

FW: Mass Timber meeting with UDI



Rotgans, Trudy JEDI:EX

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We had a conversation with them a little over a year ago. If I recall correctly, we talked about developer interest in mass timber and their efforts in EDI within their organization. I don't have notes.

Thanks,  
Trudy

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**From:** Mykhailenko, Daria JERI:EX **On Behalf Of** Rotgans, Trudy JERI:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:19 AM  
**To:** Rotgans, Trudy JERI:EX; Hoffman-McGaw, Trilby MUNI:EX ([Trilby.Hoffman-McGaw@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Trilby.Hoffman-McGaw@gov.bc.ca)); [jfisher@udi.org](mailto:jfisher@udi.org); [AMcMullin@udi.org](mailto:AMcMullin@udi.org)  
**Cc:** McDonald, Cameron JERI:EX; Nicol, Lee A JERI:EX  
**Subject:** Mass Timber meeting with UDI  
**When:** February 8, 2023 2:15 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
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Wed 2024-04-03 12:57 PM

**From:** Cassandra McColman(cmccolman@udi.org)  
**To:** Minister, JEDI JEDI:EX (JEDI.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Bailey.MLA, Brenda LASS:EX (Brenda.Bailey.MLA@leg.bc.ca); Plecas, Bobbi PSFS:EX (Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca); Anne McMullin (AMcMullin@udi.org)  
**Subject:** 151342 Meeting Request: Urban Development Institute  
**Sent:** 12/08/2020 01:03:06  
**Attachments:** UDI Letter - Minister Kahlon-Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.pdf

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Dear Minister Kahlon,

On behalf of the Urban Development Institute, please accept our congratulations on your re-election and appointment as Minister Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. In response to the mandate letter that was issued on November 26, 2020, please find attached a letter from UDI President & CEO, Anne McMullin. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

**Cassandra McColman** | Manager, Policy and Research

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December 7, 2020

Honourable Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Kahlon:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Urban Development Institute – Pacific Region (UDI) and our over 950 members, I would like to congratulate you on your recent re-election victory and your promotion to Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. UDI looks forward to working with you and your Ministry to restart British Columbia's economy and provide jobs to those who have lost them due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, the building sector is a key sector in our economy and will be critical in assisting the Province with the economic recovery, as they did after the 2008 recession. Before COVID-19, it annually contributed:

- Almost \$23 billion to the provincial GDP;
- Employed over 230,000 British Columbians; and
- Generated \$6.6 billion in revenues to governments at all levels.

Due to the efficient cooperation between our industry and your Government to keep constructions sites open over the past eight months, the economic impact of COVID-19 was significantly lessened in our sector. UDI is eager to continue to partner with your Government on developing a growth and re-employment agenda as we look ahead to the next phase of the Province's economic recovery over the coming year.

I particularly welcomed hearing that you have retained your leadership over the Office of Mass Timber Implementation. Thank you once again for speaking to our members on the importance of this opportunity at our September 17 webinar on *Government Support of Mass Timber Construction*. We believe that Mass Timber projects will help British Columbia achieve our climate targets, rebuild our economy and provide job opportunities in both urban centres and forestry-dependent communities. UDI continues to hold educational webinars on how best to build with mass timber products and we look forward to working with you on this important Provincial initiative.

UDI can also assist you with boosting B.C. as a global exporter of climate solutions and low carbon technologies. We have been a long supporter of sustainable development. We were one of the original organizations that developed the *BC Energy Step Code*, and we continue to actively participate on the Energy Step Code Council. Through our education programs, we have held numerous seminars and webinars on green building best practices.

Once again, many congratulations on your re-election and new responsibilities as Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. We look forward to working with you on how our sector can best assist you and your Ministry with building back British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne McMullin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anne McMullin  
President & CEO

C.C.  
Brenda Bailey, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary for Technology and Innovation  
Bobbi Plecas, Deputy Minister, Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

**From:** Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX(Ravi.Kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca)  
**To:** Minister, JEDI JEDI:EX (JEDI.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** 154318 Incoming: Joint letter from City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders re: Non-BC Ownership of Businesses and Program Eligibility  
**Sent:** 04/30/2021 19:31:53  
**Attachments:** Joint Letter to Province - Re Non-BC Ownership of Businesses and Program Eligibility.pdf

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**From:** Jake McFadden <jmcfadden@victoria.ca>  
**Sent:** April 30, 2021 11:49 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi <Ravi.Kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Colleen Mycroft <cmycroft@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca>; UDIVictoria@udi.org; ederosenroll@southislandprosperity.ca; paul.nurse@tourismvictoria.com; jeff@downtownvictoria.ca; ceo@victoriachamber.ca; blewis@magnoliahotel.com; dgunn@viatec.ca; Gala Milne <gmilne@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Joint letter from City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders re: Non-BC Ownership of Businesses and Program Eligibility  
Good day Premier Horgan and Minister Kahlon  
Please find attached a joint letter from the City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders.  
Thank you and have a nice day.  
Kindly,  
Jake McFadden  
Executive Assistant  
Mayor's Office  
City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6  
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April 30, 2021

Hon. John Horgan  
Premier of British Columbia  
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Hon. Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation  
Room 301  
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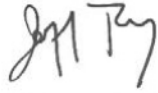
Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Kahlon,

On April 6, 2021, our group wrote to you regarding public health restrictions enacted on March 29, 2021. We stated the new restrictions came as a shock to the already struggling Greater Victoria service and hospitality sector. Help was needed for many Greater Victoria small businesses. The announcement of the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant on April 8, 2021 was welcome news to us and those in the community who felt the loss of revenue and loss of customers. The up to \$10,000 in one-time funding will help with expenses like rent, insurance, employee wages, maintenance, and utilities. Many restaurants experienced losses due to perishable food waste. We are pleased the eligibility criteria for the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant include food waste as an eligible cost.

As organizations in the Greater Victoria community, we hear regularly from our constituents and members. One concern expressed regarding the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant pertains to the eligibility criteria. Specifically, the requirement that a business be majority BC-owned. Many of Greater Victoria's large hotels and other operators are owned by a majority of non-BC investors. These businesses employ Greater Victorians, serve Greater Victorians, and are a part of the Greater Victoria community. They would be aided by the bridge funding of the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant – keeping employees working and covering hard costs while their business is closed or unable to generate revenue – but are ineligible due to their owners residing outside of BC.

This group requests that the Province amend its Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant eligibility criteria and include businesses with non-BC majority ownership with the criteria that the money is distributed locally. The community and the employees need these businesses to survive as we emerge from the pandemic and look forward to economic recovery in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bray, Executive Director  
Downtown Victoria Business Association



Paul Nursey, CEO  
Destination Greater Victoria



Emilie de Rosenroll, CEO  
South Island Prosperity Partnership



Bill Lewis, Chair  
Hotel Association of Greater Victoria



Lisa Helps  
City of Victoria Mayor



Kathy Witcher, CEO  
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Ref: 154318

City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6  
Email: (See list below)

Dear Mayor Helps and Local Business Leaders:

Thank you for your letter of April 30, 2021, addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, and me, regarding the Circuit Breaker Business Relief Grant eligibility criteria requirement that a business be majority BC-owned. I am pleased to respond on behalf of Premier Horgan.

Let me start by acknowledging the tremendous challenges this pandemic has brought to the City of Victoria's business community and to people, communities, and businesses throughout British Columbia (BC).

I assure you we are listening and incorporating feedback as we can, and I appreciate your proactive approach.

I also acknowledge the important role that municipalities, along with businesses throughout the province, play in the health of our economy and the health and safety of our citizens.

The rationale for requiring at least 50 percent of the business be owned by a BC resident is to ensure public accountability for taxpayer investments and to ensure public funding is supporting locally owned and operated BC businesses.

I recognize this is not the answer you are looking for and assure you we will continue to take your feedback into account.

I have included a few resources that your constituents and members may find helpful:

- There is a regularly updated list of Provincial and Federal Government supports and business resources located on the Economic Supports for Businesses webpage at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/business-supports>.
- For a detailed list of these resources and more, download the latest COVID-19 Supports for Business Guide at: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/small-business/covid-19\\_small\\_business\\_supports.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/small-business/covid-19_small_business_supports.pdf).

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- Additionally, the BC Business COVID-19 Support Service provides information and support to business owners to help navigate challenges from COVID-19. Advisors are ready to help at: 1 833 254-4357, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for your continued leadership and my gratitude to your constituents and members for helping stop the spread of COVID-19. I am heartened to see the vaccine rollout across the province and know it will light the way toward a future without COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister

To: Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps  
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To: Kathy Whitcher  
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Premier

**From:** McVicar, Niki JERI:EX(Niki.McVicar@gov.bc.ca)  
**To:** Judge, Pearl AG:EX (Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea  
**Sent:** 04/19/2022 19:01:56

Hi!  
If she can't make Monday the 16th 9:30-10:00 work for this can I propose Monday June 6th at 9:30am? There is a tentative trip to Europe in the works for MRK so kind of the only other option. Just wanted to check with you before I get back to Verna.  
Best  
Niki

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

From: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>  
Sent: April 14, 2022 6:40 PM  
To: Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: McVicar, Niki JERI:EX <Niki.McVicar@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: RE: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

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Hi Pearl,

It is great to e-meet you.

Would the Ministers be available for 9:30am on any of the below dates? Or could you advise on some date options for May or June where they would be available for 9:30?

Thank you so much!

Kind regards,  
Verna

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

From: Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 14, 2022 1:21 PM  
To: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>  
Cc: McVicar, Niki JERI:EX <Niki.McVicar@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Hi Verna,  
My apologies on my previous email.

Will May 31 @ 2:00 work for you, that seems to be the time that Minister Chow and Minister Kahlon have open together.

Thank you

Pearl Judge  
Senior Administrative Assistant to:  
The Honourable George Chow, Minister of State for Trade The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Parliamentary Secretary for Technology and Innovation Ministry of Jobs,  
Economic Recovery and Innovation  
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From: Gotto, Sarah F JERI:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 14, 2022 1:09 PM  
To: McVicar, Niki JERI:EX <Niki.McVicar@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>; Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Can you both please take this one on? Thank you.

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From: Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 14, 2022 12:59 PM  
To: Gotto, Sarah F JERI:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: RE: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Can you guys coordinate calendar times with Verna for this event?

Thanks!

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From: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>  
Sent: April 13, 2022 4:12 PM  
To: Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi JERI:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Rocky Sethi <rockys@adera.com>  
Cc: Gezelle Pacturayan <GezelleP@adera.com>; Gotto, Sarah F JERI:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: RE: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

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Hi Raunaq,

There are some conflicts with our event calendar for those dates.

Would the Minister be available for any of these date options:

- Tuesday, May 17
- Thursday, May 19
- Tuesday, May 31

Kind regards,  
Verna

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

From: Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 12, 2022 2:31 PM

To: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>; Parmar, Ravi JERI:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Rocky Sethi <rockys@adera.com>

Cc: Gezelle Paturayan <GezelleP@adera.com>; Gotto, Sarah F JERI:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Judge, Pearl JERI:EX <Pearl.Judge@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Hi Verna,

It's a pleasure to e-meet you too.

For session timings, how about Monday, May 16th or Wednesday May 25th from 9.30am to 10.30am?

The Mass Timber Advisory Council list can be found at the very bottom of this link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021JERI0025-000646>

I am also available tomorrow afternoon to have a quick chat about some logistics, please let me know what time works best for you.

Kind Regards,

Raunaq Singh

Ministerial Advisor to the Honourable Ravi Kahlon Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

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

From: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>

Sent: April 12, 2022 9:18 AM

To: Parmar, Ravi JERI:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>; Rocky Sethi <rockys@adera.com>

Cc: Gezelle Paturayan <GezelleP@adera.com>; Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>

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Hi Rocky,

Thank you for the intros and connecting us.

Ravi and Raunaq, it is great to e-meet you.

Raunaq, could you please let me know of some date options May and June where the Minister would be available to join us for this virtual session. Our webinars have traditionally been from 9:30am-10:30am.

Ravi - would you be able to share the Mass Timber Committee list with us?

Kind regards,

Verna

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

From: Parmar, Ravi JERI:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 12, 2022 6:18 AM

To: Rocky Sethi <rockys@adera.com>; Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>

Cc: Gezelle Paturayan <GezelleP@adera.com>; Singh, Raunaq JERI:EX <Raunaq.Singh@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Thanks for connecting Rocky. I'm looping in my colleague Raunaq who can work with UDI on Minister Kahlon's participation.

Cheers,

R

From: Rocky Sethi <rockys@adera.com>

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 2:04 PM

To: Verna Yu <vyu@udi.org>; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Gezelle Paturayan <GezelleP@adera.com>

Subject: RE: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

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Hi Verna,

I spoke with Ravi Parmar in Minister Kahlon's office earlier today. I have cc'd to him.

He has committed to providing support for a UDI hosted event on the new mass timber plan.

We should schedule this according to the master UDI schedule and Minister Kahlon's availability.

As I see it, we could have Minister Kahlon provide a keynote address (7-10 minutes) and then I could moderate a panel discussion with members of the mass timber committee. One of these could include ADM Jeff Vasey, the gov't expert on building code and mass timber. We could have 2 others on the panel, maybe 3, but that is pushing it.

It will definitely be well attended, so let's plan for that.

Please coordinate directly with Ravi, and keep me in the loop so that we can plan our availability. Can you obtain a list of committee members from Ravi, so we can select whom should be a part of the panel, and is available?

Thanks,

Rocky Sethi | Chief Operating Officer  
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Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 4:24 PM  
To: Rocky Sethi <[rockys@adara.com](mailto:rockys@adara.com)>  
Subject: Mass Timber Update Webinar Idea

Hi Rocky,

Happy Friday!

Jeff flagged that there was the Mass Timber Action Plan <<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.gov.bc.ca%2Fgov%2Fcontent%2Findustry%2Fconstruction-industry%2Fmass-timber%2Fmass-timber-action-plan&data=04%7C01%7CNiki.McVicar%40gov.bc.ca%7Ccf4aab81415b4483ad0808da1e80ca9e%7C6fdb52003d0d4a8ab036d3685e359adc%7C0%7C0%7C63785583>> that was just released yesterday and a report by BC Housing on the Economics of Mass Timber that is targeted to be complete by June.

We wanted to get your thoughts on a webinar incorporating these two pieces and also see if you might be interested in being involved as our moderator.

Kind regards,  
Verna

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**From:** Minister, JEDI JEDI:EX(JEDI.Minister@gov.bc.ca)  
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**To:** paul.nursey@tourismvictoria.com; jeff@downtownvictoria.ca;  
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**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX (Premier@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Response from the Honourable Ravi Kahlon  
**Sent:** 05/25/2021 19:06:53  
**Attachments:** 154318 Signed.pdf, Joint letter from City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders re:  
Non-BC Ownership of Businesses and Program Eligibility.msg

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister

Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation



Ref: 154318

May 25, 2021

City of Victoria and Local Business Leaders  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6  
Email: (See list below)

Dear Mayor Helps and Local Business Leaders:

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I have included a few resources that your constituents and members may find helpful:

- There is a regularly updated list of Provincial and Federal Government supports and business resources located on the Economic Supports for Businesses webpage at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/economic-recovery/business-supports>.
- For a detailed list of these resources and more, download the latest COVID-19 Supports for Business Guide at: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/small-business/covid-19\\_small\\_business\\_supports.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/small-business/covid-19_small_business_supports.pdf).

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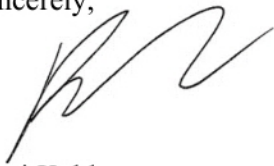
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- Additionally, the BC Business COVID-19 Support Service provides information and support to business owners to help navigate challenges from COVID-19. Advisors are ready to help at: 1 833 254-4357, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for your continued leadership and my gratitude to your constituents and members for helping stop the spread of COVID-19. I am heartened to see the vaccine rollout across the province and know it will light the way toward a future without COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Ravi Kahlon  
Minister

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Good morning, attached pls find the MTAC record of discussion and edited version of the MTAC deck that has been shared by OMTI with MTAC members. (deck was edited to remove some sensitive information)

Thank you, Tara

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Hi Carly,

Please see below – is it possible to share with MO the follow up that was provided to MTAC members after the meeting last week.

Respectfully,  
Ashley

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Good afternoon,

Following up on Monday's meeting of the Mass Timber Advisory Council, please find attached a record of discussion and the slides that Jeff presented. Please note that these slides are confidential and not for further distribution.

As discussed at the meeting, you are invited to provide feedback on the following two questions:

1. From your vantage point, what is the growth potential of the mass timber sector in B.C.?
2. What are the challenges and real opportunities?

If providing written feedback, please send to me by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, you are welcome to have a short meeting with Jeff Vasey to provide feedback verbally. To schedule a meeting with Jeff, please contact Michelle Beattie at [Michelle.Beattie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michelle.Beattie@gov.bc.ca).

In the coming weeks, I will also be following up with further details and next steps on the breakout groups. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

**Carolyn Gisborne** | Senior Policy Analyst  
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## Record of Discussion

Mass Timber Advisory Council  
Meeting 5 – November 7, 2022

### Attendees

**Chair:** Honourable George Chow, Minister of State for Trade

**Guests:** Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

**Ex-officio:** Jeff Vasey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Mass Timber Implementation

### Members:

- Andrew Harmsworth, Principal, GHJ Consultants
- Brian Hawrysh, CEO, BC Wood Specialties Group Association
- Claire Huxtable, Senior Analyst, ERA Forest Products Research
- Dan Battistella, Past President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association
- Derek Newby, Principal, Diamond Schmitt Architects
- Guido Wimmers, Associate Professor Chair, Master of Engineering Program, UNBC
- Karla Fraser, Director of Construction Services, Hive Projects Inc
- Linda Coady, President & CEO, BC Council of Forest Industries
- Paul Fast, Founder, Fast+Epp
- Paul Rasmussen, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association
- Shawn Keyes, Executive Director, WoodWORKS! BC
- Tim Ryce, Chief Building Official, City of North Vancouver

### Office of Mass Timber Implementation staff:

- Carolyn Gisborne, Senior Policy Analyst
- Lee Nicol, Director of Partnerships and Engagement
- Jarrett Hutchinson, Executive Director

### Regrets:

- Anne McMullin, President & CEO, Urban Development Institute
- Brian Frenkel, Past President, Union of BC Municipalities
- Jeff Bromley, Wood Council Chairperson, United Steel Workers
- Michael Green, Founder, Michael Green Architects
- Michael Loseth, CEO, Forestry Innovation Investment (ex-officio)
- Robert Phillips, First Nations Summit Political Executive, First Nations Summit
- Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, BC Assembly of First Nations
- Tom-Pierre Frappé-Sénéclauze, Director of Buildings Program, Pembina Institute

## Discussion

The record of discussion captures at a high level the topics that were raised during the November 7, 2022 meeting of the Mass Timber Advisory Council (MTAC). The record reflects the exploratory nature of the discussions and the points of view expressed by members.

The meeting was structured as follows:

- Minister Kahlon opened the meeting and provided comments on the current state of the mass timber sector in B.C.
- Minister Chow provided an update on the structure and focus of MTAC and welcomed new members Brian Hawrysh, Jeff Bromley, Linda Coady, Shawn Keyes and Paul Rasmussen.
- Jeff Vasey provided a report out on actions the Province has taken to advance the mass timber sector since the release of the Mass Timber Action Plan in April 2022.
- Minister Chow invited feedback on the following questions:
  - From your vantage point, what is the growth potential of the mass timber sector in B.C.?
  - What are the challenges and real opportunities?
- Members noted the following comments during the roundtable discussion (grouped by the objectives in the Mass Timber Action Plan):
  - **Objective 1.1: Demonstrate mass timber in action**
  - **Objective 1.2: Enhance and advance the system of technical rules & tools**
    - Encapsulated mass timber construction (EMTC) code provisions don't go far enough in providing for mass timber construction. Zoning and Official Community Plans (OCPs) were designed around a building code of a decade ago, with 6-storey light frame and tall concrete towers and not much in between.
    - Zoning and planning need to align to get more 7-12 storey mass timber buildings.
    - B.C. is often a leader in the code; we need a faster process for leading on code changes.
    - The building code needs to have a lens on housing affordability.
  - **Objective 1.3: Catalyze construction sector innovation**
    - Need to find ways to make mass timber more commonplace. How can we make mass timber competitive with tilt-up concrete? 3-4 storey buildings are the biggest piece of the market.
    - Timing is essential. Developers and architects come forward with designs in concrete and ask for it be made in mass timber. It's already too late at this point to get the efficiencies of building with mass timber.
    - Anticipated slowdown in the U.S. housing market may mean that manufacturers are more open to innovation in a new environment.

- Need to ensure existing facilities/ early players are successful and don't lose out on funding to newer players. We want to reward the early innovators.
- Wildfire prevention initiatives are creating a lot of fibre, currently treated as waste, that isn't being utilized. Mass timber innovation may be able to take advantage of some of this fibre.
- **Objective 1.4: Celebrate B.C.'s high-performance building successes**
  - Need to ensure B.C. mass timber products are available for B.C. construction.
- **Objective 2.1: Expand mass timber education and prepare the workforce**
  - Workforce issues are becoming the biggest obstacle to growth in the value-added sector.
- **Objective 2.2: Strengthen inclusive, sustainable economic development**
  - Access to fibre is an important issue. Without logs, we can't manufacture mass timber and other value-added products.
  - The export market is a key area of focus. There are some issues with this as well.
  - The U.S. is a huge market and it is cheaper to sell B.C. mass timber product there due to higher profit margins than to keep it in B.C.
  - Importing mass timber from Europe and soon the U.S. is still cheaper than supplying B.C. products.
- **Objective 3.1: Amplify climate action with low-carbon building materials**
  - Incentivizing developers around embodied carbon will create a clear advantage for mass timber.
  - Whole building life cycle assessment needs to be refined. It is a good tool but still in relatively early stages of development.
- Potential breakout group topics emerged during the discussion:
  - Regulatory system/ building code changes - in collaboration with the provincial Building and Safety Standards Branch
  - Supplying B.C. products and market share
  - Planning and zoning
  - Economic analysis
- Andrew Harmsworth offered to share video of the recent fire tests in Ottawa. Members can contact Andrew for the video; it will also be available in future at: <https://firetests.cwc.ca/>.

## Next steps

- Members are invited to provide written feedback to OMTI staff by November 30<sup>th</sup> and/or to arrange a phone call with Jeff Vasey to provide verbal feedback.

# Activities since the release of the Mass Timber Action Plan

Presented to the Mass Timber Advisory Council

November 7, 2022



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# Office of Mass Timber Implementation

- World's first government office dedicated to moving mass timber from niche to mainstream
- Team growing to 18 staff, including analysts, architects, building code gurus



*Announcing the debut of the Mass Timber Action Plan*

StrongerBC  
Economic Plan

Mass Timber  
Action Plan  
nested

ESG  
Framework for  
Capital

Using capital  
buildings to  
demonstrate  
effective use of  
mass timber

CleanBC  
Roadmap to  
2030

Construction  
innovation – low  
carbon building  
materials

Strategy  
Alignment

Future Ready:  
Skills for the  
Jobs of  
Tomorrow Plan

Mass timber  
workforce

Forest  
Modernization

Access to fibre  
and mass timber

Mobilizing across Government by  
positioning mass timber in major  
strategies and programs

Province has invested \$14.37M in mass timber since 2020

# Actions to Date – as of October 2022

## Mass Timber Demonstration Program

- **12 demonstration projects** through **2 intakes** since 2020
- Examples: Kelowna Airport Terminal Expansion, District of Saanich Fire Station, First Nations Health Authority
- Intake 3 applications closed Oct 2022

## Public Sector Leadership

- **15 capital project buildings** announced to date
- Criteria for mass timber capital buildings being developed through the **Environmental and Social Governance Framework for Capital**

## Education and Training

- BCIT Introductory Studies in Mass Timber Construction (micro-credential)
- BCIT Construction of Mass Timber Structures (associate certificate)
- BCIT Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment Professional (micro-credential)
- UNBC Mass Timber Development (micro-credential)
- UBC Advanced Topics in Timber Structures (graduate level course)



**Photo:** Artistic rendering of 2150 Keith Drive, Vancouver, BC – 10 storey office building

# Keys to Growing the Sector

## Strengthening Supply Chains

### Access to mass timber for B.C. buildings

- Some developers report that B.C. mass timber products are not available for B.C. construction projects.

### Access to fibre (logs and specialized feedstock) to make mass timber

- Ministry of Forests is working collaboratively with the value-added manufacturing sector (including mass timber) to address concerns about fibre supply

## Training the Mass Timber Workforce

### Manufacturing managers & machine operators

- Currently B.C. imports skilled workers for these roles

## Supporting Construction Innovation

### Prefabrication & modular design

- The building regulatory system is not yet set up to embrace innovation, including offsite prefabrication of building components and modules.

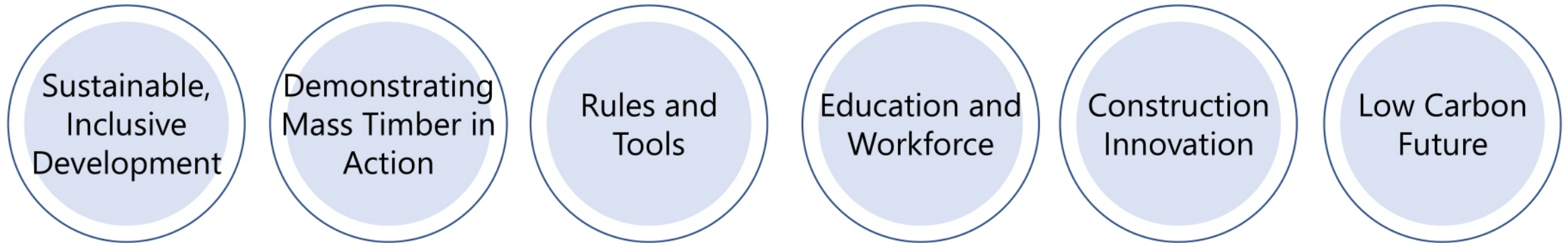


# Mass Timber Summit Series

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## 1. Sector Roundtables

*Sector-themed roundtables to get insight into the conditions that the sector needs to grow the mass timber economy*



## 2. Regional Forums -

Bringing together B.C. stakeholders and Indigenous partners across sectors to build on relationships and cross-pollinate ideas within regions

## 3. Mass Timber Summit -

In development for 2024

# Discussion

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## **Growing the mass timber sector**

1. From your vantage point, what is the growth potential of the mass timber sector in B.C.?
2. What are the challenges and real opportunities?



## Office of Mass Timber Implementation

Questions?

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Hi Jarrett and Lee,

MO has shared this email with us and has also advised that Minister has a separate link to join at 12:50 which is specifically for him to do a tech check.

The generic Zoom link you have should be sufficient to watch the event; however it should be noted that the event does not start until 1:00 and Minister is speaking at 1:10.

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Hello Tara:

Please see info below in regards to the UDI Webinar tomorrow at 12:50pm.

Regards,

Ilene

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Hello Stephanie, Ilene,

Hope you're both doing well. We are very much looking forward to tomorrow's webinar.

Moderator – Greg Gillespie, UDI Capital Region Board of Directors  
Panelists – Minister George Chow and Orlagh McHugh (Structurlam)  
Sponsor Speaker – Neil Blainey (The Condo Group)

UDI Capital Region's Executive Director, Kathy Whitcher, and I will be in the pre-webinar meeting but will not take part in the live event. We expect 50 attendees.

As a reminder, please have the Minister join us at 12:50pm by clicking his name in the calendar invite. This will bring him to the pre-webinar meeting room where we can check mics/video feeds/etc. We will go live at 1pm and follow the schedule below.

Schedule:

12:50 – join webinar through unique link in calendar invite

1:00 – start webinar, introduction of sponsor and panelists

1:10 – Minister Chow 10 min overview

1:20 – Orlagh McHugh 10 min overview

1:30 – Q&A discussion

1:50 – Final thoughts

2:00 – Thanks/close of webinar

Many thanks,

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