

Introduced by **Master Tony Kook**, Director KCHS

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Minister Peter Fassbender

Peter Pil-Won Suk, President, Korean Cultural Heritage Society

Master Song Chul Kim, President, BC Taekwondo Federation

Mr. Sung Kim, Vice President of the KCHS

Paul McDonell, Burnaby City Councillor

Welcome to the 15th annual Korean Cultural Heritage Festival.

BC's multiculturalism is our greatest competitive advantage...

And makes us the envy of the world.

Over 54,000 Korean-Canadians call BC home.

And every day, Korean-Canadians make BC brighter, more vibrant, and more prosperous.

5 years ago, the first annual Korean Heritage Festival to commemorate 40 years of diplomatic relations with Korea.

Since then, we've been working every day to build on those ties.

To give you a sense of how important Korea is to BC – I have been Premier for five years. This year, I paid my third official visit to Korea.

I go because Korea is an important partner for us.

But it's an easy trade mission, because I feel so at home there...
and because I admire what Koreans have accomplished.

Think back 50 years, when diplomatic ties between Canada and Korea were first established.

Korea was one of the poorest countries on Earth. Today, because of the energy and genius of Korean people – it's thriving.

And in that short time, the relationship between Canada and Korea has grown – and it's still growing.

We're creating partnerships in agriculture, clean energy and education...

Giving more people more opportunities in both our countries.

Proclamation Presentation

[Peter Fassbender hands PCC proclamation]

[PCC presents proclamation to Peter Pil-Won Suk]

Today, I have the honour of presenting a proclamation.

The Province of BC officially proclaims August 8, 2016 as Taekwondo Kikkiwon (koo-kee-won) Day.

Enjoy the festival.

Acknowledge:

Gathered Elders;

Ahousaht hereditary leaders:

- **Chief Lewis George**
- **Chief John Keitlah** (Keet-lah)
- **Chief Shawn Atleo**
- **Chief Nate Charlie**

Greg Louie, Chief Councillor

Cliff Atleo

Shane Gottfriedson, Regional Chief

Minister John Rustad

Greg Blanchette, Acting Mayor of Tofino

It's an honour to receive an Ahousaht name that will forever connect me to the Ahousaht people.

Protocol Agreement

In British Columbia, we find strength and success in working together.

By having people work in partnership – by ensuring all benefit from the opportunities this province provides us.

And that's what brings us here today, celebrating partnerships and opportunity with the Ahousaht First Nation, Tofino and other coastal communities.

This protocol agreement provides \$1.25 million over five years to assist the Ahousaht in creating more jobs and sustainable development.

Working in partnership also means, under the agreement, we will:

- Develop a framework to streamline consultations on specific land and resource management decisions, and
- Explore renaming significant geographic features in Ahousaht territory.

We will learn from this unique agreement and look to expand this opportunity to other First Nations in the future.

Emergency Preparedness Funding

The key to any successful partnership is knowing someone has your back, that they're going to be there in the tough times.

As we saw last year, accidents at sea are a constant danger for coastal people, and we need to help them be as prepared as they can be for events like this.

That's why today's agreement also provides \$50,000 to support Ahousaht's needs related to emergency response.

Medal of Good Citizenship

Last year, we saw a tragedy here, when the Leviathan II went down. But we also witnessed extraordinary courage in action.

The people of Ahousaht didn't flee from the danger, they raced to it and helped save lives. They put themselves at risk, not for any other reason than it was the right thing to do.

What British Columbians, Canadians and people around the world saw was the Ahousaht and people of Tofino rally together and show us the power of people working in partnership.

To recognize their selflessness and courage, I'm proud to present the Medal of Good Citizenship to Chief Councillor Greg Louie, and the District of Tofino on behalf of their communities.

[Present medal to Chief Greg Louie / photo]
[Present medal to Greg Blanchette / photo]

[PCC introduces Minister John Rustad to speak]

Introduced by **Michelle Stilwell**

Acknowledge:

Teunis Westbroek, Mayor of Qualicum Beach

Giving drivers more choices is priority of our 10-year transportation plan, BC on the Move.

Today, I'm pleased to announce that we're introducing a new pilot project in September for the use of neighborhood golf carts.

Slow-moving vehicles give seniors the ability to stay engaged in their community....

And access the services that make their lives better.

It also means the freedom to choose more environmentally-friendly transportation options for short trips.

One of the things this program does is not assume Qualicum Beach and Chase are like Vancouver.

It's not for every municipality, but for communities that have golf courses and low-volume roads who want to take part, roads a golf cart is practical transportation.

Over the next one to two years we'll get feedback from the program and make sure we can do this safely.

In the meantime, other municipalities will work with neighborhood organizations to determine if this is a good fit for their community.

I look forward to seeing this energy efficient and accessible transportation option become available to more drivers across BC.

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As British Columbians, we have a vision.

An inclusive society, free of fear and judgement.
One where people are free to live how they want to live...
Love who they love...
And express themselves however they want.

A place where people are free to be true to themselves.

In BC, everyone is protected from discrimination – by law.

But it's one thing to be protected – and another thing to feel protected.

The LGBT community told us that some people didn't have that confidence.

We listened.
And we amended the Human Rights Code to explicitly include gender identity and expression.

Thank you to the LGBTQ community...thank you Spencer Chandra Herbert, and all the strong voices who stood up, and fought to get us here.

I hope you've had a wonderful week – and I hope you never stop standing up, speaking out, and being you.

Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Mary Polak (introduction)
CCCI Team

Thank you for being here.

Today represents the next step in adding to our global leadership on climate action in BC.

We have the first and most broadly applied carbon tax in North America...

And among the highest price on carbon in the world...

A price other provinces are far from meeting today.

Today we're announcing the next step.

Strong actions and meaningful steps towards meeting our 2050 target...

A plan that calls for the further reduction of 25 megatonnes of Greenhouse Gas a year by 2050.

It's also about modernizing our economy.

It's about giving British Columbians an economic future as we do our part to protect our environment and planet... With 66,000 jobs that will come from our climate leadership plan.

Our plan addresses most of the recommendations from our Climate Leadership team. The team is with us today. I want to thank you for your hard work, expertise and dedication.

There is one recommendation we cannot implement today. And that is the recommendation to increase the carbon tax by \$10 per year, starting in 2018.

As Premier, when I see a proposal to double the carbon tax in just four years...
Rise to \$100 in just eight years...
And keep going up...
I have to balance that with protecting affordability and creating jobs for BC families.

As we tackle climate action, I have to make sure we protect and create jobs.

So we're going to take a different approach, working together with the provinces and our federal government.

BC supports the adoption of our \$30 per tonne Carbon Tax as the benchmark price across our country.

BC also supports increasing that price together in an affordable way, once other provinces catch up.

That's the contribution BC will make in the federal provincial talks on climate.

We have been leaders, and leadership is good. But we can achieve more through partnership.

A couple of other principles I want to mention today on the carbon tax:

One – revenue neutrality.

Every dollar collected in BC will be returned to BC taxpayers to relieve the tax burden.

We will tax what we *don't* want, pollution...

And use that money to give tax relief for what we *do* want: money in people's pockets, jobs and opportunity.

And two – as our climate leadership team recommended, we will protect BC jobs by designing a mechanism to protect the competitiveness of industries that rely on energy and trade.

Before I finish, I want to be clear:

A climate plan cannot just be about the price of carbon.

As the World Bank noted: “carbon pricing is only one instrument in a portfolio of approaches.”

To get there, we've outlined 21 strategic actions, targeting sectors where we can make the biggest impact.

- Methane reduction and electrification of the upstream;
- Ambitious reforestation plan;
- Committing to 100% renewable clean power at BC Hydro;
- Expanding our CEV program, including the charging station infrastructure;
- And encouraging net zero buildings;

That's on top of \$8.7 billion in transportation infrastructure, to reduce both congestion and emissions....
Including transit expansion in Metro Vancouver and improved transit across the province

Actions are important, but so is innovation.

Like our new strategy to make BC a hub where marine vessels can be fuelled with liquefied natural gas.
That could reduce global emissions by more than BC's total emissions.

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No place in BC makes a better point about innovation than where we our standing – the Carbon Capture and Conversion Institute...

Engineers, chemists, and businesspeople under one roof...

Pioneering, testing, and putting carbon capture tech to work.

That's an overview of our plan.

To do our part, but more than that.

To make sure as we continue to lead the country in economic growth, we also continue to lead on climate action.

We can be the hub of innovation that provides the resources, solutions, tech, and brain power to reduce emissions globally.

That's leadership.