Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot - May 31, 2015

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act between May 1 and May 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.

- Mike Bailey, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is arranging a meeting
 with Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development staff on behalf of Canadian
 Horizons regarding the municipal development cost charges formulas.
- 2. Colin Campbell, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a discussion with MLA Suzanne Anton (Vancouver-Fraserview) on behalf of the BC Tree Fruits Cooperative regarding the benefits of a new cidery already licensed to them.
- 3. Don Fast, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying staff of several ministries and the Environmental Appeal Board on behalf of Canada National C & C Oil Corporation seeking support for investment opportunities in BC.
- 4. Michael Goehring, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is lobbying staff of the Premier and several ministers on behalf of Catalyst Paper Corp. to raise awareness of potential countervailing duties on their supercalendered paper export to the US.
- 5. Dave Kennedy, a consultant lobbyist with Strategic Aboriginal Consulting Inc., is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation on behalf of TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. to work towards engagement and successful negotiations with First Nations in British Columbia.
- 6. Blair Lekstrom, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (and/or her staff) and MLA Mike Bernier (Peace River South) on behalf of the City of Dawson Creek, the District of Chetwynd, the District of Tumbler Ridge, and the Village of Pouce Coupe to negotiate a renewed Fair Share Agreement.
- Blair Lekstrom is also setting up meetings on behalf of HD Mining International Ltd. with the Minister of Energy and Mines and MLA Mike Bernier to discuss their proposed Murray River underground coal mine project.

- 8. Blair Lekstrom is negotiating opportunities with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority on behalf of Duz Cho Construction, who is wholly owned by the McLeod Lake Indian Band.
- Don Moors, a consultant lobbyist with Temple Scott Associates, is setting up meetings with several ministers on behalf of Peoples Trust regarding implementation of the Government of Canada's Blue Sky policy.
- 10. Mark Resnick, a consultant lobbyist with The Rothwell Group Inc., is arranging an informational meeting with staff of the Minister of Health on behalf of Purdue Pharma Canada regarding the benefits associated with abuse deterrent formulations of prescription opioids.
- 11. Rebecca Scott, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is coordinating update meetings with staff of the Premier and several ministers on behalf of Encana regarding their activities.
- 12. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is arranging awareness sessions on behalf of Flatiron Corp with staff of the Premier and Minister of Energy and Mines and Ministry staff regarding the company's expertise in building transportation and infrastructure projects.
- 13. The Automotive Retailers Association is lobbying several ministers on a number of issues including the health and safety of workers in the automotive industry and industry skills training and apprenticeship.
- 14. The BC Teachers' Federation is lobbying the Minister of Education (and/or his staff) and several other public office holders on a range of issues including development and implementation of a British Columbia Poverty Reduction Plan, increased funding for public education, and a call to withdraw Bill 11.
- 15. BG LNG Developers Alliance is lobbying several ministers to develop a robust LNG industry in British Columbia.
- 16. Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Health to secure the public listing of their drugs on the BC Provincial Drug Formulary.
- 17. The Canadian Cancer Foundation is lobbying several ministers and MLAs to amend the *Tobacco Control Act* to include a ban on flavored tobacco products, to prohibit smoking and vaping in certain areas, and to increase tobacco taxes.
- 18. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business is lobbying a number of public office holders on an extensive list of topics including recycling programs and associated environmental handling fees, reduction of the regulatory paper burden, and the impact of the sales tax on business competitiveness.

- 19. The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters BC is lobbying several MLAs on a variety of issues including more industrial land and less property taxes and no utility or PST increases.
- 20. CH Four Biogas is lobbying MLAs Norm Letnick (Kelowna-Lake Country) and Scott Hamilton (Delta North) to promote renewable energy located on farms in BC.
- 21. First West Credit Union is lobbying a number of public office holders concerning the taxation of credit unions and the deposit guarantee in the *Financial Institutions Act*.
- 22. FortisBC Energy Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of issues including amendments to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation to allow expenditure flexibility on undertakings relating to NGT vehicles and proposed changes to the *Utilities Commission Act* regarding the regulation of the company's thermal energy services.
- 23. Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited is lobbying a lengthy list of MLAs for rezoning of existing casino locations and possible expansion of their operations.
- 24. Genome British Columbia is lobbying several public office holders to expand BC based genomics research.
- 25. HeliCat Canada Association is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for adventure tourism policy development.
- 26. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC is lobbying the Minister of Advanced Education and Ministry staff on the establishment of the Chartered Professional Accountant designation and its new regulatory body.
- 27. Kinder Morgan Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of the Ministry of Natural Gas Development, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation regarding plans for the proposed Trans Mountain Expansion Project.
- 28. Mitacs is lobbying a number of public office holders to request funding for their applied research projects.
- 29. The Retail Council of Canada is lobbying the Minister of Environment (and/or her staff) and Ministry staff for further development of the extended producer responsibility programs in an effort to create a consistent, cost-effective and efficient system.
- 30. Sanofi-aventis Canada Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and the Provincial Health Services Authority for reimbursement and listing of their products through the provincial formulary and support for innovation in life sciences and health products.
- 31. Siemens Canada Ltd. is lobbying staff of a number of public agencies for the sale of their medical equipment and diagnostic supplies.

32. The Wood Pellet Association of Canada is lobbying the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natura Resource Operations (and/or his staff) to obtain a fibre supply for the secondary wood sector.