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Sent: September 6, 2019 7:16 AM
To: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Cc: Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Subject: APPROVED: LFS KM
Attachments: KM LFS August - 06Sept 2019 706 am.docx

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Sent: September 5, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX
Cc: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX
Subject: Re: DRAFT STMT Aug LFS

Working on both

Sent from my iPhone

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On Sep 5, 2019, at 12:35 PM, Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Do we have KMs underway?

And what about media?

KT

From: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX
Sent: September 5, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
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I'm quite content with a short statement. Maybe if we get some other good stats tomorrow we can throw in a line on them, if it suits.

Thanks!

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From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
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This version is much better

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What do you think of this shortened version?

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Sent: September 5, 2019 7:29 AM
To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
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Lets give this some thought. I wonder if we might get more pick up with a simple two sentence quote rather than an op-ed style statement.

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Subject: Kamloops success story sheet
Attachments: Success Stories Kamloops August LFS.docx

And here's Kamloops – sorry for the separate emails.

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Subject: RE: KM - LFS

We'll check – here's some more context around Quebec's performance last month:

Employment in Quebec rose for the second consecutive month, up 20,000 in August. There were gains in a number of industries, led by finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing. The unemployment rate was little changed at 4.7%, the lowest rate in the province since comparable data became available in 1976, and the lowest among all provinces in August. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in Quebec increased by 112,000 (+2.6%).

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Here's the Kelowna sheet

From: Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX
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Subject: RE: Labour Force Survey - August 2019

I did get it at 7. Whew!
Here's Kelowna.

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Subject: FW: Labour Force Survey - August 2019

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Subject: RE: LFS KM and Media Schedule
Attachments: DRAFT STMT Aug LFS 05Sep 300pm short version.docx; KM LFS August - 06Sept 2019_JS.docx

Small edits from me

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Subject: LFS KM and Media Schedule

Hi all,

Here are some draft KM for you to take a look at, and here's the schedule for media calls tomorrow (so far):

START	OUTLET	LENGTH	REPORTER/HOST	CALL IN #	LIVE?	SHOW	DETAILS
7:20 AM	AM1150 (Kelowna)	5-7 mins	Phil Johnson	250-862-2525	Yes	Early Edition	CONFIRMED
8:40 AM	CHNL (Kamloops)	5-7 mins	Paul Graham	250-374-5345	Yes	Paul Graham show	CONFIRMED
9:40 AM	The Eagle	5 mins	John DeRoo	250-703-0199	No	Live-to-tape for clips	CONFIRMED

Cheers,

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Subject: LFS tomorrow

Hi all,

Just a friendly reminder that we will be up bright and early tomorrow needing your eyes on the statement and key messages for the job numbers tomorrow!

Naomi, we've managed to book the minister on a radio stations in Kamloops at 8:40 am – possible to get those stats again?

Thanks,

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To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Scan - LFS
Attachments: Media Scan LFS July 09Aug 2019.docx

Hi all,

Please find the attached media scan with all the coverage on LFS where Minister Ralston was mentioned/quoted.

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Subject: RE: notes from the LFS call

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- Of the 8,300 jobs lost in BC this month, 7,200 were part time jobs.
- While wages in BC are down 5 cents from last month, they are up 98 cents from one year ago.
- When looking at sector employment growth it is best to look at the YOY numbers.
 - Agriculture has the highest YOY growth at 21.4%
 - The natural resource sector is down 3.4% on the year.
- The unemployment rate in BC was 5.1% one year ago. We have been consistently low.

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Subject: Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

Here you go, from Stats Can:

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services:

The main components of this sector are legal services; accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services; architectural, engineering and related services; specialized design services; computer systems design and related services; management, scientific and technical consulting services; scientific research and development services; and advertising, public relations, and related services.

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Cc: Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Statement

Hi all,

When the statement is ready can you please include Dave Paulson on the email? He will send to the editors when it's finalized.

Courtney

Sent from my iPhone

Courtney Stewart
Communications Manager
Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Sept. 6, 2019 – 8:28 a.m.

GCPE Editors <GCPEEDIT@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>

Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
<Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Hi editors,

Can you pls prep the attached STMT for provincewide release at 10 am?

JTT-95097

Thanks,

Dave

Dave Paulson

Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology
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250 213-2089 (mobile)

Sept. 6, 2019 – 8:56 a.m.

Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
<Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>

That's correct. It opened a while ago and received AEST \$\$ for new equipment in June.
I'll update the doc.

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX

Sent: September 6, 2019 8:53 AM

To: Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Kamloops success story sheet

Dave,

Wondering if you can look into this question from Maria?

Courtney

From: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Kamloops success story sheet

Thanks - this sheet says construction at the Industrial Training and Technology Centre at TRU will be completed soon but from my reading it was opened in Sep 2018 and received more funding this past June for equipment. Just wanted to check what's accurate?

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On Sep 6, 2019, at 7:14 AM, Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

And here's Kamloops – sorry for the separate emails.

Success Stories Kamloops August LFS.docx>

Sept. 6, 2019 – 9:04 a.m.

Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>
Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>
Thanks Grant.
G2G with your clarification.

From: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For approval - FW: DRAFT: Minister's statement on August Labour Force Survey results

Hi Dave,
On approval, going provincewide and to business media at 10 a.m.

One thing: Can we add something to the second sentence third graf for a little more clarity? Something like this, highlighted:
Additionally, wages have increased since last year to **an average of** \$27.54 an hour, up nearly a dollar.

Grant

-----Original Message-----

From: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: September 6, 2019 8:49 AM

To: Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: DRAFT: Minister's statement on August Labour Force Survey results

Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

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Sept. 6, 2019

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

STATEMENT

Minister's statement on August Labour Force Survey results

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"Some sectors in B.C. are not feeling the benefits of the strong labour market and growing economy. We remain dedicated to assisting workers in these industries and supporting these communities. We are committed to standing up for vulnerable workers in our pursuit to make life better for all British Columbians."

Contact:

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From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 8:09 AM
To: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX <Tasha.Schollen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR RUSH APPROVAL: LFS Statement

We booked him on 3 regional radio stations this morning. We do not often get additional requests after the statement goes out.

START	OUTLET	LENGTH	REPORTER/HOST	CALL IN #	LIVE?	SHOW	DETAILS
7:20 AM	AM1150 (Kelowna)	5-7 mins	Phil Johnson	250-862-2525	Yes	Early Edition	CONFIRMED
8:40 AM	CHNL (Kamloops)	5-7 mins	Paul Graham	250-374-5345	Yes	Paul Graham show	CONFIRMED
9:40 AM	The Eagle	5 mins	John DeRoo	250-703-0199	No	Live-to-tape for clips	CONFIRMED

From: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 8:03 AM
To: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX <Tasha.Schollen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR RUSH APPROVAL: LFS Statement

Is the minister doing a media avail or will it be on a reactive basis?

From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 8:00 AM
To: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: FOR RUSH APPROVAL: LFS Statement

Hi Don and Tash

FYI: This statement on the August labour force survey report will go to the editors this morning.

So far its been approved by the JTT issues manager and the MO.

Brad

For Immediate Release
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September 6, 2019

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Sent: September 6, 2019 7:08 AM
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Cc: Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: KM - LFS

Our changes

James Smith
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From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 7:04 AM
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Cc: Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: KM - LFS

Hi Courtney

Can you check with program to see if there is a clear answer to the 'why' question?

Why has Quebec's unemployment rate become lower than BC's?

Is it because the sampling is not statistically reliable?

Or are there legit economic explanations?

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: September 6, 2019 6:58 AM
To: Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: KM - LFS

Here's my first cut at updating the KM – moderated the language a bit as we are no longer the lowest unemployment rate in the country and we lost 8,300 jobs last month. I still have to slot in the sectors that performed well but wanted to send this ASAP. Running this through program approvals now.

Courtney



Courtney Stewart

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From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
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Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: LFS media during education week

We're good to begin prep for LFS on Friday. This is not something we can delay so we need to respond as we normally do.

Cheers!

James Smith
Issue Manager

On Sep 3, 2019, at 8:40 AM, Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jimmy,

I'm back from vacation and running through emails – wanted to check in on this one as we would normally begin to get started on LFS today.

Thanks!

Courtney

From: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX
Sent: August 30, 2019 4:11 PM
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: LFS media during education week

Hi Jimmy

The labour force survey is coming up again next Friday. We were told the PO wanted to prioritize announcements/media on education next week. Can you check to see if they prefer hold off on LFS media?

Thanks
Brad

Brad Spencer | Communications Director
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Labour Force Survey: July – media scan

August 13, 2019

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Main Message

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- The leading sectors in August include: xxxxxx
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- [v.2] However, B.C. is not an island when it comes to global market forces. ~~However,~~
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- The forest sector is facing serious challenges from international forces and it's been known for well over 10 years that the timber supply would decline because of the mountain pine beetle infestation.

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- It takes time to get the proper supports in place and we are working hard to do that – but a 10-year head start would have put us in a much different position today.
- We are committed to being there for impacted workers and their communities.
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- Supports and services include job fairs; skills training and career counselling; support for families, as well as economic diversification strategies, with the end-goal for people being able to stay in their community.

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- B.C. continues to be a positive force on the country's economy.
- Year-over-year, there are 93,500 more people employed in B.C.
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- Wages continue to increase and in the past year, with year-over-year wages up \$0.92 to \$27.59, an increase of 3.4%.

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If asked about skills training support:

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KELOWNA
Success Stories and B.C. Government Investments
August Labour Force Survey Results
Sept. 6, 2019

KELOWNA

Unemployment Rate: 4.4%
Change since last year: -1.5 (5.9%)

Employment: 106,600
Change since last year: +4,600

10 Year High: 9.6% (Sept 2010)
10 Year Low: 3.0% (Jan 2015)

THOMPSON-OKANAGAN

Unemployment Rate: 4.6%
Change since last year: -1.5% (6.1%)

Employment: 282,300
Change since last year: +19,800

10 Year High: 9.6% (March 2010)
10 Year Low: 4.4% (July 2019)

Q&A

Builders in Kelowna are struggling to find skilled workers to fill construction jobs amid the city's building boom. What is the Province doing in response to this labour shortage?

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TOURISM Key Messages:

- Tourism is essential to the people and economy of British Columbia – it creates jobs and strengthens communities, making B.C. a great place for people to live, work and visit.
- The B.C. government invests more than \$145 million annually in the tourism sector, supporting municipalities large and small in creating tourism opportunities and experiences in every region of the province.
- Tourism is a big contributor to our economy. It generated \$18.4 billion in revenues for B.C. in 2017 and employs more than 137,000 people.
- Tourism Kelowna reports more than 2 million people visit the Central Okanagan each year with a \$1.2-billion economic impact, making tourism a huge economic driver for the region.
- There are approximately 12,000 jobs in the local tourism industry.
- In Kelowna, visitors are treated to some of the province's oldest and most established wineries, coupled with new wineries opening every year.

TOURISM Success stories:

- **Tourism Kelowna** was named the province's Destination Marketing Organization of the Year at the recent B.C. Tourism Industry Awards in March 2019. Tourism Kelowna works on behalf of 415 local businesses and the tourism community to generate overnight visitor demand that benefits Kelowna and its surrounding areas.
- **Paisley Notebook**, a Kelowna small business that puts on pop-up dinners and events, was a runner up in the Remarkable Experience category at the B.C. Tourism Industry Awards and won the "Culinary Tourism Experience" category in the Canadian Tourism Awards 2018.
- **The Okanagan Valley** made number six in the "seven most exciting places to travel to drink wine in 2019" according to the Matador Network. The article called the Okanagan Valley a rising star of North American wine regions. Matador Network is a North American digital media company based in San Francisco.
- **Silkscarf Winery** in Summerland was the only Canadian winner at a recent wine competition in France. The winery won gold for its 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon at the 2019 Concours International Des Cabernets (CIDC) in Lima, France. This competition is judged by Europe's top sommeliers. The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon also won gold at a competition in Hong Kong earlier this year.

AEROSPACE Key Messages:

- British Columbia's aerospace and defence industry is recognized worldwide for delivering highly specialized products and services.
- B.C. aerospace companies support about 9,000 direct jobs and an additional 7,000 indirect and induced jobs in supplier and related industries.
- B.C. is world renowned for its capabilities in many sub-sectors including maintenance, repair and overhaul, advanced manufacturing, satellite technologies, specialty aircraft and pilot training.

- As minister, I have toured the province to meet with many aerospace companies, such as KF Aerospace here in Kelowna, Cascade, Viking and others.
- The province recognizes the aerospace sector's contribution to good-paying jobs in B.C., growing exports, and as a key driver of technology and innovation and continues to support growth opportunities through events such as this week's Aerospace, Defence and Security Exposition (ADSE) in Abbotsford, the largest aerospace trade show in Western Canada.

AEROSPACE Success Stories:

KF Aerospace – On April 11, 2019, KF Aerospace announced a \$3-million expansion of its south hangar that will mean another 75 jobs for Kelowna's airline maintenance giant by early 2020. It's the latest in a series of expansions that have nearly doubled the company's maintenance capacity. The expansion will add about 21,000 square feet of space. The company's five commercial hangars will allow KF Aerospace to house up to 10 aircraft at any time.

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MANUFACTURING Key Messages:

- The manufacturing sector creates highly skilled, good jobs, supports innovation in the economy and increases B.C.'s global competitiveness.
- Manufacturing is a significant economic driver for the province, supporting more than 174,000 jobs and generating more than \$17 billion for B.C.'s economy.
- Over the past five years, B.C. has had the second-fastest-growing manufacturing sector in Canada in terms of percentage GDP.

- The sector pays higher than average wages. Workers in the sector have weekly earnings that are 17% higher than the provincial average.
- Over 94% of B.C.'s 13,000 manufacturers are small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.
- Average weekly earnings for manufacturing small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) are 6% higher than the average for all SMEs in the province.
- The sector's diversity and focus on export markets and innovation supports job growth across every manufacturing sub-sector in the province, including forestry, mining, agriculture, life sciences, apparel, aerospace and marine.

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Success Stories:

Formashape – The Kelowna-based fibreglass manufacturer continues to expand its product lines, now providing movie set themes, medical equipment enclosures, and signage and branded cladding for Banks and retailers such as Canadian Tire. The company has an 80,000 sq.ft. facility and is one of North America's largest manufacturers of composite fiberglass products.

Structurlam – Penticton-based Structurlam manufactures cross laminated timber (CLT) and is ramping up production to meet the growing demand. This year, the company expanded again by adding another manufacturing facility, increasing its capacity by one third. They employ approximately 225 people in their four manufacturing facilities and head office. 2018 was a record year for sales and they expect to continue breaking sales records as they add new equipment to increase productivity.

Templar Marine Group – The Kelowna-based manufacturer of electric boats was started in 2017, and owner Mark Fry has already been recognized by the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce's top 40-over-40 program. Templar Marine Group has come up with a unique concept of electric boat building and manufacturing. The boats are designed and built in Kelowna for the national and international market. In January 2019, the company announced the launch of its first plug-in, electric 26-ft boat.

TECHNOLOGY

Key Messages:

- Kelowna and the Central Okanagan is the third-largest technology hub in British Columbia, employing roughly 12,500 people and contributing nearly \$1.7 billion to the region's economy.
- The sector is anchored by industry leaders like Disney Interactive and QHR Technologies.
- Through Innovate BC's Venture Acceleration Program, our government supports Accelerate Okanagan – the region's accelerator for tech businesses – to help startups thrive in the region.

TECHNOLOGY Success Stories:

- Researchers at **UBC Okanagan** are collaborating with **Fenix Advanced Materials** of Trail to design and develop a battery that is smaller and more powerful than what's currently available. Using raw materials from B.C.-based companies such as Fenix, Teck Metals, Retrie Technologies, Eagle Graphite and Deer Horn Capital (all members of Trail's **Metal Tech Alley**), the goal is to create a tellurium-based cathode – a tiny device that will be used to make all-solid-state, lithium-tellurium batteries. Rapidly expanding use of portable electronics and the evolution of electric vehicles is driving global demand for smaller but more powerful battery technology.
- Examples of leading tech companies in the region are **Bardel Entertainment**, the animation studio behind Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and eco-tech companies like **AgriForest Biotechnologies**, a wholesale grower of tissue-culture, high-quality start plants. **Bardel Entertainment** started with a staff of only four employees in 2013, and now has 82 employees works with major studios such as Dreamworks, Nickelodeon and the Cartoon Network.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN KELOWNA – HOUSING:

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KAMLOOPS
Success Stories and B.C. Government Investments
August Labour Force Survey Results
Sept. 6, 2019

KAMLOOPS

Unemployment Rate: 5.2%
Change since last yr: -1.2

Employment: 61,500
Change since last yr: -7,600

10 Year High: N/A
10 Year Low: N/A

THOMPSON-OKANAGAN

Unemployment Rate: 4.6%
Change since last year: -1.5% (6.1%)

Employment: 282,300
Change since last year: +19,800

10 Year High: 9.6% (March 2010)
10 Year Low: 4.4% (July 2019)

Q&A

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SUCCESS STORIES

- **Tourism Kamloops** – For the third year in a row, Kamloops has seen growth in the number of visitors to the Tournament Capital. More athletes, families, business and leisure travellers are visiting, with 1.85 million visitors last year – 500,000 more people than in 2017. This resulted in \$500 million in economic spin-offs for the city. Events like the 2018 B.C. Winter Games have helped bolster the numbers.
- **Okanagan Rawsome (Grindrod)** — As a family, “farm to fork” business, Okanagan Rawsome fills a gap in the market for people with food challenges. Thanks to a grant from the Small Business Association of BC, they were able to purchase a commercial grade dehydrator and increase production, bringing the company one step closer to having their product on shelves across Canada. In 2018, Okanagan Rawsome was a Top 5 Small Business BC People’s Choice Award nominee.
- **Nexterra Energy Corporation’s Product Development Centre (Kamloops)** — Nexterra develops, manufactures and delivers advanced gasification systems that enable customers to self-generate clean, low-cost heat and power at industrial and institutional facilities using waste fuels. The company recently made the Global Cleantech Top 100 list for 2019. Nexterra’s Product Development Centre in Kamloops tests different feedstocks and pilots new,

innovative applications. The company has installed a gasification system at Tolko's Heffley Creek plywood mill in Kamloops, which converts low-value wood waste into syngas that is used to replace natural gas at the mill.

- According to Venture Kamloops, there are more than 120 fabrication and manufacturing companies in the Kamloops area.
- The number of value-added wood products manufactured in Kamloops continues to grow and ranges from plywood, veneer products and finger jointed lamina to prefabricated housing units and custom kitchen cabinets. Many companies, agencies, and services related to the forest industry are headquartered in Kamloops including **Domtar, Tolko Industries, FORREX** and **Compwood Products**.
- The high-tech sector in Kamloops is diverse with many firms located in the area providing many job opportunities in the industry. Kamloops is home to call centres, data centres, software providers, technology support services, many research organizations, and four long distance and international telecommunications service providers in the area.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN KAMLOOPS

HOUSING:

- Our government's new investments in housing affordability are strengthening local economies by creating over 54,000 new jobs for B.C. companies and skilled workers throughout the province.
- **Kamloops:**
 - \$4 million to ASK Wellness Society – 40 homes for seniors
 - \$11.2 million to CSI Centre for Seniors Information – 112 homes for seniors, people with disabilities, and families
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- Other Interior projects have been selected in Clearwater, Fernie, Keremeos, Nelson, Oliver, Salmon Arm, Sicamous and Trail

POST SECONDARY:

- In June, we announced investments in new trades equipment for **the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Thompson Rivers University**. Our strong economy and the technology driving it are rapidly evolving. Investing in students, skills and state-of-the-art training equipment at our province's post-secondary institutions is a win-win.
- We have increased the provincial operating grant for Thompson Rivers University by more than 10% in the last decade to almost \$68 million.
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 - \$400,000 in start-up funding to increase tech seats and offer a full software-engineering degree program.
 - \$25.5 million towards the \$37 million student housing project.
 - \$8 million towards a \$37.2-million Nursing and Population Health Building that's under construction.
 - \$7 million towards a \$33-million Industrial Training and Technology Centre that's nearing construction completion
- Trades and technology workers are in high demand in B.C. We expect more than 100,000 tech-related job openings by 2028 and about 71,000 trades job openings in the next decade.
- An apprenticeship in the skilled trades is an important entry point to a long-lasting, good career with opportunities around the province.

CHILD CARE:

- Another big social and economic issue our government is addressing is access to child care. If you don't have safe, affordable, reliable, child care for your children, you're not able to participate in the labour market in the same way.

- Relief is available to thousands of B.C. parents through the Affordable Child Care Benefit, which the Province introduced in September 2018.
- The benefit, which is available to families with a yearly pre-tax household income of up to \$111,000, can save families up to \$15,000 a year, per child, on the cost of child care.
- We also launched the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative in April 2018. It saves parents up to \$350/month per child attending licensed child care.
- **81 facilities in Kamloops have opted in to the fee reduction initiative to lower the cost of child care for families.**
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- **Families at the Kamloops Child Development Centre are now paying up to \$200 a month per child as part of the B.C. government's universal child care prototype project.**
- The universal model will inform our next steps as we continue to implement our Childcare BC plan.

2018/19 Community Gaming Grants:
Kamloops Public Safety & Environment Sector Recipients:

Kamloops and District Humane Society	Environment	\$17,000
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Good Morning,

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 - PEI has the lowest youth unemployment in Canada at 8.5%, followed by Quebec (9.0%).
- Average hourly wages are down -\$0.05 from \$27.59 in July to \$27.54 in August, a decrease of -0.2% from the previous month.
- Year over year wages are up \$0.98, an increase of 3.7%. BC ranked 4th in year over year growth amongst the provinces, with Quebec leading at 5.1%.

Canada:

- Employment in Canada increased by 81,100 (+0.4%) in August with Ontario (+57,800) and Quebec (+19,700), leading the gains.
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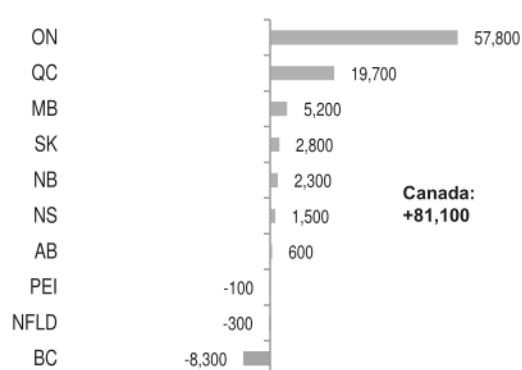
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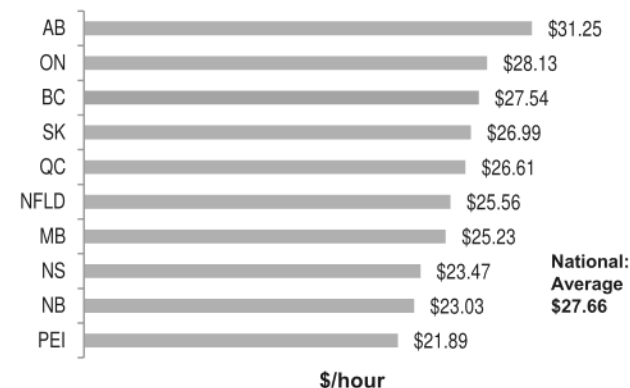
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	This month	M/M	Y/Y
TOTAL	2,561,600	-8,300	+73,800
Full-time	1,997,900	-1,100	+30,000
Part-time	563,700	-7,200	+43,800
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Public Sector	471,600	+1,300	+31,900
Self-employed	458,000	+1,600	+9,000

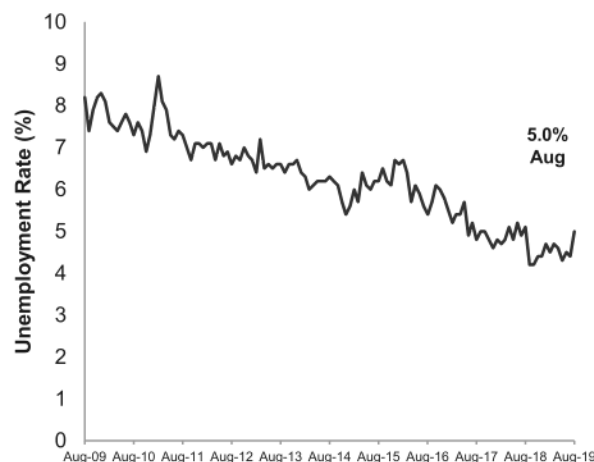
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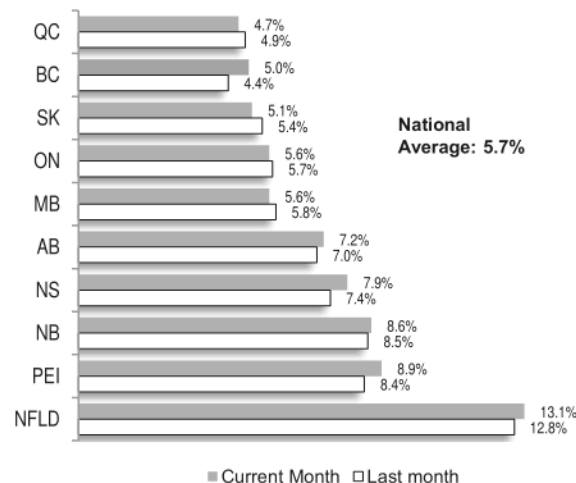
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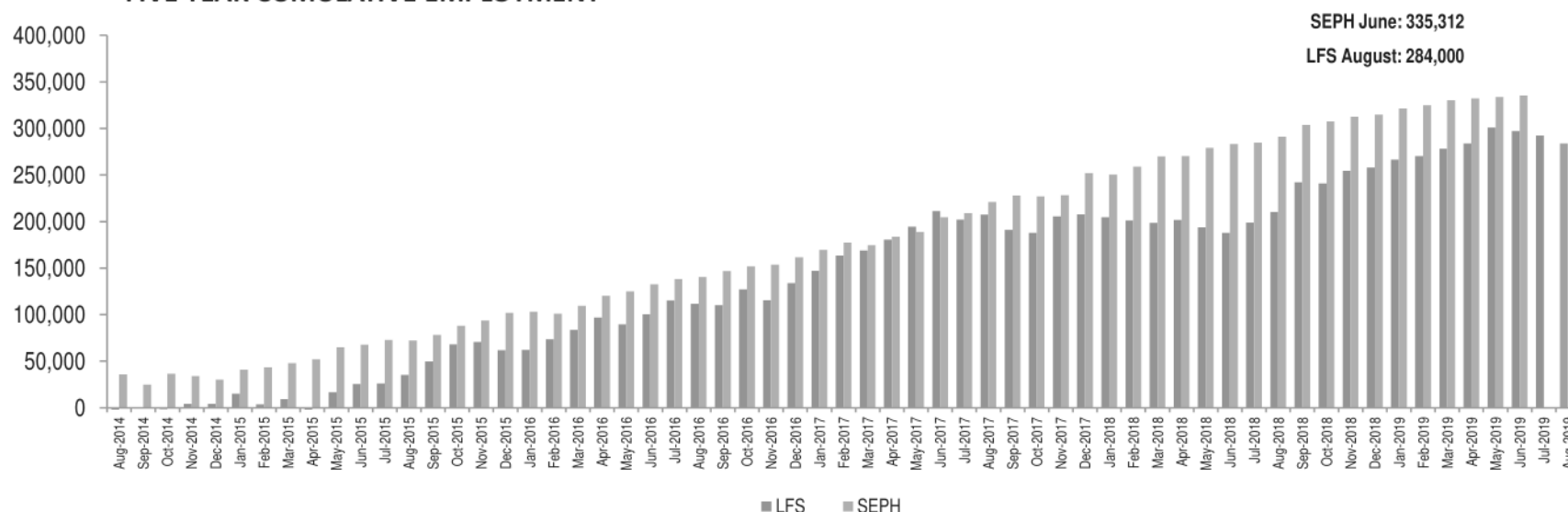


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (by Province)



Sectors	This month	M/M	Y/Y 3mma
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Educational services	187,500	+3,300	+9.6%
Agriculture	27,100	+2,200	+21.4%
Public administration	116,500	+1,800	+10.3%
Natural resources (incl. oil & gas)	43,600	+1,300	-11.4%
Utilities	12,500	+1,100	-14.8%
Information, culture and recreation	138,500	+700	+7.2%
Other services	121,500	+200	+4.1%
Accommodation and food services	185,400	+0	-2.4%
Wholesale and retail trade	393,900	-1,100	+9.0%
Manufacturing	163,500	-1,600	-3.8%
Transportation and warehousing	133,600	-3,200	+0.6%
Finance, insurance, real estate & leasing	158,200	-4,100	+8.4%
Construction	235,000	-4,300	+1.1%
Business, building and other supports	109,300	-4,800	+13.2%
Health care and social assistance	308,500	-8,600	-2.6%

FIVE YEAR CUMULATIVE EMPLOYMENT



REGIONS	Unemployment Rate	Change since last year (Aug-18)	Change since last month (Jul-19)	Employment	Change since last year	Change since last month	10 Year High	Month/Year	10 Year Low	Month/Year
Vancouver Island/Coast	4.2%	-0.7 ppt (4.9%)	+0.1 ppt (4.1%)	400,200	-9,100	+1,100	9.0%	Mar-11	3.6%	Mar-19
Mainland/ Southwest	4.7%	-0.1 ppt (4.8%)	+0.4 ppt (4.3%)	1,677,400	+84,300	-3,600	8.4%	Apr-11	3.8%	Dec-17
Thompson-Okanagan	4.6%	-1.5 ppt (6.1%)	+0.2 ppt (4.4%)	282,300	+19,800	+2,100	9.6%	Mar-10	4.4%	Jul-19
Kootenay	6.0%	-1.3 ppt (7.3%)	+1.3 ppt (4.7%)	70,000	-3,500	-2,200	10.6%	Jan-10	3.1%	Jan-19
Cariboo	6.2%	+1.2 ppt (5.0%)	+0.8 ppt (5.4%)	82,900	-500	-1,400	13.4%	Aug-09	4.5%	Nov-13
North Coast/ Nechako	5.0%	-0.2 ppt (5.2%)	+0.2 ppt (4.8%)	43,500	+100	+0	12.7%	Feb-12	3.7%	May-19
Northeast	5.5%	-0.5 ppt (6.0%)	+0.6 ppt (4.9%)	39,600	-1,100	+400	10.5%	Jan-17	3.5%	Nov-12

Note: data for economic regions based on 2011 census boundaries, 3 month moving average, seasonally unadjusted

CITIES	Unemployment Rate	Change since last year (Aug-18)	Change since last month (Jul-19)	Employment	Change since last year	Change since last month	10 Year High	Month/Year	10 Year Low	Month/Year
Kelowna	4.4%	-1.5 ppt (5.9%)	+0.1 ppt (4.3%)	106,600	+4,600	+500	9.6%	Sep-10	3.0%	Jan-15
Abbotsford- Mission	5.1%	+0.1 ppt (5.0%)	-0.4 ppt (5.5%)	99,600	+4,900	-600	10.4%	Mar-12	4.2%	Mar-18
Vancouver	4.4%	-0.3 ppt (4.7%)	+0.4 ppt (4.0%)	1,478,900	+74,900	-6,000	8.3%	Apr-11	3.9%	Feb-18
Victoria	3.3%	-1.0 ppt (4.3%)	-0.5 ppt (3.8%)	196,200	-600	+1,900	7.3%	Jan-10	3.0%	Mar-19

Note: data for census metropolitan areas based on 2011 census boundaries, 3 month moving average, seasonally adjusted