

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – August 2019

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the B.C. *Lobbyists Registration Act* and they were activated between August 1 and August 31, 2019. 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. Dennis Chan, a consultant lobbyist with Pathway Advisory Services Ltd., is lobbying a number of public office holders on behalf of GlaxoSmithKline Inc. (GSK) regarding drug program policy options that may affect patients' access to GSK's pharmaceutical medicines.
2. Rob Cust, a consultant lobbyist with Composite Public Affairs Inc., is arranging meetings with a number of MLAs on behalf of The Diabetes Care Division of Abbott Laboratories Ltd. to advise government officials as to the benefits of the FreeStyle Libre Flash glucose monitoring system for British Columbians living with diabetes.
3. Gabriela Gonzalez, a consultant lobbyist with Crestview Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of Sun Life Financial to educate public office holders about Sun Life Financial's operations in Canada and to discuss BC's financial services and healthcare sectors, including insurance sector regulation and prescription drug affordability and accessibility.
4. Nicola Hill, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the BC Marine Terminals Operators Association to raise awareness about the impacts related to potential changes to the Port Property Tax Act.
5. Nicola Hill and Adam Johnson, consultant lobbyists with Earncliffe Strategy Group, are lobbying a number of public office holders on behalf of the Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC) to inform key decision-makers about EGBC's role in regulating engineers and geoscientists in BC, and to support engagement on the implementation of the Professional Governance Act to help the government ensure the safety of British Columbians.

6. Nicole Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging meetings with a number of MLAs on behalf of the HeliCat Canada Association with respect to the HeliCat Canada Association Wildlife and Environmental Research Fund, tenure and efforts towards reconciliation and partnerships with First Nations.
7. Anna Lilly, a consultant lobbyist with FleishmanHillard HighRoad, is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of Walmart Canada regarding developments related to Walmart's business in BC, and to explore partnership opportunities in sustainability, energy, agriculture and innovation.
8. Joshua Matthewman, a consultant lobbyist with Temple Scott Associates Inc., is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders in WorkSafeBC on behalf of the Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals to engage on the development of WorkSafeBC regulations on the oversight of occupational health and safety professionals.
9. John Moonen, a consultant lobbyist with John Moonen & Associates Ltd., is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of Neptune Bulk Terminals (Canada) Ltd. regarding potential impacts of any changes to the Ports Property Tax Act.
10. Esmahan Razavi, a consultant lobbyist with Gastown Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of Tourmaline Oil Corp., seeking to make the government of British Columbia aware of Tourmaline Oil's role and practices in generating jobs and economic activity in British Columbia, and to be included in public policy discussions affecting the oil and gas industry in British Columbia.
11. Alex Shiff, a consultant lobbyist with Navigator Ltd., is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of Aurora Cannabis regarding the continued development and revision of an effective provincial cannabis framework.
12. Matt Williamson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying a number of public office holders on behalf of Glencore Canada Corporation to discuss and bring about awareness of alternative use project at Brenda Mine site and how it fits into government's CleanBC policy objectives.
13. Matt Williamson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada, seeking to establish a relationship with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and to open lines of communication on a number of policy areas that impact EPAC and its members, including CleanBC, Indigenous reconciliation and caribou protection.

14. Matt Williamson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying several public office holders on behalf of the Vancouver Airport Authority to keep government up to date on YVR's preparations for introduction of ride-hailing service in BC, and to discuss the budget consultation report.
15. The Adventure Tourism Coalition of BC is lobbying several public office holders to change provincial policy, legislation and administrative practices to increase business certainty and outcomes related to adventure tourism.
16. AltaGas Ltd. is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including: to discuss the property tax treatment of AltaGas assets in BC, to discuss the development of a policy framework that encourages energy exports from BC to foreign markets, and to encourage development of a framework for the timely exchange of information between Indigenous Peoples and companies with energy projects.
17. Amazon Canada Fulfillment Services, Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology to promote and facilitate BC's digital sector, and to ensure the availability of a high-skilled tech workforce.
18. The Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada is arranging meetings with several MLAs for the purpose of introducing ARPA and lobbying regarding Bill M 218 – 2019 (conversion therapy).
19. AstraZeneca Canada Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health and staff of the Provincial Health Services Authority regarding information in support of provincial access of AstraZeneca's medicines.
20. The Automotive Retailers Association is lobbying a number of ministers on a range of topics, including to discuss issues of industry compensation from ICBC and ICBC cost reductions, and to discuss potential changes to the Motor Dealer Act and policies and practices within government that impact the automotive sector.
21. BC Building Trades is arranging meetings with MLA Andrew Weaver and staff to discuss labour legislation.
22. The BC Marine Terminal Operators Association is lobbying several public office holders with respect to modification of legislation/regulation as it relates to the BC Ports Property Tax Act.
23. The BC Non Profit Housing Association is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding the establishment of more affordable rental housing in BC and Canada, support for low-income tenants, and the alleviation of homelessness through housing and supports.
24. The British Columbia Chiropractic Association is lobbying a number of public office holders in the Ministry of Health and the Medical Services Commission to discuss how chiropractors can help to fill

gaps within the healthcare system by working collaboratively with other health professionals, and to discuss the ability of chiropractors to direct refer patients for imaging.

25. Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster is lobbying a number of public office holders in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology to expand digital technology innovation, research and development, and the development of talent, and to discuss the Supercluster's current program areas in Technology Leadership and Capacity Building.
26. The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters BC is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding the development of programs to provide carbon tax based incentive programs to industry, the promotion of a series of taxation measures and to discuss any proposed changes to labour legislation.
27. The Canadian Propane Association is arranging meetings with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding the Clean BC Plan Energy Rebate Program.
28. The Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium is lobbying staff of several public agencies on a number of issues including technology innovation projects in advanced low carbon smart mobility research and commercialization projects.
29. Crew Energy Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders to discuss matters, initiatives, regulatory changes and programs related to exploration and development of petroleum and natural gas, production and market egress within British Columbia.
30. Cystic Fibrosis Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders to establish a BC wide provincial CF program to improve provincial integration of CF care that includes a mental health strategy and screening, and improved access to CF medicines.
31. D&B Companies of Canada ULC is lobbying staff of several public agencies to promote efficient and innovative government solutions through transparent and robust data analytics and modern IT infrastructure.
32. Domtar Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders to provide input to energy policy to promote competitive playing field for the pulp industry within the province and with other jurisdictions, and to provide input to policy to ensure a stable, economically viable supply of fiber to the Kamloops pulp mill.
33. The Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding Prompt Payment legislation, and to ensure there are enough trained journeyperson electricians in the province to do the work required to reduce our climate footprint.

34. Eli Lilly Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of the Minister of Health regarding pharmaceutical pricing, pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance initiatives, public drug plan reimbursement and design, and health system design, as well as participating in the consultations being led by the BC Ministry of Health related to potential development of a Health Sector Payment Transparency Program.
35. Encana Corporation is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on matters relating to liquids-rich natural gas and light, tight oil energy resource development, including the New West Partnership Trade Agreement; access, infrastructure and regulatory framework for resource development; consultation requirements; UNDRIP implementation; Environmental Assessment; Land & Resource Management Plans; Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment; Climate and Greenhouse Gas emissions policies; protection of environmental values; electrification policies; fiscal framework for resource development including royalty programs; corporate income tax; Provincial Sales Tax; and assessment and taxation of industrial properties in regard to property tax.
36. The Federation of Independent School Associations in BC is lobbying the Minister of Education to promote parental choice in the K-12 education sector and advocate for BC independent schools.
37. The Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC is lobbying a number of public office holders on a number of issues including comprehensive reforms to the post-secondary system, and advocating for faculty to be fairly represented in post-secondary government structures.
38. Genome British Columbia is lobbying a number of public office holders for ongoing provincial participation in a multi-partnered program to drive the growth of a world-class genomics research cluster and life sciences ecosystem in BC and deliver sustainable environmental, social and economic benefits to BC, Canada and beyond.
39. Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc. is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders regarding the provincial listing and reimbursement for HIV and oncology medications, and medications for the treatment of viral hepatitis, liver disease and rheumatoid arthritis, as well as public health policy more generally.
40. The Health Sciences Association of BC is lobbying several public office holders on a number of issues including advocating for increased funding for Early Intervention Therapies, training of health science professionals, and a fair labour relations environment for health science professionals.
41. Imperial Oil Limited is lobbying a number of public office holders to encourage the adoption of pro-development policies for LNG in BC; repeal or amendment of renewable fuels policies; tax compliance planning; and advocacy relating to environmental policies, site remediation policy and compliance.

42. Lime Technology Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding regulatory changes to the Motor Vehicle Act so that electric scooters meet BC's vehicle equipment safety standards for on-road use.
43. Mitacs Inc. is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders for support for their research internship programs for post-secondary students and post-doctoral fellows.
44. Mosaic Forest Management is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding regulations and policies related to BC's coastal forest industry, including the coastal revitalization initiative, stumpage, log exports, private managed forest regulations, property assessments, First Nations consultation and accommodation, and land use planning.
45. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. is lobbying several public office holders to discuss reimbursement of Novartis' pharmaceutical treatments by the BC government for citizens that require access to these treatments.
46. Purdue Pharma is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Health to advocate for the addition of one or more innovative medicines to the provincial formulary.
47. Rio Tinto is lobbying a number of public office holders on several issues including climate change policy, Ambient Air Quality Objectives, including monitoring and permitting and funding the expansion of cellphone connectivity in north central BC.
48. Siemens Canada Limited is lobbying an extensive list of public agencies relating to the sales and marketing of their products and services.
49. The Surrey Board of Trade is lobbying the Minister of Labour with respect to raising the maximum amount a person receiving disability benefits is able to make in a given year through employment.
50. TRIUMF is lobbying a number of public office holders to discuss TRIUMF's activities across its program areas, with a particular focus on opportunities related to medical isotopes, data science and quantum materials.
51. Vancouver City Savings Credit Union (Vancity) is lobbying a number of public office holders to discuss the possibility of a partnership or granting opportunity associated with services Vancity delivers in community and/or may add in the future, as well as the future of the credit union system in BC including changes to legislation and regulations, and the transition of FICOM to a Crown Agency.
52. West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including potential bioenergy and natural gas electricity sales agreements, timber sales and pricing and the general goal of ensuring predictable and fair policies, and discussions regarding Bill 22.

53. The Wilderness Tourism Association of BC is lobbying a number of public office holders to discuss changes to government forestry and lands legislation, policy and administrative practices for the benefit of tourism operators by increasing business certainty.