

CABINET MINUTES

March 3, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 12:10 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 Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

Members Absent:

Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
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A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meetings:**

- February 25, 2004

Approved

- February 27, 2004

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B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - February 23**

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The Chair also reported that the Central Coast plan would be returning to Cabinet with a Treasury Board Minute for final directions for negotiations with local First Nations.

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

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

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D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. s.14****5. For Decision: Environment and Land Use Agenda Priorities**

Prior to making a final decision on the priorities for the next 12 months, Cabinet will take the opportunity to discuss some high-level policy items which will then guide the work of CCERD and the Deputies Committee that is requesting direction.

A revised Environment and Land Use Corporate Plan will be brought back for confirmation.

6. For Information: Legislative Update

This item was not dealt with.

7. Question Period Preparation8. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Minister for Health Services provided a brief update on an issue involving VIHA.

9. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

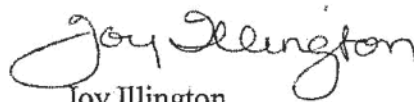
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E. REPORTS:10. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

11. Other:

All Ministers are requested to contact Martyn Brown with your list of major political issues that will need to be managed over the next 15 months. This may include negative issues, as well as positive ones. Please do this by the next Cabinet meeting, March 10th.


Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

March 10, 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)
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Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

Members Absent:

Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: March 3**

Approved with one correction: Item 11 - Other: should have specified that verbal contact is requested of Ministers and that it was unnecessary to have sent a copy to Deputy Ministers as it is the opinions of Ministers that are being canvassed.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Government Caucus Committee:
Economy and Government Operations - February 24**

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Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - March 8

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

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

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D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Decision: Northern Ferry Routes Proposal**

Cabinet reviewed a submission "BC Ferries - Long Term Strategy for the Northern Routes" dated February 23, 2004.

Cabinet was of the view that BC Ferries as the exclusive owners of slips and docks could license the use of their facilities to any entrepreneur who wanted to offer additional service. As BC Ferries goes to consult with communities and affected industries, it ought not to be constrained from seeking new and flexible methods of offering service while maintaining affordable service fees.

5. For Decision: Open Cabinet Agenda - April 2

Cabinet reviewed and amended the proposed agenda.

Cabinet expressly waived confidentiality for the specific topics to be discussed at the April 2 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.

6. For Decision: Deregulation Status Report

Cabinet was informed of the status of the regulatory deductions to date and those still required to meet the target of 33% reductions by June, 2004.

7. For Information: Legislative Update

No update provided.

8. Question Period Preparation**9. For Information: Health Issues Update**

The Minister of Health Services provided a brief update on the status of negotiations with doctors.

10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

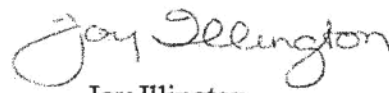
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E. REPORTS:

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

12. Other:


Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

March 24, 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)
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Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
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Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

Members Absent:

Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: March 10**

Approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - March 8**

The Chair reported on the recommendations of the Committee to the Minister responsible for the free Crown grant policy.

Cabinet encouraged that the policy be revised quickly so that it is as clear, fast and flexible as possible for communities to go forward and use the grants for their economic development. UBCM and communities should be able to see what has been done in this regard.

Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - March 22

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The Mountain Pine Beetle Strategy laid out a 5-point action plan that the Committee made suggestions for incorporation prior to going to Cabinet. There was also a need for alternative uses for the wood and consideration of export of raw logs.

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Cabinet asked that each MLA affected by the amendments sit down with a map and review it for accuracy. Any concerns should be reported with reasons back to Cabinet.

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

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

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D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Decision: BC Ambulance Service Renewal**

Cabinet reviewed a presentation "Renewing BC Ambulance Service: Negotiating Strategy for Collective Agreement Renewal."

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The negotiator will report back to Cabinet with his recommendations, including whether an IIC would be useful.

5. For Information: Pine Beetle Action Report

Cabinet received a Mountain Pine Beetle Update and Plan.

Cabinet asked the Minister and the Minister of State for Forest Operations to work to improve the Pine Beetle Strategy so that it is seen as effective action.

6. For Decision: Operating Principles on Compensation

Cabinet reviewed a submission "Management of Government's Compensation Exposure for Natural Resource Rights" dated March 18, 2004. s.14

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Cabinet approved recommended actions 1-3, 5 and 7.

Action 4 was not approved.

Action 6 should go to Treasury Board and Treasury Board should report back to Cabinet.

7. For Decision: Provincial Measures to Protect Species at Risk

This item was deferred.

8. Question Period Preparation

9. For Decision: College of Teachers

This item was deferred.

10. For Information: Legislative Update

A meeting with the House Leader, Minister, Deputy and staff responsible for legislation may be scheduled which will be mandatory for any Minister whose legislation is not ready.

11. For Information: Health Issues Update

This item was deferred.

12. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

This item was deferred.

E. REPORTS:

13. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

14. Other:

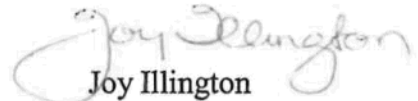
14.a) Alcan Investments in BC

Cabinet received a report for information on "Securing Alcan's future in BC."

14.b) For Information: Status Report on the Safer Community Strategy for Women

Cabinet reviewed a status report reviewing the key elements of the Safer Community Strategy and reporting on the funding and implementation of Ministry initiatives in 5 areas of action: education and public awareness, early intervention/prevention, crisis intervention, justice system responses and cross-ministry supports and services.

Cabinet approved the strategy and continuation with the implementation of the next step to develop a cross-ministry strategy to reduce violence against girls and women by focussing on prevention activities.



Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES (OPEN)

April 2, 2004
9:00 - 11:00 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)
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	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

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

The Premier gave an update on the work underway to address the avian flu outbreak in the Fraser Valley. He spoke of the value of the industry, the safety measures being taken and the government's commitment to the health and safety of British Columbians in cooperation with federal agencies.

2. For Decision: Pine Beetle Action Report

Cabinet reviewed the action taken to date to deal with the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Proposed new initiatives include: new tenures through Expressions of Interest for new uses for damaged wood, promoting new international markets for Denim Pine, appointing an Economic Diversification Director and a Minister's Community Advisory Group of key stakeholders. Continuing actions will redirect harvesting from green to beetle damaged timber by extending cutting permits to licence holders, to complete expedited AAC reviews in the 3 hardest hit areas by the end of summer, to transport beetle wood using connector roads so that the TSA, forest district and closest economic opportunities are aligned, to proactively engage with the current land use plans and to follow the Filmon Report recommendation of prescribed burns and beetle infested tree removal.

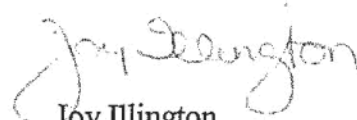
Cabinet approved-in-principle the action plans and directed the Minister of Forests to meet with the Minister of Finance to ensure that cost items are in the Ministry of Forests' budget and the revenue impacts and new tenures will be dealt with through Treasury Board prior to any final decision by Cabinet. Any revenue generated by removal of beetle infested timber from parks should be returned to parks for use in their budget.

3. For Information: Digital Divide

Cabinet received an update on the plans to move from the 197 communities with high speed internet access to connect 169 more by the end of 2006. Voice and data networks of the provincial government and larger public sector have been aggregated, and savings are being used to connect communities. The economic and social benefits of this initiative were described, including the upgrade for high speed internet access of up to 154 schools in 40 school districts by the end of this school year.

4. For Information: Northern Medical Program Report

Cabinet received a progress report on the northern medical program including the new building at UNBC, the technology to link classrooms between UBC and UNBC medical schools, the increase in medical students from 128 to 224 for the 05/06 year and an additional \$2.2M to provide for the additional surgeries that can now be done in the north again.


Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

April 2, 2004

11:00 a.m. - 2:20 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)
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Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)

Members Absent:

Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: March 24**

Approved with one correction to Item 6. Operating Principles for Compensation.
The sentence s.14
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B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - March 29**

The Chair reported the recommendations of the Committee on the Lillooet Land and Resource Plan. This will come to Cabinet for a full discussion once the matter has been to Treasury Board.

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C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**3. For Decision: Provincial Measures to Protect Species at Risk**

Cabinet reviewed a submission "Provincial Measures to Protect Species at Risk", dated March 16, 2004 and a Powerpoint dated March 29, 2004.

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5. For Information: Community Care Capacity

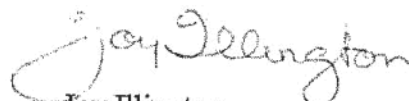
This item was deferred to the next Cabinet meeting.

6. For Information: Update on BC Rail Investment

Cabinet delegated decision-making on this item to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Transportation.

7. Other

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Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

April 14, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
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Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

Members Absent:

Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meetings:****- April 2 (Open)**

Approved.

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B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Government Caucus Committee: Communities & Safety - March 29**

The Chair reported on the Committee's review of the "Law Reform and Access to Justice - 2004 Justice Legislation" which outlined the Ministry of Attorney General's legislative program. The Chair was asked to review the legislative proposals from a point of view of identifying public benefits and liabilities, and to comment on timing for each proposal.

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The Committee reported support for the leadership shown by Lorne Mayencourt, MLA in building a coalition to support his ideas on Safe Streets.

Cabinet understands that the member may choose to introduce a Private Member's Bill on that topic. This would not preclude the introduction of a government bill in Fall/04 or the following Spring session, if appropriate.

Government Caucus Committee: Cross Government Initiatives - March 29

The Chair reported the discussions of the Committee to meet their mandate, including the selection of core subjects for a "Strengthening Families " action plan to be developed by Fall 2004, with distinct urban and rural components and including aboriginal and multicultural aspects of each subject.

Cabinet agreed with the plan - suggesting that the Committee also look at making recommendations for re-alignment of services such as day care and community schools. It was suggested that the Committee use the Ministry profiles as part of documenting government's record of action to date. Ministries will provide fact sheets, and would be assisted by the Committee's focus on outcomes being pursued on any new initiative.

It was suggested that Deputy Ministers could form a committee to support the Cross-Government Initiatives GCC.

Government Caucus Committee: Health - April 1

The Chair reported on the Committee's support for the release of the Safe Care Discussion Paper as a basis for providing further consultation with stakeholders and service providers. The Minister responsible confirmed that she was prepared to manage the public discussion of this proposal.

The Chair reported the views of the Committee to the Ministry of Health on the impact of the transition from the former choices of institutional care to the new model of supportive home, assisted living and residential care for seniors.

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

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

- May 2004 will be proclaimed as Neurofibromatosis Month.

D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Information: Community Care Capacity**

Cabinet reviewed a submission "Government's commitment to work with non-profit societies to build and operate an additional 5,000 new intermediate and long term care beds by 2006", dated March 24, 2004 and a Powerpoint presentation "Community Care and Assisted Living for Seniors-Meeting the Need".

Cabinet accepted that it would take beyond 2006 to meet the New Era commitment. The Ministry was asked to look at data for the next 12 months that would provide information on the cost of minimizing closures, maximizing opportunities for home support, for opening residential and assisted living beds in the non-profit and for-profit sectors and for getting better data on the state of transition for types of care on a community by community basis in BC.

The Ministry will return to Cabinet with further options for a plan for transition over the next 12 months, and for a longer-term plan to meet the needs of seniors beyond 2006.

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6. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes: March 25

Cabinet approved the Treasury Board decisions of their meeting of March 25, 2004 on the following:

Item 2: Government Response to Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review;

Item 3: Sierra-Yoyo-Desan (SYD) P3 Arrangement; and

Item 4: The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project.

A question that arose as to the impact of the grant of 300 acres to two First Nations from the Crown Land Account will be followed up by TB staff for clarification.

7. For Information: Legislative Update

This item was not dealt with.

9. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Minister of Health gave a brief report on the opportunities for Health Authorities to meet with MLAs.

The Minister of State for Mental Health and Addiction Services gave a brief update on work proceeding to deal with a drug issue requiring a coordinated approach among a number of social Ministries.

The Minister of Management Services provided an update on work underway to structure corporate contracts to protect confidential information that government may collect as part of programs or services.

10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

This item was not dealt with.

E. REPORTS:

11. Deregulation Status Report

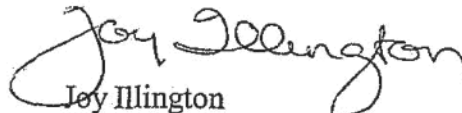
The report was received and all Ministers were asked to check with their Deputies as to whether their targets were still on track - particularly if their legislation had been deferred.

12. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

13. OtherFor Information: Avian Influenza Update

Cabinet received an update. The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries was asked to meet with his Deputy, the Solicitor General and the Deputy Minister to the Premier to move to a plan for more rapid action on the killing and disposal of flocks to contain the spread of the virus, and to communicate to the federal government the overall economic impact on the province as an emerging need for disaster relief.


Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

April 21, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 11:50 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)
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	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: April 14**

Approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Government Caucus Committee: Economy/Government Operations - March 30**

The Chair reported on the Committee's support for the proposed fees for the Financial Services Tribunal.

Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - April 13

The Chair reported on the Committee's recommendations on the selection criteria for a new process affecting Free Crown Grants and Nominal Rent Tenures.

After reviewing those recommendations, Cabinet asked that the criteria be revised to give greater prominence to the generation of local or regional economic benefits. This resulted in the weighting for that category to be changed to 25 points and the category of support contingent on access to Crown land to be changed to 5 points.

The Chair deferred reporting on the Management of Federal/Provincial Natural Resource Issues until Cabinet is ready to hear a full report.

The Chair reported work from the Deputy Ministers' Task Force on a proposed Provincial Drought Management Plan to include proactive mitigation actions and work with local governments to take appropriate planning measures. That work will be brought to Cabinet by June, 2004.

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

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

D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Decision: Free Crown Grants and Nominal Rent Tenures**

Cabinet reviewed the submission entitled "New Process and Selection Criteria for Free Crown Grants and Nominal Rent Tenures".

Cabinet approved the process but changed the weighting as outlined in the decision following the recommendation by the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development.

5. Item Deleted**6. For Information: Tourism Strategy**

Cabinet reviewed the submission entitled "BC Tourism Strategy: The Spirit of 2010 - the Olympics and Beyond".

Cabinet made some substantial recommendations for change to the strategy before it is presented publicly. The strategy should focus on the actions and investment that government has made to date: the Convention Centre, the Olympics, the transportation infrastructure, the cruise facilities and services, passenger rail services, airport enhancements and in marketing. The strategy should incorporate the work that the Resort Development Minister is overseeing, build on opportunities for sport tourism that events like the World Junior Hockey Championships, and the World Police and Fire Games will provide, and take advantage of cultural tourism; First Nations and the diversity of cultures of this province, as well as linking backcountry uses and agri-tourism. The strategy should also incorporate the advantages of regional and sustainable approaches as well as include a revenue target for the province.

7. s.14**8. Question Period Preparation****9. For Information: Legislative Update**

The House Leader provided an overview on outstanding legislation.

10. For Information: Health Issues Update

Cabinet received a brief update on labour issues, and on the upcoming opportunities to raise health reform to a national level.

11. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

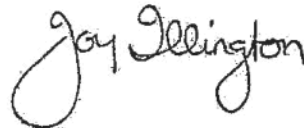
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E. REPORTS:12. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

13. Other

Cabinet received an update on the results of the aggressive approach to containing the spread of the avian influenza virus and to dispose of those flocks that had to be killed.



Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

April 28, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
Honourable Susan Brice	(MoS-MH&AS)
Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
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 Stan Hagen	(HR)
Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
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 Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: April 21**

Approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Government Caucus Committee: Economy/Government Operations - April 22**

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Government Caucus Committee: Education - April 22

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The Minister responsible will bring greater detail regarding the proposed changes back to Cabinet for discussion next week.

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

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

D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Information: Pharmacare Program Review**

Cabinet reviewed a submission "Pharmacare Program Review" dated April 20, 2004.

Cabinet asked the Minister responsible to review the report to remove those actions which government is unlikely to implement in the short-term, clarify the purpose of the report and take it out to stakeholders for a final review, prior to making it public.

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6. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes:• April 21

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of April 21, 2004 for the following:

Item 2: Land Title and Survey Authority.

• April 22

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

Item 2: Sierra-Yoyo-Desan (SYD) P3 Arrangement; and

Item 3: The Okanagan Lake Bridge Project.

7. Question Period Preparation8. For Information: Legislative Update

The House Leader reported progress in legislation.

9. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Minister provided an update on the impacts that the HEU was having on patients.

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.

12. Other

Cabinet approved the need for immediate legislation for resumption of work for striking health workers, with a settlement of compensation imposed.


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Deputy Cabinet Secretary