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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 8:07 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

For forms, have a auto fill feature on forms so people don't have to fill out paperwork for information that is already held by the government or other levels of government. For reporting income for social assistance, have the government become a representative of the client and for the government to deal with the Canada revenue agency on the behalf of the recipient of social assistance. What I believe should be improved is the exemptions limit for recipients of social assistance should be ellimated or increased so people can afford to raise a family and people who live in areas that have a high cost of living and also to fill jobs of employers who don't have enough workers to fill jobs. For toll-free service, it should be opened to take calls from people 24 hours a day and 7 days a week as well as taking messages after hours for ministries and agencies to return calls during regular business hours.

In what region do you primarily live?:

Thompson Okanagan

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Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 5:35 AM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

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Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 10:54 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

I am a director of a Non Profit Society and 2 to 3 times a year I apply for and receive a Special Occasion License from the Liquor Control Board for different fund raising events. When you apply for a license you are asked how many drinks you will be serving and how much you will charge for each of them, and before you receive your SOL license you are required to pay for the license fee and the PST on the projected profit of each drink. For example, if you sell a drink for \$5.00 and the actual cost of the drink is \$1.25 you are charged PST on \$3.75. After your event, if you have unsold drinks to return to the Liquor Store you are not refunded the PST you were charged when you received your SOL license. To receive a refund for the PST you are required to fill out a very complicated form available on line. This whole process is designed to benefit the Provincial Govt. as you make it so complicated to get a refund, I would bet very few people would ever bother to go through the process of applying for a refund. Before SOL licensing went on line the PST was calculated at the Liquor Store and paid for at the time of your purchase. There is no reason that the PST could not be reverse calculated at the Liquor Store and refunded to you at the time of your return. Having to find the correct form on line and then fill out the complicated form is extremely time consuming and very frustrating.

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.: liquid natural gas or lng would sure help in the dawsonn creek and fort saint john area with the oil prices being down the way they are this area really needs a boost. new houses are going up for sale people are moving away due to lack of jobs . get the lng going it is needed badly people have been waiting for a long time to have this go,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

It's now taken over two years and I still can't get my message through to FICOM about the importance of a court order. The mortgage broker (Hensel) is an admitted forger yet remains licensed by both Ficom and the Real Estate Council. You can read part of it by going to the Ficom website under "enforcement Hensel."

There is no need for Ficom if money was legislated at the same price for all. We must take organized crime out of the mortgage business. With the prices for housing getting out of control, we must look at the real price of money differently for owner occupied dwellings.

In what region do you primarily live?:

Vancouver Island and Coast

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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2016 6:23 AM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Vancouver street cleaning - Fall leaf program

Having lived in Vancouver for 4 years I see the amount of resources it takes for the city to collect all the leaves each year. It takes place once all the leaves have already fallen, which is usually too late because storm drains have already been clogged for several months and leaves pile up and get mushy making it difficult for pedestrians to walk around and maneuver around puddles.

My suggestion is to pass a bylaw similar to the one that requires property owners to clean sidewalks when it snows. Leaves that fall on the sidewalk and street will be the responsibility of the property owner.

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What the city should do is supply a large bin for leaves to be picked only during the fall. The organic waste can maybe be sold to a processor to cover the cost of pickup. Or leaves can be taken away with the regular trash.

To enforce the bylaw city workers can send notices and fine owners and strata buildings. The fines should be added to the individuals an annual property tax bill. So in the case of a strata, the fine will spread across all the units.

Following a notice giving 7 days to comply, a \$5,000 fine for strata buildings and \$500 fine for home owners will be applied to their property tax. The fine will be excluded from receiving any grants.

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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.: When a driver applies for a driver's licence, or renews their licence, an ICBC staff member asks if you have any medical conditions. If you say yes to certain conditions, you have to have a DMER completed by a doctor. Some of the conditions on the list have little bearing on a person's ability to drive safely and should be updated.

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Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2016 11:54 AM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
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ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORTS (Form)

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

1. The outcome of the review of the information provided by a driver's physician to RoadSafetyBC is sent to the driver by letter, 'signed' by "Adjudicator R. Basi", In my case, the designation of "Adjudicator" conveyed the perception that the sender is designated to "adjudicate" the driver's reaction and response to whatever is communicated in the letter. This is misleading to anyone unfamiliar with the workings of RoadSafetyBC, as the reality is that, in fact, any review of a driver's comments, complaints, etc. has to be submitted through the formal Review process to the Superintendent. In my recent situation, a lot of time and effort was 'wasted' in an attempt to draw attention to the broad range of ramifications caused by my being required to undergo a driver re-test because of what appear to be RoadSafetyBC assumptions about my driving competence, without objective consideration of my driving record.

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
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I deal with Land

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

Development for individual land owners and companies.

I find that cutting red tape is always done by people who have no idea or are afraid of losing their job. It needs to be done by people who have tried in the past that worked for Government to streamline operations or a group that has the knowledge skills and abilities to do the job, not Bill Bennett . Need someone to make the hard decisions!!!!!!

Look at all the Ministries that deal with "Land". Either Crown Land or privately held land, from MOTI, ALR, Front Counter, MOF, Regional Districts, Health Ministries etc etc.

Get it away from MOTI for Subdivisions get to the Regional Districts as they deal with Zoning, By-laws and the ALR. is one example or put it all under one new Ministry of Land where one application and not Front Counter can be processed quickly rather than months. Take the common areas of all the Ministries that deal with land and create a new Ministry run by people who know "Land", not what's there now.

Personnel is another area that needs to be addressed. Get rid of the people who are protecting there own "assess" and get people who will make some hard decisions by making a decisions, not putting up road blocks.

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

BC Doctors of Optometry (BCDO) represents 560 members practicing in 90 communities across British Columbia. Doctors of optometry are a primary source for the vision, eye health and eyewear needs for British Columbians. Optometrists diagnose, treat and help prevent diseases and disorders affecting the visual system such as far-sightedness, glaucoma, pterygium and astigmatism to name a few. They also assist in identifying general health conditions that are often first detected through an eye exam, provide referrals to specialists, help manage post eye surgery care, and dispense glasses and contact lenses. From babies through to grandparents, Doctors of Optometry not only ensure quality of vision and eye health, but quality of life.

Reducing Red Tape

The government is looking for ways to streamline and simplify processes so citizens have fast, easy access to services. Doctors of Optometry can help government accomplish its objectives by taking on a larger share of the responsibility for the vision care of British Columbians. BC Doctors of Optometry is proposing an enhanced scope of practice including:

- Authority to prescribe oral medications
- Provision of telehealth services

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Authority to Prescribe Oral Medications

- Currently Doctors of Optometry have the authority to prescribe topical medications. They must refer patients to a family physician, ophthalmologist or emergency department to write the prescription for an oral medication if clinically required.
- Example A: A patient presents with a swollen, red lump on the eyelid and is diagnosed with a hordeolum (also known as a sty). Warm compresses are the initial conservative treatment, but many patients require oral antibiotic treatment to prevent recurring infection or an orbital cellulitis. Under current regulations, the optometrist must refer to an ophthalmologist to prescribe the medication – a current case in Vancouver has the patient waiting 11 weeks to see the ophthalmologist.
- Example B: A patient presents with a scratchy eye and reduced vision and is diagnosed with a recurrence of herpetic keratitis. The sooner the doctor of optometry is able to start the patient on an oral anti-viral drug, the less corneal scarring and loss of vision will result. In an urban center, the patient may be seen by an ophthalmologist on-call within a day or two.
- In both cases above, if the patient lives in a community without access to an ophthalmologist then the patient may be referred to the local family physician, emergency department or may be required to travel for a special appointment.
- Precedents have already been set in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Today, more than 56% of Canadian doctors of optometry are able to

prescribe oral medications in the treatment of eye disease and doctors of optometry are currently able to prescribe oral medications in 49 states in the USA.

Provision of Telehealth Services

The provision of medical services across British Columbia is an expensive and professionally challenging endeavour. Economic pressures have an impact on the availability and frequency of services, particularly in rural and remote communities. Eye care services are no exception. Ophthalmologists are overburdened. Many patients either don't have access to eye care services and/or experience long wait times and sub-standard care, which has an impact on their overall health and well-being.

The BCDO wants to implement a telehealth pilot program in BC. Appointments would not be required. Using an already developed secure online platform, the optometry office would upload the patient's data and the co-managing ophthalmologist would be notified to review the patient chart, then reply with management guidance to the doctor of optometry and the patient's GP, typically within two to three days. Exceptions would be emergencies requiring urgent surgical care; these would be managed either through a secure online platform or using the traditional method, direct phone calls to the appropriate physician.

Phone or video conferencing with the patient would rarely be required. Optometrists currently speak to their co-managing ophthalmology colleagues on a weekly basis about the uploaded cases.

Any necessary exams would already have been conducted by the doctor of optometry and all required test data uploaded to the secure online platform according to the set guidelines. In rare instances the patient will still have to travel to the ophthalmologist's office, but more likely will be directed to his/her GP or nearest lab or hospital for tests or imaging. Keeping testing and treatment local is the goal to reduce costs and improve care and outcomes.

Summary

If approved by government, these changes will:

- Greatly increase access to safe and competent eye care services throughout the province, allowing patients the opportunity to receive eye care services in their home community.
- Reduce wait times for both diagnosis and treatment.
- Improve patient outcomes.
- Decrease the stress and workload on ophthalmologists, hospital emergency departments and walk-in Family Medicine clinics.
- Increase health care system efficiencies and effectiveness.
- Allow for increased and enhanced communication and collaboration between health professionals.
- Integrate with the Ministry of Health's priorities and policies.
- Decrease government funded eye care costs.
- Streamline and simplify processes so citizens have fast, easy access to services

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

My idea is to counterbalance the results of red tape reduction in the Liquor Primary Industry. As it appears that there is only industry representation from the restaurant Industry on the Small Business Round table, and that restaurants in BC have been given all the benefits of a Liquor Primary License, and that the Liquor Primary industry, namely Pubs and Legions throughout BC are in serious financial decline, I would suggest that serious consideration be given to the implementation of VLTs into Pubs and Legions.

In an obvious move to increase gaming revenues, the present Government is actively pursuing new sites to open casinos. Here in Victoria, even though we already have one casino, numerous other sites are being considered to construct another casino. So not to deny that there will be an expansion of gaming in the Province, I believe that this would be the only solution to save the dying Bar industry in BC.

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Vancouver Island and Coast

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

The current process by which pharmaceuticals are transferred from the requirement for a prescription (Rx) to an over the counter (OTC) designation is unnecessarily cumbersome and results in increased delays and complexity for consumers and excessive red-tape in government.

In Canada, decisions to approve a consumer health product for self-care, an “Rx to OTC switch,” begins with federal government approval. The federal government, through Health Canada makes the determination as to whether it is appropriate to offer a particular health product without a prescription.

The next step is a National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) review confirming the Rx to OTC switch and recommending conditions of sale for the consumer health product through the National Drug Schedules (ranging from open sale through any outlet, front store pharmacy-only sale, or behind the counter pharmacy-only sale).

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

Most provinces automatically adopt the recommendations of the NAPRA experts through regulations that incorporate the National Drug Schedules by reference. However, in British Columbia, there is a third review and the requirement for a regulatory amendment for each Rx to OTC switch.

In 19 years BC has never taken a position that was materially at odds with the NAPRA recommendation. However, the process in BC has added years of delay to the approval of products that are being safely used by consumers in most other provinces. During this time, the province pays for unnecessary doctor visits, as British Columbians have no choice other than to visit a doctor to obtain these medicines.

We believe that the entire process needs to be streamlined across Canada to ensure a holistic approach to regulation, and a level of consistency across Canada in access to health products. While such a solution would require inter-provincial and federal cooperation, it would be a positive step for BC to follow the path taken by seven provinces to allow safe public access to health products by adopting NAPRA recommendations by reference. This approach will allow consumers safe, convenient and timely access to health products with no negative impact on consumer safety, while also reducing provincial red-tape.

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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Subject: BC Notaries Mortgage Preparation and Transaction Release Request.

Action Requested: The Notaries of BC are currently asking the Ministry of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and BC Ministry of Finance for the the legal right to describe mortgage conditions, terms, penalties, and methods of payment to their clients. This small legislative change that would permit Notaries (within their scope of practice) and reduce a lot of unnecessary red tape to provide their clients with the independent, non-biased information and advice that consumers are so desperately looking for in today's mortgage environment.

Currently under section 11(1)(c), the Mortgage Brokers Act gives members of the Law Society of British Columbia an exemption from registration under the Act. That entitles them to practise as solicitors in British Columbia if the loan transaction is made in the course of and as part of the practice of Law Society members.

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

On a daily basis, BC Notaries prepare and witness mortgages as part of their regular business practice. Increasingly, their clients are asking them to provide them with in-depth knowledge and guidance about all aspects of the mortgage. Moreover, Notaries are finding that consumers are not wholly informed about the hidden liabilities within the mortgage product they are about to purchase. Many of the mortgages recommended by mortgage sellers simply fail to meet the needs of the particular client.

The current Act, however, limits the advice Notaries can provide to consumers because Notaries do not enjoy the same exemption that members of the Law Society do.

Background:

Over the last 30 years, the financial services and mortgage industries have become significantly more complex and diverse. Starting in the early 1990s, independent brokers began to displace in-house loans officers. By 2000, roughly 60 percent of residential single-family loans were arranged by mortgage brokers.

Banks, credit unions, and other lending institutions started offering a much wider selection of mortgage products with a greater diversity of terms, conditions, and penalties. Consequently, shopping for a mortgage has become potentially quite confusing for consumers.

Compensated by commission only, mortgage brokers operate independently, providing service wherever it is needed—often at the homes or offices of

borrowers, far from the expertise and services of a legal professional. To secure large commissions for themselves, some unscrupulous mortgage sellers and lenders have been known to take advantage of consumers—especially seniors seeking mortgages or reverse mortgages.

A mortgage represents one of the most significant financial decisions and investments that many British Columbians will ever make in their lifetime. It's critically important that they have the opportunity to understand the details and implications of their mortgage and thus the legal documents they are signing. Consumers often find the wording in their mortgages vague and overwhelming. As a result, many people are desperately looking for information, clarity, resources, and independent advice to help them make those momentous financial decisions.

In more than half of all residential real estate transactions in our province, BC Notaries provide real estate services for the buyer or the seller. Like lawyers, Notaries are authorized to prepare mortgage documents. In the course of practice, a Notary is often asked by the client to explain in detail the mortgage that forms part of the property transaction.

Notaries in BC are trained extensively on mortgages and mortgage law at Simon Fraser University during their Master's degree program and as part of their ongoing practicum training and continuing education programs.

Like lawyers, Notaries are educated in real estate law related to mortgages, are regulated by their professional organization, and are fully insured. To meet client needs and create a more equitable framework, BC Notaries are requesting approval by you and your government to grant them the same exemption that lawyers have under the Mortgage Brokers Act.

Current mortgage legislation limits the information that BC Notaries are legally allowed to impart to a client.

At this time, BC Notaries are looking to your government to support a small legislative change to facilitate increased consumer protection by allowing Notaries the legal right to provide their clients with the independent non-biased facts and advice that consumers must have in today's complicated mortgage environment.

Please see the attachment of letters of support for this initiative from the BC Real Estate Association and Central 1 Credit Union. Both those organizations realize that times have changed and Notaries should be allowed to offer broader mortgage advice to consumers in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Wayne Braid Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

Vancouver Island and Coast

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Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

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I was recently summoned for jury duty. I requested an exemption via the online option and received confirmation of my exemption via email.

Several days-weeks later, I received a letter in the mail confirming my exemption. This seems like a waste of time and postage when my exemption was already confirmed.

If you require confirmation that an application has received the response, this could be done by an email receipt or online portal.

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When an individual updates their name, it should be shared with all government ministries and services.

After marriage, I updated my name with ICBC and through the BC government "legal name change" process.

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I then had to update my name in-person with Island Health and I received a jury summons nearly 10 months later with my maiden name and had to update that through an online form.

Why does a person need to update their information in so many different places in one organization? I expect this is likely the same for change of address.

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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 2:12 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

s.22 and we have many, many adults who struggle to make healthy choices in regards to physical fitness. It often leads to health problems and further exclusion to this already marginalized group. I think we could help a lot of people and reduce spending in health, DDMHS, Blue Cross coverage of prescriptions, etc if we offered health groups through HSCL. Walking groups, yoga, tai chi, etc (funded by health) could address these issues in an approachable way and reduce health spending down the line.

There are cities in which adults with disabilities can get discounted or free passes to community gyms, but these don't help adults that need assistance, s.22

s.22 A simple, accessible fitness group could do wonders and save a lot of money in the immediate future and long term. I feel strongly that this type of programming would also reduce DDMHS need, s.22

s.22 suffer from depression and anxiety, which have been proven to be aided by physical activity.

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Have tried for an hour to find a sample property disclosure form.....why are these types of forms so hard to locate.....send me one PLEASE!

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Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 7:44 PM
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Hello,
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Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

May 24 2016 we sent a tender (proposal) to procurement through the Ministry of Jobs, Skills and Training.

On July 21, we received an e-mail telling us we were unsuccessful. This is fine as I understand it can take a while to look over lots of proposals.

The email stated that we can request a debrief with the ministry to talk about why our proposal was unsuccessful.

When I told them I would like to have a debrief, they said they are scheduling meetings for November.

This is 4 months away which seems a long ways away. I doubt I will remember what was even in the proposal by then, or that they will remember why ours was not selected.

I may be submitting other proposals before then and it would help if I had a debrief sooner to help me understand what I can do better next time.

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a person on provincial pwd that is get moved to ccpd there should be a 30 day letter to let the person going to cppd that the provincial pwd service will not be in charge of your money so that if you had the ministry paying your rent and mabe hydro too that you have enough time to get your money and account and landlord notice so no one is hanging in the air when the month end comes its happen to me it would have been nice to have been notified now no one noes where my ccpd is and its a long weekend

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

Share your idea for reducing red tape or improving service delivery. What is your experience? Please be specific.:

At present when the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) approves an oilfield waste facility they do so after carefully reviewing the application including facility design to ensure that the products coming can be safely handled. Many of these products have the same risks as non oilfield wastes (such as gasoline, solvents, etc.). In order for these facilities to take non-oilfield products (carwash sump solids, spill clean up materials, etc.) the facilities require a Hazardous Waste receiver approval from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). This process requires that another application containing all of the same information be submitted to the MOE for their review and approval which consumes considerable time on the part of the company and the MOE which is redundant as the facility has already been reviewed and approved to manage the same risks by the OGC. As an comparison, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has the same role as the MOE in issuing hazardous waste receiver numbers. In AEP's case they simply verify that the facility has an approval from the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) which is equivalent to a OGC approval and then issue the number with no further review as the appropriate approval review has already happened. A similar process in BC will streamline a process that simply duplicates work done by the OGC and reduce the workload on the MOE.

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To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
Subject: A new idea has been submitted

There has been a lot of attention recently in the media and the legislature about BC camping reservations and perceived lack of camp site supply. As an avid family camper, one thing that strikes me is the lack of integration between two BC Government camping systems: the BC Parks system under the Ministry of Environment and the Recreation Sites and Trails System under FLNRO. As a government staffer and former employee of both those ministries I'm well aware of both those type of camping opportunities but I feel that the general public may not be. A quick look at the BC Parks website <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/> and reservation systems <https://secure.camis.com/DiscoverCamping/> shows no mention that there are an additional 8500 additional sites in the Rec. Sites and Trails system: <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>. Similarly there is no mention of BC Parks camping opportunities on the Rec. Sites and Trails web site.

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Certainly Rec. Sites camping opportunities are more rustic in nature, can be more remote and most are non-reservable but that doesn't mean they wouldn't appeal to a segment of campers - especially during peak camping weekends such as Canada Day and BC Day weekends.

To start, if BC Parks added a banner/weblink on their webpage and reservation system saying something like, "For additional BC Camping Opportunities visit the Recreation Sites and Trails BC" and if the Rec Sites page did the same for BC Parks... I think at least then the general public could be exposed to the many provincial camping opportunities that are actually available. This may help reduce the load on the BC Parks reservation system as well. Long term a deeper integration of the two sites and programs might make sense as well.

Thanks,
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In what region do you primarily live?:

Lower Mainland/Southwest

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From: Red tape reduction ideas <cdawsbmd@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 10:50 PM
To: Regulatory Reform BC SBRT:EX
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I have recently relocated to BC from the United Kingdom having applied to come here through the entrepreneur visa class. My intention was always to come here and re-establish my business. After waiting nearly seven years for CIC to process an application they originally stated would only take twelve to eighteen months and after having several years worth of correspondence with various economic development departments and being given assurances of help and access to programs and financing for immigrants coming to Canada to start a business - I have found I am completely stuck, the help I was assured of doesn't exist and the economic development departments are worthless, staffed by people who have no experience of any industry.

It's quite ironic that being a professional Luthier was what gave me enough points to apply to emigrate to Canada in the first place, as "stringed instrument maker" was on the list of required trades. But now I'm here it's one needless obstacle after another.

I am being given the runaround by the various buildings and fire inspectors due to the requirements of my business yet I can offer hundreds of examples of other business carrying out their work without being even close to the level scrutiny I am being put through.

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I am fully aware and prepared to pay for the items, machinery and inspections I am told I need, yet I can't even get close to that scenario because I simply cannot find a premises without it being ruled out for one reason or another due to either a buildings inspector or a fire inspector and without a business license I can't legally trade.

The city I had planned to relocate to was Penticton, but it's proving impossible and this is a city that considers itself The #2 most entrepreneurial city in Canada! Even a meeting with the mayor has proven to be pointless.

In all the things I have done in my professional life, never have I been met with the level of professional complacency and incompetence as I have found in the Okanagan. This seemingly never-ending cycle of blame passing bureaucracy is straight out of a Monty Python sketch, frankly it's pathetic.

The main issues seem to evolve around paint spraying and dust extraction, on paper it's not hard to understand and with the right equipment it's easily achievable. The problem lies with the inspectors and their lack of knowledge for the requirements they are supposed to be implementing and policing - and/or their complete over the top expectations which make a small business like mine completely unviable to start. But off the record.....the fire guys are blaming the buildings inspectors and the mayor is blaming the fire guys.

It is simply not fair, sensible or credible to treat small businesses like mine in this

manner as it is killing businesses all over the province. Health, safety and risk assessment requirements are obviously high on the importance list and should be brushed aside, but the red tape is killing businesses.

The very fact the provincial government has a minister for red tape reduction should indicate how wrong things are in B.C. and I should add, she is another official who clearly can't be bothered to reply to her emails or even acknowledge an email has been received. I would like discuss my problems with Caroly Oakes but how can I do that if I am ignored?

There needs to be far more clarity for small business owners regarding requirements and an easier, simpler fast track route to get a business opened, licensed and trading. It shouldn't take months to get a reply from city hall staff and the various staff members should at least have some understanding of the rules they are being paid to implement. Small business like mine should not be treated the same as the huge mills and lumber processing plants.

I have now realised how small minded and backward thinking the authorities are here in BC, I now completely understand why the Americans run rings around the Canadians at almost every level in every industry.
My business can't even get off the ground because of red tape. Moving to BC has killed my business, ruined my prospects and ruined my life.

In what region do you
primarily live?:

Thompson Okanagan

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Why don't we lose the automated phone systems all government departments seem so fond of? Absolutely pulling my hair out, screaming in frustration experience, trying to speak to a human being...ICBC, medical services, vital stats, taxation...doesn't matter what department or what level of government. Be it municipal, provincial or federal, trying to get help or information is almost impossible because all you deal with are recorded messages telling you how important your call is, canned music and more recorded voices prompting number pushing that gets you nowhere or instructions to the government website which is another exercise in frustration!

In what region do you primarily live?: Lower Mainland/Southwest

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Invitation Code	Date Accessed	Date Completed	Q1 - Description	Q2 - Region	Q3 - Email - Email Address
3042e04440dfa11e59943	2016-03-01 17:09:43	2016-03-03 12:49:21	My experience was dealing with Health Insurance BC. I was calling on behalf of my elderly brother-in-law. Attempting to get thru to a real person was a very frustrating ordeal. The choices in the first menu need to be more direct and less what HIBC is about. For my particular experience, nothing on the menus were helpful, I NEEDED to speak to a real person to deal with my issue. That choice should be in the first recording of choices. I was also dealing with correspondence from Health Insurance BC but it was actually from Revenue Services. The phone numbers provided on this correspondence did not make it absolutely clear as to whom I would be speaking. Again that phone number needed to be more direct so I could get to a real person. The other issue I had: my brother-in-law wrote a letter authorizing me to speak on his behalf, I faxed it in to Revenue Services, however, after receiving more correspondence, I did not realize it only went to Revenue Services, and not Health Insurance BC. I had to do another letter to HIBC, so that was frustrating. This was a few months, not days or weeks, to deal with this issue. Why couldn't that letter have been put on my brother-in-law's file so BOTH systems could see it. That needs to be a smoother process. I seriously don't know how a senior citizen with the slightest incapacities would be able to deal with the government agencies. I found it quite frustrating and I've got all my marbles!! Thanks for listening.	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
93d7b46630e0d811e5b822	2016-03-02 19:52:03	2016-03-02 19:52:06	The best step to red tape reduction is to eliminate the Ministry of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. This ministry is a complete waste. What BC needs is S.M.A.R.T. regulation not meaningless regulation counting and self congratulations. The mere fact there is a Red Tape Reduction day is ridiculous and shameful. Regulations are created for a reason; whether that be to protect the environment, help small business, provide education etc. I recognize that the red tape reduction program is entirely a political program for the liberal party. As a result, if this government insists on carrying out a such non-sense, I would request that the least amount of money be spent on it (since it is taxpayers' money being spent).	Vancouver Island/Coast	
4188775b00e16811e5b811	2016-03-03 12:51:40	2016-03-03 12:51:40	test		
846c9c3a20e25a11e5b828	2016-03-04 17:48:59	2016-03-04 17:48:59	I suggest that the current requirement for a medical for drivers over the age of 80 be changed. As more and more people are staying healthy, the current requirement is costly to the adult and costly to the Government to process the paperwork. I would recommend that the physician be allowed to choose whether the driver needs an exam every two years as now or four or five years. This would cut the paperwork in half or more.	Thompson/Okanagan	s.22
592ac2aef0e30d11e5b82	2016-03-05 15:06:24	2016-03-05 15:06:24	Stop requiring universities to have research and other contract agreements also approved by the ministry of advanced education. We already have contract experts on staff. It adds another layer of beauracracy that slows us down and makes clients frustrated. Reduces nimbleness and the ability to be entrepreneurial	Vancouver Island/Coast	
4c54d23d0e31a11e5b844	2016-03-05 16:41:11	2016-03-05 16:41:11	faster funding approval for upgrade to seniors homes so they can continue to live in their own homes. we need help immediately to upgrade my mother in laws house but the process is going to take 8 to 10 weeks but she needs help today.	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
83b4637b80e3c111e5b875	2016-03-06 12:42:43	2016-03-06 12:42:43	I am a hunter. I have a card with my hunter number on it. It is necessary to take the card to the vendor when buying an annual hunting licence. For years the vendors would simply take the hunter number of the expired licence. This is no longer possible. The vendor can be penalized for not having the hunter produce his hunter number card. This has led to confrontations between vendor and hunter, hard feelings and in some cases hunters no longer dealing with the vendor. It is a rule invented by a bureaucrat, in my opinion. It is not necessary, what is the difference if they produce the number, or better yet, an easily accessible data bank where the hunter number can be retrieved from. I suggest we do away with the hunter having to produce his hunter number card. Life would be simpler for us hunters. Thank you	Kootenay	s.22
71c72b11c0e7df11e5a085	2016-03-11 18:32:13	2016-03-11 18:32:13	My idea is regarding contractors within government. Many contractors work on different contracts in several ministries at one time. This usually results in the contractors having several IDIRs and emails (one for each ministry). (if you do an advanced search in the Global Address List (GAL) for Title: Contractor you will see what I mean) I would like to suggest streamlining this. Would it be possible for contractors to have one IDIR that they can use no matter which ministry they are working in? Each ministry would be responsible for providing them with any access they would require for their specific ministry (and removing their access at the end of their contract). The contractors could also have one external email (i.e. XT: Doe, John). I'm not sure what the security ramifications are but at present it can be confusing when a contractor has multiple IDIRs and the ministries don't always remember to cancel their IDIRs when their contracts end in their specific ministry.	Vancouver Island/Coast	s.22
26f7516760e8b511e5a046	2016-03-12 19:55:26	2016-03-12 19:55:26	Why can't you pay traffic/violation tickets online - seems like a no-brainer. Here is what it says on the back of a ticket: What's the easiest way to pay? You may pay by mail by sending your cheque or money order....	Vancouver Island/Coast	
33804d0eb0ea3811e58749	2016-03-14 19:14:22	2016-03-14 19:14:22	I HAVE A SMALL BC REGISTERED COMPANY. THE CORP ADDRESS IS MY HOME ADDRESS. I RECENTLY MOVED, SO WENT INTO CORP ONLINE TO CHANGE THE BUSINESS ADDRESS. CORP ONLINE SAYS I HAVE TO PAY \$21.50 JUST TO CHANGE MY ADDRESS. IN MAY, I WILL GET AN EMAIL TO UPDATE MY CORP FILE...FOR A CHARGE OF \$45. BUT I CANNOT UPDATE MY CORP ADDRESS AT THE SAME TIME. THINK ABOUT HOW RIDICULOUS THAT IS!!! AS A RESULT, I WILL NOT UPDATE MY CORP ADDRESS. I DON'T REMEMBER RECEIVING ANY MAIL FROM CORP REGISTRY IN 10 YEARS. IF THEY DO SEND SOME...AND IT DOESN'T GET FORWARDED...I JUST WON'T GET IT. SO. MY RECOMMENDATION IS, CHANGE CORP ONLINE TO LET FILERS CHANGE ALL THEIR INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF ANNUAL FILING.	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
7f86b8400ef8611e58417	2016-03-21 13:05:01	2016-03-21 13:05:01	Testing please ignore.	Vancouver Island/Coast	
55d42f0910f17811e5849	2016-03-24 0:45:54	2016-03-24 0:45:54	Petitioning has played a central part in our parliamentary practice for centuries. Currently only paper petitions are accepted in the B.C. Legislative Assembly, even though with modern technology, we can enhance this tradition of petitioning with increased accessibility and efficiency while reducing our carbon footprint and administrative cost & burden. Electronic petitions can serve as a low-barrier entry point for our citizens, especially the youth, to communicate their concerns to their governments. E-petitions can improve the aspect of legitimacy more than their paper counterpart, with built-in authentication measures against invalid or incomplete entries. Thus, this may reduce clerical work and be cost saving. An e-petition system is already implemented in many other jurisdictions, such as the U.K., the U.S. and Quebec. Federally in Canada, all sides of the House came to agreement and voted in favour of electronic petitioning. They wasted no time in championing petitions.parl.gc.ca and now Canadians can sign and view active petitions, create their own, check for responses from the government, all at the comfort of their home with a click of a mouse. BC's Small Business Ministry in its latest service plan, states its purpose that the Ministry supports "a modern regulatory environment for citizens and businesses, and providing more convenience for consumers." and "...and reduce the red tape that makes it difficult for citizens and businesses to interact with government." I applaud the Ministry in all its latest efforts to red tape reduction by making many of administrative, communications, and application processes available electronically, that were previously limited to paper use and mailing. In the same spirit and in line with the Government's commitment to modernizing and red tape cutting, I wholeheartedly recommend the Ministry to give electronic petitioning its full consideration as other neighbouring jurisdictions and our own federal government have already done. Harman Pandher Vice-Chair/ Trustee Burnaby Board of Education Home address: s.22	Mainland/Southwest	

			<p>Personal income tax, is a nightmare. Dealing with the CRA is torture. You can never speak to the same person, or see someone face to face. Paperwork goes missing, you must send in documents, but they don't keep documents. There is no accountability, I've been told I needed to provide a document by 7 different employees over the past 3 years. To after all that time and interest built, I'm told that document doesn't count or matter and some other thing does. I do not think it is right that the CRA can charge interest, I'd like to charge interest on the thousands owed to me. But I cant even get a resolution because I can't speak to a human being. and by that i mean someone who actually listens to what I'm saying, or takes the time to understand my situation. I was given incorrect information as well as misled by every employee ive spoken with and its appalling. My daughter has autism and I cant even file for her disability supplement payments because of this mess the CRA have made and wont fix. And I refuse to bow down and just say you win. Because its not right, they should be held accountable. For once it would be nice to speak with someone who will actually listen!!!</p> <p>my idea is to have caring people on the other end of the phone, an easier way to share information like documents, copies of whatever they need copies of, accountability, record phone calls and be able to refer to them when necessary. most importantly NO INTEREST.</p>		
80440980f0f1e011e5846	2016-03-24 13:28:36	2016-03-24 13:28:36	more people would file their taxes if it wasn't so unbelievable awful to do so. i would love for some one to contact me about this. maybe they can help resolve this child tax credit disaster the CRA created and wont take responsibility for.	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
69f6a04490f2e111e5b129	2016-03-25 19:36:16	2016-03-25 19:36:16	<p>This is not about red tape but could be very good news for a natural gas economy. I read this in Science Daily at the following link: https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/03/160324145922.htm but the article was abstracted from another cite contained in the article.</p> <p>I work as a mortgage broker in British Columbia, I love my job especially help educating people about mortgages. I thought this would be a non issue, that FICOM, was just puffing out its mighty chest. It looks as though I was wrong, that they actually are going to implement a new disclosure form that requires a Broker to fully disclose compensation. This would put us at a disadvantage to any Bank or Bank employed mortgage person, who does not have to disclose, nothing. Our current Form 10 is more than sufficient for a client to understand that we are being paid for a service, by an institution. I work work in the private sector, governed by FICOM, I understand the function of FICOM and agree in the most part what they do. However know needs to know or must know what my income is on any specific deal. I can see into the future and this may be the beginning of the end of The Broker Industry. Believe that!! As for FICOM, on numerous occasions I have called to inquire about one item or another, I rarely get a call back. This needs to be stopped, if not it will be, as I said, the beginning of the end of an industry.</p>	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
723393dac0f6a611e59214	2016-03-30 14:47:26	2016-03-30 14:47:26	http://www.mortgagebrokernews.ca/news/ficom-proceeding-with-plans-205126.aspx	Nechako	s.22
478d0c53d0f75e11e59230	2016-03-31 12:40:46	2016-03-31 12:40:46	<p>This government is wasting tax payers money by promising they will do something about climate change, running lots of surveys, having a Climate Action Secretariat, all the while they are taking other actions that negate all of this work. The BC Liberal government is spending all this money but really, are they going to do anything about it? The new appointment of Fazil Mihar shows British Columbians' that the Liberals do not believe in Climate Change and don't want to do anything about it. The push to develop LNG is also a sign that the government does not want to mitigate climate change and doesn't care that greenhouse emissions are going to increase.</p> <p>Stop wasting money on opposing initiatives! It makes no sense and is a waste of money. Make up your mind Liberals, what do you want?</p>	Northcoast	
341d0eca60fb6711e58286	2016-04-05 15:54:15	2016-04-05 15:54:15	<p>Instead of requiring taxpayers T1 General tax return to verify income there is a form within tax preparation software called the T1 Summary that provides the amount of every line number entered on the T1 General. This is far more cost effective than printing 5 pages and saves everyone time as it is so much easier to read. Accompanying schedules are not an issue...just the T1 General.</p> <p>At the request of MLA Kylo I am writing about the lengthy time it has taken to get approval of an in stream section 9 application (FLNRO) myself and seven other farmers made to correct erosion and flooding issues on the stream that flows thru our valley. The process has been two years plus in length, it has been expensive, the time delays have been unacceptable and then the conditions for approval are now going to add costs beyond what should be warranted for the work being requested to be done.</p> <p>We have proposed changes and improvements to the process to ensure that other farmers do not have to go thru the same unnecessary experience as we have. I would be happy to share our dilemma with you and improvements to the process we proposed as seen by a farmer.</p>	Cariboo	s.22
23d9be0ed0ff5611e58b58	2016-04-10 16:17:40	2016-04-10 16:17:40	s.22	Thompson/Okanagan	s.22
22531541e0002911e6b64	2016-04-11 17:12:05	2016-04-11 17:12:05	Government should embrace the work being done at JTST on webinar delivery.I see over and over again the need for a corporate webinar platform that can be used by government branches to connect with stakeholders and people outside of government. Lync is not the solution. Currently there is no support or corporate platform for delivering webinars in government, and if this existed, I believe government could save a lot of money, time and effort . Currently staff are just left on their own to sort through the technology and delivery.	Vancouver Island/Coast	
506cba0130035d11e68632	2016-04-15 19:04:28	2016-04-15 19:04:28	<p>I believe that their should be one application that will determine if you can receive disability credits/ supports/ discounts.</p> <p>I am disabled due to a severe back injury. It is over 5 years and I am still applying for credits/discounts/supports individually. I am currently receiving CPP disability(which I know is a Federal program) but I have to pay my family doctor for each application. Wouldn't it stream line services if there was one card that Identified disable persons as such. Then ICBC, BC Ferries, Property Taxes, BC Taxes just to name a few would accept it and apply the credit/discount as such. I firmly believe that it should be supported by Physican based documentation but It is time consuming for doctors to fill out forms and costly for the disabled persons. It is costly and time consuming.</p>	Vancouver Island/Coast	s.22
6661511ed0065211e69824	2016-04-19 18:43:59	2016-04-19 18:43:59	Creating a streamlined approach for acquiring park use permits and land tenure for operating commercially on crown land, BC Parks and Federal Parks.	Vancouver Island/Coast	s.22
73e00044100b2811e6a54	2016-04-25 17:11:17	2016-04-25 17:11:17	<p>The necessity to claim back from the BC Government the Farmer tax exemption for Marked Fuel and Carbon Tax. The one who receives the benefit -- the farmer -- should be the one to claim it back after all they are the one getting the savings. Every submission we have to prove that (a) we paid all taxes which requires a copy of the invoice to us, (b) a copy of the farmer's invoice; (c) a copy of the farmer's certificate of exemption.</p> <p>The BC government does not remit for 30 days after receipt of the claim. This amounts to all or even more of our margin being tied up.</p>	Kootenay	info@bensonoil.ca

			<p>Unregulated Competition from the Sharing Economy Is Big Business</p> <p>The Sharing Economy challenges traditional notions of private ownership and is instead based on the shared production or consumption of goods and services. Its origins were in not-for-profit initiatives such as Wikipedia (2001) and Couchsurfing and Freecycle (both 2003).</p> <p>Social media and mobile technology have enabled the latest expansion of the sharing economy and turned it into a big business: Airbnb and HomeAway (VRBO) allow individuals to share or rent their homes, while Lyft and Uber transform private cars into common resources. All these are for-profit services that take a commission, passing the rest on to the owners. Unfortunately business regulations and tax regimes were not designed or implemented for this business model.</p> <p>The rise of Airbnb and VRBO have led to major for profit competitors with deep pockets competing with traditional lodging but operating largely unregulated and tax exempt. They are bypassing the laws enacted over decades to protect both renters, hoteliers and landlords.</p> <p>The issue is that the regulations in place for businesses such as hotels, motels, cabins, cottages were developed before the sharing economy was conceived and when looked at individually, these regulations in many cases do not apply or exempt the home owners and agencies renting the homes.</p> <p>Airbnb is on record as stating it will comply with all government regulations federal, provincial and municipal. Impressed by their openness, popularity and financial muscle most lawmakers are eager to accommodate them and bring them in line with preferred laws, but unfortunately the new regulations all too often maintain an advantage over existing law abiding competing accommodation businesses.</p> <p>Context and concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Short-term, room rentals in private homes has grown exponentially as a trend, largely because of technology and consumers embracing the so-called ‘shared economy’. Airbnb is in 190 countries and is growing.•Entire homes (including condos/apartments) or portions of homes are being rented for a minimum of one night to several days in communities throughout British Columbia, with the average stay per guest at two nights.•The rise of home rentals through Airbnb and VRBO is creating a shortage of affordable long term housing rentals available for staff. Some resort communities, particularly those with seasonal employees, are affected by short-term, private room rentals given that homeowners are able to generate significantly more revenue through nightly rentals, as compared with monthly leases to longer-term tenants. Two examples are Tofino with 190 listings and Ucluelet with 160 listings.•While most cities and communities have regulations in place to deal with private room rentals, enforcement is sporadic and few homeowners are prosecuted for breaking local bylaws.•Communities with a proliferation of private room rentals appear hard-pressed to dedicate staff resources to the issue to not only identify offenders, but also enforce local regulations. In fact, most communities do not have sufficient personnel or have other more pressing priorities to manage.•In BC the provincial hotel room tax does not apply to the rental of less than 4 rooms – so this exempts home rentals from collecting and remitting sales tax and MRDT to support local DMO marketing. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Treat all homes and businesses renting short term tourist accommodation to the travelling public the same under provincial acts and regulations.•Require all homes, third party booking agencies and businesses renting short term tourist accommodation to the travelling public to collect and remit 8% PST and the up to 3% municipal and regional district tax.		
7815254250179811e6a215917adaf2801ba211e6b46	2016-05-11 12:50:372016-05-16 16:12:38	2016-05-11 12:50:372016-05-16 16:12:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Assist municipalities and regional districts by creating a model bylaw to regulate homes rented as short term accommodation, and thereby ensure there is an adequate supply of affordable long term rental housing for British Columbia residents. Hghghggghghg	Mainland/Southwest	s.22
85083817a026c711e68011	2016-05-30 21:18:23	2016-05-30 21:18:23	Considerable employee effort is being spent to maintain over 20 separate government intranets. Employee effort could be better spent on improving services on government's internet (gov.bc.ca). I suggest treating the public service as one organization with one intranet. If this is not possible (yet), I suggest requiring all ministries to adopt the same standard intranet technology, such as the corporate content management system offered by GCPE, which is currently in use by MTICS.	Vancouver Island/Coast	