

## CABINET MINUTES

January 28, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of Meeting: January 21, 2004  
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: University Update: Kamloops and Kelowna

Cabinet reviewed a Cabinet submission "Establishing a University in the Southern Interior region of BC", dated January 19, 2004.

Cabinet also reviewed a Cabinet submission "Establishing a Special Purpose University in the Central Interior of BC", dated January 19, 2004.

Cabinet received an update for information on a new permanent Surrey Campus for Simon Fraser University.

As part of an overall strategy to increase access to education, on a regionalized basis in the most cost effective manner, Cabinet gave approval in principle to the following:

- the proposal for UBC to develop a university campus in North Kelowna to commence operations in September 2005. This will result in the operation of a college system at existing campuses and centres of what is currently the Okanagan University College.
- the proposal to transform the University College of the Cariboo into a special purpose university to initiate operations in September 2005, with BC Open University /Open College becoming an operational component of the new university.
- the proposal for space to be purchased in the Surrey Place Mall for SFU to develop a permanent Surrey Campus as the least risk option to bring expanded access beginning in 2004 and targeted to 2500 FTE students by 2010.

4. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes: January 22

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of January 22, 2004 for the following:

**Item 1:** Review of Seat Growth Plan and Associated Funding (Access Agenda) (MAdEd).

**Item 2:** Land Title Authority (SRM); and

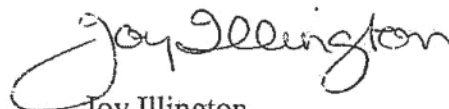
**Item 4:** Minister of State Accountability Statements.

5. For Information: Legislative Update

It was noted that GCCs will meet as usual, chaired by the Vice-Chairs if necessary, in order that legislation and policy reviews can continue. All Ministers were asked to ensure that they continue to meet their deadlines for legislation and get briefed up for presentations to the GCC and Committees as necessary.

6. For Information: Health Issues Update7. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions UpdateE. REPORTS:8. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

9. Other:

Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

February 3, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:****1. Minutes of Meeting: January 28, 2004**

Approved.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****2. GCC: Economy and Government Operations - January 15**

The Chair reported the support of the Committee for the following:

- a government agents' fee for processing corporate registry documents;
- s.14
- 
- 
- 
- 

The Chair also reported from October 20, 2003 support for a Revenue Issue paper: "Land and Resource Data Fees", which contained a revised fee schedule for Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management information products and services.

Cabinet requested the Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary to determine whether work can be done with the Premier of Alberta and his Minister and Deputy who are responsible for the Securities regulation to see if a joint position can be formulated on a new approach.

**GCC: Health - January 20**

s.14

The Committee asked that the Safe Care Discussion Paper return to the GCC for further review.

s.14

Cabinet asked the Minister of Children and Family Development to check the effect of the *Social Workers Act*, and to determine support for it from social workers before it proceeds from the GCC: C&S.

GCC: Natural Resources - January 21

The Chair reported that the Committee recommended a six month general time limit be established for all decisions to be rendered by the Environment and Forests Appeal Board.

The Committee received a report for information on amendments to the *Environmental Management Act* to streamline the approval process.

The Committee received a report on the Clean Air Partnership and requested further information from the Minister.

s.14

Cabinet directed that the general time limit be 90 days for rendering decisions from the Environment and Forest Appeal Board with an ability for Board members to note when an extension is required in exceptional circumstances.

**C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**

**3. Appointments/Regulations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Orders in Council and Proclamations with the following addition:

- s.14

**D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**4. For Information: Strategic Plan**

Cabinet received a presentation and selected Option A to give strategic direction for policy and legislation development.

**5. For Information: Legislative Update**

This item was not dealt with.

6. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Minister of Health Services provided an update on the Nanaimo Hospital crisis.

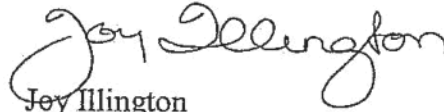
7. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

E. **REPORTS:**

8. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

9. Other:

  
Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

February 11, 2004  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)

### A. CABINET MINUTES:

#### 1. Minutes of Meeting: February 3, 2004

Approved.



**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. GCC: Communities and Safety:- October 23

The Chair reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the three column documents with proposed amendments to the following legislation:

- s.14
- 
- 

- December 1

The Chair reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the three column documents with proposed amendments to the following legislation:

- s.14
- 
- 

s.14

- December 8

The Chair reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the three column documents with proposed amendments to the following legislation:

- s.14
- 
- 
- 

The Attorney General noted that the last three pieces of legislation would be coming back to Cabinet for discussion before being introduced.

**C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**3. Appointments/Regulations

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Orders in Council and Proclamations, noting that duplicates ought to be removed from the list of Corridor Orders.

**D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Information: Legislative Update

The Premier set out his expectations that policy implications of submissions and of legislation would be thoroughly canvassed in the GCC meetings. While not mandatory, if Ministers wish to bring draft legislation to GCC's for discussion, they may do so. Minor amendments and housekeeping amendments do not have to go to the GCC's for review.

5. Question Period Preparation6. For Information: Health Issues Update

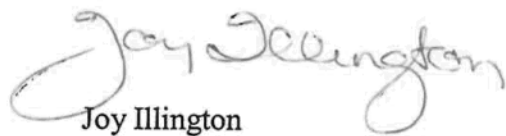
The Minister of Health Services provided an update on the provision of equitable services by civil ceremony Marriage Commissioners, the resolution of the Nanaimo emergency doctors dispute and the proposed National Centre for Disease Control

7. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

s.14

**E. REPORTS:**8. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

9. Other:

Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

February 20, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Vancouver Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Members Absent:	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:****1. Minutes of Meeting: February 11, 2004**

Approved.

**B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION****2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - February 18, 2004  
For Decision: Environment and Land Use Coordination Strategy**

Cabinet received the Minutes of the Committee which recommended an Environment and Land Use Strategy, to include the relevant legislative agenda and to be managed on a co-ordinated basis through the Environment and Resource Development Committee.

Cabinet reviewed a presentation on the proposed 12 month strategy to achieve priority initiatives on government's environmental and land use agenda. The initiatives were selected by using the criteria of meeting New Era commitments, producing immediate measurable economic growth, creating significant immediate revenue or public health and safety.

Cabinet members were asked to review the Corporate plan to determine whether there were items to be added or withdrawn and to make suggestions for the next time this item returns to Cabinet. Cabinet will review the goal and work plan for environmental management in particular.

**3. For Decision: Open Cabinet Agenda - February 27**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the proposed agenda.

Cabinet expressly waived confidentiality for the specific topics to be discussed at the February 27 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.

**4. For Information: Health Issues Update**

Cabinet received a brief update from the Minister responsible.

**5. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update**

s.14

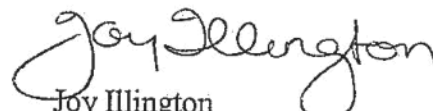
C. **REPORTS:**

6. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

7. Other:

- An Order in Council was approved to <sup>s.14</sup>  
s.14

  
Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

February 25, 2004  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:****1. Minutes of Meeting: February 20, 2004**

Approved.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****2. GCC: Education - February 2**

s.14

**GCC: Communities and Safety - February 9**

The Chair reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the three column documents with proposed amendments to the following legislation:

s.14

- 
- 
- 
- 
- 

s.14

**GCC: Economy and Government Operations - February 10**

The Chair reported that the Committee reviewed and approved the three column documents with proposed amendments to the following legislation:

s.14

- 
- 
- 
- 
-

s.14

C. **ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**

3. **Appointments/Regulations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Orders in Council and Proclamations with the following amendments:

s.14

•

•

s.14

D. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

4. **For Decision: BC Ambulance Service Renewal**

Cabinet reviewed a submission entitled "British Columbia Ambulance Service Six Point Renewal Plan". The Ministry was asked to work with the Ministries of Labour and Finance and return to Cabinet with information on the crucial operational decisions and the timing for implementation.

5. **Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - February 23**

These Minutes were deferred until the next Cabinet meeting.

**For Information: Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plan**

Cabinet received a presentation for information entitled "Framework for Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plan Consultation and Accommodation Negotiations with First Nations". The item will return to Cabinet after going to Treasury Board for consideration of new costs.



6. For Decision: Open Cabinet Agenda - February 27

The Ministry of Forests presented information for coordination around the Open Cabinet meeting.

7. Question Period Preparation

8. For Information: Legislative Update

9. For Information: Health Issues Update

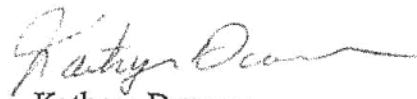
10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

**E. REPORTS:**

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

12. Other:



Kathryn Dawson  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Cabinet and Committee Support

## CABINET MINUTES (OPEN)

February 27, 2004

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoS-I/MS)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

### Members Absent:

Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)

**A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION****1. Premier's Opening Remarks**

The Premier reported the actions of the Council of the Federation meeting this week. He will work with Premier McGuinty of Ontario to establish an agenda for a multi-day meeting to deal with some issues fundamental to a sustainable health care system. The Premiers also endorsed a national literacy strategy in support of the goal for Canada to become the world's most literate country within 10 years. The Premiers' agenda will also include how governments can work together to respond to natural disasters, and continued work on harmonizing environmental assessment reviews with the federal government.

**2. For Information: Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review**

The Honourable Gary Filmon presented the report of the examination of the interface fires of the summer of 2003. The recommendations for preparing, responding and recovering from interface fires were made to all levels of government, to the private sector, to communities and to citizens.

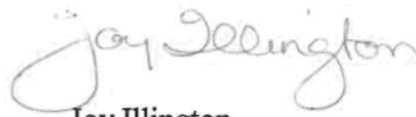
Cabinet Ministers were asked to bring forward to Cabinet their response to the report within a short time frame with a detailed plan including work already accomplished, and actions still to be implemented. Some cost items will need to be quantified and brought forward through Treasury Board for final determination at Cabinet.

The Minister of Forests will respond to those recommendations which impact this ministry's responsibilities. The Solicitor General will respond to the relevant recommendations on emergency preparedness, training, communication and coordination, as well as the standardization of rates paid, and to the principle of automatic aid. The Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services was asked to coordinate and communicate with the regional governments and municipalities through UBCM, as well as to contact the First Nations Summit to discuss the report and to ask how to work more closely with training, response and communications with First Nations. .

3. For Decision: Tsawwassen Agreement in Principle

Cabinet reviewed a submission 'Tsawwassen First Nation Agreement in Principle', dated January 26, 2004 which recommended approval of the Agreement in Principle between British Columbia, Canada and the Tsawwassen First Nation.

Cabinet approved the Agreement in Principle and gave approval to proceed with Final Agreement negotiations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joy Illington', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary