

CABINET MINUTES

September 8, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 2:15 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)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
Honourable Christy Clark	(CFD)
Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
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Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

Members Absent:

Honourable Stan Hagen	(HR)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)

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

Approved. An OIC under the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* may have had some unintended consequences for local bylaws under the Island Trust and Cabinet was notified that these are being resolved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Government Caucus Committee: Economy/Government Operations - July 12**

The Chair reported on the Committee's support for amendments to fee schedules under the BC Securities Commission, and the Environmental Assessment Process. On the latter, the Minister responsible may consider the issues involved with charging actual costs for assessing proposals.

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Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - July 26

The Chair reported support of a revised proposal for the Working Forest Initiative which maintains the Provincial Forest designation and develops net timber area objectives in all areas with approved land use plans. s.14

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The Committee extended timelines for the mandate for land use planning, a cedar management plan and a fiscal mandate for the Queen Charlotte Island LRMP process.

The Committee approved updated policy to address potential provincial park boundary adjustments.

The Committee approved the policy framework for Management of Contaminated Sites on Provincial Land.

The Committee approved Environmental Review Guidelines for applications received under the Extensive Agriculture Program in unplanned areas.

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. Government Caucus Committee: Education - July 21

The Vice-Chair reported support of the Aboriginal Education Centre as a specialty school concept but noted issues raised by school closings in Prince George.

For Information: Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal Education in Prince George

Cabinet reviewed a submission for a Provincial Resource Program offering educational programs and services from an Aboriginal perspective for students from Grade 8-12.

Cabinet endorsed the concept of a specialty school to support Aboriginal children to learn and graduate with better rates of success. Cabinet suggested that there should be two Aboriginal Resource Centres, that are cost-shared on an 50/50 basis with the federal government, over a five year pilot plan basis.

School Districts should be asked to apply to partner with the province to open up the opportunities to School Districts who want to take advantage of offering this choice. The proposals to partner between the province and School Districts should clearly indicate that performance and results will be measured, as the intention is to offer new options for Aboriginal students.

5. For Direction: Provincial Drinking Driving Initiative

The Minister responsible stated that the level of impairment to be enforced will be the current .08 level. Further work will be done on educating the public on penalties for impaired driving. Any program involving vehicle impoundment will take into account the fairness concerns where there has been a driver who is someone other than the owner of the vehicle.

6. For Information: First Quarterly Report

Cabinet was briefed by the Minister of Finance. Ministers were reminded that if they had modest initiatives that could improve service or remove irritants, they were encouraged to speak to the Chair of Treasury Board.

6a). For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes - August 31

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of August 31, 2004 for the following:

Item 2 (Priority Proposal)

1. Addressing Wait Times in Orthopedics and Diagnostics;
2. Literacy Strategy;
3. Provincial Homelessness Initiative: this will return to the next Treasury Board meeting; and
4. Child Care (Priority Proposal).

7. For Decision: Open Cabinet Agenda - September 29

Cabinet reviewed and amended the agenda.

Cabinet expressly waived confidentiality for the specific topics to be discussed at the September 29th 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 Open Cabinet meeting only.

8. For Information: UBCM - September 21-24

Cabinet was briefed on the events and priorities.

9. For Information: Health Issues Update

Cabinet did not deal with this issue.

10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

Cabinet did not deal with this issue.

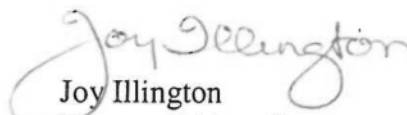
E. **REPORTS:**

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

12. Other

Cabinet did not deal with this issue.


Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

September 29, 2004
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: September 8**

Approved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development - September 13**

The Chair reported the Committee's approval of the following items:

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- Support for an expanded definition of lodges and approval of a strategy to identify 10 potential lodge development sites for marketing purposes. The marketing strategy will have to be sensitive to timing. In addition the Committee recommended further work on clarification of deliverables for the Resort Strategy Action Plan prior to any public release.

The Chair also reported on the proposed Forestry and Range Treaty interests for negotiation, that Cabinet had referred back to the Committee for further discussion. The Committee reviewed the treaty principles contained in the referendum, in discussing whether forestry management requirements for treaty settlement land (TSL) should be the equivalent of private or remain at Crown land standards. The Committee recommended that treaty settlement lands should have the same status as fee simple (private) lands and should be treated in a similar manner to other fee simple lands in the province, in the area of forest and range matters.

Cabinet discussed and agreed with the recommendations of the Committee.

Government Caucus Committee: Economy/Government Operations - September 13

The Chair reported that the Committee had approved the following legislation:

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C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:

3. Appointments/Regulations

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Health Professions Act - Possible New College

Cabinet reviewed the notice under the *Health Professions Act* of proposed new colleges for regulating health professions.

Cabinet referred the review to be conducted in the context of the cross-government review of professional regulation being undertaken by the Minister of Advanced Education.

D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**4. For Decision: Digital Divide**

Cabinet reviewed a submission, "Network BC - Closing the Digital Divide", dated September 21, 2004.

Cabinet discussed going to market with a competitive joint solutions procurement (JSP) process, or negotiating with Telus and other current suppliers, extensions to contracts for an additional two years.

Cabinet asked the Ministry to investigate whether a process similar to a Request for Expressions of Interest may assist with determining interest and readiness on bidding on the JSP process. A decision was deferred.

[Honourable Tom Christensen, Minister of Education, declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting without participating in the consideration of the matter.]

5. For Information: BCTC and BCUC

Cabinet received a briefing for information about the BC Transmission Corporation.

[Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Health Services, declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting without participating in the consideration of the matter.]

6. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes - September 15

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of September 15, 2004 for the following:

Item 1: Drinking Driving Initiative;

Item 2: Horse Racing Purse Enhancement Recovery;

Item 4: Homelessness Initiative;

Item 5: Public Libraries Strategy;

Item 6: Ministries of Water, Land and Air Protection and Small Business and Economic Development, and Land and Water BC Inc: BC Resorts and Park Lodges Strategies;

Item 7: Treaty Negotiations Office (TNO) - Maa-nulth Final Agreement Land Parcels; and

Item 8: Ministry of Attorney General (Treaty Negotiations Office), and Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development: First Nations Shared Legacy Agreement.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decision of Treasury Board's meeting of September 28, 2004 for the following:

Item 1: Revenue Management Project

7. For Information: Progress Report - Land Title and Survey Authority

Cabinet received a report on the Accountability Framework for the Authority.

8. For Information: Legislative Update

Cabinet received an update on Fall Session legislation.

Cabinet approved legislative drafting to proceed for the enabling part of the Translink requested legislation on parking tax, so that it could be ready for consideration for the Fall Session.

9. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Minister of Health Services provided a brief update.

10. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

This item was not dealt with.

E. REPORTS:

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

The Premier gave an overview of the First Ministers Meeting and the results obtained. He also described some of the work ahead to achieve a national formulary, and a national purchasing agency as part of a national pharmacare program.

2. For Information: Health Update

The Minister of Health Services provided a report on expenditures to facilitate better treatment, more surgeries and reductions in wait times for patients who require cardiac procedures, hip and joint surgery, and diagnostic scans. He explained the National Aboriginal Strategy and other highlights of the First Ministers Meeting on Health care.

3. For Decision: Literacy

Cabinet reviewed the Ready Set Learn program as well as other measures that will assist to prepare children to attend school ready to learn, to help parents actively support the education of their children and to help make schools a hub of family and community life.

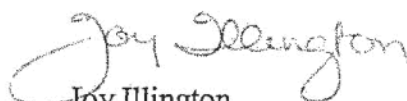
Cabinet approved the program, as proposed.

4. For Information: Drought Preparedness- 2004

Cabinet received an update on the measures that government has taken to work with local government and communities to promote conservation, to plan for water systems and to formulate water management plans that will help to avoid water shortages or to cope with drought conditions.

5.. For Information: Agricultural Update

Cabinet received an update on the impact of the Avian flu and BSE on the economy, the recovery plans, the transition strategies and the actions necessary to realign the beef and poultry industries, and associated enterprises.


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