

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot - February 1 to February 29, 2012

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act between February 1 and February 29, 2012. 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 meetings with the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) on behalf of his client, Allergan Inc., to discuss the tax status of Botox as a cosmetic within the context of two government rulings.
2. Randy Bauslaugh and Mark Firman, consultant lobbyists with McCarthy Tétrault LLP, are arranging meetings with the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) and the Financial Institutions Commission on behalf of their client, Christian Schools International, to seek amendments to the *Pension Benefits Standards Act*.
3. Keith Bell, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with Ministry of Environment staff on behalf of his client, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, to assist the Institute in preparing a recycling stewardship plan for electric outdoor power equipment under the requirements of the BC Recycling Regulation.
4. David Borins, a consultant lobbyist with Heenan Blaikie LLP, is arranging meetings with WorkSafe BC on behalf of his client, Mansonville Plastics (BC) Ltd., to amend the *Workers' Compensation Act* and Regulations.
5. John Christensen and Steve Vander Wal, consultant lobbyists with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, are arranging meetings on behalf of their client, Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc., with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) to raise awareness of the client's issues, to monitor policy changes which may impact access to innovative medicines, and to assist with drug submissions.
6. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Pace Group Communications Inc., is arranging meetings with MLA Shirley Bond (Prince George-Valemount) and MLA Blair Lekstrom (Peace River South) on behalf of his client, the Consulting Engineers of BC, to discuss government policy relating to infrastructure development and professional liability for engineers.

7. Ross Curtis, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings on behalf of his client, Cardero Coal, with several public office holders to educate them on the potential benefits of the organization's mineral exploration and potential mining operations in the BC Northeast.
8. Marko Dekovic, a consultant lobbyist with the Canadian Strategy Group, is arranging meetings on behalf of his client, Enerkem Inc., with Ministry of Energy and Mines staff to discuss low carbon fuel standards and with the Minister of Environment (and/or his staff) to explore waste to fuel policies.
9. Michael Drummond and Adam Johnson, consultant lobbyists with Earncliffe Strategy Group, are arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of their client, Globalive, to provide information on the company's expansion plans in BC.
10. David Eby, an in-house lobbyist for the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of topics including ensuring treatment of the poor and marginalized is consistent with provincial and federally legislated human rights guarantees, ensuring education reflects equality goals, and ensuring compliance of housing programming and laws.
11. Reg Ens, an in-house lobbyist for the BC Agriculture Council, is lobbying various MLAs on the Deliver Growing Forward programs, proposed carbon tax changes, and PST revisions after the transition from the HST.
12. Maureen Enser and Jeffrey Fisher, in-house lobbyists for the Urban Development Institute Pacific Region, are lobbying various public office holders to ensure the HST transition rules moving back to the PST system does not have unintended or negative consequences on the creation of new housing and to amend legislation to protect provincial economic interests with respect to the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy.
13. Jim Favaro, an in-house lobbyist for Amgen Canada Inc., is arranging meetings with various public office holders to discuss the organization's research and development and access to innovative biotechnology medicines.
14. Laura Fitzgerald, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with Ministry of Health staff on behalf of her client, Covidien, a division of Tyco Healthcare Group Canada Inc., to discuss the introduction of new products to healthcare plans.
15. Peter Froese, an in-house lobbyist for the Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia, is arranging meetings with various public office holders to discuss funding and policy issues.
16. Michael Geoghegan, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with MLA Margaret MacDiarmid (Vancouver-Fairview) and WorkSafeBC on behalf of his client, the Hearing Instrument Providers of

BC, to discuss WorksafeBC's reduction of the number of hearing instrument providers that can provide vital hearing implement services to WSBC clients.

17. Ross Harvey, an in-house lobbyist for the Positive Living Society of British Columbia, is lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and several MLAs on a number of issues including proper resourcing for a community-based response to HIV/AIDS, increased psychiatric resources for HIV-positive people and medicare coverage for interventions to correct lipodystrophy.
18. David Hoff, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with various public office holders on behalf of his client, the Vancouver Board of Trade, to increase the prosperity of small, medium and large businesses in Greater Vancouver and the communities they serve.
19. In-house lobbyists for the Architectural Institute of British Columbia are lobbying various MLAs on a number of issues including recognition of foreign trained professionals, regulation of the profession of architecture and the building code.
20. In-house lobbyists for AstraZeneca Canada Inc. are lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) to discuss policy issues related to the Drug Review and Reimbursement process.
21. In-house lobbyists for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers are lobbying various public office holders on a broad range of topics including increasing access to skilled trades people, workability and competitiveness regarding land access and endangered species policy, and provision for development of oil and gas regarding the net zero deforestation program.
22. In-house lobbyists for the Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association are lobbying various MLAs to modernize the legislation related to pest control products and to ensure a cost-effective and harmonized system for the end of life management of packaging and paper waste materials.
23. In-house lobbyists for Chevron Canada Limited are lobbying various public office holders to ensure the ongoing viability of the Burnaby refinery, to advocate for provincial climate change and GHG reduction policies and strategies, and to foster fair and equitable carbon tax treatment of refined transportation fuels.
24. In-house lobbyists for the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce are lobbying Ministry of Agriculture staff and MLA Don McRae (Comox Valley) to discuss business and property taxes, agricultural land provisos, regional growth impact and economic changes in their community.
25. In-house lobbyists for the Forest Products Association of Canada are arranging meetings with various public office holders to provide a briefing on the results of the Bio-Pathways Project study and to raise awareness about the potential to further integrate bio-energy and bio-products in the traditional lumber, pulp and paper product mix.

26. In-house lobbyists for NaiKun Wind Energy Group Inc. are arranging a meeting with the Minister of Energy and Mines (and/or his staff) to provide a briefing on the NaiKun wind energy field in Hecate Strait.
27. In-house lobbyists for Nexen Inc. are lobbying the Minister of Energy and Mines (and/or his staff) to exchange information related to oil and gas exploration and development opportunities as well as policy and energy program development in BC.
28. In-house lobbyists for Penn West Petroleum Ltd. are lobbying various public office holders on numerous issues including Consultation Protocol Agreements, royalty policy and related incentives, and roads and other infrastructure in Northeastern BC.
29. In-house lobbyists for West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. are lobbying various public office holders concerning land use, timber tenure, logging and hauling, timber allocation and other regulatory issues affecting the forest products industry.
30. Joan Jackson, an in-house lobbyist for the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of BC, is lobbying several public office holders to ensure fair payment of taxes on recreation vehicle sales and to enable dealers to import, service, take on trade and resell non-CSA Z240 recreation vehicles using a program approved by the BC Safety Authority.
31. Adam Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) on behalf of his client, the Canadian Beverage Association, to discuss communications activities from the government that impact the beverage sector.
32. Adam Johnson is also arranging meetings on behalf of his client, the Community Social Services Employers Association, with various public office holders to discuss how CSSEA is viewed by key officials and for support of the association's long term planning.
33. David Keane, an in-house lobbyist for BG North America LLC, is arranging meetings with various public office holders to discuss the organization's interest in developing natural gas opportunities in British Columbia.
34. Andrew Leyne, a consultant lobbyist with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, is arranging meetings with various public office holders on behalf of his client, the Rick Hansen Foundation, to secure government funding for their priorities.
35. Andrew Leyne is also arranging meetings with MLA staff on behalf of his client, Merck, to build relationships.

36. Tamara Little and Alex McMillan, consultant lobbyists with NATIONAL PR, are arranging meetings with various public office holders on behalf of their client, Transfield Services, to build relationships and share information about the new company and to seek opportunities for contracts in BC.
37. Karin MacMillan, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is arranging meetings with Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation staff on behalf of her client, the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, to provide a briefing on the importance of manufacturing to British Columbia.
38. Alan Martin, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with various public office holders on behalf of his client, the British Columbia Wildlife Federation, to discuss the BC Hydro Compensation Program.
39. Lisa Matthauss, an in-house lobbyist for the Tides Canada Initiatives Society, is lobbying various public office holders on a number of legislative issues including modification of the *Mineral Tenures Act* and *Water Act* as well as the introduction of Provincial Chemical Pesticide legislation.
40. Paul Morse and Ryan Eickmeier, in-house lobbyists for the Real Property Association of Canada, are lobbying Ministry of Environment staff to promote commercial green building initiatives in BC.
41. Cheryl Muir, a consultant lobbyist with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, is arranging meetings with MLAs on behalf of her client, the Better PharmaCare Coalition, to ensure appropriate and timely BC Pharmacare coverage, to improve the coverage of medications on the drug formulary, and to encourage implementation of the recommendations from the PharmaCare Task Force.
42. Marcella Munro, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with various MLAs on behalf of her client, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., to provide input into BC's pharmaceutical policies and priorities relevant to the organization.
43. Leah Murray, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging a meeting with the Office of the Premier on behalf of her client, Progress Energy, to build relationships.
44. Mark Reder and Don Stickney, consultant lobbyists with Fleishman-Hillard, are arranging meetings with Mike de Jong -Minister of Health and MLA-Abbotsford West (and/or his staff) on behalf of their client, the BC Pharmacy Association, to raise awareness about the valuable role pharmacists can play in better serving patient interests.
45. Richard Rees, an in-house lobbyist for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC, is arranging meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education (and/or her staff) to provide a report recommending the unification of the province's three accounting bodies (CA, CMA and CGA).

46. Harvey Sasaki, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of his client, the BC Egg Marketing Board, to amend policies to enable egg industry leadership in the development of programs and policies.
47. Thomas Stewart, a consultant lobbyist with Stewart McDannold Stuart, is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of his clients, the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Parksville, to amend legislation that would facilitate the financing of major water infrastructure projects and make approval processes resemble those for major sewage infrastructure projects.
48. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Fleishman-Hillard, is arranging meetings with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (and/or her staff) on behalf of his client, Canadian Direct Insurance, to raise awareness about the benefits of CDI's insurance policies.
49. Zoë Younger, an in-house lobbyist for the Mining Association of British Columbia, is lobbying various public office holders on a number of topics including economic development for aboriginal communities, rural post-secondary training initiatives and institutions, policy changes that enable responsible development of new mines.