

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – March 31, 2015

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between March 1 and March 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. William Bourgeois, a consultant lobbyist with New Direction Resource Management Ltd., is lobbying the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on behalf of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality to develop a pilot project regarding strategic decision-making on forestry within the municipality.
2. Dave Cyr, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with several ministers on behalf of Namgis First Nation to prove there is a way to farm Atlantic salmon that does not impact the marine environment.
3. Hagan Dietz-Rosales of Hagan Dietz-Rosales & Associates Inc. is arranging discussions with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and MLA Jane Thornthwaite (North Vancouver-Seymour) on behalf of Leo's Law Advocacy Society around proposed amendments to Section 49 of the Community Charter of B.C.
4. Carling Dick and Dimitri Pantazopoulos, consultant lobbyists with Maple Leaf Strategies, Inc., are lobbying Premier's Office staff and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (and/or his staff) on behalf of Uber to encourage an environment that allows them to activate their technology in British Columbia.
5. Philippe Gervais, a consultant lobbyist with the Capital Hill Group, is lobbying the Minister of Health, Ministry staff and several MLAs on behalf of Nicoventures Limited to regulate e-cigarettes under different legislation than the *Tobacco Control Amendment Act*.
6. Cynthia Grauer, a consultant lobbyist with GR Strategies Inc., is coordinating meetings with several public office holders on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc. to familiarize officials with their investments and business activities in British Columbia.

7. Kimanda Jarzebiak and David Perry, consultant lobbyists with Ascent Public Affairs, are setting up informational meetings with the Minister of Finance, staff of the Minister of Education and MLA Rob Fleming (Victoria-Swan Lake) on behalf of St. Michaels University School Development Foundation regarding their programs and priorities.
8. Stephen Kukucha, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group, is arranging meetings with Premier's Office staff and the Minister of Agriculture (and/or his staff) on behalf of Tilray to seek support on two applications for the use of Nova 40W on cannabis.
9. Stephen Kukucha and Brad Zubyk, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group, are setting up meetings on behalf of Enerkem Inc. with the Provincial Health Services Authority and staff of several ministers to advise of the company's current commercial operations as a viable alternative to incineration in Metro Vancouver.
10. Stephen Kukucha, Emir Mehinagic and Brad Zubyk are arranging meetings with staff of the Minister of Health on behalf of Santis Health to discuss future policy direction with regard to HPV testing.
11. Donald Lidstone of Lidstone & Company is arranging a discussion on behalf of the District of Squamish with staff of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development regarding review and finalization of their proposed development cost charges bylaw.
12. Robert Lindstrom of Lindstrom Consulting Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (and/or his staff) on behalf of Teal Jones Group to modify policies to increase the volume of market fiber supply available to domestic fiber producers.
13. Kirk Miller, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings with the Agricultural Land Commission on behalf of Miller Springs Ltd., who wish to expand their operation and require ALC approval.
14. John Moonen of John Moonen & Associates Ltd. is lobbying several public office holders on behalf of Dwight Harbottle to change logging practices in and around Gun Lake, BC.
15. John Moonen is also lobbying several public office holders on behalf of Enerpro Systems Corp to change various provisions of BC's strata property legislation.
16. Paul (Geoff) Plant is lobbying Minister of Finance staff on behalf of Tsawwassen First Nation for amendments to Treaty First Nation Tax Agreement legislation with respect to tax sales.
17. Bruce Rozenhart, a consultant lobbyist with Counterpoint Communications Inc., is arranging updates with the Minister of Environment and MLAs Laurie Throness (Chilliwack-Hope) and John Yap (Richmond-Steveston) on behalf of Nestlé Waters Canada regarding their commitment to the *Sustainable Water Act*.

18. Rebecca Scott, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging informational meetings with several public office holders on behalf of CSA Group regarding their services and products.
19. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is setting up awareness sessions with staff of several ministers and ministries on behalf of SAS regarding the benefits SAS software and analytics can have on identifying public cost savings.
20. Brad Zubyk and Emir Mehinagic, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., are lobbying several public office holders on behalf of the Guide Outfitters Association of BC to seek a legislative solution for allocation around certain species of game.
21. Brad Zubyk and Mike Watson are setting up a meeting with the Minister of International Trade on behalf of WestPac Midstream LLC as they are seeking to construct a marine terminal for liquid natural gas fuelling on Tilbury Island.
22. The Association for Mineral Exploration BC is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on the proposed Telkwa Caribou Management guidelines, and the Minister of Energy and Mines for improvements to the mine permitting process.
23. The BC Healthy Living Alliance is lobbying staff of several ministers on child poverty, workplace wellness, chronic disease prevention, and participation in the engagement process regarding the 10-year transportation plan and the transportation plebiscite.
24. The BC Lodging and Campgrounds Association is lobbying several ministers on a number of issues including halting fare increases for BC Coastal Ferries, the need for a legislated funding formula for Destination BC, and better signage and enforcement to reduce free overnight camping in rest areas.
25. Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) are lobbying a number of ministers on a broad range of issues including greater access to innovative medicines, facilitating "value demonstrating initiatives" partnerships, and international trade agreements.
26. The Canadian Bankers Association is lobbying a number of public office holders on a variety of topics including encouraging the development of nationally harmonized securities legislation and an appropriate regulatory regime for credit unions.
27. The Canadian Life & Health Insurance Association is lobbying the Financial Institutions Commission regarding a proposed regime for levying administrative monetary penalties.
28. The Canadian Medical Association is lobbying the Premier and Minister of Health regarding a national senior's strategy and investment in long-term and community care.

29. The Construction Labour Relations Association is lobbying several MLAs and WorkSafeBC on a variety of issues including apprenticeship reform, labour relations, and amendments to workers compensation policy.
30. CropLife Canada is lobbying several ministers (and/or their staff) and a number of MLAs on the preservation of urban green space via the use of Health Canada approved pest control products and the benefits of plant sciences innovation.
31. FPIInnovations is lobbying the Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services (and/or his staff) for financing of forestry and forest products related research projects.
32. GDF SUEZ Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding contracts for clean energy projects.
33. General Electric Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of issues including the procurement of health care equipment, commercialization of university research, and policy respecting First Nation participation in clean energy development, LNG and pipelines.
34. General Motors of Canada Limited is lobbying several ministers to further develop policies and programs regarding sustainable transportation initiatives to encourage the adoption of advanced technology vehicles.
35. The Health Sciences Association of BC is lobbying several public office holders on a number of issues including the training of more health science professionals, the expansion and improvement of community social services, and a fair labour relations environment.
36. Imperial Oil Limited is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding pro-development fiscal policies for natural gas in BC and repeal or amendments to the BC Low Carbon Fuel and Renewable Fuel regulation requirements.
37. The Insurance Bureau of Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of topics including increased investment in preparation and resiliency measures, increased emergency preparedness, and increased competition in automobile insurance in BC.
38. The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research is lobbying several public office holders for the implementation of a provincial health strategy and continued funding for health research.
39. Microsoft Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of topics including adding additional products to their existing contracts and support for their software development operations in the province.

40. Nexen Energy ULC is lobbying several ministers (and/or their staff) on regulations that support the continued development of their shale gas resources in northern B.C. and potential LNG development on the B.C. coast.
41. Pfizer Canada is lobbying several public office holders to promote the concept of a multi-ministry working group for the life science and innovation sector and to negotiate and finalize a vaccine term supply agreement.
42. The Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of BC are lobbying the Minister of Housing to change legislation to allow dealers to import, sell, service, advertise and take on trade either CSA Z240 or NFPA 1192 manufactured recreational vehicles.
43. Rio Tinto Alcan is lobbying the Ministers of Environment and Health for support in regard to the establishment of the Federal Government's Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards that will reflect the environmental and economic benefits of the aluminum smelting sector in BC.
44. teliPhone Navigata-Westel is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services for the provision of new and management of existing telecommunications services contract to government.
45. Westcoast Energy Inc. dba Spectra Energy Transmission is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a broad range of topics including a fiscal/regulatory framework for LNG infrastructure development and the impact of taxation changes on the fiscal and competitive environment of the natural gas sector.