assessment process.
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**5. Why is the public being engaged now?**

- The environmental assessment revitalization process has many steps and many opportunities for input. Each stage of engagement will help to inform future stages of engagement with different groups, each building off of previous work.
- In deciding when to engage the public, it is important that every British Columbian have the opportunity to meaningfully comment and engage. That means providing a clear picture of what B.C.'s environmental Assessment process could look like.
- To do that, we needed to engage with a community of experts first to help us paint that picture. We're now asking for feedback from the public to ensure we get it right.

**6. When will environmental Assessments actually change in B.C.?**

- We're working with an aggressive timeline to make recommendations and implement changes to the EA policy/legislative framework. The Province is aiming to introduce legislative changes late in the fall 2018 session.
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- Environmental Assessments that are already underway will continue under the current process. A revitalized EA process would be prospective, not retrospective.

**7. It sounds like Revitalization has the potential to add additional layers of red tape to the EA process – how will the province ensure B.C. continues to remain attractive to investment?**

- A common complaint of the current Environmental Assessment process is that there can be uncertainty with respect to process, timelines, or outcomes. Addressing these concerns is one of our top priorities.
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**8. Will the new EA process be longer or shorter than the current process?**

- While every Environmental Assessment varies from project to project, it is intended that the new proposed process will be shorter and provide greater timeline certainty than the current process.
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- Additionally, a 180 day timeline is being proposed for the Process Order and there is no prescribed timeline during current the pre-application phase of the EA, which is introduced with the new proposed process.

**9. Is industry being left out of the revitalization process?**

- Industry has been and will continue to be substantially engaged throughout the revitalization process.
- Industry stakeholders participated in bi-lateral meetings with EAO staff throughout the engagement period in February to April to ensure their concerns were understood. Industry representatives continue to be engaged as the revitalization process continues. For details on the organizations engaged thus far, check out the Direct Engagements page.
- Industry was also represented on the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee, in balance with Indigenous groups, local government, environmental NGOs, and others.

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- Projects currently under assessment under the current EA Act will continue under the existing process, with practical transition provisions.

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- The Environmental Assessment Office is collaborating with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC), on behalf on the First Nations Leadership Council, to ensure a revitalized environmental assessment process advances reconciliation.
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  - The previous government signed an agreement with the First Nations Leadership Council that identified changes to the EA process as a commitment and, at the request of First Nations, our government endorsed maintaining that commitment document.
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## **Bioeconomy and Climate:**

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- This framework provides a comprehensive approach for accelerating bioproducts in Canada - to grow the forest bioeconomy through innovation and advanced clean technologies.
- Here in B.C. we have built a strong and competitive forest bioeconomy around this Framework.
- B.C. has engaged extensively with clean technology developers within the forest sector through FPInnovations, BC Innovation Council (BCIC) and B.C.'s Pulp & Paper Bioproduct Alliance (Bioproduct Alliance).
- We've supported focused research to advance forest clean technology and innovation in the bioeconomy sector.

### **25. How can government support industry and protect the environment at the same time?**

- The Innovative Clean Energy Fund is our way to increase innovation and generate new energy.
- Through the fund, we are supporting the development of everything from electric cars and lower carbon gasoline and diesel, to more energy-efficient home furnaces and direct support for local governments and Indigenous communities seeking cleaner energy alternatives.
- All of these projects help grow the economy and empower people, while also supporting our environmental and greenhouse gas reduction priorities.
- By promoting clean-energy innovation, we are also creating good jobs and encouraging economic activity that will benefit communities throughout the province.
- Government has committed to reinvestigate the ICE Fund, to boost investments in ground-breaking new energy technologies and climate change solutions. The ICE Fund reinvestigation is expected to happen later in 2018.

## **26. How does the government of B.C. support the CCFM Bioeconomy Framework?**

- The B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development help lead the development of the Forest Bioeconomy Framework for Canada that was finalized in fall 2017. It provides a comprehensive approach for increasing and accelerating bioproducts in Canada to grow the forest bioeconomy through innovation and advanced clean technologies.
- Through collaborative efforts, federal, provincial and territorial governments advance the next generation of forest sector transformation and diversification efforts to shift our society toward a low-carbon, highly innovative, and sustainable future.
- Here in B.C. we have leveraged our existing networks and formalized partnerships to build a strong and competitive forest bioeconomy around the four pillars of CCFM Bioeconomy Framework.
- B.C. has engaged extensively with clean technology developers within the forest sector through FPInnovations, B.C. Innovation Council (B.C.IC) and B.C.'s Pulp & Paper Bioproduct Alliance (Bioproduct Alliance) in building and enhancing an innovation ecosystem to further support focused research to advance forest clean technology and innovation to support the bioeconomy over the past few years.

## **27. What is the Clean-Tech Innovation Strategy?**

- B.C. developed a provincial Clean-Tech Innovation Strategy for the B.C. Forest Sector (the innovation strategy). This strategy guides B.C.-based research programs in new bioproducts and clean technology R&D and commercialization and enables multiple levels collaboration and engagement among government, industry, and universities
- The Innovation Strategy has successfully ensured the outcomes of provincial research, development and innovation projects in the forest sector align with three provincial government priorities in bioeconomy development including: increase forest resource and product value, enhance competitiveness and sustainability and provide technical support to indigenous and rural communities.

## **28. How will government help industry compete given the Carbon Tax?**

- We are gradually phasing in the federally mandated carbon price, starting with a \$5 per tonne increase announced in Budget 2018.
- The higher price on carbon will help to put the province on a path towards meeting B.C.'s legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction target of 80 per cent below 2007 levels, while supporting economic growth and protecting the finances of B.C. families.
- We will provide certainty for businesses to stimulate investment, as well as supporting the competitiveness of trade exposed industries.
- Government will consult on a new clean growth incentive program for large industrial emitters in B.C. The program is designed to keep industries competitive as they innovate to cut emissions.

**29. What is the government doing to help industry foster good relationships with Indigenous peoples as it relates to land access and tenure?**

- Our government is taking steps in partnership with Indigenous Peoples in our jurisdiction to make true reconciliation possible.
- It is our intention to develop a cross-ministry framework in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to meet our commitments to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the Tsilhqot'in decision.
- Aboriginal title and rights are a matter of law and justice. We must move away from the ongoing cycle of court battles, embrace Section 35 of the Constitution and move toward meaningful reconciliation in partnership with Indigenous Peoples.
- This is a unique time in Canada's history, where all partners at the table are focused on transforming the Crown-Indigenous relationship. That process starts when we recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- We look forward to working with First Nations, Métis, all Indigenous partners and Canada, as we build a new and better relationship.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes Minister Rob Fleming

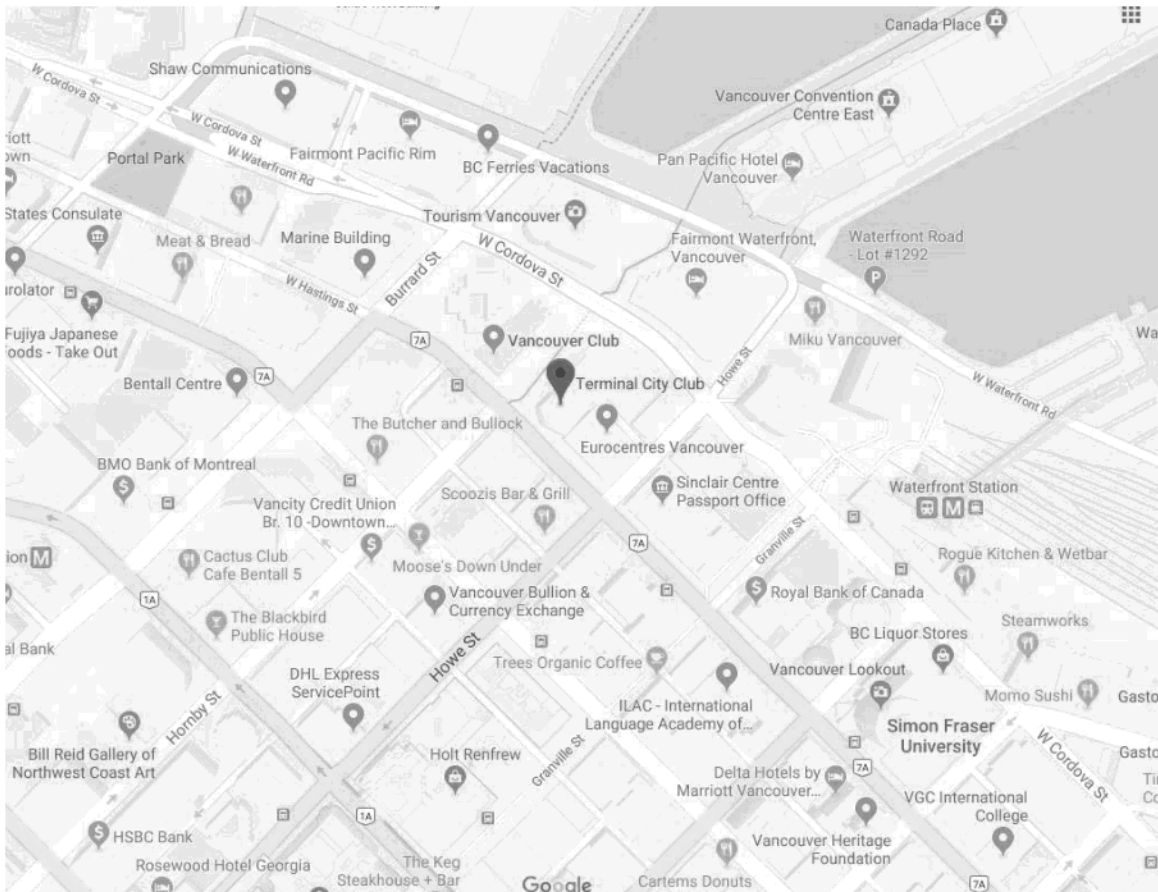
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**Event:** Out on the Deck 2018, a fundraising reception for SOGI 123

**When:** Thursday, June 28, 7-10:30 p.m.

**Where:** Terminal City Club, 1892 Bistro, 837 West Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

**Directions:**



**Length:** 3-5 minutes

**Key Participants:**

- Brad Beattie, executive director, ARC Foundation
- Event hosts: Dr. Robert Quartermain, ARC Foundation founding trustee; and ARC Foundation trustees
- Glen Hansman, president, BCTF
- Matt Carruthers, BC SOGI education lead

**Other Attendees:** ARC Foundation supporters and donors

**Audience Size:** 85

**Audience – what do they want to hear:** Remarks in celebration of the SOGI 123 initiative and the BC SOGI Educator Network given 54 of 60 school districts are participating this school year.

From organizer: “The ARC Foundation team is excited to have Minister Fleming and all MOE team members join us as guests given Minister Fleming’s SOGI 123 leadership and the ARC-MOE SOGI 123 partnership in B.C. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the many successes that we have achieved together.”

**Contact:** Brad Beattie, executive director, ARC Foundation

**C:** 604-306-9401

**E:** brad@POPpeopleagency.com

### Itinerary:

Time	Item
6 p.m.	ARC team arrive at Terminal City Club
7 p.m.	Guests arrive <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Youth volunteers (Chloe/Tru/Camille) and summer intern (Alex) to welcome guests</li><li>Social mingling</li></ul>
8-8:20 p.m.	Speeches - Brad to MC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Robert Quartermain, ARC Foundation founding trustee, to give welcome (2-3 mins)</li><li>Minister Fleming (3-5 mins: whatever amount of time he would like)</li><li>Glen Hansman, president, BCTF (3-5 mins)</li><li>Matt Carruthers, BC SOGI education lead (2-3 mins)</li><li>Steve “ask for donations” (2-3 mins)</li><li>Brad Beattie, ARC Foundation executive director – thank you and close</li></ol>
8:20-10 p.m.	Social mingling
10 p.m.	Guests leave

Key messages  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Out on the Deck 2018  
A fundraising reception for SOGI 123

Terminal City Club, 1892 Bistro, 837 West Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Thursday, June 28, 2018  
3-5 minutes

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## **KEY MESSAGES:**

- All students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves.
- No student should be excluded or bullied because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- In the past few months we've heard from people who are opposed to SOGI 123. These people have made their opinions loud and clear.
- However we have also heard from educators, administrators, parents, students and community members who are committed to ensuring all B.C. students feel safe and supported so they are able to focus on learning and achieving their full potentials.
- We need to continue to stand together to promote inclusion in B.C. schools.



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- Glen Hansman, president, BCTF
- Matt Carruthers, BC SOGI education lead
- Donors

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Please acknowledge the territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-waututh [Tslay-wha-tooth] First Nations (confirmed with MIRR).

## KEY MESSAGES:

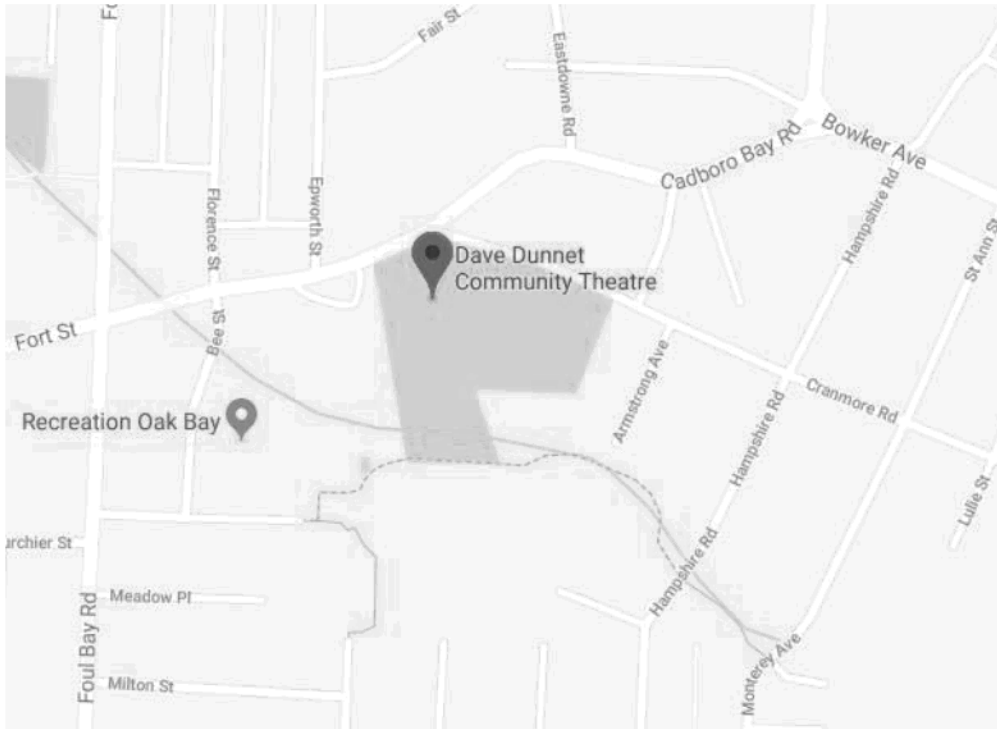
- Grateful to our hosts, Dr. Robert Quartermain and others at the ARC Foundation...
- Tonight's proceeds will help the ARC Foundation deliver SOGI 123 initiatives with school districts across B.C. in the 2018/2019 school year.
- Tonight's event brings together the community to support young people in our province.
- Pleased that B.C. schools are taking a leadership role.
- By working together we've achieved tremendous success and have truly made a difference in the lives of countless students throughout B.C.
- Those at the ARC Foundation have done an amazing job at propelling SOGI 123 forward to help make life better for students.
- All students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves.
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- However we have also heard from educators, administrators, parents, students and community members who are committed to ensuring all B.C. students feel safe and supported so they are able to focus on learning and achieving their full potentials.
- All provincial K-12 partners (including BCSTA, BCSSA, BCPVPA, BCTF, CUPE and BCCPAC), strongly support this important work.
- All schools in our province must be safe, acceptable, respectful and welcoming for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background. There is no room for discrimination in B.C. schools.
- We need to continue to stand together to promote inclusion in B.C. schools.
- That includes donors who have helped to make this work possible – donors like those of you here tonight.

- Our government is steadfast in this commitment and will continue to move forward to support all young people in this province.
- Impressive growth and uptake with SOGI 123 so far, and I'm confident we can get the remaining handful of school districts on board.
- I'm grateful for your unwavering support for SOGI education and policies.
- Together, we can ensure safe, caring and welcoming learning environments for all B.C. students.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming

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**Event:** Oak Bay Community Conversation – Mental Health and Substance Use

**When:** Tuesday June 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Where:** Dave Dunnet Community Theatre at Oak Bay High School  
2121 Cadboro Bay Road

**Length:** 10 minute opening remarks

**Directions:** Michelle Kirby, councillor, District of Oak Bay will meet you in front of the theatre.

**Michelle's cell:** 250-893-4863

**Key Participants:**

- Michelle Kirby, councillor, District of Oak Bay - emcee
- Cindy Andrew – Helping Schools Program Consultant, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR)
- Reg Fleming – Island Health Discovery Youth and Family Services Coordinator
- EJ Weston – LGBTQ+ and mental health advocate

**About:** Key participants listed above will form a panel to answer audience questions and address topics of youth substance use, risk reduction, communication and resources. Parents, youth and community members are invited to participate in this free, open conversation.

**Note:** Minister Fleming will provide opening remarks only – he will not participate in the panel discussion. Minister is welcome to leave after his remarks or stay for the discussion.

**Audience:** Members of the public, parents, students

**Itinerary:**

7:00 pm – Michelle Kirby (emcee) welcomes everyone, introduces Minister Fleming

7:10 pm – Minister Fleming speaks

7:20 pm – Michelle thanks Minister Fleming, introduces panel members and starts conversation

9:00 pm – Event wraps up

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Oak Bay Community Conversation – Youth Mental Health  
and Substance Use

Dave Dunnet Community Theatre at Oak Bay High School

Tuesday June 19  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (10 minute remarks)

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### **KEY MESSAGES:**

- Community conversations like these are an important step in the right direction towards breaking the stigma around mental health and substance use.
- Today's students face challenges we never imagined – social media, anxiety, dangerous drugs.
- There are tragic consequences when these issues go unaddressed, and we know we need to do more.
- We are committed to improving mental health and substance use supports in B.C. schools.

### **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- Cindy Andrew – Helping Schools Program Consultant, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR)



- Reg Fleming – Island Health Discovery Youth and Family Services Coordinator
- EJ Weston – LGBTQ+ and mental health advocate
- Michelle Kirby, Oak Bay Councillor
- Parents and community members

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Acknowledge Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

# INTRODUCTION:

- Acknowledge Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- Thanks for joining.
- Important conversation for me as parent, and community member.
- We all need to work together to support our young people.
- Big part of creating change is breaking stigma around drug use, addiction and mental health...
- Encouraging those struggling to feel safe, ask for help.
- Community conversations like these - big step in the right direction.
- Great to see all of you here tonight to share and listen – thank you.
- And thank Michelle for coordinating.

# PROBLEM:

- Today's students facing challenges we never imagined
  - Evolution of social media and cyberbullying
  - Mental health, esp. anxiety and depression
  - Drugs & addictions – prescription, street drugs
  - Guns and gangs in schools
- Tragic consequences when these issues go unaddressed.
- We've seen it in our own community –
  - In April – passing of Elliot.
  - Just several weeks ago – passing of Dorrian, student at Belmont.
- Incidents like these - reminders that this crisis is in every neighbourhood and community - must respond to better support families.
- Young people are struggling right here in Victoria, and throughout the province.
- Approx. 84,000 school-aged children (1/8 students) experience mental health disorders.

- Only 1/3 of them receive specialized treatment.
- Without proper support, can be difficult for these students to stay safe and healthy...
- Let alone reach full potential in school.
- Completion rate for students with mental illness/behaviour designations in 2016/17 was 55.7%...
- ... 28.3% cent below provincial rate.
- It's clear – we need to find a better way to help our kids.

## ACTION

- We are committed to improving mental health and substance use supports in B.C. schools.
- Whole ministry devoted to new strategy - Mental Health and Addictions.
- Working to create seamless system of mental-health and addictions care...
- ...So people can ask for help once, get help fast.

- As part of this work, Min of Ed recently hosted 2-day Mental Health Conf.
- All partners together for 1<sup>st</sup> time:
  - B.C.'s public, independent, FN schools
  - Police
  - Health authorities
  - Child and youth mental health workers
- Focus on making life better for students struggling with these issues.
- Great success.
- Heard from youth with lived experience.
- Students shared journeys navigating:
  - Mental health
  - Sexual orientation and gender identity/expression
  - Being in government care.
- Impressed – students were articulate and passionate.
- Important to hear from affected people themselves.

- Helps us understand what's really going on, how we can improve.
- Working on school-based mental health action plan...
- ...Part of larger mental health and addictions strategy to be finalized in the fall.
- New school-based plan will:
  - Provide stronger leadership from ministry
  - Focus on mental health promotion, prevention and intervention
  - Build human resource capacity and infrastructure
  - Support professional learning
  - Leverage B.C.'s new curriculum to focus on mental well-being
  - Expand school-based mental health hubs and services.
- This year, added extra day of pro-d for teachers...

- ...instructed districts to dedicate one day to help teachers support student mental health, and other priorities.
- We're also expanding ERASE to better represent issues facing youth today.
- The new strategy will focus on:
  - Creating safe and welcoming learning environments for all students
  - Mental health/wellness
  - Social media and responsible use of technology
  - Supporting students of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- New website and resources launch Sept, in time for new school year.

# EXISTING RESOURCES

- All builds on work BC Ed has become known for internationally...
- ...dedication to inclusion, work to keep students safe.
- \$145 million spent annually on mental health programs and support in schools, including:
  - Counselling, prevention and intervention
    - > 90 school counsellors hired across the province since beginning of this school year.
  - School-based health centres
  - Mental health education curriculum
  - Supplemental funding for students with serious mental illness
  - Substance use and overdose resources for teachers and schools.
  - Provincial Resource Programs - students can continue learning while away from school due to mental illness/substance use treatment.



- Resources available in community too – Foundry Victoria centre.
- One-stop shop for important services:
  - Physical health
  - Mental health
  - Substance use services
  - Peer support
  - Social services
- Gives young people (12-24) easier access to help when they need it.
- Foundry Victoria is one of 6 in B.C., with more in development.
- Just today, Minister Darcy opened new Foundry centre in Abbotsford.
- Last week (June 13), she announced \$225,000 for two-year project to research Mental Health Hub at Mountainside School in North Vancouver – find ways to expand their model to other schools.
- These resources – important support for youth.

- More can and will be done to improve access to these critical services for young people.
- Will continue to work to address gaps, ensure students can access specially-trained professionals within school system.

## CONCLUSION

- Students can't wait for supports any longer.
- Time to take coordinated action to support young people and provide intervention strategies earlier.
- Early identification and support can give them healthier, happier lives.
- Again, thank you for engaging in this important discussion.
- Look forward to hearing your experiences and insights.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes for Minister Fleming

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**Event:** British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) Summer Conference

**When:** Tuesday June 19, 2018 - 8:30 am (speaking at 8:45am)

**Where:** Westin Bayshore – Bayshore Ballroom

1601 Bayshore Dr, Vancouver

**Parking:** Street parking will be available, or parkade across the street.

**Contact:** Leonel Roldan-Flores from BCCIE and ADM Paul Squires will greet you at the hotel and lead you to your seat.

Leonel's cell - s.22

**Length:** 5-10 min.

**Key Participants:**

- Dr. Randall Martin, executive director, BCCIE (emcee)
- Oswaldo Lopez Dantes, international student in Abbotsford from Mexico (speaking)

**Audience:** up to 500 International Education attendees including leaders, academics and government officials. Most are from B.C. with some from Europe and Asia as well as South America. Including:

- At least three federal international Trade Commissioners from Vietnam, Philippines and Brazil
- Federal government representatives from Global Affairs and Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Eight Education Marketing Managers from B.C.'s trade offices in Asia.

**Itinerary:**

8:00 am – Breakfast served

8:30 am – Emcee Randall Martin, executive director, BCCIE speaks

8:37 am – Oswaldo Lopez Dantes speaks

8:44 am – Randall Martin introduces Minister Fleming

8:45 am – Minister Fleming speaks

8:55 am – Randall Martin concludes breakfast

**About BCCIE:** BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) was established in 1991 and has grown ever since along with the International Education sector. In 2012 the organization became a Crown Corporation under the Ministry of Advanced Education. BCCIE is committed to advancing the International Education interests of the public and private education institutions at both the K-12 and the post-secondary levels, and the Province of British Columbia.

BCCIE supports BC's diverse International Education sectors by actively promoting the province as the premier education destination of choice in Canada for international learners from around the globe, encouraging global opportunities for BC learners, and providing leadership and professional development opportunities. This enriches the lives of all participants in International Education, including preparing BC's domestic students to be better global citizens, and leads to tangible economic, political, and social benefits for the province.

**Website:** <http://bccie.bc.ca/events/summer-conference/>

Speaking Notes  
for the  
Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

British Columbia Council for International Education  
(BCCIE) Summer Conference

Westin Bayshore  
1601 Bayshore Dr, Vancouver

June 19, 2018  
8:30 am

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## **KEY MESSAGES:**

- B.C.'s international education sector has seen tremendous growth in the past decade.
- This trend is no surprise – B.C. has a world-class education system that is attractive to parents and students around the globe.
- International education connects people, cultures and ideas, benefitting British Columbian and international students alike.
- B.C. students and teachers benefit by having opportunities both in B.C. and abroad to learn global and intercultural skills.
- The hard work of everybody in this room has been integral to the success of B.C.'s international education programs.

## **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- BCCIE board of directors & chair Sherri Bell
- International delegations
- Federal government representatives
- Emcee Randall Martin, executive director BCCIE
- Oswaldo Lopez Dantes, Student in Abbotsford
- Staff from B.C. Ministries – Education, Advanced Education Skills & Training, and Jobs Trade & Technology

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Coast Salish

## INTRODUCTION

- Thank Randall for introduction.
- & thank Oswaldo for sharing story.
- Recognize –
  - BCCIE Board of Directors & chair Sherri Bell
  - International delegations
  - International Education leaders and practitioners from B.C., Canada and abroad.
- Many people in room travelled a long way
- Int'l ed sector in B.C. has seen tremendous growth.



- B.C. receives ~ 28% of all int'l students who come to Canada.
- In K-12, int'l student enrolment has grown almost 50% over past five years:
  - Approx. 14K in 2013/14 → Approx. 21K in 2017/18
- Trend is no surprise – B.C.'s education system attractive for many reasons.
  - World-class – B.C. students rank high in int'l assessments.
  - Innovative new curriculum – communication, critical thinking, collaboration skills.
  - Schools in safe, beautiful, welcoming communities.
  - Gov't is supportive & invested in education.

- Importantly – Excellent int'l ed professionals, many here today.
- You work hard to ensure int'l ed is a success.

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- Int'l ed connects people, cultures and ideas.
- Benefits for international and local students alike:
  - Share ideas, enrich understanding & cultural knowledge.
  - Develop strong communication, collaboration and interpersonal skills.
  - Many districts use int'l programs to contribute to community's overall diversity.

- Rocky Mountain SD - students from 21 countries this year.
- Peace River North SD - students from 10 countries this year.
- All helps B.C. students and teachers gain global and intercultural skills – vitally important for success in today's world.
- In addition to social and cultural benefits, significant economic benefits.
- Int'l students pay own way in B.C.
- Each year, students in K-12, post-sec and language schools spend over \$3.7B in B.C. on tuition, accommodation, living expenses.
- Good news for GDP, revenue, jobs → over 40,000 jobs generated in B.C. from int'l ed.

- One third of int'l students who graduate here start a B.C. post-sec program within a year.
- Offshore School program – B.C. teachers deliver our curriculum.
- Over 12,000 students, 45 schools, 8 countries.
- Another great way to open doors for students in B.C. and around the world.
- Almost 500 offshore grads came to B.C. for post-sec this school year.
- Some students who stay for post-sec will build lives here - benefit to B.C.
- Some may enter in-demand fields – teachers, health care workers.
- Most importantly – enrich social fabric of our province.

- Many others will take skills & ideas back home – benefits/enrichment for their own country.

## CONCLUSION

- Int'l ed sector has seen substantial accomplishments.
- Folks in this room integral to massive growth and success.
- Gov't supports growth.
- Maintain 12 Int'l Ed MOUs.
- Recently travelled to Europe - developing partnerships.
- Optimistic more missions will be planned to int'l jurisdictions.
- Will continue to work together to ensure quality is maintained, enhanced.

- Moving forward, focus on –
  - Increasing the benefits of int'l ed for resident B.C. students and teachers
  - Improving services for students and parents
- Recognize professionalism, dedication and efforts of B.C.'s int'l ed experts and practitioners.
- Your work drives strength of this program.
- Opening doors to B.C. for people from all over the world.
- Thank you for promoting our province abroad, creating dynamic and healthy int'l ed sector.

**Announcement:**

**Seismic Replacement of Eric Hamber Secondary School**

**When:** Tuesday June 19, 2018

**Where:** Eric Hamber Secondary School – Running Track  
5025 Willow St., Vancouver

**\*The announcement will take place at the Eric Hamber running track, located off of W 33rd Ave. between Willow St. and Oak St.**



**Length:** 30 minutes

**Speech:** 3 minutes

**Parking:** space reserved for Minister Fleming

**Key Participants:**

- Minister of Education Rob Fleming
- Marea Jensen, principal, Eric Hamber Secondary (Emcee)
- Suzanne Hoffman, superintendent, Vancouver School Board
- Janet Fraser, chairperson, Vancouver Board of Education
- Stephanie Yada, president, Eric Hamber Secondary PAC

**Other Attendees:** Students, staff, teachers, parents, media

**Audience Size:** 20-30

**Audience – what do they want to hear:**

Plans for the future of Eric Hamber Secondary

**Contact:** Marlene Behrens, GCPE Event Co-Ordinator

**C:** 778-584-1253

**E:** marlene.behrens@gov.bc.ca

**Event Background:**

- Eric Hamber Secondary is a 12 -block multi-storey school that was built in 1961 with additions built between 1966 and 2005. Many minor renovations and additions have also been undertaken over the years.
- Every block has been rated “High Risk” for significant damage in a seismic event.



- The school does not meet the requirements of the current seismic building codes.
- Because of the many additions, the massing of the building sprawls over the site with many changes in floor and roof elevations and lacks a clear sense of major and minor buildings. The layout on the interior has many level changes and circuitous paths between blocks.
- Structural systems vary from block to block.
- The new school will be built adjacent to the existing school on a running track at the northwest corner of the site.
- Students will remain in the existing school until the new school is built.
- The old school will be used as a swing space for future Vancouver schools undergoing seismic upgrades or replacements.
- The old school will be demolished once the Seismic Mitigation Program no longer needs the old Hamber as a swing space in the SD.
- The built capacity of the new school will remain at 1,700 students, which will support existing and future enrolment at the school.
- This is a \$79.3 million seismic replacement, including a \$23.7 million project risk reserve.
- This project includes a Neighbourhood Learning Centre with plans for a childcare facility.
- The school is scheduled to open in September 2022.

Total Vancouver seismic announcements since September 2017 include Sir Matthew Begbie elementary (\$22.4 million seismic replacement), Bayview elementary (\$24.5 million seismic replacement) and David Lloyd George elementary (\$24.2 million seismic replacement).

**Itinerary:**  
**(next page)**

Time	Event Itinerary
Summary:	Podium event at Eric Hamber Secondary's running track
Key contacts:	Media relations: TBC Photographer/Videographer: TBC Event Coordinator: Marlene Behrens
12:00 p.m.	Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator, and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
1:30 p.m.	Speakers, media, and guests begin to arrive.
1:45 p.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator Location: Multi-purpose room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rob Fleming</b>, Minister of Education</li> <li>• <b>Marea Jensen</b>, principal, Eric Hamber Secondary (MC)</li> <li>• <b>Janet Fraser</b>, chairperson, Vancouver Board of Education</li> <li>• <b>Suzanne Hoffman</b>, superintendent, Vancouver School Board</li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Yada</b>, PAC Chair, Eric Hamber Secondary (TBC)</li> </ul>
1:55 p.m.	Speakers led to speaking area and positioned at podium by Marlene
2:00 p.m.	<b>Hamber Sr. Jazz Band performs</b>
2:05 p.m.	<b>Marea Jensen</b> thanks students, provides introductory remarks then invites <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> to make the announcement.
2:08 p.m.	<b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> makes the announcement.
2:13 p.m.	<b>Marea Jensen</b> thanks <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> , invites <b>Janet Fraser</b> to the podium.
2:14 p.m.	<b>Janet Fraser</b> delivers remarks.
2:17 p.m.	<b>Marea Jensen</b> thanks <b>Janet Fraser</b> , invites <b>Suzanne Hoffman</b> to the podium.
2:18 p.m.	<b>Suzanne Hoffman</b> delivers remarks.
2:21 p.m.	<b>Marea Jensen</b> thanks <b>Suzanne Hoffman</b> , invites <b>Stephanie Yada</b> to the podium.
2:22 p.m.	<b>Stephanie Yada</b> delivers remarks.
2:24 p.m.	<b>Marea Jensen</b> thanks <b>Stephanie Yada</b> , delivers concluding remarks.
2:25 p.m.	<b>Group Photo</b> with speakers and students
2:30 p.m.	Media availability, scrum format – moderated by Carol Morrison
2:35 p.m.	<b>Event Concludes.</b>

Speaking Notes  
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Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Announcement of  
Eric Hamber Secondary Seismic Replacement

Eric Hamber Secondary school  
5025 Willow St., Vancouver

June 19, 2018  
3 minutes

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## **KEY MESSAGES:**

- The safety of students and teachers is a priority for our government.
- Vancouver students and their families have been waiting too long for seismically safe schools.
- We are working hard to accelerate the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers.
- That's why we're approving \$79.3 million for the much-needed seismic replacement of Eric Hamber Secondary School.
- This is the largest school seismic investment ever made in Vancouver.
- We are working with school boards and local governments to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded or replaced quickly.
- We are committed to ensuring all B.C. students have an opportunity to learn in seismically safe schools.

## **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- TBC

**TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Please acknowledge the territory of the Coast Salish People including the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh [sail-wha-tooth] First Nations

# INTRODUCTION

- Thank you Marea (Jensen, principal of Hamber).
- Territory of the Coast Salish People including the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-waututh [sail-wha-tooth] First Nations.
- Welcome all other guests TBC.
- Thanks to Hamber's Sr. Jazz Band for opening today's event with that impressive performance.
- Honoured to be here today at Eric Hamber Secondary...
- ... to share important news that will benefit thousands of Vancouver students for decades to come.
- Eric Hamber Secondary:

- Home of the Eric Hamber Griffins!
- I understand that last season was pretty good for you:
- Winning the “double A, Tier 2” Provincial varsity football championships in November (2017)
- in a spectacular game at BC Place Stadium, defeating Spectrum school from Victoria.
- Eric Hamber is the only public school in Vancouver with a football program.
- Not to mention other great things at Hamber;
- Fashion Design Program
- A great Drama - Stage, Film & television Dept.

- A highly-regarded Music Program with several different ensembles
- Among many other innovative courses and programs offered within the walls here at Hamber.
- As for the walls themselves ... some have been around since 1961.
- There have been several renovations and additions here,
- Making it a twisty labyrinth with all sorts of different floor levels, roof levels, structural systems and circuitous paths.
- There's also safety to consider.

## BACKGROUND

- Vancouver students and their families have been waiting too long for safe schools.



- Investing in education: priority of government.
- Safety of utmost importance.
- Today's announcement moves us a step closer to achieving our goal.
- Want all schools to be safe.
- Students deserve to receive quality education in safe and healthy schools.
- Committed to accelerating school seismic mitigation program.
- Working with school boards to meet ambitious timeline to get schools upgraded quickly.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Today's announcement is **largest school seismic investment in Vancouver's history**;
- I am proud to announce government investing **\$79.3 million to replace Eric Hamber w/ brand-new school**.
- The new, green, state-of-the-art school will be on this same property,
- Which is great, because while the new Hamber is under construction,
- Rather than getting bussed to a different space
- or moving to temporary portables --
- classes and students will stay here.
- Minimizing disruption to students, staff, teachers and parents.

- Old school to be swing space for future schools undergoing seismic upgrades or replacements in Vancouver SD.
- Cost-effective way to accelerate the Seismic Mitigation Program in Vancouver.

## CHILDCARE

- As we know, strong connection between early learning success
- and success in K-12 education system.
- Budget 2018 supports largest investment in childcare in generations - \$1 billion over three years.
- New school will have space for a childcare facility,
- And children of Hamber students will have priority for the spaces.

- This supports the creation of needed childcare space and government's Childcare BC initiative.
- Construction will begin in summer 2020.
- New Eric Hamber Secondary to open September 2022.

## CONCLUSION:

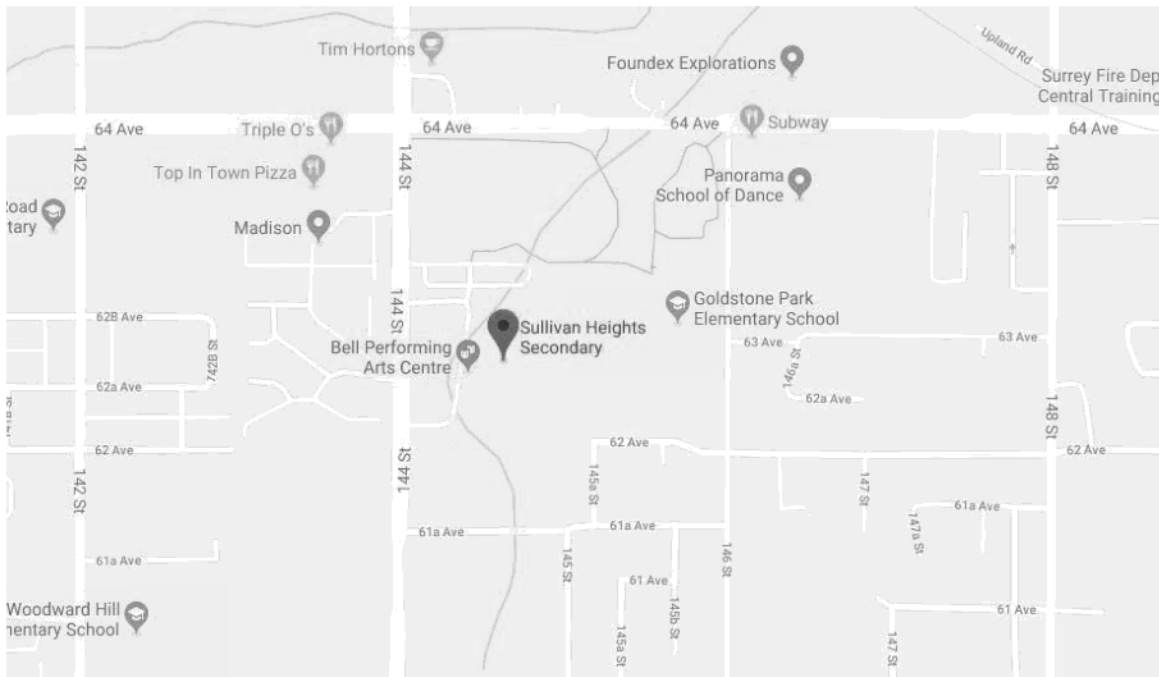
- It's been a busy and exciting school year.
- Made many announcements in our short time in government.
- Vancouver school seismic replacement announcements since September include:
  - Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary (\$22.4 million);

- Bayview Elementary (\$24.5 million) and
- David Lloyd George Elementary (\$24.2 million).
- Getting permits is extremely difficult, time consuming and costly.
- Min. of Ed. continuing to work with school districts and local govts to speed up funding and permitting approval processes
- & reduce wait times for much-needed seismic and capital projects.
- Since September, B.C. Gov. approved more than \$335 million in capital funding to upgrade or replace 18 seismic high-risk schools.
- And now we're closing in on the end of the school year;

- Eric Hamber graduates are getting ready to take on a whole new beginning.
- And now ... so is the **school!**
- The new Eric Hamber Secondary will be seismically safe,
- Innovative, creative learning space.
- I look forward to being here opening day.
- Thank you.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes / Minister Rob Fleming

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**Event:** Sullivan Heights Secondary Addition

**When:** Thursday June 21, 2018 at 9:30 am (pre-brief at 9:15 am in the library)

**Where:** Sullivan Heights Secondary School courtyard

6248-144 Street, Surrey

**Length:** 30 minutes

**Parking:** A space will be reserved directly in front of the school's main entrance.

**Key Participants:**

- Mavis Pierre, Elder (welcome - Nation TBC)
- Minister Rob Fleming (speaking)
- Jinny Sims, MLA for Surrey-Panorama (speaking, emcee)
- Laurie Larsen, chair Surrey School Board (speaking)
- Sharda Rahim, treasurer, Sullivan Heights PAC (speaking)

**Other Attendees:**

- Linda Hepner, Surrey Mayor (confirmed) and city councillors (TBC)
- Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, and district staff and trustees (TBC)
- Cindy Dalglish, Surrey Students Now (confirmed)
- 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)
- Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley (TBC)

- Marcey Campbell, acting president CUPE 782 (TBC)
- Gioia Breda, president, Surrey Teachers' Association (TBC)
- Sullivan Heights students, parents, teachers and support staff

**Background:**

Minister Fleming will announce funding approval for a 700-seat addition to Sullivan Heights Secondary. The addition will add 29 new classrooms and a gym, and bring the school's capacity up to 1,700 students. The total project cost is \$40 million. The Ministry of Education investing \$35 million and Surrey School District is investing \$5 million.

The grade 8-12 school enrolls more than 1,500 students despite only having space for 1,000 in the existing building. There are 14 portables in use, and the school uses a modified schedule to help accommodate students. The portables will be removed from the site when the project is complete.

**Surrey schools**

Growing student enrollment in Surrey continues to drive overcrowding and receive significant media attention. Since 2000/01, student enrollment has increased by 20% – from 58,648 students to about 70,472 in 2017/18. The Surrey School District currently has about 325 portables, up from about 270 last year.

Including today's announcement, Government has invested over \$147 million dollars since September 2017 to address school capital needs in Surrey. This includes two new elementary schools and four additions creating over 2,500 seats, as well as two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition.

**Audience Size:** 20 – 25

**Contact:** Marlene Behrens, GCPE Events 778 584-1253



Time	Event Itinerary
Event Summary:	Podium event in Courtyard at Sullivan Heights Secondary
Key contacts	Media relations: Emily Tackaberry Photographer/Videographer: Herman Thind Event Coordinator: Marlene Behrens
7:00 a.m.	Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator, and AV Specialists on site for technical setup.
9:00 a.m.	Speakers, media, and guests begin to arrive.
9:20 a.m.	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Marlene Behrens, Event Coordinator Location: Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rob Fleming</b>, Minister of Education</li> <li>• <b>Mavis Pierre</b>, Elder</li> <li>• <b>Jinny Sims</b>, MLA for Surrey-Panorama (MC)</li> <li>• <b>Laurie Larsen</b>, Chair, Surrey School Board</li> <li>• <b>Sharda Rahim</b>, PAC Treasurer</li> </ul>
9:28 a.m.	Speakers led to speaking area and positioned at podium by Marlene
9:30 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> welcomes guests, introduces <b>Mavis Pierre</b> to offer welcome
9:31 a.m.	<b>Mavis Pierre</b> offers welcome
9:36 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> thanks <b>Mavis Pierre</b> , introduces Sullivan Heights dancers
9:37 a.m.	<b>Hip Hop Music Remix dance performance</b>
9:42 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> thanks students, provides introductory remarks then invites <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> to make the announcement.
9:44 a.m.	<b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> makes the announcement.
9:50 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> thanks <b>Minister Rob Fleming</b> , invites <b>Laurie Larsen</b> to the podium.
9:51 a.m.	<b>Laurie Larsen</b> delivers remarks.
9:53 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> thanks <b>Laurie Larsen</b> , invites <b>Sharda Rahim</b> to the podium.
9:54 a.m.	<b>Sharda Rahim</b> delivers remarks.
9:57 a.m.	<b>Jinny Sims</b> thanks <b>Sharda Rahim</b> , delivers concluding remarks.
10:00 a.m.	Media availability, scrum format – moderated by Emily Tackaberry
10:05 a.m.	<b>Photo opp</b> with speakers and students
10:10 a.m.	<b>Event Concludes.</b>

Speaking Notes  
for

Minister Rob Fleming

New classrooms for Sullivan Heights students

Thursday, June 21, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- For too long, investment in Surrey schools did not meet the growth of the district.
- Today we are taking a step in the right direction by announcing a \$40-million, 29-classroom addition at Sullivan Heights.
- These new classrooms will give students a more comfortable learning environment, and eliminate the need for the portables currently in use at the school.

**PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

- Local MLAs
- Linda Hepner, Surrey Mayor, city councillors (TBC)
- Mavis Pierre, Elder (Nation TBC)
- School district staff and officials
- CUPE 782 and Surrey Teachers' Association representatives (TBC)
- Sullivan Heights students, parents, teachers and support staff

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- Thank you MLA Sims.
- Thank you all for being here today.
- Exciting time for Sullivan Heights students.
- Very close to end of school year – midst of exams.
- Students and staff looking forward to summer break.
- Today – get something else to look forward to.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Surrey students have put up with over-crowded hallways and portables for too long.
- Esp. at Sullivan heights – 14 portables, modified schedule, and other creative solutions.
- School & district made every effort to make it work, while problem grew.
- For years, investments in Surrey schools have not kept up - rapid community growth.

- That's why - moving quickly to build new classrooms in Surrey.
- Since August - invested over \$107 million in new classrooms, seismic upgrades in Surrey.
- Just the beginning.
- Today, another step in the right direction.
- Together, we're investing \$40 million.
- 700-seat addition for Sullivan Heights students.
- 29 classrooms and a new gym.
- Bring capacity up to 1,700...
- ...Will fit current 1,500 students, with room to grow.
- Construction expected to begin winter 2020...
- Expected to be ready fall 2021.
- Once construction complete, all 14 portables will be removed.
- Will ease congestion in the school → safer, more comfortable learning environment for students.

- Safe learning environments key to student success.
- Pleased to be working with district and city through the Surrey Project Office.
- Surrey School District putting \$5 million towards this project.
- Government investing \$35 million.
- First project under new cost-share agreement with district.
- Will allow us to move forward on projects more quickly.
- Finding solutions, accelerating projects, getting schools built as quickly as possible.

## **CONCLUSION:**

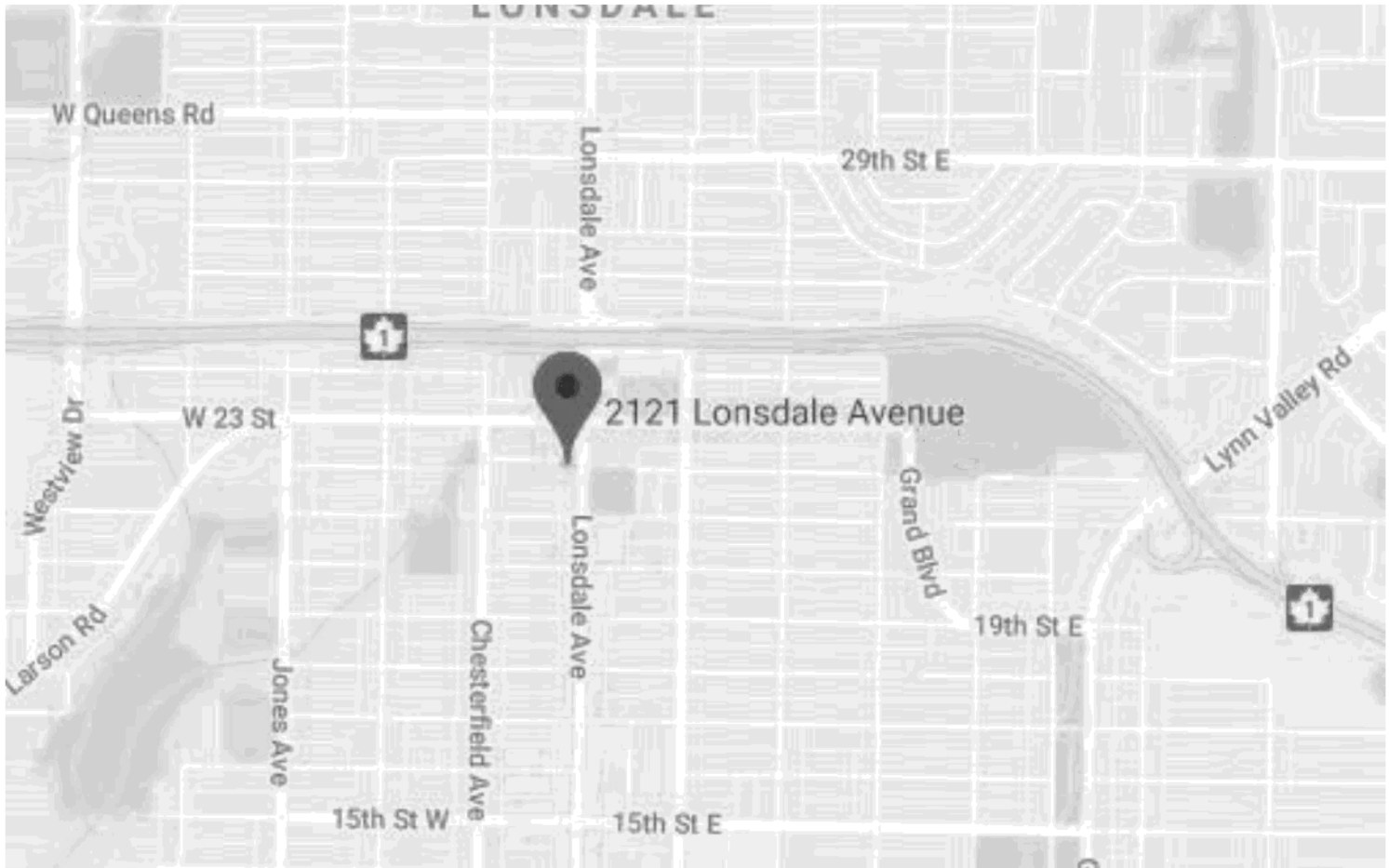
- Together, we're investing in schools, in classrooms, and in a better future for our children.
- We will make sure all kids in B.C. get the quality education and opportunities they deserve.

- Thank you.

## North Vancouver SD Raising the Welcome Pole / Speaking Notes

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### MAP





**Event:** Raising the Welcome Pole

**When:** June 15, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Education Services Centre (within the SD offices), 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

**Directions:**

Please note that there are two VIP parking stalls near to the entrance to the P1 Elevator Lobby for the Minister.

There might be traffic on the bridge going back.

**Length:**

Length of event: Two hours - 2:55 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minister needs to arrive by 2:55 p.m.

Minister will speak for approximately three to four minutes.

**Key Participants and speakers:**

First Nations Artist, Darren Yelton

MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale, Bowinn Ma

MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano, Ralph Sultan

Squamish Nation Councillor, Alroy Baker

Tsleil-Waututh Nation Manager of Language and Culture, Gabriel George  
RCMP Superintendent, Chris Kennedy

**Other Attendees:** No RSVPs but they invited: partner groups, PVPs, staff, media, neighbours and district student leadership council

**Audience Size:** 80-100 people

**Audience – what do they want to hear:**

- Recognize the involvement of students across the district in helping to create the welcome pole with guidance from First Nations artist, Darren Yelton.
- Recognizing this will be a significant welcoming beacon for students and everyone in the community.

- Reconciliation is important for students and everyone in the community.

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**EVENT BACKGROUND**

- In August 2017, the School District was gifted a 300 year old cedar log from the Elaho Valley, presented by the Squamish Nation.
- Since its arrival, students, staff and members of the community have carved, painted and transformed the cedar log into a welcome pole under the guidance of First Nations artist, Darren Yelton.
- The carving was in conjunction with Grade 5 students in the Artists for Kids program.
- The welcome pole will look like a human figure. The head crest will feature a bald eagle, a symbol of power and prestige, as well as a grizzly, which represents strength.
- The base of the pole features designs from both Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish designers.
- Both nations have given their blessing to the project, in keeping with the school district's mandate of reconciliation.
- The initiative is part of the North Vancouver School District's commitment towards Reconciliation.
- It is a symbol of the efforts being made inside classrooms with the new curriculum focusing on the Indigenous experience.
- There are two goals with the project:

- 1) For the school district's 670 Indigenous students: to instill pride in their identity and heritage – something the school system once sought to stamp out.
- 2) And for the non-Indigenous students: bridging the gap between the true history of North Vancouver and what the school system has traditionally taught them.

**Itinerary:**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SCHEDULE:**

- The schedule will be flexible.
- The Minister will be asked to speak sometime between 3:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. and it will be based on the timing of when witnesses are called.
- The process is fluid, but here is a rough outline of the timing:

Time	Itinerary
2:55 p.m.	Minister arrives.
3:00 p.m.	Guests arrive
3:10 p.m.	Speakers acknowledged
3:15 p.m.	Calling of witnesses
3:30 p.m.	Protocol work is conducted
3:55 p.m.	Witnesses speak
4:15 p.m.	Closing remarks
4:30 p.m.	Reception to follow

Speaking Notes  
for the

Hon. Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education

Raising the Welcome Pole Event  
Education Services Centre  
2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

June 15, 2018  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
(Minister to arrive at 2:55 p.m.)

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:**

- We want to honour and recognize First Nations significant contributions to North Vancouver, our province and our country.
- We want to help Indigenous educators use their knowledge and teaching methods in our classrooms.
- The welcome pole is part of North Vancouver School District's commitment to reconciliation.
- Reconciliation is important for students and everyone in the community.
- We are actively implementing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Education is a tool for reconciliation, and we take this work seriously.

## **PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:**

### **Other speakers:**

- First Nations Artist, Darren Yelton
- MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale  
Bowinn Ma
- MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano, Ralph Sultan
- RCMP Superintendent, Chris Kennedy
- Witnesses from Squamish Nation and Tsleial Waututh Nation [Not specified and they won't know exactly until the day of the event]

### **Key people in audience:**

No RSVPs but they invited: partner groups, PVPs, staff, media, neighbours and district student leadership council. Members of the Squamish Nation and Tsleial Waututh Nation [Not specified and they won't know exactly until the day of the event]

## **TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:**

- Please acknowledge the territory of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh [sail-wha-tooth] Nations and Coast Salish Peoples.

## INTRODUCTION:

- I am honoured to be here with you all to celebrate the raising of your new Coast Salish welcome pole.
- This is an important day for students and the community.
- Your new welcome pole will symbolize that this is a place where everyone belongs...where everyone is valued...

## RECONCILIATION

- We know that... to be successful at school... all students must feel that sense of belonging.
- Yet... throughout most of our history... Indigenous students have not experienced an education system that welcomed them... that provided an environment where they felt safe and included...and where their culture was respected.

- And that's why Reconciliation is important.
- It's important for Indigenous students to feel pride in their identity and heritage.
- And it's important for non-Indigenous students... and all Canadians... to understand the value of Indigenous culture and history.

## RECONCILIATION

- There is a lot to be proud of in the work we have done... and are doing together...
- Just look at how students from diverse backgrounds... both Indigenous and non-Indigenous... came together to carve your welcome pole under the expert guidance of First Nations artist Darren Yelton...
- It shows the power of learning Indigenous traditions... passed down through generations the way they were intended...
- It shows the power of bringing in First Nations educators... using their knowledge and teaching methods in our classrooms.

## CURRICULUM



- Yet... although we are recognized as a national leader in Indigenous education... when it comes to Reconciliation... we know there is more work to be done.
- Ensuring First Nations learners feel that sense of belonging... that feeling of safety and acceptance... is one of our highest priorities.
- It's why our Government is revising the curriculum to accurately and fairly represent the rich history of the people of this land... and to acknowledge the painful legacy of residential schools...
- We know that we can do better at improving graduation rates for Indigenous students...
- To help... we have built Indigenous content and perspectives in the curriculum for all subjects... from math... to science... to literature.
- This means students will experience Indigenous perspectives from Kindergarten to graduation...
- We have also approved 17 Indigenous language programs for B.C. schools... and another six are in the works.

- Because language is a vital link to culture and heritage.
- It is essential that we involving Indigenous peoples in decisions that positively support student success.
- That includes ensuring there are more First Nations educators in our classrooms.
- That's why our government is investing to train more teachers to meet the growing demand.
- After all... the best role model for Indigenous students is an expert, inspired and engaged teacher... who comes from their own community.

## CONCLUSION

- I'm proud to be part of a government that is committed to adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples... and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action.
- ... To be a part of a government that is committed to an inclusive and welcoming society...

- One that recognizes and values the importance of Indigenous culture and heritage... educating our children in a way that honours First Nations worldviews in a meaningful way.
- Congratulations once again... It has been an honour for me to be here on this momentous day.

Speaking Notes

for

Attorney General David Eby

Courthouse Libraries BC visit and tour

800 Smithe St, Vancouver, BC

Thurs., June 7, 2018

Start of tour: 1 p.m.

Speaking time: Approximately 1:40 p.m.

## Event Information/Speaking Notes

**Event:** Courthouse Libraries BC visit and tour

**When:** June 7, 2018

**Start time:** 1 p.m.

**Where:** 800 Smithe St, Vancouver, BC

**Parking:** Underground parking at the Courthouse. Entrance is off of Howe Street at the corner of Nelson.

**Contact:** Kensi Gounden, 604 660-2409

**Speaking time:** Five minutes at approximately 1:50 p.m.

### Key Participants:

- Kensi Gounden, CEO Courthouse Libraries BC
- Attorney General Eby

### Speaking

**Backdrop:** Minister Eby and Kensi Gounden will speak to legal community and media (if attend) after the tour in the Fraser Room of the library. There will not be a podium or microphone.

### Audience

**Description:** Judicial law clerks and legal counsel with the BC Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal, as well as representatives from the Canadian Bar Association and Young Lawyers Subsection. The Young Lawyer Officer with the CBA BC Executive Committee and the Public Affairs Director of the Trial Lawyers Association of BC will also be in attendance.

### Number of

**Participants:** Approximately 15-20 people will be in attendance. This is subject to change as no media have been confirmed to be in attendance yet.

**Media attending:** CLBC sent out an advisory asking media to RSVP for tour and attendance by the end of June 5. However, CLBC has not received any confirmations yet.

**Agenda:**

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| 1:00 – 1:05pm | Welcome from CEO Kensi Gounden in Fraser Room near the entrance of the Library.  |
| 1:05 – 1:30pm | Minister Eby (and media TBC) will be given a tour of physical space, programs and services.  |
| 1:30 – 1:40pm | Return to Fraser Room, where members of the legal community have been invited to attend. Kensi will announce the new Help-a-Junior initiative, outline why Courthouse Libraries BC is helping juniors, how the program will work and where the program will go next. |
| 1:40 – 2:00pm | Attorney General David Eby will comment on the initiative followed by questions from media and refreshments. Kensi will field questions and they can be responded to by him or the minister as appropriate.  |

## **Introduction**

- Good afternoon, and thank you Kensi for the tour and thank you to Court Libraries BC (CLBC) for inviting me here today.
- I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the territory of the Coast Salish people.

## **Help-a-Junior Initiative**

- It's my pleasure to be here with all of you.
- As you know, and I learned more of today during the tour led by Kensi, CLBC is doing great work in providing supports and services that improve access to justice.
- CLBC knows that libraries are changing.
- They are no longer places one goes just to get a book,

- They are now hubs for learning, expanding on the opportunities for sharing resources and information, and building stronger communities.
- I know CLBC is always looking for innovative ways to meet the changing needs of the communities served by our libraries.
- One of those needs is addressing the lack of experience in the legal workforce.
- Baby Boomers are closing in on retirement and legal firms and practices are looking for programs that support mentorship and help junior lawyers improve their courtroom experience and advocacy skills.
- This new Help-a-Junior initiative will help solve that problem and supply a needed support system to the legal industry.



- As Kensi has informed me, data gathered by CLBC suggests that junior lawyers crave mentorship opportunities, but almost half of those in smaller firms and solo practices find it difficult to find a mentor they are comfortable with.
- I commend CLBC for creating the Help-a-Junior initiative, to give those in smaller firms an essential networking opportunity, particularly for those in family and criminal law.
- This is a positive step forward to strengthening B.C.'s legal community and I'm eager to hear more about the event, and those planned ahead.

## **Conclusion**

- Congratulations again to Courthouse Libraries BC on its new initiative, and to all of you taking part.

- Thank you.

Event Information: Shell H2 opening event

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**When:** Friday June 15

**Time:** 10:30AM

**What:** Grand opening events for Shell H2 Station - the first hydrogen retail station in Canada

**Where:** Shell Granville station, 8686 Granville St, Vancouver. BC

**Event contact:** Chantelle McGivern, Shell, 403 691-4476

**Audience:** Shell leadership, Govt officials, H2 leaders, Media, OEMs.

**Government Officials**

- Govt of BC\_ Ministry Heyman in place of EMPR Minister Michelle Mungall
- Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development: Hon Navdeep Singh Bains
- City of Vancouver Mayor: Gregor Robertson

\*TBD: other senior political leaders/ Premiers/ Federal Minister of Environment: Honorable Catherine McKenna

**Energy Industry**

- Michael Crothers, Shell Canada Country Chair
- Andrea Brecka, Shell Retail GM Canada:
- Oliver Bishop, Shell Hydrogen GM (global)

**OEMs**

- Don Romano, Hyundai CEO
- (Toyota and Honda reps are also attending but not their CEOs)
- Dan Brock, Fasken Martinique, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Coalition/ H2GO

**Hydrogen Industry**

- Colin Armstrong, CEO, HTEC
- Raymond Ling, CEO, Powertech
- Randy McEwan, President & CEO, Ballard

Due to site capacity issues they can only have ~65 people onsite for the launch and anticipate inviting ~ 100-150 to the energy dialogue panel lunch afterwards.

**Event summary:**

Shell will be hosting the launch event at the site mid-morning (ride & drive, refueling photo ops and ribbon cutting etc.) and following this an Energy Dialogue lunch with a panel of H2 leaders at a hotel close by.

## **Speaking notes:**

- **Good morning, and thank you to Shell for inviting me here today.**
- **I'm here on behalf of my colleague the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, who sends her regrets.**
- **I'm here to bring congratulations to Shell on the occasion of the grand opening of this, the first hydrogen fueling station in Canada.**
- **Taking action on climate change means supporting innovative companies that transform our economy away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy.**
- **BC is committed to supporting a transformation to a clean economy – it's the single most important global opportunity on the horizon.**
- **This station is a good example of the type of infrastructure needed to encourage drivers to switch to cleaner fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**
- **Through the Province's Clean Energy Vehicle Program, we are investing \$3 million in new funds toward hydrogen fuelling infrastructure, in addition to the \$300,000 the Province has contributed to the development of this station.**

- **Funding from the Province and others assembled here is expected to result in a total of eight stations in B.C. by the end of 2020.**
- **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.**
- **That's why we say thank you for your foresight in taking this action to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.**
- **You've invested in infrastructure that will create new climate solutions, jobs and a clean economy.**
- **As government, we salute your accomplishment and wish you all the success with this new facility.**
- **Thank you, and good luck.**