### Event Information / Speaking Notes Minister Rob Fleming

Event: CMEC 107 reception and dinner hosted by British Columbia

When: Thursday, July 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: Vancouver Convention Centre West, West Level 2 Ocean Foyer,

1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, B.C.

**Directions:** 

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Length: 5 minutes

### **Key Participants:**

• Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark

• Keynote on Student Well-Being: Santa J. Ono, president and vicechancellor, University of British Columbia

**Other Attendees:** Provincial and territorial ministers and deputy ministers of education

**Audience Size:** 75-90

**Audience** – **what do they want to hear:** Thanks to keynote speaker Santa J. Ono, president and vice-chancellor, University of British Columbia; and dinner closing remarks.

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### **Itinerary:**

ITEM #	ITEM	Time
1	Ministers, Deputy Ministers and staff depart Fairmont Hotel Vancouver	6:20 p.m.
	Walk to the Vancouver Convention Centre West (10 -12 minute walk)	
2	Arrival at the Vancouver Convention Centre West	6:30 p.m.
	Meeting Room - West Level 2 Ocean Foyer	
3	Pre-dinner reception	6:30-7:10 p.m.
4	Guests seated for dinner	7:10-7:15 p.m.
5	Minister Mark provides:	7:15-7:20 p.m.
	<ul> <li>Opening remarks</li> <li>Traditional territory acknowledgement</li> <li>Welcome to Ministers, Deputy Ministers and guests</li> </ul>	
6	Dinner served	7:25-8:25 p.m.
7	Minister Mark introduces keynote speaker Dr. Santa Ono, President of UBC Dessert served to guests	8:20-8:25 p.m.
8	Keynote speech by Dr. Santa Ono:	8:25 p.m.
	o Topic - Student Well-Being	
9	Minister Fleming provides:  o Thank you remarks to Dr. Santa Ono	8:45 p.m.

	<ul> <li>Thank you gift (glass plate) presented to Dr. Santa Ono</li> <li>Wrap-up remarks to delegates</li> </ul>	
10	Wrap up:  o Ministers, Deputy Ministers and guests depart	9:30 p.m.

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### **CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**KEY MESSAGES:** 

- UBC is a leader on many fronts, including student well-being, therefore I'm grateful for the opportunity to hear from Mr. Ono tonight.
- I am excited about the opportunity to take steps forward together to improve the lives of students across the country.
- We all play a role in ensuring students feel safe and supported. Our job is to ensure the necessary resources are in place so they can focus on learning and achieving their full potential.
- Students must feel safe in order to learn.
- Students who have strong connections to school where they feel welcome and safe are healthier and do better academically.

 Together, we can ensure safe, caring and welcoming learning environments in all Canadian schools.

### PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark
- Santa J. Ono, president and vicechancellor, University of British Columbia
- Provincial and territorial ministers and deputy ministers of education

### TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

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

### THANK YOU TO SANTA J. ONO

- [Ad lib based on Ono's specific remarks: Keynote on Student Well-Being].
- UBC a leader on many fronts, including student well-being.
- His expertise, knowledge welcomed.
- Generous in sharing his perspective.
- Gift presentation to Santa J. Ono: Glass plate (gift-wrapped in a box).

### MEETING OVERVIEW

- Hope you are enjoying yourselves.
- Tremendous opportunity to gather with peers in formal meetings...
- And this evening in a more casual setting.
- Great opportunity to learn from one another.
- Move forward together to make positive change in lives of students across country.

- Major focus: Indigenous education.
- CMEC Symposium on Indigenizing Teacher Education:
  - reinforces commitment to ensure curricula reflect rich history and significant contributions of Indigenous peoples; and,
  - school systems give all young people the same opportunities to succeed.
- Pleased to hear first-hand from Indigenous students and educators.
- Also highlights importance of learning environments that reflect and respect Indigenous ways of knowing and being.
- Education key part of reconciliation and critical to integrating Indigenous knowledge, traditions and languages into classrooms across Canada.
- We are working with Indigenous groups to build on the existing content in BC's curriculum, to ensure it reflects accurately and fairly on the rich history of the people of this land.
- There are 17 First Nations languages that have developed approved curriculum to be taught in

- B.C. schools. And there are six more in development.
- I'm also pleased that we have signed a new Tripartite Education Agreement with the federal government and First Nations.
- This will ensure comparable levels of funding for Indigenous education in BC.
- This will mean more support to make sure kids get to school, are supported in the classroom, and continue to see positive educational outcomes.

# WELL-BEING IN SCHOOLS AND ON CAMPUS

- Tomorrow will be delving into topic: student wellbeing.
- Great opportunity to continue this discussion, started at 2017 Charlottetown meeting, which marked 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CMEC.

- Confident our collective efforts to improve wellbeing in schools and on campus will make life better for students Canada-wide.
- Today's students face challenges we never imagined:social media and cyberbullying; SOGI; increased mental health and addictions; and, guns and gangs in schools.
- All involved in school community play a role in ensuring students feel safe and supported.
- Job to ensure resources in place so they can focus on learning and achieving their full potential.
- Students must feel safe in order to learn.
- Students who have strong connections to school where they feel welcome and safe are healthier and do better academically.
- We'll also discuss ways to ensure all members of school communities feel safe – that includes teachers, administrators and support staff.
- Here in B.C. we are working collaboratively across government as well as with our education and community partners to improve student safety and mental health and wellness supports.

- Happy to be expanding that work to include collaboration with governments across the country.
- We need to continue to stand together to support our students.
- Together, we can ensure safe, caring and welcoming learning environments in all Canadian schools.
- All students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves.

### CONCLUSION

- Thank you for attention.
- Look forward to hearing your thoughts tomorrow as our discussions continue.
- Hope you enjoy the rest of this meeting and your visit to B.C.

### Event Information / BC Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

Event: BC Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast

When: Monday July 16, 2018

Time: 8:00 Registration, 8:30am-9:30am Breakfast Session

Location: Chambar Restaurant, 568 Beatty Street, Vancouver BC

**Audience**: Partial guest list includes representatives from: Innergex, Uber, Insurance Bureau of Canada, Woodfibre LNG, Bellcorp Environmental Services, LNG Canada, BC LNG Alliance

Sponsors for this breakfast series: Port of Vancouver, Translink, Go2HR, and First West Credit Union

Moderator: CEO Val Litwin

#### **Event Summary:**

8:00am Registration and Networking

- 8:30am Breakfast begins
  - o Intros from BC Chamber and sponsor
  - Keynote from Minister Heyman 10 mins
  - Q&A with audience 10 mins
  - Sponsor to Thank Minister Heyman
- 9:30am Event concludes

## Main Message Frame: Government's leadership on climate change and environmental stewardship

- Shared values between business and government: need for certainty, clarity, educated citizens, and a strong economy.
- A sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment.
- Our clean growth strategy will build on our strengths: our clean B.C. energy, our moves toward efficient buildings, and our capacity for innovation.

### **Introduction:**

Territorial Acknowledgement: the Hulquiminum (hull-quimee-num) speaking people - Musqueum

### **Top messages:**

- I recognize that there is a bit of anxiety in business community about an NDP government.
- But, there is actually a solid alignment between business interests and government interests.
- If we start with what we have in common, and keep the conversation going, we will discover ways we can make a strong British Columbia that includes everyone.
- A sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment.

### Government's agenda

- You want a positive business climate that gives you the confidence to invest in growing your businesses.
- You want a competitive environment that allows you to be profitable.

- Well, you should know we want the same thing:
  - We want you to be profitable.
  - We want you to have the confidence to invest in growing your businesses.
- We want these because we know that is how we are going to create good jobs for British Columbians.
- It's also how we will generate the government revenue to fund the investments in the good society in our Province.
- I acknowledge that we have done some things that have raised costs for some businesses:
  - Higher minimum wage…
  - Replacing health care premiums with a payroll tax.
- But I hope you would also acknowledge that we have taken measures that reduce costs:
  - Reduction of the corporate income tax rate for small businesses.
  - Phasing out the sales tax on electricity.

- Elimination of tolls on Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges.
- More importantly, I want to talk about how many of our measures are going to improve the competitive position of the BC economy.
- Last summer, the Premier met with a large number of business leaders to get their advice on what he should do.
- The key items they stressed were a bit of a surprise:
  - The need to do something about the price of housing
  - The need to invest in more public transit
  - The need to support better childcare
  - The need to invest more in post-secondary education
- There was a common thread that connected all of these items:
  - Employers are having increasing challenges in attracting and maintaining the talent they need to sustain and grow their businesses

- BC has the lowest unemployment rate in the country
- BC has the highest vacancy rate, by far, in the country.
- Unless housing is made more affordable, young people will increasingly choose to live elsewhere.
- Without high quality, affordable day care, young parents with families cannot participate fully in the economy.
- Without better public transit, the costs and times of commuting will limit the labour market employers can draw from.
- Without more seats in our post-secondary system, we will not be growing the human capital we need for a strong BC economy.
- Without an economic plan that takes into account the reality of climate change and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we will be left behind on the global trend towards a low carbon economy.

- That is why I think what we have announced over the past year is very good news for business:
  - We have announced the most ambitious plan for affordable housing in BC history.
  - We have made significant commitments to investments in public transit.
  - We have announced a forward-looking childcare plan.
  - We have provided funding for an additional 2900 seats in the post-secondary system.
  - We are consulting on a renewed clean growth strategy that will take into account our need for jobs, development, and innovation.

### Clean Growth strategy

- Much has happened in the last year since I became Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
- On the climate file, our government introduced new legislated targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- It was clear we weren't going to hit our previous targets, but it is also clear we must act to address climate change.
- We are working on a strategy that makes best use of our clean energy, creates jobs and economic development, and also reduces greenhouse gases.
- B.C. is living our values on the climate file shared values of accountability, transparency, and sustainable, clean growth.
- That's why, before we finalize our strategy, we will seek input from business community, local governments, indigenous communities, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public on the actions we can take today that will prepare us for a low-carbon future.
- These consultations will lead to the clean growth strategy in the fall.
- We are seeking input on that strategy a strategy that will make room for developments like LNG.
- Because we need a clear 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 to our targets and to a low-carbon economy.

### **Actions to reduce GHGs**

- The actions we're proposing to take actions that will become part of our climate strategy are no secret.
- We'll be looking for input on how best to encourage the use of zero-emission vehicles, and how to support cleaner fuels.
- We'll be looking for ideas on training and certification for workers who retrofit buildings and assess them for energy efficiency.
- We'll be looking at how we enhance and support people in building houses and other buildings that follow clean and efficient energy step codes.
- And we'll be looking at the best ways to encourage large industry to lower their carbon emissions through the use of global benchmarks and clean growth incentives.

### **Emerging Economy**

• It will take commitment and collaboration to support this strategy and a transition to a low-carbon economy.

- For instance, my colleague Minister Ralston has just announced an Emerging Economy Task Force.
- That Task Force will look at how we can maintain our strong economic position in B.C.,
  - And at how we must understand the emergent impacts of climate change and the changing nature of business as it relates to technologies, innovation and trends, and the environment in which we operate.
- The Emerging Economy task force will also work closely with other related government initiatives, including the Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council I convened last year.
- B.C. is very complex, with diverse regional perspectives from a wide array of groups, including Indigenous peoples, business, local government and academia.
- This array of perspectives requires that a thorough engagement process is conducted to help shape the province's clean growth strategy, providing a clear direction for advancing B.C.'s economy.

- 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.
- We can grow our economy and still reach our GHG reduction targets.
- To do that we'll build on our shared values and our strengths as a province.
- Our strengths are our people, our innovation, most of all our stable source of clean hydroelectric energy.
- We're fortunate to have a hydro capacity to power our economy while at the same time working towards a lowcarbon future.
- We have the desire, the knowledge, and the capacity to build the world we want while reaching our climate targets.

### **Conclusion**

- To stay at the leading edge of global economic developments and maintain our strong economic position, we must understand the emergent impacts of climate change, and the changing nature of business and the environment in which we operate.
- We need to understand B.C.'s future and be prepared to take action now to ensure the many sectors of our economy, such as forestry, mining, tourism and technology, remain competitive on the world stage. ---- (end)

#### EA Revitalization

### **Environmental Assessment revitalization**

#### 1. What is in the EA revitalization proposal?

- We undertook a revitalization of the Environmental Assessment Review process in BC based on the following principles:
  - Enhancing public confidence in the process
  - Advancing reconciliation with First Nations; and,
  - Protecting the environment while supporting sustainable economic growth
- Proponents need to know early whether their project is likely to succeed an environmental review.
- We also need to ensure First Nations, local communities and governments can meaningfully participate in all stages of environmental assessment.
- The EA process needs to be robust, transparent, timely and predictable. We have proposed some changes to the EA process that will do just that.
- We've posted to the EAP web site the proposed changes that came about as a result of the revitalization. Comments are open until July 30.

#### 2. 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.

### 3. This timeline seems really aggressive – why are you moving so fast? Can this goal be realistically achieved?

- It is an aggressive timeline, and we're committed to taking the time necessary to do it right. Fortunately, we're not starting from scratch. We work very closely with the federal government and thanks to a lot of the work they have done in reviewing their own environmental assessment process, we've been able to learn many lessons on how to take the best approach.
- We have engaged extensively with Indigenous groups and stakeholders in the past 3 months, including:
  - o Bilateral meetings with Indigenous groups (67 Nations represented)
  - 4 Regional First Nations workshops (over 60 Nations represented)
  - 2 day province-wide workshop (over 70 Nations represented);
  - Meetings with business and industry associations (7 associations with 63 representatives)
  - Environmental NGOs (33 representatives)

- UBCM representing local governments
- EA practitioners (44 representatives)
- It's important that we minimize uncertainty for proponents and investors when it comes to any discrepancies between our existing EA process and the new federal process.
- Revitalizing our EA process as soon as possible ensures B.C. remains an attractive place to invest and do business.

### 4. It sounds like Revitalization has the potential to add additional layers of red tape to an already lengthy EA process – how will you 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.
- One of the key uncertainties for development in British Columbia has been the relationship with and role of Indigenous Nations in the environmental assessment process. By specifically implementing the UN Declaration in the context of EA, certainty of the process and durability of decisions will be improved.
- The revitalized EA process will provide greater certainty to proponents by identifying potential issues earlier and foster greater relationship building with Indigenous nations and local communities reducing the potential for conflicts and time delays later in the process.
- A revitalized EA process will be more responsive to proponents' needs by providing clear timelines, comprehensive information on the regulatory context, clarity of certificate permitting and a time-bound alternative dispute resolution model to resolve potential conflicts, to name a few.
- These changes and others ensure good projects go forward and that B.C. continues to be an attractive destination for investment.

#### 5. It looks like the new process will take longer than the old one – is that the case?

- The new process may appear longer than the current process, but the intention is that it will actually be shorter, and provide greater 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.

#### 6. Will the new proposed process cost more overall? Who will bear that cost?

- The proposed revitalized EA process does allocate additional funding to support the participation of Indigenous nations and local communities, however; it is expected that the early engagement with those groups will help identify and solve key issues earlier in the process reducing the potential for costly conflicts and time delays. The new process by addressing proponent needs and providing increased certainty of timelines is expected to reduce the overall cost to proponents.
- The specific fee structure under a revitalized EA process is still being worked out, and is focused on providing a fair process to all participants in the EA and recognizing that there is a role to be played by proponents and governments.

### 7. 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.

#### 8. How does the proposed new process address climate change?

- It is proposed that a revitalized EA process in B.C. will include legislated decision criteria for Ministers when deciding to issue an EA certificate. One of those criteria being suggested is the impact on B.C.'s climate targets and strategies.
- Considering climate change and greenhouse gas emissions is not new to the environmental
  assessment process. We will continue to build on current practice to ensure this important issue
  is addressed while recognizing that environmental assessment is focused on specific project
  proposals.

### 9. Will Ministers continue to have the final say on whether or not to issue an environmental assessment certificate?

- Yes. It is proposed that the provincial decision on whether or not to issue an Environmental
  Assessment Certificate will continue to be made by elected officials and will be evidence-based,
  reflecting the best available science and Indigenous knowledge obtained during the EA, and
  applying decision-making criteria and approval tests set out in legislation.
- It is anticipated participating Indigenous nations in the environmental assessment will also choose to make a decision on whether the project should receive a certificate. Ministers must take these decisions into consideration.
- Fair, transparent, timely, resilient decisions are essential at the end of an EA process. Decisions need to be founded in the robust assessment that was just completed, reflect public interest, and respect the decision making of Indigenous groups. Recognition of Indigenous groups' decisions is a key aspect of the UN Declaration and reconciliation.
- By making the decision-making criteria more specific and transparent all parties would have confidence that the things that matter to them will be considered.

### 10. What specific elements do you expect will change in the EA process? Will XXXXX be affected by revitalization?

- The proposed changes are summarized in the Discussion Paper that is the result of nearly three
  months of collaboration with the newly formed Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee,
  government-to-government meetings with Indigenous groups, First Nations workshops, and
  meetings with key stakeholders: industry, environmental non-governmental organizations, local
  governments, labour representatives and others.
- It's important to note that the proposed changes are just that: proposed. Further changes are likely to occur once we've heard from the public during the recently announced public comment period.

#### 11. Is industry being left out of the revitalization process?

- Absolutely not. Industry continues 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.
- Industry was also represented on the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee, in balance with Indigenous groups, local government, environmental NGOs, and others.

### 12. Doesn't implementing UNDRIP 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 Indigenous groups in any decision making related to
  major projects.

#### 13. What are the next steps in revitalizing B.C.'s environmental assessment process?

- Once we've received public feedback, we'll revisit the proposed changes and ensure they serve the best interests of Indigenous groups and all British Columbians.
- In late summer, we'll release a What we Heard report that outlines the feedback we received from the public, Indigenous groups, and stakeholders. We'll also release an Intentions Paper in early fall that will outline the intended direction of the revitalized EA process.
- You can follow along as revitalization progresses through to completion by signing up to receive updates at the end of the Public Engagement Survey.

#### Professional Reliance:

#### How did the report's author, Mark Haddock, come up with the final recommendations?

 Mr. Haddock considered a large amount of evidence collected during the review to develop recommendations that would address the objectives of the review.

#### 2. When will government respond to the final report?

 Over the next several months ministries that oversee statutes with potentially affected regulations will be reviewing the recommendations in detail. Consultation will continue with the public, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders, with responses anticipated later this year.

### 3. Is the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy the lead on any changes that will come as a result of the review?

- While the report was commissioned by and submitted to the ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the responsibility for considering the ministry-specific report recommendations resides with the various ministries that have responsibility for the statutes.
- Government will develop a response to the remaining recommendations from the report in the coming months.
- The response will include an action plan and will clarify what ministry will lead the implementation of any further changes to the professional reliance model.

#### 4. Will government implement all of the recommendations from the report?

- Government has not had the opportunity to fully review and consider the recommendations from the report,
- We will take the next few months to carefully consider the report and will provide a response when those deliberations are complete.

### 5. The report recommends an oversight body be established to govern qualified professionals; when is government going to act on that advice?

 Government appreciates this strong recommendation and will be consulting with professional associations as to the best way to fulfil the goal of strengthening governance of qualified professionals.

### 6. Will stakeholders and the public have an opportunity to comment on the report?

 Government will engage First Nations and stakeholders who may be affected by the recommendations. Feedback from this engagement will then be carefully considered as government develops a response to the report.

### 7. What implications do the recommendations and governments response have for First Nations of B.C.?

- There are four recommendations in the report that directly address First Nations interests however, many of the recommendations may have an impact on First Nations if implemented.
- Government will take time to engage with First Nations and carefully consider what those implications before responding to the Report.



### Emerging Economy Task Force

#### 1. Why do we need an Emerging Economy Task Force?

- To stay at the leading edge of global economic developments and maintain our strong economic
  position, we must understand the emergent impacts of climate change and the changing nature
  of business as it relates to technologies, innovation and trends, and the environment in which we
  operate.
- We also need to understand B.C.'s future and be prepared to take action now to ensure the many sectors of our economy, such as forestry, mining, tourism and technology, remain competitive on the world stage.
- The Task Force will play a key role in ensuring that B.C. is prepared for the future.
- Through their work, they will examine the current level of B.C.'s economy with a view of
  providing analysis and advice on emerging trends including transformative technologies that
  will change the nature of business and society in the immediate and long term.

### 2. What is the task force's mandate/role?

- The Emerging Economy Task Force (EETF) will examine the current state of B.C.'s economy with a
  view to providing analysis and advice on emerging trends, including transformative technologies
  that will change the nature of business and society over the next five, 10 to 25 years.
- Task force members will host a number of interviews with key stakeholders from across the province to gather feedback and insights about B.C.'s many industries.
- The task force will provide an interim report to the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology in fall 2018. Its final report is due in spring 2019 and will be made public shortly thereafter.
- The work of the EETF will be aligned, wherever possible, with the work of Innovation
  Commissioner Alan Winter, the Innovation Commission, the Small Business Task Force, the
  Mining Jobs Task Force, the Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council and other
  relevant government initiatives to share perspectives and hear concerns from throughout the
  province.

#### 3. What is the "emerging economy"

- Generally speaking, the emerging economy is made up of technologies, innovations and trends
  that are changing the worldwide competitive landscape at an accelerating rate. The task force has
  been asked to define this term specifically for British Columbia's interests.
- To take advantage of the emerging economy, B.C.'s government, industries and businesses must have a better understanding of how to embrace the opportunities and mitigate the challenges.
- Government is committed to staying at the leading edge of economic growth. To do this, we must
  understand what B.C.'s emerging economy looks like and how it can help us to create a
  sustainable and shared prosperity for all British Columbians.

### Event Information / Tsleil-Waututh Nation Climate Summit

**Event**: Tsleil-Waututh Nation one-day Climate Summit – Opening Remarks

When: Tuesday July 17, 2018

**Time**: 8:15 am - 10:15 am (Minister is invited to stay for the day)

Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, 138 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver, BC

**Audience**: 150 people registered with 25-30 on the waitlist; will likely increase event registration to a max of 175 people. Attendees include First Nation, federal, provincial and municipal government reps, NGOs, academics, and independent consultants.

David Coney, Manager, Climate Innovation, and Amanda Broad – Senior Policy Analyst (climate change adaptation), both from Climate Action Secretariat – will be in attendance.

#### **Event Summary**:

- Minister introduced by Gabe George, Manager of Culture and Language for TWN, after opening prayer
- 20m slot for remarks Minister does not need to take all that time
- There may be opportunity for a Q&A organizers say that's fluid and depends on wishes of the participants
- Draft program:

Time	Title	Presenter	Affiliation
8:15-8:30	Registration		
8:30-8:50	Opening Prayer, songs and	Gabe + youth	TWN
	remarks		
8:50-9:10	Opening remarks	Minister Heyman	BC MOE
9:10-9:30	Opening remarks	Chief Teegee	BCAFN
9:30-9:50	Opening remarks	Chief Maureen	TWN
10:15-10:30	Human-Induced Climate Change	Stewart Cohen	ECCC
	Research: A Brief History		
10:30-10:45	Regional projections	Trevor Murdock	PCIC
10:45-11:00	Ocean acidification in the Salish	Susan Allen/Debby lanson	UBC/DFO
	Sea		
11:00-11:15	Synthesis Report: Salish Sea	Nathan Vadeboncouer	Smart Shores
	indicators		
11:15-11:30			
12:35-12:50	Climate change impacts on	Dionne Bunsha	LFFA
	Lower Fraser River		
12:50-1:05	Projected impacts for small-	Melanie Ang	UBC
	scale and First Nations' fisheries		

	under climate change		
1:05-1:20	Methods to assess Indigenous	Jamie Donatuto	Swinomish
	health in climate change plans		
1:20-1:35	TWN perspective	Iggy George and Hillary Hyland	TWN
1:35-1:50			
2:15-2:30	Energy transition strategy	TBD	T'Sou-ke Nation
2:30-2:45	Youth Food Justice Program	Beangka Elliot	WSÁNEĆ
2:45-2:55	Green Infrastructure planning	Jack Satzewich	SFU ACT
	for biodiversity		
2:55-3:10	Local Industry Perspective:	Darryl Lawes, Environmental	Seaspan ULC
	efficiency, emissions, and	Manager	
	climate change		
3:10-3:25	TWN Climate Change Resiliency	B.Doyle and E. Hardy	TWN
	Plan		
3:25-3:40			
3:40-4:00			

### Tsleil-Waututh Nation Traditional food harvesting:

In mid-July or early August, most of the Tsleil-Waututh and other Coast Salish groups travelled to the Fraser River to catch and dry the most favoured type of salmon: sockeye. During this time, people would visit, exchange news of relatives, and form alliances. We also harvested and dried large volumes of berries during the summer.

After the Fraser River run finished in the fall, Tsleil-Waututh families would congregate in camps on the Indian, Capilano, Seymour and other rivers to fish for pink and chum salmon. Most of the catch was dried for winter use or trade. By December, families returned to their winter villages with the provisions collected throughout the year, and the cycle began again. [From https://twnation.ca/our-story/]

#### Land, Water & Environment

TWN biologists, environmental scientists and field technicians work to protect, monitor and restore Tsleil-Waututh lands and waters. The goals driving the program are to:

- Restore the health of Burrard Inlet
- Ensure Tsleil-Waututh people can practice cultural and ceremonial activities in clean water
- Re-establish traditional harvests of wild marine foods from Burrard Inlet

### Thank and acknowledge:

From the organizer: "It wouldn't be the 'TWN way' to point anyone out individually - especially since everyone plays their own important part from the political realm to the technical, to the cultural.

If anything, TWN leadership - both at the political and department director level - is strong, consistent and grounded in a true purpose of protecting TWN values for future generations. TWN seriously walks the talk."

- Territorial acknowledgement: Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.
  - As a side note, other First Nations like Sto:lo and Sumas Nations will be in attendance as well as representatives from Swinomish Tribal Council (in Washington State), so you may find it appropriate to recognize they also act as the stewards of the land, water and environment in their respective territories

# Main Message Frame: Government's leadership on climate and including indigenous perspectives

- We have a lot to learn about resiliency and adapting to climate change from Indigenous ways of knowing.
- Government including the Climate Action Secretariat can be a source of information and support for Indigenous communities as they prepare for, and adapt to climate change.
- Addressing climate risks will take a joint, collaborative effort.
- "Whatever future humans have, it will be together." <u>Douglas Rushkoff</u>

### Introduction

- In British Columbia, and around the world, climate change is already impacting our lives and what we value.
- Average temperatures are increasing, sea levels are rising, and weather is becoming more variable and extreme, more often.

- We know that climate change will be a long-term, inter-generational issue.
- [Insert personal reflections here people met and impacted of the Bonn trip, for instance.]
- B.C. is "living our values" on the climate file shared values of justice and sustainable, clean growth in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- We also need to take steps to prepare for, and adapt to, the impacts of climate change.
- This collaboration and partnership will be integral to managing climate-related risks in order to protect our well-being, improve our prosperity, and lower costs for generations to come.
- It will take commitment and collaboration to encourage clean growth ...
- A transition to a just, sustainable, low-carbon economy is a large part of addressing climate change.

- Adaptation is another huge piece of the climate solution.
  - We're already experiencing climate change.
  - We will be experiencing it for years to come even if we do slow down and even stop GHG emissions.
  - Planning for and adapting to climate change and transitioning to a clean growth economy is essential.
  - Indigenous communities like Tsleil-Waututh have an important – essential – role to play in BC's future.

### Relationship with indigenous communities

- Provincial government is developing a process that makes Indigenous peoples full and active partners in advancing clean growth
- and also in addressing climate change goals of reducing emissions and adapting to the impacts of a changing climate.

- The road to meeting our 2050 emissions reduction target involves a renewed and respectful relationship with indigenous people.
- It also involves a few major touchstones:
  - renew B.C.'s climate advisory team,
  - set new interim GHG reduction targets,
  - and implement a comprehensive Climate Action Strategy to put BC on the path to clean economic growth.
- We have put in place the first and second milestones on that list.
  - We have a Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council that has been giving us advice over the past few months.
  - In the last session of the legislature we passed new interim GHG reduction targets.
  - And we are working on a new Clean Growth strategy in the fall.

- At the same time, the provincial Auditor General has advised the Province to develop a comprehensive Climate Adaptation Strategy.
- We have taken that advice, and we are anticipating a provincial adaptation strategy to be released in 2020.
- In this context, engagement with Indigenous Peoples on climate change takes on both a short and a long term perspective.
- In the short term, our role as government is to make sure information and funding is shared equitably and made available to communities that need it.
- Whether it's making adaptation plans or reducing the effects of climate change ...
  - we all are partners in preparing for a future that includes climate change.
- We are also committed to true, lasting engagement with indigenous communities on the climate file.
- To be true to our values, we realize our relationships with indigenous communities need to be developed with Indigenous Peoples, through an intentional, collaborative process.

- This approach is consistent with the Province's commitment to:
  - implement the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
  - and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (TRC),
  - as well as the Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples (Draft Principles).
- So we will be seeking input in the next few months as we develop a new climate strategy for clean growth.
- And we are also looking to learn from and form a lasting relationship built on mutual and respectful dialogue – a true partnership.

### **Conclusion:**

 The Tsleil-Waututh Nation has brought us here today to start building the connections and the relationships and the partnerships we will need in the coming decades.

- It's early days for us to be having these conversations, on climate, and we're in it for the long term.
- In the decades to come we will look back and recognize the importance of preparing and planning for climate change.
- And we will also be grateful for the valuable relationships we build with indigenous and nonindigenous groups and communities.
- We have so much to learn from each other.
- The Tsleil-Waututh and other indigenous peoples have a wealth of knowledge to share.
- And we have gone too long without realizing how much we have to learn.
- We would be honoured to be the recipients of your generosity, if you choose to teach us. /end

#### 1. What is happening with the Province of British Columbia 's Climate Adaptation Strategy?

- BC is already experiencing the impacts of climate change: average temperatures are increasing, sea levels are rising and variable and extreme weather is becoming more frequent.
- A Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for B.C. is being developed for release in 2020 by the Climate Action Secretariat to update B.C.'s 2010 Climate Adaptation Strategy, and respond to the provincial Auditor General's Report: Managing Climate Risks, and George Abbott and hereditary chief Maureen Chapman independent review: Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia.
- The Strategy's vision is BC is resilient to and managing climate risks. Managing climaterelated risks and building resilience is essential to protect our well-being, improve our prosperity, and lower costs for generations to come.

#### 2. What is the BC government doing to assess the risks of climate change?

- The Climate Action Secretariat is conducting a strategic climate risk assessment to identify and assess key provincially significant climate-related risks to BC.
- The results of the assessment are expected in late 2018 and will inform a new provincial adaptation strategy.

#### 3. What is the Climate Change Accountability Act?

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act is renamed the Climate Change Accountability
  Act and will be the foundation of a renewed climate action strategy to be released in the
  fall 2018.
- The amendments revitalize the greenhouse gas reduction targets to set a clear path to the 2050 target, while expanding the scope of the Act to public reporting on adaptation.
- Specifically, the amendments:
  - Sets new legislated targets of 40% reduction in carbon emissions from 2007 levels by 2030, and
  - o 60% reduction from 2007 levels by 2040.
  - o Repeals the 2020 target of 33% reduction which cannot be met;
- The legislation also addresses the 2018 Auditor General's Report recommendation to require detailed public reporting on how the province is preparing for climate change.
- Beginning in 2020 and completed every other year, the risk of climate change to the province and the steps taken to mitigate that risk will be reported.

#### Environmental Assessment Office - revitalization

# 1. 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.

# 2. 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.

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. How will the proposed new Species-at-Risk legislation impact environmental assessments?

- Currently, species at risk are protected by decisions made within sector-specific Acts, resulting in a patchwork of rules that do not effectively or consistently protect all species at risk or their habitats from all types of human-related impacts across all types of land use.
- The new Species-at-risk legislation will provide increased certainty about when and how
  species at risk will be protected, reducing the chances of conflicts or delays within the
  environmental assessment process. The relationships between the Species at Risk Act and
  environmental assessments will be clearer when the new Species at Risk legislation is
  released.

#### 5. How does the proposed new process address climate change?

- It is proposed that a revitalized EA process in B.C. will include legislated decision criteria for Ministers when deciding to issue an EA certificate. One of those criteria being suggested is the impact on B.C.'s climate targets and strategies.
- Considering climate change and greenhouse gas emissions is not new to the environmental
  assessment process. We will continue to build on current practice to ensure this important
  issue is addressed while recognizing that environmental assessment is focused on specific
  project proposals.

## 6. Will Ministers continue to have the final say on whether or not to issue an environmental assessment certificate?

- Yes. It is proposed that the provincial decision on whether or not to issue an
   Environmental Assessment Certificate will continue to be made by elected officials and
   will be evidence-based, reflecting the best available science and Indigenous knowledge
   obtained during the EA, and applying decision-making criteria and approval tests set out in
   legislation.
- It is anticipated participating Indigenous nations in the environmental assessment will also choose to make a decision on whether the project should receive a certificate. Ministers must take these decisions into consideration.
- Fair, transparent, timely, resilient decisions are essential at the end of an EA process.
   Decisions need to be founded in the robust assessment that was just completed, reflect public interest, and respect the decision making authority of Indigenous groups.
   Recognition of Indigenous groups' decisions is a key aspect of the UN Declaration and reconciliation.
- By making the decision-making criteria more specific and transparent all parties would have confidence that the things that matter to them will be considered.

#### 7. What are the next steps in revitalizing B.C.'s environmental assessment process?

- Once we've received public feedback, we'll revisit the proposed changes and ensure they serve the best interests of Indigenous groups and all British Columbians.
- In early fall, we'll release a What we Heard and Intentions Paper that will outline the intended direction of the revitalized EA process, and report on how the feedback we received from the public, Indigenous groups, and stakeholders was incorporated.
- You can follow along as revitalization progresses through to completion by signing up to receive updates at the end of the Public Engagement Survey.

#### Other Qs and As:

# 8. How does the Water Sustainability Act support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, in particular, where agreements are being developed or in place?

- Through tools such as planning and objective setting, the Act can foster a shared vision for how water and watersheds can be managed.
- 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.

#### 9. 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.

## **Event Information/Speaking Notes**

**Event:** Abbotsford Courthouse Ground-breaking Event

When: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

3:00 PM

Where: City Centre Civic Precinct

32203 S Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC

**Parking:** Parking will be provided by City of Abbotsford staff on-

site.

Contact: Jarrett Hagglund

Manager, Event Services, GCPE

604 817-1458

**Length**: 3-4 minutes

**Key Participants:** 

 Bob D'Eith, event MC and MLA (Maple Ridge-Mission)

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Judge Steven Point (FN welcome message)

David Eby, Attorney General

Henry Braun, Mayor of Abbotsford

Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes, BC Supreme Court

• Judge Ken Skilnick, BC Provincial Court

**Speaking Backdrop:** 

Event will take place on the active construction site on

city property, adjacent to the City Hall complex. There will be a podium and microphone provided.

**Audience** 

**Description:** Mayor of Abbotsford and staff, Provincial and Supreme

Court representatives, community justice

representatives, project partners, members of the

media, and the public.

Number of

**Participants:** TBC – 45 RSVPs confirmed as of EOD July 10.

## Agenda:

Time	Event Itinerary
12:30 p.m.	Jarrett Hagglund onsite to confirm AV set-up
2:30 p.m.	Attorney General Eby and speakers arrive
2:45 p.m	<ul> <li>Pre-brief with speakers led by Jarrett Hagglund, GCPE events</li> <li>MC - MLA, Bob D'Eith</li> <li>Steven Point, Provincial Court judge and elder (FN welcome message)</li> <li>Attorney General David Eby</li> <li>Henry Braun, Mayor of Abbotsford</li> <li>Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes</li> <li>Provincial Court Judge Ken Skilnick</li> </ul>
2:59 p.m	Speakers proceed to speaking area
3:00 p.m	Bob D'Eith (MC) gives opening remarks and introduces Judge Steven Point (Indigenous welcome)
3:03 p.m	Steven Point gives welcome
3:06 p.m	MC thanks Steven Point and introduces Attorney General Eby
3:07 p.m	Attorney General Eby gives remarks
3:12 p.m	MC thanks Attorney General Eby and introduces Henry Braun
3:13 p.m	Henry Braun gives remarks
3:16 p.m	MC thanks Henry Braun and introduces Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes
3:17 p.m	Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes makes remarks
3:20 p.m	MC thanks Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes and introduces Judge Ken Skilnick
3:21 p.m	Judge Ken Skilnick makes remarks
3:24 p.m	MC thanks Judge Ken Skilnick and announces they will moving into the ground-breaking photo opportunity
3:25 p.m	Ground breaking Photo Opportunity
3:30 p.m	Media Availability with Attorney General Eby
3:45 p.m	Event Ends

## **Speaking Notes**

for

Attorney General David Eby

Abbotsford Courthouse Ground-breaking Event Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:00 PM (start)

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- [Emcee thanks Steven Point for welcome message and introduces Minister Eby to provide remarks]
- Thank you.
- Good afternoon everyone, and thank you for being here today.
- I would like to start by acknowledging we are gathered here today on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo Nation.
- Thank you to Judge Point for sharing a welcome message with us, as we get set to open a new chapter and purpose for this site.
- I would also like to welcome Mayor Henry Braun and representatives from both the Provincial and Supreme Courts, Judge Ken Skilnick and Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes, to share a few words shortly.

- Thank you also to the many partners involved with this project.
- Our government is focused on building a province that puts people first.
- That means making improvements to the infrastructure and programs that help make the lives of British Columbians easier and more prosperous.
- Today, we're breaking ground on what will be the Abbotsford Law Courts – the first brand new courthouse to be built in B.C. in 10 years.
- The complex is expected to be operational in 2021, and I know there isn't much to look at right now.
- But when it is up and running, the new courthouse will go a long way to streamlining services and increasing access to justice across the Lower Fraser Valley.

- The facility will expand the number of courtrooms for the Provincial Court, and will create Supreme Court courtrooms as well,
- which will allow larger and more complex cases to be heard here in Abbotsford.
- This \$150 M project is not just an investment in the province's justice system; it is an investment in this community too.
- Construction of the project will create highpaying, good quality jobs,
- And once complete, the building will also house legal professionals, sheriffs and court staff.
- I want to recognize the many individuals and organizations that have worked together on this project,
- including:
  - o The City of Abbotsford;

- o Plenary PCL Justice;
- Partnerships BC;
- the Ministries of the Attorney General and Citizens' Services;
- The Offices of the Chief Justice of the BC Supreme Court and Chief Judge of the BC Provincial Court;
- o many dedicated and valued stakeholders.
- Together, we are working to enhance the administration of justice in B.C.,
- And make this province an even better place to live.
- I look forward to seeing this new courthouse come together during the coming months and years.
- Thank you again for being here today.

• [Emcee thanks Minister Eby and introduces Mayor Henry Braun to provide remarks]

## **Event Information/Speaking Notes**

**Event**: Anti-Corruption Law Program public education event

**When**: Thursday, July 26, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Offices of Dentons LLP, 20th Floor (Reception floor),

250 Howe St., (near Waterfront Station), Vancouver

Contact: Joe Weiler, cell 604 209-3904

**Length**: 10-15 mins (speech), plus Q&A with audience

**Key Participants**: Minister David Eby

Dr. Peter German

Professor Gerry Ferguson, UVic Law School (moderator)

Speaking

Backdrop: Table, no podium

Audience

**Description:** About 70-80 anti-corruptions professionals (event is at

capacity). No media.

Number of

**Participants:** Minister Eby, Dr. German speak and answer questions

from the audience, moderated by Professor Gerry

Ferguson

**Agenda:** See separate document

## **Speaking Notes**

for

Attorney General David Eby

Anti-Corruption Law Program public education event Thursday, July 26, 2018 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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# Part 1: The Problem of Money Laundering in B.C. Casinos

- Good afternoon.
- Thank you for inviting me to speak today.
- I'd like to start by acknowledging the territory of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh people
- Thanks to Dr. German's work, I can say now with absolute certainty that money laundering, criminal money laundering, is taking place in B.C.'s casinos and it has to stop.
- It's a serious crime with serious consequences for the people in B.C.
- Thanks to Dr. Peter German's work, I can tell you that it is tied to the opioid crisis that's

taken thousands of people from their families.

- It's linked to the real estate market and housing prices that have made life unaffordable for British Columbians.
- It was last September that I asked Dr. German to come in and tell us exactly what was happening in B.C. casinos and to look at broader issues in our economy related to money laundering.
- There was a very specific reason why I asked Dr. German to take on this work.
- He has an impeccable reputation.
- He served as a member of the RCMP for 31 years.
- He's also a lawyer.

- He's a member of the Ontario and the B.C. bars.
- He's Queen's Counsel and he has a doctorate in law.
- His background, combined with his experience researching this issue for his book, Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering, which is the leading Canadian textbook on anti-money laundering law, make him uniquely suitable to take on this critically important task on behalf of the Province of B.C.
- Dr. German wrote this report independently of government, and we released it publicly last month.
- The report has received significant interest from the media and the public.

- Clearly, this is an issue that matters to British Columbians.
- The report itself paints a troubling picture of the last decade and a half.
- Dr. German has reported that for years government turned a blind eye to escalating and troubling money laundering in B.C. casinos, despite abundant evidence that it was a serious problem.
- The first report was in 2011.
- Dr. German identifies that nobody said no.
- Nobody said do not accept this money unless you know where it came from. He uncovered troubling issues.
- For example, in paragraph 640, a memo within B.C. Lottery Corporation, related to

how alleged money launderers should be dealt with in casinos.

- He outlines that little was done to detect, pursue, or prosecute those engaged in money laundering, despite abundant evidence of a serious problem.
- He tells the stories of individuals that attempted to raise this issue to public attention at paragraph 509, the investigation department of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.
- At paragraph 443, the story of Inspector Barry Baxter of the RCMP.
- There are many such stories in his report, and my only regret is that this report has to be released all at once, because some of these stories need attention.

- And, because of the volume of information here, almost invariably they won't get the attention they need.
- His report shows that this failure to take action allowed money laundering to proliferate in B.C. casinos.
- Now, it may have been that there was justification for this by the belief, the mistaken belief, that this activity amounts to a victimless crime.
- But that is unfortunately a convenient lie.
- The truth of money laundering is much messier.
- In paragraph 574, Dr. German connects drugs and organized crime to the activities in B.C.'s casinos.

- There is little that is obvious about the nefarious tactics of money laundering.
- However, I believe that the only way to combat money laundering is to tackle it full on, to bring the public along in full view, so that they understand the work and the consequences of failing to take action, as well as the costs of taking action.
- Dr. German's report is wide ranging and deeply researched, and I'm incredibly grateful for the volume of work that he has done to produce this report for the people of B.C.
- I'll now turn it over to Dr. German to discuss some of his key findings.

## Dr. German speaks (25 mins)

## VIDEO SCREENING

• Thank you very much, Dr. German.

- Certainly, the Government of B.C. appreciates your work putting this report together, the countless hours that you spent, and your team working hard to bring us this report today.
- Now, what I'd like to do is screen for you a video, and I just would like to provide a little bit of context.
- The video that I'm going to show you is dated.
- The videos date from around 2011, 2012.
- The images were captured by security cameras in B.C. gambling facilities.
- The reason for the videos being dated is we can have confidence in sharing them with you that we're not compromising any law enforcement investigations.

- The videos that I reviewed during my original briefing were law enforcement videos, and, unfortunately, we can't share them with you at this time.
- But I did want you to have a sense of why it was so strange that it took so long to take action, given just the visuals of what this crime looks like in action.

[Video 1 begins - narrate action in video]

[Video 2 begins as background for Q&A]

## **Part 2: Recommendations and Implementation**

- On behalf of the Government of B.C., I'm very pleased to say that we've already begun to implement Dr. German's recommendations.
- I've already directed the process of immediately implementing more than a fifth of the recommendations and I will be working with my colleagues across government on

implementing another 15 recommendations in the short-term.

- For the short to medium term, we are looking at recommendations such as:
  - that BCLC ensure that VIP hosts do not handle cash or chips, and
  - that cash alternatives become the responsibility of the service providers, subject to their compliance with overarching standards.
- We will also continue to work with Dr.
   German on implementation.
- The more complex recommendations will be examined as they impact an array of ministries and jurisdictions and we will move forward as quickly as possible with the best ways to implement them.

- We will be establishing a governance body inside government to do difficult but important work of bringing all aspects of government together to take action on these crucial recommendations.
- In all cases, we will be moving as quickly as possible to slam the door shut on dirty money in B.C. casinos, and cut off funding to organized crime in our province.
- It won't be easy to reverse a decade and a half of neglect, but we are not waiting to get started.
- The era of inaction and denial is over.
- Thank you again to Dr. German and his team for all of their work and thank you all for joining us today.

## Audience Q&A (30 mins)

## **Event concludes**

## **Event Information/Speaking Notes**

**Event**: Midsummer Music Jam (stakeholder reception and

concert)

When: 6:00 p.m. (reception); 6:40 p.m. (concert)

Where: Reception: Sandman Centre, Valley First Lounge, 300

Lorne Street, Kamloops

<u>Concert:</u> Riverside Park, 100 Lorne Street, Kamloops

Parking: Sandman Centre, 300 Lorne Street

Contact: Lara Gerrits, BCLC, s.17 (cell)

**Length**: Stakeholder reception: 3-4 mins

Concert: 2 mins

**Key Participants**: Minister Eby

Jim Lightbody, BCLC CEO

Ken Christian, Mayor, City of Kamloops

**Backdrop:** Stakeholder reception: casual (no podium); wireless

mic

Concert: mic on stage (no podium)

**Dress code:** Casual (e.g., slacks and golf shirt)

**Audience:** <u>Stakeholder reception</u>: community and business

leaders, arts and cultural groups, BCLC Board/

leadership team and municipal politicians (120 people)

Concert: Locals, approx. attendance 4,000-6,000.

**Agenda:** 5:00 p.m.: Stakeholder reception begins

6:00 p.m.: Minister Eby speaks at reception (3-4 mins)

6:30 p.m. Minister Eby is escorted to concert

6:40 p.m. Minister Eby provides greetings for concert

(2 mins)

9:00 p.m.: Concert concludes

## **Speaking Notes**

for

Attorney General David Eby

Midsummer Music Jam Wednesday, July 25, 2018 6:00 p.m. (stakeholder reception) 6:40 p.m. (concert)

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## **STAKEHOLDER RECEPTION (6:00 p.m.)**

- Thank you for the opportunity to be here and share a few words.
- I'd like to acknowledge the territory of Secwepemc [She-whep-m] peoples, and the Tk'emlups [Tay-come-loops] Indian Band.
- It's wonderful to meet and talk with so many community leaders here today.
- Thank you, Mayor Ken Christian, and everyone at the City of Kamloops, for welcoming me to your community for my inaugural Music in the Park experience.
- And thank you, BCLC CEO Jim Lightbody and Board Chair Peter Kappel, for bringing us all together in celebration of summer, and tonight's Midsummer Music Jam concert.

- It's clear from the energy in the room how important BCLC is to Kamloops—and to our province.
- Every year, commercial gambling generates revenue that the Government of B.C. invests in key services, including healthcare and education, and a wide array of organizations that make life better for British Columbians.
- Our government is committed to the success of the Community Gaming Grants program and the support it provides to more than 5,000 organizations each year throughout the province.
- In 2017/18, 130 not-for-profit organizations in Kamloops received \$3.3 million from the community gaming grants program.

- As we go forward, we want a strong BCLC and a facility that supports them in the work they need to do.
- Our government has just passed our one-year anniversary, and I'm very proud of the work we've done so far.
- We will continue to work to build a strong, sustainable economy, deliver the services people count on and make life better and more affordable for everyone in B.C.
- To do this, we work with our partners in our Crown corporations, local government and other community and business leaders like the people here today.
- Thank you for you everything you do for your community.

- We're going to keep working hard for you and with you—putting people first, and building a better future, together.
- Thank you.

## **CONCERT (6:40 p.m.)**

- Hello Kamloops!
- Thank you for the opportunity to share a few words.
- First, I'd like to acknowledge that we are on the territory of Secwepemc [She-whep-m] peoples, and the Tk'emlups [Tay-come-loops] Indian Band.
- Tonight's concert shows how BCLC is an integral part of your city.
- Having operated its head office here for the past 33 years, BCLC has had a positive economic and community impact—and will continue to do so for many more years.
- Beyond Kamloops, gambling revenues benefit communities provincewide.

- Each year, the Province's Community Gaming Grants program helps fund more than 5,000 organizations that make life better for British Columbians.
- In 2017/18, 130 not-for-profit organizations in Kamloops received \$3.3 million from the community gaming grants program.
- This is just one of many ways our government is working for you.
- Our government will continue to work to build a strong, sustainable economy, deliver the services people count on and make life better and more affordable for everyone in B.C.
- Thank you to BCLC for making life better here in Kamloops.
- Enjoy the concert!

Ministry of Attorney General - Rate Design Change Speaking Notes

**Speaking Notes** 

for

Attorney General David Eby

ICBC Rate Design Change July XX, 2018 Time (start)

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#### **Event Information/Speaking Notes**

**Event**: ICBC Rate Design Changes

**When**: Weds., July 18, 2018

Speaking time: 5 mins

Where: Press Theatre, Parliament Buildings, Victoria

Contact for AG: TBC

Logistics: Flags, podium, mics, dial-in Q&A with media (TBC)

**Key Participants:** 

• Attorney General David Eby

• Joy MacPhail, ICBC Chair (TBC)

#### Other attendees:

 Nicolas Jimenez, ICBC interim President and CEO – leading technical briefing

Audience size: Media only, in person and over the phone provincewide

**Agenda:** Provided separately

## Introduction

- Thank you for joining me today.
- I would first like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the territories of the Lekwungenspeaking people, and of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

## **Rate Fairness Engagement**

- With vehicle insurance affecting all drivers throughout the province, British Columbians expect their rates to be fair.
- Certainly that's my expectation, both as a driver and as the minister responsible for ICBC.
- British Columbians have been saying for years that the system would be fairer if lower-risk

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drivers paid less for their insurance, and higher-risk drivers paid more.

- However, under ICBC's current model for calculating insurance premiums, some drivers are paying too much for their vehicle insurance and others are paying too little.
- The need for change is clear.
- We think it's about time that rates were made fairer so that all drivers pay an amount that's more reflective of their risk level on the road.
- That's why we ran a public engagement earlier this year, attracting more than 35,000 responses on how to make rates fairer.
- To no one's surprise, British Columbians overwhelmingly agreed that risky drivers should pay more.

 The engagement provided valuable feedback on specific changes to our insurance system, such as moving to a driver-based system and how driving convictions affect premiums.

Commented [CM1]: Trying to give some context here that the engagement was more detailed than 'good drivers pay less, bad drivers pay more'. Does this work?

Commented [GJA2R1]: Yes, I like it.

# **Proposed changes**

- Based on this input from British Columbians, ICBC is moving forward on a number of <u>proposed</u> changes that would better hold drivers accountable for their driving behaviour, including:
  - Moving to a driver-based model, so that insurance premiums are tied to the driver and not the person who owns the vehicle;
  - Increasing insurance discounts for up to 40 years of driving experience, increased from the current limit of nine years; and,

- Inexperienced drivers receiving lower Basic insurance discounts than today, and at-fault crashes having a larger impact on what a driver pays;
- Adjusted rate classes and territories for the first time in more than 10 years to reflect the changes in traffic density, population growth and changes in the urban infrastructure; and,
- New discounts <u>being made</u> available for vehicles with original, manufacturerinstalled emergency braking technology and for vehicles driven less than 5,000 km per year.
- We expect that these changes will result in two-thirds of drivers seeing a decrease in their rate, and one-third having to pay more.
- To be clear, these changes are <u>not</u> about increasing revenue for ICBC.

**Commented [CM3]:** Straight from the NR, omitting DRP/DPP as that's already been announced. Let me know if we should make this even more general for the minister to allow the ICBC rep to dig into more details.

- Rather, the goal is to make auto insurance in B.C. fairer.
- The proposed changes will not change the amount of money ICBC collects, but rather rebalance drivers' premiums so that lowerrisk drivers pay less, and higher-risk drivers pay more.
- Besides fairness, I'd also like to point out that high-risk driving hurts not only your wallet, but other people—sometimes leading to lifealtering injuries or death.
- Car crashes in B.C. have been rising steadily since 2014.
- On July 17, ICBC announced that the total crashes in B.C. in 2017 was 350,000—20,000 more than the previous year, and 70,000 more than 2014.

Commented [GJA4]: I also like the message of 960 crashes a day that Adam suggested. Perhaps that could be a follow up bullet?

• It's in everyone's best interest to reduce highrisk driving behaviour.

#### Who will be affected?

- If they're like me, most drivers want to know what these changes mean for their own premiums.
- We all want to know how much our rates will change.
- Brokers will be able to help customers understand how these changes will impact them starting in early-to-mid 2019, as ICBC transitions to the new rate design.
- However, I'll remind you that the whole point of these changes is to improve rate fairness throughout the province.
- High-risk drivers will pay more, and low-risk drivers will pay less.

- Your risk level is partially based on your driving behaviour—which is something you can control.
- In general, drivers with less experience, who have driving convictions, or are involved in atfault crashes more than once every ten years will be considered higher-risk.
- New drivers are also likely to see an increase in their premiums.
- The reality is that inexperienced drivers cause a disproportionate number of crashes and fatalities in B.C.
- New drivers currently pay much less than the risk they represent, and the proposed changes seek to find a better balance between insurance premiums and risk level.
- As new drivers accumulate crash-free driving experience, their risk would be lowerdecrease

and that would be reflected in lower insurance rates.

- For those with decades years of good driving behaviour, these changes are good news.
- By increasing insurance discounts from nine years to up to 40 years of driving experience, good <del>long-term</del>-drivers will see greater discounts <u>over that period</u> than they do currently.
- Besides risk level, customers will also be impacted by their experience driving, where they live, how they use their vehicle, and who else is driving their vehicle.

## **Next Steps**

 To bring about these rate design changes, the B.C. government has directed ICBC to file an application with the B.C. Utilities Commission by July 31, 2018.

- The BCUC will use the factors, criteria and guidelines set out lin the direction to ICBC, we have set out the factors, criteria and guidelines for these changes that we expect the BCUC will also use to make its decision on the proposed changes to regulate and fix the rates within 45 days of ICBC's application.
- Upon approval, the changes will come into effect September 2019.
- Government has also directed ICBC to move the timing of its Basic insurance rate application to December 2018, instead of the typical filing in August.
- This change will mean that any rate changes required as part of the yearly application can be aligned with the other changes to the insurance product itself that will take effect April 1, 2019.

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- As part of these changes, ICBC is proposing to introduce a 20% "transition cap" for the first three years that limits how much the premium can change annually based on a customer's driving record and crash history before September 1, 2019.
- This will help protect drivers for from drastic increases in their insurance premiums.

**Conclusion** 

- Changes to our insurance rate design are long overdue.
- It's time to redesign a fairer system—one that ensures that low-risk drivers pay less, and high-risk drivers pay more.
- With input from 35,000 British Columbians, through our public engagement, I'm confident that ICBC's proposed changes will hold drivers

**Commented [CM5]:** Worth stating this? Should we cut or move to a different section of the remarks?

Commented [GJA6R5]: Suggest moving this just above the next steps section, as this will be important to those drivers who are higher risk. accountable for their behaviour, resulting in fairer rates for everyone.

- Thank you for your time.
- To speak further about the proposed changes, please welcome ICBC's board chair, Joy MacPhail (TBC).