

## CABINET MINUTES

October 6, 2004  
8:00 a.m. - 12:40 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	(MHR)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
	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	(CFD)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
	Honourable Brenda Locke	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
	Honourable Patrick Wong	(MoS-I/MS)
Members Absent:	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:****1. Minutes of Meetings:**

- September 29 (Open)

Approved.

- September 29

**2. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development Minutes of September 13, 2004:**

Approved. On a point of clarification on size of lodges for parks - lodges with up to 100 beds will be treated as routine in the application process, and lodges with greater than 100 beds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****2. Government Caucus Committee: Education - September 14**

The Chair reported the Committee's support for the proposed *University Act* amendments. The Chair reported that the Minister of Advanced Education had committed to return with a revised proposal for the Student Training Completion Fund that will allow the private institutions to pay for the fund and to recover their costs in tuition fees, rather than a separate student contribution.

**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. Government Caucus Committee: Communities and Safety - September 8**

The Committee Minutes recommend approval for the "Cross-ministry Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Girls and Women ", with the advice to take the proposed partnership media campaign to Cabinet for review. The Committee also noted that linking violence with "withholding of financial resources" required clarification.

Cabinet agreed with that advice.

For Information: Cross Ministry Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Girls and Women

Cabinet reviewed the Strategy, for information.

Cabinet asked the Minister of State responsible to review it with the women in Caucus with a view to identifying specific, measurable actions that may require pilot projects, or small budget lifts which could contribute to a comprehensive program to create a safer society.

5. For Decision:

Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development Minutes - September 27

The Chair reported on the Committee's support for:

- the proposed response to the Auditor General's recommendations on the protection of wild salmon stock;

- s.14 ; and

- the Treaty Negotiating Mandate for Water Resources.

Cabinet asked that the response to the Auditor General emphasize the positive actions taken to date, and drop the reference to water temperature.

The Committee had also reviewed and made recommendations for changes to the Climate Change Report.

The Chair recommended that the revised plan have a low-key public release as a fiscally responsible and environmentally balanced plan.

- Proposed Water Treaty Positions

Cabinet reviewed the Briefing Note and Summary of Water Resource Positions for Treaty Negotiations.

Cabinet approved the positions based on the premise that the Crown maintains ownership of all water resources, and provincial legislation related to management, use and protection of the resource will apply on Treaty Settlement Lands.

Cabinet directed that position #4 on bulk water should be revised to state with a preface that the provincial position is that there will be no sale or export of bulk water.

6. For Decision: Process for Valuing Subsurface Resources

Cabinet reviewed a process for valuing subsurface resources. The process will identify potential exceptional subsurface resources under Crown land being considered for inclusion in treaty offers, determine if development is feasible, and make recommendations regarding the mandate treatment of exceptional subsurface resources.

Cabinet approved the process for valuing subsurface resources for inclusion in all treaty financial mandates approved by Cabinet.

7. Question Period

8. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes:

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

**Item 2:** Yale First Nation Agreement-in-Principle.

Cabinet reviewed the notes provided and gave direction for further work to be done for the following:

**Item 3:** Technical Provisions for Treaty and Treaty-Related Measure Resource Revenue Sharing.

Cabinet asked that TNO and TBS work on a set of principles and offer some clear options for models that provided incentives to First Nations to enter treaties and to help develop resources through the provision of incremental revenue. The rationale for revenue sharing with First Nations should be communicated in a way that minimizes pressure from local governments for similar arrangements. Cabinet was prepared to look at language that preserves the opportunity for revenue sharing with First Nations in Final Agreements for unforeseen resources that could be developed.

Cabinet reviewed the notes provided for the following:

**Item 4:** Treaty Negotiations Office, and Ministry of Energy and Mines: Financial Mandate for Negotiations with Treaty 8 First Nations.

Cabinet was advised that a Cabinet submission will be returning that proposes a longer term revenue sharing mandate calculated closer to the life of the resource that will provide incentives for Treaty 8 First Nations to participate in the continued development of the resources, and an equity fund which may provide for purchasing of equipment or infrastructure in order to become involved in the resource industry.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of September 30, 2004 for the following:

**Item 2:** Funding agreements for Rapid Transit Initiatives.

9. For Information: Legislative Update

The House Leader provided an update on the legislative agenda.

10. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Health Minister noted an update to "The Picture of Health Report" will be useful to MLAs, noted upcoming announcements on planned expenditures, and agreed that Health Authorities would be asked to ensure announcements are made by politicians.

11. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

This item was not dealt with.

**E. REPORTS:**

12. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

12. Other:

For Decision: Network BC: Closing the Digital Divide

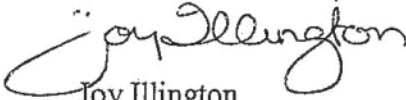
Cabinet reviewed the options for accomplishing the goal of providing high-speed Internet access to all BC communities, and the timing of the competitive process.

Cabinet approved an option that will place all current suppliers and the industry on notice of the intent to negotiate extensions to the existing contracts of all suppliers of infrastructure and services. The notice will include the intention to go to competitive procurement of the network services in two years time if the negotiations are successful. There will be a short period for the industry to respond with any comments or concerns.

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

13. For Information: BC Ferry Commission Annual Report

The BC Ferry Commission Annual Report was received.

  
Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

October 20, 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 Susan Brice	(MHR)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(MoE)
Honourable Ida Chong	(MoS-W&SS)
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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 Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG) (8am-10am)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Honourable Patrick Wong	(MoS-I/MS)

### Members Absent:

Honourable Bond	(AEEd)
Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
Honourable Brenda Locke	(MoS-MH&AS)

**A. CABINET MINUTES:****1. Minutes of Meetings:**

- October 6, 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 Government Caucus Committee: Health - October 7, 2004**

The Committee Minutes recommended approval for the Cabinet submission dated September 27, 2004 and titled "Healthy BC - the Spirit of 2010".

**For Information: Healthy BC - Spirit of 2010**

Cabinet reviewed the Cabinet submission dated September 27, 2004 titled, "Healthy BC - The Spirit of 2010".

Cabinet approved the coordinated government platform for facilitating cross-sectoral planning, and investment in health promotion and prevention, with the Health Services Minister having lead accountability.

Cabinet approval was provided on the basis that it did not mean approval of incremental costs. There may be a need for a name change subject to discussions with the Olympic Committee.



4. For Decision: BC Special Needs Agency - Developing an Integrated Service and Delivery System and Structure for Children with Special Needs and Their Families

Cabinet discussed the intention of the Cabinet submission "BC Special Needs Agency - Developing an Integrated Service and Delivery System and Structure for Children with Special Needs and Their Families", dated October 6, 2004.

Cabinet deferred discussion of the model options until the next Cabinet meeting. Deputy Ministers were given approval to consult with stake-holders about their ideas on service improvement and one-stop service provision, making it clear that a re-organization is not being proposed.

The three Ministers responsible will return with recommendations and a timetable for moving forward. The approach will provide for short term options for enhancing services as well as a planning framework for further assessment and due diligence for addressing longer term issues. This will result in a plan that explains where government is going, and how government will get there. Options for consultation will be provided.

5. For Direction: Resort Task Force Action Plan

Cabinet reviewed the paper on "British Columbia Resort Strategy Action Plan".

Cabinet requested that the Resort Task Force Action Plan emphasize greater priority with current investors in order to create and reinforce a culture of more rapid delivery. The public material should have the new provincial logo on it; liquor regulatory change should be dropped; and in the resort strategy document, the SWOT analysis should be revised to find other wording.

6. For Decision: Provincial Response to Assertions of Métis Rights in B.C.

Cabinet reviewed the Cabinet submission dated October 5, 2004 titled "Provincial Response to Assertions of Métis Rights in B.C.".

Cabinet approved the recommended option that based on a historic examination of Métis presence in BC; the province will not participate in a "rights-based" discussion with either the Métis or the federal government at this time. There is no provincial duty to accommodate the Métis.

Work will continue with the Métis, within the context of the Aboriginal Socio-Economic Strategy that the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services is leading.

7. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes:

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of October 6, 2004 for the following:

**Item 1:** MAFF: Response to Avian Flu; BSE and Crop Insurance.

**Item 2:** MEM: Oil and Gas Development Strategy for the Heartlands Phase 3.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 for the following:

**Item 1:** MSER: Government Security Enhancement Program & Authentication Project.

**Item 2:** AVED Priority Initiatives.

Cabinet reviewed the note for information for the following:

**Item:** MCFD: Integrated Strategy for Children and Youth with Special Needs and made no decision.

8. For Decision: Open Cabinet - October 29

Item cancelled.

9. For Information: Legislative Update

The House Leader provided an update on the legislative agenda.

10. Question Period

11. For Information: Health Issues Update

The Health Minister noted a positive report from the Auditor General on Health Authority audits is forthcoming. The utility of a Health Ministers Council was discussed.

12. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update

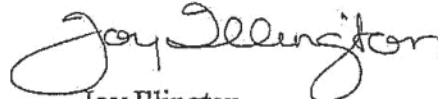
This item was not discussed.

**D. REPORTS:**

13. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received. The First Ministers' Meeting on equalization payments was noted, as the achievement of the F/P/T/ meeting of Ministers Responsible for Government Services.

14. Other:



Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

## CABINET MINUTES

October 29, 2004

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(SRM) (am only)
Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
Honourable Bond	(AEd)
Honourable Susan Brice	(MHR)
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Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR) (am only)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Brenda Locke	(MoS-MH&AS) (am)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS) (pm only)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)
Honourable Patrick Wong	(MoS-I/MS)

### Members Absent:

Honourable Sandy Santori	(MoS-RD)
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### A. CABINET MINUTES:

#### 1. Minutes of Meetings: October 20, 2004

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:2. Appointments/Regulations

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

- s.14

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C ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

## 3. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development: October 18

The Chair reported the Committee's support for the following items:

a) North/Central Coast and Ecosystem Based Management

Cabinet reviewed the submission dated October 14, 2004, "Mandate for discussion and consultation with First Nations on North Coast and Central Coast Land and Resource Management Plans' Regime of Ecosystem Based Management, and the Implementation and Governance Structure".

Cabinet approved the recommended options, subject to Treasury Board approval of the cost of compensation liabilities and future implementation plans. The challenges of adaptive management were noted for the EBM model and may result in changes being required over time. Timing was approved to proceed steadily forward with implementation to capitalize upon the consensus reached at the table.

b) Belsey Workplan

Cabinet reviewed the submission dated October 20, 2004, "Implementing the Belsey Task Force Recommendations on Land Use Planning as endorsed by the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development".

Cabinet directed that the Report be made public in low key manner once Treasury Board has approved the level of funding required to implement the recommendations. It must not be titled "MLA Task Force Report."

Any LRMP amendment/review processes need to be coordinated with the Beetle Advisory Panel so that they are consistent, particularly respecting ENGO involvement. Cabinet directed that there be a further Cabinet submission on the schedule for LRMP review/amendment.

4. For Decision: Framework for Resource Revenue Sharing Negotiation

Cabinet reviewed the Cabinet submission dated October 13, 2004, "Framework for Resource Revenue Sharing Negotiation".

Cabinet approved the Framework for Resource Revenue-Sharing negotiations and did this in association with the Treasury Board Minutes of October 21, 2004 which confirmed the framework.

s.14

5. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes:

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

**Item 1:** Resource Revenue Sharing Framework

**Item 2:** s.14

s.14

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decision of Treasury Board's meeting of October 27, 2004 for the following:

**Item 1:** Pacific Marine Circle Route Road Improvements

6. For Decision: Response to the Reports of the 2004: Judicial Justice Compensation Commission and Judges Compensation Commission

a) Judicial Justices Compensation Commission

Cabinet reviewed the submission dated October 22, 2004, "Response to the Report of the 2004 Judicial Justices Compensation Commission".

Cabinet approved the recommendations of the Commission which will represent in all, approximately \$200,000 incremental costs for the Ministry. These will be reflected in a request to Treasury Board when the Service Plan is reviewed there.

b) Judges Compensation Commission

Cabinet reviewed the submission dated October 14, 2004, "Response to the Report of the 2004 Judges Compensation Commission".

Cabinet approved the response recommendations on pages 3-5 of the Cabinet submission.

Specifically Cabinet approved application of the government mandate of 0, and 0 for the first two years of the report, and up to \$198, 000 in 2006/07. (Cabinet noted the 31% increases received by Provincial Court Judges during the past 6 year period.)

The Attorney General should be prepared to announce that he will recommend the increase to the legislature in the near future, rather than waiting for the Legislature to resume session.

6A. For Decision: Network BC- Closing the Digital Divide

This item was deferred to the next Cabinet meeting so that it can be circulated in advance.

7 For Direction: Children and Youth with Special Needs and their Families.

Cabinet noted the issues identified at Treasury Board's meeting of October 18, 2004 for the following:

Item 1: Integrated Strategy for Children and Youth with Special Needs.

Cabinet discussed the Powerpoint which updated the Cabinet submission "BC Special Needs Agency - Developing an Integrated Service and Delivery System and Structure for Children with Special Needs and Their Families", presented October 20, 2004.

The specific quick wins include increasing the opportunities for respite care and reducing the waitlist for access to other services. Work will continue on how government configures services to special needs children and their families. An integrated planning

unit, reporting to the 3 lead deputies will undertake financial due diligence, and development of an accountability framework with comprehensive performance measures.

Cabinet approved the principles of service integration and the approach of the short term investments. It was noted that Treasury Board's approval was necessary for any incremental funding on short term investments.

Cabinet asked to see the communications plan to address the proposed phased implementation of planning for integration between now and June 2005, with consultation on implementation of the integrated model to begin in summer 2005.

8. For Information: Health Issues Update

Cabinet was informed of the Privacy and Information Commissioner's report on alternative service delivery and the government's steps to safeguard personal information. Government communications with the Commissioner's comments should be prepared to reply to any further external criticisms of alternate service delivery, if necessary.

The Health Services Minister was asked to be prepared to respond to any adverse comment on the scope of practice for nurse-practitioners.

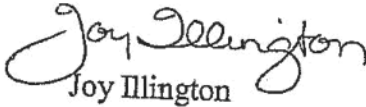
D. REPORTS:

9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

10. Other:

Decisions are expected shortly on the Haida/Weyerhauser and Taku River cases. It was noted that government has not waited for the Supreme Court of Canada to rule and has already implemented an ongoing system of consultation and accommodation.

  
Joy Illington  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary