

CABINET MINUTES

March 16, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

CABINET CHAMBERS

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(SRM)
Honourable Bill Barisoff	(WLAP)
Honourable Pat Bell	(MoS-M)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(HS)
Honourable Susan Brice	(MHR)
Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(EDU)
Honourable Ida Chong	(AE)
Honourable Murray Coell	(CAWS)
Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
Honourable Mike de Jong	(MoF)
Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoT)
Honourable Stan Hagen	(CFD)
Honourable Colin Hansen	(FIN)
Honourable John Les	(SB&ED)
Honourable Brenda Locke	(MoS-MH&AS)
Honourable Wendy McMahon	(MoS-W&SS)
Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(PR)
Honourable Patrick Wong	(MoS-IMS)

Members Absent:

Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
Honourable Patty Sahota	(MoS-RD)
Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

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

Approved.

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

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

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[Honourable Rick Thorpe, Minister of Provincial Revenue, declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting without participating in the consideration of the matter.]

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The Late Addition Order in Council list was approved as presented.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

3. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development
- Minutes February 28

Deferred.

4. For Decision: Renewal of Vancouver Agreement 2005

Cabinet reviewed a Cabinet submission dated January 7, 2005, entitled "Vancouver Agreement 2005". Cabinet approved the signing of the Vancouver Agreement, 2005.

5. For Decision: New Deal for Cities and Communities

Cabinet reviewed a submission titled "New Deal for British Columbia Cities and Communities" dated March 9, 2005 and approved the recommended option to:

1. Have the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services continue negotiations with the federal government and with GVRD toward the conclusion of a New Deal for BC Cities and Communities Agreement;
2. Prior to changing the BC/UBCM proposal as it relates to the GVRD area assurance be secured from the GVRD that its member communities fully support that 100% of their annual entitlement of New Deal monies be directed for implementation of the GVTA's integrated transportation plan;
3. That the continued negotiations with the federal government on a New Deal for Cities and Communities results in an Agreement that ensures:
 - a. The scope of eligible expenditures for small communities is expanded to include a practical range of projects OR the agreement includes a provision to re-open the scope of eligible projects in the third year;
 - b. The agreement contains a strong "favoured province" clause that ensures that BC would not suffer from being the first province to conclude an agreement; and
 - c. The federal government drops its proposal that local governments must also report on the expenditure of their GST rebate as part of their New Deal reporting requirements.

6. Child Care Funding Priorities

Cabinet reviewed a submission titled "Child Care Funding Priorities: Federal Early Learning and Child Care Funding" and approved the Ministry of Children and Family Development to enter into a new five-year Early Learning and Child Care agreement with the federal government subject to review and approval of the final agreement by the Chair of Treasury Board prior to final sign off.

The Ministry is to pursue a "most favoured province" clause in the agreement.

Cabinet approved in principle the Ministry's proposed allocation of new federal funding among early learning and child care programs and new initiatives, subject to review and approval of the proposed plan by the Chair of Treasury Board once negotiations are complete and the federal funding profile is confirmed.

7. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes:

March 3

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of March 3, 2005 for the following:

Item 1: Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development: Sovereign Lake Ski Club Exemption

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

Item 2: Ministry of Advanced Education: Capital Projects

Item 3: Ministry of Management Services: Network BC

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

Item 4: Ministry of Transportation: RAV Update and Issue Resolution

Item 5: Ministry of Transportation: Needles Bridge Project

Item 6: Ministry of Human Resources: PWD Earnings Exemption Increase; and,

Item 7: Ministry of Children and Family Development: New Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement

7. For Information: Health Issues Update

Cabinet did not deal with this item.

8. For Information: Aboriginal/Legal Decisions Update
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D. REPORTS:

9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

10. Other:

Delegation of Decision Making Authority to Treasury Board

Cabinet approved a request to:

- 1) delegate final decision-making authority to the Chair of Treasury Board to authorize the Ministry of Transportation to enter into concession agreements for both the Okanagan Lake Bridge and Sea-to-Sky Highway projects and to proceed with the Pitt River Crossing project; and,

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Kathryn Dawson
Assistant Deputy Minister
Cabinet and Committee Support

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C A B I N E T C H A M B E R S

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	Honourable Ida Chong	(AE)
	Honourable Roger Harris	(MoS-FO)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(MoS-IGR)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(MS)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: March 16**

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. Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development Minutes:**

- February 28

The Chair reported the Committee's recommendation of approval of the Expected Results for the Minister of State for Mining.

The Committee recommended approval of the Alternative Energy Strategy.

The Committee received a presentation on the Strategic Plan for Energy Efficiency in Buildings and recommended approval for its implementation.

The Committee also reviewed and recommended approval for an Oil and Gas Commission Fee proposal which increased petroleum and natural gas levies and decreased the well authorization application fee.

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The Chair reported on the reception of the Invasive Plant Advisory Panel's report which has been referred for review to the inter-Ministry Invasive Plant Committee and the Deputy Ministers Committee on Environment and Resource Development with the objective being the development of a Treasury Board submission.

The Committee recommended approval in principle of the elements of the Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan 2005-2010.

The Committee reviewed the documents on "Natural Geological and Hydrological Hazards" - a proposed provincial management strategy for Crown Land hazards. The Committee recommended approval in principle for the proposed strategy.

The Committee noted a request from Methanex Inc. for a natural gas royalty rebate. Cabinet noted that a Competition Council will be the appropriate place to hear from businesses about conditions that will assist businesses to maintain competitive in the future.

Cabinet was provided with an update of discussions with the Haida over the QCI Land Use Plan. This is a dynamic situation that may involve the need for the use of some interim protection measures and some assessment of the cost prior to any new steps being taken. Cabinet will be kept advised.

Cabinet was also provided with an update on federal funding to assist with the Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan.

4. For Decision: Central Coast and North Coast
Final Land Resource Management Plans

This item was deferred for further consideration.

5. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes: March 16

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of March 16, 2005 for the following:

Item 1: Kwantlen College Expansions;

Item 3: Mandate for BC Hydro Negotiations with the Stl'atl'imx Nation;

Item 4: Yekooche First Nation Agreement-in-Principle Approval;

Item 7: Negotiating Strategy for Northern Ferries; and

Item 2: Squamish/Lil'Wat Cultural Center in Whistler.

Item 5: Prince George Emergency Financial Assistance Fund

This item was withdrawn from consideration as the Ministry will fund it from existing funds.

[Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance, declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting without participating in the consideration of **Item 2:** Squamish/Lil'Wat Cultural Center in Whistler.]

6. Business of Government in the Writ Period

Cabinet received a briefing on the conventions of Cabinet government, the caretaking period once the Writ period has entered and Cabinet confidentiality. A letter from Ken Dobell to all Deputy Ministers will be provided about the Writ period, and will be made public.

D. REPORTS:**7. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report**

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

8. Other:

- For Decision: Cancer Presumptions for Firefighters
Under the Workers' Compensation Act

Cabinet reviewed the material on cancer presumptions for firefighters under the *Workers' Compensation Act*. This is a request that municipalities have made to the provincial government and requires enabling legislation.

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Joy Illington
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

April 10, 2005

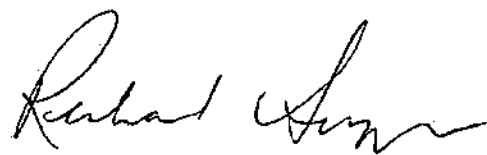
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

VANCOUVER CABINET CHAMBERS

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Members Absent:	Honourable Brenda Locke	(MoS-MH&AS)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(EDU)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(AE)

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

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Richard Simpson
Cabinet Officer

C A B I N E T M I N U T E S

June 17, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
C A B I N E T C H A M B E R S

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HLTH)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(ARR)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(AVED)
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	Honourable Stan Hagen	(CFD)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(ECDEV)
	Honourable Olga Ilich	(TSA)
	Honourable John Les	(PSSG)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EMPR)
	Honourable Barry Penner	(ENV)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSCC)
	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIGR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Wallace Oppal	(AG)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Roles and Responsibilities of Ministers**

Cabinet received direction on the roles and responsibilities of Ministers.

2. Role of Premier's Office - Chief of Staff and his team

Cabinet received information on the role of the Chief of Staff and his team.

3. Annual Cycle and Decision Making Structure of Cabinet

Cabinet received a presentation on the annual planning, budget and legislative cycle and on the decision-making structure of Cabinet and the committees which support it.

B. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**4. For Information: Interim TB Decisions**

Cabinet reviewed the minutes of Treasury Board's meeting of April 7, 2005 on the following:

Item 1: Okanagan Lake Bridge Project (MOT); and

Item 2: Ministry of Transportation (MOT) and Sea to Sky (S2S) Upgrade Project.

5. For Information: Briefing on Health

Cabinet received a presentation regarding potential implications of the Chaouli Supreme Court of Canada decision.

6. For Information: New Reconciliation Framework

Cabinet received a brief description of a draft agreement made between representatives of First Nations and the province.

C. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**7. Proclamations/Corridor Orders**

Cabinet reviewed the attached list of Proclamations and Corridor Orders.

D. REPORTS:8. Western Premiers' Report

Cabinet received an update on recent discussions of the Western Premiers.

9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

10. Other:A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E MacMillan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

June 28, 2005

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

Vancouver Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(ARR)
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	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. CABINET MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Meeting: June 17, 2005

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

2. Proclamations/Corridor Orders

Cabinet reviewed and approved the list of Orders in Council with the exception^{s.14}
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C. ITEMS for DISCUSSION:

3. Public Accounts 2004/05

Cabinet received a presentation on the Public Accounts for 2004/05.

D. ITEMS for INFORMATION:

4. Treasury Board Minutes:

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of June 23, 2005 for the following:

Item 1: Ministry of Transportation and Treasury Board Staff – Transportation Investment Plan;

Item 2: Ministry of Transportation – Okanagan Lake Crossing (William R. Bennett Bridge);

Item 3: Capital and Debt Management.

D. REPORTS

5. Health Status Report:

The minister responsible gave a brief update.

6. First Nations Update:

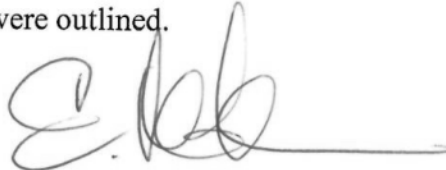
The minister responsible gave a brief update.

7. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report:

Members were reminded to advise the minister responsible of their intergovernmental activities. The minister responsible gave a brief update and the Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

8. Cabinet Planning Session:

Key topics and objectives for the session were outlined.

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Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

C A B I N E T M I N U T E S

July 26, 2005
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
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	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. ITEMS for DECISION/DISCUSSION:**1. Labour Bargaining Agenda**

Cabinet received a briefing on the timing for public sector bargaining and instructed Ministers de Jong and Bond to report back to Cabinet in September with implementation details that would allow direct communication with teachers, legislation to preclude partisan political activity in the classroom, the creation of registry reporting names of teachers disciplined for misconduct, and the definition of essential services.

2. BCTF/Education Strategy

Cabinet received a presentation entitled "Governance of Learning in British Columbia, 2005 and Beyond" and instructed the Ministry of Education to proceed with policy development to add responsibility for early learning and community literacy to the responsibilities of school boards. Cabinet also instructed the Ministry of Education to provide further information, particularly as it relates to possible financial benefits, on the establishment of regional service centres to deal with the business and capital management functions currently performed by individual school boards.

3. Legislative Review

Cabinet received a brief update on progress toward defining the fall legislative agenda.

B. REPORTS**4. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report**

Cabinet received a status report.

5. Health Status Report

The status report was deferred.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

**July 27, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers**

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
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Honourable Barry Penner	(ENV)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. CABINET MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Meeting: June 28, 2005

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations with the exception of s.14

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Cabinet also reviewed and approved Orders-In-Council to do the following:

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C. ITEMS for DECISION:

3. Pay Scales:

Cabinet reviewed and discussed a presentation entitled "Repositioning Executive Compensation in the BC Public Service, July 2005". Cabinet agreed that further consideration of this issue is necessary and requested additional information from the Public Service Agency.

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5. Tuition Cap

Cabinet reviewed and approved the Ministry of Advanced Education submission dated July 19, 2005 entitled "Implementation of the tuition limit announced in the Throne Speech on February 8, 2005".

6. Knowledge Network

Cabinet reviewed the Ministry of Advanced Education submission dated July 7, 2005 entitled "Knowledge Network Renewal" and directed a committee chaired by Minister Coell and comprised of Ministers de Jong and Taylor, Martyn Brown, Jessica McDonald, Philip Steenkamp and Moura Quayle to provide a report to Cabinet on a new vision and governance structure for Knowledge

Network, proposed candidates for a new board of directors and transition arrangements.

7. Treasury Board Minutes

Cabinet reviewed the decision of Treasury Board's meeting of July 12, 2005 for the following:

Item 1: Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project (VCCEP) Revisions of Scope, Budget and Schedule.

Cabinet approved the decision of Treasury Board with the exception that an increase to the project budget would be limited to a maximum of \$615 million.

Minister Taylor provided a brief summary of the Treasury Board meeting of July 21st, 2005. Minutes for this meeting will be reported to Cabinet at its next meeting.

D. ITEMS for INFORMATION/REVIEW:

8. Overview of Five Great Goals:

Discussion of this item deferred to September.

9. New Relationship with First Nations

Cabinet reviewed a presentation entitled "Definitions and Principles of a New Relationship". Cabinet accepted the definitions of the terms included in the presentation as a basis for the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation to continue discussions and explore options for a new relationship with First Nations representatives.

E. REPORTS:

10. First Nations Update:

The update was deferred until September.

11. For Information: Ferry Commission Annual Report

Cabinet received this report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 and approved its submission to the Clerk in accordance with Section 53 of the *Coastal Ferry Act*.

12. Other -- Premier's Council on Seniors and Aging

Cabinet members were requested to provide the Premier their recommendations for appointments to this council by August 5th, 2005.

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Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

**September 7, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers**

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
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	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(TRAN)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meetings: July 26 and 27, 2005**

Approved with the addition of further direction related to the Labour Bargaining agenda item. s.14

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B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL**2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations with the exception of s.14

Cabinet also approved orders to:

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C. ITEMS for DECISION:**3. For Decision: GCC: Natural Resources and Economy Minutes:****July 12**

Approved with the exception that the existence of the GCCNRE does not preclude items coming directly to Cabinet where appropriate coordination and development of the item between ministries has occurred.

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Approved with a note that full attendance and participation at GGCs is expected and therefore rules of quorum should prove unnecessary.

4. Treasury Board Minutes – July 21

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of Treasury Board's meeting of July 21, 2005 for the following:

Item 1: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; and

Item 4: Premiers' Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues – Remuneration of Chair.

5. For Decision: s.14
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6. For Decision: Education Labour Strategy

Cabinet reviewed a submission dated September 1, 2005 and titled "Maintaining essential services in education during labour disputes". Cabinet also received a presentation dated September 7, 2005 and titled "Education Collective Bargaining".

Cabinet directed the Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services to lead a committee to develop government's strategy in response to education labour disputes. The committee is comprised of:

- Ministers of Education and Finance;
- Chief of Staff;
- Deputy Minister to the Premier;
- Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Social Development;
- Deputy Minister of Education;
- Associate Deputy Minister of the Public Sector Employers' Council; and
- Associate Deputy Minister, Labour

The strategy is to address the following:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities of Ministers, ministries and officials;
- Direct the preparation of settlement legislation to roll over the current contract for 2 years at 0 – 0 mandate;
- Explore a range of additional benefits for teachers including an annual allowance of approximately \$240.00 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred for classroom supplies;
- Determine the appropriate timing for and nature of government intervention in the labour dispute, should it become necessary;
- Develop a proposal, including necessary legislation, for restructuring the bargaining process and implementing appropriate recommendations of the Wright Commission
- Develop a well-coordinated communications plan to clearly articulate government's position and establish it as the leader in ensuring ongoing education for children during labour disputes.

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7. For Decision: s.14

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D. ITEMS for INFORMATION/REVIEW:8. For Information: Budget Update

Cabinet received a briefing on the proposed budget update for September.

Cabinet requested that the Minister of Finance investigate and report back on changes to the level of support provided to seniors from the Seniors' Supplement since its inception. Cabinet also requested that the Minister of Finance provide MLAs with information on the anticipated benefits seniors in their constituencies would receive as a result of specific budget initiatives.

Cabinet also directed the Minister of Economic Development to report the status of the film industry's progress in undertaking specific tasks that were identified in Spring 2005 at the time the Film Tax Credit was announced.

Cabinet directed Ministers to actively promote the importance of capital expenditure reporting to the Ministry of Finance from agencies for which they are responsible.

E. REPORTS:9. Health Status Report

Cabinet received an update on a number of upcoming and ongoing initiatives and provided advice on the same.

10. First Nations Update

Cabinet received an update from the minister responsible.

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet received an update from the minister responsible. It directed the Minister of State for Mining to lead, in coordination with the Minister of State Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, the development of a plan related to the considerations for national park establishment.

12. Other

Cabinet received an overview of the highlights of the draft Throne Speech.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

September 14, 2005

8:00 a.m. - Noon

Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
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	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Barry Penner	(ENV)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meetings: September 7, 2005**

Approved with the following amendment to the minute of the Intergovernmental Relations Status Report:

The Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations is to coordinate with the Minister of State for Mining a memorandum of understanding with the State of Montana regarding natural resource management.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL**2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations.

C. ITEMS for DECISION:**3. For Decision: s.14**

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For Decision: Port Alice

Cabinet directed the Minister of Economic Development to seek a negotiated solution that includes limited provincial liability and a charge placed against the property to ensure costs incurred by the Province can be recovered. The Minister should also explore options to establish municipal ownership of the site. Cabinet indicated that any final negotiations would require Treasury Board approval prior to being finalized.

D. ITEMS for INFORMATION/REVIEW:**4. For Information: Update on Education Labour Strategy**

Cabinet was advised of the actions taken in response to Cabinet's September 7th direction.

5. For Information: Budget Update

Cabinet received a brief report on key elements of the updated budget.

For Information: Five Great Goals

Cabinet received a presentation entitled "Great Goals for A Golden Decade" dated September 14th.

E. REPORTS:**6. Health Status Report**

Cabinet received an update.

7. Legislative Update

Cabinet received an update and members were reminded to advise the House Leader if any of their legislative initiatives were behind schedule for introduction to the House.

8. First Nations Update

No report was made.

9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet received an update.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

September 21, 2005

8:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
	Honourable Tom Christensen	(ARR)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(AVED)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(LCS)
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	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)
Members Absent:	Honourable Rich Coleman	(FOR)

A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meetings: September 14, 2005**

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL**2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations, with the exception that^{s.14}

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C. ITEMS for DECISION:**3. For Decision: GCC Social Development Minutes – September 13th**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the decisions of the GCC on Social Development meeting of September 13th, 2005.

4. For Decision: Education Labour Strategy

Cabinet received a presentation on possible strategies, timing and the roles of affected Ministers. It directed the Public Affairs Bureau to prepare background material to support Ministers in their individual roles.

5. For Decision: Port Alice

Cabinet directed the Minister of Economic Development to continue to seek an agreement that would include:

- Information demonstrating a viable business operation;
- A limit to the risk of long-term, future costs associated with environmental contamination; and
- A repayment schedule upon profitable business operations.

Cabinet also directed a committee to develop an integrated, community transition plan to address the needs of Port Alice families and their village. The committee is to be led by the Minister of Community Services and comprised of the Ministers of Economic Development; Children and Families; Health; Employment and Income Assistance; Environment; and Education.

D. REPORTS:6. Health Status Report

Cabinet received an update.

7. First Nations Update

Cabinet received an update.

8. Legislative Update

Cabinet received an update.


9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet received an update and were reminded to advise the Minister of State Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations of any intergovernmental activity including discussions with the federal government.

E. OTHER:10. Healthy Children, Healthy Families

A cabinet committee and supporting deputy minister committee were established to develop a long-term, cross-ministry strategy putting children and families first. The cabinet committee is to be chaired by the Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts and comprised of:

- o Minister of Children and Family Development,
- o Minister of Education,
- o Minister of Health,
- o Minister of Community Services,
- o Minister of Employment and Income Assistance, and
- o Minister of State for Childcare.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

September 30, 2005

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Vancouver Cabinet Office

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(ARR)
Honourable Murray Coell	(AVED)
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Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**1. Late Additions: Appointments/Regulations**

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B. ITEMS for INFORMATION:**2. For Information: Report on Early Childhood Development Mandate**

Cabinet reviewed a submission entitled "Early Childhood Development--Getting Kids Ready to Learn" and dated September 22, 2005. Cabinet directed the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Education to develop a policy paper on early childhood development which articulates:

- what government is trying to accomplish;
- how resources should be allocated across government; and
- how benefits for children can be maximized.

Cabinet reiterated the vital importance of coordination and cooperation between ministries including on public consultation. It directed the development of a single, coordinated consultation plan to guide the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Education and the Minister of State for Child Care. It also directed the development of a communication plan which included advice to MLAs consistent with governments objectives.

Cabinet decided to adjust the name of the Healthy Children Healthy Families Committee of Cabinet to the Strong Start BC Committee of Cabinet and to ensure that Deputy Ministers' committee supporting it had the benefit of advice from Treasury Board staff to ensure accurate accounting of resource allocations across ministries.

3. For Information: Port Alice

Cabinet received an update on negotiations with the proponent. The Minister of Economic Development expects a final response to government's request for the proponent's business plan early in the week of October 3rd. Cabinet also received an update on the development of an Integrated Response Plan for the Village of Port Alice and what environmental measures may be necessary to secure the mill facility.

C. ITEMS for DECISION:**4. For Decision: Education Labour Update**

Cabinet received an update on actions related to the labour dispute and reviewed the terms of appointment for an industrial inquiry commissioner. Cabinet directed the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services to review the language of section II so that recommendations of the commission will provide advice on techniques and approaches that could be used to determine compensation within financial targets that may be established from time to time and by successive governments. Accordingly, Cabinet agreed to remove the 2nd bullet on page 2 of the terms of reference. Cabinet also directed that findings of a commission be reported by December 31, 2005.

5. For Decision: Columbia Basin Trust

Cabinet reviewed the submission "Columbia Basin Trust Option Agreement" signed September 21, 2005 and approved the recommendation – Option 2 which if unsuccessful should be followed by Option 4. Cabinet directed the Deputy Minister of Economic Development to negotiate with officials of the Columbia Basin Trust for a settlement of no more than \$10 million. s.14

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Cabinet directed further development of a communication strategy to ensure full disclosure of facts about the Option Agreement and expressed its expectation that officials of the Ministry of Economic Development and the Minister of State for Mining work closely to ensure coordinated actions in response to it.

D. OTHER:**Softwood Lumber Agreement**

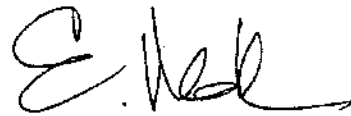
Cabinet received an update on negotiations and planned discussions with officials from the federal government and provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

Agenda management

Cabinet was reminded of expectations for materials prepared for cabinet information and decision. Submissions are to be fully developed including a clear recommendation, signed by the Minister(s) responsible and submitted according to Cabinet Operations deadlines to allow adequate opportunity for Cabinet review prior to meeting. The Premier reminded Cabinet that the committee structure and its agendas, managed by the Deputy Minister to the Premier, are specifically designed to address the key priorities of Cabinet and do not allow for last minute or "walk-in" items.

Asia-Pacific Initiative

Cabinet was advised that to ensure coordination on Asia-Pacific initiatives, ministerial travel in Asia would only be approved on the recommendation of the Minister of Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

October 5, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
Honourable Tom Christensen	(ARR)
Honourable Rich Coleman	(FOR)
Honourable Mike de Jong	(LCS)
Honourable Kevin Falcon	(IRAN)
Honourable Stan Hagen	(CFD)
Honourable Colin Hansen	(ECDEV)
Honourable Olga Ilich	(TSA)
Honourable John Les	(PSSG)
Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EMPR)
Honourable Wally Oppal	(AG)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
Honourable Claude Richmond	(ELA)
Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

Members Absent:

Honourable Murray Coell	(AVED)
Honourable Barry Penner	(ENV)

A. CABINET MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Meetings: September 21st and 30th, 2005
Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:

2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations, with the exception of the^{s.14}
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C. ITEMS for INFORMATION:

3. For Decision: ICBC Optional & Basic Auto Insurance

Cabinet reviewed a submission entitled "Amendments to Special Direction IC2 to the BC Utilities Commission" and dated October 5, 2005. Cabinet approved Option 2, as recommended, to amend Special Direction IC2 allowing government to address BCUC's concern by directing the transfer of sufficient capital from the Optional insurance business to the Basic insurance business. This would achieve the established capital target and support the goal of low and stable rates.

4. For Decision: Education Policy Mandate

Cabinet reviewed a presentation entitled "Education 2010 and Beyond" and provided support and direction on the following components:

Repurpose School Boards with a broader role as Boards of Education, and prepare legislative amendments and other necessary instruments to define them and their operations;

Identify examples of BC schools that are successfully implementing enhanced forms of school-based management and incentives that would encourage other schools to follow suit. On the basis of the successful examples, establish School Planning Councils, which have specific authorities in school decision-making and direct involvement of teachers and parents in the decision-making;

Develop a business model for the regionalization of business functions currently performed by individual school boards.

Work with Partnerships BC to identify options for a provincial or regional approach to the management of seismic upgrades to schools with a submission to Treasury Board and Cabinet before the end of 2005. Options should ensure the greatest value for the \$1.5 billion budget dedicated to seismic upgrades.

5. For Decision: Education Labour Dispute

Cabinet discussed the merits of various candidates to be appointed as the Industrial Inquiry Commissioner and decided to ask Vince Ready to accept the appointment.

D. ITEMS for INFORMATION:6. Update on Port Alice

Cabinet received an update on the status of negotiations with the proponent and the timing and nature of intervention by the Trustee.

E. REPORTS:7. Health Status Report

Cabinet received an update from the Minister of Health regarding upcoming conferences and projected timeframes for a response to recent court decisions on tobacco.

8. First Nations Update

The Minister of Aboriginal Relation and Reconciliation advised there were no significant developments since his last report.

9. Legislative Update

The House Leader provided a brief update on the progress of bills for introduction.

10. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet received an update from the Minister responsible on his recent trip to Washington D.C. Issues included recent developments on passport requirements for travel to the U.S. and the U.S. stance on the softwood dispute.

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Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

October 19, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers

Members Present:

Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
Honourable Murray Coell	(AVED)
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Honourable Barry Penner	(ENV)
Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
Honourable Claude Richmond	(ELA)
Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)

Members Absent:

Honourable Stan Hagen	(CFD)
Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. CABINET MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Meetings: October 5th, 2005
Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:

2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations
Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations, with the exception of the s.14

C. ITEMS for DECISION:

3. For Decision: Strong Start BC Cabinet Committee Minutes
Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 6th meeting of SSBC.
4. For Decision: GCC Social Development Minutes
Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 3rd meeting for the following items:
 - *ActNow BC:* Cabinet agreed that the direction of the ActNow presentation should be reflected in the service plans of the many agencies that have a responsibility for its implementation.s.14
- *Fee Issue Papers:* Cabinet accepted the GCC's review of the papers and their referral for review through the budget process. Cabinet endorsed the notion of fees being established at levels that achieve cost recovery however Cabinet expressed strong concern that costs are not challenged adequately to ensure they are kept to a minimum. It directed the Deputy Minister to the Premier to report on how this can be assured.
5. For Decision: GCC Natural Resources & Economy Minutes
Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 3rd meeting for the following item:
 - *Finfish Aquaculture Strategy:* Cabinet reviewed the minute of the GCC and a submission entitled "Marine Finfish Aquaculture Strategy" dated October 11, 2005. It approved the submission's recommended option (option 3) and directed the Minister of Agriculture and Lands to obtain the advice of the Legislative Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture on the recommended option.

6. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes

Minutes of October 5th and 6th meetings were not available for review.

D. ITEMS for INFORMATION:7. Update on Port Alice

Cabinet received an update on the status of negotiations with the proponent including receipt and review of the proponent's business plan by an independent industry consultant.

E. REPORTS:8. Health Status Report

Cabinet received an update from the Minister of Health regarding evidence based benchmarks and use of catastrophic drug treatment of rare diseases—both of which will be discussed at the Ministers of Health Meeting on October 22nd and 23rd in Toronto.

Cabinet directed the Minister of Health to table BC's best available evidence-based benchmarks and propose their use as national standards in response to the following five areas: cardiology, cataracts, cancer, diagnostic procedures, and orthopedics.

Cabinet directed the Minister of Health to propose the establishment of a national risk management scheme, funded by provinces and territories to cover the costs of catastrophic drug treatment.

9. First Nations Update

The Minister of Aboriginal Relation and Reconciliation reported on his recent meetings with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and with the BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chiefs Assembly. Cabinet discussed its commitment to work with the federal government to make significant progress on a variety of important First Nations initiatives.

10. Legislative Update

The House Leader provided a brief update on the progress of bills for introduction.

11. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet received a report on upcoming intergovernmental meetings.

12. Other

- *Fiscal discipline and corporate priorities:* Cabinet was directed to continue to deliver its individual responsibilities through existing ministry budgets. Members were directed to continue to challenge themselves and their ministries to accomplish their responsibilities—even new ones—within their existing budgets, to continually reflect on the principles of the Core Review Process and to make use of the Strategic Plan Update to direct the development of their service plans. Cabinet agreed that additional funding would be provided only to key priorities of government determined by Cabinet from the strategic plan and service plans.
- *Labour Update:* Cabinet received an update on the Industrial Inquiry Commissioner's discussions with the BC Teacher's Federation.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

CABINET MINUTES

**October 26, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cabinet Chambers**

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(HEA)
	Honourable Pat Bell	(AL)
	Honourable Bill Bennett	(MoSM)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(EDUC)
	Honourable Ida Chong	(CSERV)
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	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSC)
	Honourable Claude Richmond	(EIA)
	Honourable Carole Taylor	(FIN)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(SBR)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(MoSIR)

A. CABINET MINUTES:

1. Minutes of Meetings: October 19th, 2005
The minutes of October 19th were approved with the addition that Cabinet directed the Minister of Agriculture and Lands to meet with the Chair of the Legislative Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture, develop Terms of Reference for the Committee and provide these to the House Leader.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:

2. Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations
Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Appointments, Regulations and Proclamations, s.14
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C. ITEMS for DECISION:

3. For Decision: GCC Natural Resources and Economy Minutes
Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 17th meeting for the following items:
 - Item 2: Oil and Gas Regulatory Initiative Stakeholder Discussion Paper
 - Item 5: Recycling Regulation of E-Waste and Tires
 - Item 6: Act Now BC

Cabinet advised the GGC Chair that forthcoming recommendations on entry-level minimum wages should anticipate future requirements so that any adjustments to the program would have an enduring effectiveness and maintain increased youth employment levels.

[The Minister of Agriculture and Lands, declared a conflict and withdrew from the meeting without participating in consideration of the matter.]

4. For Decision: Treasury Board Minutes

Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 5th meeting for the following items:

- Item 3: Ministry of Transportation Port of Prince Rupert Fairview Terminal Conversion
- Items 4, 5 & 6: Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation: In-SHUCK-ch, Yale and Lheidli T'enneh Treaty Tables.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the amended minutes of the October 6th meeting regarding Item 1: Devolution of Federal Social Housing Administration in British Columbia.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 18th meeting regarding Sun Wave Forest Products Ltd.

Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 19th meeting regarding the Kicking Horse Canyon Project Phase 2.

5. For Decision: Provincial Infrastructure and Debt

Cabinet reviewed a presentation entitled "Provincial Infrastructure and Debt Strategy" dated October 18, 2005 and directed the Minister of Finance to return to Cabinet with the following:

- A 10-year provincial infrastructure and debt plan that refines proposed versus approved expenditures, ensures a declining ratio of tax-payer supported debt to GDP, and allows a three-year forecast in the 2006/07 budget;
- Options for defining affordability of debt and capital expenditures based on a cross-jurisdictional review;
- An assessment of risk factors which would affect the infrastructure and debt plan such as cost of materials, labour markets, and interest rates; and
- An economic forecast providing context for assessment of the expenditures of the infrastructure and debt plan.

Cabinet agreed that the infrastructure and debt plan should be tabled for decision at Open Cabinet.

Cabinet also requested the advice of the Minister of Finance on short-comings of generally-accepted accounting policies (GAAP) as applied in BC, approaches which would address these short-comings and recommendations on key proposals for which government should seek the concurrence of the Auditor General.

Cabinet agreed to establish a committee of cabinet to manage the infrastructure and debt plan and review capital expenditures.

E. REPORTS:6. Health Status Report

Cabinet received an update from the Minister of Health regarding the Ministers of Health Meeting on October 22nd and 23rd.

7. First Nations Update

The Minister of Aboriginal Relation and Reconciliation advised there were no significant developments since his last report.

8. Legislative Update

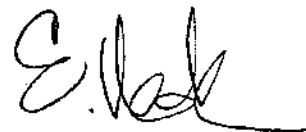
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9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

Cabinet was reminded to consult with the Minister of State Responsible for Intergovernmental Relations to ensure coordinated commitments and representation at federal/provincial/territorial meetings.

10. Other

- *Review of taxes paid by Crown Corporations:* Cabinet directed the Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Natural Resources and Economy to review the various arrangements by which Crown Corporations pay taxes. Cabinet requested recommendations on appropriate revisions to policies which ensure taxation treatment of crowns is as close as possible to private sector organizations while still maintaining provincial public interest.
- *Budget review:* Cabinet was advised that the remaining 2006/07 ministry budget reviews will directly examine how the ministry will contribute to the Great Goals, Themes of the Strategic Plan and Cross Government Priorities. Treasury Board Chair will meet with ministers of agencies which have already undergone their 2006/07 review to discuss how their ministry's budget submission contributes to the goals, themes and priorities. These agencies include: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Advanced Education, Attorney General and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.



Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary