

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – August 31, 2015

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between August 1 and August 31, 2015. 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. Mike Bailey, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is arranging a briefing with the Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction/Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch on behalf of ContainerWorld Forwarding Services Inc. to discuss their role in the liquor warehousing and distribution system in British Columbia.
2. Mike Bailey is also setting up briefings with several ministers on behalf of the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB) to discuss issues surrounding the proposed Kinder Morgan/TransMountain Pipeline Expansion Project, which will traverse a very large portion of traditional LNIB territory.
3. Mike Bailey is lobbying Ministry of Health staff on behalf of PHEMI regarding procurement opportunities.
4. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Graphite Communications, is arranging meetings with staff of several ministries on behalf of Suez Environnement to discuss water policy.
5. Michael Cunningham is also lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and Ministry staff on behalf of the College of Podiatric Surgeons of BC to improve patient access to doctors of podiatric medicine and address regulatory issues related to their profession.
6. Michael Cunningham is setting up meetings on behalf of LifeSciences BC with several public office holders regarding matters significant to the life sciences sector in BC including access to capital, data and R&D.
7. Carling Dick and Dimitri Pantazopoulos are lobbying a number of public office holders on behalf of Revolution Infrastructure Inc. to incorporate “higher class” compost into the *Environmental Management Act* and to enact changes to the ALC that facilitate this type of compost.

8. Mark Jiles, a consultant lobbyist with Bluestone Consulting Inc., is lobbying the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services on behalf of Aware 360 to identify new business opportunities for their BC Safety Link solutions.
9. Brittney Kerr and Bruce Young, consultant lobbyists with Earncliffe Strategy Group, are setting up meetings with staff of the Premier and several ministers on behalf of Shaw Communications regarding policy issues.
10. Stephen Kukucha, Emir Mehinagic and Brad Zubyk, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group, are arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the Centre for Drug Research and Development.
11. Jarett Lalonde, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction (and/or their staff) on behalf of Michelin North America (Canada) Inc. concerning regulations pertaining to the use of new generation wide based tires.
12. Marnie Mitchell, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying Ministry of Health staff on behalf of McKesson Canada regarding reimbursement policy for pharmacy goods and services and health information technologies.
13. Courtney Mosentine, a consultant lobbyist with Canadian Strategy Group, is setting up meetings with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and Ministry staff on behalf of Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd. in relation to drug pricing and listing agreement policies.
14. Taleeb Noormohamed is arranging an update meeting with MLA Jane Thornthwaite (North Vancouver-Seymour) on behalf of Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. regarding the Compass Card fare payment program being implemented for Metro Vancouver's public transit system.
15. Colin Stewart of Stewart McDannold Stuart is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of the Capital Regional District regarding regulations pursuant to the Community Charter.
16. Peter Walters, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying staff of several ministries on behalf of Oka Holdings for the establishment of a First Nations training, education and meeting centre in Whistler.

17. Peter Walters is also lobbying staff of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on behalf of the Tsartlip First Nation for assistance in obtaining legal access across private land to land owned by the Tsartlip First Nation.
18. Amgen Canada Inc. is lobbying Ministry of Health staff regarding the listing and reimbursement of their products.
19. The Better Pharmacare Coalition is lobbying the Minister of Health and Ministry staff with respect to inclusion/exclusion of medications from the BC Formulary, timelines for listing medication, class reviews and the processes and regulations in place that refer to those actions.
20. The BC Agriculture Council is lobbying staff of the Minister of Agriculture concerning the release of ALR regulations.
21. The British Columbia Medical Association is lobbying the Minister of Health and Ministry staff on their five policy papers: Informal Caregivers, Genomics/Precision Medicine, Physician Autonomy, Quality Improvement and Information Management/Information Technology.
22. The B.C. Pharmacy Association is lobbying several public office holders concerning the methadone payment program review, the annual flu immunization and point of care testing in community pharmacies.
23. The British Columbia Real Estate Association is lobbying several public office holders to ensure existing floodplain maps are updated and current and an effective *Residential Tenancy Act* balances the rights of landlords and tenants, and to create consistent processes for the disclosure and remediation of properties used to produce drugs.
24. The British Columbia Trucking Association is lobbying ICBC to establish minimum curriculum for private driver training schools offering Class 1 driver's licence training and lobbying Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training staff for the development of a training standard/certification for the commercial truck driver occupation.
25. The Business Council of British Columbia is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including a review of First Nations issues post Williams decision, attracting Asian/South Asian head offices to British Columbia and life sciences research and development opportunities.
26. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers is lobbying staff of several ministries and public agencies on an extensive list of initiatives including development of a land based spill response, opportunities to review the royal programs for drilling unconventional oil, and market access for natural gas and oil.

27. The Canadian Medical Association is lobbying the Premier and Minister of Health on health and health care.
28. Canadian Pacific is lobbying a number of public office holders for development of a provincial approach to land based spill response, developing infrastructure for and promotion of the Pacific Gateway, and providing input on the *Canada Transportation Act* review.
29. Catalyst Paper Corporation is lobbying the Minister of Environment (and/or her staff) regarding biomass fuels in use in B.C.
30. Central 1 Credit Union is lobbying several ministers and MLAs to continue the provincial small business tax exemption for credit unions and for legislation to be amended to maintain a tax neutral result for BC credit unions.
31. The Council of Forest Industries is lobbying several public office holders on a number of topics including ensuring government labour market programs are supporting forest sector needs and to increase opportunities for beneficial use of wood ash from forest facilities to reduce the need for landfilling.
32. Geoscience BC is lobbying the Premier, the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation to encourage long-term, predictable funding for their organization.
33. The Investment Industry Association of Canada is lobbying the Premier and Minister of Finance to encourage enhancement of competitive tax rates, measures to promote private sector investment, job creation and renewed investor confidence.
34. Irosoft is lobbying staff of the Minister of Justice on the company's products to manage the life cycle of the Ministry's legislative documents.
35. LNG Canada Development Inc. is lobbying staff of several public agencies regarding the LNG fiscal policy framework, carbon management, municipal taxation, ambient air quality objectives, and gas turbine emission limits.
36. Merck Canada Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders to explore partnership opportunities and to engage in product listing and product agreements with government.
37. The Mining Association of British Columbia is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a range of issues including First Nations training initiatives, improving regulatory efficiencies and policy that enable responsible development of new mines, as well as amendments to the *Mineral Tenure Act* and *Mines Act*.

38. Norbord Inc. is lobbying MLA Donna Barnett (Cariboo-Chilcotin), the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Ministry staff to obtain short and long term forest tenure in support of the continued operation of their 100 Mile House oriented strand board facility and promotion and enhancement of the engineered wood products industry.
39. Pfizer Canada is lobbying several ministers concerning the expansion and modernization of the Reference Drug Program and how to protect innovation and patient choice.
40. The Private Forest Landowners Association is lobbying several ministers for the de-regulation of private land in B.C.
41. Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc. is lobbying the Premier, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance on a number of issues including funding for law enforcement issues, the regulation of marijuana, and potential packaging and labeling requirements.
42. The Truck Loggers Association is lobbying several public office holders for funding for the *Forest Service Providers Act* that will result in ongoing lien protection for forest service providers and participation in the Industry Working Group on the *Natural Resource Road Act* as government works to create new legislation covering the rules on logging roads.
43. Westcoast Energy Inc. dba Spectra Energy Transmission is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of topics including a fiscal/regulatory framework for LNG infrastructure development, the treatment of natural gas within any new taxation framework, and a greenhouse gas/air pollutant regulatory framework.
44. Weyerhaeuser Company Limited is lobbying several public office holders regarding aboriginal consultation and accommodation and mitigation of any potential negative impacts from the Merritt TSA Timber Supply review on the long-term viability of their Princeton sawmill.