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Wray, Stephanie PREM:EX

From: Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 7:14 PM
To: Marnie Plant
Subject: Re: Bioenergy Saves LNG!

Thanks Marnie. I'll pass it along.

Tomorrow is actually s.22
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So going forward you can reach me at

Take good care, and see you around.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2016, at 6:53 PM, Marnie Plant <s.22

> wrote:

Hi Sam,

A group of us Bioenergy people in BC have launched a new group, Bioenergy 2.0 - a registered non-profit in BC.

Our mission is to grow the Bioenergy Sector in BC to do our part to reduce GHG emissions to zero by 2050.

Reg Renner is one of our accomplished experts in the field, from Atticus Financial Group.

He exchanges white papers with others who work at senior levels in Business and Government across the country.

Attached Biomass GHG Economy is tremendous.

There is a list of technologies available to reduce GHG's at large oil and gas sites. Page 11 for the list.

Prime Minister Trudeau has been given a copy by the Alberta people. We thought Premier Christy Clark would like to see it also pre GLOBE.

We can do this!

Marnie Plant

Bioenergy 2.0

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Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 6:11 AM
To: Woods, Emily GCPE:EX; Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Cadario, Michele PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Doyle, Dan PREM:EX; Dyble, John C PREM:EX; Fraser, John Paul GCPE:EX; Grant, Wade PREM:EX; Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX; Mentzelopoulos, Athana JTST:EX; Mills, Shane LASS:EX; Oliphant, Sam PREM:EX; Sweeney, Neil PREM:EX; Bhullar, Barinder PREM:EX; Mann, Carter PREM:EX; Carr, Steve PREM:EX; Merrifield, Katy PREM:EX
Subject: Today's Report (Feb 26)

February 26, 2016

Major Media Coverage

Television: (Global) Record-setting home sale in Vancouver indicative of rising prices across Metro Van; Chief of Surrey fire department warns of dangers of growing medicinal pot at home; MTL emphasizing need for doctor-assisted suicide legislation in Canada; FHA reverses decision to close mental health facility in Abbotsford; Vancouver police officer hospitalized after getting struck by speeding motorcycle; campers defy Tent City order; UBC students develop carpooling app; MNL's food donation announcement.

Mainstream Print:

Vancouver Sun: Catholic hospitals wrestle with assisted death; (teaser) LNG project a no go. **Province:** Homegrown solutions (food prices); **Times Colonist:** campers defy BC order to leave (photo); **Globe & Mail:** Real estate panel risks failure: MLA; Protest party (photo); pot advocates say 'next fight' is legalizing dispensaries; mayors urge BC to leave film, TV tax credits intact; City wants GPS tracking for criminals after teen robbed at gunpoint;

Social Media:

Norm Farrell: BC Hydro quarter 3 report (9 mo. to Dec 2015) reveals domestic consumption is down 2.2% from 10 years ago (9 mo. Dec 2005); **rabble.ca:** B.C.'s Medical Services Plan premiums a regressive tax; **Change.org:** Petition Â· Premier Christy Clark: Raise the rates, leave our bus pass alone; **DeSmog Canada:** Site C Dam Permits Quietly Issued During Federal Election; **stopsitec.org:** Take Action Stop Site C Dam in British Columbia; **The Gazetteer:** This Day In Clarkland...If She's Got A Blacklist I Wanna Be On It; **A J Henderson:** Public - Private partnerships (P-3s) explained. #bcpoli #cdnpoli ; **BC NDP Caucus:** B.C. Liberals are the only ones who think Christy Clark's bus pass clawback isn't a clawback; **rabble.ca:** Climate action neglected in B.C. Liberals' throne speech; **YouTube:** Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2016

Chinese Media:

Sing Tao/Ming Pao: Pink shirt day; Ferry fares; VBOT encourages ride share legislations, review of the Passenger Transportation Act and regulations to enable taxi industry competitiveness; Three pot dispensaries in Vancouver have had their development applications approved by the city; Federal decision on marijuana growing for personal medical use. The Chinese community has been polarized on the marijuana issue but the majority of Chinese people are against marijuana legalization as they see marijuana as drugs that's no different than opium; London Drugs pitch to distribute medical marijuana; three UBC engineers have launched a carpooling app in Vancouver called Spare Rides; English language human right complaint; Home sale price - Kitsilano real estate records were broken on Tuesday after a home sold for \$735,000 over the asking price of \$3.5 million. A local real estate expert says offers of \$200,000 over the asking price of a home have become par for the course; the last public consultation on whether Richmond should set up the city's own police force was held Wednesday night. **Fairchild TV:** Federal decision on marijuana growing for personal medical use.

Fairchild Radio/CHMB Radio: Acorn BC protest; amendments to Citizenship Act; medically assisted dying; Mayor Robertson tells Park Board chair Sarah Kirby-Young that the marijuana protest is not a city sanctioned event and at no point did the city direct the protest organizers to move to Sunset Beach. Robertson tells Kirby-Young that if she has any concerns she should stop directing them to City Hall, instead take it up with the protest organizers directly.

South Asian Media:

RED FM: Premiers of all Canadian provinces and territories are meeting PM in Vancouver on March 3, where Trudeau may encourage the premiers to sign on a climate change strategy; scrapping of a proposed BC LNG project; Export Development Canada is setting aside \$750 million to help ailing oil and gas firms make it through the industry's worst downturn in decades – Vice President for Western Canada, Mark Senn, says the focus will be on small and medium-sized companies; physician-assisted dying, Providence memo, opposition is accusing the Liberal government of delaying the rule process in doctor-assisted dying as health care regulations fall under the provincial jurisdiction; tent city; two BC companies top the Forbes' list of Canada's 25 best employers - BC Hydro is in first place, followed by VanCity in second; changes to Citizenship Act; Surrey RCMP talked about crime strategy and crime prevention during a neighbourhood safety meeting; **SPICE Radio:** physician-assisted dying; stolen Honda Civics; annual pot protest relocation.

Positive Coverage

Farmers' tax credit – The MoA announcement of a 25% tax credit for farmers and other fresh food producers donating otherwise unmarketable food, is welcomed by non-profit organizations. The incentive is to offer farmers some financial compensation for their time, resources and transport of the second grade produce, instead of letting it rot in the field as compost or go into landfills. **MNL** (clipped), "The credit is available for the next three years, so 2016, 2017, and 2018, the 25% tax credit to registered charities is available. After the three-year initial period we'll do a review" – Global, CBC, CKNW, CHNL, BC1, Prov-A11.

'BC Winter Games' – opening ceremonies start Thursday evening and over 1,200 young athletes from across BC will compete in 17 different sports in Penticton – Global, CHBC

Ongoing / Emerging / Potential Issues

Report from the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying 'Physician-assisted suicide' – a new report from a special committee of MPs and senators makes recommendations that would give Canada some of the most wide-ranging laws in the world. The committee made 21 recommendations allowing for those who want medical help when dying to get it, going beyond dealing with just terminally ill people and include advanced directives for those with approaching dementia or Alzheimer's, and even the potential to include minors at some point, but not yet. The deadline for making these recommendations into legislation is June 6.

- **MTL** asserts recommendations contained in the federal report on physician-assisted suicide are consistent with work BC has already done on the right-to-die issue, the province will work with the feds to ensure an integrated system, but will wait for more direction from Ottawa before developing more at the provincial level – CBC, Global, CHBC, TC-A04, Prov-A03. **MTL** urges caution and encourages debate in pursuing this legislation for minors – CTV.
- **Rankin** calls for an immediate study of the issues to be brought forward in 3 years to see how the system is working – Global.
- A Providence Health Care memo has been leaked, which states physician assisted suicide violates its Catholic tenets, but Dying with Dignity (**Gokool**) insists that publically funded health institutions must provide physician assisted dying on their premises – CKNW, CP. **MTL** suggests patients receiving care in faith based health facilities and wishing to die with their doctor's assistance could potentially be moved to nearby health care facilities and that patient rights should be universal, however health care providers facing ethical moral dilemmas must also be supported. **MTL** (clipped) "I would say that we all have our own belief systems and I think it would be better to have providers that have a similar belief system providing health care service at the end of life to a patient."

And I think within our system, and within the period of reflection, that we will be able accommodate both sides of this highly emotional and deeply held system of beliefs that accompanies the policy around physician-assisted dying". BCCLA (**Pastine**) says they represent the rights of the critically ill as well as the religious rights and freedoms of doctors, but call on gov to force Providence to respect patient's rights on this. On the Providence memo, (clipped) "What that essentially means is that for those doctors within the institution that are willing to provide this compassionate end of life care for their patients, they'll be barred from doing that. We think that this is absolutely the wrong approach" – CBC, CKNW, VS-A01 & A06, G&M-A05

- **Darcy**, "It's up to the government to set those regulations, and to pass legislation, and then to ensure that all health authorities that receive public money respect the law". Providence says it will review the recommendations from the committee – CBC.
- BC Civil Liberties Association (**Patterson**) is encouraged by the report and sees it as clear the report aims to make this a constitutional right for all Canadians – CFAX.
- Roman Catholic Arch Diocese of Vancouver (**Schratz**) says he would expect doctors who object to assisted dying to be able to opt out – CKNW.

Tent city – 'Victoria homeless camp stages block party on planned eviction day' - extensive coverage continues as today is the deadline for eviction from the courthouse camp. Many campers are reported as taking the some 230 spaces of temporary shelter provided by the province and social services agencies, but others have said they will remain at the camp until a permanent solution is developed. **MRC** (clipped) "what we will see now is that the people that need housing will leave and take the housing and there will be people that will still be there that will not. It won't be an issue of housing. They'll be there for just a protest". The province will wait a few days before it seeks a court injunction for those who remain - CTV, Global, CHEK, CBC, VS-A11, G&M-S02. Campers also hosted a block party including those who traveled from the Lower Mainland to join the protest, as a show of defiance for the eviction deadline and to demand low-cost housing and land – TC-A01. **MRC** reiterated his focus to help those needing it the most – those with mental health and addiction issues – CP. Several campers have mentioned they can't afford the accommodation fees of \$375/month with no food provided at Mount Edwards Court – CFAX.

LNG project delays - Kitimat LNG shelved - AltaGas is shelving the development of its Douglas Channel LNG plant near Kitimat. The company says the decision was made due to adverse economic conditions and worsening global energy prices. This project was a joint venture that included four companies. **MRC** does not take this as a sign the industry isn't viable, (clipped) "I think we've got some significant FID discussions taking place in the next 60 to 90 days on a couple of projects. Obviously there's been two that have told us that they want to get to their FID by the end of this particular year in December and they're much larger. This was a very small project" and says AltaGas does have plans to expand other energy projects elsewhere in the province. Haisla Chief (**Ross**) is disappointed with the news also, as the FN community would have benefited significantly from the influx of development and jobs – CBC, CTV, VS-B04&D01, G&M-S03, TC-B02.

'Home cannabis production' – continued coverage on reaction from the federal court ruling allowing users to grow their own marijuana at home for medical use. Surrey Fire Chief (**Garris**) reiterates his concerns for community safety and Landlord BC (**Huntiak**) agrees the ruling could be a challenge for landlords and tenants BC College of Pharmacists (**Nakagawa**) doesn't support the idea of London Drugs and Shoppers Drug Mart dispensing medical marijuana if it becomes legal – Global, TC-B05, Prov-A01.

Other Issues

Resource Development / Forestry / Agriculture:

Mount Polley spurs regulations - 'B.C. brings in new oversight rules for mining after tailings pond collapse' - government is imposing more oversight on the mining industry by boosting potential penalties for prosecutions to \$1 million in fines and three years in prison. **MBB** says the changes provide his ministry with more tools for compliance and enforcement, to build an even safer and more sustainable industry and his goal is to ensure the province has a regulatory regime for health and safety on mine sites that is the best in the world – CP, CHNL. **MBB** – "There will be some administrative penalties for non-compliance that can ensure that some of the weak practices we saw at that mine site don't happen

again”- G&M-S03. **Macdonald** skeptical penalties will mean greater safety, “This is a government deeply beholden to these mining interests, and their record over time has been a record of leniency and a lack of proper oversight”. Mine Watch Canada sees these regulations as ‘useful but a small piece of the overall picture’ and MABC (**Brino**) is not surprised by the new penalty powers but would like to be consulted as regulations are developed - VS-D02.

Education / Health / Social Services:

Transit subsidy - ‘disability assistance’ - Over 50 members from BC ACORN rallied at the Burrard SkyTrain station to protest against the government's \$77 monthly increase in benefits for people with disabilities - the first such increase in nine years. Acorn wants the government to raise the rate to \$800 more a month. **MMdj** wishes more could have been provided and as the economy grows more will be done for those with disabilities – CHEK.

Medical marijuana – ‘pot advocates say ‘next fight’ is legalizing dispensaries’ given the federal ruling on growing medical marijuana for personal use, advocates encourage government to legalize dispensaries, which have grown dramatically recently, as more patients eschew the mail-order system. **Conroy** “the great majority of patients would like to be able to go to something like that. And that needs to happen as the government needs to look at the [medical marijuana rules] and the [licensed producers] and the dispensaries and come up with a regime that takes all them into account”, SFU criminology prof (**Boyd**) agrees that storefronts are a better venue as mail-order is too restrictive and not a good delivery model for medicine. In the federal decision Justice Phelan said “dispensaries are at the heart of cannabis access” and suggested the growth of such illegal storefront shops is connected to the restrictive nature of the current medical marijuana system. – G&M-S01.

Closure postponed - ‘Mountain View facility’ – Fraser Health has decided to not close the mental health facility but will not be filling any future vacancies. **Hammell** cites a deficit in mental health beds in the region – Global.

Shawingan Lake water quality – ‘Site manager defends landfill site’ – Hume tours the soil remediation site near Shawingan Lake to clarify Lot 21 from Lot 23 and covers the triple screen filtration system- VS-A09.

Dog fighting in the North - ‘Missing animals’ -pet owners in Northern BC suspect the spike in missing animals is due to organized dog fighting rings, in which pets are used as bait for fighting dogs. Over 1,300 people have signed a petition asking for more resources for RCMP and the SPCA to investigate. **MMM** (clipped) “Looking for lost pets is probably not high on their (RCMP) radar at this particular time. Until somebody can show us that there's some activities involved by nefarious people that are perhaps stealing pets, the police probably won't be taking any action on them – CBC.

Justice / Public Safety:

‘GPS tracking’ - Continued coverage of the suggestion by the city of Williams Lake to medically imbed GPS tracking devices into serious and prolific offenders. BCCL (**Vonn**) says this would not withstand a legal challenge for breaching bodily integrity and pre-crime surveillance, but concedes the city's concerns over the rise in crime by a select few still should be addressed – CBC, CTV, TC-A02. Two Kamloops councillors (**Wallace & O'Fee**) say this motion overreaches the mandate of the city council – CHNL. **Nelson** (clipped): “These are the people that we need to make sure that we've got our eyes and our ears on 24/7. These are the people that are doing 80% of our crime in our communities” and hopes the province and the federal government will help fund the initiative but if not, Williams Lake plans to fund it on its own – CBC PG. **MMM** said he is not familiar with the technology being proposed by the council, but his ministry is working on a safety pilot project for the city – CP. Mayor **Cobb** clarifies the resolution does not mention microchips and references monitoring bracelets with GPS purchased by the province. **MMM** said they are exploring a community safety partnership with the city and will continue to work with them - G&M-S01.

Jobs / Economy / Skills Training / Labour:

'Mayors urge BC to leave film, TV tax credits intact' mayors from Surrey and Vancouver are urging **MMdj** to be cautious about his plans to pare back production sector tax credits the minister has deemed unaffordable. **Hepner** emphasises benefits to both the province and specific municipalities and encourages consultation. **Robertson** says the low dollar has skewed the situation and has boosted the spending power of Hollywood producers and cites the tax credits are a strong part of building and supporting the industry in BC –G&M-S01, Global.

Shadow flipping- 'real estate panel risks failure'-**Eby** wrote a letter to the panel sharing his concerns that current personnel and financial resources are not adequate to effectively investigate the issue, "You will require a team of auditors and investigators to do this legwork on your behalf and for many reasons those staff members cannot come from the council or from the superintendent's office" and urged the panel to resist the demands of MoF for a quick turnaround, noting the issues "are entrenched, took years to develop and participants in fraud or predatory practices are often expert in concealing their activities". A final report is expected by the end of May. **Rogers** says the panel will take Eby's concerns under advisement but will not hesitate to request any resources needed to do the job correctly– G&M-S01.

Government / Politics:

'Citizenship Act & refugees' - McCallum introduced legislation to amend the Citizenship Act, that would repeal many of the controversial changes the previous Conservative government made to how someone gets or loses their Canadian citizenship. Immigration lawyer (Wong) welcomes the changes to the Act, saying it will be easier for ethnic minorities to become citizens and have the right to vote. Wong says it will help the country develops policies that protect better ethnic minorities. Critics say this is poorly thought through and lacks cohesive policy – CBC, CKNW, AM 1320.

University politics - 'No-confidence vote for UNBC chairman' - Senators at UNBC in Prince George say they have lost confidence in the chair of the board of governors over how former Conservative cabinet minister James Moore was appointed chancellor - the body passed a motion of non-confidence related to board chair, Ryan Matheson, late Wednesday – VS-A08, CJCI, CBC.

Weaver private member bill – criminal notoriety act – Weaver's private member bill to ensure that there is no ability for a convicted criminal to actually profit from retelling the story of their crime in BC – BC1.

Look Ahead / Issues Summary

Fri Feb 26	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 25-26	JAG / ARR	Winnipeg— National Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls: FPT leads (ministers or DMs/ADMs), Aboriginal leaders, and delegations of families re-commit to prevention initiatives. Feb 24 – Family members only; Feb 25 – Politicians and family members; Feb 26 – Working day for politicians; Minister Anton Feb 25-26; Minister Rustad attends Feb 26.	-	JAG- 68539
Today	AVED	Vancouver – Minister Wilkinson attends and speaks at a day-long session with Advisory Council for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He will speak about promoting trade in Asia and the International Education Strategy. Minister Virk also attending at speaks approx. 1:45pm, see #MTICS-69093	-	AVED- 70001
6:00 am	JAG	Winnipeg— Media Avail at National Roundtable 6:00am in B.C. / 8:00am in Manitoba	-	JAG- 70038
8:45 am NEW	FLNR	Information Bulletin only, regional – Kamloops Fire Centre: prescribed ecological restoration burn in Monck Provincial Park	BCGov IB	FLNR- 70049
9:00 am	TRAN	Vancouver – BC on the Move: MLA Yamamoto speaks on behalf of Minister Stone to announce completion of work on Stanley Park Causeway safety upgrades. Regional news release to contain quote from Minister Stone, Vancouver Park Board and HUB cycling coalition (TBC). MST quoted EVENT LEAD: Karen Geiger Video/Photos: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR	TRAN- 65939
9:30 am	MTICS	Abbotsford – Minister Virk officially opens new Bio enterprise BC office: Bio enterprise BC, a new business accelerator, is focussed on identifying and commercializing B.C.'s leading agricultural innovations. The new office will be located in Mission but opening will be held at an agritech facility BW Global, located in Abbotsford. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis	Joint NR 9:45am	MTICS- 68957
10:00 am	EDUC	Richmond – School upgrades support growing community: Minister Bernier and MLA Reid host this event. Students, staff and teachers will get some extra room thanks to 195 new student spaces and extensive upgrades to deal with growing enrolment at Henry Anderson Elementary school. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Video/Photos: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	EDUC- 68933
11:30 am	TRAN	News release only, regional – MOTI applies for Park Use Permit in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park: In consultation with BC Parks, the ministry has determined that the goals to improve safety through the park can be met through a Park Use Permit. As a result, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is no longer pursuing its application for a boundary adjustment.	BCGov NR	TRAN- 69095
11:30 am	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes attends Vancouver International Wine Festival	-	SBRT- 68329
12:00 pm	CSCD	Penticton – Minister Fassbender speaks on behalf of the Province at Civic Lunch during B.C. Winter Games and will announce launch of Hosting BC website	BCGov NR 1:30pm	CSCD- 69069
12:15 pm	FLNR	Vancouver – Minister Thomson speaks at Association of BC Forest Professionals AGM lunch. Topic to include 2015 accomplishments and upcoming issues/projects from a provincial perspective	-	FLNR- 68201
1:00 pm	FLNR	Vancouver – Minister Thomson announces Forest Enhancement Society funding at third party event (ABCFF AGM) for wildfire risk reduction and reforestation. Regional teleconference to follow at approx. 1:45pm	BCGov NR	FLNR- 69031
1:10 pm TBD NEW	FLNR	Information Bulletin, provincewide – Province's newest Chief Forester announced	BCGov IB	FLNR- 70071
1:45 pm	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk participates in an Asia-Pacific Foundation panel discussion today with other Ministers from Alberta and Saskatchewan. Minister Virk's focus will be on technology and trade with Asia	-	MTICS- 69093
2:00 pm	HLTH	Vernon – MLA Foster, on behalf of Minister Lake, attends Interior Health's official opening of Polson Tower's top two floors (open to patients Jan. 21).	3 rd party NR	HLTH- 67884
2:30 pm	JAG	Winnipeg— Media Avail at National Roundtable 2:30pm in B.C. / 4:30pm in Manitoba	-	JAG- 70039
2:30 pm	JAG MARR	Joint statement: Ministers Anton and Rustad release joint statement regarding their participation in the 2016 National Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. Minister Anton will do call arounds to B.C. media at 3:00pm PST	BCGov STMT	JAG- 70054
6:30 pm	AGRI	Vernon – Minister Letnick speaks at annual Certified Organic Associations of B.C. Conference: COABC is an umbrella organization representing organic certifying agencies in British Columbia	-	AGRI- 67875

Fri Feb 26	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Ris
Today TBC	MEM- 68947	Hold for BC Hydro Application	Issue	-
Today	MNGD- 68965	Hold for MNGD matter	Issue	Report
6:00 am CHANGED	SBRT- 68472	Small Business B.C. issues news release for last night's 13 th annual awards ceremony in Vancouver. Minister Oakes quote included in SBBC NR. NOTE: SBRT doing a newsroom post and Facebook post for this item	FYI	NR
7:48 am NEW	Media Relations	CBC the Early Edition – 7:48 a.m. Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake Topic: Physician assisted dying	TV/Radio	-
10:30 am CHANGED	MEM- 70058	Victoria (Hotel Grand Pacific) – BC Hydro Technical Briefing on Rates: BC Hydro provides tech briefing to members of the press gallery to update and address questions related to BC Hydro rates and load demand	Issue	-
11:30 am	TRAN- 68292	BC Ferries releases third quarter financial results: For the three-month period ending Dec. 31, 2015	FYI	-
12:00 pm NEW	HLTH- 70079	50 th anniversary of Richmond Hospital: MLA Wat attending Richmond Hospital Foundation event to celebrate the hospital's 50 th anniversary	FYI	-
12:00 pm	SDSI- 68874	Chilliwack – CLBC "WOW" Award presentation: Garth McGreedy is one of five winners of WOW! CLBC award for promoting inclusion of people with developmental disabilities. MLA Throness to attend	FYI	NR
2:00 pm	HLTH- 67825	Nanaimo – Opening of John Barsby Wellness Centre: Island Health and Nanaimo Division of Family Practice are planning an opening event and news release to celebrate opening of the John Barsby Wellness Centre. NOTE: The centre is a safe space designed for high school students of John Barsby. Students will have access to nurses, doctors (GP and specialists), vaccinations, nutritional counselling, sexual health education, mental health and substance use services, and First nations related services	FYI	NR
3:00 pm	AVED- 67757	Terrace – Northwest Community College board meeting	FYI	-
Feb 20-28	SBRT- 68329	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 22-26	MIT- 68763	Barcelona, Spain – Mobile World Congress: World's leading conference and trade fair focused on mobile wireless technologies. 17 companies participated in 2014 resulting in 14 deals, 29 participated in 2015	FYI	-
Feb 24-26	HLTH- 6863	Vancouver – BC Quality Forum 2016: Hosted by the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council, the forum will have over 60 sessions of presentations and interactive workshops that will cover a variety of topics related to improving quality across the continuum of care. Minister lake gives opening remarks on Feb. 25 at 8:30.	FYI	-
Feb 25-26	MIT- 68491	Vancouver Convention Centre – Asian Business Leaders Advisory Council Economic Forum: Two-day economic forum with a focus on developing strategies to enhance Canada's and BC's brand in Asia, define Canada's competitive opportunities, and deepen business networks. Guest list includes high-profile CEOs and business leaders from Asia and Canada. Lead Org: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	CSCD- 57347	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Talk Radio Calendar

NEW Friday, February 26

CBC the Early Edition – 7:48 a.m.

Guest: Health Minister Terry Lake

Topic: Physician assisted dying

Thursday, March 10

SHAW TV - Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister John Rustad

Topic: Portfolio related topics

Thursday, April 14

SHAW TV - Voice of BC – 7:00 p.m.

Guest: Social Development and Social Innovation Minister Michelle Stilwell with Tom Christensen, chair of the CLBC board

Topic: Portfolio related topics

Thursday, April 28

SHAW TV – Voice of BC – 7:00pm

Guests: Justice Minister Suzanne Anton and Public Safety Minister Mike Morris

Topic: Portfolio related topics

Thursday, May 12

SHAW TV – Voice of BC – 7:00pm

Guests: Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick

Topic: Portfolio related topics

Thursday, June 9

SHAW TV – Voice of BC – 7:00pm

Guests Education Minister Mike Bernier and Advanced Education Minister Andrew Wilkinson

Topic: Portfolio related topics

Emerging Issues / Media Inquiries

New York Times (Eduardo Porter)

ISSUE: carbon tax follow up

STATUS: with MO

BC Business (Andrew Findlay)

ISSUE: seeking MMP on climate change policy

STATUS: with MO (suggested response)

- We are working with other Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the federal government, to help Canada meet its international climate obligations and develop a new Pan-Canadian Framework.
- B.C. has been clear from the outset that more actions would be needed to meet our legislated emission reduction targets.
- The Climate Leadership Team recommended a wide range of actions for us to consider and we are carefully reviewing these recommendations.

Toronto Star Ottawa Bureau (Joanna Smith)

ISSUE: seeking MMP about expectations B.C. has going into the First Ministers Meeting next week.

STATUS: with MO (suggested response)

- The First Minister's Meeting provides a good opportunity to really understand other governments' climate positions – where we are as a nation, in our continuing dialogue with the federal government.
- BC is proud of our accomplishments to date highlighted by our globally-recognized carbon tax, and we look forward to continuing to make a meaningful contribution to this discussion.
- B.C. is revitalizing its climate plan to keep the province on a path towards its long-term climate goals. The second round of public engagement on B.C.'s new Climate Leadership Plan is now underway until March 25. For more information or to join in the discussion please visit: engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership

New York Times, Eduardo Porter

ISSUE: Carbon tax revenue and corresponding revenue neutral tax measures. Also seeking basic data about BC's economy and asking why tax reduction exceed the value of carbon tax revenues

STATUS: MMP granted interview - Finance is compiling responses for several follow-up questions. Material in approvals.

Vancouver Sun, Rob Shaw

ISSUE: Series of detailed questions regarding OCG report on Health ministry firings

STATUS: with GCPE - Sourcing responses

CBC Toronto, Jeremy MacDonald

ISSUE: Any update on when the bare trust disclosure requirements take effect? Do you have a narrower window for me?

STATUS: with GCPE - sourcing.

Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: HQ Vancouver, investment in BC

STATUS: with MO

Gavin Fisher, CBC News Vancouver

ISSUE: Labour – Workers Compensations Amendment Act

STATUS: with MO

Doug Quan – Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Sheriffs. Seeking background info about prisoner transport

STATUS: with MO

Travis Lupick – The Georgia Straight (with input from PSSG Corrections)

ISSUE: Pre-trial custody. Seeking 10 year statistical data regarding remand custody.

STATUS: with GCPE

Travis Lupick – The Georgia Straight (joint request with JAG)

ISSUE: Pre-trial custody. Seeking 10 year statistical data regarding remand custody.

STATUS: with GCPE

Liam Britten – CBC

ISSUE: CVAP. Seeking info on program for child victims of crime.

STATUS: with GCPE

FOIs of Note

FNR-2016-60322 – A summary document listing any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the Ministry including the name of the contractor, the dollar amount of contract, a short description of services provided and the Ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Date range Dec. 1 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015.

Responsive records include: Six pages listing direct award contracts. No concerns.

LDB-2016-60340 – Copies of the following notes as listed in LDB-2015-54101: 37203 and 37230 – craft distilleries and commercial winery commissions.

Applicant: Media

Responsive records include: Meeting note - BC Craft Distilling Association, with some redactions. Information note on Timeline of Events – Commercial Wineries. IN available.

GCP-2016-60284-XGR-2016-60127 - Copies of organization charts for the Office of the Premier, Ministries and agencies with names and titles of individuals as they existed in January 2015, July 2015 and December 31, 2015 from the Head to one non-administrative level below the Assistant Deputy Minister. Please also indicate when a position is vacant.

Applicant Type: Political Party

(Responsive records include: Three organization charts for January, July and December 2015. Shows DM, ADM and Exec Directors. Changes include Matt going from Acting ADM to ADM, shows Kelly and Matt's switch in responsibilities. December 2015 shows the addition of Emily Woods.)

AED-2016-60407- All communications between Selkirk College and the Ministry, including meeting notes and telephone calls, regarding tuition and auxiliary fee increases at Selkirk College. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 01/21/2016)

Applicant Type: Individual

Responsive records include: Nine pages – emails between Ministry on proposed fees at Selkirk for review. SC document with “new student services fee proposal”. IN available.

CFD-2016-60314- XGR-2016-60309 - A summary document listing any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the Ministry including the name of the contractor, the dollar amount of contract, a short description of services provided and the Ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Timeframe is December 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: \$15,782 to Justice Institute of BC for crisis intervention training. No concerns.

CSC-2016-60037 - Copies of Briefing Notes as referenced by Cliff numbers 159351 and 158595.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: BNs – one on Minister’s quarterly meeting with BC Assessment’s Chair and CEO and one on Sport Concussion Initiatives. No concerns.

CSC-2016-60316-XGR-2016-60309 - A summary document listing any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the Ministry including the name of the contractor, the dollar amount of contract, a short description of services provided and the Ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Timeframe is December 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: Canadian Fastpitch Society for \$85K to organize the 2016 Women’s World Softball Championships in Surrey. No concerns.

CTZ-2015-53357 - Any correspondence related to the report “Access Denied: Record Retention and Disposal Practices of the Government of British Columbia”: within the Ministries and between Ministry staff and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner including but not limited to emails and letters from government officials related to the draft and/or final version of the report. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/12/2015 To 10/26/2015) (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/12/2015 To 10/26/2015)

Applicant Type: Media

Responsive records include: 407 pages – much has been redacted. Unredacted documents include emails between staff documenting a list of MTICS feedback regarding embargoed version of report, a summary of recommendations in the report, the number of pages released or being processed regarding Mount Polley (100,000), FOI request per capita by jurisdiction, percentage in terms of response times, discussion of transitory records schedules in relation to follow-up questions from OIPC, total number of boxes in storage, a list of requests – 30 – related to Highway 16, an October 23, 2015 memo from PCC with direction to Cabinet and all political staff to retain emails until Mr. Loukidelis completes his review, confirmation that MTICS feedback was incorporated into the report. KMS below)

- *Commissioner Denham’s report is comprehensive, and her recommendations provide remedies appropriate to the findings, and we are acting on them.*
- *British Columbians need to be confident that their government is open and transparent. We are committed to ensuring that it is.*
- *Government has successfully responded to more than 43,000 FOI requests over the last five years and we continue to strengthen and improve our performance.*
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- *At the direction of the Premier, David Loukidelis, the former Information and Privacy Commissioner of British Columbia, was asked to advise government on how to address the recommendations*

CTZ-2016-60289-XGR-2016-60127 - Copies of organization charts for the Office of the Premier, Ministries and agencies with names and titles of individuals as they existed in January 2015, July 2015 and December 31, 2015 from the Head to one non-administrative level below the Assistant Deputy Minister. Please also indicate when a position is vacant.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: Six pages of ministry org charts. No concerns.

MIT-2016-60328- XGR-2016-60309 - A summary document listing any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the Ministry including the name of the contractor, the dollar amount of contract, a short description of services provided and the Ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Timeframe is December 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: One contract to 22c Partners Inc Transition Planning for \$24,900.

JTI-2016-60326-XGR-2016-60309 - A summary document listing any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the Ministry including the name of the contractor, the dollar amount of contract, a short description of services provided and the Ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Timeframe is December 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: Four contracts - \$2k to Kim Baird Strategic Consulting for a speaking engagement; \$46K to BC Assembly of FNs to facilitate a strategic planning session; \$56,560 to Go2 Tourism HR Society – to research economic impacts of labour shortages on tourism; \$25K to Business Council of BC to conduct study on contributions of Aboriginal communities' economic activities to the economy.

MSB-2016-60173-XGR-2016-60155 - A summary document showing the Cliff number, date, and title/issue of all briefing notes, issues notes and advice to the Minister/Minister of State/Premier that were prepared between December 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: List of BN titles. Existing INs address content.

TRA-2016-60308 - XGR-2016-60127 - Copies of organization charts for the Office of the Premier, Ministries and agencies with names and titles of individuals as they existed in January 2015, July 2015 and December 31, 2015 from the Head to one non-administrative level below the Assistant Deputy Minister. Please also indicate when a position is vacant.

Applicant Type: Political Party

Responsive records include: Organization charts from October 30 and December 30, 2014 and May 15, August 25 and November 4, 2015. No concerns.

TRA-2016-60146 - A copy of NSC Safety Certificate for Slater Industries Ltd., BC00456457 and all NSC Safety Certificates for any Slater Industries Ltd. highway tractors between June 17, 2013 and June 27, 2013. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2012 To 06/30/2013)

Applicant Type: Business

Responsive records include: Confirmation that Slater Industries has had a National Safety Code certificate since September 28, 1996 and provides details of the vehicle operating under the company's NSC certificate between June 17 and 27, 2013. No concerns.

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Friday, February 26th

- **Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.** – At approximately 1pm in Vancouver, Minister Thomson releases more details about the \$85-million Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., first announced in Balanced Budget 2016, for wildfire risk reduction and reforestation.
- **Stanley Park Causeway Project:** At 9am, Minister Yamamoto speaks at an event to mark the completion of Vancouver's Stanley Park Causeway Improvement Project.
- **Bio Enterprise BC Office Opening:** At 9:30am in Abbotsford, Minister Virk and MLAs Plecas and Hunt along with representatives from the BC Innovation Council and agribusiness officially open the Bio Enterprise BC office, a new business that will help commercialize B.C.'s latest agricultural innovations.
- **Richmond School Announcement:** At 10am in Richmond, Minister Bernier and Speaker Reid make a capital announcement for Henry Anderson Elementary school.
- **Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls:** Ministers Anton and Rustad attend the 2016 National Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in Winnipeg. A statement is scheduled to be released at approximately 2:30pm.
- **B.C Winter Games:** At noon in Penticton, Minister Fassbender speaks at the Civic Lunch during B.C. Winter Games and will announce launch of Hosting BC website.

Saturday, February 27th

- No major announcements or events scheduled.

Sunday February 28th

- **B.C Winter Games:** MLA Ashton participates in the closing ceremony of the 2016 B.C. Winter Games.

Farmers' Food Donation Tax Credit Tweet:

- New Farmers' Food Donation Tax Credit encourages donations to local food banks and charities: <http://ow.ly/YL158>

BC Ferries' Fare Freeze Tweet:

- Helping keep ferry service sustainable and affordable for British Columbians: <http://ow.ly/YlgMa>

Blueprint Tweet:

- There are 84 WorkBC Employment Services Centres & over 100 satellite offices in BC. #FindYourFit today: <http://ow.ly/YNkvP>

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Subject: Substance Use NR

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February 29, 2016

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Thanks

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Attachments: FAQ_Forest Enhancement Society of BC_Feb 2016.pdf

News You Can Use: Increased Investment in Forest Stewardship through New Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.

Minister Steve Thomson has announced details about the new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., which will focus its efforts on wildfire risk reduction to complement government's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities.

Key Messages:

- This new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will allow government to make new investments in our province's forest and protect the investments that have already been made.
- The new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. is being created through a new \$85 million investment and will focus its efforts on:
 - Wildfire risk reduction – fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests (especially those impacted by the mountain pine beetle infestation) to reduce wildfire risks in key areas.
 - Forest rehabilitation – clearing stands damaged by wildfire (or at high risk from wildfire) and reforesting them.
 - Wildlife habitat restoration – designing fuel management and forest rehabilitation activities to promote desired wildlife habitat characteristics.
 - FireSmart program – raising awareness among local governments and rural property owners about steps they can take to protect their homes from wildfire.
- Local forest products businesses will have opportunities to purchase the timber, roadside debris and other forest fibre resulting from these activities, at market prices. This will in turn support rural employment.
- The society's activities will complement B.C.'s existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities. Examples of existing programs include Forests for Tomorrow, the Land Based Investment Strategy and integrated silviculture strategies.
- The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities, focuses on reducing the wildfire risk in the two-kilometre wildland-urban interface surrounding communities. With its latest \$10 million commitment, government has provided \$78 million to this initiative since 2004.
- The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will complement the efforts of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative by supporting critical wildfire prevention work outside of interface areas and providing a landscape-level approach to wildfire risk reduction.

Link to News Release and Background: <http://ow.ly/YOeaU>

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- Frequently Asked Questions Document

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

BC Coroners Service

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**Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.
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Where is funding for the new coming from?

- The \$85 million in 2015-16 funding will be provided Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. under the Wildfire Act.

What is Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.?

- A society, incorporated under the Society Act, at arm's length from government that will advance the proactive management of wildfires through prevention and rehabilitation activities.

What will the funding support?

- The Province is funding the society as an investment in activities that prevent and mitigate the impact of future wildfires such as:
 - Wildfire (fuel) Management: thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests (including those impacted by Mountain Pine Beetle) to reduce risk from wildfire to communities, infrastructure, timber and non-timber values;
 - Forest Rehabilitation: clearing stands damaged by fire or at high risk from fire and restocking them;
 - Wildlife Habitat Restoration: designing fuel management and fire rehabilitation activities to account for wildlife needs to promote desired wildlife habitat characteristics;
 - Delivery of the FireSmart program: educating local governments and rural property owners on steps they can take to protect their homes and businesses from wildfire and assisting in the implementation and monitoring of those activities.

Why has the government elected to deliver these activities through a third party like the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., rather than delivering it in-house?

- Given the strong connection with communities, this structure ensures a broader range of perspectives are involved in the management of the fund and a more-direct link with communities and stakeholders. It also creates opportunities for the society to leverage the funds received by the Province to expand its reach and impact by accessing additional funds external to government.

How does this funding (and the activities it supports) relate to other existing programs, including Forests for Tomorrow, Land Based Investment Strategy and Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative?

- The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will provide a landscape-level approach to wildfire risk reduction in high-risk areas and restoring severely impacted forests to ensure healthy, resilient forests for the future. It links and builds upon existing activities delivered through other programs such as Forests for Tomorrow, Integrated Silviculture Strategies and the Land Based Investment Strategy.
- The Forests for Tomorrow program is funded at approximately \$40 million per year and uses that funding, in an average year, to rehabilitate of 20,000 hectares and plant 28 million seedlings.
- The Land Based Investment Strategy invests in all stewardship activities across Crown land, ranging from forest health activities to wildlife inventories.
- The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative is designed to reduce wildfire risk to communities by funding community wildfire prevention planning and treatments within the two-kilometre wildland-urban interface buffer surrounding communities. The Forest Enhancement Society will undertake

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activities complementary to the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative by supporting critical wildfire prevention work outside of the community interface areas and providing a more landscape approach to wildfire risk reduction.

- Many of the existing investment programs have been aimed at ecosystem restoration. The society's activities also engage in restoration but as a part of a larger wildfire prevention strategy.

What kind of activities will be funded under the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.?

- Treating forests to decrease fire risk and improve wildlife habitat attributes.
- Rehabilitation and replanting of deteriorated mountain pine beetle killed stands that represent a significant fire risk.
- Supporting the delivery of the FireSmart program.

What kind of activities will NOT be covered by Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.?

- Activities within municipal boundaries or on First Nation reserve or title lands (these activities are covered by the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative).
- Harvesting and silviculture activities that would be economically feasible to pursue without the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.

Can you give us an example of sample projects?

- There are areas with complex resource management objectives and very high fire risk in the Interior and on the Coast which have been identified as initial candidate for treatments.
- There is a fire risk reduction pilot project in Williams Lake that would be a good candidate project as it involves treatment of forests with high wildfire risk, near a community, in a variety of tenure types that covers a mosaic of forest values including:
 - Timber
 - Recreation (sanctioned mountain bike trails)
 - Wildlife (mule deer winter range)
 - Old growth management areas
- Likewise, in the Cariboo, there are over 900 hectares of overgrown Interior Douglas fir that are at high risk of burning. These stands, if treated, are important wildlife habitat. They are also an important part of the mid-term timber supply for the region. Treating them now will improve their performance as habitat and help to protect the long-term timber supply for the province.
- BC Timber Sales has identified high wildfire risk stands in the Sunshine Coast that are not economically available for treatment without intervention. Treating these stands would help protect the investment that the Province has made in BC Timber Sales and generate useful data regarding contract costs and market pricing that could inform other parts of the program.



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BC Coroners Service

BC Coroners Service confirms identity of motor vehicle incident victim

PRINCE GEORGE – The BC Coroners Service has confirmed the identity of a man who died in a motor vehicle incident near Taylor on Feb. 24, 2016.

He was Eric Phillip Haynal, aged 58, of Dawson Creek.

Mr. Haynal was the driver and sole occupant of a southbound pickup truck that collided with a northbound semi-trailer unit on Highway 97N near 228 Road near Taylor in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, 2016. He was deceased at the scene.

The BC Coroners Service and RCMP continue to investigate this death.

The family of Mr. Haynal has been notified of his death. On behalf of family members, the BC Coroners Service asks that the media respect their privacy at this difficult time.

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Hello,

GCPE has prepared this PowerPoint presentation (with images of GBR only) that runs a little longer than 10 mins. Please let me know if we should use this during the Premier's speech or go with one of the still images from three. Also, since its in PowerPoint, we can add messaging onto the pictures fairly easily.

Link:

<https://www.hightail.com/download/ZWJVN3RaYUlrWThsYzlVag>

Regards
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From: BC Liberal Social Media <BCLibSocialMedia@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 3:23 PM
Subject: Suggested Posts - New Forest Enhancement Society of BC

Good Afternoon,

Today, Minister Thomson announced details about the new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., which will focus its efforts on wildfire risk reduction to complement government's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities.

Below are suggested posts for Facebook and Twitter that can be used to promote the new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.

Thank You,

BC Liberal Caucus Social Media Team

Link to News Release and Backgrounder: <http://bit.ly/1WOXIPU>

Suggested Facebook Posts:

Post One -

The new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. created through an \$85 million investment will ensure the long-term health of our forests and create new opportunities for British Columbians who work and live in forest-based communities by focusing on wildfire risk reduction.

Learn more about this investment here: <http://bit.ly/1WOXIPU>

Post Two -

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New Forest Enhancement Society benefits long-term health of BC forests & creates opportunities for forest workers
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We're investing an additional \$107 million to ensure future generations can enjoy BC's healthy and resilient forests
<http://bit.ly/1WOXIPU>

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Subject: Opposition Watch: Feb 26/16

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Bold: Signifies an event added since last distribution

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Feb 26

- BCNDP: Spencer Chandra Herbert, Friends & Company February Luncheon, Feb 26/16 @ 12PM – 2:30PM, Hawksworth Restaurant, 801 West Georgia Street, Vancouver.

Feb 27

- BCNDP: Selina Robinson, Soroptimist 6th Annual Give Her Wings Gala, Feb 27/16 @ 6PM, Westwood Plateau Golf and Country Club, 3251 Plateau Blvd, Coquitlam.
- BCNDP: John Horgan and Katrine Conroy, Dinner with John Horgan – Hosted by the Kootenay-East NDP, Feb 27/16 @ 4PM, Manual Training Centre, 21212 2nd Street North, Cranbrook.
- Federal Greens: Elizabeth May, Hungry Hearts Fundraiser for Our Place, Feb 27/16 @ 6PM – 9PM, Inn at Laurel Point, 680 Montreal Street, Victoria.

Feb 29

- Federal Greens and BCNDP: Elizabeth May and Lana Popham, An Evening with Vandana Shiva, Feb 29/16 @ 8PM, Farquhar Auditorium, University of Victoria, 3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria.

Mar 01

- BCNDP: Lana Popham, Farmer 2 Farmer, Mar 01/16 @ 9AM – 4:30PM, Saanich Fairgrounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton.
- Federal NDP: Don Davies, Free Seminar: Family Finances for Newcomer Women with Children, Mar 01/16 @ 10AM – 1PM, Don Davies Community Office, 2951 Kingsway, Burnaby.
- Federal Greens: Elizabeth May, An Evening with Elizabeth May and Rev. Ken Gray, Mar 01/16 @ 7PM, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 9691 Fourth Street, Sidney.

Mar 02

- BCNDP: Rob Fleming, Rally: Raise the Rates – Leave our Bus Pass Alone (hosted by the Together Against Poverty Society), Mar 02/16 @ 12PM, British Columbia Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Mar 04

- BCNDP: Selina Robinson, Maillardville Music Festival, Mar 04/16 @ 7PM, Mackin Park, 1046 Burnette Ave, Coquitlam.

Mar 05

- BCNDP: Doug Routley, Fundraiser for Willem and the White Family, Mar 05/16 @ 6PM – 9PM, The Queens, 34 Victoria Crescent, Nanaimo.

- BCNDP: Selina Robinson, IMAGINE: A Fundraiser for OUR Community, Mar 05/16 @ 7PM – 10PM, Hard Rock Casino Vancouver Theatre, 2080 United Boulevard Coquitlam.
- Federal NDP: Murray Rankin, MP Town Hall on the Federal Response to Physician Assisted Dying, Mar 05/16 @ 2PM – 4PM, Oak Bay United Church, 1355 Mitchell Street, Victoria.
- BCNDP: John Horgan, Carole James and Maurine Karagianis, Heels on the Ground: Women's Leadership Training and Fundraiser Lunch, Mar 05/16 @ 9:30AM – 3PM, The Church of Truth, 111 Superior Street, Victoria.

Mar 06

- BCNDP: Sue Hammell and Judy Darcy, 11th Annual Kick Up Your Heels, Mar 06/16 @ 10:30AM – 2PM, Aria Banquet Hall, 12350 Patullo Place, Surrey.

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- Federal Greens: Elizabeth May, Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce AGM, Mar 15/16 @ 5PM – 7PM, Brentwood Bay Resort and Spa, 849 Verdier Avenue, Brentwood Bay.

Mar 16

- BCNDP: Rob Fleming, Melanie Mark and Jodie Wickens, , Rob Fleming's Spring Fundraiser, Mar 16/16 @ 7PM – 9PM, Philips Brewery, 2010 Government Street, Victoria.
- Federal Greens: Elizabeth May, Elizabeth delivers Pacific Institute Theoretical Physics Lecture, Mar 16/16 @ 7:30PM, Room 200, Hennings Building at UBC, 6224 Agricultural Road, Vancouver.

Mar 18

- BCNDP: Mable Elmore, Migrante BC Fundraiser Gala for Migrant Workers, Mar 18/16 @ 6PM, Holiday Inn, 711 West Broadway, Vancouver.
- Federal Greens: Elizabeth May, "Words on Ice" Reading at WordsThaw Literary Symposium, Mar 18/16 @ 7:30PM, University of Victoria, 3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria.

Mar 31

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Apr 09

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PREM:EX <Katy.Merrifield@gov.bc.ca>;
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Congratulations, Paula...and we can certainly arrange a time for the Premier to sit down with your crew for the video.

On Perth, I'd love to volunteer! But won't. I'll get back to you on who may be going.

Ben Chin
Executive Director
Communications and Issues Mgmt
Office of Premier Christy Clark
250-588-3113

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Paula Dunlop
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:35 PM
To: Chin, Ben PREM:EX

Cc: Hold - 151208 - Southern, Evan PREM:EX;
Woolley, Paul GCPE:EX
Subject: Canadian Bid Update LNG 2022

Good afternoon Ben – hope all is well.

You may recall that we worked together on a short letter (attached below) from the Premier in support of the Canadian Gas Association's bid for LNG2022 - a major global LNG conference held every three years in different jurisdictions involved in the LNG industry. Also we had excellent support from Fazil Mihlar at a site visit meeting back in September which was very very helpful.

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I was wondering about two other things that would greatly help support our bid:

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offices if timing is tight. We would be looking to find time to film in the month of February – it would take 15-30 min. maximum.

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Request: Would it be at all possible to have a government representative attend the bid presentation meeting in person. Perth is ridiculously far, but perhaps BC was planning to have a presence at the LNG conference anyhow to promote BC's developing LNG export industry and could also attend the bid presentation that is the day before the conference?

Ben, I really appreciate all of your help on this and look forward to your thoughts.

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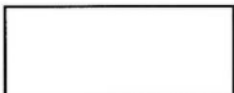
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Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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NEWS RELEASE

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The Find Your Fit booth will be open to the public from 3:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at no cost.

Find Your Fit is part of B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint commitment to re-engineer education and deliver the skilled workforce B.C.'s growing economy needs. More than 68,000 students have taken part in the tour so far, most recently in Merritt and Vernon.

Quote:

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour -

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Learn More:

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Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

NEWS RELEASE
WorkBC's Find Your Fit to showcase B.C.'s in-demand jobs in Esquimalt

VICTORIA - Young people considering what skills they will need for tomorrow's in-demand occupations will have an opportunity for interactive, hands-on experience at WorkBC's Find Your Fit tour stop at Esquimalt Secondary school on Feb. 29, 2016.

Find Your Fit is an interactive event where individuals of all ages can find out about careers in demand throughout the province, learn about online resources to help them find work and even try some of the skills they will need for different careers. Find Your Fit connects participants with labour market information, including WorkBC.ca's online tool, Blueprint Builder, which helps users map their career plan. Parents, teachers and career counsellors may also benefit from the event as they look for ways to educate and support youth in their career exploration.

The Find Your Fit booth will be open to the public from 3:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. at no cost.

Find Your Fit is part of B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint commitment to re-engineer education and deliver the skilled workforce B.C.'s growing economy needs. More than 68,000 students have taken part in the tour so far, most recently in Merritt and Vernon.

Quote:

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour -

"Through B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint, we are committed to preparing the skilled workforce that our growing economy needs. The Find Your Fit tour will ensure that our youth have the tools and resources necessary to consider the full range of in-demand occupations available to them."

Learn More:

To find out more information about Find Your Fit: www.findyourfittour.ca

To learn more about B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint: www.workbc.ca

To learn more about workbc.ca's Blueprint Builder: <https://www.workbc.ca/BlueprintBuilder>

To find out more about the BC Jobs Plan: www.engage.gov.bc.ca/bcjobsplan/

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Subject: Emerging Issues/Media Calls - Friday, February 26

Advanced Education:

1. News 1130

ISSUE: Ontario low-income family grants

STATUS: request withdrawn

2. Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: B.C. financial support for students following Ontario student funding changes

STATUS: with GCPE

Community, Sport and Cultural Development: No new media requests.

Education:

1. Megan Thomas, reporter, CBC Radio Victoria

ISSUE: Mould at Bayside / roof update

STATUS: MMB granted interview

Energy, Mines and Core Review:

1. Jeremy Lye – CKNW Radio Vancouver

ISSUE: is government moving forward with the rate deferral programs for mines?

STATUS: GCPE responded

- Yes, government is still moving forward with the BC Hydro rate deferral program for mines.
- The deferral program for mines is unrelated to the 4% interim rate increase BC Hydro is applying for, because under the program mines will pay back the deferred amounts, plus interest.
- The necessary enabling paper work is to be completed this week and then government will be working with interested companies to enrol in time for deferral of the March billing period.

2. Emily Chen - Fairchild TV News

ISSUE: It's reported that BC Hydro today filed an interim one-year rate application with the BC Utilities Commission requesting a four per cent rate increase for fiscal 2017, effective April 1. We're wondering if we can get minister to comment on this increase for us today (interview or statement).

STATUS: GCPE responded - provided ministry statement.

Finance:

1. CBC Toronto, Jeremy MacDonald

ISSUE: Any update on when the bare trust disclosure requirements take effect?

STATUS: GCPE responded

- We can't presume timelines until the legislature passes the legislation, but ideally we would like this in place as soon as possible, likely late spring or early summer.
- First, the disclosure provisions in the Budget Measures Implementation Act must be passed and given Royal Assent. Then, the requirement must be brought in by Cabinet regulation.

2. New York Times, Eduardo Porter

ISSUE: Carbon tax revenue and corresponding revenue neutral tax measures. Also seeking basic data about BC's economy and asking why tax reduction exceed the value of carbon tax revenues.

STATUS: with GCPE

3. CTV Victoria, Chandler Grieve

ISSUE: Asking about school protection program involvement and awareness of leaking roof at Bayside Middle School.

STATUS: with GCPE

4. Vancouver Sun, Rob Shaw

ISSUE: Series of detailed questions regarding OCG report on Health ministry firings

STATUS: with GCPE

5. Vancouver Sun, Vaughn Palmer

ISSUE: Has there been any significant increase in either budget for communications and outreach or for gov't (non-statutory) advertising? Do other provinces and Ottawa keep their books the same way as B.C. regarding debt (i.e. direct, taxpayer-supported, self-supporting)?

STATUS: with GCPE

Environment:

1. Times Colonist (Katherine Dedyna)

ISSUE: would like comments from PCC re: Washington State's directive for a no-travel order for staff to BC as a result of our sewage issue. It is before their Senate right now.

STATUS: GCPE responded

2. BC Business (Andrew Findlay)

ISSUE: seeking MMP re climate change policy

STATUS: GCPE responded

- We are working with other Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the federal government, to help Canada meet its international climate obligations and develop a new Pan-Canadian Framework.
- B.C. has been clear from the outset that more actions would be needed to meet our legislated emission reduction targets.
- The Climate Leadership Team recommended a wide range of actions for us to consider and we are carefully reviewing these recommendations.

Health:

1. Times Colonist

ISSUE: Antipsychotics in seniors homes

STATUS: GCPE responded

- The Ministry of Health takes the use of any antipsychotic medications seriously, and we are committed to protecting the health, safety and dignity of seniors receiving care. In 2012, we developed a province-wide guideline for antipsychotic drug use in residential care facilities, to ensure clinicians have guidance on how and when to use antipsychotic medications. (<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2012/bpsd-guideline.pdf>)
- Throughout B.C., the Ministry, health authorities and care facilities have taken steps to reduce the reliance on antipsychotic medications in residential care. We are working with the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council on a voluntary quality improvement program, CLeAR (Call for Less Antipsychotics in Residential care), that works to reduce the inappropriate use of those drugs in residential care homes. The first wave of this program showed a steady decline in the use of any antipsychotic in facilities – from 38 percent in October 2013, to just under 32 percent in December 2014.
- Facilities participating in CLeAR reported improved communication, teamwork and culture, which set the stage for further improvements. Over 90% of respondents agreed that they had built new skills and knowledge for improvement and over 80% indicated that they were now comfortable leading and carrying out quality and safety initiatives in their organization.

Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training:

1. Gavin Fisher, CBC News Vancouver

ISSUE: Labour – Workers Compensations Amendment Act

STATUS: GCPE responded

- We want to help first responders and all workers get the support they need to deal with mental health issues including PTSD.
- That is why B.C. was the first jurisdiction in Canada to recognize in legislation that there can be work-related impacts on peoples' mental health.
- We passed Bill 14 in 2012 to expand workers' compensation coverage for diagnosed, work-related mental disorders, including PTSD.

Justice and Attorney General:

1. Travis Lupick – The Georgia Straight (with input from PSSG Corrections)

ISSUE: Pre-trial custody. Seeking 10 year statistical data regarding remand custody.

STATUS: with GCPE

2. Vede Seeterram – Documentarian

ISSUE: Family Court. Requested interview with MSA.

STATUS: with GCPE

3. Doug Quan – Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Sheriffs. Seeking background info about prisoner transport

STATUS: GCPE responded - BG sent.

4. Clair Bains – Canadian Press; Shelby Thom – CKNW; Jill Drews– News 1130

ISSUE: Jassi Sidhu Murder. Looking for comment from MSA

STATUS: Referred to CJB

Natural Gas Development & Housing:

1. Jonny Wakefield, Alaska Highway News

ISSUE: The reporter is inquiring about the oil and gas land sale that was held earlier this week.

STATUS: GCPE Response

- This was the first time there were no successful bids. A total of 2,614 hectares of subsurface rights have been sold, resulting in \$200,053.44 being collected this calendar year. The fiscal year total is \$14,032,2013.09 which includes the sale of 52,697 hectares of subsurface rights.
- The prices received reflect a lower number of hectares being requested and a reduced geological potential in comparison to previous years.

Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services:

1. Jason Hallman – CTV

ISSUE: Victoria Courthouse Campers. Is the province filing for an injunction today or Monday to formally evict the campers.

STATUS: GCPE responded - background information provided.

2. Yvonne Raymond - CTV

ISSUE: Victoria Courthouse Campers. Are there any updates in terms of how the province plans to handle/address campers at the lawn of Victoria's courthouse who continue to stay. Have you had an opportunity to re-evaluate the situation. Is there any word on whether or not an injunction is being looked at or filed.

STATUS: GCPE responded - background information provided.

3. Louise Dickson – Times Colonist

ISSUE: Victoria Courthouse Campers. Are you seeking an injunction and if so, when. Or are you prepared to let the campers stay on. We've also heard rumours that the tent city will move to another location. Is the government aware of this and will it try to prevent people setting up tents on another piece of provincial land.

STATUS: GCPE responded - background information provided.

Transportation:

1. 1.Lakes District News

ISSUE: Improvements to Colleymount Road

STATUS: GCPE responded

2.Comox Valley Record

ISSUE: Derelict / abandoned boats near Oyster Bay

STATUS: with GCPE

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1.Gulf Islands Driftwood

ISSUE: Fire service levels

STATUS: with GCPE

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SLIDERS

Date	Sliders	CC ID #
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: Order of B.C. Now is your chance to nominate an exceptional citizen for B.C.'s highest honour, the Order of British Columbia	GCPEHQ-68512
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: #BCTECH #BCTECH Strategy is deepening the talent pool We want the best tech talent to emerge from B.C. so we're giving our youth the tools to succeed in making that happen	GCPEHQ-68523
Feb 15 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Winter Games B.C. Winter Games Penticton will be hosting the 2016 B.C. Winter Games from Feb. 25-28 with some of the best young athletes in the Province	GCPEHQ-68524
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Services Campaign Our opportunity is here – the B.C. Government is committed to ensuring every British Columbian is aware of the many government benefits and services available to them	GCPEHQ-68526
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Budget – Profile 1: B.C. Balanced Budget 2016 Canada's strongest economy offers more opportunities for British Columbians	GCPEHQ-70040
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Creative Economy – Profile 2: Growing B.C.'s Creative Economy Working in new ways to promote the value of creativity as a driver of innovation, productivity and entrepreneurship	GCPEHQ-70041
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Tourism in B.C. – Profile 3: The world visiting B.C. Last year was a remarkable one for tourism and 2016 is shaping up to be another great year	GCPEHQ-70042
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: WorkBC – Profile 4: Find your career fit 8 of 10 jobs over the next decade will require post-secondary education. We can help you #findyourfit	GCPEHQ-70043

2016 AWARENESS DATES

Click [HERE](#) for list of all current 2016 B.C. Proclamations

Date	Awareness Dates	CC ID #
February	Heart Month	HLTH-68218
Feb 21-27	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Chilliwack	FIN-68479
Feb 28-Mar 5	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kamloops	FIN-68480
March	Children's Wish Month	HLTH-68497
March	National Social Work Month	CFD-68275
March	Childhood Arthritis Month	HLTH-68840
March	Endometriosis Awareness Month	HLTH-68842
March	Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month	HLTH-68843
March	Liver Health Month	HLTH-68844
March	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	HLTH-68845
March	Kidney Health Month	HLTH-68846
March	Nutrition Month	HLTH-68847
March	Pharmacist Awareness Month	HLTH-68848
March	Red Cross Month	HLTH-68849
Mar 2	Red Tape Reduction Day	SBRT-67871
Mar 4	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day	CSCD-62533
Mar 4-12	Victoria Beer Week 2016 (Lead Org: BC Craft Brewers Guild)	SBRT-68785
Mar 4-18 NEW	National Co-operative Education Week	AVED-68040
Mar 6-12	World Glaucoma Week	HLTH-68850
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kelowna	FIN-68481
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Richmond	FIN-68482

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UPCOMING ISSUES & REPORTS

DATES TBD:	Source	Upcoming Issues and Reports (dates unconfirmed)	Category	RIs
Feb 29-Mar 11 TBC NEW	SBRT- <u>69090</u>	s.13	Issue	-
Mar 1-7 TBC	PSSG - <u>68361</u>	Hold for PSSG matter	Issue	-
Mar 1-15 TBC	JAG- <u>68738</u>	Provincial Court Semi-annual Time to Trial Report (Date TBD): Report from the judiciary about times to trial for criminal, family and civil cases	FYI	Report
Mar 1-15 TBC	PSSG - <u>68357</u>	Ladha Striking Claim against CFO Director: Following her not guilty verdict, Ladha's counsel filed a Notice of Civil Claim against the Attorney General of Canada and RCMP, and the Province of British Columbia, specifically the Director of Civil Forfeiture (Director). Ladha is seeking civil damages arising from federal prosecution and civil forfeiture claim against her	Issue	-
Mar 7-18 TBC CHANGED	ARR- <u>68668</u>	Hold for MARR	FYI	Report
Mar 7-21 TBC CHANGED	FLNR- <u>68137</u>	Forest Practices Board report on Bonneau Creek Watershed (Date TBD): Report will speak to large amount of harvesting in short period of time that increased peak flows in a stream on private land	FYI	Report

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sat Feb 27	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#



Sat Feb 27	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Feb 20-28	SBRT-68329	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	CSCD-57347	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Feb 28	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Victoria (Esquimalt) tomorrow, Feb. 29, 2016	BCGov NR	JTST-68911
1:30 pm	CSCD	Penticton – Closing ceremony for B.C. Winter Games: MLA Ashton will speak on behalf of the Province. He will also take part in extinguishing the BC Games torch	-	CSCD-69068



Sun Feb 28	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
12:00 pm	Leg Cal	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Wounded Warrior Run BC Front steps and driveway booked, 12:00pm-12:30pm	FYI	-
Feb 20-28	SBRT-68329	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	CSCD-57347	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games end: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Monday, February 29, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Mon Feb 29	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
9:00 am	MTICS	News release only, regional – Dawson Creek SDSI office moves into local Service BC office today	BCGov NR	MTICS-67502
9:30 am	TRAN	News Release only, regional – Contract awarded to design/build four new cable ferries for Province's inland ferry fleet	BCGov NR	TRAN-68457
10:15 am	SBRT	Information Bulletin only, provincewide – Liquor Distribution Branch's Support Dry Grad Campaign Launched: From Feb. 28 – March 31 BC Liquor Stores will collect public donations to support local alcohol-free graduation parties in 2016. Now in its 16 th year, the Support Dry Grad campaign in BC Liquor Stores has been an integral part of the LDB's efforts to prevent underage drinking and promote zero consumption by minors. Since its inception, the campaign has raised more than \$5.85 million	BCGov IB	SBRT-70028
11:15 am	CSCD	News Release only, provincewide – Province releases 2015-16 community gaming grants list in Human and Social Services category	BCGov NR	CSCD-68914
11:30 am	TRAN	Hold for TRAN news release, provincewide – Details TBA	BCGov NR	TRAN-69018
12:15 pm	EMBC	Victoria (Legislature) – Hold for Minister Yamamoto event and NR, details TBA. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photos: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	-
1:00 pm	HLTH	News release only, provincewide – Funding announcement for reduction of alcohol use and addictions on campus	BCGov NR	HLTH-65818
1:30 pm NEW	FLNR	News Release only, regional – New bridge links Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail	BCGov NR	FLNR-70091
1:45 pm approx.	ENV	News Release, provincewide – Hold for Legislation	BCGov NR x 2	ENV-69047
6:00 pm	FLNR	Vancouver – Minister Thomson speaks at B.C. Wood design awards. Launching of a new award: International Wood Design awards and has a number of Asia entries. Lead Org: Wood Works	NR 3 rd party	FLNR-68745
6:30 pm	AVED	Victoria – Minister Wilkinson speaks at Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. evening reception	-	AVED-68552



Mon Feb 29	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	ENV-68451	The Water Sustainability Act comes into force today	FYI	-
Today NEW	-	Federal government may announce the CETA text is approved: Minister Wat may issue congratulatory statement in response		
Today	CSCD-70051	artsVest BC Workshop (Kelowna): Minister Fassbender provides a video greeting to participants in the Kelowna artsVest BC workshop. artsVest is a matching incentive and sponsorship training program, designed to spark new business sponsorship of arts and culture and to build capacity.	FYI	-
Today Skills	JTST-68911	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Victoria (Esquimalt) today	FYI	-

Today NEW	<u>HLTH-70106</u>	Hospital Employees Union “Leap for Local Laundry Day of Action” rallies: The Hospital Employees Union is holding "Leap for Local Laundry Day of Action" roadside rallies to play on the extra day in February this leap year. Rallies will be held in: Kelowna: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Penticton: 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Vernon: 7 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Kamloops: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 100 Mile House: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Nelson: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Issue	-
Today CHANGED	<u>FLNR-68973</u>	Hold for Statutory Decision Maker	Issue	-
Today	<u>FLNR-68507</u>	Minister Thomson’s monthly E-newsletter	FYI	-
Today NEW	<u>HLTH-70111</u>	Interior Health stakeholder information bulletins: For stakeholders on overdose activity in Kelowna, Kamloops, Vernon, Penticton, Trail/Cranbrook/Nelson and Williams Lake. Distributed to partner agencies and other community stakeholders	FYI	IB
5:00 am NEW	<u>MNGD-70118</u>	Report from Conference Board of Canada – A Changing Tide: British Columbia’s Emerging LNG Industry: Report details the benefits of BC’s LNG opportunity	FYI	-
10:30 am NEW	<u>MEM-70095</u>	Vancouver – Site C Litigation – Court Decision on Injunction Application: BC Supreme Court hands down decision on BC Hydro’s application for an injunction to remove protesters from Rocky Mountain Fort site who are interfering with construction activities on south bank of Site C dam project.	Issue	-
5:00 pm	<u>MIT-69010</u>	Minister Wat issues Chinese New Year message in Victoria’s Chinatown Newsletter (print): As the oldest Chinatown in Canada, Victoria’s Chinatown has a thriving business and residential community, served by a quarterly newsletter. Minister Wat will lead the New Year edition with a personalised greeting, translated	FYI	-

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Tues Mar 1	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
10:00 am TBD TBC	CSCD	Victoria (with regional NR) – Hold for Gas Tax event: Federal-led event to mark completion of Bowker Creek Restoration Project. Provincial Rep (TBD). NOTE: Time and date may change depending on availability of a federal rep	Fed NR	CSCD- 68812
10:00 am TBD	PSSG	News release only, provincewide – Regulation amendments, details TBA	BCGov NR	PSSG - 68945
10:00 am	FLNR	Hold for Legislation	BCGov NR	FLNR- 68613
12:00 pm	FIN	Vancouver – Minister de Jong speaks to Finance Executives International about Budget 2016	-	FIN- 69035
12:00 pm	HLTH	Location TBC – Minister Lake attends and speaks at Pacific Hepatitis C Network luncheon	-	HLTH- 70083
12:15 pm TBD	FLNR	Victoria – Hold for event		FLNR- 68613



Tues Mar 1	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	JTST- 70033	RMI Whistler Olympic Sculpture: RMI funds towards Whistler Olympic sculpture. Unveiling being held by Resort municipality of Whistler today. MSB quoted in release	FYI	NR
Today	MNGD- 68958	Comment period ends – Woodfibre LNG GHG Report: Via Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, comment period for report ends	FYI	-
Time TBD	HLTH- 69120	Meeting to discuss residential substance use program for youth and young adults reopening: Meeting with Provincial Health Services Authority and the Central City Foundation to discuss reopening of the Crossing at Keremeos program for youth and young adults. Numerous steps need to be put in place, including lease agreement. Lead Org: PHSA	Issue	NR
Time TBD	HLTH- 70034	Interior Health public service announcement on opening of new perinatal unit at Kelowna General: The new perinatal (maternity) unit at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) opens for patient care at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2016. This coincides with moving maternity patients to the new unit. PSA outlines what patients can expect on opening day.	FYI	NR
8:30 am	JGRS- 62943	Welcome to the BC Public Service in Surrey: Orientation and official Oath of Employment Ceremony for new employees. Sponsored and facilitated by BCPSA, logistics and Oath Ceremony managed by Office of Protocol. Protocol Lead: Helen Carr	FYI	-
10:00 am NEW	TRAN- 68300	ICBC launches their distracted driving awareness campaign: This will include a news release and tv ads to encourage drivers to stay off their phones	FYI	NR
10:00 am NEW	CSCD- 70107	TransLink announces date of full launch of Compass system	FYI	-
10:00 am	HLTH- 70060	Interior Health news release on Nutrition Month: March is Nutrition Month and over the next month Interior Health Registered Dietitians will be joining forces with the Dietitians of Canada to encourage Canadians to take the "100 Meal Journey" by making small changes to their eating, one meal at a time.	FYI	NR

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10:00 am	<u>HLTH-68433</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul’s Redevelopment: PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions: One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul’s redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
3:00 pm	<u>AVED-67706</u>	BCIT board meeting: British Columbia Institute of Technology board meeting	FYI	-
4:00 pm NEW	<u>TRAN-70100</u>	Slocan – Open House for the Highway 3A South Slocan Overhead project: Ministry staff will host an open house to present preliminary designs for replacement of current structure	FYI	-
6:30 pm	<u>HLTH-68671</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul’s Redevelopment – PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions : One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul’s redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
Today	<u>HLTH-68906</u>	Interior Health public board meeting	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-

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Wed Mar 2	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for Council of the Federation (COF) Winter Meeting		IGRS-68680
Time TBD	SBRT	Opinion Editorial, provincewide – Minister shares an OpEd on action the Province is taking to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day, focused on the regions	BCGov OpEd	SBRT-69115
7:30 am	FIN	Cloverdale – Minister de Jong speaks to Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce about Budget 2016.	-	FIN-69034
8:30 am	ENV	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016 Opening Plenary EVENT LEAD: Anish Dwivedi Photographer: Don Craig	BCGov NR Time TBD	ENV-68580 IGRS-66233 TRAN-70093
10:00 am	HLTH	Nanaimo – Minister Lake tours iHealth engagement lab at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	-	HLTH-69025
10:15 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Duncan tomorrow at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	BCGov NR	JTST-69060
10:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk gives introductory remarks with link to #BCTECH Strategy at Globe 2016 POWERHAUS Pitch event	-	MTICS-69043
12:15 pm	SBRT	Victoria (Legislature/Reception Hall) – Minister Oakes celebrates first annual Red Tape Reduction Day. Event will include release of final consultation report. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Photos/video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	SBRT-67871
3:30 pm TBD	MNGD	Vancouver – Minister Coleman takes part in panel discussion at Globe 2016 "Modern Wood Buildings: Naturally Innovative," hosted by Natural Resources Canada	-	MNGD-70070
5:00 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes attends a reception with the business community in Vancouver to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day Photos/video: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR	SBRT-68709




Wed Mar 2	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Time TBD NEW	TRAN-68867	ICBC release – online driver abstract/driving record: This is part of Red Tape Reduction – and ICBC's digital strategy – moving more services online. Your driving record, also called a driver's abstract, is a record of your basic driving history. It lists when your driver's licence was first issued, plus any driving tickets or other offences you've received in the last five years	FYI	NR
11:30 am NEW	CSCD-70109	Grand Opening of Kelly's Bridge - Village of Sayward: This is a community-led celebration to mark the completion of the Village of Sayward new Kelly's Bridge. This bridge was supported through the Community Recreation Program. LG Guichon will be attending, after her remarks a letter from Minister Fassbender will be read by the MC in lieu of the minister's absence.	FYI	-
12:00 pm NEW	SDSI-70104	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Inclusion BC Rally: Inclusion BC holds rally today at noon to "show the provincial government that their decision to keep people living in poverty and without affordable transportation is unacceptable!"	FYI	-
1:30 pm CHANGED	IGRS-68905	Vancouver – Visit of his Excellency, the High Commissioner, Howard Drake of the United Kingdom. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

2:30 pm TBD NEW	<u>SBRT-70105</u>	CFIB announces partnership with government for continued consultations on red tape reduction: On Red Tape Reduction Day on March 2 at Legislature, CFIB announces continued consultations to generate ideas for red tape reduction for 2016 and beyond. Minister Oakes quote in CFIB NR to be sent the following day (March 3) TBC.	FYI	NR
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	<u>TRAN-68966</u>	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Thurs Mar 3	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for First Ministers' Meeting (FMM)		IGRS-68681
 NEW	ARR	News Release only, regional – Pipeline benefit agreement (date may change)	BCGov NR	ARR-69118
9:00 am	CSCD	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Fassbender attends Premier's Award for Aboriginal Youth Excellence in Sport: Event unveils design of awards and bring awareness of the awards which will be presented at Gathering of the Voices conference on March 21, 2016. PS Hogg is emcee <u>EVENT LEAD: Michelle May (TBC)</u> Photos/Video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR 9:30am	CSCD-67981 CSCD-70098
11:00 am	AGRI	News release, provincewide – The ALC is receiving a budget increase to fulfil its mandate of protecting farm land and to deliver their services to British Columbians in a timely, efficient and accessible manner. 11:30am Media Avail w/Minister Letnick & ALC Chair, Frank Leonard Location: Minister's office	BCGov NR	AGRI-65078
12:15 pm	HLTH	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Lake participates in Carrot Rewards Launch: Event with Minister Lake speaking, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Health Kamal Khera, Social Change Rewards and other stakeholders to announce government introduction of Carrot Rewards, an app program to reward British Columbians for healthy living activities. Joint provincewide Prov/Fed NR. <u>EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis</u>	Joint NR	HLTH-68634
12:25 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes chairs Small Business Roundtable: This is a regular meeting of the Small Business Roundtable as the voice of the Small Business Community to Government. Canadian Federation of Independent Business may do an NR on partnership with B.C. to consult with small businesses (TBC)	3 rd party NR TBD	SBRT-68878
3:00 pm CHANGED	JAG	Report (web post only) – Specialized Court Strategy	Report	JAG-63057
6:00 pm	JTST	Location TBC – Minister Bond speaks at Aviation Border Summit dinner	-	JTST-70076
6:30 pm	SDSI	Victoria – Minister Stilwell attends and provides remarks at student showcase of social innovation/enterprise projects. Students from UVic, Camosun and Royal Roads will make short presentations and Minister Stilwell and others will provide feedback. Hosted by the Vancouver Island Social Innovation Zone	-	SDSI-70088
6:30 pm	MIT	Richmond – Minister Wat addresses the Chinese Cultural Society for Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey dinner to celebrate the Lunar New Year). Local MLAs, businesses and cultural community members attending	-	MIT-70078
7:00pm	HLTH	Vancouver – Minister Lake will provide opening remarks at the 4 th annual Shine a Light Kidney Gala hosted by the Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch		HLTH-69040

Thurs Mar 3	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today Skills	JTST-69060	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Duncan today at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	FYI	-
Today NEW	IGRS-67425	Victoria – SPAIN: Visit from H.E. Carols Gomez-Mugica-Sanz, Ambassador of Spain to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
10:00 am NEW	Media Relations	Vancouver (Media Avail) – Premiers of Ontario and Quebec hold media availability (likely run 30 minutes) @ COF unimic (Pan Pacific Hotel)	FYI	-
10:00 am	HLTH-69985	Office of the Seniors Advocate will be unveiling a directory on its website for residential care facilities in B.C.: This will include such info as resident care hours, bed numbers, if rooms are private, complaint contact phone number	FYI	NR

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12:00 pm Skills	<u>MEM-68100</u>	Hudson's Hope – Site C Job Fair: BC Hydro-led job fairs provide job seekers with opportunity to meet with Site C contractors and other skills and training resources.	FYI	-
3:00 pm	<u>AVED-67686</u>	Abbotsford – University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) board meeting	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	<u>TRAN-68966</u>	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women's Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-

Friday, March 4, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Fri Mar 4	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Time TBD	SBRT	News release only, regional – Regional releases to promote Red Tape Reduction Day	BCGov NR	SBRT-68932
Time TBD CHANGED	SBRT	Hold for possible event and/or News You Can Use, details TBA	BCGov NYCU	SBRT-68747
8:30 am	JTST	Vancouver – NR on Access to Skilled Labour Roundtable: Agrifood Processors (8:30am-11:30am). No confirmed government reps at this time. No media attending	BCGov NR 9:00am	JTST-68776
8:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk speaks at Globe 2016 India Spotlight; link to #BCTECH Strategy	-	MTICS-69044
9:00 am	CSCD	Richmond – Minister Fassbender greets participants at the Richmond artsVest BC workshop	-	CSCD-70052
9:00 am	EDUC	News Releases only, regionals – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NRs x 15	EDUC-68810
9:10 am	JTST Skills	Prince George – Bridging the Gap Employment Option: Minister Bond speaks at employment forum to discuss Jobs Plan, Skills Training & employment trends in northern B.C. Audience will be 90 to 100 employment professionals	-	JTST-70047
10:00 am	MEM	Vancouver – Minister Bennett participates in conversation circle titled 'Pedal to the Metal: Accelerating market adoption of electric vehicles'	-	MEM-70055
10:00 am	IGRS	Hold for IGRS	-	IGRS-69997
10:00 am	EDUC	News Release only, provincewide – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NR	EDUC-68810
10:00 am	HLTH	Kamloops – Minister Lake to participate in hard hat tour and photo-op of construction at Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building. Event is to provide media and stakeholders with an update on construction. Photo release to go out after the tour. Interior Health news release	3 rd party NR	HLTH-68888
10:30 am CHANGED	EDUC	Dawson Creek – Next Generation Network project update and TELUS Partnership Video Launch: Minister Bernier will tour Dawson Creek Secondary School and participate in student-led demonstrations of four tech/internet related programs. Minister will also speak, with TELUS rep and SD 59 rep	BCGov NR	EDUC-68741
10:30 am TBD	MTICS s.13		BCGov NR	MTICS-68398
10:30 am	SDSI	Powell River – Minister Stilwell may attend WOW! CLBC Award Presentation. These awards go to people/groups who promote or exemplify inclusion for people with developmental disabilities	3 rd Party NR	SDSI-68731
11:15 am	ENV	Vancouver – Minister Polak participates on environment ministers panel at GLOBE 2016 conference	-	ENV-69048



Fri Mar 4	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	HLTH-68614 SBRT-68980	Burnaby – Walk-in Clinics of B.C. inaugural conference: 100 attendees expected to attend inaugural walk-in clinics of BC conference entitled "A Very Valuable Service." Former Health Minister George Abbott will deliver the keynote address. Minister Oakes is not attending	FYI	-

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Today	<u>JAG-69094</u>	Advocate article for May issue due: Articles by Minister Anton appear six times a year	FYI	-
Today	<u>IGRS-64602</u>	Order of British Columbia Cut-off date for processing current year nominations: OBC nominations must be received by the Secretariat on March 4 for processing in order to be considered by the 2016 Advisory Council. Any nominations received after this date will be processed for 2017	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-65378</u>	Kelowna – Hosting BC: Super Series – STARSkate Final – figure skating: Provincial grant received	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-62533</u>	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day: BC Special Olympics will join people around the world to celebrate 8 th annual Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day. It is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and our supporters to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the R-word and encourage people to pledge to stop using it	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>AVED-70045</u>	Richmond – Information session on KPU's new school of design: KPU to host a project information session for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design regarding the project and the upcoming tender. The new 6000 square metre facility is to provide flexible teaching spaces, with natural daylight, and good ventilation. The building is to support delivery of KPU's innovative design programs, and will be delivered under a design-bid-build contract strategy, ready for occupancy in January 2018.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>HLTH-68519</u>	Vernon – Interior Health event for Vernon residential care bed groundbreaking: Event with MLA Foster to celebrate groundbreaking for 85 residential care beds in Vernon. The new care home will be constructed at 3006 29 Ave. and will be a multi-storey building with 85 publicly-funded and five private pay residential complex care beds, as well as additional private pay assisted living beds	FYI	NR
2:00 pm	<u>JTST-68924</u>	ITA – Lions in the House: Annual events in various B.C. locations led by ITA, Pacific NorthWest LNG, and the BC Lions for grade 6-9 students focusing on the power of choice. Government Rep TBD	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women's Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sat Mar 5	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:00 am	AGRI	Kelowna – Minister Letnick speaks at BC Association of Farmers' Markets annual conference. Conference theme is 'Nourish and Flourish'	-	AGRI-68252
10:00 am CHANGED	EDUC Skills	News Release only, provincewide –Skills training grants connect students with jobs of tomorrow (wrap-up release)	BCGov NR	EDUC-69028
11:00 am TBC	JTST	Prince George – Minister Bond (TBC) may attend BC Auto Careers website launch event: The Automotive Retailers Association will be announcing the website that is funded in part by JTST. ARA has asked the Minister to speak briefly at the dealership for the launch of the website with PG media present. In response to the LMP initiative, BCASA has developed a comprehensive human resource strategy for the automotive sector, and it has identified industry-specific training needs to ensure that workers with the right skills are available and trained here in B.C.	-	JTST-70087
7:15 pm approx.	CSCD	Whistler – Minister Fassbender brings greetings from the Province at Audain Art Museum Opening celebration dinner. Federal and local government reps (TBC) also bring remarks. Event starts with a ribbon-cutting at the museum at 4:00pm, then moves to Fairmont Chateau Whistler for celebration dinner and program from 6:00pm-10:30pm. LG Guichon presides over the ribbon-cutting	-	CSCD-68299

Sat Mar 5	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	CSCD-65377	Hosting BC: BC Short Track Championship – Speed skating in Kamloops: This sporting event received a provincial grant.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	Leg Cal	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Walk for a Free Tibet Rear steps and driveway booked 1:00pm-2:30pm	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	CSCD-67237	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	CSCD-67234	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	IGRS-68954	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Mar 6	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Campbell River tomorrow, March 7, 2016, at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	BCGov NR	JTST-69061
2:00 pm PST	MEM	Toronto – Minister Bennett speaks at Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange at 5:00pm EST	-	MEM-68869

Sun Mar 6	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	MEM-68869	PDAC International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange in Toronto:	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	CSCD-67237	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	CSCD-67234	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	IGRS-68954	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

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Monday, March 7, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Mon Mar 7	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
12:15 pm TBD	HLTH	Victoria – Hold for potential event	-	HLTH-68557
1:30 pm TBD	HLTH	Hold for Health re: Legislation	BCGov NR	HLTH-68557



Mon Mar 7	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
3:00 pm	AVED-67711	Camosun College board meeting	FYI	-
Today Skills	JTST-69061	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Campbell River today at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	FYI	-
Today NEW	TRAN-70112	ICBC Launches Anti-Fraud Campaign Ads: ICBC will start running anti-fraud tv ads on March 7. These ads will run along with the current radio ads until early June	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	JAG-69029	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	IGRS-68954	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

CONSULTATIONS AND DIALOGUES

Date	Consultations and Dialogues	CC ID #
Closes Mar 25	Climate Action Leadership: B.C.'s climate action consultation for development of Climate Leadership Plan. Second phase of public consultation is from January 25 to March 25, 2016 at noon. Phase 1 of engagement process saw thousands of British Columbians provide their ideas and priorities for climate action. Province also received Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report, which included 32 recommendations. Feedback can be submitted by online survey, email and stakeholder submissions. NOTE: Government will release its final Climate Leadership Plan Spring of 2016. More info	CITENG-68520
Closes Mar 31	100 Mile House Natural Resource District: Consultation on the proposed changes to old growth management areas in the 100 Mile Natural Resource District. More info	CITENG-68655
Closes Apr 11	Ajax Mine Project Consultation: KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. proposes to develop the Ajax Project, a new open-pit copper/ gold mine located south of and adjacent to the City of Kamloops. This is the latest phase of public consultation on this project. There will be future engagements as well. More info	CITENG-68660
Closes Apr 22 (date extended)	Emergency Program Act: Purpose of this site is to provide information about the Emergency Program Act and allow the public/stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and share thoughts on 12 different topics. The Act sets out the key responsibilities and authorities to guide and enable experts at the local and provincial levels in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The Ministry has also invited key stakeholders to make formal stakeholder submissions. More info	CITENG-68236
Ongoing	BC Education Plan: Comments and ideas will help shape a vision for B.C.'s students today and tomorrow on a wide range of topics that include how we prepare new teachers for success, how school calendars are set, how professional development is structured, how we create better supports for vocational education, and many more. Feedback accepted online at the BC Ed Plan website and by email. www.bcedplan.ca	CITENG-65757
Ongoing	BC Parks Volunteer Community: As part of the BC Parks Volunteer Strategy an online community has been developed as a place for citizens to: learn more about BC Parks volunteers; connect with other volunteer groups; and, eventually, link to volunteer opportunities within their own communities. More info	CITENG-65759
Ongoing	Columbia River Treaty: The Columbia River Treaty is an internationally respected water management agreement between Canada and the United States to manage cross-boundary river flows where both signatory countries share in the treaty benefits. In 2013, draft recommendations were released aimed at seeking improvements within the existing treaty framework. While comments are now closed on the draft, citizens can still provide feedback online or by email http://blog.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty	CITENG-65768
Ongoing	DataBC: A place to find data, services, applications and tools to help make informed decisions, inspire change or develop ideas to improve government policies. DataBC gives access to the data that drives our province forward. Ideas, comments and questions can be submitted. http://www.data.gov.bc.ca	CITENG-65769
Ongoing	Families First: The Families First Agenda for British Columbia provides information about how government supports families in B.C. It describes a range of established programs as well as some new ideas to help make life more affordable, support vulnerable families and keep communities safe. British Columbians are invited to get involved and share their ideas. http://www.familiesfirstbc.ca	CITENG-65772
Ongoing	Healthy Families BC: Healthy Families BC offers British Columbians the critical resources for better managing their own health and reducing the incident of chronic disease. The Healthy Families community features a blog written by registered dietitians and kinesiologists, as well as tools and programs to assist with healthy living. Citizens can share their experience in raising a healthy family and support others in making positive changes in their own lives. https://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca	CITENG-65781
Ongoing	McKenzie Interchange Public Engagement: Website for project information and public and stakeholders will be asked for input on design and construction of the Hwy 1 – Admirals/McKenzie Interchange in Victoria. Part of B.C. on the Move 10 Year Transportation Plan and Federal funding. Launching October 29, 2015	CITENG-65726
Ongoing	Regulatory Reform Initiative: Regulatory Reform BC promotes clear, simple regulations and policy to make it easier for citizens to deal with government. Our end goal is to ensure that every single regulatory requirement in B.C. is necessary, meaningful and serves a purpose. Feedback will help inform government's priorities for continued red tape reduction. More Info	CITENG-65787
Ongoing	Tell TranBC: TranBC is the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's online home, and where they typically engage online through their website and various social platforms. The blog has a page to hear from citizens on what they would like to learn more, have questions on, or concerns about, called " Tell TranBC ". Citizens can provide feedback on the site.	CITENG-65791

CONSULTATIONS AND DIALOGUES

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SLIDERS

Date	Sliders	CC ID #
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: Order of B.C. Now is your chance to nominate an exceptional citizen for B.C.'s highest honour, the Order of British Columbia	GCPEHQ-68512
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: #BCTECH #BCTECH Strategy is deepening the talent pool We want the best tech talent to emerge from B.C. so we're giving our youth the tools to succeed in making that happen	GCPEHQ-68523
Feb 15 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Winter Games B.C. Winter Games Penticton will be hosting the 2016 B.C. Winter Games from Feb. 25-28 with some of the best young athletes in the Province	GCPEHQ-68524
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Services Campaign Our opportunity is here – the B.C. Government is committed to ensuring every British Columbian is aware of the many government benefits and services available to them	GCPEHQ-68526
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Budget – Profile 1: B.C. Balanced Budget 2016 Canada's strongest economy offers more opportunities for British Columbians	GCPEHQ-70040
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Creative Economy – Profile 2: Growing B.C.'s Creative Economy Working in new ways to promote the value of creativity as a driver of innovation, productivity and entrepreneurship	GCPEHQ-70041
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Tourism in B.C. – Profile 3: The world visiting B.C. Last year was a remarkable one for tourism and 2016 is shaping up to be another great year	GCPEHQ-70042
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: WorkBC – Profile 4: Find your career fit 8 of 10 jobs over the next decade will require post-secondary education. We can help you #findyourfit	GCPEHQ-70043

2016 AWARENESS DATES

Click [HERE](#) for list of all current 2016 B.C. Proclamations

Date	Awareness Dates	CC ID #
February	Heart Month	HLTH-68218
Feb 21-27	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Chilliwack	FIN-68479
Feb 28-Mar 5	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kamloops	FIN-68480
March	Children's Wish Month	HLTH-68497
March	National Social Work Month	CFD-68275
March	Childhood Arthritis Month	HLTH-68840
March	Endometriosis Awareness Month	HLTH-68842
March	Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month	HLTH-68843
March	Liver Health Month	HLTH-68844
March	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	HLTH-68845
March	Kidney Health Month	HLTH-68846
March	Nutrition Month	HLTH-68847
March	Pharmacist Awareness Month	HLTH-68848
March	Red Cross Month	HLTH-68849
Mar 2	Red Tape Reduction Day	SBRT-67871
Mar 4	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day	CSCD-62533
Mar 4-12	Victoria Beer Week 2016 (Lead Org: BC Craft Brewers Guild)	SBRT-68785
Mar 4-18 NEW	National Co-operative Education Week	AVED-68040
Mar 6-12	World Glaucoma Week	HLTH-68850
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kelowna	FIN-68481
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Richmond	FIN-68482

UPCOMING ISSUES & REPORTS

DATES TBD:	Source	Upcoming Issues and Reports (dates unconfirmed)	Category	Rls
Feb 29-Mar 11 TBC NEW	SBRT- 69090	s.13	Issue	-
Mar 1-7 TBC	PSSG - 68361	Hold for PSSG matter	Issue	-
Mar 1-15 TBC	JAG- 68738	Provincial Court Semi-annual Time to Trial Report (Date TBD): Report from the judiciary about times to trial for criminal, family and civil cases	FYI	Report
Mar 1-15 TBC	PSSG - 68357	Ladha Striking Claim against CFO Director: Following her not guilty verdict, Ladha's counsel filed a Notice of Civil Claim against the Attorney General of Canada and RCMP, and the Province of British Columbia, specifically the Director of Civil Forfeiture (Director). Ladha is seeking civil damages arising from federal prosecution and civil forfeiture claim against her	Issue	-
Mar 7-18 TBC CHANGED	ARR- 68668	Hold for MARR	FYI	Report
Mar 7-21 TBC CHANGED	FLNR- 68137	Forest Practices Board report on Bonneau Creek Watershed (Date TBD): Report will speak to large amount of harvesting in short period of time that increased peak flows in a stream on private land	FYI	Report

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sat Feb 27	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
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Sat Feb 27	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Feb 20-28	SBRT-68329	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	CSCD-57347	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Feb 28	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Victoria (Esquimalt) tomorrow, Feb. 29, 2016	BCGov NR	JTST-68911
1:30 pm	CSCD	Penticton – Closing ceremony for B.C. Winter Games: MLA Ashton will speak on behalf of the Province. He will also take part in extinguishing the BC Games torch	-	CSCD-69068



Sun Feb 28	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
12:00 pm	Leg Cal	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Wounded Warrior Run BC Front steps and driveway booked, 12:00pm-12:30pm	FYI	-
Feb 20-28	SBRT-68329	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	CSCD-57347	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games end: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Monday, February 29, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Mon Feb 29	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
9:00 am	MTICS	News release only, regional – Dawson Creek SDSI office moves into local Service BC office today	BCGov NR	<u>MTICS-67502</u>
9:30 am	TRAN	News Release only, regional – Contract awarded to design/build four new cable ferries for Province's inland ferry fleet	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-68457</u>
10:15 am	SBRT	Information Bulletin only, provincewide – Liquor Distribution Branch's Support Dry Grad Campaign Launched: From Feb. 28 – March 31 BC Liquor Stores will collect public donations to support local alcohol-free graduation parties in 2016. Now in its 16 th year, the Support Dry Grad campaign in BC Liquor Stores has been an integral part of the LDB's efforts to prevent underage drinking and promote zero consumption by minors. Since its inception, the campaign has raised more than \$5.85 million	BCGov IB	<u>SBRT-70028</u>
11:15 am	CSCD	News Release only, provincewide – Province releases 2015-16 community gaming grants list in Human and Social Services category	BCGov NR	<u>CSCD-68914</u>
11:30 am	TRAN	Hold for TRAN news release, provincewide – Details TBA	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-69018</u>
12:15 pm	EMBC	Victoria (Legislature) – Hold for Minister Yamamoto event and NR, details TBA. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photos: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	-
1:00 pm	HLTH	News release only, provincewide – Funding announcement for reduction of alcohol use and addictions on campus	BCGov NR	<u>HLTH-65818</u>
1:30 pm NEW	FLNR	News Release only, regional – New bridge links Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail	BCGov NR	<u>FLNR-70091</u>
1:45 pm approx.	ENV	News Release, provincewide – Hold for Legislation	BCGov NR x 2	<u>ENV-69047</u>
6:00 pm	FLNR	Vancouver –Minister Thomson speaks at B.C. Wood design awards. Launching of a new award: International Wood Design awards and has a number of Asia entries. Lead Org: Wood Works	NR 3 rd party	<u>FLNR-68745</u>
6:30 pm	AVED	Victoria – Minister Wilkinson speaks at Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. evening reception	-	<u>AVED-68552</u>




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Today	<u>ENV-68451</u>	The Water Sustainability Act comes into force today	FYI	-
Today NEW	-	Federal government may announce the CETA text is approved: Minister Wat may issue congratulatory statement in response		
Today	<u>CSCD-70051</u>	artsVest BC Workshop (Kelowna): Minister Fassbender provides a video greeting to participants in the Kelowna artsVest BC workshop. artsVest is a matching incentive and sponsorship training program, designed to spark new business sponsorship of arts and culture and to build capacity.	FYI	-
Today Skills	<u>JTST-68911</u>	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Victoria (Esquimalt) today	FYI	-

Today NEW	<u>HLTH-70106</u>	Hospital Employees Union “Leap for Local Laundry Day of Action” rallies: The Hospital Employees Union is holding "Leap for Local Laundry Day of Action" roadside rallies to play on the extra day in February this leap year. Rallies will be held in: Kelowna: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Penticton: 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Vernon: 7 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Kamloops: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 100 Mile House: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Nelson: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Issue	-
Today CHANGED	<u>FLNR-68973</u>	Hold for Statutory Decision Maker	Issue	-
Today	<u>FLNR-68507</u>	Minister Thomson’s monthly E-newsletter	FYI	-
Today NEW	<u>HLTH-70111</u>	Interior Health stakeholder information bulletins: For stakeholders on overdose activity in Kelowna, Kamloops, Vernon, Penticton, Trail/Cranbrook/Nelson and Williams Lake. Distributed to partner agencies and other community stakeholders	FYI	IB
5:00 am NEW	<u>MNGD-70118</u>	Report from Conference Board of Canada – A Changing Tide: British Columbia’s Emerging LNG Industry: Report details the benefits of BC’s LNG opportunity	FYI	-
10:30 am NEW	<u>MEM-70095</u>	Vancouver – Site C Litigation – Court Decision on Injunction Application: BC Supreme Court hands down decision on BC Hydro’s application for an injunction to remove protesters from Rocky Mountain Fort site who are interfering with construction activities on south bank of Site C dam project.	Issue	-
5:00 pm	<u>MIT-69010</u>	Minister Wat issues Chinese New Year message in Victoria’s Chinatown Newsletter (print): As the oldest Chinatown in Canada, Victoria’s Chinatown has a thriving business and residential community, served by a quarterly newsletter. Minister Wat will lead the New Year edition with a personalised greeting, translated	FYI	-

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Tues Mar 1	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
10:00 am TBD 	CSCD	Victoria (with regional NR) – Hold for Gas Tax event: Federal-led event to mark completion of Bowker Creek Restoration Project. Provincial Rep (TBD). NOTE: Time and date may change depending on availability of a federal rep	Fed NR	<u>CSCD-68812</u>
10:00 am TBD	PSSG	News release only, provincewide – Regulation amendments, details TBA	BCGov NR	<u>PSSG -68945</u>
10:00 am	FLNR	Hold for Legislation	BCGov NR	<u>FLNR-68613</u>
12:00 pm	FIN	Vancouver – Minister de Jong speaks to Finance Executives International about Budget 2016	-	<u>FIN-69035</u>
12:00 pm	HLTH	Location TBC – Minister Lake attends and speaks at Pacific Hepatitis C Network luncheon	-	<u>HLTH-70083</u>
12:15 pm TBD	FLNR	Victoria – Hold for event		<u>FLNR-68613</u>



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Today	<u>JTST-70033</u>	RMI Whistler Olympic Sculpture: RMI funds towards Whistler Olympic sculpture. Unveiling being held by Resort municipality of Whistler today. MSB quoted in release	FYI	NR
Today	<u>MNGD-68958</u>	Comment period ends – Woodfibre LNG GHG Report: Via Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, comment period for report ends	FYI	-
Time TBD	<u>HLTH-69120</u>	Meeting to discuss residential substance use program for youth and young adults reopening: Meeting with Provincial Health Services Authority and the Central City Foundation to discuss reopening of the Crossing at Keremeos program for youth and young adults. Numerous steps need to be put in place, including lease agreement. Lead Org: PHSA	Issue	NR
Time TBD	<u>HLTH-70034</u>	Interior Health public service announcement on opening of new perinatal unit at Kelowna General: The new perinatal (maternity) unit at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) opens for patient care at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2016. This coincides with moving maternity patients to the new unit. PSA outlines what patients can expect on opening day.	FYI	NR
8:30 am	<u>IGRS-62943</u>	Welcome to the BC Public Service in Surrey: Orientation and official Oath of Employment Ceremony for new employees. Sponsored and facilitated by BCPSA, logistics and Oath Ceremony managed by Office of Protocol. Protocol Lead: Helen Carr	FYI	-
10:00 am NEW	<u>TRAN-68300</u>	ICBC launches their distracted driving awareness campaign: This will include a news release and tv ads to encourage drivers to stay off their phones	FYI	NR
10:00 am NEW	<u>CSCD-70107</u>	TransLink announces date of full launch of Compass system	FYI	-
10:00 am	<u>HLTH-70060</u>	Interior Health news release on Nutrition Month: March is Nutrition Month and over the next month Interior Health Registered Dietitians will be joining forces with the Dietitians of Canada to encourage Canadians to take the "100 Meal Journey" by making small changes to their eating, one meal at a time.	FYI	NR

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10:00 am	<u>HLTH-68433</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul’s Redevelopment: PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions: One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul’s redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
3:00 pm	<u>AVED-67706</u>	BCIT board meeting: British Columbia Institute of Technology board meeting	FYI	-
4:00 pm NEW	<u>TRAN-70100</u>	Slocan – Open House for the Highway 3A South Slocan Overhead project: Ministry staff will host an open house to present preliminary designs for replacement of current structure	FYI	-
6:30 pm	<u>HLTH-68671</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul’s Redevelopment – PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions : One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul’s redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
Today	<u>HLTH-68906</u>	Interior Health public board meeting	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-

Events, Speeches & Releases

Wed Mar 2	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for Council of the Federation (COF) Winter Meeting		IGRS-68680
Time TBD	SBRT	Opinion Editorial, provincewide – Minister shares an OpEd on action the Province is taking to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day, focused on the regions	BCGov OpEd	SBRT-69115
7:30 am	FIN	Cloverdale – Minister de Jong speaks to Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce about Budget 2016.	-	FIN-69034
8:30 am	ENV	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016 Opening Plenary EVENT LEAD: Anish Dwivedi Photographer: Don Craig	BCGov NR Time TBD	ENV-68580 IGRS-66233 TRAN-70093
10:00 am	HLTH	Nanaimo – Minister Lake tours iHealth engagement lab at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	-	HLTH-69025
10:15 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Duncan tomorrow at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	BCGov NR	JTST-69060
10:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk gives introductory remarks with link to #BCTECH Strategy at Globe 2016 POWERHAUS Pitch event	-	MTICS-69043
12:15 pm	SBRT	Victoria (Legislature/Reception Hall) – Minister Oakes celebrates first annual Red Tape Reduction Day. Event will include release of final consultation report. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Photos/video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	SBRT-67871
3:30 pm TBD	MNGD	Vancouver – Minister Coleman takes part in panel discussion at Globe 2016 "Modern Wood Buildings: Naturally Innovative," hosted by Natural Resources Canada	-	MNGD-70070
5:00 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes attends a reception with the business community in Vancouver to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day Photos/video: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR	SBRT-68709




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Time TBD NEW	TRAN-68867	ICBC release – online driver abstract/driving record: This is part of Red Tape Reduction – and ICBC's digital strategy – moving more services online. Your driving record, also called a driver's abstract, is a record of your basic driving history. It lists when your driver's licence was first issued, plus any driving tickets or other offences you've received in the last five years	FYI	NR
11:30 am NEW	CSCD-70109	Grand Opening of Kelly's Bridge - Village of Sayward: This is a community-led celebration to mark the completion of the Village of Sayward new Kelly's Bridge. This bridge was supported through the Community Recreation Program. LG Guichon will be attending, after her remarks a letter from Minister Fassbender will be read by the MC in lieu of the minister's absence.	FYI	-
12:00 pm NEW	SDSI-70104	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Inclusion BC Rally: Inclusion BC holds rally today at noon to "show the provincial government that their decision to keep people living in poverty and without affordable transportation is unacceptable!"	FYI	-
1:30 pm CHANGED	IGRS-68905	Vancouver – Visit of his Excellency, the High Commissioner, Howard Drake of the United Kingdom. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

2:30 pm TBD NEW	<u>SBRT-70105</u>	CFIB announces partnership with government for continued consultations on red tape reduction: On Red Tape Reduction Day on March 2 at Legislature, CFIB announces continued consultations to generate ideas for red tape reduction for 2016 and beyond. Minister Oakes quote in CFIB NR to be sent the following day (March 3) TBC.	FYI	NR
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	<u>TRAN-68966</u>	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Thurs Mar 3	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for First Ministers' Meeting (FMM)		IGRS-68681
 NEW	ARR	News Release only, regional – Pipeline benefit agreement (date may change)	BCGov NR	ARR-69118
9:00 am	CSCD	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Fassbender attends Premier's Award for Aboriginal Youth Excellence in Sport: Event unveils design of awards and bring awareness of the awards which will be presented at Gathering of the Voices conference on March 21, 2016. PS Hogg is emcee <u>EVENT LEAD: Michelle May (TBC)</u> Photos/Video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR 9:30am	CSCD-67981 CSCD-70098
11:00 am	AGRI	News release, provincewide – The ALC is receiving a budget increase to fulfil its mandate of protecting farm land and to deliver their services to British Columbians in a timely, efficient and accessible manner. 11:30am Media Avail w/Minister Letnick & ALC Chair, Frank Leonard Location: Minister's office	BCGov NR	AGRI-65078
12:15 pm	HLTH	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Lake participates in Carrot Rewards Launch: Event with Minister Lake speaking, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Health Kamal Khara, Social Change Rewards and other stakeholders to announce government introduction of Carrot Rewards, an app program to reward British Columbians for healthy living activities. Joint provincewide Prov/Fed NR. <u>EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis</u>	Joint NR	HLTH-68634
12:25 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes chairs Small Business Roundtable: This is a regular meeting of the Small Business Roundtable as the voice of the Small Business Community to Government. Canadian Federation of Independent Business may do an NR on partnership with B.C. to consult with small businesses (TBC)	3 rd party NR TBD	SBRT-68878
3:00 pm CHANGED	JAG	Report (web post only) – Specialized Court Strategy	Report	JAG-63057
6:00 pm	JTST	Location TBC – Minister Bond speaks at Aviation Border Summit dinner	-	JTST-70076
6:30 pm	SDSI	Victoria – Minister Stilwell attends and provides remarks at student showcase of social innovation/enterprise projects. Students from UVic, Camosun and Royal Roads will make short presentations and Minister Stilwell and others will provide feedback. Hosted by the Vancouver Island Social Innovation Zone	-	SDSI-70088
6:30 pm	MIT	Richmond – Minister Wat addresses the Chinese Cultural Society for Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey dinner to celebrate the Lunar New Year). Local MLAs, businesses and cultural community members attending	-	MIT-70078
7:00pm	HLTH	Vancouver – Minister Lake will provide opening remarks at the 4 th annual Shine a Light Kidney Gala hosted by the Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch		HLTH-69040

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Today Skills	JTST-69060	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Duncan today at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	FYI	-
Today NEW	IGRS-67425	Victoria – SPAIN: Visit from H.E. Carols Gomez-Mugica-Sanz, Ambassador of Spain to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
10:00 am NEW	Media Relations	Vancouver (Media Avail) – Premiers of Ontario and Quebec hold media availability (likely run 30 minutes) @ COF unimic (Pan Pacific Hotel)	FYI	-
10:00 am	HLTH-69985	Office of the Seniors Advocate will be unveiling a directory on its website for residential care facilities in B.C.: This will include such info as resident care hours, bed numbers, if rooms are private, complaint contact phone number	FYI	NR

12:00 pm Skills	<u>MEM-68100</u>	Hudson's Hope – Site C Job Fair: BC Hydro-led job fairs provide job seekers with opportunity to meet with Site C contractors and other skills and training resources.	FYI	-
3:00 pm	<u>AVED-67686</u>	Abbotsford – University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) board meeting	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	<u>TRAN-68966</u>	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women's Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-

Friday, March 4, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Fri Mar 4	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Time TBD	SBRT	News release only, regional – Regional releases to promote Red Tape Reduction Day	BCGov NR	SBRT-68932
Time TBD CHANGED	SBRT	Hold for possible event and/or News You Can Use, details TBA	BCGov NYCU	SBRT-68747
8:30 am	JTST	Vancouver – NR on Access to Skilled Labour Roundtable: Agrifood Processors (8:30am-11:30am). No confirmed government reps at this time. No media attending	BCGov NR 9:00am	JTST-68776
8:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk speaks at Globe 2016 India Spotlight; link to #BCTECH Strategy	-	MTICS-69044
9:00 am	CSCD	Richmond – Minister Fassbender greets participants at the Richmond artsVest BC workshop	-	CSCD-70052
9:00 am	EDUC	News Releases only, regionals – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NRs x 15	EDUC-68810
9:10 am	JTST Skills	Prince George – Bridging the Gap Employment Option: Minister Bond speaks at employment forum to discuss Jobs Plan, Skills Training & employment trends in northern B.C. Audience will be 90 to 100 employment professionals	-	JTST-70047
10:00 am	MEM	Vancouver – Minister Bennett participates in conversation circle titled 'Pedal to the Metal: Accelerating market adoption of electric vehicles'	-	MEM-70055
10:00 am	IGRS	Hold for IGRS	-	IGRS-69997
10:00 am	EDUC	News Release only, provincewide – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NR	EDUC-68810
10:00 am	HLTH	Kamloops – Minister Lake to participate in hard hat tour and photo-op of construction at Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building. Event is to provide media and stakeholders with an update on construction. Photo release to go out after the tour. Interior Health news release	3 rd party NR	HLTH-68888
10:30 am CHANGED	EDUC	Dawson Creek – Next Generation Network project update and TELUS Partnership Video Launch: Minister Bernier will tour Dawson Creek Secondary School and participate in student-led demonstrations of four tech/internet related programs. Minister will also speak, with TELUS rep and SD 59 rep	BCGov NR	EDUC-68741
10:30 am TBD	MTICS	s.13	BCGov NR	MTICS-68398
10:30 am	SDSI	Powell River – Minister Stilwell may attend WOW! CLBC Award Presentation. These awards go to people/groups who promote or exemplify inclusion for people with developmental disabilities	3 rd Party NR	SDSI-68731
11:15 am	ENV	Vancouver – Minister Polak participates on environment ministers panel at GLOBE 2016 conference	-	ENV-69048



Fri Mar 4	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Today	HLTH-68614 SBRT-68980	Burnaby – Walk-in Clinics of B.C. inaugural conference: 100 attendees expected to attend inaugural walk-in clinics of BC conference entitled "A Very Valuable Service." Former Health Minister George Abbott will deliver the keynote address. Minister Oakes is not attending	FYI	-

Today	<u>JAG-69094</u>	Advocate article for May issue due: Articles by Minister Anton appear six times a year	FYI	-
Today	<u>IGRS-64602</u>	Order of British Columbia Cut-off date for processing current year nominations: OBC nominations must be received by the Secretariat on March 4 for processing in order to be considered by the 2016 Advisory Council. Any nominations received after this date will be processed for 2017	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-65378</u>	Kelowna – Hosting BC: Super Series – STARSkate Final – figure skating: Provincial grant received	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-62533</u>	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day: BC Special Olympics will join people around the world to celebrate 8 th annual Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day. It is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and our supporters to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the R-word and encourage people to pledge to stop using it	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>AVED-70045</u>	Richmond – Information session on KPU's new school of design: KPU to host a project information session for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design regarding the project and the upcoming tender. The new 6000 square metre facility is to provide flexible teaching spaces, with natural daylight, and good ventilation. The building is to support delivery of KPU's innovative design programs, and will be delivered under a design-bid-build contract strategy, ready for occupancy in January 2018.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>HLTH-68519</u>	Vernon – Interior Health event for Vernon residential care bed groundbreaking: Event with MLA Foster to celebrate groundbreaking for 85 residential care beds in Vernon. The new care home will be constructed at 3006 29 Ave. and will be a multi-storey building with 85 publicly-funded and five private pay residential complex care beds, as well as additional private pay assisted living beds	FYI	NR
2:00 pm	<u>JTST-68924</u>	ITA – Lions in the House: Annual events in various B.C. locations led by ITA, Pacific NorthWest LNG, and the BC Lions for grade 6-9 students focusing on the power of choice. Government Rep TBD	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women's Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sat Mar 5	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:00 am	AGRI	Kelowna – Minister Letnick speaks at BC Association of Farmers’ Markets annual conference. Conference theme is ‘Nourish and Flourish’	-	<u>AGRI-68252</u>
10:00 am CHANGED	EDUC Skills	News Release only, provincewide –Skills training grants connect students with jobs of tomorrow (wrap-up release)	BCGov NR	<u>EDUC-69028</u>
11:00 am TBC	JTST	Prince George – Minister Bond (TBC) may attend BC Auto Careers website launch event: The Automotive Retailers Association will be announcing the website that is funded in part by JTST. ARA has asked the Minister to speak briefly at the dealership for the launch of the website with PG media present. In response to the LMP initiative, BCASA has developed a comprehensive human resource strategy for the automotive sector, and it has identified industry-specific training needs to ensure that workers with the right skills are available and trained here in B.C.	-	<u>JTST-70087</u>
7:15 pm approx.	CSCD	Whistler – Minister Fassbender brings greetings from the Province at Audain Art Museum Opening celebration dinner. Federal and local government reps (TBC) also bring remarks. Event starts with a ribbon-cutting at the museum at 4:00pm, then moves to Fairmont Chateau Whistler for celebration dinner and program from 6:00pm-10:30pm. LG Guichon presides over the ribbon-cutting	-	<u>CSCD-68299</u>

Sat Mar 5	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	<u>CSCD-65377</u>	Hosting BC: BC Short Track Championship – Speed skating in Kamloops: This sporting event received a provincial grant.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>Leg Cal</u>	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Walk for a Free Tibet Rear steps and driveway booked 1:00pm-2:30pm	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	<u>CSCD-67234</u>	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	<u>IGRS-68954</u>	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D’Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Mar 6	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC’s Find Your Fit will be taking place in Campbell River tomorrow, March 7, 2016, at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	BCGov NR	<u>JTST-69061</u>
2:00 pm PST	MEM	Toronto – Minister Bennett speaks at Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada’s International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange at 5:00pm EST	-	<u>MEM-68869</u>

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Today	<u>MEM-68869</u>	PDAC International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange in Toronto:	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	<u>CSCD-67234</u>	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	<u>IGRS-68954</u>	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D’Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

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12:15 pm TBD	HLTH	Victoria – Hold for potential event	-	HLTH-68557
1:30 pm TBD	HLTH	Hold for Health re: Legislation	BCGov NR	HLTH-68557



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3:00 pm	AVED-67711	Camosun College board meeting	FYI	-
Today Skills	JTST-69061	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Campbell River today at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	FYI	-
Today NEW	TRAN-70112	ICBC Launches Anti-Fraud Campaign Ads: ICBC will start running anti-fraud tv ads on March 7. These ads will run along with the current radio ads until early June	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	JAG-69029	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
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Closes Mar 25	Climate Action Leadership: B.C.'s climate action consultation for development of Climate Leadership Plan. Second phase of public consultation is from January 25 to March 25, 2016 at noon. Phase 1 of engagement process saw thousands of British Columbians provide their ideas and priorities for climate action. Province also received Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report, which included 32 recommendations. Feedback can be submitted by online survey, email and stakeholder submissions. NOTE: Government will release its final Climate Leadership Plan Spring of 2016. More info	CITENG-68520
Closes Mar 31	100 Mile House Natural Resource District: Consultation on the proposed changes to old growth management areas in the 100 Mile Natural Resource District. More info	CITENG-68655
Closes Apr 11	Ajax Mine Project Consultation: KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. proposes to develop the Ajax Project, a new open-pit copper/ gold mine located south of and adjacent to the City of Kamloops. This is the latest phase of public consultation on this project. There will be future engagements as well. More info	CITENG-68660
Closes Apr 22 (date extended)	Emergency Program Act: Purpose of this site is to provide information about the Emergency Program Act and allow the public/stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and share thoughts on 12 different topics. The Act sets out the key responsibilities and authorities to guide and enable experts at the local and provincial levels in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The Ministry has also invited key stakeholders to make formal stakeholder submissions. More info	CITENG-68236
Ongoing	BC Education Plan: Comments and ideas will help shape a vision for B.C.'s students today and tomorrow on a wide range of topics that include how we prepare new teachers for success, how school calendars are set, how professional development is structured, how we create better supports for vocational education, and many more. Feedback accepted online at the BC Ed Plan website and by email. www.bcedplan.ca	CITENG-65757
Ongoing	BC Parks Volunteer Community: As part of the BC Parks Volunteer Strategy an online community has been developed as a place for citizens to: learn more about BC Parks volunteers; connect with other volunteer groups; and, eventually, link to volunteer opportunities within their own communities. More info	CITENG-65759
Ongoing	Columbia River Treaty: The Columbia River Treaty is an internationally respected water management agreement between Canada and the United States to manage cross-boundary river flows where both signatory countries share in the treaty benefits. In 2013, draft recommendations were released aimed at seeking improvements within the existing treaty framework. While comments are now closed on the draft, citizens can still provide feedback online or by email http://blog.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty	CITENG-65768
Ongoing	DataBC: A place to find data, services, applications and tools to help make informed decisions, inspire change or develop ideas to improve government policies. DataBC gives access to the data that drives our province forward. Ideas, comments and questions can be submitted. http://www.data.gov.bc.ca	CITENG-65769
Ongoing	Families First: The Families First Agenda for British Columbia provides information about how government supports families in B.C. It describes a range of established programs as well as some new ideas to help make life more affordable, support vulnerable families and keep communities safe. British Columbians are invited to get involved and share their ideas. http://www.familiesfirstbc.ca	CITENG-65772
Ongoing	Healthy Families BC: Healthy Families BC offers British Columbians the critical resources for better managing their own health and reducing the incident of chronic disease. The Healthy Families community features a blog written by registered dietitians and kinesiologists, as well as tools and programs to assist with healthy living. Citizens can share their experience in raising a healthy family and support others in making positive changes in their own lives. https://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca	CITENG-65781
Ongoing	McKenzie Interchange Public Engagement: Website for project information and public and stakeholders will be asked for input on design and construction of the Hwy 1 – Admirals/McKenzie Interchange in Victoria. Part of B.C. on the Move 10 Year Transportation Plan and Federal funding. Launching October 29, 2015	CITENG-65726
Ongoing	Regulatory Reform Initiative: Regulatory Reform BC promotes clear, simple regulations and policy to make it easier for citizens to deal with government. Our end goal is to ensure that every single regulatory requirement in B.C. is necessary, meaningful and serves a purpose. Feedback will help inform government's priorities for continued red tape reduction. More Info	CITENG-65787
Ongoing	Tell TranBC: TranBC is the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's online home, and where they typically engage online through their website and various social platforms. The blog has a page to hear from citizens on what they would like to learn more, have questions on, or concerns about, called "Tell TranBC". Citizens can provide feedback on the site.	CITENG-65791

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From: Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 4:53 PM
To: GCPE Comm Directors; GCPE Comm Managers
Cc: GCPE Editors; GCPE Media Relations; GCPE Newsroom; GCPE Strategic Planning and Events
Subject: TODAY'S FINAL DRAFT: 10 Day Look Ahead
Attachments: TODAY'S FINAL 10 Day Draft.docx; TODAY'S FINAL 10 Day Draft.pdf

The latest update is attached.

Kind regards,
Carleen

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Subject: Media request

Alisha - Global News
604-422-6882
Deadline: before 10pm today

Re: premier's private plane usage. They are doing a segment at 10pm

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

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From: Hayes, Dana GCPE:EX
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Subject: MA to go Sunday Feb 28 at 2 P.M. (pacific) to: MEDIA, MINIS2, LEGIS and 000
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Ministry of Education
Richmond School District

NEWS RELEASE

School upgrades support growing community

RICHMOND - Students, staff and teachers will get some extra room, thanks to 195 new student spaces and extensive upgrades to deal with growing enrolment at Henry Anderson Elementary school.

The Government of British Columbia and the Richmond school district are spending \$5 million on the expansion.

Renovations include:

- * an eight-classroom addition that connects to the main school;
- * revisions to the parking lot and drop-off area;
- * updates to building maintenance systems; and
- * improvements to sidewalks, landscaping, perimeter drains and water mains.

This project agreement will be cost-shared between the B.C. government and the Richmond school district, each contributing \$2.5 million. Construction is scheduled to begin after the contract is awarded in the spring of 2016, and work is anticipated to be completed by spring 2017. Once complete, the capacity of the school will increase from 430 to 625 student spaces.

Quotes:

Mike Bernier, Minister of Education -

"With continued growth expected in Richmond, I know how important this renovation is to the community. Our partnership with the school district will enhance the school and give students the foundation to succeed in today's changing world."

Debbie Tablotney, board chair, Richmond Board of Education -

"Providing high-quality educational learning environments to our students and staff is a priority of the Richmond school district. The B.C. government's investment in Henry Anderson Elementary signifies the governments understanding that our district currently faces significant challenges with our facilities."

"As the City of Richmond continues to grow and the demographics of our community start to shift, we need to address the condition and capacity limitations of our schools.

"The funding that is being provided brings our school district a step closer to meeting the needs of our community."

Quick Facts:

* There are 1,660 public schools in British Columbia, owned by 60 school districts.

* Since 2001, government has committed more than \$4.2 billion to school capital projects in British Columbia, including 112 new and replacement schools, 186 additions, and 150 schools seismically improved.

* The current operating capacity of Henry Anderson Elementary is 401 students and 523 students are enrolled this school year.

Learn More:

Henry Anderson Elementary: <http://anderson.sd38.bc.ca/>

Richmond School District: <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/>

BC's New Curriculum: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

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VANCOUVER - Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson will unveil more details of the \$85-million Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. during his keynote speech at the Association of BC Forest Professionals 68th Conference and Annual General Meeting.

He will be available to answer questions after the announcement.

Event Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 2016

Time: 12:50 p.m.

Location:
Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver
791 West Georgia St.
Vancouver

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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KAMLOOPS - BC Parks is planning to conduct an eight-hectare prescribed burn in Monck Provincial Park, northeast of Merritt, in an effort to restore the area's ecosystem and reduce wildfire risks.

The BC Wildfire Service will conduct the burning operations in mid-March or late March. The exact timing of the burn will depend on weather and site conditions. The project will proceed only if fire behaviour conditions are suitable and will allow for quick smoke dissipation and low-to-moderate fire intensity. Trained wildfire crews will be onsite to carefully monitor the fire.

Smoke will be visible from Nicola Lakeshore Estates and residences west of the park near Monck Park Rd. Smoke may also be visible from Highway 5A, but no highway closures are planned as a result of this burn.

The goal of these burns is to mimic naturally occurring ground fires and reduce the level of dead and combustible material in grassland and open forest areas. Introducing fire to the park will also help protect a number of values, including riparian areas, trail beds and park facilities, as well as nearby residential communities and infrastructure.

The removal of forest fuels helps reduce the threat of interface wildfires. Prescribed fire can also discourage insect infestations and help fire-adapted plant species reproduce.

Learn More:

A factsheet about prescribed burning is available online:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/prescribed-burns-and-ecosystem-restoration-burns>

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

BC Coroners Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN

BC Coroners Service identifies victims of industrial accident

BURNABY - The BC Coroners Service has confirmed the identity of a man who died following an industrial accident in Coquitlam on Feb. 23, 2016.

He was Eric Lee Bird, also known as Eric Starr, aged 31, of Vancouver.

About 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 23, 2016, Mr. Bird was digging a ditch for a sewer line in Coquitlam when the trench collapsed. Mr. Bird was deceased at the scene.

The BC Coroners Service, WorkSafeBC and Coquitlam RCMP continue to investigate this incident.

The family of Mr. Bird has been notified of his death. On behalf of family members, the BC Coroners Service asks that media respect their privacy at this difficult time.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

NEWS RELEASE

Cycling and pedestrian safety improved along Stanley Park Causeway

VANCOUVER - The \$7-million project to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians travelling along the Stanley Park Causeway is now complete.

"More than 2,200 cyclists and about 200 pedestrians travel along the Stanley Park Causeway each day during the busy summer months, and this widening and safety upgrade will greatly improve safety for them, as well as encourage people to walk or cycle instead of driving," said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone. "The Stanley Park Causeway Improvement Project was a component of B.C. on the Move, and we are happy to be upgrading safety and efficiency for cycling enthusiasts and pedestrians along this key corridor connecting Vancouver and the North Shore."

The project included widening the east sidewalk to 3.6 metres to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians, with a separated cycling lane and a walking lane. The west sidewalk has been widened to ensure added safety for southbound cyclists that includes two cycling passing lanes to accommodate different cycling speeds.

A new safety fence has been installed separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicle traffic on both sides of the Stanley Park Causeway, a 2.2-kilometre segment of Highway 99 that provides direct access to Stanley Park and Vancouver's downtown core.

"The causeway is a key route connecting Vancouver to the North Shore communities and bicycle and pedestrian traffic continues to increase in popularity," said North Vancouver-Lonsdale MLA Naomi Yamamoto. "This project aims to improve the safety for all who travel along the Stanley Park Causeway, while maintaining the natural beauty of Stanley Park and the surrounding area."

The ministry worked in close collaboration with the Vancouver Park Board, the City of Vancouver, the Stanley Park Ecological Society, HUB Cycling and local First Nations on this important safety improvement project. New signs clearly show where cyclists and pedestrians should be on the pathway. Etiquette signs have also been installed, asking cyclists to signal before passing.

"At the Vancouver Park Board, our mission is to advocate for and

preserve parks and recreation services to benefit all people, communities, and the environment. The preservation of Stanley Park was critical to us during this project," said Vancouver Park Board chair Sarah Kirby-Yung. "We are pleased the impact to the environmental footprint was very minimal here as the ministry worked with our team to deliver a safer and more efficient roadway for cyclists and pedestrians, while preserving the ecology and natural beauty of our park."

Construction on the project began on Sept. 13, 2015. The east sidewalk work was completed in December 2015, and work on the west sidewalk has recently wrapped up. The work schedule was extended due to inclement weather and additional mitigation measures that were undertaken in collaboration with the Vancouver Park Board to protect the health of trees along the corridor.

"The completion of this project is good news for people who cycle and those who want to start cycling more, because the safety fence and the designated cycling spaces make it safer and easier to navigate this route," said HUB Cycling executive director Erin O'Melinn. "The provincial government included HUB Cycling in the coordination and collaboration on this project, and although there remain a few spots we still have highlighted for further safety considerations, most of our input was valued on the concept and design of these necessary safety improvements to the Stanley Park Causeway."

B.C. on the Move is government's new 10-year plan for the improvement of the province's transportation network. Over the next three years, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will invest up to \$2.7 billion to improve British Columbia's transportation network.

As part of this plan, the B.C. government will increase the cost-shared funding available to communities to improve local cycling infrastructure. The government is committing \$18 million over the next three years to this program - a 50% increase over previous years. This will help fund municipal and regional projects such as multi-use paths, bike lanes, overpasses and shoulder bikeways.

Learn More:

www.gov.bc.ca/StamleyParkCauseway

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/transportationplan/>

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MEDIA ADVISORY - Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations - media availability

VANCOUVER - Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson will be available to regional media to answer questions about the new \$85-million Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.

Event Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 2016

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Dial-In Information: 1-877-353-9184, Pass Code: 54108#
Special Instructions: Media are encouraged to dial in at 1:30 p.m. to ensure they are included on the call.

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BC Coroners Service

INFORMATION BULLETIN

BC Coroners Service identifies motor vehicle incident victim

KELOWNA - The BC Coroners Service has confirmed the identity of a woman who died after a motor vehicle incident near Enderby on Feb. 23, 2016.

She was Marilyn Cynthia Martynuik, aged 59, of Armstrong.

Ms. Martynuik was the driver and sole occupant of a car that was involved in a collision with a pickup truck on Highway 97A about 2.5 kilometres north of Enderby at about 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 23, 2016. Ms. Martynuik was deceased at the scene.

The BC Coroners Service and RCMP Traffic Services continue to investigate this death.

Ms. Martynuk's family has been notified of her death. On behalf of family members, the BC Coroners Service requests that the media respect their privacy during this difficult time.

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Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services
Ministry of Agriculture
BC Innovation Council

NEWS RELEASE

Launch of Bioenterprise BC grows agri-tech companies

ABBOTSFORD - The B.C. government and the BC Innovation Council (BCIC) have welcomed new partner Bioenterprise BC to the BC Acceleration Network (BCAN) to support the growth of innovative agri-tech businesses in the province.

Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Minister Amrik Virk today announced the partnership at BW GLOBAL Structures, an Abbotsford-based business that constructs greenhouses using robotics, and one of many B.C. companies that are driving innovation in the agri-tech sector.

Supported by funding from the BCIC and the federal government's Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program, Bioenterprise BC will support the commercialization of innovations in agriculture and help increase agri-food revenue. Bioenterprise BC will provide agri-tech entrepreneurs and startups in the Fraser Valley with business plan assistance, market analysis, funding guidance and networking to help accelerate their growth.

BCAN is a group of 14 tech accelerators throughout the province that help early stage entrepreneurs grow their companies. Agri-tech companies working with other BCAN partners will have access to services from Bioenterprise BC.

Quotes:

Amrik Virk, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services -

"Bioenterprise BC will support B.C. agri-food and aquaculture entrepreneurs as they not only supply the B.C. market but seek greater commercialization and export opportunities. We are pleased to welcome them to British Columbia and know their support to B.C.-based agri-tech companies will result in economic growth and opportunity for all British Columbians."

Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture -

"Agri-tech represents significant opportunities for the agricultural

industry in British Columbia. It can help maximize productivity, minimize inputs and create greater value from B.C.'s farmland and coast. The Ministry of Agriculture is looking forward to partnering with Bioenterprise BC as we head in to the future of agri-tech and take the sector to new innovative and uncharted places."

Dave Smardon, president and CEO, Bioenterprise -

"British Columbia is home to a great many entrepreneurs within the agriculture and agri-food sectors, and has created innovation leaders in agri-technology with companies like BW Global, Terramerra and Tabletree. With such an innovative culture in British Columbia, it is only fitting that Bioenterprise establish a B.C. office to work in partnership with the BC Acceleration Network to help foster these companies to become commercialization successes."

Greg Caws, president and CEO, BC Innovation Council -

"We are pleased to welcome Bioenterprise BC to the BC Acceleration Network. This new resource for BC agri-tech ventures will enhance our agriculture sector's competitiveness and help create new jobs in British Columbia."

Timothy Kendrick, president and chief designer, BW Global Structures Inc. -

"Today's announcement builds off the momentum created by the BC Tech Summit, where the cooperative efforts of industry, academia and government accelerate the development and commercialization of new technologies - technologies that address the two biggest challenges facing the world: food and water. British Columbia and Canada have the opportunity to take a leadership position in the global marketplace with the help of organizations like Bioenterprise."

Quick Facts:

- * The Ministry of Agriculture, through the BCIC, is disbursing \$200,000 per year over four years (\$800,000 total) from the Agriculture, Science and Innovation Fund to establish Bioenterprise BC.

- * BW GLOBAL Structures built the tallest multi-peak greenhouse in North America (three and a half storeys tall to the peak) at the University of the Fraser Valley, BC Centre of Excellence for Agriculture.

Learn More:

Bioenterprise: <http://www.bioenterprise.ca/>

BCIC: <http://www.bcic.ca/>

BW GLOBAL Structures Inc.: <http://bw-global.com/>

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Public open houses for Boucherie, Westlake Intersections improvements

WEST KELOWNA - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure invites you to attend an open house to provide feedback about proposed improvements to the Highway 97 Boucherie and Westlake Road intersections.

In 2014, the ministry began planning for improvements to the intersections to increase safety and mobility along the Highway 97 corridor and meet the future traffic demands that projected population and economic growth in the area will bring.

Based on initial planning and discussions with the Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for the two intersections, and now is seeking community input on these plans.

The public is welcome to attend the open houses scheduled for:

- * March 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. - Super 8 West Kelowna, 1655 Westgate Road, West Kelowna
- * March 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. - Sensisysten Multi-Purpose Facility, 1920 Quail Lane, Westbank

Media are invited to attend the March 2 open house between 3 and 4 p.m. Ministry staff will be on hand to answer questions.

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

INFORMATION BULLETIN
Province's newest chief forester announced

VANCOUVER - Diane Nicholls becomes the province's newest chief forester, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson said today.

Thomson confirmed her appointment and promotion to assistant deputy minister at the Association of BC Forest Professionals Annual General Meeting. Nicholls, who is the province's 17th chief forester, has been acting in the position since November 2014.

As chief forester, Nicholls is responsible for determining timber harvest levels for each timber supply area and tree farm licence in the province. Reporting to the deputy minister, she will also provide key strategic guidance and direction on forest stewardship to forestry practitioners in the ministry and industry.

She graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor's degree in science in forestry and is a registered professional forester. She has almost 30 years experience working in different capacities in the forest sector. She joined the B.C. government in 2006 as director of the then Forest Practices Branch and has held positions with increasing amounts of responsibility ever since.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Ministry applies for Park Use Permit in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park

COLDSTREAM - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is committed to improving safety on Cosens Bay Road through Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park.

In consultation with BC Parks, the ministry has determined that the goals to improve safety and maintenance which include widening in areas where it is unsafe for two vehicles to pass along with drainage and sight line improvements can be met through a Park Use Permit. As a result, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is no longer pursuing its application for a boundary adjustment.

The Park Use Permit, which is currently being reviewed by BC Parks, will enable the ministry to achieve its goals on Cosens Bay Road while reducing the potential impact to Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park that a boundary adjustment would have presented.

The ministry thanks the public for its engagement during this consultative process. The feedback collected was extremely valuable in shaping the outcome of this proposal.

The ministry will continue to work closely with BC Parks staff to ensure that all necessary environmental mitigation works are addressed and First Nations consultation is followed as per conditions of the Park Use Permit. If approved, a permit could be in place in early 2016.

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

NEWS RELEASE

B.C. increases investments in forest stewardship

VANCOUVER - The new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., supported by \$85 million in government funding, will focus its efforts on wildfire risk reduction to complement the ministry's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities.

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson provided details of the society in his keynote speech at the Association of BC Forest Professionals annual general meeting.

The new society will concentrate its activities on the following:

- * Wildfire risk reduction: Fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests, especially those impacted by the mountain pine beetle infestation, to reduce wildfire risks in key areas. The recently updated Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis will provide guidance for potential treatments.

- * Forest rehabilitation: Clearing stands damaged by wildfire, or at high risk from wildfire, and reforesting them.

- * Wildlife habitat restoration: Designing fuel management and forest rehabilitation activities to promote desired wildlife habitat characteristics.

- * FireSmart program: Raising awareness among local governments and rural property owners about steps they can take to protect their homes from wildfire.

The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities, focuses on reducing the wildfire risk in the two-kilometre wildland-urban interface surrounding communities. With its latest \$10-million commitment, government has provided \$78 million to this initiative since 2004. The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will complement the efforts of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative by supporting critical wildfire prevention work outside of interface areas and providing a landscape-level approach to wildfire risk reduction.

Local forest products businesses will have opportunities to purchase the timber, roadside debris and other forest fibre resulting from these activities, at market prices. This will, in turn, support rural

employment.

The work of the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will help meet the goal of a sustainable and reliable timber supply under the Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy and aligns with the ministry's other programs designed to enhance B.C.'s forests, most notably Forests for Tomorrow, Land Based Investment Strategy and integrated silviculture strategies.

The inaugural board meeting of the society will take place in March. The society's immediate goals will be to set short-term priorities and engage with stakeholders.

As part of Budget 2016, the ministry's Land Based Investment Strategy will see an increase of \$12 million for 2016-17. Most of the increase will go toward Forests for Tomorrow, translating into increased fertilization of 8,000 to 20,000 hectares and providing for additional surveys and site preparation to plant 28 million seedlings annually by 2019-20.

Quotes:

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson -

"The new society allows us to make new investments in our forests and protect the investments that we have already made. Altogether, we're investing an additional \$107 million to ensure healthy and resilient forests for future generations to enjoy."

Association of BC Forest Professionals CEO Christine Gelowitz -

"The investment will benefit the long-term health of our forests and bring new opportunities for forest professionals and other people who work and live in forest-based communities across B.C."

Council of Forest Industries president and CEO Susan Yurkovich -

"The forest industry contributes \$12 billion to the provincial GDP and supports 145,000 direct and indirect jobs in B.C. We are happy to see that the provincial government remains committed to ensuring a healthy, vibrant and sustainable natural resource sector."

Quick Facts:

- * In September 2015, the B.C. government and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) launched the \$500,000 FireSmart community grant program to encourage more communities to participate in the program.

- * Homeowners who live in wildland interface areas can help protect their properties from wildfire threats by using FireSmart principles. FireSmart Canada works closely with communities throughout the country to mitigate wildfire risks in interface areas, where urban development borders on forest or grassland areas.

- * Since 2005, government has invested more than \$400 million in the complementary Forests for Tomorrow program to survey more than 1.5 million hectares and plant 175 million seedlings over 128,000 hectares in areas impacted by wildfire and the mountain pine beetle infestation.

Learn More:

The Homeowner's FireSmart Manual was developed to help people reduce

the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. More information about the FireSmart program and copies of the manual are available at: <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart.htm>

Responding to catastrophic wildfires and the mountain pine beetle epidemic through Forests For Tomorrow:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow>

Backgrounders follow.

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BACKGROUND 1

Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. directors

The inaugural Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.'s board of directors consists of:

Wayne Clogg - Clogg graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1977. He worked with West Fraser from 1980 to 2012 as a field forester, woodlands manager and general manager. Since his retirement as senior vice-president of woodlands in 2012, he has been working as a consultant.

Derek Orr - Orr graduated from the business management program at the College of New Caledonia and is a certified life skills coach trainer. Chief of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, he also serves on the boards of Duz Cho Logging, Duz Cho Construction, Summit Pipeline Services, McLeod Lake Indian Band Exploration Corporation and the Aboriginal Business and Investment Council.

Jim Snetsinger - Snetsinger graduated from the University of Toronto in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry, moved to British Columbia and started working for the B.C. government in 1986. He worked in a variety of positions before being appointed the province's chief forester in 2004. Since his retirement from that position in 2012, he has been working as a forestry consultant.

Dave Peterson - Peterson graduated from the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science degree in physical geography - Natural Resource Management in 1980 and became a registered professional forester in 1985. He worked with the Ministry of Forests until 1995, when he moved into the private sector. He returned to the ministry in 2005 and has served in a number of assistant deputy minister positions. He is currently the assistant deputy minister for the Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division.

Robert Turner - Turner graduated from the University of Guelph with a master of arts degree in international development studies. He has over 20 years of international experience in humanitarian and disaster response operations, including large-scale program management in natural disaster, conflict and post-conflict environments. Prior to joining the ministry in 2015, he served as the director of operations for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in the Gaza

Strip. He is currently the assistant deputy minister of the Integrated Resource Operations Division.

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BACKGROUND 2

Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis

The 2015 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (Wildfire Threat Analysis), and an accompanying series of maps, were produced using geographic analysis and a wide range of data to assess various wildfire threat elements, including vegetation types, historical wildfire data, forest fuel classification, fire behaviour patterns, geography and other factors.

The maps indicate potential wildfire threats throughout the province, using a scale of 10 Fire Threat Classes (with 1 being the lowest risk and 10 being the highest risk). These 10 levels represent estimates of relative fire threats, taking into account fire occurrence history, derived fire intensity under severe fire weather conditions and the impacts of fire "spotting" (where embers are blown ahead of the main fire and start new fires).

In the wildland-urban interface - the two-kilometre buffer areas surrounding communities - about 1,347,000 hectares are considered to be high-risk.

The Wildfire Threat Analysis presents these relative wildfire threats at a provincial scale only. In an area where a high risk is indicated, a qualified professional should confirm the actual rating at the forest stand level.

The 2015 Wildfire Threat Analysis and associated maps are available online at <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/PSTA.htm>

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Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New toolkit will help communities host more events

VICTORIA - The Province of British Columbia today launched its new online hosting toolkit, providing communities and organizations with additional information on how to host events of all sizes.

This toolkit is another component of the five-year hosting strategy that was announced by the Province last year to promote British Columbia as a world-class hosting destination.

The resource will include important tools to assist sport, art and cultural event organizers through the various stages of event management.

Some of the resources found in the toolkit include:

1. Self-Assessment Checklist - A simple checklist to provide potential event organizers with areas to consider prior to creating and submitting a bid.
2. Sport Event Bid Package Preparation Tools - Tips to consider when developing a bid package that will attract sport events.
3. Sponsorship Tools - Basic tips to help event organizers attract and maintain sponsors for an event.
4. Volunteer Management Tools - Resource includes tips to consider when managing volunteers on topics such as recruiting, training, deploying and recognizing volunteers.
5. Inventory of Facilities - Discover the sport and recreation assets of B.C. communities that can assist organizations in finding the perfect venue for an event.
6. Marketing, Media and Communication Tools - Resources that will help promote the event, and provide guidance on working with the media to communicate with participants, volunteers and partners.

Future additions to the hosting toolkit will include an Economic Impact Assessment Tool that is currently under development. Once completed, it will provide organizers with the ability to predict and evaluate the economic impact of events, both before and after.

Community Sport Hosting Network:

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development will also reinvigorate the Community Sport Hosting Network. This network will help organizations:

- * Work together to continue building an event hosting culture throughout the province and promote British Columbia as the event hosting destination of choice.
- * Strengthen the working relationship between the Government of British Columbia and communities and organizations interested in event hosting.
- * Develop collaborative relationships across the Province to share best practices and facilitate knowledge transfer as appropriate.
- * Build capacity within communities for hosting successful events.

Organizations interested in becoming part of the Community Sport Hosting Network can send an email with details of their contact information to: eventsupport@gov.bc.ca

Quotes:

Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development -

"The Province understands the many benefits that come to communities from hosting sport, art and cultural events. This toolkit will provide information and resources to those individuals and groups who want to host their own event, but are unsure where or how to begin."

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour -

"Hosting an event can seem like a daunting task. This new online hosting toolkit will give communities the resources they need to successfully host a variety of events, whatever the size. This is a great go-to resource ensuring that when a community is considering a hosting opportunity they have the practical information they require."

Kelly Hopkins, executive director, Tourism Penticton -

"As a year-round sport, arts and cultural event destination, Penticton welcomes opportunities to showcase our community. An event with the calibre of the BC Winter Games not only highlights the quality of sporting venues in our region, but also our amazing volunteer base - both are essential for hosting events and building sports tourism."

Learn More:

For more information on the new hosting toolkit for sport, art or cultural events:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/events-hosting>

For more information about the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
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Attachments: Smart Prosperity Exec Summary.PDF; Smart Prosperity overview.pdf

Dear Premier Clark:

On Tuesday March 1, in Vancouver, a group of 25 prominent leaders from Canadian business and civil society will launch **Smart Prosperity**—an ambitious, achievable vision and policy roadmap to drive world class, clean growth for Canada over the coming decade. We are writing to share information with you in advance of our launch and open the door for further conversation about how this initiative can align with British Columbia's direction.

We attach a **4 page overview** of Smart Prosperity, and the **Executive Summary** of our first report. (Please treat both as strictly confidential until March 1).

The Smart Prosperity initiative aspires to achieve a stronger, cleaner economy that builds a better future for all Canadians. More specifically, our goal is for Canada to boost its economic and environmental performance on pace with the world's leading nations over the next ten years. Key to success will be boosting clean innovation to attract capital and drive growth in business and jobs. Simply put, we would like "Made in Canada" to become a globally respected brand for environmental and economic productivity and innovation, across *all* sectors of the economy.

To achieve this goal, **we propose five key actions.**

1. Accelerate Clean Innovation across the Economy.
2. Boost Energy and Resource Efficiency.
3. Price Pollution and Waste.
4. Invest in Advanced Infrastructure and Skills; and

5. Conserve and value Nature.

Our diverse group of leaders agrees: these are the pillars we must focus on to achieve economic and environmental success in a rapidly shifting global economy.

We applaud the initiative of First Ministers in coming together to forge a joint approach on tackling climate change and building a cleaner economy. This is the challenge of our time, and we believe Canada can meet it. We offer our wholehearted support to assist you in your efforts in any way that we can.

p.s. If you or your staff will be in Vancouver on March 1 at 9 AM, you are welcome to come to the launch. Alternatively, if you would like to meet with a group of our leaders when you are in Vancouver for the FMM, please let us know.

Sincerely,

The co-chairs of Smart Prosperity

Stewart Elgie, Professor, University of Ottawa, and Chair, Sustainable Prosperity

Lorraine Mitchelmore, Former President and Canada Country Chair, Shell Canada

Annette Verschuren, Chair and CEO, NRStor, and former President, Home Depot Canada

On behalf of:

Kathy Bardswick, President & CEO, The Co-operators

Dominic Barton, Global Managing Director, McKinsey and Company

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

NEWS RELEASE
B.C. increases investments in forest stewardship

VANCOUVER - The new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., supported by \$85 million in government funding, will focus its efforts on wildfire risk reduction to complement the ministry's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities.

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson provided details of the society in his keynote speech at the Association of BC Forest Professionals annual general meeting.

The new society will concentrate its activities on the following:

- * Wildfire risk reduction: Fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests, especially those impacted by the mountain pine beetle infestation, to reduce wildfire risks in key areas. The recently updated Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis will provide guidance for potential treatments.
- * Forest rehabilitation: Clearing stands damaged by wildfire, or at high risk from wildfire, and reforesting them.
- * Wildlife habitat restoration: Designing fuel management and forest rehabilitation activities to promote desired wildlife habitat characteristics.
- * FireSmart program: Raising awareness among local governments and rural property owners about steps they can take to protect their homes from wildfire.

The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities, focuses on reducing the wildfire risk in the two-kilometre wildland-urban interface surrounding communities. With its latest \$10-million

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Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

New toolkit will help communities host more events

VICTORIA – The Province of British Columbia today launched its new online hosting toolkit, providing communities and organizations with additional information on how to host events of all sizes.

This toolkit is another component of the five-year hosting strategy that was announced by the Province last year to promote British Columbia as a world-class hosting destination.

The resource will include important tools to assist sport, art and cultural event organizers through the various stages of event management.

Some of the resources found in the toolkit include:

1. Self-Assessment Checklist – A simple checklist to provide potential event organizers with areas to consider prior to creating and submitting a bid.
2. Sport Event Bid Package Preparation Tools – Tips to consider when developing a bid package that will attract sport events.
3. Sponsorship Tools – Basic tips to help event organizers attract and maintain sponsors for an event.
4. Volunteer Management Tools – Resource includes tips to consider when managing volunteers on topics such as recruiting, training, deploying and recognizing volunteers.
5. Inventory of Facilities – Discover the sport and recreation assets of B.C. communities that can assist organizations in finding the perfect venue for an event.
6. Marketing, Media and Communication Tools – Resources that will help promote the event, and provide guidance on working with the media to communicate with participants, volunteers and partners.

Future additions to the hosting toolkit will include an Economic Impact Assessment Tool that is currently under development. Once completed, it will provide organizers with the ability to predict and evaluate the economic impact of events, both before and after.

Community Sport Hosting Network:

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development will also reinvigorate the Community Sport Hosting Network. This network will help organizations:

- Work together to continue building an event hosting culture throughout the province and promote British Columbia as the event hosting destination of choice.
- Strengthen the working relationship between the Government of British Columbia and communities and organizations interested in event hosting.
- Develop collaborative relationships across the Province to share best practices and

facilitate knowledge transfer as appropriate.

- Build capacity within communities for hosting successful events.

Organizations interested in becoming part of the Community Sport Hosting Network can send an email with details of their contact information to: eventsupport@gov.bc.ca

Quotes:

Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –

“The Province understands the many benefits that come to communities from hosting sport, art and cultural events. This toolkit will provide information and resources to those individuals and groups who want to host their own event, but are unsure where or how to begin.”

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour –

“Hosting an event can seem like a daunting task. This new online hosting toolkit will give communities the resources they need to successfully host a variety of events, whatever the size. This is a great go-to resource ensuring that when a community is considering a hosting opportunity they have the practical information they require.”

Kelly Hopkins, executive director, Tourism Penticton –

“As a year-round sport, arts and cultural event destination, Penticton welcomes opportunities to showcase our community. An event with the calibre of the BC Winter Games not only highlights the quality of sporting venues in our region, but also our amazing volunteer base – both are essential for hosting events and building sports tourism.”

Learn More:

For more information on the new hosting toolkit for sport, art or cultural events:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/events-hosting>

For more information about the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/community-sport-and-cultural-development>

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commitment, government has provided \$78 million to this initiative since 2004. The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will complement the efforts of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative by supporting critical wildfire prevention work outside of interface areas and providing a landscape-level approach to wildfire risk reduction.

Local forest products businesses will have opportunities to purchase the timber, roadside debris and other forest fibre resulting from these activities, at market prices. This will, in turn, support rural employment.

The work of the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will help meet the goal of a sustainable and reliable timber supply under the Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy and aligns with the ministry's other programs designed to enhance B.C.'s forests, most notably Forests for Tomorrow, Land Based Investment Strategy and integrated silviculture strategies.

The inaugural board meeting of the society will take place in March. The society's immediate goals will be to set short-term priorities and engage with stakeholders.

As part of Budget 2016, the ministry's Land Based Investment Strategy will see an increase of \$12 million for 2016-17. Most of the increase will go toward Forests for Tomorrow, translating into increased fertilization of 8,000 to 20,000 hectares and providing for additional surveys and site preparation to plant 28 million seedlings annually by 2019-20.

Quotes:

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson -

"The new society allows us to make new investments in our forests and protect the investments that we have already made. Altogether, we're investing an additional \$107 million to ensure healthy and resilient forests for future generations to enjoy."

Association of BC Forest Professionals CEO Christine Gelowitz -

"The investment will benefit the long-term health of our forests and bring new opportunities for forest professionals and other people who work and live in forest-based communities across B.C."

Council of Forest Industries president and CEO Susan Yurkovich -

"The forest industry contributes \$12 billion to the provincial GDP and supports 145,000 direct and indirect jobs in B.C. We are happy to see that the provincial government remains committed to ensuring a healthy, vibrant and sustainable natural resource sector."

Quick Facts:

* In September 2015, the B.C. government and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) launched the \$500,000 FireSmart community grant program to encourage more communities to participate in the program.

* Homeowners who live in wildland interface areas can help protect their properties from wildfire threats by using FireSmart principles. FireSmart Canada works closely with communities throughout the country to mitigate wildfire risks in interface areas, where urban development borders on forest or grassland areas.

* Since 2005, government has invested more than \$400 million in the complementary Forests for Tomorrow program to survey more than 1.5 million hectares and plant 175 million seedlings over 128,000 hectares in areas impacted by wildfire and the mountain pine beetle infestation.

Learn More:

The Homeowner's FireSmart Manual was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. More information about the FireSmart program and copies of the manual are available at:
<http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart.htm>

Responding to catastrophic wildfires and the mountain pine beetle epidemic through Forests For Tomorrow:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow>

Backgrounders follow.

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BACKGROUND 1 Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. directors

The inaugural Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.'s board of directors consists of:

Wayne Clogg - Clogg graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1977. He worked with West Fraser from 1980 to 2012 as a field forester, woodlands manager and general manager. Since his retirement as senior vice-president of woodlands in 2012, he has been working as a consultant.

Derek Orr - Orr graduated from the business management program at the College of New Caledonia and is a certified life skills coach trainer. Chief of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, he also serves on the boards of Duz Cho Logging, Duz Cho Construction, Summit Pipeline Services, McLeod Lake Indian Band Exploration Corporation and the Aboriginal Business and Investment Council.

Jim Snetsinger - Snetsinger graduated from the University of Toronto in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry, moved to British Columbia and started working for the B.C. government in 1986. He worked in a variety of positions before being appointed the province's chief forester in 2004. Since his retirement from that position in 2012, he has been working as a forestry consultant.

Dave Peterson - Peterson graduated from the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science degree in physical geography - Natural Resource Management in 1980 and became a registered professional forester in 1985. He worked with the Ministry of Forests until 1995, when he moved into the private sector. He returned to the ministry in 2005 and has served in a number of assistant deputy minister positions. He is currently the assistant deputy minister for the Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division.

Robert Turner - Turner graduated from the University of Guelph with a master of arts degree in international development studies. He has over 20 years of international experience in humanitarian and disaster response operations, including large-scale program management in natural disaster, conflict and post-conflict environments. Prior to joining the ministry in 2015, he served as the director of operations for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in the Gaza Strip. He is currently the assistant deputy minister of the Integrated Resource Operations Division.

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BACKGROUND 2

Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis

The 2015 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (Wildfire Threat Analysis), and an accompanying series of maps, were produced using geographic analysis and a wide range of data to assess various wildfire threat elements, including vegetation types, historical wildfire data, forest fuel classification, fire behaviour patterns, geography and other factors.

The maps indicate potential wildfire threats throughout the province, using a scale of 10 Fire Threat Classes (with 1 being the lowest risk and 10 being the highest risk). These 10 levels represent estimates of relative fire threats, taking into account fire occurrence history, derived fire intensity under severe fire weather conditions and the impacts of fire "spotting" (where embers are blown ahead of the main fire and start new fires).

In the wildland-urban interface - the two-kilometre buffer areas surrounding communities - about 1,347,000 hectares are considered to be high-risk.

The Wildfire Threat Analysis presents these relative wildfire threats at a provincial scale only. In an area where a high risk is indicated, a qualified professional should confirm the actual rating at the forest stand level.

The 2015 Wildfire Threat Analysis and associated maps are available online at <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/PSTA.htm>

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SLIDERS

Date	Sliders	CC ID #
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: Order of B.C. Now is your chance to nominate an exceptional citizen for B.C.'s highest honour, the Order of British Columbia	GCPEHQ-68512
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: #BCTECH #BCTECH Strategy is deepening the talent pool We want the best tech talent to emerge from B.C. so we're giving our youth the tools to succeed in making that happen	GCPEHQ-68523
Feb 15 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Winter Games B.C. Winter Games Penticton will be hosting the 2016 B.C. Winter Games from Feb. 25-28 with some of the best young athletes in the Province	GCPEHQ-68524
Feb 3 to 29	February Slider: B.C. Services Campaign Our opportunity is here – the B.C. Government is committed to ensuring every British Columbian is aware of the many government benefits and services available to them	GCPEHQ-68526
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Budget – Profile 1: B.C. Balanced Budget 2016 Canada's strongest economy offers more opportunities for British Columbians	GCPEHQ-70040
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Creative Economy – Profile 2: Growing B.C.'s Creative Economy Working in new ways to promote the value of creativity as a driver of innovation, productivity and entrepreneurship	GCPEHQ-70041
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: Tourism in B.C. – Profile 3: The world visiting B.C. Last year was a remarkable one for tourism and 2016 is shaping up to be another great year	GCPEHQ-70042
Feb 29 to Apr 4	March Slider: WorkBC – Profile 4: Find your career fit 8 of 10 jobs over the next decade will require post-secondary education. We can help you #findyourfit	GCPEHQ-70043

2016 AWARENESS DATES

Click [HERE](#) for list of all current 2016 B.C. Proclamations

Date	Awareness Dates	CC ID #
February	Heart Month	HLTH-68218
Feb 21-27	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Chilliwack	FIN-68479
Feb 28-Mar 5	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kamloops	FIN-68480
March	Children's Wish Month	HLTH-68497
March	National Social Work Month	CFD-68275
March	Childhood Arthritis Month	HLTH-68840
March	Endometriosis Awareness Month	HLTH-68842
March	Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month	HLTH-68843
March	Liver Health Month	HLTH-68844
March	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	HLTH-68845
March	Kidney Health Month	HLTH-68846
March	Nutrition Month	HLTH-68847
March	Pharmacist Awareness Month	HLTH-68848
March	Red Cross Month	HLTH-68849
Mar 2	Red Tape Reduction Day	SBRT-67871
Mar 4	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day	CSCD-62533
Mar 4-12	Victoria Beer Week 2016 (Lead Org: BC Craft Brewers Guild)	SBRT-68785
Mar 6-12	World Glaucoma Week	HLTH-68850
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Kelowna	FIN-68481
Mar 6-12	Responsible Gambling Awareness Week – Richmond	FIN-68482
Mar 7-11	Road Safety at Work Week	JTST-68948

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UPCOMING ISSUES & REPORTS

DATES TBD:	Source	Upcoming Issues and Reports (dates unconfirmed)	Category	RLs
Feb 26-Mar 4 CHANGED	<u>FLNR-</u> <u>68973</u>	Hold for FLNRO matter	Issue	-
Feb 29-Mar 7 TBC	<u>TRAN-</u> <u>68687</u>	BC Transit – Hydrogen fuel-cell buses	Issue	-
Feb 29-Mar 14 TBC	<u>FLNR-</u> <u>68137</u>	Forest Practices Board report on Bonneau Creek Watershed (Date TBD): Report will speak to large amount of harvesting in short period of time that increased peak flows in a stream on private land	FYI	Report
Feb 29-Mar 11 TBC NEW	<u>SBRT-</u> <u>69090</u>	s.13	Issue	-
Mar 1-7 TBC	<u>PSSG -</u> <u>68361</u>	Hold for PSSG matter	Issue	-
Mar 1-8 TBC	<u>HLTH-</u> <u>47558</u>	PHO Motor Vehicle Collision Report (Date TBD): Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall or Deputy PHO Dr. Bonnie Henry will release this report	Issue	Report & NR
Mar 1-15 TBC	<u>JAG-</u> <u>68738</u>	s.13	FYI	Report
Mar 1-15 TBC	<u>PSSG -</u> <u>68357</u>	Ladha Striking Claim against CFO Director: Following her not guilty verdict, Ladha's counsel filed a Notice of Civil Claim against the Attorney General of Canada and RCMP, and the Province of British Columbia, specifically the Director of Civil Forfeiture (Director). Ladha is seeking civil damages arising from federal prosecution and civil forfeiture claim against her	Issue	-
Mar 1-15 TBC	<u>FLNR-</u> <u>68141</u>	s.13	Issue	Report
Mar 7-18 TBC CHANGED	<u>ARR-</u> <u>68668</u>	Hold for MARR	FYI	Report

TODAY: Friday, February 26, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Fri Feb 26	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 25-26	JAG / ARR	Winnipeg – National Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls: FPT leads (ministers or DMs/ADMs), Aboriginal leaders, and delegations of families re-commit to prevention initiatives. Feb 24 – Family members only; Feb 25 – Politicians and family members; Feb 26 – Working day for politicians; Minister Anton Feb 25-26; Minister Rustad attends Feb 26	-	<u>JAG-68539</u>
Today	AVED	Vancouver – Minister Wilkinson attends and speaks at a day-long session with Advisory Council for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He will speak about promoting trade in Asia and the International Education Strategy. Minister Virk also attending at speaks approx. 1:45pm, see #MTICS-69093	-	<u>AVED-70001</u>
6:00 am	JAG	Winnipeg – Media Avail at National Roundtable 6:00am in B.C. / 8:00am in Manitoba	-	<u>JAG-70038</u>
8:45 am	FLNR	Information Bulletin only, regional – Kamloops Fire Centre: prescribed ecological restoration burn in Monck Provincial Park	BCGov IB	<u>FLNR-70049</u>
9:00 am	TRAN	Vancouver – BC on the Move: MLA Yamamoto speaks on behalf of Minister Stone to announce completion of work on Stanley Park Causeway safety upgrades. Regional news release to contain quote from Minister Stone, Vancouver Park Board and HUB cycling coalition (TBC). MST quoted <u>EVENT LEAD: Karen Geiger</u> Video/Photos: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-65939</u>
9:30 am CHANGED	MTICS	Abbotsford – Minister Virk officially opens new Bio enterprise BC office: Bioenterprise BC, a new business accelerator, is focussed on identifying and commercializing B.C.'s leading agricultural innovations. The new office will be located in Mission but opening will be held at an agritech facility BW Global, located in Abbotsford. MLA Plecas, MLA Hunt and Greg Caws, president and CEO of BC Innovation Council also participating. Media are invited to see an agritech robot that builds greenhouses at the conclusion of the event. <u>EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis</u>	Joint NR 9:45am	<u>MTICS-68957</u>
10:00 am	EDUC	Richmond – School upgrades support growing community: Minister Bernier and MLA Reid host this event. Students, staff and teachers will get some extra room thanks to 195 new student spaces and extensive upgrades to deal with growing enrolment at Henry Anderson Elementary school. <u>EVENT LEAD: Michelle May</u> Video/Photos: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	<u>EDUC-68933</u>
11:15 am CHANGED	TRAN	Information Bulletin only, regional – Announce open houses for Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97.	BCGov IB	<u>TRAN-68969</u>
11:30 am	TRAN	News release only, regional – MOTI applies for Park Use Permit in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park: In consultation with BC Parks, the ministry has determined that the goals to improve safety through the park can be met through a Park Use Permit. As a result, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is no longer pursuing its application for a boundary adjustment.	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-69095</u>
11:30 am	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes attends Vancouver International Wine Festival	-	<u>SBRT-68329</u>
12:00 pm	CSCD	Penticton – Minister Fassbender speaks on behalf of the Province at Civic Lunch during B.C. Winter Games and will announce launch of Hosting BC website	BCGov NR 1:30pm	<u>CSCD-69069</u>
12:50 pm CHANGED	FLNR	Vancouver – Minister Thomson unveils more details of the \$85-million Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. during his keynote speech at the Association of BC Forest Professionals 68th Conference and Annual General Meeting. Minister will be available to answer questions from media after the announcement. Regional teleconference to follow at approx. 1:45pm	BCGov NR 1:00pm	<u>FLNR-68201</u> <u>FLNR-69031</u>

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1:10 pm	FLNR	Information Bulletin, provincewide – Province's newest Chief Forester announced	BCGov IB	FLNR- 70071
1:45 pm	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk participates in an Asia-Pacific Foundation panel discussion today with other Ministers from Alberta and Saskatchewan. Minister Virk's focus will be on technology and trade with Asia	-	MTICS- 69093
2:00 pm	HLTH	Vernon – MLA Foster, on behalf of Minister Lake, attends Interior Health's official opening of Polson Tower's top two floors (open to patients Jan. 21).	3 rd party NR	HLTH- 67884
2:30 pm	JAG	Winnipeg – Media Avail at National Roundtable 2:30pm in B.C. / 4:30pm in Manitoba	-	JAG- 70039
2:30 pm	JAG MARR	Joint statement, provincewide – Ministers Anton and Rustad release joint statement regarding their participation in 2016 National Roundtable on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. Minister Anton will do call arounds to B.C. media at 3:00pm PST	BCGov STMT	JAG- 70054
6:30 pm	AGRI	Vernon – Minister Letnick speaks at annual Certified Organic Associations of B.C. Conference: COABC is an umbrella organization representing organic certifying agencies in British Columbia	-	AGRI- 67875



Fri Feb 26	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RI's
Today TBC	MEM- 68947	Hold for BC Hydro Application	Issue	-
Today	MNGD- 68965	Hold for MNGD matter	Issue	Report
6:00 am	SBRT- 68472 SBRT- 70099	Small Business B.C. issues news release for last night's 13 th annual awards ceremony in Vancouver. Minister Oakes quote included in SBBC NR. SBRT will do a BC Newsroom & BCGov Facebook post for this (date/time TBC)	FYI	NR
7:48 am	Media Relations	CBC the Early Edition – Guest: Minister Terry Lake Topic: Physician assisted dying	TV/Radio	-
10:30 am	MEM- 70058	Victoria (Hotel Grand Pacific) – BC Hydro Technical Briefing on Rates: BC Hydro provides tech briefing to members of the press gallery to update and address questions related to BC Hydro rates and load demand	Issue	-
11:30 am	TRAN- 68292	BC Ferries releases third quarter financial results: For the three-month period ending Dec. 31, 2015	FYI	-
12:00 pm	HLTH- 70079	50 th anniversary of Richmond Hospital: MLA Wat attending Richmond Hospital Foundation event to celebrate the hospital's 50 th anniversary	FYI	-
12:00 pm	SDSI- 68874	Chilliwack – CLBC "WOW" Award presentation: Garth McGreedy is one of five winners of WOW! CLBC award for promoting inclusion of people with developmental disabilities. MLA Throness to attend	FYI	NR
2:00 pm	HLTH- 67825	Nanaimo – Opening of John Barsby Wellness Centre: Island Health and Nanaimo Division of Family Practice are planning an opening event and news release to celebrate opening of the John Barsby Wellness Centre. NOTE: The centre is a safe space designed for high school students of John Barsby. Students will have access to nurses, doctors (GP and specialists), vaccinations, nutritional counselling, sexual health education, mental health and substance use services, and First nations related services	FYI	NR
3:00 pm	AVED- 67757	Terrace – Northwest Community College board meeting	FYI	-

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Feb 20-28	<u>SBRT-68329</u>	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 22-26	<u>MIT-68763</u>	Barcelona, Spain – Mobile World Congress: World's leading conference and trade fair focused on mobile wireless technologies. 17 companies participated in 2014 resulting in 14 deals, 29 participated in 2015	FYI	-
Feb 24-26	<u>HLTH-68636</u>	Vancouver – BC Quality Forum 2016: Hosted by the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council, the forum will have over 60 sessions of presentations and interactive workshops that will cover a variety of topics related to improving quality across the continuum of care. Minister Lake gave opening remarks on Feb. 25 at 8:30am	FYI	-
Feb 25-26	<u>MIT-68491</u>	Vancouver Convention Centre – Asian Business Leaders Advisory Council Economic Forum: Two-day economic forum with a focus on developing strategies to enhance Canada's and BC's brand in Asia, define Canada's competitive opportunities, and deepen business networks. Guest list includes high-profile CEOs and business leaders from Asia and Canada. Lead Org: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	<u>CSCD-57347</u>	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sat Feb 27	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#



Sat Feb 27	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Feb 20-28	<u>SBRT-68329</u>	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	<u>CSCD-57347</u>	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Feb 28	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Victoria (Esquimalt) tomorrow, Feb. 29, 2016	BCGov NR	<u>JTST-68911</u>
1:30 pm	CSCD	Penticton – Closing ceremony for B.C. Winter Games: MLA Ashton will speak on behalf of the Province. He will also take part in extinguishing the BC Games torch	-	<u>CSCD-69068</u>



Sun Feb 28	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
12:00 pm	<u>Leg Cal</u>	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Wounded Warrior Run BC Front steps and driveway booked, 12:00pm-12:30pm	FYI	-
Feb 20-28	<u>SBRT-68329</u>	Vancouver International Wine Festival: Canada's premier food & wine event, has three mandates: to provide an informative, educational and entertaining wine experience for public and trade; to be a premier marketing opportunity for the wine industry and festival partners; and to raise funds for the Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	FYI	-
Feb 25-28	<u>CSCD-57347</u>	Penticton – 2016 B.C. Winter Games end: Competitive multi-sport event to develop athletes	FYI	-

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Monday, February 29, 2016

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Mon Feb 29	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
9:00 am	MTICS	News release only, regional – Dawson Creek SDSI office moves into local Service BC office today	BCGov NR	<u>MTICS-67502</u>
9:30 am	TRAN	News Release only, regional – Contract awarded to design/build four new cable ferries for Province's inland ferry fleet	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-68457</u>
10:00 am TBD	ENV	Hold for possible Blue Curtain media avail with Minister Polak		
NEW 10:15 am	SBRT	Information Bulletin only, provincewide – Liquor Distribution Branch's Support Dry Grad Campaign Launched: From Feb. 28 – March 31 BC Liquor Stores will collect public donations to support local alcohol-free graduation parties in 2016. Now in its 16 th year, the Support Dry Grad campaign in BC Liquor Stores has been an integral part of the LDB's efforts to prevent underage drinking and promote zero consumption by minors. Since its inception, the campaign has raised more than \$5.85 million	BCGov IB	<u>SBRT-70028</u>
11:15 am	CSCD	News Release only, provincewide – Province releases 2015-16 community gaming grants list in Human and Social Services category	BCGov NR	<u>CSCD-68914</u>
11:30 am	TRAN	Hold for TRAN news release, provincewide – Details TBA	BCGov NR	<u>TRAN-69018</u>
12:15 pm	EMBC	Victoria (Legislature) – Hold for Minister Yamamoto event and NR, details TBA. EVENT LEAD: Michelle May Photos: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	-
1:00 pm	HLTH	News release only, provincewide – Funding announcement for reduction of alcohol use and addictions on campus	BCGov NR	<u>HLTH-65818</u>
1:30 pm	FLNR	News Release only, regional – New bridge links Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail	BCGov NR	<u>FLNR-70091</u>
NEW 1:45 pm approx.	ENV	News Release, provincewide – Hold for Legislation	BCGov NRs x 2 TBD	<u>ENV-69047</u>
6:00 pm	FLNR	Vancouver –Minister Thomson speaks at B.C. Wood design awards. Launching of a new award: International Wood Design awards and has a number of Asia entries. Lead Org: Wood Works	NR 3 rd party	<u>FLNR-68745</u>
6:30 pm	AVED	Victoria – Minister Wilkinson speaks at Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. evening reception	-	<u>AVED-68552</u>



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Today	<u>ENV-68451</u>	The Water Sustainability Act comes into force today	FYI	-
Today	-	The Lieutenant Governor of BC in Gold River: The LG will visit the Gold River Village Office, Ray Watkins Elementary School, Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation, and a reception at the Ridge Pub and Family Restaurant	FYI	-
Today Skills	<u>JTST-68911</u>	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Victoria (Esquimalt) today	FYI	-
Today	<u>FLNR-68507</u>	Minister Thomson's monthly E-newsletter	FYI	-

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Today	<u>CSCD-70051</u>	artsVest BC Workshop (Kelowna): Minister Fassbender provides a video greeting to participants in the Kelowna artsVest BC workshop. artsVest is a matching incentive and sponsorship training program, designed to spark new business sponsorship of arts and culture and to build capacity.	FYI	-
9:30 am approx.	<u>TRAN-69109</u>	BC Ferries announces Queen of Oak Bay back in service: The Queen of Oak Bay is back in service following its three-quarter life upgrade. The release will highlight the vessel's improved pet area. This ferry serves Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay	FYI	NR
10:30 am NEW	<u>MEM-70095</u>	Vancouver – Site C Litigation - Court Decision on Injunction Application: BC Supreme Court hands down decision on BC Hydro's application for an injunction to remove protesters from Rocky Mountain Fort site who are interfering with construction activities on south bank of Site C dam project.	Issue	-
5:00 pm	<u>MIT-69010</u>	Minister Wat issues Chinese New Year message in Victoria's Chinatown Newsletter (print): As the oldest Chinatown in Canada, Victoria's Chinatown has a thriving business and residential community, served by a quarterly newsletter. Minister Wat will lead the New Year edition with a personalised greeting, translated	FYI	-

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Tues Mar 1	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
10:00 am TBD TBC	CSCD	Victoria (with regional NR) – Hold for Gas Tax event: Federal-led event to mark completion of Bowker Creek Restoration Project. Provincial Rep (TBD). NOTE: Time and date may change depending on availability of a federal rep	Fed NR	CSCD- 68812
10:00 am TBD	PSSG	News release only, provincewide – Amendments to the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation to simplify workplace supervision requirements for funeral director and embalmer apprentices	BCGov NR	PSSG - 68945
10:00 am	FLNR	Hold for Legislation	BCGov NR	FLNR- 68613
12:00 pm	FIN	Vancouver – Minister de Jong speaks to Finance Executives International about Budget 2016	-	FIN- 69035
12:00 pm	HLTH	Location TBC – Minister Lake attends and speaks at Pacific Hepatitis C Network luncheon	-	HLTH- 70083
12:15 pm TBD	FLNR	Victoria – Hold for event		FLNR- 68613



Tues Mar 1	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	-	The Lieutenant Governor of BC in Port Alice and Port McNeill: The LG will visit the Port Alice Village Office, the Royal Canadian Legion, and Sea View Elementary School Junior Secondary in Port Alice, and the Port McNeill Town Hall, North Island Secondary, and the Royal Canadian Legion in Port McNeill.	FYI	-
Today	JTST- 70033	RMI Whistler Olympic Sculpture: RMI funds towards Whistler Olympic sculpture. Unveiling being held by Resort municipality of Whistler today. MSB quoted in release	FYI	NR
Today	MNGD- 68958	Comment period ends: Woodfibre LNG GHG report – Via Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, comment period for Woodfibre LNG GHG report ends	FYI	-
Time TBD	HLTH- 69120	Meeting to discuss residential substance use program for youth and young adults reopening: Meeting with Provincial Health Services Authority and the Central City Foundation to discuss reopening of the Crossing at Keremeos program for youth and young adults. Numerous steps need to be put in place, including lease agreement. Lead Org: PHSA	Issue	NR
Time TBD	HLTH- 70034	Interior Health public service announcement on opening of new perinatal unit at Kelowna General: The new perinatal (maternity) unit at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) opens for patient care at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2016. This coincides with moving maternity patients to the new unit. PSA outlines what patients can expect on opening day.	FYI	NR
8:30 am	IGRS- 62943	Welcome to the BC Public Service in Surrey: Orientation and official Oath of Employment Ceremony for new employees. Sponsored and facilitated by BCPSA, logistics and Oath Ceremony managed by Office of Protocol. Protocol Lead: Helen Carr	FYI	-

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10:00 am	<u>HLTH-70060</u>	Interior Health news release on Nutrition Month: March is Nutrition Month and over the next month Interior Health Registered Dietitians will be joining forces with the Dietitians of Canada to encourage Canadians to take the "100 Meal Journey" by making small changes to their eating, one meal at a time.	FYI	NR
10:00 am	<u>HLTH-68433</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul's Redevelopment: PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions: One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul's redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
3:00 pm	<u>AVED-67706</u>	BCIT board meeting: British Columbia Institute of Technology board meeting	FYI	-
6:30 pm	<u>HLTH-68671</u>	Vancouver – St. Paul's Redevelopment – PHC West Neighbourhood Engagement Sessions : One of five community engagement sessions put on by Providence Health and the City of Vancouver as part of St. Paul's redevelopment project ongoing consultations	FYI	-
Today	<u>HLTH-68906</u>	Interior Health public board meeting	FYI	-
Mar 1-2	<u>IGRS-68905</u>	Vancouver – Visit of his Excellency, the High Commissioner, Howard Drake of the United Kingdom. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Red Tape Reduction Day

Events, Speeches & Releases

Wed Mar 2	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Feb 29-Mar 2	LG	Tour/Visit – LG Guichon on three-day trip to Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeill and Sayward. Media are invited to a number of events (media advisory issued Feb. 25)	-	-
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for Council of the Federation (COF) Winter Meeting		IGRS-68680
Time TBD	SBRT	Opinion Editorial, provincewide – Minister shares an OpEd on action the Province is taking to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day, focused on the regions	BCGov OpEd	SBRT-69115
7:30 am	FIN	Cloverdale – Minister de Jong speaks to Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce about Budget 2016.	-	FIN-69034
8:30 am	ENV	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016 Opening Plenary EVENT LEAD: Anish Dwivedi Photographer: Don Craig	BCGov NR Time TBD	ENV-68580 IGRS-66233 TRAN-70093
10:00 am	HLTH	Nanaimo – Minister Lake tours iHealth engagement lab at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	-	HLTH-69025
10:15 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Duncan tomorrow at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	BCGov NR	JTST-69060
10:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk gives introductory remarks with link to #BCTECH Strategy at Globe 2016 POWERHAUS Pitch event	-	MTICS-69043
12:15 pm	SBRT	Victoria (Legislature/Reception Hall) – Minister Oakes celebrates first annual Red Tape Reduction Day. Event will include release of final consultation report. EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis Photos/video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR	SBRT-67871
3:30 pm TBD	MNGD	Vancouver – Minister Coleman takes part in panel discussion at Globe 2016 "Modern Wood Buildings: Naturally Innovative," hosted by Natural Resources Canada	-	MNGD-70070
6:00 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes attends a reception with the business community in Vancouver to celebrate Red Tape Reduction Day Photos/video: Kyle Surovy	BCGov NR	SBRT-68709

Wed Mar 2	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Today	-	The Lieutenant Governor of BC in Sayward: The LG will visit the Sayward Village Hall, Sayward Elementary/Junior Secondary, Kelly's Bridge Grand Opening and Kelsey Recreation Centre.	FYI	-
Mar 1-2	IGRS-68905	Vancouver – Visit of his Excellency, the High Commissioner, Howard Drake of the United Kingdom. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	JAG-69029	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	TRAN-68966	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	IGRS-68449	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	IGRS-66233 ENV-68580	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-




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Thursday, March 3, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Thurs Mar 3	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Today	IGRS	Vancouver – Hold for First Ministers' Meeting (FMM)		<u>IGRS-68681</u>
 	ARR	News Release only, regional – Pipeline benefit agreement (date may change)	BCGov NR	<u>ARR-69118</u>
9:00 am	CSCD	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Fassbender attends Premier's Award for Aboriginal Youth Excellence in Sport: Event unveils design of awards and bring awareness of the awards which will be presented at Gathering of the Voices conference on March 21, 2016. PS Hogg is emcee <u>EVENT LEAD: Michelle May (TBC)</u> Photos/Video: Justin Schneider	BCGov NR 9:30am	<u>CSCD-67981</u> <u>CSCD-70098</u>
11:00 am	AGRI	News release, provincewide – The ALC is receiving a budget increase to fulfil its mandate of protecting farm land and to deliver their services to British Columbians in a timely, efficient and accessible manner. 11:30am Media Avail w/Minister Letnick & ALC Chair, Frank Leonard Location: Minister's office	BCGov NR	<u>AGRI-65078</u>
12:15 pm	HLTH	Victoria (Legislature) – Minister Lake participates in Carrot Rewards Launch: Event with Minister Lake speaking, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Health Kamal Khera, Social Change Rewards and other stakeholders to announce government introduction of Carrot Rewards, an app program to reward British Columbians for healthy living activities. Joint provincewide Prov/Fed NR. <u>EVENT LEAD: Louise Denis</u>	Joint NR	<u>HLTH-68634</u>
12:25 pm	SBRT	Vancouver – Minister Oakes chairs Small Business Roundtable: This is a regular meeting of the Small Business Roundtable as the voice of the Small Business Community to Government. Canadian Federation of Independent Business may do an NR on partnership with B.C. to consult with small businesses (TBC)	3 rd party NR TBD	<u>SBRT-68878</u>
3:00 pm 	JAG	Report (web post only) – Specialized Court Strategy	Report	<u>JAG-63057</u>
6:00 pm	JTST	Location TBC – Minister Bond speaks at Aviation Border Summit dinner	-	<u>JTST-70076</u>
6:30 pm	SDSI	Victoria – Minister Stilwell attends and provides remarks at student showcase of social innovation/enterprise projects. Students from UVic, Camosun and Royal Roads will make short presentations and Minister Stilwell and others will provide feedback. Hosted by the Vancouver Island Social Innovation Zone	-	<u>SDSI-70088</u>
6:30 pm	MIT	Richmond – Minister Wat addresses the Chinese Cultural Society for Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey dinner to celebrate the Lunar New Year). Local MLAs, businesses and cultural community members attending	-	<u>MIT-70078</u>
7:00pm	HLTH	Vancouver – Minister Lake will provide opening remarks at the 4th annual Shine a Light Kidney Gala hosted by the Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch		<u>HLTH-69040</u>

Thurs Mar 3	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	RLs
Today	JTST-69060	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Duncan today at Cowichan Secondary – Quamichan Campus	FYI	-
10:00 am	HLTH-69985	Office of the Seniors Advocate will be unveiling a directory on its website for residential care facilities in B.C.: This will include such info as resident care hours, bed numbers, if rooms are private, complaint contact phone number	FYI	NR
12:00 pm 	MEM-68100	Hudson's Hope – Site C Job Fair: BC Hydro-led job fairs provide job seekers with opportunity to meet with Site C contractors and other skills and training resources.	FYI	-
3:00 pm	AVED-67686	Abbotsford – University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) board meeting	FYI	-

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Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-3	<u>TRAN-68966</u>	Open houses: Boucherie and Westlake intersections on Highway 97: Goal is to increase safety and mobility along Highway 97 corridor and meet future traffic demands. Based on initial planning and discussions with Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna, the ministry has developed conceptual plans for improvements. The ministry is seeking community input on these plans.	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women’s Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-

Friday, March 4, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Fri Mar 4	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Time TBD	SBRT	News release only, regional – Regional releases to promote Red Tape Reduction Day	BCGov NR	<u>SBRT-68932</u>
Time TBD NEW	SBRT	News You Can Use only, provincewide – Hold for possible NYCU, details TBA	BCGov NYCU	<u>SBRT-68747</u>
8:30 am	JTST	Vancouver – NR on Access to Skilled Labour Roundtable: Agrifood Processors (8:30am-11:30am). No confirmed government reps at this time. No media attending	BCGov NR 9:00am	<u>JTST-68776</u>
8:30 am	MTICS	Vancouver – Minister Virk speaks at Globe 2016 India Spotlight; link to #BCTECH Strategy	-	<u>MTICS-69044</u>
9:00 am	CSCD	Richmond – Minister Fassbender greets participants at the Richmond artsVest BC workshop	-	<u>CSCD-70052</u>
9:00 am	EDUC	News Releases only, regionals – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NRs x 15	<u>EDUC-68810</u>
9:10 am	JTST Skills	Prince George – Bridging the Gap Employment Option: Minister Bond speaks at employment forum to discuss Jobs Plan, Skills Training & employment trends in northern B.C. Audience will be 90 to 100 employment professionals	-	<u>JTST-70047</u>
10:00 am	MEM	Vancouver – Minister Bennett participates in conversation circle titled 'Pedal to the Metal: Accelerating market adoption of electric vehicles'	-	<u>MEM-70055</u>
10:00 am	IGRS	Hold for IGRS	-	<u>IGRS-69997</u>
10:00 am	EDUC	News Release only, provincewide – Announcing second intake of schools to the Innovation Partnership program	BCGov NR	<u>EDUC-68810</u>
10:00 am	HLTH	Kamloops – Minister Lake to participate in hard hat tour and photo-op of construction at Royal Inland Hospital's Clinical Services Building. Event is to provide media and stakeholders with an update on construction. Photo release to go out after the tour. Interior Health news release	3 rd party NR	<u>HLTH-68888</u>
10:30 am CHANGED	EDUC	Dawson Creek – Next Generation Network project update and TELUS Partnership Video Launch: Minister Bernier will tour Dawson Creek Secondary School and participate in student-led demonstrations of four tech/internet related programs. Minister will also speak, with TELUS rep and SD 59 rep	BCGov NR	<u>EDUC-68741</u>
10:30 am TBD	MTICS	s.13	BCGov NR	<u>MTICS-68398</u>
10:30 am	SDSI	Powell River – Minister Stilwell may attend WOW! CLBC Award Presentation. These awards go to people/groups who promote or exemplify inclusion for people with developmental disabilities	3 rd Party NR	<u>SDSI-68731</u>
11:15 am	ENV	Vancouver – Minister Polak participates on environment ministers panel at GLOBE 2016 conference	-	<u>ENV-69048</u>

Fri Mar 4	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Today TBC	<u>SBRT-68748</u>	Hold for SBRT	FYI	-
Today	<u>HLTH-68614</u> <u>SBRT-68980</u>	Burnaby – Walk-in Clinics of B.C. inaugural conference: 100 attendees expected to attend inaugural walk-in clinics of BC conference entitled "A Very Valuable Service." Former Health Minister George Abbott will deliver the keynote address. Minister Oakes is not attending	FYI	-
Today	<u>JAG-69094</u>	Advocate article for May issue due: Articles by Minister Anton appear six times a year	FYI	-

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Today	<u>IGRS-64602</u>	Order of British Columbia Cut-off date for processing current year nominations: OBC nominations must be received by the Secretariat on March 4 for processing in order to be considered by the 2016 Advisory Council. Any nominations received after this date will be processed for 2017	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-65378</u>	Kelowna – Hosting BC: Super Series – STARSkate Final – figure skating: Provincial grant received	FYI	-
Today	<u>CSCD-62533</u>	Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day: BC Special Olympics will join people around the world to celebrate 8 th annual Spread the Word to End the Word Awareness Day. It is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and our supporters to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the R-word and encourage people to pledge to stop using it	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>AVED-70045</u>	Richmond – Information session on KPU's new school of design: KPU to host a project information session for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design regarding the project and the upcoming tender. The new 6000 square metre facility is to provide flexible teaching spaces, with natural daylight, and good ventilation. The building is to support delivery of KPU's innovative design programs, and will be delivered under a design-bid-build contract strategy, ready for occupancy in January 2018.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>HLTH-68519</u>	Vernon – Interior Health event for Vernon residential care bed groundbreaking: Event with MLA Foster to celebrate groundbreaking for 85 residential care beds in Vernon. The new care home will be constructed at 3006 29 Ave. and will be a multi-storey building with 85 publicly-funded and five private pay residential complex care beds, as well as additional private pay assisted living beds	FYI	NR
2:00 pm	<u>JTST-68924</u>	ITA – Lions in the House: Annual events in various B.C. locations led by ITA, Pacific NorthWest LNG, and the BC Lions for grade 6-9 students focusing on the power of choice. Government Rep TBD	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	<u>JAG-69029</u>	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-66233</u> <u>ENV-68580</u>	Vancouver – GLOBE 2016: Held at Vancouver Convention Centre. Environment is lead	FYI	-
Mar 2-4	<u>IGRS-68449</u>	Victoria and Vancouver – Visit of H.E. Nicolas Chapuis, Ambassador of France to Canada. Meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-
Mar 3-4	<u>SBRT-68979</u>	Vancouver – Women's Enterprise Centre board meeting: This is a quarterly meeting	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Sat Mar 5				
9:00 am	AGRI	Kelowna – Minister Letnick speaks at BC Association of Farmers' Markets annual conference. Conference theme is 'Nourish and Flourish'	-	<u>AGRI-68252</u>
10:00 am	EDUC	News Release only, provincewide –Skills training grants connect students with jobs of tomorrow (wrap-up release)	BCGov NR	<u>EDUC-69028</u>
CHANGED 11:00 am	Skills JTST	Prince George – Minister Bond (TBC) may attend BC Auto Careers website launch event: The Automotive Retailers Association will be announcing the website that is funded in part by JTST. ARA has asked the Minister to speak briefly at the dealership for the launch of the website with PG media present. In response to the LMP initiative, BCASA has developed a comprehensive human resource strategy for the automotive sector, and it has identified industry-specific training needs to ensure that workers with the right skills are available and trained here in B.C.	-	<u>JTST-70087</u>
7:15 pm approx.	CSCD	Whistler – Minister Fassbender brings greetings from the Province at Audain Art Museum Opening celebration dinner. Federal and local government reps (TBC) also bring remarks. Event starts with a ribbon-cutting at the museum at 4:00pm, then moves to Fairmont Chateau Whistler for celebration dinner and program from 6:00pm-10:30pm. LG Guichon presides over the ribbon-cutting	-	<u>CSCD-68299</u>

Sat Mar 5	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Today	<u>CSCD-65377</u>	Hosting BC: BC Short Track Championship – Speed skating in Kamloops: This sporting event received a provincial grant.	FYI	-
1:00 pm	<u>Leg Cal</u>	Victoria (B.C. Legislature) – Walk for a Free Tibet Rear steps and driveway booked 1:00pm-2:30pm	FYI	-
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	<u>CSCD-67234</u>	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	<u>IGRS-68954</u>	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Sun Mar 6	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
9:30 am TBD	JTST Skills	News release only, regional – Announce WorkBC's Find Your Fit will be taking place in Campbell River tomorrow, March 7, 2016, at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	BCGov NR	<u>JTST-69061</u>
2:00 pm PST	MEM	Toronto – Minister Bennett speaks at Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's International Convention, Trade Show & Investors Exchange - 5pm EST	-	<u>MEM-68869</u>

Sun Mar 6	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
Today	<u>MEM-68869</u>	PDAC International Convention, Trade Show and Investors Exchange in Toronto:		
Mar 4-6	<u>CSCD-67237</u>	Kelowna – Like Me Snowboard Series, Provincial Finals: Snowboard event Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-6	<u>CSCD-67234</u>	Kamloops – Hosting BC: Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL), Provincial Finals: Hosting BC grant received; No provincial rep attending	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	<u>IGRS-68954</u>	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

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Monday, March 7, 2016

Events, Speeches & Releases

Mon Mar 7	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
12:15 pm TBD	HLTH	Victoria – Hold for potential event	-	HLTH-68557
1:30 pm TBD	HLTH	Hold for Health re: Legislation	BCGov NR	HLTH-68557



Mon Mar 7	Source	IN THE NEWS & ISSUES SUMMARY	Category	Rls
3:00 pm	AVED-67711	Camosun College board meeting	FYI	-
Today Skills	JTST-69061	Work BC's Find Your Fit tour is in Campbell River today at Ecole Phoenix Middle School	FYI	-
Mar 1-7	JAG-69029	Gurjinder Dhaliwal and Gursimar Bedi Trial: Scheduled for B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster. Dhaliwal is charged with murder and Bedi is charged with manslaughter and being an accessory after the fact in the death of Maple Battalia in Surrey on Sept 28, 2011. The case will be heard by a judge sitting without a jury	FYI	-
Mar 5-8	IGRS-68954	Victoria – LEBANON: Visit of Mr. Sami HADDAD, Counselor & Charge D'Affaires: Various meetings requested. Protocol Lead: Frances Gorman	FYI	-

CONSULTATIONS AND DIALOGUES

Date	Consultations and Dialogues	CC ID #
Closes Mar 25	Climate Action Leadership: B.C.'s climate action consultation for development of Climate Leadership Plan. Second phase of public consultation is from January 25 to March 25, 2016 at noon. Phase 1 of engagement process saw thousands of British Columbians provide their ideas and priorities for climate action. Province also received Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report, which included 32 recommendations. Feedback can be submitted by online survey, email and stakeholder submissions. NOTE: Government will release its final Climate Leadership Plan Spring of 2016. More info	CITENG-68520
Closes Mar 31	100 Mile House Natural Resource District: Consultation on the proposed changes to old growth management areas in the 100 Mile Natural Resource District. More info	CITENG-68655
Closes Apr 11	Ajax Mine Project Consultation: KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. proposes to develop the Ajax Project, a new open-pit copper/ gold mine located south of and adjacent to the City of Kamloops. This is the latest phase of public consultation on this project. There will be future engagements as well. More info	CITENG-68660
Closes Apr 22 (date extended)	Emergency Program Act: Purpose of this site is to provide information about the Emergency Program Act and allow the public/stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and share thoughts on 12 different topics. The Act sets out the key responsibilities and authorities to guide and enable experts at the local and provincial levels in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The Ministry has also invited key stakeholders to make formal stakeholder submissions. More info	CITENG-68236
Ongoing	BC Education Plan: Comments and ideas will help shape a vision for B.C.'s students today and tomorrow on a wide range of topics that include how we prepare new teachers for success, how school calendars are set, how professional development is structured, how we create better supports for vocational education, and many more. Feedback accepted online at the BC Ed Plan website and by email. www.bcedplan.ca	CITENG-65757
Ongoing	BC Parks Volunteer Community: As part of the BC Parks Volunteer Strategy an online community has been developed as a place for citizens to: learn more about BC Parks volunteers; connect with other volunteer groups; and, eventually, link to volunteer opportunities within their own communities. More info	CITENG-65759
Ongoing	Columbia River Treaty: The Columbia River Treaty is an internationally respected water management agreement between Canada and the United States to manage cross-boundary river flows where both signatory countries share in the treaty benefits. In 2013, draft recommendations were released aimed at seeking improvements within the existing treaty framework. While comments are now closed on the draft, citizens can still provide feedback online or by email http://blog.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty	CITENG-65768
Ongoing	DataBC: A place to find data, services, applications and tools to help make informed decisions, inspire change or develop ideas to improve government policies. DataBC gives access to the data that drives our province forward. Ideas, comments and questions can be submitted. http://www.data.gov.bc.ca	CITENG-65769
Ongoing	Families First: The Families First Agenda for British Columbia provides information about how government supports families in B.C. It describes a range of established programs as well as some new ideas to help make life more affordable, support vulnerable families and keep communities safe. British Columbians are invited to get involved and share their ideas. http://www.familiesfirstbc.ca	CITENG-65772
Ongoing	Healthy Families BC: Healthy Families BC offers British Columbians the critical resources for better managing their own health and reducing the incident of chronic disease. The Healthy Families community features a blog written by registered dietitians and kinesiologists, as well as tools and programs to assist with healthy living. Citizens can share their experience in raising a healthy family and support others in making positive changes in their own lives. https://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca	CITENG-65781
Ongoing	McKenzie Interchange Public Engagement: Website for project information and public and stakeholders will be asked for input on design and construction of the Hwy 1 – Admirals/McKenzie Interchange in Victoria. Part of B.C. on the Move 10 Year Transportation Plan and Federal funding. Launching October 29, 2015	CITENG-65726
Ongoing	Regulatory Reform Initiative: Regulatory Reform BC promotes clear, simple regulations and policy to make it easier for citizens to deal with government. Our end goal is to ensure that every single regulatory requirement in B.C. is necessary, meaningful and serves a purpose. Feedback will help inform government's priorities for continued red tape reduction. More Info	CITENG-65787
Ongoing	Tell TranBC: TranBC is the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's online home, and where they typically engage online through their website and various social platforms. The blog has a page to hear from citizens on what they would like to learn more, have questions on, or concerns about, called "Tell TranBC". Citizens can provide feedback on the site.	CITENG-65791

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Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New toolkit will help communities host more events

VICTORIA - The Province of British Columbia today launched its new online hosting toolkit, providing communities and organizations with additional information on how to host events of all sizes.

This toolkit is another component of the five-year hosting strategy that was announced by the Province last year to promote British Columbia as a world-class hosting destination.

The resource will include important tools to assist sport, art and cultural event organizers through the various stages of event management.

Some of the resources found in the toolkit include:

1. Self-Assessment Checklist - A simple checklist to provide potential event organizers with areas to consider prior to creating and submitting a bid.
2. Sport Event Bid Package Preparation Tools - Tips to consider when developing a bid package that will attract sport events.
3. Sponsorship Tools - Basic tips to help event organizers attract and maintain sponsors for an event.
4. Volunteer Management Tools - Resource includes tips to consider when managing volunteers on topics such as recruiting, training, deploying and recognizing volunteers.
5. Inventory of Facilities - Discover the sport and recreation assets of B.C. communities that can assist organizations in finding the perfect venue for an event.



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B.C. increases investments in forest stewardship

VANCOUVER – The new Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., supported by \$85 million in government funding, will focus its efforts on wildfire risk reduction to complement the ministry's existing forest stewardship programs and world-class wildfire suppression capabilities.

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson provided details of the society in his keynote speech at the Association of BC Forest Professionals annual general meeting.

The new society will concentrate its activities on the following:

- Wildfire risk reduction: Fuel management activities such as thinning, pruning and removing woody debris from forests, especially those impacted by the mountain pine beetle infestation, to reduce wildfire risks in key areas. The recently updated Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis will provide guidance for potential treatments.
- Forest rehabilitation: Clearing stands damaged by wildfire, or at high risk from wildfire, and reforesting them.
- Wildlife habitat restoration: Designing fuel management and forest rehabilitation activities to promote desired wildlife habitat characteristics.
- FireSmart program: Raising awareness among local governments and rural property owners about steps they can take to protect their homes from wildfire.

The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities, focuses on reducing the wildfire risk in the two-kilometre wildland-urban interface surrounding communities. With its latest \$10-million commitment, government has provided \$78 million to this initiative since 2004. The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will complement the efforts of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative by supporting critical wildfire prevention work outside of interface areas and providing a landscape-level approach to wildfire risk reduction.

Local forest products businesses will have opportunities to purchase the timber, roadside debris and other forest fibre resulting from these activities, at market prices. This will, in turn, support rural employment.

The work of the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. will help meet the goal of a sustainable and reliable timber supply under the Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy and aligns with the ministry's other programs designed to enhance B.C.'s forests, most notably Forests for Tomorrow, Land Based Investment Strategy and integrated silviculture strategies.

The inaugural board meeting of the society will take place in March. The society's immediate goals will be to set short-term priorities and engage with stakeholders.

As part of Budget 2016, the ministry's Land Based Investment Strategy will see an increase of \$12 million for 2016-17. Most of the increase will go toward Forests for Tomorrow, translating into increased fertilization of 8,000 to 20,000 hectares and providing for additional surveys and site preparation to plant 28 million seedlings annually by 2019-20.

Quotes:

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson –

"The new society allows us to make new investments in our forests and protect the investments that we have already made. Altogether, we're investing an additional \$107 million to ensure healthy and resilient forests for future generations to enjoy."

Association of BC Forest Professionals CEO Christine Gelowitz –

"The investment will benefit the long-term health of our forests and bring new opportunities for forest professionals and other people who work and live in forest-based communities across B.C."

Council of Forest Industries president and CEO Susan Yurkovich –

"The forest industry contributes \$12 billion to the provincial GDP and supports 145,000 direct and indirect jobs in B.C. We are happy to see that the provincial government remains committed to ensuring a healthy, vibrant and sustainable natural resource sector."

Quick Facts:

- In September 2015, the B.C. government and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) launched the \$500,000 FireSmart community grant program to encourage more communities to participate in the program.
- Homeowners who live in wildland interface areas can help protect their properties from wildfire threats by using FireSmart principles. FireSmart Canada works closely with communities throughout the country to mitigate wildfire risks in interface areas, where urban development borders on forest or grassland areas.
- Since 2005, government has invested more than \$400 million in the complementary Forests for Tomorrow program to survey more than 1.5 million hectares and plant 175 million seedlings over 128,000 hectares in areas impacted by wildfire and the mountain pine beetle infestation.

Learn More:

The Homeowner's FireSmart Manual was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. More information about the FireSmart program and copies of the manual are available at: <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart.htm>

Responding to catastrophic wildfires and the mountain pine beetle epidemic through Forests for Tomorrow: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow>

Backgrounders follow.

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Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. directors

The inaugural Forest Enhancement Society of B.C.'s board of directors consists of:

Wayne Clogg – Clogg graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of science degree in forestry in 1977. He worked with West Fraser from 1980 to 2012 as a field forester, woodlands manager and general manager. Since his retirement as senior vice-president of woodlands in 2012, he has been working as a consultant.

Derek Orr – Orr graduated from the business management program at the College of New Caledonia and is a certified life skills coach trainer. Chief of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, he also serves on the boards of Duz Cho Logging, Duz Cho Construction, Summit Pipeline Services, McLeod Lake Indian Band Exploration Corporation and the Aboriginal Business and Investment Council.

Jim Snetsinger – Snetsinger graduated from the University of Toronto in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry, moved to British Columbia and started working for the B.C. government in 1986. He worked in a variety of positions before being appointed the province's chief forester in 2004. Since his retirement from that position in 2012, he has been working as a forestry consultant.

Dave Peterson – Peterson graduated from the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science degree in physical geography – Natural Resource Management in 1980 and became a registered professional forester in 1985. He worked with the Ministry of Forests until 1995, when he moved into the private sector. He returned to the ministry in 2005 and has served in a number of assistant deputy minister positions. He is currently the assistant deputy minister for the Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division.

Robert Turner – Turner graduated from the University of Guelph with a master of arts degree in international development studies. He has over 20 years of international experience in humanitarian and disaster response operations, including large-scale program management in natural disaster, conflict and post-conflict environments. Prior to joining the ministry in 2015, he served as the director of operations for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in the Gaza Strip. He is currently the assistant deputy minister of the Integrated Resource Operations Division.

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Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis

The 2015 Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis (Wildfire Threat Analysis), and an accompanying series of maps, were produced using geographic analysis and a wide range of data to assess various wildfire threat elements, including vegetation types, historical wildfire data, forest fuel classification, fire behaviour patterns, geography and other factors.

The maps indicate potential wildfire threats throughout the province, using a scale of 10 Fire Threat Classes (with 1 being the lowest risk and 10 being the highest risk). These 10 levels represent estimates of relative fire threats, taking into account fire occurrence history, derived fire intensity under severe fire weather conditions and the impacts of fire “spotting” (where embers are blown ahead of the main fire and start new fires).

In the wildland-urban interface – the two-kilometre buffer areas surrounding communities – about 1,347,000 hectares are considered to be high-risk.

The Wildfire Threat Analysis presents these relative wildfire threats at a provincial scale only. In an area where a high risk is indicated, a qualified professional should confirm the actual rating at the forest stand level.

The 2015 Wildfire Threat Analysis and associated maps are available online at <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/PSTA.htm>

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6. Marketing, Media and Communication Tools - Resources that will help promote the event, and provide guidance on working with the media to communicate with participants, volunteers and partners.

Future additions to the hosting toolkit will include an Economic Impact Assessment Tool that is currently under development. Once completed, it will provide organizers with the ability to predict and evaluate the economic impact of events, both before and after.

Community Sport Hosting Network:

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development will also reinvigorate the Community Sport Hosting Network. This network will help organizations:

- * Work together to continue building an event hosting culture throughout the province and promote British Columbia as the event hosting destination of choice.
- * Strengthen the working relationship between the Government of British Columbia and communities and organizations interested in event hosting.
- * Develop collaborative relationships across the Province to share best practices and facilitate knowledge transfer as appropriate.
- * Build capacity within communities for hosting successful events.

Organizations interested in becoming part of the Community Sport Hosting Network can send an email with details of their contact information to: eventsupport@gov.bc.ca

Quotes:

Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development -

"The Province understands the many benefits that come to communities from hosting sport, art and cultural events. This toolkit will provide information and resources to those individuals and groups who want to host their own event, but are unsure where or how to begin."

Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour -

"Hosting an event can seem like a daunting task. This new online hosting toolkit will give communities the resources they need to successfully host a variety of events, whatever the size. This is a great go-to resource ensuring that when a community is considering a hosting opportunity they have the practical information they require."

Kelly Hopkins, executive director, Tourism Penticton -

"As a year-round sport, arts and cultural event destination, Penticton welcomes opportunities to showcase our community. An event with the calibre of the BC Winter Games not only highlights the quality of sporting venues in our region, but also our amazing volunteer base - both are essential for hosting events and building sports tourism."

Learn More:

For more information on the new hosting toolkit for sport, art or cultural events:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/events-hosting>

For more information about the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/community-sport-and-cultural-development>

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