

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – May 1 to May 31, 2012

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act between May 1 and May 31, 2012. The full details of each registration are searchable at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

1. Brian Canestraro, an in-house lobbyist for Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc., is arranging meetings with Ministry of Health staff to provide briefings about their company, existing products and value offerings as well as to negotiate with BC PharmaCare.
2. Bruce Carter and Matthew Angus, in-house lobbyists for the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, are lobbying several public office holders on a broad range of topics including a housing first policy as part of social programming, changes in financial reporting, and the airport expansion.
3. Josh Christensen, a consultant lobbyist with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, is arranging meetings with MLAs Ida Chong (Oak Bay-Gordon Head) and Maurine Karagianis (Esquimalt-Royal Roads) on behalf of his client, Amgen Canada Inc., to discuss an education award.
4. Josh Christensen is also arranging meetings on behalf of Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited with the British Columbia Lottery Corporation to help raise Gateway Casinos' profile.
5. Josh Christensen is arranging meetings with MLAs Adrian Dix (Vancouver-Kingsway) and Carole James (Victoria-Beacon Hill) on behalf of Enbridge to provide information about the company and the proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline project.
6. Josh Christensen and Jim Rutkowski, consultant lobbyists with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, are arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of the Task Group for Counsellor Regulation in BC to discuss the group's goals and objectives.
7. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Pace Group Communications Inc., is arranging meetings with MLAs on behalf of Stantec to raise awareness of their areas of expertise and current initiatives in BC.
8. Michael Cunningham is also arranging meetings with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (and/or her staff) on behalf of Creative Industries of BC to discuss the content and recommendations of their recent discussion paper.

9. Luc Fournier, an in-house lobbyist for the Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council, is lobbying various public office holders to inform them about the potential negative impact of changes considered to motorcycle licensing and regulations.
10. Trish Garner and Seth Klein, in-house lobbyists for the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, are lobbying several MLAs to seek a commitment to a provincial poverty reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines.
11. Margaret Gordon, an in-house lobbyist for the BC Apartment Owners and Managers Association, is lobbying several MLAs for changes to the *Residential Tenancy Act* to de-control rent.
12. Kevin Harrington, an in-house lobbyist for Abbott, is arranging meetings with public office holders to discuss delivering cost effective medications and therapies to the citizens of British Columbia.
13. Michael Harrison, a consultant lobbyist with GCI Group Canada, is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of his client, Purdue Pharma Canada, to discuss addiction issues in BC and the transition from OxyContin to OxyNEO.
14. Mary Hemmingsen and Ian Kerr, in-house lobbyists for Brookfield Power Services Inc., are seeking the issuance of permits for energy project development, encouraging the development of energy policy that facilitates the development and expansion of opportunities for independent power producers, and encouraging the awarding of Energy Purchase Agreements.
15. Philip Hochstein, an in-house lobbyist for the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C., is arranging meetings with the Minister of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government to discuss the Labour Code, employment standards, and workers' compensation and with the Minister of Finance to discuss taxation policies and regulations.
16. Patrick Hrushowy, a consultant lobbyist with Sequoia Management Group Inc., is arranging a meeting with the MLA for Comox Valley, Don McRae (and/or his staff), on behalf of Gracorp Capital Advisors Ltd. to introduce the client and to discuss the north island hospitals going to tender.
17. In-house lobbyists for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business are lobbying various public office holders on a number of topics including red tape reduction, budget issues, labour issues and liquor regulations.
18. In-house lobbyists for Croplife Canada are lobbying several MLAs to advocate for policies that recognize the role of plant biotechnology and that do not curtail the sale or use of federally tested and approved pest control products by British Columbians.
19. In-house lobbyists for Liquor Stores N.A. Ltd. are lobbying the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Liquor Control & Licensing Branch for effective regulation of private retail liquor stores in BC.

20. In-house lobbyists for Merck Canada Inc. are lobbying several public office holders to seek access for Merck's products by engaging in product listing agreements with government and to provide policy perspectives on changes which may impact access to innovative medicines.
21. In-house lobbyists for Purdue Pharma Inc are attempting to persuade government to list and fully fund OxyNEO on the BC Drug Formulary.
22. In-house lobbyists for the Rick Hansen Foundation are lobbying various public office holders to seek financial assistance for spinal cord research and to discuss provincial government programs to assist people with spinal cord injury.
23. In-house lobbyists for The Nature Conservancy are lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat to encourage ownership of timber tenures, limiting mining and oil and gas activities in the Flathead River basin and limiting trophy hunting on the B.C. coast.
24. In-house lobbyists for TransAlta Corporation are proposing potential electricity generation solutions to government to meet the rising demand in BC.
25. In-house lobbyists for the TransCanada Corporation are lobbying numerous public office holders on construction of the new pipeline infrastructure including NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd., Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., and the Alaska Pipeline.
26. In-house lobbyists for Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. are arranging meetings with several public office holders to assist with employment training programs.
27. In-house lobbyists for Westcoast Energy Inc. doing business as Spectra Energy Transmission are lobbying various public office holders on a broad range of issues including the impact of the carbon tax, improved fiscal and regulatory competitiveness for natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipelines, and streamlined regulatory processes for natural gas infrastructure projects.
28. Adam Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe Strategy Group, is arranging meetings with several public office holders on behalf of his client, Spectra Energy, to provide information about the activities of Spectra Gas.
29. Peter Kenward, a consultant lobbyist with Clark Wilson LLP, is arranging meetings on behalf of Burke Mountain Holdings with MLA Douglas Horne (Coquitlam-Burke Mountain) to discuss potential land exchange further to existing provincial policy.
30. Andrew Leyne and Jim Rutkowski, consultant lobbyists with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, are arranging meetings with several MLAs (and/or their staff) on behalf of their client, Loblaw Companies Limited, to identify opportunities to partner with government.

31. Andrew Leyne and Jim Rutkowski are also lobbying MLAs on behalf of the British Columbia Naturopathic Association to encourage changes to the *Health Professions Act* and regulations that advance the interests of naturopathic physicians.
32. Andrew Leyne is arranging meetings with several MLAs (and/or their staff) on behalf of Port Metro Vancouver to develop relationships between the Port and government.
33. Tamara Little, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is arranging meetings with a several public office holders on behalf of her client, Xstrata Coal British Columbia, to build relationships, to request support for their participation in the trade mission, and to discuss their BC projects and investments.
34. Tamara Little is also arranging meetings on behalf of Progress Energy to raise awareness of the company and to build relationships with government.
35. Alex McMillan, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is arranging meetings on behalf of Xstrata Coal Canada with the Minister of Energy and Mines (and/or his staff) to advise of potential development opportunities the company are currently working on in BC.
36. Joss Penny, an in-house lobbyist for the BC Lodging and Campgrounds Association, is arranging meetings with MLAs to address the steep increase in property taxes payable by rural residents and to seek an exemption for private campgrounds and RV parks from campfire bans and campfire size regulations.
37. Wayne Roznowsky, an in-house lobbyist for Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, is arranging discussions with several public office holders regarding the mountain pine beetle impact on harvest levels, the future of the Softwood Lumber Agreement with the United States and the marketing of forest products from BC into Asia.
38. James Rutkowski, a consultant lobbyist for Hill+Knowlton Strategies, is coordinating meetings with MLAs on behalf of the Vancouver International Airport Authority to promote the Asia-Pacific Gateway and BC airports and destinations.
39. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Fleishman-Hillard, is setting up meetings with several public office holders on behalf of his client, Mercer International, to discuss the benefits of Mercer's Celgar pulp mill in Castlegar.
40. Chris Tupper, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is coordinating meetings with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) on behalf of his client, LifeScan Canada, to discuss their business in BC with regard to glucose monitoring and diabetes management.

41. Chris Tupper is also arranging meetings on behalf of Shoppers Drug Mart with the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) to discuss government health policy as it applies to the company's business in BC.
42. Steve Vander Wal, a consultant lobbyist with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, is setting up meetings with the Minister of Health and the Minister of State for Multiculturalism (and/or their staff) on behalf of his client, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., to seek expanded health services and public information programs targeting ethnic communities.
43. Marilyn Whitmarsh, an in-house lobbyist for the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia, is lobbying the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Advanced Education on the HST reversal and its impact on the building industry as a whole.
44. Alan Winter and Suzanne Gill, in-house lobbyists for Genome British Columbia, are lobbying several ministers and MLAs to expand BC based genomics research.
45. Bruce Young, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe BC, is arranging meetings with public office holders on behalf of his client, TV 5, to discuss their new project aimed at establishing a chain of French-language national television programming to be called ACCENTS.
46. Bruce Young is also providing support to Croplife Canada on all issues pertaining to the ongoing public policy development involving plant sciences and pesticides and is arranging meetings with several public office holders to discuss these issues.