

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – March 31, 2016

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the B.C. *Lobbyists Registration Act* and they were activated between March 1 and March 31, 2016. 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 setting up meetings with Ministry of Health staff on behalf of LEO Pharma Inc. to secure a change in the special authorization for Tinzaparin coverage.
2. Kevin Brown, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying several ministers and MLA Donna Barnett on behalf of Atlantic Power Williams Lake for an amendment to an existing air emissions permit and a 10-year extension of an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro that expires in 2018.
3. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Graphite Public Affairs, is arranging introductory meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the Canadian Association for Pharmacy Distribution Management to raise awareness of the expertise and capabilities of Canadian pharmaceutical distributors.
4. Cole and Dave Cyr, consultant lobbyists, are arranging meetings with the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Energy and Mines (and/or their staff) on behalf of Clean Energy BC to ensure the business and regulatory climate is reasonable and efficient for operating assets and new development opportunities.
5. Aaron Freeman, a consultant lobbyist with Pivot Strategic Consulting Inc., has arranged a meeting with staff of the Premier's Office on behalf of the Environmental Defence Fund for the establishment of a regulated target for methane reductions from oil and gas operations.
6. Martin Green, a consultant lobbyist with StrategyCorp Inc., is lobbying several public office holders on behalf of Elekta Ltd – Canada to pursue opportunities regarding their therapy solutions.
7. Stephen Hampton, a consultant lobbyist with Crestview Strategy, is setting up introductory meetings with several public office holders on behalf of Amazon.

8. Peter Walters, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying several public office holders on behalf of Westbank Projects Corp. to initiate the disposition of land held by the BC Pavilion Corporation.
9. Douglas Horne, a consultant lobbyist with Laralas Strategies Group, is setting up meetings with the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) and MLA Jane Thornthwaite on behalf of Skydance Media regarding the importance of stability for production tax credits.
10. Douglas Horne is also lobbying on behalf of Urban Gate Inc. to improve B.C.'s Provincial Nominee Program to make it more accessible for small businesses.
11. Jess Ketchum of Ketchum Communications Ltd. is lobbying the Office of the Premier and Minister of Health on behalf of London Drugs regarding modifications to Bill 6 of the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act*.
12. Sara Levine of Sara Levine Law Corporation is lobbying Ministry of Health staff on behalf of the British Columbia Pharmacy Association for the appropriate and effective regulation of pharmacists and pharmacies.
13. Michael Lipton of Dickinson Wright LLP is arranging a meeting with the British Columbia Lottery Corporation on behalf of NYX Gaming Group Ltd. prior to their potential acquisition of a current contract holder.
14. Tamara Little, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is coordinating meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the Cree Nation of Waswanipi to discuss the Great Bear Rainforest.
15. Cam McAlpine, a consultant lobbyist with PRMedia Strategic Communications, is lobbying several ministers and MLA Donna Barnett on behalf of Atlantic Power Williams Lake to obtain an amendment to an existing air emission permit and extension of an electricity purchase agreement with BC Hydro.
16. Cam McAlpine is also arranging discussions with several public office holders on behalf of the Council of Forest Industries regarding legislation, regulations, programs and policies that positively impact the B.C. interior forest industry.
17. Emir Mehinagic and Brad Zubyk, consultant lobbyists with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., are arranging briefing with several ministers and Premier's Office staff on behalf of Ocean Networks Canada regarding the commercial and scientific components of their work.
18. Emir Mehinagic is also organizing meetings with Premier's Office staff and the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) on behalf of Dynacare regarding Government's ongoing reform of laboratory services.

19. John Moonen of John Moonen and Associates Ltd. is setting up meetings with the Premier and several ministers on behalf of the City of Trail.
20. Samuel Oliphant, a consultant lobbyist with Oliphant Public Affairs, is lobbying staff of the Premier and the Minister of Health on behalf of Think Research to help them get their products used by the B.C. Government.
21. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is setting up awareness meetings with staff of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance on behalf of Pacific Blue Cross regarding the benefits of their health, dental, life, disability and travel coverage products.
22. Don Stickney is also arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of lululemon athletics Inc. regarding future employment needs associated with their operations.
23. Joel Thirsk, a consultant lobbyist with Edelman Vancouver, is lobbying staff of the Minister of Children and Family Development and the Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation on behalf of Oracle to convey their cloud service offering as a more cost effective alternative to the current software used by both ministries.
24. Sarah Weddell, a consultant lobbyist with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, is arranging a meeting with staff of the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on behalf of the B.C. Taxi Association to support the current regulations and standards of the car-for-ride industry.
25. Brad Zubyk, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group Inc., is coordinating educational sessions with the Premier (and/or her staff), the Minister of Health and the Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services on behalf of Innovative Medicines Canada regarding innovative medicine and vaccines that improve the lives of all Canadians.
26. The BC Agriculture Council is lobbying the Minister of Agriculture for additional support for the ALC to conduct enforcement and control activities, to revise the PST exemption for bona fide farmers, and funding to help BC farmers and ranchers build public trust with consumers.
27. BC Colleges is lobbying a number of public office holders to establish programs and policies for Aboriginal learners in the public BC Colleges, to secure financial support for new and existing College programs and capital projects, and concerning Government's Skills for Jobs Blueprint.
28. The BC Construction Association is lobbying several ministers concerning human resource programming, public sector procurement, WorkSafeBC, and safety legislation.
29. The BC Healthy Living Alliance is lobbying a number of public office holders to amend BC's movie ratings in order to reduce youth exposure to tobacco promotion and to advance public policy that has the potential to prevent chronic disease.

30. The BC Lodging and Campgrounds Association is lobbying several ministers and MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert regarding the LMO program to access foreign workers in remote locations, AirBnB tax free status, staff housing supply issues in resort communities, and development of a new fare program for RVs on BC Ferries.
31. The British Columbia Real Estate Association is lobbying several public office holders on a number of topics including improvement of the handling of strata documents during sales transactions, minimizing the negative impact of the Property Transfer Tax, and consistent processes for the disclosure and remediation of properties used to produce drugs.
32. The British Columbia Trucking Association is lobbying Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff for the mandated use of electronic logging devices and is lobbying the Minister Responsible for Translink regarding mobility pricing in Metro Vancouver.
33. The Canadian Medical Association is lobbying the Minister of Health for better seniors care, Federal investment in home care, and long term care infrastructure.
34. Canadian Pacific is lobbying a number of public office holders for the development of a provincial approach to land based spill response, development of infrastructure for and promotion of the Pacific Gateway, and review of the *Canada Transportation Act*.
35. The Council of Forest Industries is lobbying staff of several ministries on a number of issues including funding and endorsement regarding migratory birds and amendment of policy and/or regulation to improve the opportunity for the beneficial use of wood ash.
36. FPIinnovations is lobbying a number of public office holders for financing of forestry and forest products related research projects.
37. General Electric Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including the procurement of health care equipment, policy respecting First Nations participation in clean energy development, LNG and pipelines, and opportunities to collaborate with key medical research institutions.
38. IATSE Local 891 is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training concerning film tax credit reforms.

39. The Industry Investment Association of Canada is lobbying the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the British Columbia Securities Commission on a number of issues including the promotion and enhancement of competitive tax rates, modifications to provincial securities law, and the development of the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System.
40. The Mining Association of British Columbia is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a number of topics including support for revenue sharing, First Nations training initiatives, rural post-secondary training initiatives and institutions, and trades training.
41. Pfizer is lobbying the BC Center for Disease Control regarding public health immunization policy and their vaccine portfolio.
42. The Private Forest Landowners Association is lobbying several ministers on international trade as it pertains to the forestry industry.
43. Suncor Energy Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders to secure support in working with indigenous communities, for support for advancement of clean technology, and on infrastructure related to securing market access for Canadian energy.
44. Tides Canada Initiatives Society is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including implementation of actions from the Agrifood and Seafood Strategic Growth Plan, improvement of school food programs, and addressing food insecurity and poverty reduction.
45. The Truck Loggers Association is lobbying the Premier and several Ministers for funding for the *Forest Service Providers Act* that will result in ongoing lien protection for forest service providers.
46. Westcoast Energy Inc. dba Spectra Energy Transmission is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of issues including the fiscal/regulatory framework for LNG infrastructure development, LNG labour workforce strategies, and the greenhouse gas/air pollutant regulatory framework.