

CABINET MINUTES

September 3, 2003
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(CA&WS)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(PR)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoSMH)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(MOE)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(HR)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoSD)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(SRM/AFF)
	Honourable Gordon Hogg	(CFD)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(WL&AP)
	Honourable Ted Nebbeling	(MoSCC)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Judith Reid	(MOT)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MS)
	Honourable Lynn Stephens	(MoSWE)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(CSE)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
	Honourable Katherine Whittred	(MoSIL&HC)
Members Absent:	Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt	(MoSIGR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(HP)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: July 23**

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**2. Appointments/Regulations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Orders in Council.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**3. For Information: Wildfire Compensation**

Cabinet received a briefing on wildfire status, costs to date and efforts underway for future federal compensation discussions.

A strategy package will be distributed to every Minister by the Deputy Minister to the Premier.

4. For Information: Fiscal Update

Cabinet received a briefing for information.

5. GCC: Natural Resources - July 22

The Minister of Forests reported on the Committee's review of a two-phased approach to the federal *Species and Risk Act* and biodiversity conservation in B.C.

The Committee was supportive of the approach to prevent federal intervention into areas of provincial jurisdiction.

For Decision: Species at Risk in British Columbia: Determining a Strategic Approach

Cabinet reviewed the submission, dated July 17, 2003.

Cabinet directed that the submission be taken to Cabinet Committee on Economy and the Environment. The Committee should determine what action is necessary to prevent federal intervention to protection species under provincial jurisdiction. The Committee should determine the strategy necessary to accomplish this: Option One or Option Two.

6. For Information: Tabling the Haida Land and Accommodation Mandate

Cabinet was briefed again on the public "with prejudice" offer to be tabled with the Haida Nation.

Cabinet confirmed approval.

7. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes: July 17

Cabinet approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of July 17, 2003 on the following:

Item 2: Federal/Provincial Response to the BSE Issue;

Item 4: Integrated Registries Project 01/04 Fees Recoveries for Electronic Filing System 02/04; and

Item 6: Government Wide Licensing and Permitting.

For **Item 5:** Comprehensive Land Management Policy Framework, Cabinet noted for certainty that the short term (4 months) activities, including the Tenure Compensation Policy draft should be completed by November 17, 2003.

8. For Decision: Open Cabinet Agenda - September 10

Cabinet reviewed the proposed agenda.

Cabinet expressly waived confidentiality for the specific topics to be discussed at the September 10 meeting only.

Cabinet authorized the release of documents to the public that will be utilized at the Open Cabinet meeting, subject to any legal requirements. This waiver of confidentiality is specific to this meeting and to those supporting documents utilized at the meeting only.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. • GCC: Natural Resources June 25

The Minister of Agriculture and Food presented the Committee's Report.

Cabinet recommended that the Cabinet Committee on Economy and the Environment consider the report of the sub-Committee on the Development of a Provincial Noxious Weed Strategy, with the goal of identifying funding to address immediate needs for this season, prior to UBCM.

- GCC: Economy & Government Operations - July 21

The Chair reviewed the Committee's support for the *Passenger Transportation Act* and the streamlining and cost reduction provisions for Corporate, Registry Filings.

The Committee approved a fee proposal for BC Bid Fees.

The Committee did not support the Deputy Ministers' Committee recommendation that six Provincial Court registry copy and search fees be introduced or extended.

Cabinet was informed that parties to Family and Criminal Court proceedings are not charged these fees. On that basis, Cabinet approved the six proposed fees.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION CONT'D

10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

This item was not dealt with.

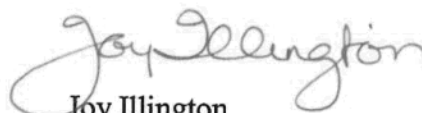
E. REPORTS:

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

All Ministers were asked to provide Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt, Minister of State - Intergovernmental Relations, with a copy of their agenda items that they would be pursuing on behalf of the province, before attending any Provincial/Territorial and Federal meetings.

12. Other


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Deputy Cabinet Secretary