

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – February 28, 2015

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between February 1 and February 28, 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. Robert Botterell of Lidstone & Company is lobbying the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (and/or her staff) and Ministry staff on behalf of the District of Hudson's Hope concerning the Fair Share Agreement and related grants and legislative programs.
2. Hector Bremner, a consultant lobbyist with Pace Group, is setting up meetings with the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) on behalf of Steelhead LNG to discuss the Sarita Bay LNG project proposal, which is located on treaty lands belonging to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation.
3. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Graphite Communications, is arranging communications with several public office holders on behalf of Helijet International to discuss air travel service between Vancouver and Victoria.
4. David Cyr, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with staff of the Minister of Natural Gas Development on behalf of Pacific Northwest Gas to raise awareness about their operations.
5. Laura Fitzgerald, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with Ministry of Health staff on behalf of Actavis Specialty Pharmaceuticals Co. concerning market access and health policy related to their pharmaceutical portfolio.
6. Gabe Garfinkel and Matthew Stickney, consultant lobbyists with Fleishman Hillard Canada Inc., are arranging discussions with staff of the Premier and Minister of Finance and Ministry staff on behalf of First West Credit Union regarding issues pertinent to their operating model.
7. Robin Junger of McMillan LLP is lobbying staff of the Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister of Justice on behalf of Blue Fuel Energy Corporation in respect of their proposed methanol-based gasoline product.
8. Brittney Kerr, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is supporting Microsoft Canada in their efforts to communicate with staff of several ministers relating to the BC Centre of Excellence in Vancouver and education issues.

9. Stephen Kukucha, Emir Mehinagic and Brad Zubyk, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group, are coordinating meetings with the Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister of Finance (and/or their staff) and staff of the Premier on behalf of MEG Energy Corp with the goal of having an active voice in the Province's energy policy and project development environment.
10. Matthew MacInnis, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is facilitating meetings with the Minister of Finance and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (and/or their staff) and Ministry staff on behalf of Global Container Terminals requesting support for ongoing upgrades and programs related to the Pacific Gateway infrastructure projects.
11. Emir Mehinagic, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., is arranging a meeting with a staff member of the Ministry of Environment on behalf of Blu Earth Renewables to discuss renewable energy policy.
12. John Moonen of John Moonen & Associates Ltd. is arranging meetings with the Premier and several ministers on behalf of James Allard to advocate for the protection of wild salmon.
13. Mallory Oudendag, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is organizing meetings with the Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (and/or their staff) and the Oil and Gas Commission on behalf of Enform to discuss their role as a safety association as well as safety culture.
14. Joseph Pickerill, a consultant lobbyist with StrategyCorp Inc., is arranging meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Finance on behalf of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants regarding Bill 4, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*.
15. Marian Robson and Rebecca Scott, consultant lobbyists with Global Public Affairs, are arranging meetings with staff of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of the Rail Association of Canada to provide information about their business in BC.
16. Matthew Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Fleishman-Hillard Canada, is arranging discussions with staff of the Minister of Advanced Education and Ministry staff on behalf of David Borins Law Corporation regarding amendments to the *Society Act*, *University Act* and *College and Institute Act*.
17. Brenda Swick of McCarthy Tétrault is setting up a meeting with Premier's Office staff on behalf of Mark Anthony Brands concerning liquor policy in BC.

18. Chris Tupper, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging an information session with staff of the Ministry of Environment on behalf of Ferus regarding energy and environmental regulation.
19. Brad Zubyk and Mike Watson, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., are seeking information from the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development about a contract renewal on behalf of Landcor Data Corporation.
20. Ainsworth Engineered Canada LP is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Ministry Staff and MLA Donna Barnett (Cariboo-Chilcotin) on a number of issues including the establishment of new forms of forest tenure, modification of conditions for existing tenure models and increased forest utilization.
21. The BC Agriculture Council is lobbying the Minister of Environment regarding the new *Water Sustainability Act* as well as the Minister of Agriculture and several MLAs concerning changes to Bill 24 (ALR/ALC).
22. The BC Construction Association is lobbying WorkSafeBC and several ministers on a number of topics including their foreign skilled worker program and putting in new shop equipment in BC high schools to support trades training.
23. The B.C. Pharmacy Association is lobbying several ministers on a range of issues, including medication dispensing services, funding of pharmacy services and the *Drug Scheduling Act*.
24. The British Columbia Trucking Association is lobbying several public office holders on a number of topics including reducing the minimum Class 1 age requirement for those who have undergone a recognized and rigorous commercial training program.
25. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers is lobbying staff of a number of public agencies on a broad range of issues including changes to the Drilling and Production Regulations, the workability and competitiveness of policies and regulations that apply to the oil and gas industry and market access for natural gas and oil.
26. The Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association is lobbying the Minister of Health and Ministry staff concerning reimbursement pricing of generic pharmaceuticals, amendment of the Drug Pricing Regulation, development of policy concerning the use of brand drug coupon cards, and addressing the delays in listing certain generic drugs.
27. Canadian Pacific is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a variety of topics including development of a provincial approach to land based spill response and development of infrastructure for and promotion of the Pacific Gateway.

28. Catalyst Paper Corporation is lobbying the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority regarding hydro rates.
29. Coast Forest Products Association is lobbying a number of public office holders on a variety of issues including policy changes to the treaty process, changes to BC Hydro rates and to advocate for an increase in volume, number and representativeness of timber sales.
30. The Council of Forest Industries is lobbying several public office holders on a number of topics including the industrial hydro rate structure, area based tenure legislation, and market development and future government missions to Asia.
31. The Heart and Stroke Foundation is lobbying staff of the Minister of Health regarding their new stroke public awareness campaign based on the World Stroke Organization's endorsed FAST approach or schema.
32. IATSE Local 891 is lobbying the BC Labour Relations Board to create a better working environment for the motion picture industry in BC.
33. The Investment Industry Association of Canada is lobbying the Premier and Minister of Finance to encourage the development of the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System as well as promotion and enhancement of competitive tax rates, measures to promote private sector investment, job creation and renewed investor confidence.
34. The Mining Association of British Columbia is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a range of issues including training and employment for First Nations, improvements to the mine permitting process and *Mines Act* amendments.
35. Rio Tinto Alcan is lobbying the Ministers of Environment and Health for support for their interests in the establishment of Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards.
36. Suncor Energy Inc is lobbying the Premier and several ministers regarding energy and transportation issues, including pipelines and marine terminals.
37. The Truck Loggers Association is lobbying several public office holders regarding funding for the *Forest Service Providers Act* to provide ongoing lien protection and to create new legislation covering rules of the logging roads.
38. Merck Canada Inc. is lobbying several public office holders to seek access for their products, explore partnership opportunities and engage in product listing and products agreements.
39. Weyerhaeuser Company Limited is lobbying several public office holders on long-term security of wood fibre for their Princeton, implementation of regulations regarding accumulation of wood dust in wood-processing facilities and the impact of labour disruption at short-line railways.