

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – July 31, 2014

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between July 1 and July 31, 2014. Here is a brief summary of lobbying activities organizations and consultant lobbyists expect to carry out. The full details of each registration are searchable at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

1. Dayna Dobrowolski, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging meetings on behalf of Encana Corporation with a number of ministerial staff regarding the company's current and future business operations in British Columbia and natural gas exports.
2. Dayna Dobrowolski is also setting up a meeting with MLA Nicholas Simons (Powell River-Sunshine Coast) on behalf of the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.
3. Don Fast, Patrick Kinsella and Cynthia Shore, consultant lobbyists dba The Progressive Group, are setting up meetings with the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Minister of Environment (and/or their staff) on behalf of Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation to advance a proposal to construct a transmission line between southern Vancouver Island and the Olympic Peninsula region of Washington State.
4. Don Fast is also arranging a meeting with staff of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of Andrea Hidalgo to obtain support for completion of a documentary film about indigenous teaching approaches.
5. James Fraser and Edward Wilson of Lawson Lundell LLP are lobbying staff of the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of Teck Metals Ltd. regarding section 14 of the *Local Government Act*.
6. Gabe Garfinkel, a consultant lobbyist with FleishmanHillard Canada, is arranging meetings on behalf of Information Services Corporation with several MLAs and ministers (and/or their staff) to raise awareness about their registry services.
7. Michael Geoghegan, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging a meeting with the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training on behalf of the Council of Construction Trades Organisations to ensure they have input into changes regarding skilled trades training and certification.

8. Bert Hick, a consultant lobbyist with Rising Tide Consultants, is lobbying MLA Suzanne Anton (Vancouver-Fraserview) on behalf of the Pemberton Music Festival to help the festival with liquor licensing issues and to compel government to review policies and procedures in this area.
9. Leslie Hrushowy, a consultant lobbyist with Sequoia Management Group Inc., is arranging meetings with all ministers and parliamentary secretaries on behalf of the Cowichan Lake Community Forest Cooperative regarding application for a Community Forest Agreement.
10. Stephen Kukucha and Brad Zubyk, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc, are setting up meetings with several ministers (and/or their staff) on behalf of Everything Wine Inc. to seek stability and continuation of the current discount regime – grandfathering of the current 30% discount.
11. Mohammad Mahasneh, a consultant lobbyist with StrategyCorp Inc., is sending out invitations to several ministers and MLAs on behalf of DDC Advocacy to attend a reception being hosted by Lockheed Martin.
12. David Perry, a consultant lobbyist with Ascent Public Affairs, is arranging meetings with the Oil and Gas Commission and staff of the ministries of Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on behalf of the Association of BC Forest Professionals to promote awareness of BC professional foresters and forest technologists.
13. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with staff of the Premier and several ministers on behalf of Naikun Wind Energy Group Inc. to raise awareness about the benefits of their proposed project.
14. Ian Todd, a consultant lobbyist with Maple Leaf Strategies Inc, is setting up meetings on behalf of Comcast with the Premier and several ministers (and/or their staff) regarding the development of policies to encourage film and television production in British Columbia.
15. Ian Todd is also arranging meetings with several ministers (and/or their staff) on behalf of Black Diamond Group Limited.
16. Ian Waddell, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia on behalf of the Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine & #8453 to discuss services provided by members of the Association.
17. The BC Agriculture Council is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including amending Bill 24 and concerns of the harness racing sector.

18. The BC Federation of Labour is lobbying The Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (and/or her staff) to discuss the structure and funding of a LNG working group and the Minister for Labour regarding the *Employment Standards Act*, WorkSafe BC issues and provincial supports for temporary foreign workers.
19. The BC Non Profit Housing Association is lobbying several public office holders for the establishment of more affordable rental housing, support for capacity tools for the non-profit sector, more support for low-income tenants, and the alleviation of homelessness.
20. The Better Pharmacare Coalition is lobbying staff of the Minister of Health to encourage changes to the process for reimbursed access to effective medications on the BC Formulary.
21. BG North America LLC is lobbying the Minister of Natural Gas Development and the Minister of Finance on a fiscal and regulatory framework applicable to developing an LNG project in Prince Rupert.
22. The British Columbia Medical Association is lobbying staff of the Minister of Health to promote four of their policy papers on informal caregivers, personalized medicine, mental health and quality improvement in the health care system.
23. The British Columbia Real Estate Association is lobbying several public office holders on a range of topics including improved handling of strata documents during sales transactions and minimizing the negative impact of the Property Transfer Tax.
24. The Business Council of BC is lobbying staff of the Minister of International Trade to attract Asian/South Asian headquarters to BC.
25. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers is lobbying a number of public office holders on an extensive list of issues including increased access to skilled trades people, greenhouse gas policy and the competitiveness and practicality of taxation of major industrial properties.
26. Central 1 Credit Union is lobbying the Minister of Education and several MLAs to continue the provincial small business tax exemption for credit unions and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General to modify the Cost of Consumer Credit Regulation to permit electronic delivery of statements.
27. The Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on the impact of proposed marine protected areas and conservation areas as well as the Minister of Environment and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on a number of issues.

28. Coast Forest Products Association is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of topics including recommending changes to: BC Hydro rates, the Provincial approach to First Nations consultation and accommodation and taxation policy.
29. The Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association is lobbying staff of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General on a number of issues including introducing fines/penalties for those directly responsible for liquor law violations and investing tax revenues earned from liquor sales in public awareness and education programs.
30. Geoscience BC is lobbying several ministers for long-term predictable funding for their organization.
31. McKesson Canada is lobbying the Minister of Health regarding pharmaceutical distribution, electronic health records, medical imaging and community care solutions.
32. The Private Forest Landowners Association is lobbying several ministers for the de-regulation of private land in B.C.
33. Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of the Minister of Natural Gas Development concerning LNG policies with respect to upstream development of LNG exports.
34. Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health on product regulation, packaging and labelling requirements; the Minister of Finance regarding tobacco taxation; and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General concerning contraband tobacco.
35. TRIUMF is lobbying a number of public office holders for support for their ARIEL-II CFI proposal through the BC Knowledge Development Fund and to explore opportunities with respect to the deployment of their medical isotope technologies in British Columbia.