Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot - August 1-31, 2012

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between August 1 and August 31, 2012. The full details of each registration are searchable at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

- Connie Abram, an in-house lobbyist with the Canadian Diabetes Association, is lobbying the Minister of Health to enhance the current Insulin Pump program and to ensure the provisions of the Bill aid people living with diabetes to effectively manage their disease.
- Mike and Carolyn Bailey, consultant lobbyists with Western Policy Consultants Inc., are arranging
 meetings with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) on behalf of Given Imaging Inc. to discuss
 appropriate government, hospital and private funding for small bowel and colon capsule
 endoscopy.
- 3. Mike Bailey is also coordinating meetings with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) on behalf of his client, the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries, to discuss the addition of medical cannabis on the BC Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary and the development of a regulation around retail dispensaries.
- 4. Wayne Braid, an in-house lobbyist with The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia, is lobbying several MLAs for the introduction of legislation which would update the current *Notaries Act*.
- 5. John Challinor II, an in-house lobbyist with Nestlé Waters Canada, is discussing the proposed Water Management legislation with the Minister of Environment (and/or his staff).
- 6. John Christensen, a consultant lobbyist with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, is arranging meetings with the Premier and the Minister of Finance (and/or their staff) on behalf of his client, Deloitte, to raise the company's profile.
- 7. Michael Geoghegan, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up meetings with staff of the Ministry of Health on behalf of Dr. Anthony Mathews to discuss recognition of UK trained osteopaths.
- 8. Michael Geoghegan is also coordinating meetings with MLA Pat Bell (Prince George-Mackenzie) and staff of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation on behalf of Business Victoria to discuss their funding.

- 9. Michael Geoghegan is lobbying Ministry of Justice staff on behalf of Schnitzer Steel Pacific Inc. to provide input into the new metal recycling regulations to ensure a level playing field for all those in this sector.
- 10. Mitchell Gravo, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation on behalf of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP to provide US securities fraud monitoring.
- 11. Frank Haddad, an in-house lobbyist with the Modernize Wine Association of BC, is lobbying several MLAs to modify the current policy, regulations and legislation pertaining to the sale and distribution of wines, liquors and beers and to modify the regulations regarding winery restaurants in the ALR.
- 12. Roger Harris and Catherine Palmer, consultant lobbyists with Harris Palmer & Associates, are coordinating meetings with the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of their client, Air Liquide Canada, Inc., to provide clarity on when the Dawson Creek-Chetwynd transmission line will be completed and to confirm that the province will proceed with the current Hydro pricing model.
- 13. In-house lobbyists with the BC Construction Association are lobbying several public office holders on a number of topics including back to work legislation, BC Housing procurement and apprenticeship training.
- 14. In-house lobbyists with the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce are lobbying MLA Don McRae (Comox Valley) and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture on business and property taxes, agricultural land provisos, and regional growth impact and economic changes in their community.
- 15. In-house lobbyists with Husky Energy Inc. are lobbying various public office holders on a variety of subjects, one of which is encouraging the modification of the Renewal and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation to better reflect the impact on refined capital and cost of production.
- 16. In-house lobbyists with Janssen Inc. are lobbying various public office holders for the introduction of a legislative framework for pharmaceutical services in BC and for reimbursement of pharmaceutical products on the drug formulary.
- 17. Adam Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is setting up a meeting on behalf of the BC Salmon Farmers Association with the Minister of Agriculture's staff to provide information about environmental, economic and health issues related to aquaculture.

- 18. Brenda Locke, an in-house lobbyist with the Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia, is lobbying various ministers for a public institution offering education for Registered Massage Therapists and to express concern about the changes to HST/GST how it is implemented and the impact on patients.
- 19. Nigel Lockyer and Timothy Meyer, in-house lobbyists with TRIUMF, are lobbying various public office holders on a number of topics including seeking assistance in planning for and acquisition of an accelerator to locally produce medical isotopes for BC that are presently imported and to advance science and innovation programs in BC.
- 20. Scott Lyons, an in-house lobbyist with Exel Canada Ltd., is lobbying several ministers and MLAs to develop a new liquor distribution system for the Province.
- 21. Marcella Munro, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is coordinating meetings with several MLAs (and/or their staff) on behalf of Greyhound to discuss the regulatory framework pertaining to the competitive passenger bus transportation network in BC.
- 22. Morten Paulsen, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging an informational meeting with the Office of the Premier on behalf of his client, Xplornet Communications Inc., regarding broadband services in BC.
- 23. Mark Resnick, a consultant lobbyist with The Rothwell Group, is arranging meetings with the Passenger Transportation Board and staff of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of his client, Greyhound Canada Transportation Corporation, to discuss modernization of the regulatory regime governing intercity bus services in BC.
- 24. James Rutkowski, a consultant lobbyist with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, is coordinating meetings with MLA Michelle Mungall (Nelson-Creston), MLA Bruce Ralston (Surrey-Whalley) and the Minister of Advanced Education on behalf of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC to help raise its profile and to obtain further amendments to modernize the Engineers and Geoscientists Act.
- 25. James Rutkowski is also arranging meetings on behalf of Deloitte with MLA Carole James (Victoria-Beacon Hill) and MLA Bruce Ralston (Surrey-Whalley) to raise the company's profile.
- 26. Harvey Sasaki, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and the BC Farm Industry Review Board of on behalf of his client, the BC Turkey Marketing Board, to modify the *Natural Products Marketing Act*.

- 27. Katie Shaw, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is coordinating meetings with several MLAs on behalf of LifeScan Canada to discuss the company's business in BC, specifically glucose monitoring and diabetes management.
- 28. James Snetsinger, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up meetings with staff of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, on behalf of his client, Ainsworth Engineered Canada LP, to secure forest fibre for their OSB plant.
- 29. John Talbot, a consultant lobbyist with JM Talbot and Associates Contract Management Inc., is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of FPINNOVATIONS to discuss the development of programs to strengthen economic activity in the BC natural resources sector.