

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – May 31, 2016

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the B.C. Lobbyists Registration Act and they were activated between May 1 and May 31, 2016. Here is a brief summary of lobbying activities organizations and consultant lobbyists have or expect to carry out. The full details of each registration are searchable at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

1. Carol Anderson, a consultant lobbyist with 1689986 Alberta Ltd. dba Navigator, is arranging a meeting with staff of the Minister of Energy and Mines on behalf of the Consumer Technology Association to discuss standards and regulations for consumer technology products and services.
2. Mike Bailey, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is arranging briefings with staff of several public agencies on behalf of Richmond Steel Recycling Limited regarding the sourcing of steel through Government and private sector sources.
3. Patrick Bell, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging a discussion on behalf of IDL Projects with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (and/or his staff) and Ministry staff regarding land tenure requirements.
4. Kevin Brown, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education on behalf of the College of New Caledonia to discuss issues in connection with their budget surplus.
5. Kevin Brown is also arranging attendance and participation of the Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation at a presentation and barbeque on behalf of Pacific BioEnergy Corporation and Nazko First Nations.
6. Dennis Chan, a consultant lobbyist with Pathway Advisory Services Ltd., is lobbying Ministry of Health staff on behalf of Teva Canada Innovation regarding reimbursement coverage relating to pharmaceutical products that treat multiple sclerosis.
7. Dennis Chan is also lobbying Ministry of Health staff on behalf of Merck Canada Inc. to explore potential reimbursement concepts for high cost therapeutic drug products.
8. Kate Dalglish, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying the Premier and several ministers on behalf of Trees Dispensary to develop policies surrounding the provision of medical and recreational marijuana.

9. Kat Dalglish is also lobbying the Premier and several ministers on behalf of the Cannabis Trade Alliance of Canada to advocate for regulations surrounding the provision of marijuana post-legalization.
10. Jonathan Denis, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging a meeting with staff of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General on behalf of Arvic Search Services Inc. regarding traffic court processes.
11. Carling Dick and Don Stickney, consultant lobbyists with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, are lobbying staff of the Premier and several ministers as well as Ministry of Finance staff on behalf of Primerica Financial Services (Canada) Ltd. to ensure recent regulatory changes do not impede the growth of the insurance industry.
12. Kim Doran and Dimitri Pantazopoulos, consultant lobbyists with Maple Leaf Strategies, are lobbying the Premier and several ministers (and/or their staff) on behalf of Consumer Health Products of Canada to improve the process for transferring prescription medications to over the counter status.
13. Jess Ketchum of Ketchum Communications Ltd. is lobbying staff of the Premier and the Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch on behalf of Molson Coors Brewing Company to request government consider the impacts of concessions provided to craft brewers on the competitiveness of Molson Coors.
14. Katherine MacRae, a consultant lobbyist, is attending fundraising events on behalf of the Commercial Bear Viewing Association to discuss the trophy hunting of grizzly bears.
15. Samuel Oliphant, a consultant lobbyist with Oliphant Public Affairs, is lobbying staff of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and MLA Jordan Sturdy on behalf of Sqomish Sea to Sky Developments Limited Partnership for support for a transportation initiative in the Sea to Sky corridor.
16. Karina Sangha, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging an informational meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of Cando Rail Services regarding their projects and proposed development plans in British Columbia.
17. Chuck Strahl, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying several public office holders on behalf of Oka Holdings for provincial government support for a training, education, and meeting centre for First Nations that they hope to develop.
18. AbbVie Corporation is lobbying several public office holders to gain and maintain public reimbursement for their products and to identify opportunities to support science and technology research.

19. The Association for Mineral Exploration BC is lobbying staff of several ministries on a variety of issues including addressing significant impacts of the *Water Sustainability Act* on mineral explorers and finding joint solutions to enable access to mineral tenures to explore and develop.
20. The BC Chamber of Commerce is lobbying a number of public office holders on an extensive list of issues including amending the gaming regulations to allow not-for-profit business organizations whose activities benefit the community to be eligible for gaming event licenses and encouraging alternative forest product uses.
21. BC LNG Developers Alliance is lobbying staff of several ministers to ensure there are enough qualified workers for LNG projects, to promote the development of BC's LNG industry, and to ensure the development of the world's cleanest LNG facilities.
22. The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition is lobbying several MLAs to implement a provincial poverty reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines to reduce poverty and homelessness in B.C.
23. The BC Teachers' Federation is lobbying several ministers on a range of issues including development and implementation of a British Columbia Poverty Reduction Plan and lobbying for the Ministry of Health to immediately test the drinking water in North Coast schools and develop a province-wide regular water monitoring program.
24. The Canadian Fuels Association is lobbying several ministers on renewable fuels and low carbon fuels requirements regulations, contaminated sites standards and policies, fuel tax regulations, and the Transportation of Dangerous Goods policy directive.
25. The Canadian Propane Association is lobbying several public office holders to discuss the role of propane in the province's energy mix.
26. The Clean Energy Association of British Columbia is lobbying several ministers for more electrification in the climate action plan for BC and fair taxation for IPP projects.
27. Coast Capital Savings Credit Union is lobbying the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) and the Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction to ask for reconsideration of government's position and model for taxation of credit unions in BC.
28. Cystic Fibrosis Canada is lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) for public coverage of a new cystic fibrosis drug, ivacaftor/lumacaftor (brand name Orkambi).
29. Eli Lilly Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of several public agencies regarding maintaining and obtaining reimbursement of their products for a number of therapeutic areas.

30. First West Credit Union is lobbying a number of MLAs and other public office holders seeking to address matters related to the taxation of credit unions as well as the deposit insurance guarantee.
31. INPEX Gas British Columbia Ltd. is lobbying the Minister of Natural Gas Development to encourage the adoption of pro-development policies for LNG business in B.C.
32. The Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association is lobbying several public office holders to affect change on current and related policy and legislation regarding timber pricing and timber supply.
33. Lundbeck Canada Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health, Ministry staff and the Provincial Health Services Authority with respect to access and reimbursement listing decisions and reimbursement policies.
34. Primerica Financial Services (Canada) Ltd. is lobbying several public office holders regarding actions taken by the Insurance Council of British Columbia, including restricting life insurance companies from providing Life Insurance Qualification Program courses to their prospective agents.
35. The Registered Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia is lobbying the Minister of Health and the Minister of Advanced Education to propose a degree program in a public college or university for registered massage therapy.
36. Telephone Navigata Westel is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services regarding ongoing contract negotiations.
37. Thomson Reuters Canada Limited is lobbying an extensive list of public agencies for the awarding of new contracts, renewing existing contracts and for the purchase of products and services offered by the Intellectual Property and Science division of their company.
38. The Rick Hansen Foundation is lobbying the Premier and a number of ministers (and/or their staff) on a range of topics including funding support for social innovation regarding certification and employment programs and funding support for the JCP program to employ people with disabilities.
39. TransCanada Corporation is lobbying a number of public office holders on several topics including government support for NGTL's North Montney Pipeline Project and the construction and long-term operation of one or more gas pipelines to Kitimat and/or Prince Rupert from the northeast gas producing regions.

40. Western Forest Products is lobbying WorkSafeBC regarding workplace safety and several ministers concerning several issues including timber harvesting land base and First Nations access to timber resources and partnerships.