

AGENDA

Cabinet November 6, 1991

WELCOME

A. ORIENTATION

9:30 a.m.	1. Executive Council and Ministerial Responsibilities	Mike Harcourt
10:00 a.m.	2. "The Experience"	Wilson Parasiuk
10:20 a.m.	3. Central Organization	
	4. The Political Support System	
	a) Principal Secretary	Linda Baker
	b) Government Communications	Evan Lloyd
	c) Policy Coordination	Chris Chilton
11:00 a.m.	5. The Public Service	George Ford
11:15 a.m.	6. Conflict of Interest	Ted Hughes
12:15 p.m.	<u>LUNCH</u> (to be brought into Cabinet Room)	
12:45 p.m.	7. Beyond Conflict of Interest: Conduct Issues	John Langford/ Frank Cassidy
1:45 p.m.	8. Housekeeping	George Ford

B. ISSUES

2:00 p.m.	1. Bill 82	Glen Clark	<i>Ray</i>
	2. Special Warrants	Glen Clark	
	3. Financial Review	Glen Clark	
	4. Wolverine Plant Closure		
	5. Seattle Car Ferry Operator	Dave Zirnhelt	<i>John</i>
	6. Request for loan - Brinkman Reforestation	Dan Miller	
	7. Compensation to WFP/Doman Industries	Dan Miller	
	8. Tree Farm Licence No. 46	Dan Miller	
	9. Walbran - directions to new Minister	Dan Miller	

C. ORDERS - IN - COUNCIL

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms
(on the recommendation of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner)

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2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	11. Constitutional Reform Initiatives	Moe Sihota	14
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	12. Christmas Bonuses for Income Assistance Recipients	John Cashore <i>qplanc</i>	15
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	C. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
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	2. B.C. Trade Development Corporation	George Ford	
	3. Routine Orders		
	D. <u>MINISTERIAL BUSINESS</u>		
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	2. Federal/Provincial Meeting on Procurement	Lois Boone	
	3. Vehicles	Lois Boone	
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Honourable David Zirnheldt	(EDSBT)

Members Not Present: Honourable Joan Smallwood (MSS)

A. ORIENTATION

1. Roles and Functioning of Cabinet Operations

Jennifer Charlesworth, Director of Cabinet Operations, introduced the Cabinet Operations staff, Cory Herrera and Elaine Taylor, and explained their role in organizing Cabinet Committee meetings, agendas and minutes.

Until the Executive Council Manual is revised, Cabinet Submissions should be directed to Jennifer Charlesworth, Cabinet Operations, and will be channelled to the appropriate Committee for consideration. Committee agendas will be set in consultation with Committee Chairs. Matters requiring Treasury Board approval should be submitted directly to Treasury Board.

2. Ministerial Roles and Responsibilities for Financial Management

Alan Barnard, the Comptroller General, briefed Cabinet.

Mr. Barnard was asked to consult with Ian Fraser and to provide a "plain language" summary of expenditures incurred by Ministers which can be claimed as (a) Ministerial expenses, and (b) MLA expenses.

The Premier's Office was asked to provide orientation and training for Ministers' staff on expenditures claimable by Ministers, and to initiate a review of Ministerial expense policies to ensure clarity, adequacy, fairness, fiscal responsibility and accountability.

3. Fiscal Briefing

The briefing was received.

Cabinet discussed fiscal targets and agreed that a substantial reduction in the structural deficit should be targetted for fiscal year 1992/93. It was agreed that Ministry targets should be set based on priorities, discretionary expenditures, demand, and the recent history of Ministry expenditures. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations was asked to bring Ministry expenditure targets and estimates call guidelines to Cabinet next week.

B. ISSUES

Business Arising

1. Independent Financial Review

Approved, including Terms of Reference and Steering Committee membership.

2. ^{s.14} Bill 82: Compensation Fairness Act

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3. Wolverine Tube Plant Closure

Verbal report from the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services was received.

4. Seattle Car Ferry - Selection of Operator

Mr. Philip Halkett was authorized to countersign the letter of understanding from Sea Containers subject to limited changes in wording as discussed.

Meetings are to be held with the Advisory Committee and the concerned unions to explain the approach taken by the province.

Reports from the Chair

5. a) Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development; November 12, 1991. Received.
- b) Environment and Land Use Committee; November 12, 1991. Received.
- c) Cabinet Committee on Social Policy; November 12, 1991. Received.

New Items

6. Report of the Royal Commission on Health Care Costs

A verbal report from the Minister of Health was received.

7. Tree Farm Licence No. 46

Verbal report received. Referred to the Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development. The Minister is to consult with the local MLA.

8. Walbran Valley Land Use Issue

Option 3 approved. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development to follow-up.

9. B.C. Claims Task Force Response Strategy

Submission received and recommended timetable noted.

10. Constitutional Reform Initiatives

Referred to the Cabinet Committee on the Constitution.

11. Christmas Bonuses for Income Assistance Recipients

Option C approved. Communications to be coordinated with PAB.

12. Golf Course Development^{s.14}

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C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

1. Special Warrant

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2. B.C. Trade Development Corporation

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3. Routine Orders

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D. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS**1. Freedom of Information**

The Minister of Government Services emphasized the importance of Ministers maintaining and supporting Ministry and inter-Ministry structures for planning, preparation and implementation of Freedom of Information legislation, and the need to ensure record management practices are put in place to support Freedom of Information legislation.

The Attorney General has lead responsibility for "good government" initiatives including Freedom of Information legislation. The Minister of Government Services has responsibility for government records management and consequently for overseeing implementation of Freedom of Information legislation. The two Ministers will work together on the preparation of Freedom of Information legislation.

2. Federal/Provincial Meeting on Procurement

Discussed.

3. Vehicles

No new vehicle leases are to be entered into until existing leases expire. Policy options for improving fleet efficiency to be developed.

4. Contracting Policy

Referred to Government Operations Committee.

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CABINET AGENDA

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NOVEMBER 20, 1991

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9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	A. <u>ORIENTATION</u>		
	1. Government Operations Committee	Moe Sihota	
	2. Cabinet Committee Schedule		1
	B. <u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING</u>		2
	C. <u>ISSUES</u>		
9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	<u>Business Arising:</u>		
	3 1. Expenditure Targets and Estimates Instructions	Glen Clark	3
	4 2. Bill 82 - School Board Funding Shortfalls 1991/92 School Year	Anita Hagen	4
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	<u>New Items</u>		
	5 3. Minimum Wage	Moe Sihota	5
	6 4. Federation of Labour Convention <i>Industrial Relations Commission</i>	Moe Sihota	
LUNCH	(to be brought into Cabinet Chambers)		
	7 5. Fox Foundation	Glen Clark <i>- defer</i>	
	8 6. Task Force on Native Land Claims - Response	Andrew Petter	
	9 7. B.C. Rail Update	Art Charbonneau	
	10 - <i>ET salaries etc</i>		
	11 - <i>Limited Competitions</i>		

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12:30 p.m. - <u>Committee Minutes</u>		
1 p.m.		
12 8. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations	Glen Clark	6
1 p.m. - D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
1:30 p.m.		
13 1. OIC Patient	Colin Gabelmann	
2. Routine Orders		
1:30 p.m.- E. <u>MINISTERIAL BUSINESS</u>		
2:00 p.m.		
14 1. Lottery Funds - Status Report	Lois Boone	7
EVAN Lloyd:	2 Caucus	
2:00 p.m. - F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
3 p.m. 15. (a) Information Items.		

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A. ORIENTATION:

1. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The roles of the Government Operations Committee of Cabinet, the Policy Co-ordination Office and the Government Communications Office were outlined. Written materials are to be circulated to Ministers.

An immediate priority for the Government Operations Committee will be the development of a 4-year plan of action for the Government. The Associate Deputy Minister, Policy Co-ordination, will solicit input from Ministers for the plan of action.

The Associate Deputy Minister, Government Communications, outlined changes in the central communications function. A review of Ministry communications functions is to be initiated in the near future.

In the intermediate term, it is expected that the initial resources required for the Policy Co-ordination office will be offset by reductions in communications operations across government.

A. 2. CABINET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Adopted. To be altered as experience requires. The weekly meeting slots are fixed, but the use of each time slot, i.e. whether they meet every week, is up to the call of the Committee chair.

B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

Approved. Individual agenda item Minutes will be sent to the appropriate Minister(s) and Deputy(ies) for follow-up on the Friday following Cabinet. If Cabinet subsequently amends a Minute, the amended Minute would then be sent out.

C. ISSUESBusiness ArisingC. 1. EXPENDITURE TARGETS AND ESTIMATES INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) A \$1.5B deficit target was agreed upon.
- (b) To achieve that target, a three-tiered expenditure target approval was adopted for the purposes of estimates planning, as follows:
 - 100% of previous fiscal year adjusted estimates for Health and Responsible for Seniors; Education and Responsible for Multiculturalism and Human Rights; Advanced Education, Training and Technology; and Social Services;
 - 85% of previous fiscal year adjusted estimates for Transportation and Highways; Economic Development, Small Business and Trade; and Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and
 - 95% of previous fiscal year adjusted estimates for all other Ministries.
- (c) The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations was requested to provide an outline of required revenue increases and potential revenue measures for the next four years for Cabinet's consideration as soon as possible.
- (d) The estimates call should include a request to Ministries to identify revenue increase possibilities (one and four year time frames).

- (e) Cabinet requested the Government Operations Committee and the Policy Co-ordination Office to organize a Cabinet Planning Session for early January, 1992, to consider a one year and a four year plan of action to provide a policy and priorities framework for estimates review. The Caucus should also review the plan of action.
- (f) Preliminary Treasury Board decisions on estimates should be reported to Cabinet and Caucus for input prior to finalization to the extent possible within the time constraints.

C. 2. BILL 82 - SCHOOL BOARD FUNDING SHORTFALLS 1991/92
School Year

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NEW ITEMS:

C. 3. MINIMUM WAGE

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C. 4. FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONVENTION

Discussed. Policy Co-ordination Office to work with Ministers addressing the convention to ensure co-ordinated, consistent messages.

Industrial Relations Council to be further discussed next week.

C. 5. FOX FOUNDATION - Deferred.

C. 6. TASK FORCE ON NATIVE LAND CLAIMS - Response

The Minister provided a verbal report on the Cabinet Committee discussion on the Tripartite Task Force Report on Native Land Claims. The Committee anticipates that it will recommend a positive response to the 19 recommendations to Cabinet. Some concerns regarding the decision-making process to be followed by the proposed Land Claims Commission can be addressed in the course of negotiations to

establish the Commission. s.14
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The Minister will report the current status of this issue to Caucus tomorrow. The Committee will make specific recommendations to Cabinet within two weeks.

C. 7. B.C. RAIL UPDATE

The Minister responsible for B.C. Rail circulated and reviewed a briefing note on the Quintette Coal Restructuring/Companies Creditors Arrangement Act (CCCA) and B.C. Rail for the information of Cabinet Members. Received.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 8. CABINET COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

Received. Cabinet requested a submission outlining the role, mandate, budget and staffing for the Committee.

C. 9. CABINET COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION - Verbal Report

- The Committee agreed to develop for Cabinet's approval a proposed mandate and make up of an All-Party Committee to help develop a B.C. position for Constitutional discussions.
- The Committee recommends that consideration of a B.C. presentation to the Joint House/Senate Standing Committee, attendance at Conferences, a B.C. Constitutional Conference, and a meeting of members of Standing Committee of provincial legislatures be deferred until the federal situation levels out.
- The Committee recommends that the above be reported to Caucus on November 21, 1991.

C. 10. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT CLASSIFICATION

Approved management level 2 classification for Executive Assistants to provide for consistent treatment and an overlap in pay scales with Ministerial Assistants to better reflect the comparative job duties.

*Material in
TAB 9a*

C. 11. LIMITING OF COMPETITIONS TO MINISTERS' OFFICE STAFF

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations
reported on his intent to ^{s.14}
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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D. 1. OIC PATIENT-ORDERS IN COUNCIL

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D. 2. ROUTINE ORDERS

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E. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS

E. 1. LOTTERY FUNDS - Status Report

A status report and additional materials on Lottery funds were received. Referred to Government Operations Committee for review of strategic options.

E. 2. CAUCUS MEETING

The importance of Ministerial attendance at Caucus, discussion of major policy directions with Caucus and involving Caucus members in consultations and Ministerial activities, especially when related to their constituencies, was emphasized.

E. 3. MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORTS

The Associate Deputy Minister, Government Communications, reported on measures taken to reduce expenditures on the production of Ministry Annual Reports. Guidelines for corporate identity, consistency, content and production of future Ministry Annual Reports will be developed by the Government Communications Office in consultation with the Secretary to the Executive Council.

E. 4. AGENCY OF RECORD

The Associate Deputy Minister, Government Communications reported on the contract to appoint an Agency of Record for the Government responsible for placing media buys. A review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency of Record approach is to be undertaken by the Government Communications Office.

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REVISED CABINET AGENDA

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	C. <u>ISSUES</u>		
10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	<u>Business Arising:</u>		
	3. Industrial Relations Council	Moe Sihota	3
	4. Estimates Process Update	Glen Clark	4
10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	<u>New Items</u>		
	5. Pacific Place Remediation	John Cashore/ Glen Clark	5
	6. Tree Farm Licence #46 -	Dan Miller	6 *
	7. Strathcona Park - Exchange of Interests	John Cashore	7
	8. Private Vehicle License Fee Increase	Colin Gabelmann	8
LUNCH	(to be brought into Cabinet Chambers)		
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	9a. Legislative Review, Child Protection Legislation	Joan Smallwood	9a *

* New material distributed

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	11. Cabinet Committee on Constitution	Joan Smallwood	11 *
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	18. Government Consultation - Opposition Ridings	Robin Blencoe	18
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MEMORANDUM


To: ALL CABINET MINISTERS

November 27, 1991

Re: ADDITIONS TO CABINET AGENDA - NOVEMBER 27, 1991

Enclosed is a revised Cabinet agenda for today's meeting and additional material, for insertion in your Cabinet binder; as follows:

- TAB 6 Tree Farm License #46
Letter from Coopers and Lybrand to Ministry and Executive Summary of Submission previously reviewed by Cabinet;
- TAB 9a Legislative Review, Child Protection Legislation
New item; briefing note enclosed;
- TAB 10 Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government
Statement on Political Recognition of Aboriginal Title and Inherent Right to Self-Government - this was discussed at yesterday's Committee meeting and needs to be reviewed by Cabinet today; and
- TAB 11 Cabinet Committee on Constitution
Material discussed and recommendations proposed at yesterday's meeting that require Cabinet consideration today.


Jennifer Charlesworth
Director
Cabinet Operations

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A. ORIENTATION:

A. 1. OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The Auditor General reviewed his role and functions as an independent officer of the Legislature providing advice and recommendations to the Government based on his audit of government operations. He provides detailed recommendations to Ministers with copies to Deputy Ministers and is available to follow-up on issues with Ministers. Major items are presented in his Annual Report to the Legislature.

The Secretary to the Executive Council is to follow-up with the Auditor General with respect to:

- recommendations on the accountability of Crown Corporations;
- earlier release of Public Accounts;
- proposals for improving estimates;
- proposed new Auditor General Act; and
- other outstanding matters.

B. 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING:
November 20, 1991

Approved.

C. ISSUESBusiness Arising:C. 3. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COUNCIL

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services provided a verbal report on possible changes in the Industrial Relations Council.

C. 4(a) ESTIMATES PROCESS UPDATE

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations provided a verbal update on the process and timetable approved by Treasury Board for the preparation and finalization of the 1992-93 expenditure estimates.

Ministers were asked to review Crown Corporations and other "emanations" reporting to them for any contribution (revenue or reduced subsidy/expenditures) that they might make to deficit reduction.

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations was asked to provide Cabinet with any available information on the general and regional economic impacts of alternative (policy sector) expenditure reductions.

C. 4(b) DEFICIT

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations reported that the latest monthly report projects a \$1.9 B. deficit for 1991-92 fiscal year. The biggest contributing factor to the \$200 M. increase in the projected deficit is a \$123 M. reported drop in corporate income tax revenues (27%) to the Province.

C. 5. PACIFIC PLACE REMEDIATION

Approved. Consultation and Communication Plan to be reviewed with the Government Communications Office. If the consultation process identifies major opposition or significant new issues, the Minister is to return to Cabinet for confirmation of the "in situ" remediation decision. The Minister was asked to ensure that relevant government MLAs were briefed on this issue.

C. ISSUES - ctd.Business Arising:C. 6. TREE FARM LICENCE #46

The transfer of harvesting rights from Fletcher Challenge (Canada) Ltd. to International Forest Products Limited was approved-in-principle subject to further review and confirmation by the Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development tomorrow, and referral back to Cabinet if required as a result of the further review.

C. 7. STRATHCONA PARK - EXCHANGE OF INTERESTS

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C. 8. PRIVATE VEHICLE LICENCE FEE INCREASE

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C. 9. ICBC AUTOPLAN REVIEW

The Minister responsible for ICBC reported on the rate increases recommended by the Board and management of ICBC (24%, 9%, 9%, 9%, 9% over the next 5 years), and alternative rate increase scenarios considered. These increases are recommended to restore the long term financial viability of the Corporation which has been seriously eroded over the last 2 years by artificially low rate increases resulting in the near depletion of reserves.

It was agreed to delay a decision in order to:

- receive and consider the Peat Marwick review of ICBC commissioned by the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations as part of the Financial Review;
- allow the Minister responsible for ICBC time to review the history of rate increases and the current financial situation of the Corporation directly with the Board of Directors;
- examine (with Peat Marwick and others as appropriate) options for reducing the size of the rate increase, and their immediate impact, including:
 - i) re-assessing the level of reserves required for a monopoly public insurance corporation;
 - ii) rebuilding reserve levels over a longer period to time; and
 - iii) introducing a quarterly payment plan;

C. 9. ICBC AUTOPLAN REVIEW - ctd.

- consider the advisability of requiring regulatory approval for future rate increases, to remove this matter from the Cabinet table; and
- develop an issue management and communications plan.

Additional IssuesC. 9(a) LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION

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C. 9(b) APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Cabinet requested that the membership of the Public Utilities Commission be comprehensively reviewed in the short term.

The Principle Secretary was asked to provide Cabinet with an outline of (interim) procedures for dealing with outstanding appointments requiring early attention.

C. 9(c) ASSISTANCE TO TREE FRUIT GROWERS

Approved-in-principle, a one-time \$30.3 M. aid package to Tree Fruit Growers to help revitalize the industry. Total allocation to flow in 1991-92. Subject to final Treasury Board review and approval tomorrow.

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Committee Minutes:C. 10. CABINET COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT

(a) Minutes of November 19, 1991 Meeting

Approved.

Committee Minutes: - ctd.C. 10. CABINET COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT

- (b) Strategic Approach for a Statement on the Political Recognition of Aboriginal Title and the Inherent Right to Self-Government in the Context of a Response to the British Columbia Claims Task Force Report:

Option 3, including the specific language presented on page 5 of the submission, was approved. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs is to make the policy statement.

The 19 British Columbia Claims Task Force recommendations were approved with any concerns to be addressed as part of the negotiations on the establishment of the Claims Commission.

The Minister was asked to prepare a public education strategy on these issues for consideration by the Aboriginal Lands Claims and Self-Government Committee of Cabinet as soon as possible.

C. 11. CABINET COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

- (a) Minutes of November 19, 1991 Meeting

Approved.

- (b) All-Party Task Force on Constitution

Approved. Chair of the Task Force to be appointed as a member of the Cabinet Committee on the Constitution. Communications strategy to be developed with the Government Communications Office prior to consultation with the opposition.

C. 12. CABINET COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS, November 21, 1991

Received. ICBC rate increase dealt with as a separate agenda item. (see item # C. 9. - page 3)

C. 13. ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE, November 20, 1991

Approved.

Committee Minutes: - ctd.

C. 14. CABINET COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL POLICY, November 21, 1991

Approved.

C. 15. CABINET COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
November 19, 1991

Received. Pacific Place Remediation and Aid Package
to Tree Fruit Growers dealt with as separate agenda
items.

C. 16. TREASURY BOARD, November 21, 1991

Approved. Item #2, Assistance to Tree Fruit
Growers, dealt with as a separate agenda item.

D. ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL

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D. 17a. ROUTINE ORDERS

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E. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS

E. 18. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - OPPOSITION RIDINGS

Agreed that Opposition members should be invited to events/announcements in their constituencies.

E. 19. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OFFICE SPACE

As part of its review of Ministerial expenses, the Policy Coordination Office was asked to clarify the funding available for constituency office space for executive assistants in order to ensure consistency.

E. 20. LOTTERIES: \$150,000 GRANT TO TIMMY'S TELETHON

Approved.

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CABINET AGENDA

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DECEMBER 4, 1991

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	4. Walbran - Status Report	Dan Miller	4
	5. BCBC Contract - Jack Davis Building	Lois Boone	5
11:00 a.m. -	<u>New Items</u>		
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CABINET

M I N U T E S

December 4, 1991

Members Present:

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Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
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Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(LCSCA)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnhelt	(EDSBT)

Members Not Present:

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, November 27, 1991

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Chair

The Chair of Government Operations Committee reported on the Committee's considerations related to the Government Air Service and Lottery Funds. Received.

B. ISSUES

Business Arising:

- B. 3. ICBC - Autoplan Review

The Minister responsible for the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia reported on developments with respect to ICBC rates and related issues.

A wide range of measures to reduce the size of required rate increases are being considered. These include the areas noted last week, measures to reduce litigation costs (alternative dispute resolution, elements of no fault insurance, and structured settlements), and parallel motor vehicle license and traffic enforcement initiatives.

The need to provide information on this issue to the non-Cabinet members of Caucus was noted; to be followed up by the Minister and the Associate Deputy Minister of Policy Co-ordination.

B. 4. Walbran - Status Report

The Minister of Forests provided a verbal report on activities to address the Walbran issue. Resolution of this issue may have to be in the context of land and resource use planning for the Southern Vancouver Island area.

It was agreed that the use of outside facilitators/mediators to bring the interested parties together to try to resolve some of the pressing resource use conflict issues should be pursued by the Minister as possible pilot projects for broader Environment and Jobs Accord planning and dispute resolution exercises.

B. 5. BCBC Contract - Jack Davis Building

Withdrawn.

New Items:

B. 6. Report from Premier - Asia Trip

The Premier reviewed the success of the Asia trip, and the tremendous opportunities for trade and investment arising from the expansive markets and economies of Asia. To capitalize on these opportunities for the benefit of B.C. communities, it will be necessary to follow-up in an organized, strategic fashion with regular, co-ordinated trips. The B.C. Trade Development Corporation and the Ministry of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade will prepare and co-ordinate a follow-up plan.

Cabinet noted the need to develop defined trade and investment policies to maximize the benefits of trade and investment activities for B.C. communities and to provide a framework for trade and investment promotion. The Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade is to develop such policies for consideration by the Sustainable Development Committee of Cabinet.

B. 7. Report from Premier - Mulroney Meeting

The Premier reported on his meeting with the Prime Minister yesterday. The Premier will be writing to the Prime Minister confirming British Columbia's position on the items discussed; copies will be provided to Ministers as appropriate for follow-up.

The Premier will solicit input from Ministers on federal provincial priorities and a federal-provincial strategy paper will be presented to the Planning Board, early in the New Year.

B. 8. Legislative Agenda Development

The Chair of the Legislation, Regulations and Orders-in-Council Cabinet Committee reviewed the process for the development of the legislative agenda for the forthcoming Session of the Legislature.

The main themes for the legislative agenda (including "Good Government") and the major pieces of legislation for the session will be recommended to Cabinet and Caucus by the Government Operations Committee as part of the Government's political agenda.

The two-part 'request for legislation' call from the Chair of the Legislation, Regulations and Orders-in-Council Cabinet Committee will identify:

- a) Ministry legislative priorities consistent with the 48 point platform and 1992/93 estimates guidelines; plus urgently required or compelling legislative requests; and
- b) a longer list of legislative requests under consideration within Ministries.

This information will allow the Committee to determine what additional legislation should be proceeded with in the forthcoming Session, and to begin to direct and manage the longer term legislative agenda.

B. 9. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - Ratification

Approved support for Canada's ratification of the Convention subject to the reservations regarding native customary adoptions and young offenders.

B. 10. PNE Board Review

The Minister responsible for the P.N.E. provided Cabinet with an overview of issues related to the P.N.E. s.14

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B. 11. Future of Exhibition Park and Horse Racing

The Minister responsible for the Horse Racing Commission briefly reviewed issues related to a new track.

B. 12. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations: Mandate; Establishment of Secretariat; and Appointment of Secretary

The principle idea of the Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations and the related role of the Crown Corporation Secretariat as outlined in the submission were approved. s.14

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The staffing plan and budget for the Crown Corporation Secretariat are to be submitted to Treasury Board for approval.

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- B. 13. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government
- November 26, 1991

Approved.

- B. 14. Cabinet Committee on Constitution
- November 26, 1991

Approved.

- B. 15. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations, and Orders in Council
- November 26, 1991

Approved.

The Secretary to Executive Council is to prepare recommendations regarding Ministerial participation on Boards of Directors for consideration by the Committee.

- B. 16. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development
- November 28, 1991

Approved.

- B. 17. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy
- November 28, 1991

Approved, with the exception of item #1, Fraser Valley Advisory Committees, which was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

- B. 18. Treasury Board
- November 28, 1991

Approved. The Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development was asked to address air quality and vehicle safety inspection policy issues related to item #4, Proposal to Amend Contract for the Vehicle Emission Testing (VET) Program.

B. 19. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations
- November 28, 1991

Approved.

All Committee Chairs and Secretaries were asked to ensure that Ministers were invited to participate in meetings where items related to their responsibilities are to be discussed.

C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

C. 20. Routine Orders

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4. ICBC - Autoplan Review	Moe Sihota	4
	<u>New Items</u>	
*	4a. Rate Increases for Income Assistance Monthly Benefits	Joan Smallwood 4a
*	4b. Increasing the Flat Rate Earnings Exemptions	Joan Smallwood 4b
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4. ICBC - Autoplan Review	Moe Sihota	4
<u>New Items</u> - NONE		
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CABINET

M I N U T E S

December 11, 1991

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Members Not Present: Honourable Glen Clark (F&CR)

A. ORIENTATION

A. 1. Order in Council Process and Release of Orders

A paper entitled, "Orders in Council Preparation, Review and Approval", was distributed and reviewed. Where an Order in Council is to be held for release until an announcement is made, the Director of Cabinet Operations (Jennifer Charlesworth) should be given at least 24 hours notice of the time of the announcement to ensure that the Lieutenant Governor's signature is obtained.

B. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

B. 2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, December 4, 1991

Approved.

B. 3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair reported on the following matters:

- a) The Government Operations Committee will develop policies with respect to Ministers serving as Honourary Patrons or as members of Boards of Directors of provincial and community organizations. In the interim, Ministers are asked not to accept such designations or appointments;
- b) Ministers were reminded of the need to report all gifts received with a value exceeding \$250 (from one source) to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. To ensure compliance, Ministers are requested to ensure that their offices establish and maintain a "log" of all gifts received, source, estimated value and disposition. The Principal Secretary was requested to provide direction and review in this regard, and to ensure that Caucus members were reminded of the reporting requirement;
- c) The Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade will be reviewing the Regionalization Funds to determine how the funds might be better spent in support of regional development. The Minister asked for input from colleagues on their experience with the use and operations of the Funds in their areas. In the interim, it was agreed that co-operation with existing advisory committees should be continued;
- d) s.14

- e) The future of the Board of Internal Economy was discussed. The Committee is to further develop proposals for addressing issues previously dealt with by the Board as a basis for discussions with Caucus and the Opposition; and
- f) Ministry estimates have provisions for office rental and leasehold improvements for Ministers' Executive Assistants. Government Services was asked to provide guidelines for these provisions to ensure consistency while recognizing the different circumstances of constituencies (costs, size of constituency, etc.).

C. ISSUES

Business Arising:

C. 4. ICBC - Autoplan Review

Approved the following:

- a) a 19 percent rate increase beginning February, 1992;
- b) a 3 month installment payment (or insurance interval) plan;
- c) the regulation changes reviewed by the Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council Committee of Cabinet. The minister responsible for ICBC is to follow-up with the Corporation on concerns raised regarding the termination of benefits at age 65 and Autoplan '95; and
- d) the Minister responsible for ICBC was authorized to finalize the announcement of measures to reduce accidents and save lives, and changes to lower litigation and claims costs as outlined in the draft communications strategy.

New Items

C. 4a. Rate Increases for Income Assistance Monthly Benefits

Referred to the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Treasury Board for their consideration and recommendation to the Cabinet.

C. 4b. Increasing the Flat Rate Earnings Exemptions

Approved the recommendation to refer this item back to the Ministry. To be submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Treasury Board prior to recommendation to Cabinet.

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- C. 5. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government
- December 3, 1991

Approved. Ministers were asked to facilitate the resolution of outstanding issues involving aboriginal peoples; to include aboriginal peoples in consultative activities and appointments; and to notify the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs of any emerging issues involving aboriginal peoples.

- C. 6. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council
- December 3, 1991

Approved.

- C. 7. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development
- December 5, 1991

Approved with the following changes:

- a) with respect to item #2, South Moresby, the second sentence in the first paragraph of the "decision" was deleted; and
- b) with respect to item #3, Environmental Assessment Policy, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is to be closely involved in the finalization and announcement of the public discussion paper in recognition of the example provided by the current Mines review process.

- C. 8. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy
- December 5, 1991

Approved. Tuition Fees and Student Financial Assistance item referred to Government Operations for input prior to finalization of recommendations by the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy. The Minister of Tourism and Responsible for Culture is to be invited to meetings on this matter.

C. 9. Treasury Board
- December 5, 1991

Approved. The Premier requested that Treasury Board further consider ways to contain and reduce expenditures for the duration of the 1991-92 fiscal year.

C. 10. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations
- December 5, 1991

Approved.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D. 11. Routine Orders

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E. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS

13. Fair Wage Policy/Tender Calls

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services is developing a proposal for a fair wage policy for government contracting. In the meantime, tender calls should clearly indicate that the lowest bid may not always receive the contract and tender calls should include a broad range of potential bidders. The Minister of Government Services was asked to issue interim instructions to this effect.

14. GATT Article XI

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food briefed Cabinet on the importance of this issue to British Columbia. He will be leading a government/industry delegation to Geneva to lobby on behalf of strengthening this article to protect supply management.

15. Government Hiring

The Minister of Women's Equality stressed the importance of employment equity objectives in government hiring. The Minister agreed to provide statistics on the representation of target groups within the public service by position levels. She also agreed to provide guidance to all Ministers on the posting of positions, outreach recruitment and the structuring of interview/hiring panels to ensure better representation of target groups. Deputy Ministers are accountable for the representation of target groups within their Ministries.

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CABINET AGENDA

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DECEMBER 18, 1991

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9:30 a.m. -	A. <u>ORIENTATION</u>		
10:15 a.m.	1. Ombudsman's Office <i>Brigling - F.M.M.</i>	Stephen Owen	1
10:15 a.m. -	B. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
11:15 a.m.	2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, December 11, 1991		2
	3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair <i>- Patients; ECCC; Robinson Ferry; Gannon Petter.</i>	Moe Sihota	3
	C. <u>ISSUES</u>		
11:15 a.m. -	<u>Business Arising:</u>		
1:00 p.m.	<i>Agreed</i> 4. Income Assistance Rates	Joan Smallwood	4
	<u>New Items</u>		
	5. Water Power Rental Indexing	Anne Edwards/ John Cashore	5
	6. Provincial Land Use Strategy	John Cashore	6
	7. Walbran Valley - Log Around Options	Dan Miller	7
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
1:15 p.m. -	<u>Committee Minutes</u>		
2:30 p.m.	8. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - December 10, 1991	Andrew Petter	8

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1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<u>Committee Minutes</u> - ctd.		
	9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - December 10, 1991	Colin Gabelmann <i>Ord. (Reg. Order)</i>	9
	10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - December 12, 1991	Dan Miller/ John Cashore <i>Set item on Cabinet agenda on Reg. Waste Discharge Permit Fees</i>	10
	11. Environment and Land Use Committee - December 12, 1991	John Cashore <i>Follows A.C.'s recommendations</i>	11
	12. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - December 12, 1991	Elizabeth Cull <i>review</i>	12
	13. Treasury Board - December 12, 1991	Glen Clark <i>Why do the 1992-3 financial implications increase?</i>	13
2:30 p.m. - D. 2:45 p.m.	<u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
	14. Routine Orders		14
2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	E. <u>MINISTERIAL BUSINESS</u> <i>Interministerial Protocols Conflict of Interest</i>		
3:15 p.m. - F. 3:45 p.m.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

December 18, 1991

Members Present:

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Members Not Present: Honourable Tom Perry (AETT)

A. ORIENTATION

A. 1. Ombudsman's Office

The Ombudsman reviewed the role and operation of the Ombudsman's Office. He reviewed several outstanding issues, including (a) a gender neutral title for the Office, (b) possible transfer of jurisdiction for the Office's budget to the Board of Internal Economy, (c) the establishment of a Deputy Ombudsperson responsible for Children and Youth, (d) limiting the position to a single term and (e) proclamation of the unproclaimed sections of the Act providing jurisdiction to deal with hospitals, universities, school boards, colleges, municipalities and professionals. Mr. Owen also referred to a report he prepared for the federal government recommending an approach oriented to resolving systemic problems giving rise to citizen complaints and improving internal quality control, thereby reducing the cause of complaints in addition to responding to the specific complaints received.

The Ombudsman agreed to provide the Attorney General with a letter covering these issues and his recommendations. The material to be provided will include an analysis of the workload and resource implications of proclaiming the provisions dealing with the broader public sector.

The Ministers of Forests, Environment, Lands and Parks and Aboriginal Affairs agreed to follow-up with Mr. Owen on his ideas for the use of mediation in the resolution of land use and aboriginal issues.

A. 1(a) First Ministers' Meeting on the Economy

The Premier reviewed the proposed position for the First Ministers' Meeting on the Economy emphasizing the need for leadership on economic issues in support of jobs and paycheques, and the need for a substantive follow-up session early in the new year.

B. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

B. 2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
December 11, 1991

Approved.

B. 3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair reported on the following matters:

(a) Honorary Patron/Membership Offers

The proposed policy on this matter was circulated and approved.

(b) Employee Venture Capital Corporation - Working Opportunities Funds

Agreed that approval of the Working Opportunities Fund should proceed at this time, and not be delayed until the provincial budget, and that the sponsors should be so notified so that the announcement can be prepared for the January/February RRSP buying period. Subject to final Treasury Board approval.

(c) Robson Ferry

Agreed that the Robson Ferry Service not be restored given fiscal constraints and the inclusion of a bridge proposal in the Ministry's 1992-93 estimates submission.

(d) Advertising/Opinion Research

Advertising agencies and market research firms seeking meetings with Ministers should be directed to Evan Lloyd and Chris Chilton respectively.

C. ISSUES

Business Arising:

C. 4. Income Assistance Rates

Approved a rate increase effective February 1, 1992 as recommended by the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy and Treasury Board.

New Items

C. 5. Water Power Rental Indexing

- (a) Approved changes to the Water Regulation and Tariff affecting non-power rentals with a resulting increase in revenues of \$1.5 million.
- (b) Agreed to allow the freeze on power rentals to expire on December 31, 1991. Any relief for Cominco is to be provided through the Job Protection Commissioner.
- (c) Communications strategy for this matter is to be co-ordinated by the Government Communications Office.

C. 6. Provincial Land Use Strategy

Approved in principle the establishment of a Provincial Land Use Secretariat with contract staff and staff seconded from Ministries. The first task of the Secretariat will be the development of a regional land use planning process for Vancouver Island.

The mandate structure, staffing plan and budget of the Secretariat is to be developed in consultation with the Secretary to Executive Council and the Associate Deputy Minister for Policy Co-ordination and submitted to Treasury Board for final approval.

C. 7. Walbran Valley - Log Around Options

Approved Option #3.

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C. 8. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government
- December 10, 1991

Approved.

C. 9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council
- December 10, 1991

Approved.

9(a) Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council
- December 17, 1991 - Briefing Note on Legislative Priorities

Approved in principle the legislative priorities recommended by the Committee as the basis for assigning legislative drafting resources. It was noted that all requests for legislation containing significant policy issues will be scheduled for consideration at the appropriate Cabinet Committee, and that legislative initiatives with budgetary implications are subject to the approval of the required resources in the estimates approval process.

C. 10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development
- December 12, 1991

Approved subject to:

- a) the Commission of Inquiry to review compensation principles respecting Crown tenure holders was approved in principle; the Attorney General is to return to the Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development with a detailed proposal including terms of reference, timelines, participation process, proposed commissioner(s), and budget. The budget is to be approved by Treasury Board.

- b) The decisions on CCSD item 2 dealing with Provincial Land Use Strategy and "Log Around" Options in the Walbran Valley are as recorded above (items #6 and 7).
- c) The decisions on CCSD item 5 on Water Power Rental Indexing/Water Licence Fee Increase are as recorded above (item #3).

C. 11. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use
- December 12, 1991

Approved.

C. 12. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy
- December 12, 1991

Approved.

C. 13. Treasury Board
- December 12, 1991

Approved.

Additional Minutes (not on agenda; circulated at Cabinet).

Cabinet Committee on Constitution
- December 17, 1991

Approved.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D. 14. Routine Orders

- a) Recommended by the Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, December 17, 1991:

- approved:

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E. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS

Appeals to Cabinet under the Motor Carrier Act:
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Westar Resources: Minister of Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources

Agreed to not provide the requested financial support.

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Discussion Paper on Services to Children: Minister of Education

Discussed. Referred to the Cabinet Committee on Social Policy for consideration at its meeting on December 19, 1991.

Policy on Spending Restraint, 1991-92: Minister of Labour

The need for a consistent policy and message on this matter was noted. Referred to Treasury Board for consideration on December 19, 1991 and recommendation to Cabinet early in January.

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CABINET AGENDA

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JANUARY 8, 1992

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	A. <u>URGENT ITEM</u>		
	1. Working Opportunity Fund (EVCC) Ltd.	David Zirnhelt	1
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	B. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
	2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, December 18, 1991		2
	3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair	Moe Sihota	3
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	B. <u>Business Arising:</u>		
	4. Clarification of Policy on Spending in Remainder of Fiscal Year 91/92	Glen Clark	4
	<u>New Items</u>		
	5. Special Warrant	Glen Clark	5
	6. B.C. Trade Strategy: GATT Negotiations - B.C. Position	David Zirnhelt	6
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
	7. Collective Bargaining Strategy - Verbal Report	Glen Clark/ Moe Sihota	7
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<u>Committee Minutes</u>		
	8. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - December 17, 1991	Lois Boone	8

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<u>Committee Minutes</u> - ctd.		
	9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - December 17, 1991	Lois Boone	9
	10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - December 19, 1991	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - December 19, 1991	Elizabeth Cull	11
	12. Treasury Board - December 19, 1991	Glen Clark	12
	13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - December 19, 1991	Glen Clark	13
2:30 p.m. - D. 2:45 p.m.	<u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
	14. Routine Orders		14
2:45 p.m.- E. 3:15 p.m.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> - Membership of Treasury Board		
3:15 p.m. - F. 3:45 p.m.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

January 8, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(Premier)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Anita Hagen	(EMHR)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(LCSCA)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnheldt	(EDSBT)

Members Not Present:

Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)

A. URGENT ITEMS

A. 1(a) Working Opportunity Fund (EVCC) Ltd.

Orders in Council approved.

A. 1(b) Effective Date for ICBC Rate Increase

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B. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
- December 18, 1991

Approved.

3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair reported on the following matters:

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(a) Briefings for Opposition Critics

It was agreed that Ministers should meet with Opposition critics and should offer technical briefings by senior Ministry officials on Ministry programs and activities (based on information in the public domain). If critics raise policy issues with officials, these should be brought to the Minister's attention for direct follow-up by the Minister.

(b) Guidelines for Funding Office Costs for Executive Assistants

It was agreed that up to \$1,500/month, from the Minister's office budget, could be spent on office costs for the Minister's Executive Assistant. Lease agreements for office space should be formalized.

(c) Comox/Powell River Ferry Service

It was reported that the Ferry Corporation will be announcing that the Ferry will remain stationed in Comox, but with earlier morning and later evening departure times facilitating access to the Island. A review of terminal facilities and additional service based in Powell River will also be announced.

(d) Average Annual Cut Announcement

The announcement of the reduced average annual cut in specific Vancouver Island TFLs and reactions to it were reviewed.

(e) Fair Wage Policy

Ministers' attention was drawn to the recent memorandum from the Minister of Government Services on the wording to be used in any new tender calls as an interim measure until a fair wage policy is finalized. The Crown Corporations Committee of Cabinet, through its Secretariat was asked to ensure that all Crown Corporations adopt similar wording in tender calls effective immediately.

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services expects to have options and recommendations for a fair wage policy available for Cabinet by early February, based in part on the Surrey/Richmond/Burnaby experience. The scope of application of the policy was flagged as an issue for discussion at that time. Implications of inclusion of reforestation contracts or social service contracts, for example, would require consideration by the appropriate Cabinet Committees, including Treasury Board.

(f) Opinion Research

A report on recent focus groups was presented.

C. ISSUES

Business Arising

C. 4. Clarification of Policy on Spending in Remainder of Fiscal Year 1991/92

In light of the financial situation inherited from the previous administration, it was agreed that:

- (a) New expenditure authorizations, whether of a one time or on-going nature, should be minimized; and
- (b) Specific expenditure reductions including possible symbolic reductions should be made as soon as possible to reinforce the message the the inherited financial situation is difficult and "getting priorities right" involves reductions in lower priority areas.

New Items

C. 5. Special Warrant

- (a) Treasury Board Minutes,
- January 8, 1992

Approved.

- (b) Order in Council
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6. B.C. Trade Strategy: GATT Negotiations - B.C. Position

Agreed that the proposed (Dunkel draft) Multilateral Trade Agreement would be acceptable to the Government of British Columbia if the concerns outlined in the Ministry's submission regarding (a) supply management, (b) resource pricing, (c) market access and (d) adjustment policy are effectively addressed.

The Minister was asked to return to CCSD and Cabinet with policy submissions on B.C.'s position on the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement; B.C.'s position with respect to the current North American Free Trade Negotiations; and recommendations on how B.C. might more effectively pursue its international trade interests within international trade negotiations/agreements.

7. Collective Bargaining Strategy

The Minister of Finance provided an overview on collective bargaining in the provincial public sector. Reasonable settlements are imperative to reducing the size of the provincial deficit while maintaining priority services.

The Premier and Minister of Finance will discuss establishment of a Cabinet Committee on Collective Bargaining to oversee and give direction to bargaining in the provincial public sector. The Crown Corporations Committee of Cabinet will ensure that all Crown Corporations receive approval of their negotiating mandates from the Government. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, in consultation with appropriate Ministers, will review possible measures for influencing collective bargaining in the arms length sectors of the provincial public sector.

Committee Minutes

8. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government:
 - December 17, 1991
 - Approved.
9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council:
 - December 17, 1991
 - Approved.
10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development:
 - December 19, 1991
 - Approved.
11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy:
 - December 19, 1991
 - Approved.
12. Treasury Board:
 - December 19, 1991
 - Approved.
13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations:
 - December 19, 1991
 - Approved.

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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

14. Routine Orders

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

15. Legislative Items - Government Commitments

The Vice Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council distributed a memorandum to Ministers with a list of legislative commitments made by the Government when in Opposition which were not included in the recent Ministry Requests for Legislation. Ministers were asked to provide the requested information on these potential initiatives by January 22nd, 1992.

16. Membership on Treasury Board

The Premier announced the appointment of Hon. Art Charbonneau as a member of Treasury Board.

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17. Possible Closure of Town of Cassiar

Discussed. The Policy Co-ordination Office is developing an issue management strategy for this matter.

18. Gender Equity in Staff Appointments

The Minister of Women's Equality provided Cabinet with a status report on gender equity in staff appointments to date.

CABINET AGENDA

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JANUARY 15, 1992

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:30 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
10:30 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, January 8, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair	Joan Smallwood	2
10:30 a.m.- B. <u>Business Arising:</u>		
12:30 p.m.		
3. Report from Budget Strategy Committee	Glen Clark	3
4. Closure of Cassiar Mine	David Zirnhelt/ Anne Edwards/ Glen Clark	4
<u>New Items</u>		
5. Land Use - B.C. Land Use Authority - Log Around Strategy	John Cashore Dan Miller	5
6. Pulp Mill Effluent Standard	John Cashore	6
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers	
12:30 p.m.- <u>Committee Minutes</u>		
12:45 p.m.		
7. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - January 7, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	7

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
12:45 p.m.-	C. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
1:00 p.m.	8. Routine Orders		8
1:00 p.m.-	D. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:30 p.m.	9. Working Opportunity Fund - Cabinet Minister's Eligibility	George Ford	
1:30 p.m. -	E. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
2:00 p.m.			

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

January 15, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(Premier)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
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Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable David Zirnheld	(EDSBT)

Members Not Present:

Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, January 8, 1992.
Approved.

A. 2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Associate Deputy Minister (Policy Coordination) reported on behalf of the Chair on the following matters:

(a) Budget Strategy

A brief report of the Committee's discussion was given. A report on public opinion research conducted in support of budget strategy was briefly reviewed.

(b) Dobbie - Beaudoin Committee

Options were outlined with respect to the Hon. Sihota's meeting with the Federal Constitution Committee and what representations the Minister might make on behalf of government.

(c) Review of recent government initiatives and government's calendar for coming weeks

Topics discussed included the Working Opportunities Fund, budget information reported in the media, school lunch program, grants to immigrant settlement services, pulp mill effluent standards, and a provincial land use strategy.

(d) Committee Agenda

Ministers wanting to place items on the Government Operations Committee agenda should contact John Heaney in the Policy Coordination Office by noon on the Monday prior to the Committee meeting.

B. BUSINESS ARISING

B. 3. Report from Budget Strategy Committee

The budget strategy for government was reviewed including critical dates, communications, and the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations' timetable for consultation with representatives of business, labour and the community.

B. 4. Closure of Cassiar Mine

Agreed that key Ministers (F&CR, EMPR, EDSBT) would further explore the possibility of a closure of the mine over the next 6-8 months. By the Cabinet meeting of January 22, 1992, Cabinet will likely be required to vote on Cassiar Mine's Reorganization Plan pursuant to the federal Company Creditors' Arrangement Act.

Agreed that the Cabinet Secretary and Policy Coordination Office should proceed with respect to development of a worker adjustment and town site services program, with such a project to be facilitated "on the ground" by an individual enjoying public confidence and to be constructed with a sufficiently narrow context as to prevent the creation of precedents which would not be appropriate to future employment losses, especially planned closures in the mining industry.

NEW ITEMS

B. 5. Land Use Strategy

Agreed that the terms of reference for the Commission appearing on page six of the Cabinet Submission should be amended by deleting reference to a discussion paper on the reform of land and resource tenure system. The Commissioner would not be prevented from otherwise commenting on the issue of tenure in the course of the Commission's activities.

Agreed that further consideration will be given to the formal name of the body by Government Communications Office for approval by CCSD on Thursday, January 16, 1992.

Cabinet approved:

- 1) The establishment of a permanent B.C. Land Use Commission (name to be confirmed by CCSD), reporting initially to CCSD. The Commission will essentially be a coordinating/facilitating body that supports CCSD in the development and implementation of a provincial land use plan;
- 2) The principle of government accountability for decision making be upheld; the Commission will make independent and publicly open recommendations to CCSD for adoption of plans;
- 3) A regional level planning process be initiated to identify the integrated management lands and protected areas. It is suggested that the process should begin with Vancouver Island.
- 4) The B.C. Environment Network (forest caucus) list of provincial "hot spots" be accepted and that log around strategies be developed for critical areas as interim measures in support of the regional planning process.

B. 5. Log Around Strategy

Approved that CCSD will decide on specific log around options for the following areas:

Walbran
Nahmint
Clayoquot Sound (Bulson Creek)
Tsitika (assumed to be lower Tsitika)
Tahsish-Kwois

B. 6. Pulp Mill Effluent Standards

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B. 7. Committee Minutes

Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and
Orders-in-Council, January 7, 1992

Approved.

B. 7.a) Additional Minutes (not on agenda; circulated at
Cabinet)

Cabinet Committee on Constitution, January 14, 1992

Approved.

Agreed that the Minister responsible for
Constitutional Affairs shall be the government's
sole representative as intervenor at the hearings of
the Dobbie-Beaudoin committee.

C. 8. ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL

The following Orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO
on January 14 were ratified:

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D. OTHER BUSINESS

D. 9. Working Opportunity Fund - Cabinet Minister's Eligibility

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D. 10. Cabinet Committee Scheduling

Agreed that for the duration of the budget-setting process, meetings of the CCALCSG, CCSD and CCSP will occur only outside of the times scheduled for the Treasury Board Budget Review Process and that the Director of Cabinet Operations will facilitate the scheduling of these three committees to avoid timing conflicts.

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D. 12. Federal/Provincial Meetings

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs reported on upcoming meetings with the federal minister of Indian Affairs and his intention to have the province appoint a negotiator to the current federal/provincial/aboriginal negotiation process.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

E. 13. Government Communications will prepare a brief summary of preferred pre-budget communications for distribution to Ministers.

CABINET AGENDA

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JANUARY 22, 1992

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:30 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u> 10:30 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, January 15, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair	Moe Sihota	2
10:30 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u> 1:00 p.m.		
<u>Business Arising:</u>		
3. Closure of Cassiar Mine	David Zirnhelt/ Anne Edwards/ Glen Clark	3
<u>New Items:</u>		
4. Federal Offloading of Expenditures	Glen Clark	4
5. Freedom of Information Proposed Strategic Schedule	Colin Gabelmann	5
6. Development of New Conflict of Interest Legislation	Colin Gabelmann	6
LUNCH - to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
7. Interior Cancer Clinic	Elizabeth Cull	7

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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
1:00 p.m.-	<u>Committee Minutes:</u>		
1:30 p.m.			
	8. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - January 14, 1992	Andrew Petter	8
	9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - January 14, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	9
	10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - January 16, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - January 16, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	11
	12. Treasury Board - January 16, 1992	Glen Clark	12
	13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - January 16, 1992	Glen Clark	13
1:30 p.m.-	C. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
1:45 p.m.			
	14. Routine Orders		14
1:45 p.m.-	D. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
2:30 p.m.			
	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	15. - Per Pupil Grant for Education	Anita Hagen	15
	16. - Softwood Lumber Countervail	Dan Miller	16
	<u>Early Alerts</u>		
2:30 p.m. -	E. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
3:00 p.m.			
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M I N U T E S

January 22, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(Premier)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
Honourable Anita Hagen	(EMHR)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnhelt	(EDSBT)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

- A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
January 15, 1992.

Approved. Noted that the critical areas referred to in item B. 5(4) included the Tahsish-Kwois.

- A. 2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair reported on matters discussed by the Committee. The following matters are noted for follow-up:

- (a) Pulp Mill Effluent Standards Announcement

Based on experience with this announcement, it is clear that additional measures are necessary to ensure broader public exposure and understanding of major government announcements, including:

- i) developing a "common message" for use in relation to such announcements;
- ii) ensuring that government MLAs, MAs, EAs and CAs are given as much advance notice as possible so they are prepared to dispense the message locally; and

- iii) ensure more comprehensive announcement planning including follow-up interviews, distribution of information packages, etc.

(b) Board of Internal Economy

The House Leader, Caucus Chair and Principal Secretary are to bring forward recommendations related to the future of the Board of Internal Economy.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Items

B. 3. Freedom of Information: Proposed Strategic Schedule

Approved the drafting of Freedom of Information legislation to be finalized by mid-April for introduction in the Legislature in the first week of May. The legislation is to be referred to Committee for possible amendments, passed during the Spring legislative session, with proclamation in 1993. A joint Caucus/Cabinet Committee will be responsible for developing Freedom of Information Legislation for recommendation to Cabinet and Caucus. The Committee will be composed of Gablemann (Chair), Boone, Smallwood, Jones and two other Caucus members to be finalized by the Chair in consultation with other members and the Principal Secretary.

4. Development of New Conflict of Interest Legislation

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5. Interior Cancer Clinic

Approved the early announcement of a decision to proceed with one full service cancer clinic in the Interior by 1996 to be located in Kelowna.

Business Arising

B. 6. Closure of Cassiar Mine

- (a) Agreed that the Province will vote on January 23, 1992 to reject the Revised Organization Plan dated January 16, 1992

- (b) Agreed that the three key ministries (EDSBT, EMPR, F&CR) continue to monitor the situation closely and work with interested and affected parties to achieve a soft closure option, if at all possible. A soft closure would include appointment of a monitor and would seek stronger security for provincial advances.
- (c) Agreed that in the event of a closure, political leadership and presence will be provided by the Minister of Forests with support from an inter-ministry team to be organized by the Secretary to Executive Council.

New Items Cont'd

B. 7. Federal Off-loading of Expenditures

A presentation on federal off-loading of expenditures was received for information.

8. Per Pupil Grant for Education

Treasury Board minutes of a meeting January 20, 1992 on this topic were approved. Noted that additional funding was included for increased enrolments beyond 1% after September 30, 1992.

Agreed that \$10,000,000 for Computer Technology grants included in the 1992/93 expenditure estimates for Contributions for Schools-Support be transferred to the Contributions for Schools - Operating, and distributed through the block funding system.

Agreed that the Minister of Education will initiate broad consultations on changes to the education finance and tax systems to increase the stability, predictability and fairness of these systems within the fiscal realities faced by government.

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will inform Cabinet of the details of the per pupil funding announcement. The announcement "message" should be provided to Caucus.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports

C. 9. Softwood Lumber Countervail

The Minister of Forests provided a verbal update on the softwood lumber countervail.

D. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- D. 10. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government, January 14, 1992

Approved.

11. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, January 14, 1992

Approved.

12. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development, January 16, 1992

Approved.

13. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, January 16, 1992

Approved.

14. Treasury Board, January 16, 1992

Approved.

15. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations, January 16, 1992.

Approved, except Items #1 and #2 tabled.

16. Cabinet Committee on Constitution, January 21, 1992

Approved. The "major focus on the economy" component of B.C.'s current stance is to be clarified in consultations between Ministers on the draft presentation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee, and is to be further developed by the Committee.

E. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

- E. 17. The following Orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on January 21, 1992 were approved:

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CABINET AGENDA

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JANUARY 29, 1992

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:30 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u> 10:30 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, January 22, 1992		1
10:30 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u> 1:00 p.m.		
<u>Business Arising:</u>		
2. Closure of Cassiar Mine - Dan Miller/ Current Status John Heaney		2
<u>New Items:</u>		
3. Canada/B.C. Immigration Agreement Negotiations	Anita Hagen	3
4. Requests for Legislation	Colin Gabelmann	4
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers	
1:00 p.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> 1:45 p.m.		
5. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - January 21, 1992	Lois Boone	5
6. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - January 22, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	6
7. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - January 22, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	7
8. Treasury Board - January 23, 1992	Glen Clark	8
9. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - January 16, 1992 Items 1 and 2	Glen Clark	9

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
1:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u> 10. Routine Orders		10
2:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> <u>Status Reports:</u> 11. B.C. Rail/Northeast Coal 12. Government-Sponsored Meal Functions Program	Art Charbonneau Lois Boone	11 12
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

January 29, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
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Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnhelt	(EDSBT)

Members Not Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

- A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
January 22, 1992.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

- B. 2. Closure of Cassiar Mine - Current Status

Dan Miller reported on developments related to the Cassiar mine, in particular his meeting with residents in Cassiar.

Cabinet approved in principle, subject to Treasury Board approval, option #1 in a briefing note from the Ministry of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade dated January 28, 1992 involving the provision of a \$12.3 million interim working capital loan to the Cassiar Mining Corporation subject to the conditions outlined in the note. s.14

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New Items

B. 3. Canada/B.C. Immigration Agreement Negotiations

Approved in principle the negotiation of a Canada/B.C. immigration agreement based on the objectives outlined in the submission. Draft agreement to be reviewed by CCSP prior to re-commencing negotiations with the federal government. Negotiation strategy to be confirmed at that time.

B. 4. Requests for Legislation

Approved the recommendations of the Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council with respect to remaining (second round) Requests for Legislation. (Reference to the Compensation Fairness Act on page 6 is deleted in favour of the reference to that Act on page 2). A status report on the prioritization of each Ministry's legislation requests is to be provided to the Minister and Deputy Minister. Requests to the Committee for reconsideration of the priority given to a legislation request should be made to Maureen Nicholls as soon as possible.

Additional Items

B.C.I.T. Strike

Discussed.

Committee of Special Advisors on Industrial Relations

Approved the terms of reference, membership and procedures for a Committee of Special Advisors on Industrial Relations as outlined in a paper from the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services. Financial aspects referred to Treasury Board.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 5. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, January 21, 1992.

Approved.

C. 6. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development, January 22, 1992

Approved with the exception of item #3, Aspen Export Permit Application, Canadian Chopstick Manufacturing Co. Ltd., which was referred back to CCSD for review in the context of the proposed policy on raw log exports to be considered by the Committee in the near future.

C. 7. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, January 22, 1992

Approved. Noted that item #7, Canada/B.C. Immigration Agreement Negotiations was dealt with as a separate Cabinet Agenda Item (see item B. 3.).

C. 8.(a) Treasury Board, January 23, 1992

Noted that Honourable Priddy was present and Honourable Elizabeth Cull was absent. Approved. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may request Treasury Board to review its decision on the Net Income Stabilization Account.

(b) Treasury Board, January 23, 1992 (Amendments to the Minutes of January 20, 1992).

Approved.

C. 9. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations, January 16, 1992. Items 1 and 2.

Approved with the additional information noted.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D. 10. The following Orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on January 28, 1992 were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

E. 11. B.C. Rail/Northeast Coal

Withdrawn.

E. 12. Government-Sponsored Meal Functions Program

Agreed to discontinue the meal grant program and limit government hospitality to those occasions where the Province is the host as outlined in a paper prepared for the Honourable Lois Boone, dated January 15, 1992.

E. 13. Agricultural Land Commission

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E. 15. Vehicle Management

The Minister of Government Services reported on a management review of the vehicle management branch and personnel changes consequent to the review.

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CABINET AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 5, 1992

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:30 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u> 10:30 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, January 29, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair	Moe Sihota	2
10:30 a.m. - B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u> 1:00 p.m.		
<u>Business Arising:</u>		
3. Cassiar Closure - Status Report	Dan Miller/ John Heaney	3
<u>New Items:</u>		
4. Task Force on Minority Language Rights	Anita Hagen	4
5. Coal Industry Action Plan	Anne Edwards	5
6. Westar Mining	Anne Edwards	6
* 6a. Nisga'a Negotiations - Interim Protection Measures	Andrew Petter	17
LUNCH - to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
1:00 p.m. - C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> 1:45 p.m.		
7. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - January 27, 1992	Andrew Petter	7
8. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - January 28, 1992	Joan Smallwood	8

* Additional item

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
1:00 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
	9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - January 28, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	9
	10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - January 29, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - January 29, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	11
	12. Treasury Board - January 30, 1992	Glen Clark	12
1:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
	13. Routine Orders		13
2:00 p.m.- 2:45 p.m.	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	14. Premier's US/Europe Trip	Mike Harcourt	14
	15. Annual Report - B.C. Assessment Appeal Board	Robin Blencoe	15
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
	16. Water Export Report	John Cashore	16
2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		

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M I N U T E S

February 5, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
Honourable Anita Hagen	(EMHR)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnhelt	(EDSBT)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
January 29, 1992, approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Government Operations Committee Chair reported on the following item requiring follow-up:
Government Air Service: The Secretary to Executive Council is to co-ordinate the preparation of an options paper outlining alternative approaches to achieve efficiencies in the use of government air services.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

B. 3. Cassiar Closure

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New Items

B. 4. Task Force on Minority Language Rights

Approved the recommendation in the submission, but with public consultation and feedback to continue until June 30, 1992.

B. 5 Coal Industry Action Plan

Approved. The "action plan" should be based on the premise that the Province will not provide "financial bail outs" for individual companies.

B. 6 Westar Mining

Approved the recommendations in the submission. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing is to consult with the Job Protection Commissioner and report to CCSD as soon as possible on the preferred approach to addressing the municipal finance issue.

Cabinet noted that the failure of the Westar Mining Company did not necessarily mean the permanent closure of these mines, as a new buyer, freed from some of Westar's debt obligations, could be in a position to operate both properties profitably.

B. 6(a) Nisga'a Negotiations - Interim Protection Measures

Approved the recommendations in the submission.

C. Committee Minutes

7. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government, January 27, 1992.

Approved. Noted that the specific per diem amount to be paid to members of the First People's Heritage, Language and Culture Council would be a matter for the regulations and not fixed in the legislation.

8(a) Cabinet Committee on Constitution, January 28, 1992

Approved.

8(b) Cabinet Committee on Constitution, February 4, 1992
Response to Federal NDP Position on the Constitution.

Approved.

9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and
Orders-in-Council, January 28, 1992

Approved.

10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, January 29, 1992

Approved.

11(a) Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development,
January 29, 1992

Approved.

11(b) Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use,
February 5, 1992. Remaining Applications Affected
by the Golf Course Moratorium

The Chair reported on the Committee's discussion of compensation for land owners where application for approval of use as a golf course might be denied.

Agreed in principle that this situation was analogous to municipal down-zoning and should be treated similarly, i.e. compensation should not be provided.

ELUC is to finalize the specific policy guidelines related to compensation in these cases and review whether legislative measures are needed in support of the policy. There should be no specific reference to this issue in the terms of reference of the Commission on resource tenures and compensation issues.

The Agriculture Land Commission should be requested to ensure that the policy for dealing with golf course applications is sensitive to regional needs and circumstances.

12. Treasury Board, January 30, 1992

Approved with the exception of Item #1, Grain Growers/Horticultural Assistance which was referred back to Treasury Board for consideration of a less expensive alternative to be funded from the Ministry's base budget.

D. Orders in Council

- (13. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO
on February 4, 1992 were approved:

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LEGISLATION

Attorney General

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E. Other Business

14. Premier's U.S./Europe Trip

The Premier reported on his trip to New York, London and the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

15. Annual Report - B.C. Assessment Appeal Board

Received.

16. Water Export Report

Referred to CCSD for consideration in the context of the pending sale of a company with a bulk water export license to American interests and development of a provincial strategy for this issue.

17. B.C.I.T.

Discussed. Agreed that the provincial contribution for pay equity should be included in the base budget for the institution if possible.

18. Lotteries

The Minister of Government Services clarified the concerns raised by the Auditor General in his report to Legislature as they related to lotteries.

CABINET AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 12, 1992

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:00 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u> 10:00 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, February 5, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair	Moe Sihota	2
10:00 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u> 11:30 p.m.		
<u>Business Arising:</u>		
3. Cassiar Mine Closure	Dan Miller	3
<u>New Items:</u>		
4. Asian Gypsy Moth Eradication Project in Greater Vancouver	Dan Miller	4
5. IRC Commissioner	Moe Sihota	5
6. Commission of Inquiry into Compensation	Colin Gabelmann	6
11:30 p.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u> 12:15 p.m.		
7. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - February 3, 1992	Andrew Petter	7
8. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - February 4, 1992	Joan Smallwood	8
9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - February 4, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	9

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:30 p.m.-	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
12:15 p.m.			
	10. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use - February 5, 1992	John Cashore	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - February 5, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	11
	12. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - February 5, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	12
	13. Treasury Board - February 6, 1992 - February 7, 1992	Glen Clark	13
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:15 p.m.-	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
12:30 p.m.			
	14. Routine Orders		14
12:30 p.m.-	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:00 p.m.			
	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	15. First Ministers' Conference	Mike Harcourt/ Glen Clark	15
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
1:00 p.m. -	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:30 p.m.			
1:30 p.m. -	G. <u>BUDGET REVIEW</u>		
4:30 p.m.			
4:30 p.m. -	H. <u>BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
5:00 p.m.			

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MINUTES

February 13, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
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Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnvelt	(EDSBT)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
February 5, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

Deferred.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

B. 3. Cassiar Mine Closure

Deferred.

New Items

B. 4 Asia Gypsy Moth Eradication Project in Greater Vancouver

The information in the submission was received and the recommended eradication program (page 4) was approved.

5. I.R.C. Commissioner

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services reported that s.22

s.22 had submitted his resignation on the basis of mutually agreed separation terms.

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6. Commission of Inquiry into Compensation

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Additional Items

B. 6(a) Alert Bay

Approved.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government, February 3, 1992.

Deferred.

8. Cabinet Committee on Constitution, February 4, 1992.

Deferred.

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9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, February 4, 1992.
Deferred.
10. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use, February 5, 1992.
Deferred.
11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, February 5, 1992.

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The Ministers' Committee on Traffic Safety is to review the proposed traffic safety initiatives and make recommendations to Cabinet, including recommendations requiring amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act. s.14

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Item 3, Supreme Court Act was referred back to CCSP for discussion with the Attorney General.

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12. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development,
February 5, 1992

Item 1, Commission of Inquiry was dealt with as a
separate Cabinet agenda item (see item 6).^{s.14}
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13. Treasury Board, February 6 and February 7, 1992

Deferred.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

The following Orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO
on February 11, 1992, were approved:

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Cabinet requested that the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks prepare a policy on foreshore land sales for consideration by CCSD.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

15. First Ministers' Conference

Deferred.

16. Super Ferry Announcement

The Minister responsible for the B.C. Ferry Corporation informed Cabinet that he would be announcing the awarding of the contract for the second super ferry within the next week.

17. Native Titles Office

The Attorney General briefed Cabinet on changes in the handling of litigation involving native title issues.

F. BUDGET REVIEW

18. Overview

Cabinet received the budget overview presented by the Minister of Finance and approved the expenditure, revenue and deficit levels presented.

19. Estimates

Cabinet received and discussed the summary of Ministry estimates resulting from Treasury Board decisions. Detailed decisions on Ministry estimates will be communicated to Ministries on Monday, February 17th.

20. Revenue

Various revenue options were reviewed and input provided to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations for finalization in the budget.

CABINET AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 19, 1992

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:00 a.m. - A.	<u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
9:45 a.m.	1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, February 13, 1992		1
	2. Reports from Government Operations Committee Chair - February 6, 1992 - February 18, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
9:45 a.m. - B.	<u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:30 p.m.	<u>Business Arising:</u>		
	3. Cassiar Closure: Definition of Equitable Treatment	Tom Perry/ Colin Gabelmann/ David Zirnhelt	3
	<u>New Items:</u>		
	4. Executive Assistant Office Expenses	Lois Boone	4
	5. Lumber Countervail	David Zirnhelt	5
11:30 p.m. - C.	<u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
12:15 p.m.	6. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - February 3, 1992	Andrew Petter	6
	7. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - February 4, 1992	Joan Smallwood	7
	8. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - February 4, 1992 - February 12, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	8

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:30 p.m.- C.	<u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
12:15 p.m.	9. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use - February 5, 1992	John Cashore	9
	10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - February 5, 1992 (excerpts only)	Elizabeth Cull	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - February 5, 1992 (excerpts only) - February 11, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	11
	12. Treasury Board - February 6, 1992 - February 7, 1992	Glen Clark	12
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:15 p.m.- D.	<u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
12:30 p.m.	13. Routine Orders		13
12:30 p.m.- E.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:00 p.m.	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	14. First Ministers' Conference	Mike Harcourt/ Glen Clark	14
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
1:00 p.m. - F.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:30 p.m.			

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February 19, 1992

February 19, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable	Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable	Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable	Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable	John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable	Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable	Glen Clark	(F&CR)
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Honourable	Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable	Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable	Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable	Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable	David Zirnheld	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Mike Harcourt (PREMIER)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull (MOH)
Honourable Dan Miller (MOF)
Honourable Joan Smallwood (MSS)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting,
February 13, 1992.

Deferred.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair of the Government Operations Committee reported on items considered at meetings on February 6th and 18th. The following item is noted for follow-up: The legislature will open and the Speech from the Throne will be delivered on Tuesday, March 17, 1992.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

B. 3. Cassiar Closure: Definition of Equitable Treatment

Staff are developing a statement on the uniqueness of the Cassiar situation on which the assistance being provided is based. This statement will be made available to all Ministers.

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services indicated that he was in the process of initiating an inter-Ministry process for developing a policy on labour market adjustment measures.

New Items

B. 4. Executive Assistant Office Expenses

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5. Lumber Countervail

Information received, discussed and noted. The Ministers will return to Cabinet with recommendations for further actions in response to the imposition of a preliminary CVD on March 5th, if required.

Additional Items

Liquor Distribution and Licensing

Approved in principle the recommendations in the submission from the Attorney General. The Attorney General will return to Cabinet with a detailed proposal and implementation plan.

British Columbia Railways

Agreed in principle to the dismissal of all or part of the Board of Directors and the appointment of replacement directors required immediately, at the Minister's prerogative. This delegation of responsibility to the Minister is an extraordinary measure in light of the compelling need to act expeditiously.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- C. 6. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government, February 3, 1992.

Approved.

7. Cabinet Committee on Constitution, February 4, 1992

Approved.

8. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council

- (a) February 4, 1992

Approved.

- (b) February 12, 1992

Approved. Noted that the non-Cabinet Caucus members participating in CCLRO will not be paid any additional amount for their participation and will be expected to fund their travel and expenses from existing MLA expenses.

9. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use, February 5, 1992

Approved the minutes as an accurate account of the Committee's deliberations. Noted that the decision on item 1, Administration of the Applications that Remain Affected by the Golf Course Development Moratorium, was superceded by Cabinet's decision on February 6, 1992, item 11(b).

10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy; February 5, 1992 (excerpts)

Approved the excerpts, i.e. items 1, 2 and 15 not previously dealt with.

11. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development

- (a) February 5, 1992 (excerpts)

Approved the excerpts, i.e. items 4 and 8 not previously dealt with, as an accurate account of the Committee's deliberations. Noted that the recommendations on item 4, SEF Budget Issue Paper have been superceded by Treasury Board budget decisions regarding SEF.

(b) February 11, 1992

Approved. Noted that political management issues regarding item 2(d), Legislative Discussion Paper on Fish, Wildlife and their Habitats are to be reviewed with the Policy Co-ordination Office.

12. Treasury Board

(a) February 6, 1992

Approved.

(b) February 7, 1992

Approved.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

13. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on February 18, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

14. First Ministers' Meeting on the Economy

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations reported on the First Ministers' meeting on the Economy. The Secretary to Executive Council reported on intergovernmental work being undertaken in preparation for the next First Ministers' Conference on the Economy.

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15. Principle Group

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The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations reported on Saskatchewan's proposed settlement with Principle Group creditors and his proposed response involving: a) no additional compensation for B.C. claimants; b) re-opening of claims to allow approximately 250 late claimants to be compensated through the additional B.C. share generated by Saskatchewan's contribution to the pool; and c) no compensation for litigation costs.

16. Sea Containers

The Minister of Tourism and Minister Responsible for Culture informed Cabinet of the impending withdrawal of Sea Containers from the agreement to provide Victoria-Seattle car ferry service and the proposed government response.

CABINET AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 26, 1992

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:00 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
10:00 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meetings - February 13, 1992 - February 19, 1992		1
2. Reports from Government Operations Committee Chair - February 25, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
10:00 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:00 a.m.		
<u>New Items:</u>		
3. Cabinet Confidentiality	Mike Harcourt	3
4. RCMP Negotiations	Colin Gabelmann	4
11:00 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
12:15 p.m.		
5. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - February 18, 1992	Joan Smallwood/ Moe Sihota	5
6. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - February 18, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	6
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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:00 a.m.-	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
12:15 p.m.	7. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use - February 20, 1992	John Cashore	7
	8. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - February 20, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	8
	9. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - February 18, 1992 - February 20, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	9
	10. Treasury Board - February 20, 1992	Glen Clark	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - February 20, 1992	Glen Clark	11
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:30 p.m.-	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
12:45 p.m.	12. Routine Orders		12
12:45 p.m.-	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:15 p.m.	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	13. Garibaldi Alpen Ski Area	John Cashore	13
	14. Meeting Schedule During Legislative Session - Confirmation		14
	15. Health Care Negotiations	Moe Sihota	15
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
1:15 p.m. -	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:45 p.m.			

CABINET

M I N U T E S

February 26, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
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Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnheld	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meetings

February 12, 1992.

Approved.

February 19, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair of the Government Operations Committee reported on items considered at the meeting on February 25. It was noted that the Dobbie Beaudoin Report is due to be released Friday, February 28. The Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs will prepare a provincial response in conjunction with Policy Coordination Office staff.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Items

B. 3. Cabinet Confidentiality

Item deferred.

4. RCMP Negotiations

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C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 5. Cabinet Committee on Constitution, February 18

Approved.

6. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, February 18

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7. Environment and Land Use Committee, February 20

Accepted.

8. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, February 20

Approved. Respecting Item 3, Pension Benefits Standards Act Proclamation, Cabinet further directed the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services to develop a plan, in consultation with the Ministers of Women's Equality and Government Services, for a thorough review of the legislation in anticipation of bringing forward amendments during the Spring 1993 Session. The plan should consider the option of using a Legislative Committee to undertake the review and should go to CCSP for review. It was noted that any financial requirements for a review will need to be considered by Treasury Board.

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9. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development

February 18

Received as information.

February 20

Approved Items 1 - 6, 7a, 7c, 8a, 8b, 8d, 9a. The following clarifying amendments and decisions were made on the remaining items:

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In addition, during review of Item 1, B.C. Compliance with GATT Panel Report on Beer, the

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10. Treasury Board, February 20

Approved excepting Item 10, Purchase of Englishman River Flats - Cabinet authorized a provincial offer to contribute 50 percent of the \$4 - 4.5M site acquisition cost with the funds only being released if the remaining funding from other sources confirmed by March 31, 1992.

11. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations, February 20

Approved. In addition, the Ministers of Environment, Lands and Parks and Finance and Corporate Relations apprised Cabinet of their plans to address the Hazardous Waste Management Corporation and Lower Mainland Transit issues respectively.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

- D. 12. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on February 25, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

E. 13. Garibaldi Alpen Ski Area

Deferred.

14. Meeting Schedule During Legislative Session - Confirmation

Changes recommended. Cabinet Operations will consult with Principal Secretary to develop final schedule.

15. Health Care Negotiations

Update on HEU situation provided. Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of the Ministers of Women's Equality, Health, Finance and Corporate Relations and Labour and Consumer Services, has been formed to review all health care labour negotiation issues including BCNU, HEU, and BCMA. The Committee was requested to develop a communications strategy.

16. B.C.B.C. Update/Fair Wage Policy

The Minister of Government Services advised that a number of closing dates for bids on major construction projects have passed or are approaching, and direction was sought as to how to proceed in the absence of a fair wage policy. Agreed that, the Minister of Government Services will develop a list of contracts to be deferred until March 31. The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services will present a proposed fair wage policy and regulations to CCSP on March 12 and it would proceed to Cabinet on March 18. The policy will address the broader philosophical issues on fair wages, not just construction industry wages.

17. Federal Budget Overview

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations provided an overview of the federal budget. Implications for child care and housing programs were noted.

18. Independent Financial Review

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations advised that the Steering Committee is nearing completion of its review of the volumes prepared by Peat Marwick and Deloitte Touche. The first 8 volumes will be released by the Minister February 27. The remaining volumes will be ready for release over the next 2 weeks. In response to the review's findings on personnel issues, the Premier will be announcing the appointment of Judy Korbin to review and make recommendations on a variety of public sector personnel matters.

Early Alerts

19. U.B.C. Strike

The Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology advised that CUPE may strike U.B.C. as early as March 4. Agreed that the Collective Bargaining Committee (previously supported by Cabinet) would be constituted as soon as possible.

20. School District Budget Allocations

The Minister of Education, Multiculturalism and Human Rights advised that school districts will be notified today of their budget allocations.

21. Treaty Commission Negotiations

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs advised that a tentative agreement has been reached on the formation of the Treaty Commission. Approval in principle for the Memorandum of Understanding will be sought from Cabinet on March 5.

22. I.C.B.C. Board Appointments

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CABINET AGENDA

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MARCH 4, 1992

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:00 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
10:00 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - February 26, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - March 3, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
10:00 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:00 a.m.		
<u>New Items:</u>		
3. Cabinet Confidentiality	Mike Harcourt	3
4. Boards, Agencies Commissions - Plan	Mike Harcourt	4
5. Gaming Overview	Lois Boone/ Colin Gabelmann	5
6. Log Around Options	Dan Miller	6
7. Provincial Approval of Treaty Commission Agreement	Andrew Petter	7
11:00 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
12:15 p.m.		
8. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - February 25, 1992	Joan Smallwood/ Moe Sihota	8
9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - February 25, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	9

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ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:00 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
12:15 p.m.		
10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - February 27, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	10
11. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - February 27, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	11
12. Treasury Board - February 27, 1992	Glen Clark	12
13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - February 27, 1992	Glen Clark	13
LUNCH - to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:30 p.m.- D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
12:45 p.m.		
14. Routine Orders		14
12:45 p.m.- E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:15 p.m.		
<u>Status Reports:</u>		
<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
1:15 p.m. - F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:45 p.m.		

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<u>Members Present:</u>	Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
	Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
	Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
	Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
	Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
	Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
	Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
	Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
	Honourable Anita Hagen	(EMHR)
	Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
	Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
	Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
	Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
	Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
	Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
	Honourable David Zirnheldt	(EDSET)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

February 26, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

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The Government Operations Committee also discussed options for addressing the ambulance service dispute in six communities currently receiving ambulance services through local fire departments. The Committee was unable to reach consensus and the issue was added to the Cabinet agenda.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following two items were added to the agenda:

B. (1) Ambulance Services

Agreed that the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Minister of Labour and Consumer Services, will immediately contact CUPE and attempt to negotiate a compromise position whereby CUPE will delay taking action on the ambulance service dispute and consider instead supporting integrated emergency services pilot programs in exchange for the Ministry of Health quickly launching a major review of B.C. Ambulance Service (BCAS) with the objective of improving management and conditions for employees.

If this strategy is not successful, Cabinet directed the Minister of Health to honor the CUPE agreement negotiated by the previous government, and continue to implement the provincial ambulance strategy initiated in 1974, by replacing the firefighter-provided ambulance service with BCAS in the last 6 communities not yet covered by BCAS, as follows:

• Port Alberni	March 31, 1992
• Campbell River	March 31, 1992
• Nelson	March 31, 1992
• Oak Bay	December 31, 1992
• Fort St. John	1993
• Kitimat	1993

In addition, a full review of BCAS will be launched in the future.

Government Communications Office will work with the Ministry to develop a comprehensive communications plan.

B. (2) Jericho Hill School Inquiry

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B. 3. Cabinet Confidentiality

The Premier advised Cabinet of his concerns and expectations.

Agreed that the Senior Management Team (Baker, Ford, Chilton and Lloyd) will prepare a plan for Cabinet's consideration that will address such issues as appropriate level of participation of ministry officials and other staff in Cabinet committees and timing of announcements after Cabinet decisions.

B. 4. Boards, Agencies and Commissions - Plan

The proposed process was accepted as outlined. It was suggested that a broad range of talented individuals be recruited for positions on BAC's

B. 5. Gaming Overview

Received as background information.

B. 6. Log Around Options

Accepted recommendations as presented by CCSD (from February 27 meeting). It was noted that the decisions will provoke criticism from both environmentalists and loggers. Agreed that a comprehensive communications plan is required for each affected community, and aboriginal group, including information on the CORE process and how citizens may access it.

Agreed that the Ministers of Forests and Environment, Lands and Parks will determine the length of deferral for the West Central Cariboo Mountains (between 20 and 24 months).

B. 7. Provincial Approval of Treaty Commission Agreement

Approved proposed agreement.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 8. Cabinet Committee on Constitution, February 25

Approved.

Cabinet Committee on Constitution, March 3
(circulated at meeting)

Approved.

9. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, February 25

Approved.

10. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy, February 27

Decision for Item 2 (Social Policy Issues Being Raised by BCGEU) amended: "The Committee recommended to Cabinet that the following guidance be provided to GPSD: . . ."

All other items approved.

11. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development,
February 27

Item 3 (Log Around Options) addressed as full
Cabinet agenda item.

All other items approved.

12. Treasury Board, February 27

Approved.

13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations, February 27

Approved.

13(a) Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and
Self-Government, March 3 (circulated at meeting)

Item 1 (Provincial Approval of Treaty Commission
Agreement) addressed as full Cabinet agenda item.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

- D. 12. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO
on March 3, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports

E. 15. Independent Financial Review

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations briefed Cabinet on the highlights of the next IFR volumes, due for release Thursday, March 5.

E. 16. House Management

The House Leader briefed Cabinet on the outcome of consultations with the Liberal and Social Credit representatives. It has been agreed that there will be two Committees of Supply during the Session. The Clerk's Office has been directed to prepare a document considering how this arrangement may be managed. The House Leader will distribute the document to Cabinet for review after arrangements have been agreed upon. The 3 House Leaders will prepare a joint letter recommending the proposal to the Caucuses. It was noted that no Ministry officials will be permitted in Committee.

Early Alerts

E. 17. Posting Error

The Minister of Social Services advised that, due to an error in the Postal Services Branch an extensive mailing from the Ministry and F.C.S. Legislative Review Panel to Aboriginal representatives went out with "dummy" in each mailing label. The Minister of Government Services will issue a press release and letters of apology will be sent.

E. 18 Billings from Minister's Offices

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations reminded all Ministers that they must ensure that no bills for alcohol purchases are advanced for payment.

George Ford will remind Deputy Ministers at the next DM's Council Meeting.

E. 19. Meeting Schedule During Legislative Session

The final schedule was distributed.

CABINET AGENDA

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MARCH 11, 1992

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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10:00 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - March 4, 1992		1
2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - March 10, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
10:00 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:30 a.m.		
<u>New Items:</u>		
3. Funding of medical services in 92/93	Elizabeth Cull	3
4. Freedom of Information	Colin Gabelmann	4
5. Terry Fox Medical Research Foundation	Glen Clark	5
6. Fair Wage Policy	Moe Sihota	6
11:30 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
12:15 p.m.		
7. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 3, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	7

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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:30 a.m.- C.	<u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
12:15 p.m.			
	8. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - March 5, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	8
	9. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development - March 5, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	9
	10. Treasury Board - March 5, 1992	Glen Clark	10
	11. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations - March 5, 1992	Glen Clark	11
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:30 p.m.- D.	<u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
12:45 p.m.			
	12. Routine Orders		12
12:45 p.m.- E.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
1:30 p.m.			
	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	13. Garibaldi Alpen Ski Area	John Cashore	13
	14. Jericho Hill School for the Deaf	Colin Gabelmann/ Anita Hagen/ Joan Smallwood	14
	15. Softwood Lumber Countervail	Dan Miller	15
	16. Teacher's Investment and Housing Co-op	Glen Clark	16
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
1:30 p.m. - F.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
2:00 p.m.			

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Honourable	Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable	Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable	Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable	Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable	John Cashore	(MELP)
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Honourable	Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable	Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable	Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable	Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable	Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable	David Zirnvelt	(EDSBT)

Honourable Glen Clark (F&CR)
(arrived at 3 p.m.)

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting

March 4, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair of the Government Operations Committee reported on items considered at the meeting on March 10. Cabinet discussed the following items:

- Seattle Ferry:
Government Operations Committee recommended that B.C. Ferries operate a Victoria to Seattle vehicle ferry service for 1992. Cabinet reviewed the submission and gave approval in principle to option 1, subject to Treasury Board approval.
- Bennett House Acquisition:
Cabinet ratified the Committee's recommendation that no funding be provided for acquisition of the site.

- HEU/HLRA:
Cabinet directed that the proposed HLRA ad campaign not be supported. It was noted that the Health Labour Negotiations Strategy Sub-committee would be meeting after Cabinet.
- Board of Internal Economy Status:
Clarification of Cabinet's decision on future of BOIE was sought. It was noted that, if BOIE was to be terminated, legislative amendments would be required. The matter was referred back to Government Operations Committee for further consideration.
- Select Standing Committees:
Cabinet approved the proposed list of Committees, with a minor amendment to title of Committee to include "Science" in front of "Technology".

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

New Items

B. 3. Funding of Medical Services in 92/93

The Minister of Health advised that the funding for provision of medical services is unlikely to be sufficient to achieve a negotiated settlement with BCMA. A non-negotiated settlement is proposed to meet both the requirements of Treasury Board (cancel physicians pension plan and stay within allotted budget) and the following principles: "bottom-end loading" (higher increase to physicians billing average amount or less); "capping" individual high earners; and addressing utilization drivers. It was emphasized that the proposed action will be very contentious.

Cabinet discussed the possibility of the Minister meeting with BCMA (and hospitals) prior to the budget being released to advise them of the government's bottom line and seek to negotiate terms within these limits. s.14

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Cabinet approved in principle the non-negotiated settlement option subject to discussions between the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations on the propriety and feasibility of pre-budget discussions with the BCMA. It was noted that, depending upon timing of consultations with BCMA, the legislation required for a non-negotiated settlement may not be introduced with the budget, but would be required before March 31.

A comprehensive communications strategy will be brought back to Cabinet next week. To ensure consistency of messages respecting wage increases and government's ability to pay, the proposed 3% increase for low billing physicians will be re-examined.

The Health Labour Negotiations Sub-committee will discuss the strategy further.

B. 4. Freedom of Information

Agreed to the proposed scope and approach to coverage of the Legislation.

B. 5. Terry Fox Medical Research Foundation

To achieve the wind-up of the Foundation, the following options as outlined in the Cabinet Submission, were agreed to:

- Research Facility:
Option 1 - support transfer of Fox's assets to UBC by extinguishing Province's \$8M loan and providing 3 year funding commitment of \$4.7M from Science and Technology Vote.
- STDSA Grant:
Option 2 - instruct MAETT to pursue feasibility of utilizing remaining \$6M balance of original \$7M grant.
- Pharmical - Creditor:
Option 2 - approve using Fox funds to settle last creditor claim against Pharmical for \$175,000 from Wales McLelland.
- Pharmical - Investor:
Option 1 - do not initiate extraordinary measures to mitigate Quadra-Logic's loss.

B. 6. Fair Wage Policy

Cabinet Submission, Financial Impact Assessment and Minutes of the Special CCSP meeting on fair wage policy distributed at Cabinet.

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services presented a proposed fair wage policy for the construction industry. The policy would be introduced by Cabinet directive.

The implications for various groups (notably women, service industry workers, and international investors), and on wage inflation were discussed, as was the need for a broader fair wage policy.

Agreed to proceed with the policy respecting building construction at this time, with the rate to be set at 90% of CLRA rates.

A comprehensive communications strategy will be developed, noting that rates approximate the rates government would pay its own employees to do the job and putting this initiative in the context of broader wage policy initiatives.

Agreed that Planning Board would proceed to work on the broader "fair wage" issues.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 7. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council, March 3

Approved.

8. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy

- March 5, 1992

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Other items approved.

- March 10, 1992 (Special Meeting on Fair Wage Policy)

Received as information.

9. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development, March 5

Approved.

10. Treasury Board, March 5

Approved.

11. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations, March 5

Minute for Item 5 (B.C. Lottery Corporation)
amended: s.14

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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D.12. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on March 10, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER ISSUES

E.13. Garibaldi Alpen Ski Area

The Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks advised that, after considerable review, he has declined the Garibaldi proposal for an alpine ski resort. Report received as information.

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14. Jericho Hill School for the Deaf

Attorney General and Ministers of Social Services
and Education provided a brief update.

15. Softwood Lumber Countervail

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16. Teacher's Investment and Housing Co-op

Deferred.

CABINET AGENDA

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MARCH 18, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
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2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - March 17, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
9:15 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:00 a.m.		
<u>Business Arising</u>		
3. Fair Wage Policy - Policy Clarification - Communications Strategy	Moe Sihota	3
4. Communications Plan - Funding of Medical Services	Elizabeth Cull	4
<u>New Items:</u>		
5. Hospital Care Allocations and Hospital Bed Reductions	Elizabeth Cull	5
6. Government Air Services	Lois Boone	6
7. School Act Regulation re: s.14	Anita Hagen	7
8. Fibreco Pulp Joint Venture	David Zirnhelt/ Dan Miller/ Glen Clark	8
9. Question Period	Evan Lloyd	9

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:00 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
11:30 a.m.		
10. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 10, 1992 - March 16, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	10
11. Constitution - March 10, 1992	Joan Smallwood/ Moe Sihota	11
12. Environment and Land Use - March 10, 1992	John Cashore	12
13. Social Policy - March 12, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	13
14. Sustainable Development - March 12, 1992 - March 12, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	14
15. Treasury Board - March 12, 1992	Glen Clark	15
16. Crown Corporations - March 12, 1992	Glen Clark	16
11:30 a.m.- D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
11:45 p.m.		
17. Routine Orders		17
11:45 p.m.- E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
12:15 p.m.		
<u>Status Reports:</u>		
18. Teachers' Investment Housing Cooperative	Glen Clark	18
<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
LUNCH - to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:15 p.m.- F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
12:45 p.m.		

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Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
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Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnvelt	(EDSBT)

Members Absent: Honourable John Cashore (MELP)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting

March 11, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair of the Government Operations Committee reported on items considered at the meeting of March 17. Items of note or requiring follow up are:

- Legislative Dining Room Subsidy:

Agreed to increasing the rates in the dining room. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations/House Leader will communicate decision.

- Board of Internal Economy:

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The Minister of Government Services will report back to Cabinet with options.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

B. 3. Fair Wage Policy

- Policy Clarification

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services indicated that further clarification of the fair wage policy, as it applies to government-funded construction, was required and advised that an inter-ministry officials committee has been established to resolve the outstanding concerns. In particular, it has been agreed that the policy will not apply to highways construction at this time nor most municipal projects and social housing.

- Communications Strategy

The Minister plans to announce the policy on Monday, March 23. Internal communications will be addressed through the officials committee.

B. 4. Communications Plan - Funding of Medical Services

The Minister of Health advised that the Health Labour Negotiations Sub-committee has agreed that the Minister should meet with representatives of the BCMA, BCNU and HEU just prior to the Budget Speech to provide general information on the government's direction on the health budget and make a clear commitment to meet with them again, as soon after the Budget Speech as possible, to discuss/develop mutually acceptable strategies.

An additional component of the communications plan will be distribution of a letter to each BCMA member.

New Items

B. 5. Hospital Care Allocations and Hospital Bed Reductions

The Minister of Health advised that, in order to comply with Treasury Board's Budget decisions, the allocations to hospitals will be insufficient to maintain current services and up to 1000 bed closures may result over the next 2 fiscal years. The Ministry recommended the following action: 1) allocate funds for specified high priority programs 2) allocate remaining funds using the population/demographic model and utilization rates to ensure equitable distribution and 3) take proactive steps to reduce the number of beds in the system, working towards the ratio recommended in the Royal Commission Report, and allocate the savings as indicated in 2) above. The latter would be undertaken following community/hospital consultations.

Cabinet supported the principles of allocations based on population/demographic model and utilization rates, and reorientation of the health care system from institutional to community-based care, however, were concerned that community services would be insufficient to cope with transition at this time. Extension of the time frame for closures, to enable a smoother transition, was considered, although there would be significant budget implications.

Agreed to defer decision for one week to permit Minister to further consider the cited concerns and prepare a response.

B. 6. Government Air Services

Cabinet received a presentation on Government Air Services' plans for fleet downsizing, improved air ambulance and emergency response services, and increased efficiency through increased utilization.

Respecting the latter, a coordinated regional travel system is proposed to serve Ministers and government officials. Savings will be realized by both GAS and ministries.

Approved in principle the proposed plan for coordinated regional travel. Financial issues to be reviewed by Treasury Board.

B. 7. School Act Regulation re: s.14
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B. 8. Fibreco Pulp Joint Venture

The Ministers of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade, Forests and Finance and Corporate Relations requested Cabinet approval for Provincial participation in the Economic Plan, recommended by the Job Protection Commission, for the financial restructuring of the Fibreco Pulp Joint Venture. Financing and concessions are required from the province, B.C. Hydro and B.C. Rail.

Approved in principle and referred to Treasury Board with request to pay particular attention to the impact of proposed concessions on the Crown Corporations and risks of precedents.

In addition, it was noted that the broader policy issues of the future of the pulp industry and provision of subsidies to business should be addressed. The Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade is to co-ordinate submissions to CCSD on these matters.

B. 9. Question Period

Question period protocol and presentation pointers were discussed.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

10. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations, and Orders in Council

- March 10, 1992

Approved.

- March 16, 1992 (Distributed at Cabinet)

Approved.

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11. Cabinet Committee on Constitution

- March 10, 1992

Approved.

12. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Land Use

- March 10, 1992

Received as information.

13. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy

- March 12, 1992

Approved.

- March 17, 1992 (Distributed at Cabinet)

Approved.

In addition, re: Item 2 (Child Care) broader consultation and examination of Ministry roles was suggested.

14. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development

- March 12, 1992

Approved.

In addition, re: Item 2 (Parks and Wilderness for the '90's), it was noted that clarification of the relationship between CORE and Parks and Wilderness plan is required.

- March 12, 1992 (Special)

Received as information.

15. Treasury Board

Item 6 (Proposed B.C. Ferry Service between Seattle and Victoria): Cabinet directed the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry Responsible for Culture to work with B.C. Ferry Corporation and Treasury Board staff to further consider the options and undertake more thorough financial analysis for possible further review at Treasury Board.

All other items approved.

16. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations

- March 12, 1992

Approved.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

D.17. The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on March 16, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

18. Teachers' Investment Housing Cooperative

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CABINET AGENDA

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MARCH 25, 1992

8:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIMES FOR THIS WEEK ONLY)

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
8:00 a.m. -	A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
8:15 a.m.	1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - March 18, 1992		1
	2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - March 24, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
8:15 a.m. -	B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
8:45 a.m.	<u>Business Arising</u>		
	3. Hospital Care Allocations and Hospital Bed Reductions	Elizabeth Cull	3
	4. ^{s.14}	Colin Gabelmann/ Andrew Petter	4
8:45 a.m. -	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
9:10 a.m.	5. Sustainable Development/ Environment and Land Use Committee - March 19, 1992 - March 24, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	5
	6. Crown Corporations - March 19, 1992	Glen Clark	6
	7. Treasury Board - March 20, 1992	Glen Clark	7
	8. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 23, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	8

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9:10 a.m.- 9:20 a.m.	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u> 9. Routine Orders		9
9:20 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> <u>Status Reports:</u> 10. Gypsy Moth Spraying 11. Special Education Legislation	John Cashore Anita Hagen	10 11
9:30 a.m.- 9:45 p.m.	F. <u>QUESTION PERIOD MANAGEMENT</u>		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

March 25, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards	(EMPR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
Honourable Anita Hagen	(EMHR)
Honourable Darlene Marzari	(T&C)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnvelt	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

A. 1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting

March 18, 1992.

Approved.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair

The Chair of the Government Operations Committee reported on items considered at the meeting of March 24. The Chair noted that the Committee asked for the Fair Wage communication package to be distributed to Cabinet. The distributed package contained drafts of a House statement, a press release and a set of questions and answers. Cabinet was reminded that fair wages will be pegged at 90% of the rate in effect as of March 31, 1992.

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B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

3. Hospital Care Allocations and Hospital Bed Reductions

Item deferred.

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C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

C. 5. Sustainable Development/Environment and Land Use
- March 19, 1992

Approved. As noted in the minutes, Item 4 was the subject of an extraordinary meeting of CCSD/ELUC held March 24, 1992.

- March 24, 1992

The Golf Course Development Moratorium became a substantive discussion.

Agreed that this item will be considered again next week, following discussion of options by key players including the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks and legal experts from the Ministry of Attorney General.

Agreed that the Farmlands Trust proposal will be considered next week as well.

C. 6. Crown Corporations
- March 19, 1992

Approved. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was assured that his ministry would be consulted when options are developed for Roberts Bank.

7. Treasury Board
- March 20, 1992

Approved.

8. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council
- March 23, 1992

Approved.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

9. Routine Orders

The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on March 23, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports

10. Gypsy Moth Spraying

The Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks provided background information on the approval process for aerial spraying and the potential for Cabinet involvement in the case of an emergency.

Received as information.

11. Special Education Legislation

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Early Alerts

12. Interim Supply Bill

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CABINET AGENDA

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APRIL 1, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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8:45 a.m.		
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8:45 a.m. - B. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
9:15 a.m.		
2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - March 25, 1992		2
3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - March 31, 1992	Moe Sihota	3
9:15 a.m.- C. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
11:00 a.m.		
<u>Business Arising</u>		
4. Golf Course Development Moratorium	Bill Barlee	4
5. Interim Protection Measures	Andrew Petter	5
6. ^{s.14}	Colin Gabelmann/ Andrew Petter	6
<u>New Items:</u>		
7. Freedom of Information - Policy Proposals	Colin Gabelmann	7

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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
11:00 a.m.-	D. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
11:30 a.m.	8. Environment and Land Use - March 24, 1992	John Cashore	8
	9. Constitution - March 24, 1992	Joan Smallwood/ Moe Sihota	9
	10. Social Policy - March 24, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	10
	11. Sustainable Development - March 26, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	11
	12. Treasury Board - March 27, 1992	Glen Clark	12
	13. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 30, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	13
11:45 p.m.-	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
12:15 p.m.	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	14. Cabinet Operations Staffing	Jennifer Charlesworth	14
	15. North American Free Trade Agreement	David Zirnheldt	15
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:15 p.m.-	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
12:45 p.m.			

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(CABINET)

M I N U T E S

April 1, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable	Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable	Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable	Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable	Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable	John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable	Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
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Honourable	Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable	Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable	Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable	Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable	Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable	David Zirnheld	(EDSBT)

A. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

1. Routine Orders

The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on March 30, 1992, were approved, s.14
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A. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

2. Non-Routine Orders

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B. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

B. 3. Minutes of previous Cabinet Meeting, March 25, 1992

Approved.

B. 4. Report from Government Operations Chair

No meeting this week.

C. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

C. 5. Golf Course Development Moratorium

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6. Interim Protection Measures (Nisga'a Negotiations)

Referred to the Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Self Government and Land Claims for discussion and recommendation back to Cabinet.

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C. 8. Freedom of Information - Policy Proposals

Deferred.

D. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. 9. Environment and Land Use Committee - March 24, 1992

Deferred.

D. 10. Cabinet Committee on Constitution - March 24, 1992

Approved.

D. 11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy - March 24, 1992

Deferred.

D. 12. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development -
March 26, 1992

Deferred.

D. 13. Treasury Board - March 27, 1992

Deferred except Item #4 - Commonwealth Games.

Agreed that \$1 Million be provided for the Saanich Aquatic Pool required for the Commonwealth Games, with the source of funds to be determined by Treasury Board.

D. 14. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 30, 1992

Deferred.

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

15. Cabinet Operations Staffing

Deferred.

16. North American Free Trade Agreement

Requested that the circulated Ministerial Statement should be discussed with the Ministers of Forests and Agriculture, Fisheries and Food prior to proceeding.

CABINET AGENDA

CONFIDENTIAL

APRIL 8, 1992

8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

MEETING WILL CONCLUDE AT 11:30 A.M. SO THAT
CABINET MAY ATTEND THE B.C. AND YUKON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER LUNCHEON
BEING HELD AT THE EMPRESS HOTEL

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
8:00 a.m.-	A. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
8:15 a.m.	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	1. Cabinet Operations Staffing	Jennifer Charlesworth	1
8:15 a.m. -	B. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
8:45 a.m.	2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - April 1, 1992		2
	3. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - April 7, 1992	Joan Smallwood	3
8:45 a.m.-	C. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
10:30 a.m.	<u>Business Arising</u>		
	4. C.O.R.E. Mandate	Stephen Owen	4
	5. Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - April 1, 1992	Andrew Petter	5
	6. Interim Protection Measures	Andrew Petter	6
	7. Orenda Pulp and Paper Project	John Cashore/ David Zirnheilt	7
	<u>New Items:</u>		
	8. Freedom of Information - Policy Proposals	Colin Gabelmann	8

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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
8:45 a.m.-	C. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES CONT'D:</u>		
10:30 a.m.	<u>New Items:</u>		
	9. Gypsy Moth - Declaration of Emergency	Bill Barlee/ Dan Miller/ David Zirnhelt	9
	10. GO Committee Discussion	Joan Smallwood	10
10:30 a.m.-	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
11:00 a.m.	11. Environment and Land Use - March 24, 1992	John Cashore	11
	12. Crown Corporations - April 2, 1992	Glen Clark	12
	13. Social Policy - March 24, 1992 - March 31, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	13
	14. Sustainable Development - March 26, 1992 - April 2, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	14
	15. Treasury Board - March 27, 1992 - April 3, 1992	Glen Clark	15
	16. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - March 30, 1992 - April 6, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	16
11:00 a.m.-	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
11:15 a.m.	17. Routine Orders		17
	<u>Early Alerts</u>		
	18. B.C.M.A.	Mike Harcourt	18
11:15 p.m.-	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
11:30 p.m.			

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CABINET

MINUTES

April 8, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Colin Gabelmann	(MAG)
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Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
Honourable Andrew Petter	(MAA)
Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnvelt	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Elizabeth Cull (MOH)
Honourable Anne Edwards (EMPR)
Honourable Moe Sihota (L&CS)

A. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports:

1.(a) Cabinet Operations Staffing

Jennifer Charlesworth, Director, Cabinet Operations, reported that Cory Herrera would be switching to new duties. Interviews were already in motion to bring on board another Cabinet Officer for a six month secondment. The successful candidate, Tom Greene (currently Manager, Aboriginal Affairs and Special Projects, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources), will serve as Secretary to the Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development.

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B. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

B. 2. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, April 1, 1992

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3. Report from Government Operations Chair on April 7 meeting

Deferred until Item C10, as all discussion related to the gypsy moth.

C. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

4. C.O.R.E. Mandate

Stephen Owen reported that C.O.R.E. is not an agency which will adjudicate individual, immediate "hot spots" (not affected by deferrals) directly, but rather, the intention is to take a step back and focus strategically on a better way for the future.

C.O.R.E. will operate on four levels:

- it will produce an overarching provincial land use strategy;
- it will begin regional processes for resolving land use disputes beginning with Vancouver Island areas, such as the Walbran, Tahsish-Kwois and Lower Tsitika to be dealt within 18 months; and
- it will ensure coordination of forest and resource inventories which will support land use planning from the "bottom up"; and
- it will support the development of mechanisms for local participation in resource use management.

Information was distributed on the staffing of the Commission. C.O.R.E. will work with ministry staff and not attempt to take over ministry functions. An interministry advisory committee has been established to ensure good relations and coordination.

5. Minutes - Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government, April 1/92

Approved.

6. Interim Protection Measures (Nisga'a Negotiations)

As ratified in the preceding item, the Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 1992, certain specific measures and deferrals have been approved to be taken to the negotiating table. The remaining undecided forestry measures were discussed.

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7. Orenda Pulp and Paper Project

Independent assessments of the technical and environmental aspects of the Orenda proposal have been conducted on behalf of the Tsimshian Tribal Council and the Haisla Nations. The findings confirmed the findings of the Major Project Steering Committee. All First Nations have requested participation in a proposed socioeconomic impact assessment. It was noted that Orenda wants the socioeconomic study done within three months.

The concern was raised that Orenda might not have the money to follow through. This flags a broader issue. When a right is conferred by government, it should revert back to government if there is failure to complete, rather than the recipient of the right being able to assign or sell that right to another party.

Agreed to provide approval-in-principle, with conditions as outlined in Attachment 1 to the Cabinet submission dated April 8, 1992.

New Items

8. Freedom of Information - Policy Proposals

Agreed to approve the categories and breadth of exemptions as recommended by the Cabinet Caucus Committee, except that the release of background factual information relating to Cabinet deliberations would follow the Ontario model, i.e., release occurs after implementation of the Cabinet decision. It may be necessary to revamp the Cabinet submission format so that factual information can more readily be severed from the recommendations.

Agreed to approve the approach proposed by the Cabinet Caucus Committee with regard to self-governing professional bodies. They would be part of the white paper process and brought under the legislation in 1993.

9. Gypsy Moth - Declaration of Emergency

It had already been agreed at a prior Cabinet meeting that aerial spraying of a biological agent would be used against the Asian Gypsy moth in the Greater Vancouver area. The discussion, therefore, centred on the timing. Scientific advice suggests that spraying should occur immediately to eradicate the moth while it is in its vulnerable phase.

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10. GO Committee Discussion

The House Leader led a discussion of the options around tabling a resolution for an emergency debate of the gypsy moth spraying.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

11. Environment and Land Use, March 24/92

Approved. It was noted that the last of the outstanding appeals granted by the former government has now been dealt with.

12. Crown Corporations, April 2/92

Correction to Subject (7), I.C.B.C. Rate Review Committee. Point 4 of the Decision should read "That the Ombudsman's Office be requested to review the administrative fairness of I.C.B.C. procedures and that an internal ombudsman function be established."

Approved, with the note that Woodlands School Lands Redevelopment should be coordinated with the CCSP proposal to look at social policy uses of Crown (and Crown Corporation) land.

13. Social Policy

March 24/92

Deferred.

March 31/92

Deferred, except for Items 8) Income Assistance Advisory Council 9) Asset Exemptions for Income Assistance Recipients and 10) Increased Earnings Exemption for Income Assistance Recipients and its effect on Service Sector Wages which were approved.

14. Sustainable Development

March 26/92

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April 2/92

Approved.

15. Treasury Board

March 27/92

Approved Item 2, GO B.C. Program with the following correction. The last two sentences referencing the decision should be struck, i.e., "The ministry is further directed to recommend which requests should be approved, and suggest options for funding in 1992/93. The funding options are to be reviewed by Treasury Board before the ministry makes its presentation to Cabinet."

All other items deferred.

April 3/92

Approved Item 4, British Columbia Nurses Union Settlement.

All other items deferred.

16. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council

March 30/92

Approved.

April 6/92

Approved. For Item 4, Committee Review of Draft Legislation, Cabinet approved the option of using backbenchers (starting with those who are already members of CCLRO) to review complex draft legislation and report back to the Committee.

E. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

17. Routine Orders

The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on April 6, 1992, were approved:

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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Non-Routine Orders

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CABINET AGENDA

CONFIDENTIAL

APRIL 15, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
8:30 a.m. - A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
8:45 a.m.		
1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - April 8, 1992		1
8:45 a.m.- B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
9:45 a.m.		
<u>Business Arising</u>		
2. Freedom of Information - Privacy Provisions	Colin Gabelmann	2
<u>New Items:</u>		
3. Triumph-Kaon Project Strategy	Glen Clark	3
4. Cabinet Sub-committee on Collective Bargaining - April 13, 1992		4
9:45 a.m.- C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
11:00 a.m.		
5. Social Policy - March 24, 1992 - March 31, 1992 (except for items 8, 9 and 10) - April 7, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	5

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	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
9:45 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES CONT'D</u>		
	6. Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - April 8, 1992	Andrew Petter	6
	7. Sustainable Development - April 9, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	7
	8. Treasury Board - March 27, 1992 (except for Item 2) - April 3, 1992 (except for Item 4) - April 10, 1992	Glen Clark	8
	9. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - April 13, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	9
11:30 a.m.- 11:45 p.m.	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
	10. Routine Orders		10
11:45 p.m.- 12:15 p.m.	E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	11. Cancellation of the GO B.C. grant program	Joan Smallwood	11
	12. Gypsy Moth Update	Dan Miller	12
	13. Fair Wage	Moe Sihota	13
	<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
	14. B.C.M.A.	Premier Harcourt	14
	15. Federal Telecommuni- cations Legislation	David Zirnhelt	15
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:15 p.m.- 12:45 p.m.	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

April 15, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
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Honourable Tom Perry	(AETT)
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Honourable Penny Priddy	(MWE)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)
Honourable Joan Smallwood	(MSS)
Honourable David Zirnhelt	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
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CABINET - April 15, 1992

A. CABINET MINUTES

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, April 8, 1992

Approved.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

2. Freedom of Information - Privacy Provisions

Approved the recommendations of the Cabinet Caucus Committee on a definition of personal information, as well as the ways in which personal information may be used, disclosed and collected by organizations. The definition will be broad and followed by a non-exhaustive list of examples of personal information, e.g., race, health care history, employment history.

Approved the recommendations of the Cabinet Caucus Committee that an Information and Privacy Commissioner be established with binding order making powers relating to access and privacy issues.

New Items:

3. TRIUMF-KAON Project Strategy

A joint letter will go from the federal and provincial governments to the international backers, asking them to confirm their contribution to the project and the timing of the release of funds.

The federal government is asking British Columbia to contribute to the project's operating costs to demonstrate commitment. If this occurs, the federal government will appoint a negotiator. There is only a small window of opportunity before a federal election.

Approved that British Columbia contribute one-third of capital costs and a small share of ramping costs or of operating costs up to a maximum of \$20 million (1989 dollars) per year for a maximum of 10 years. This offer should contain a time limit.

Approved that the British Columbia government publicly re-affirm its commitment to KAON, on the basis that B.C. will proceed with the project if terms acceptable to the Province can be negotiated. Terms would be: federal government and international contributions of 1/3 of actual capital costs (including any overruns), and provincial contribution to operating costs as described in the preceding paragraph.

Agreed that the KAON negotiator work with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and the Ministry of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade and other ministries to develop a list of alternative research projects for use of federal money should the federal government withdraw from KAON.

4. Cabinet Sub-committee on Collective Bargaining
- April 13, 1992

The current situation with the Hospital Employees Union and possible options for resolving the dispute were discussed.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

5. Social Policy

- March 24, 1992

Approved.

- March 31, 1992 (except for items 8, 9 and 10 which were previously approved)

Approved.

- April 7, 1992

Approved.

6. Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government
- April 8, 1992

Approved. Noted, relating to Item 2, that care must be taken that the involvement of the Musqueam in the Jericho Hill lands process is portrayed as a special case.

Reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Nisga'a on interim protection measures. [For forestry measures, the mandate given to negotiators was not all used up.]

7. Sustainable Development
- April 9, 1992

Approved, except for Item 2, Windy Craggy Terms of Reference.

International attention is focussing on the wilderness values of the Tatshenshini area. Because the ore has to go through Alaska, the Premier will raise the issue with the Governor in their May meeting. Chris Chilton was asked to look at the proliferation of processes.

The deputies committee has been asked to report back on concerns raised by CCSD - particularly regarding careful communications and the clarity of the relationship to other processes (CORE, Parks and Wilderness 90).

Decided no more is to be done publicly until the Premier has met with the Governor of Alaska and the officials have reported back to CCSD.

8. Treasury Board
- March 27, 1992 (except for Item 2 which was previously approved)

Approved.

- April 3, 1992 (except for Item 4 which was previously approved)

Approved.

- April 10, 1992

Approved. For Item 1, Commonwealth Games, the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will send a letter to the Commonwealth Games Society confirming that \$12 million has been committed to the Games in the 92/93 Estimates. Treasury Board will decide when funds are to be advanced once the Board has received a report from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing (tentative date, April 24).

Consideration of Item 10, Second Pay Equity Interim Adjustment, led to the decision that Cabinet should be briefed on the position G.P.S.D. is taking in negotiations with the B.C.G.E.U. This would be a special meeting.

9. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council
- April 13, 1992

Approved.

Decided that a briefing should occur on the initial six months of operation of the Crown Corporations Secretariat.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

10. Routine Orders

The following orders, reviewed and approved by CCLRO on April 13, 1992, were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports:

11. Cancellation of the GO B.C. Grant Program

This item was referred to the Government Operations Committee.

12. Gypsy Moth Update

The aerial spraying flights were unable to commence April 15 because of weather conditions.

13. Fair Wage

The issue of whether to continue as policy or to introduce legislation will be discussed at next week's Cabinet meeting.

14. Westar Mining Ltd.

Received as information. In late March, negotiations began on a new collective agreement between Westar Mining Ltd. and the United Mine Workers, but talks broke off within a few days. A strike vote was held yesterday.

Early Alerts:

15. B.C.M.A.

Pulled from the agenda.

16. Federal Telecommunications Legislation

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CABINET AGENDA

CONFIDENTIAL

APRIL 22, 1992

10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
	1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - April 15, 1992		1
	2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - April 21, 1992	Moe Sihota	2
10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u> <u>Business Arising</u>		
	3. H.E.U Negotiations - Status	Moe Sihota	3
	4. Fair Wage - Policy or Legislation	Moe Sihota	4
LUNCH	- to be brought into Cabinet Chambers		
12:00 p.m.- 12:15 a.m.	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
	5. Social Policy - April 14, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	5
	6. Constitution - April 21, 1992	Moe Sihota	6
12:15 p.m.- 12:30 p.m.	D. <u>ORDERS IN COUNCIL</u>		
	7. Routine Orders		7

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ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
12:30 p.m.- E. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
12:45 p.m.		
<u>Status Reports:</u>		
<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
12:45 p.m.- F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:00 p.m.		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

April 22, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
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CABINET - April 22, 1992

A. CABINET MINUTES

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, April 15, 1992

Approved.

2. Report From Government Operations Committee Chair,
April 21, 1992

Deferred.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

3. HEU Negotiations - Status

The current situation with the Hospital Employees Union and possible options for resolving the dispute were discussed.

Provided the Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee with the following direction:

Sihota
Clark
Cull
Priddy
cc. Haywood

3. HEU Negotiations - Status con't

- wage equity offer may be enhanced although no other enhancements to be considered;
- recognize the need to support the well-being of workers through wage equity provisions but must also ensure that public interest is protected;
- ultimatum may be delivered to HEU/HLRA i.e., settle within specified parameters or legislation will be invoked;
- prolongation of dispute will seriously jeopardize patient/public interest therefore legislation will be introduced if proposals for negotiated settlement fail.

4. Fair Wage - Policy or Legislation

Deferred.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

5. Social Policy

- April 14, 1992

Approved.

6. Constitution

- April 21, 1992

Deferred.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

7. Routine Orders

All approved. The following orders were approved:

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports:

8. Treaty Commission

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs advised that the agreement will likely be signed off by all parties in early May.

The following ~~pension~~ pension
recognize additional service for former DM's

9. Haida Negotiations

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10. Child Care Action Plan

The Minister of Women's Equality advised that the Action Plan will be launched by the Minister and Premier on April 23. Six Ministers have signed off on the Plan.

11. BCTF Meeting

Cabinet was advised of the discussions held between the Premier, Minister of Education, Multiculturalism and Human Rights, and BCTF representatives on April 21.

12. Capital Plans for School Districts

The Minister of Education, Multiculturalism and Human Rights advised that details of the capital funding would be sent to Ministers' offices on April 22-23.

CABINET

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CABINET - April 22, 1992

A. CABINET MINUTES

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, April 15, 1992

Approved.

2. Report From Government Operations Committee Chair, April 21, 1992

The status of HEU negotiations and pension contribution Orders in Council for former Deputy Ministers were considered elsewhere in the Cabinet agenda. No other items were reported.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

3. HEU Negotiations - Status

The current situation with the Hospital Employees Union and possible options for resolving the dispute were discussed.

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services and the Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee will follow up.

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Deferred.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- April 14, 1992

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- April 21, 1992

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CABINET AGENDA

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APRIL 29, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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	2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair - April 28, 1992	Joan Smallwood	2
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
	<u>Business Arising</u>		
	3. H.E.U Negotiations - Next Steps	Glen Clark/ Elizabeth Cull	3
	<u>New Items</u>		
11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	4. Georgia Basin Initiative- Environmental Cooperation Agreement	Mike Harcourt/ John Cashore	4
	5. Water Export Moratorium	John Cashore	5
11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
	6. Constitution - April 21, 1992	Andrew Petter	6
	7. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - April 23, 1992 - April 27, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	7
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12:30 p.m.		
<u>Status Reports:</u>		
10. Federal Telecommunications Legislation	Dave Zirnhelt	10
<u>Early Alerts:</u>		
12:30 p.m.- F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:00 p.m.		

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

April 29, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(PREMIER)
Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
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Honourable David Zirnheld	(EDSBT)

Members Absent:

Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
Honourable Elizabeth Cull	(MOH)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)

A. CABINET MINUTES

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting, April 22, 1992

Approved. Further clarification on the Deputy Minister Pension Orders in Council was provided.

2. Report from Government Operations Committee Chair, April 28, 1992

The Committee suggested that communications pertaining to GO-B.C. grants clearly convey that the program no longer exists and will not be reinstated.

Consultations on a smaller replacement grant program are being undertaken. The Minister of Government Services and the Attorney General will prepare a Cabinet Submission on lottery grants issues. It was suggested that consultations be undertaken with a range of ministries during the preparation of the submission.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:

Business Arising

3. H.E.U Negotiations - Next Steps

Item deferred.

New Items

4. Georgia Basin Initiative - Environmental Cooperation Agreement

Excerpts from the minutes of the April 28 CCSD meeting were distributed.

Agreed with CCSD recommendation to approve Option 4 in the submission. Notably, Government will take the first step towards a Georgia Basin Initiative (GBI) with the State of Washington by entering into a stand-alone Environmental Cooperation Agreement:

- Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks is directed to negotiate a final version of the agreement with Washington State Officials;
- Premier's Office is to coordinate a meeting of the Premier and Governor Gardner to sign the agreement on May 7;
- Government Communications Office is to develop a communications strategy for the Agreement in the context of the GBI; and
- Premier's Office (IGR) is to continue coordinating efforts directed at filling out the GBI with the new Washington State Administration.

In addition, Cabinet directed that CCSD further consider how the issues of tourism promotion and cultural exchange may be pursued within the GBI, and the appropriateness of opportunities in pursuing a similar type of initiative for the Columbia River Basin.

5. Water Export Moratorium

Excerpts from the minutes of the April 28 meeting of CCSD meeting were distributed.

Agreed with CCSD recommendation to:

- extend the current moratorium on water exports for two years as part of the broader provincial review of the Water Act;
- ensure that the activities associated with the Water Act review do not raise the profile of the water export component;
- package the review of water export issue around the environmental considerations and without a formalized consultation process specifically focussing on water exports;

In addition, Cabinet agreed that a long-term strategy respecting water exports should be developed, in recognition of the fact that there will likely be considerable demand for the resource and risk of exposure to charges of not meeting international trading obligations under GATT and FTA. It was emphasized that all communications pertaining to water export must be "trade defensible".

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

6. Constitution

- April 21, 1992

Due to questions about the intent of the Committee's recommendation, Cabinet deferred review until the Chair is available.

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Premier advised of discussions pertaining to division of powers, and aboriginal concerns, particularly justiciability.

7. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council

- April 23, 1992

Approved.

- April 27, 1992

Approved.

8. Treasury Board

- April 24, 1992

Deferred.

D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

9. Routine Orders.

The following OIC's were reviewed and approved by CCLRO at their meetings on April 23 and 27.

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports:

10. Federal Telecommunications Legislation

Deferred.

11. Delgamuukw Case

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Early Alerts:

12. Cassiar Closure

The Minister of Forests advised on the next steps that must be taken to effect closure of the mine and town. Eviction notices will be delivered to residents by April 30.

13. Ministerial Visits to Constituencies

To ensure that advance notice of Ministerial visits is provided to appropriate parties, it was agreed that Ministerial assistants should work with the Outreach Office when planning visits.

14. Westar

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources advised that the result of the vote on the company's final offer will be available tonight. The company has indicated that, if the offer is rejected, they will effect a lockout. They will also likely seek CCCA protection.

15. Reciprocity Clause on Government Tenders

In response to the systematic discrimination of B.C. companies bidding on work in many jurisdictions, particularly the United States, the Minister of Government Services advised that the Purchasing Commission will be adopting a "reciprocity clause," to be piloted with Ministry of Transportation and Highways tenders.

The risk of retaliatory measures was noted and it was agreed that the clause would be kept "low profile".

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CABINET AGENDA

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MAY 6, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

	ITEM	MINISTER/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE	TAB
8:30 a.m. -	A. <u>CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS</u>		
9:30 a.m.			
	1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - April 29, 1992		1
	2. Opinion Research/ Political Strategy	Chris Chilton	
9:30 a.m.-	B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
10:15 a.m.			
	<u>Business Arising</u>		
	3. H.E.U Negotiations - Next Steps	Glen Clark/ Elizabeth Cull	2
	4. Federal Telecommunications Legislation	David Zirnhelt	3
	<u>New Items</u>		
10:15 a.m.	5. Conflict of Interest Legislation	Colin Gabelmann	4
11:30 a.m.			
	6. Traffic Safety Initiatives - <u>Motor Vehicle Act</u> Amendments	Colin Gabelmann	5
	7. Public Sector Pension Plans and Federal Income Tax Regulations	Lois Boone	6

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11:30 a.m.-	C. <u>COMMITTEE MINUTES</u>		
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	11. Sustainable Development - April 28, 1992 (excerpts only)	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	10
	12. Crown Corporations - April 27, 1992 (special mtg.) - April 30, 1992	Glen Clark	11
	13. Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - April 29, 1992	Andrew Petter	12
	14. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - May 4, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	13
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	15. Routine Orders		14
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	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	16. Financial Meetings	Glen Clark	15
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12:45 p.m.-	F. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
1:00 p.m.			

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CABINET

M I N U T E S

May 6, 1992

Members Present:

Honourable Bill Barlee	(MAFF)
Honourable Robin Blencoe	(MARH)
Honourable Lois Boone	(MGS)
Honourable Art Charbonneau	(T&H)
Honourable Glen Clark	(F&CR)
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Members Absent:

Honourable Mike Harcourt	(OOP)
Honourable John Cashore	(MELP)
Honourable Dan Miller	(MOF)
Honourable Moe Sihota	(L&CS)

A. CABINET MINUTES AND REPORTS

1. Minutes of Previous Cabinet Meeting - April 29, 1992.
Approved.
2. Opinion Research/Political Strategy

Information was provided by Policy Coordination Office on the most recent opinion research.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

3. H.E.U. Negotiations - Next Steps

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations provided information on the status of the negotiations. The special conciliator, Don Munroe is expected to report by May 15.

Agreed that, following resolution, the Collective Bargaining Committee should review the H.E.U. negotiations, to determine how best to handle such negotiations in the future.

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3(a) B.C.G.E.U. Negotiations - Status

The Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations recommended that all Ministers obtain a full briefing from their staff on the status of both the specific component bargaining and the Master bargaining as it pertains to their Ministries. It was also recommended that ministers meet with Judy Korbin to obtain information on her public service review process.

The Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee is endeavouring to anticipate/address issues and provide a mandate and directions for the government negotiators. Policy issues will be brought to Cabinet for decision, as required.

New Items

4. Federal Telecommunications Legislation

The Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade advised on the status of Federal Bill C-62, the interests and concerns of various groups respecting the Bill and the ministry's current communications policy objectives.

The Province had indicated its intent to go before the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications with respect to Bill C-62 in late May. However, due to constitutional concerns and lack of time to update the provincial policy objectives on communications, the appropriateness of the Province presenting a position in May was questioned.

It was noted that B.C. Rail may be making a presentation to the Committee and their policy is not consistent with the provincial policy.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade is working with the Ministry of Government Services and Crown Corporations Secretariat to develop a coordinated plan.

Agreed that:

- Province should not appear before the Senate Committee on May 25th;
- Further information on the Ministry's plan to develop a detailed assessment of the Bill and update the provincial policy on communications should be brought back to Cabinet.

- Issue of B.C. Rail's plans re: telecommunications referred to Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations. Minister of Economic Development, Small Business and Trade and Minister Responsible for B.C. Rail to coordinate presentation to Committee.

5. Conflict of Interest Legislation

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6. Traffic Safety Initiatives - Motor Vehicle Act Amendments

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7. Public Sector Pension Plans and Federal Income Tax Regulations

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C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7. Cabinet Committee on Constitution

- April 21, 1992.

Deferred.

- April 28, 1992

Deferred.

8. Treasury Board

- April 24, 1992

Approved.

9. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy

- April 28, 1992

Deferred.

10. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development (excerpts only)

- Deferred.

11. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations

- April 27, 1992 (special meeting)

Deferred.

- April 30, 1992

Item 1, Columbia River Treaty Downstream
Benefits Capacity Issue - approved.

All other items deferred.

12. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and
Self-Government

- April 29, 1992

Approved.

13. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and
Orders in Council

- May 4, 1992

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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

14. Routine Orders

The following OIC's were reviewed and approved by CCLRO at the
meeting on May 4, 1992.

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports

15. Financial Meetings

 Deferred.

CABINET AGENDA

CONFIDENTIAL

MAY 13, 1992

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A CCSD MEETING AT 7:30 A.M. IN CHAMBERS
AND CABINET WILL RECONVENE AT 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

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3. Report from Planning Board	Anita Hagen	3
9:30 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. B. <u>SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:</u>		
<u>Business Arising</u>		
4. Physician Negotiations - Update	Elizabeth Cull	4
5. Hospital Care Division's Strategy to Effect Hospital Conversions and Bed Reductions	Elizabeth Cull	5
6. Public Sector Pension Plans and Federal Income Tax Regulations	Lois Boone	6
7. Conditional Offer to Purchase Cassiar Mine Status Report	Dan Miller	7
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8. Columbia River Treaty Downstream Benefits	Anne Edwards	8
9. Education Funding and Taxation Review	Anita Hagen	9

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12:00 p.m.			
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	11. Social Policy - April 28, 1992 - May 5, 1992	Elizabeth Cull	11
	12. Sustainable Development - April 28, 1992 (excerpts only) - May 7, 1992	Dan Miller/ John Cashore	12
	13. Crown Corporations - April 27, 1992 (special mtg.) - April 30, 1992 (except item 1)	Glen Clark	13
	14. Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government - May 6, 1992	Andrew Petter	14
	15. Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council - May 11, 1992	Colin Gabelmann	15
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12:15 p.m.- E.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>		
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	<u>Status Reports:</u>		
	19. Westar Mines - Status Report	David Zirnhelt	19
	20. Zero Tolerance	Bill Barlee/ Colin Gabelmann	20
	21. Kemano Completion Project	John Cashore/ David Zirnhelt/ Colin Gabelmann/ Anne Edwards	21
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1:00 p.m.

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MAY 13, 1992

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

24. Constitution Committee Minutes		24
- April 21, 1992	Moe Sihota	
- April 28, 1992		
25. Report on the Constitution	Moe Sihota	25
26. HEU Negotiations - Status Report	Moe Sihota/ Glen Clark	26
27. Fair Wage Legislation	Moe Sihota	27
28. Timetable for Labour Legislation	Moe Sihota	28

3. Report from Planning Board

The Chair of the Planning Board advised that three organizational meetings have taken place and progress has been made in defining mandate, priorities and future agenda items and developing a conceptual model for provision of support services to the policy committees. In addition, federal-provincial priorities for B.C. have been reviewed. Following further work, the conceptual model and federal-provincial priorities will be addressed as full Cabinet agenda items.

Received as information.

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Business Arising

4. Physician Negotiations - Update

Reconfirmed the position that Government has the right and responsibility to set the total budget for physician payments, and will not submit this matter to binding arbitration.

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Agreed that this issue is a major priority for Government and that political, communications and public policy management resources should be marshalled in support of the government's position and reaching a resolution.

5. Hospital Care Division's Strategy to Effect Hospital Conversions and Bed Reductions

The Minister of Health provided additional information on the Ministry's strategy for allocating the hospital care budget and achieving necessary bed reductions and hospital conversions.

It was noted that a number of hospitals, particularly in rural areas, will not receive increases sufficient to maintain current operations and some small rural hospitals will be converted to diagnostic and treatment centres.

Agreed with the proposed strategy, as outlined in the submission.

6. Public Sector Pension Plans and Federal Income Tax Regulations

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7. Conditional Offer to Purchase Cassiar Mine - Status Report

The Minister of Forests provided a status report on Black Swan Gold Mine Limited's conditional offer to purchase Cassiar Mine. Conditions of sale must be removed by June 26 with potential for final completion by July 17, 1992.

At this time, it is not known how quickly the company would begin mine operations, the number of workers that would be required, their plan for the townsite, etc. The uncertainty that this situation presents for the residents and the providers of public services was discussed.

Received as information.

New Items

8. Columbia River Treaty Downstream Benefits

Deferred.

9. Education Funding and Taxation Review

The Minister of Education, Multiculturalism and Human Rights provided information on the proposed independent review of school funding.

Agreed to the commissioning of the review with the broadly framed terms of reference to include the notions of affordability (within the statement of objective) and taxation review.

C. COMMITTEE MINUTES

10. Treasury Board - May 8, 1992

Approved.

11. Cabinet Committee on Social Policy

- April 28, 1992

Approved.

- May 5, 1992

Approved.

- May 12, 1992

• Health Workers' Redeployment Strategy

Agreed to strike a sub-committee of Cabinet immediately, to prepare a strategic plan for deployment, under the direction of the Minister of Health. Honourable Priddy, Perry and Clark expressed an interest in participating.

12. Cabinet Committee on Sustainable Development

- April 28, 1992 (excerpts only)

Approved.

- May 7, 1992

Approved.

- May 13, 1992 (special meeting)

• Fraser Basin Management Program

Approved recommendation of CCSD, notably:

- authorize the Ministers of Environment, Lands and Parks and Economic Development, Small Business and Trade to enter into the tripartite agreement;
- confirm the 3 provincial representatives;
- confirm the May 26 signing date;
- create an interministry coordinating committee;
- support, in principle, increased level of funding/in kind support for years 2 to 5 (subject to TB review);
- request that a third aboriginal representative be added to the Management Board, with selection to be done by Aboriginal organizations.

13. Cabinet Committee on Crown Corporations

- April 27, 1992 (special meeting)

Approved.

- April 30, 1992 (note: item 1 previously approved)

• Item 6 - Woodlands School Lands Redevelopment - Assistance to BCBC in Dealing with the Social Side of a Redevelopment of Woodlands Property

It was noted that CCSP has been developing a plan for use and development of Crown Lands for social policy purposes. There was concern that the initiatives being considered by BCBC and Crown Corporations Secretariat may not be complementary.

Agreed that a joint meeting of CCCC and CCSP with BCBC and Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (Crown Lands) representatives will be arranged to discuss their respective orientations, inventories and plans and develop a consistent approach to land use and development for social policy purposes.

A general concern about the lack of complementarity of government and Crown initiatives was expressed.

All other items approved.

14. Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Land Claims and Self-Government

- Approved.

15. Cabinet Committee on Legislation, Regulations and Orders in Council

- May 11, 1992

- Ministry of Forests legislation - Range Act

Agreed that further consideration required.

All other items approved.

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D. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

16. Routine Orders

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E. OTHER BUSINESS

Status Reports

19. Westar Mines - Status Report

Deferred.

20. Zero Tolerance

Deferred.

21. Kemano Completion Project

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Agreed that the government will take time to evaluate the recent Court decision on the KCP.

Agreed that the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks will report back to Cabinet with a plan for review.

22. Pay Equity

A presentation on the proposed approach to pay equity in the public sector was received.

Agreed to not proceed with an Exposure Bill in this legislative session. Agreed that a discussion paper with draft legislation will be released in June, 1992. It will serve as a basis for extensive consultation leading to the introduction of legislation in Spring 1993.

23. Gitskan-Wet'suwet'en Treaty Discussions

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs gave a succinct update.

24. Cabinet Committee on Constitution

- April 21, 1992

Not addressed - no longer current.

- April 28, 1992

Not addressed - no longer current.

25. Report on the Constitution

The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs provided a status report on the constitutional talks and sought input for consideration in subsequent talks. The following items were discussed:

- Distinct Society/Canada Clause: current proposal is to incorporate the notion of the Quebec distinct society clause within a 'Canada clause'. B.C.'s position has been to avoid reference to the interpretation of the Constitution in the clause (similar to the former distinct society clause) and refer instead to affirmation of fundamental characteristics, including equality of the provinces. Cabinet supported the position taken.
- Social Covenant and Economic Union Clauses: Respecting a social covenant, the position being taken by various provinces was noted. Cabinet agreed that a middle position between the positions being taken by Ontario and Saskatchewan is appropriate - it is not regarded as essential by B.C., but prepared to support notion;
- Equalization of Regional Disparities: This is a major issue for the Maritime provinces. B.C. has supported them to some degree and has been strongly pushing for at least a symbolic provision indicating that the Federal government will not introduce caps on transfer payments in the manner that they did with the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP). Cabinet supported this and recommended that a Federal commitment also be sought to remove the cap on CAP in the next budget;

- Aboriginal Peoples and Inherent Right to Self-Government: The agreements in principle reached to date were reviewed. Justiciability, scope and governance issues are still not clear. B.C. has suggested that rights should be determined through negotiation, not legislation. Cabinet concurred and urged extreme caution on these matters;
- Senate: All provinces agree with the principle of an elected senate and proportional representation, however there is wide divergence of opinion on notion of equality. Although B.C. has continued to suggest abolition of the Senate, it has indicated that, if it's to be maintained, the notion of regional equality will be supported. Cabinet concurred;
- Division of Powers: This will be the subject of the Montreal talks next week.

26. HEU Negotiations - Status Report

Agreed that, regardless of the positions taken by the HEU executive and the HLRA, the government would allow the HEU membership to vote on the Munroe proposal, although the affordability/financial implications of the proposal would be commented upon to convey that it is at the maximum level of government's ability to pay.

Agreed that if the vote is turned down, legislation to impose the settlement would be introduced.

27. Fair Wage Legislation

Deferred.

28. Timetable for Labour Legislation

The conflict between the readiness of the Review Panel to present sound, comprehensive and progressive legislation by the end of June and the commitment for new labour legislation this legislative session was discussed, and options considered.

Agreed that:

- there will be no fall Session;
- the preparation of good legislation is a priority;
- the two options available are extension of the current session into July to allow for passage of the legislation this year or postponement of the introduction of legislation until next February when the House resumes sitting;

- The Minister of Labour and Consumer Services will consult with the Review Panel and labour representatives to assess the feasibility of the two options, and report back to Cabinet.

29. Board of Internal Economy

The Minister of Government Services provided a verbal report on this matter and recommended approval for legislation to establish a Management Board and for the House Leader to negotiate the Terms of Reference for the Board with the other House leaders.

A submission will be brought forward to Cabinet next week.