

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – July 31, 2013

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between July 1 and July 31, 2013. Here is a brief summary of lobbying organizations and consultant lobbyists expect to carry out. The full details of each registration are searchable at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

1. Hal Danchilla, a consultant lobbyist with the Canadian Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the Big Rock Brewery to raise the company profile in British Columbia and to review the economic and political environment as it relates to beer and taxation.
2. Jeffrey Ferrier, a consultant lobbyist with FleishmanHillard, is setting up meetings with several MLAs on behalf of Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd. to raise awareness of their BC operations and benefits.
3. Jeffrey Ferrier is also arranging meetings on behalf of TransCanada with a few MLAs to raise awareness of their operations.
4. Jeffrey Ferrier is arranging informational meetings with several MLAs on behalf of Fortune Minerals to discuss the considerations and benefits surrounding the development of the Arctos Anthracite metallurgical coal project.
5. Jeffrey Ferrier is also setting up meetings with a MLA Judy Darcy (New Westminster) and MLA Mike Farnworth (Port Coquitlam) on behalf of Loyalty One to raise awareness about the benefits of their customer rewards program at select BC pharmacies.
6. Carol Gran, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of Mark Consiglio of the Kelowna Mountain Limited Partnership regarding dedication of Forestry Road to transportation.
7. Colin Griffith, a consultant lobbyist with Colin J Griffith & Associates Inc., is arranging discussions on behalf of the City of Fort St. John with several ministers regarding extension of the existing Fair Share program.

8. David Gruber of Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP is arranging a meeting with the Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business on behalf of the Wall Financial Corporation to discuss alternatives to the hotel room tax increase in Vancouver.
9. Michael Harrison, a consultant lobbyist with the Sussex Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with Premier's Office staff and Ministry of International Trade staff on behalf of Acciona Infrastructures Canada Inc. to raise the profile of the company and discuss future opportunities in British Columbia.
10. Adam Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is arranging informational meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the District of Sechelt regarding the need for a revitalized airport to service the District.
11. Jess Ketchum, a consultant lobbyist with Ketchum Communications Ltd., is arranging meetings with the Premier and several ministers on behalf of the Armstrong Group to introduce their company executive.
12. Jess Ketchum is also setting up a briefing on industry issues with the Premier and ministers on behalf of the Council of Forest Industries.
13. Stephen Kukucha, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., is arranging a meeting with the Premier on behalf of Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada for advocacy on an initiative to create transparency around calories in products.
14. Andrew Leyne and Josh Christensen, consultant lobbyists with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, are setting up meetings with staff of the Minister of Health and Ministry staff on behalf of the Task Group for Counsellor Regulation in BC to create a new College of Counselling Therapists under the *Health Professions Act*.
15. Don Lidstone, a consultant lobbyist with Lidstone & Co., is arranging a meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission on behalf of the Village of Pemberton to discuss the exclusion of land and insertion of new land into the Agricultural Land Reserve and approval of non-farm use.
16. Michael McCarthy, a consultant lobbyist with Grosso McCarthy Inc., is arranging discussions with the Minister of Health and Ministry staff on behalf of Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Canada) Inc. regarding rare disease drug access policy and the Pan-Canadian Value Price Initiative.
17. Marcella Munro, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with several MLAs on behalf of the Cement Association of Canada regarding carbon tax policy and its impact on the cement industry in BC.

18. Marcella Munro is also arranging meetings regarding the proposed liquefied natural gas facility in Prince Rupert with several Opposition MLAs on behalf of BG International Inc doing business as BG Canada.
19. Dimitri Pantazopoulos, a consultant lobbyist with Maple Leaf Strategies, Inc., is setting up meetings with several MLAs on behalf of BFI Canada Inc. regarding a decision related to the establishment of an incinerator facility.
20. Bruce Rozenhart, a consultant lobbyist with COUNTERPOINT Communications Inc., is setting up a briefing and operations tour on behalf of Nestlé Waters Canada with the Minister of Environment and MLA Laurie Throness (Chilliwack-Hope).
21. Thomas Stewart of Stewart McDannold Stuart is lobbying Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development staff on behalf of the Capital Regional District to seek a new regulation to modify the effect of a recent court decision on conflict of interest.
22. Kathryn Stuart of Stewart McDannold Stuart is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority to seek new legislation that codifies the cross representational nature of societies and/or the Harbour Authority.
23. Christopher Thomas, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with the Minister of Environment on behalf of Northwest Waste to discuss Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan, the waste bylaws and organics regulations.
24. Ian Todd, a consultant lobbyist with Maple Leaf Strategies Inc, is arranging a meeting with staff in the Premier's Office on behalf of Adobe Systems Incorporated to promote the company, increase sales of their products and to create a positive political and administrative atmosphere for digital solutions.
25. Bruce Young, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe BC, is arranging discussions with staff of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training on behalf of the Arthritis Society of Canada regarding the impact of arthritis in the workplace.
26. Bruce Young is also arranging meetings with staff of the Premier and Minister of Finance on behalf of the Vancouver Art Gallery to communicate the details regarding their plans to construct a new gallery on the Lawrill Park site in Vancouver.
27. Melissa Zanette, a consultant lobbyist with Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, is setting up a meeting with Minister of Environment staff on behalf of Scott Canada Ltd. to discuss integrated pest management.

28. Acceleras Consulting Inc is lobbying a number of public office holders and health authorities on policies and decisions related to diagnostic imaging, procurement and primary care.
29. The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres is lobbying a number of MLAs for the establishment of an urban Aboriginal strategy that includes a long-term investment in Aboriginal Friendship Centres.
30. The BC Chamber of Commerce is lobbying many public office holders on an extensive list of issues including living up to the BC Agriculture Plan commitment to invest \$2M/year into an industry-led marketing program and increasing per capita funding of arts and culture to a suitable level that is affordable to taxpayers.
31. The BC Health Living Alliance is lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and the Parliamentary Secretary for Healthy Living to promote healthy living policies.
32. The B.C. Pharmacy Association is lobbying several public office holders on topics which include advocating for the implementation of pharmacy clinical services developed by the Association and fees and other compensation for pharmacists and pharmacies.
33. The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition is lobbying several MLAs to seek a commitment to a provincial poverty reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines.
34. The British Columbia Teachers' Federation is lobbying the Minister of Finance to finance the employer contribution increase to the Teachers' Pension Plan and the Minister of Health regarding refraining from enacting Bill 18.
35. Canada's National Brewers is lobbying several public office holders regarding Government's review of BC's liquor legislation and regulations as well as recycling and environmental issues.
36. Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) is lobbying a number of public office holders on a variety of topics including facilitating "value demonstrating initiatives" partnerships in BC and enhanced investment in health research and development.
37. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers is lobbying a large number of public office holders on an extensive range of issues which include liquid natural gas, increasing access to skilled trades people, and to be consulted on the development of a land based spill response.
38. The Canadian Council of Chief Executives is lobbying several public office holders on a wide range of topics including development of Canada's Pacific Gateway and development of a national approach to climate change policy.

39. The Canadian Life & Health Insurance Association is lobbying a number of public office holders and agencies on topics including amendments to the *Insurance Act* to include uniform life, accident and sickness and reforming pension regulations regarding pooled registered pension plans.
40. The Canadian Wind Energy Association is lobbying a number of public office holders on several topics including development of additional wind energy generation in BC.
41. The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association is lobbying Ministry of Justice staff to establish a 9-1-1 fee structure regime that would meet the interests of communities and wireless carriers.
42. The Canadian Youth Business Foundation is lobbying the Premier and the Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business to seek funding to help young entrepreneurs start businesses.
43. The Coal Association of Canada is lobbying several ministers on a number of issues including the importance of critical infrastructure to support coal exports from BC and the need to improve current permitting processes.
44. The Council of Forest Industries is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of issues including increasing the volume of BC timber sales and being consulted on proposed changes to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.
45. CropLife Canada is lobbying several MLAs and ministers to promote plant biotechnology and the responsible use of federally regulated pesticides.
46. Eli Lilly Canada Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health and Ministry staff to provide input into the decision making process as it relates to their company and the pharmaceutical sector.
47. General Electric Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a wide range of issues including procurement for digital energy (smart meters and smart grids) and energy mix as well as land use planning with respect to pipelines and gas exploration.
48. Hoffmann-La Roche Limited is lobbying several public office holders to advocate for changes to the annual provincial drug budget as it relates to the biopharmaceutical industry, among other topics.
49. IATSE Local 891 is lobbying several MLAs and the BC Labour Relations Board on changes to the tax credits provided to industry in order to stay competitive.
50. The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. is lobbying several ministers on procurement policies, enhancing the current industry training model and continuing provincial investments in infrastructure.

51. INPEX Gas British Columbia Ltd. is lobbying the staff of the Ministry of Natural Gas Development to encourage the adoption of pro-development policies for liquid natural gas business in BC.
52. The Insurance Bureau of Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a variety of topics including climate change adaptation and changes to the insurance part of the *Strata Property Act*.
53. Lafarge Canada Inc. is lobbying the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Natural Gas Development to seek amendments and alternatives to mitigate the impact of the carbon tax on the cement industry.
54. LifeScan Canada Limited is lobbying several MLAs and Ministry of Health staff for reimbursement of their diabetes products.
55. Merck Canada Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health and the Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services (and/or their staff) as well as Ministry staff to seek access for their products, to explore partnership opportunities and to engage in product listing and product agreements with government.
56. The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research is lobbying several ministers (and/or their staff) for development of a provincial health research strategy and to obtain funding.
57. The Private Forest Landowners Association is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations as well as Ministry staff on the firefighting cost sharing rate increase for the Interior.
58. Purdue Pharma Inc. is lobbying several ministers (and/or their staff) and Ministry of Health staff to list and fully fund several of their drugs on the BC Drug Formulary.
59. Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. is lobbying the Premier and a number of ministers for the purpose of moving business opportunities forward.
60. The Rick Hansen Foundation is lobbying various public office holders to generate support for the Rick Hansen School Program and to seek financial assistance for spinal cord research and accessibility programs.
61. The Rick Hansen Institute is lobbying the Minister of Health and the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for funding support.
62. Shaw Communications Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services to seek opportunities for the company to provide services to the BC Government.

63. TransCanada Corporation is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including seeking support for the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. facilities and the construction and long term operation of one or more natural gas pipelines.
64. The Urban Development Institute is lobbying several ministers on topics which include changes to the *Real Estate Marketing Act* and investment in transportation infrastructure.
65. Westcoast Energy Inc. doing business as Spectra Energy Transmission is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of issues including the impact of the carbon tax as well as improved fiscal and regulatory competitiveness for natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipelines.
66. Weyerhaeuser Company Limited is lobbying a number of ministers on the mountain pine beetle impact on harvest levels, the future of the Softwood Lumber Agreement, availability of physicians to serve Princeton and the implementation of regulations for levels of wood dust in sawmills.