

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – November 30, 2014

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between November 1 and November 30, 2014. Here is a brief summary of lobbying activities organizations and consultant lobbyists 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 arranging a briefing with the Premier and MLA Terry Lake (Kamloops-North Thompson) on behalf of Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. regarding the issues challenging the treatment of ultra-rare diseases and to seek funding.
2. Megan Boyle and Dayna Dobrowolski, consultant lobbyists with Global Public Affairs, are assisting with the coordination of a lunch presentation on the advancements in diabetes research on behalf of LifeScan Canada to Minister of Health staff and a number of MLAs (and/or their staff).
3. John Christensen and Andrew Leyne, consultant lobbyists with Hill+Knowlton Strategies, are arranging meetings with several ministers and MLAs on behalf of WestJet Airlines Ltd. to build their profile and develop relationships with BC government officials.
4. Alexandra Clark, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging a discussion with the Minister of Natural Gas Development on the opportunities for training, safety and labour for LNG projects on behalf of Enform. She is also arranging meetings with public office holders regarding employment and skills training in the upstream oil and gas industry.
5. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging briefings with several ministers (and/or their staff) on behalf of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada regarding their position on the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulator.
6. David Cyr, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with the Minister of Finance (and/or his staff) on behalf of Great Canadian Gaming regarding their vision to be the leading gaming, entertainment and hospitality company in their chosen markets.
7. William Devins, a consultant lobbyist, is arranging meetings on behalf of Molson Coors Canada with the Minister of Finance and Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to discuss beverage alcohol industry matters.

8. Lindsay Doyle, a consultant lobbyist with Summa Strategies Canada, is lobbying several ministers and all MLAs on behalf of the Western Convenience Stores Association regarding the implications of the contraband tobacco trade on B.C. retailers and to promote the passage of anti-illicit tobacco legislation.
9. Don Fast of D. Fast Consulting Ltd. dba The Progressive Group is lobbying staff of the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment on behalf of Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. for the awarding of an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Morrison copper/gold mine project.
10. James Girvan, a consultant lobbyist, is setting up a meeting with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on behalf of the Truck Loggers Association to advocate for forest policy.
11. Michael Goehring, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is arranging meetings with a number of MLAs and Ministers on behalf of the Prince Rupert Port Authority to ensure their interests, and those of their tenants, are understood and recognized.
12. Karin MacMillan, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is arranging a discussion with the Minister Responsible for Housing on behalf of Landlord BC regarding the sustainability of the rental housing industry in British Columbia.
13. Alex McMillan, a consultant lobbyist with NATIONAL Public Relations, is setting up meetings with several public office holders on behalf of Abbott Canada regarding diabetes care in BC and ensuring patients have timely access to care and new innovative technologies that will improve their quality of care.
14. Mark Resnick, a consultant lobbyist with The Rothwell Group Inc., is lobbying Premier's Office staff, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp. on matters pertaining to the regulation of intercity bus transportation services in BC.
15. Cynthia Shore of Cynthia Shore Enterprises dba The Progressive Group is lobbying staff of the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment on behalf of Pacific Booker Minerals Inc. for the awarding of an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Morrison copper/gold mine project.
16. Lecia Stewart, a consultant lobbyist with The Stewart Group, is arranging update meetings with several public office holders on behalf of Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. regarding the Compass Card fare payment program being implemented for Metro Vancouver's public transit system.

17. Don Stickney, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is setting up awareness meetings on behalf of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research with the Premier and Minister of Health (and/or their staff) regarding the Institute's research network.
18. Ian Todd, a consultant lobbyist with Maple Leaf Strategies, is setting up meetings with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff and staff of MLA Todd Stone (Kamloops-South Thompson) on behalf of The Black Diamond Group regarding zoning for a parcel in the Port Edwards area.
19. Bruce Young, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe BC, is organizing meetings on behalf of Canada's Research Based Pharmaceutical Companies with staff of the Premier, Minister of Health and Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services to share information regarding innovation and life science related investments in BC.
20. Brad Zubyk, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group, is lobbying staff of the Minister of Health on behalf of the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia seeking to make changes to the massage therapist regulations to allow registered massage therapists to use appropriate forms of "medical electricity therapy".
21. The Alliance of Beverage Licensees of BC is lobbying the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Parliamentary Secretary for Liquor Policy Reform concerning the implementation of policy recommendations arising from the Liquor Policy Review, specifically those that effect pub and private liquor stores.
22. BC LNG Developers Alliance is lobbying a number of Ministers and MLAs to foster the development of a robust LNG industry in BC.
23. The British Columbia Wine Institute Society is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a range of issues including the reduction of the PST from 10% to 7%, additional BC VQA wine store licences, and support for their export initiatives.
24. The Canadian Cancer Society is lobbying MLA Terry Lake (Kamloops-North Thompson) to advocate for comprehensive tobacco control policies and legislation and also several other public office holders to seek support for their Cancer Prevention Centre.
25. The Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters BC is lobbying MLA Greg Kylo (Shuswap) on the importance of the manufacturing sector and MLA Marc Dalton (Maple Ridge-Mission) on the difficulties of transportation for manufacturing businesses in the Maple Ridge area.
26. Canadian Natural Resources Limited is lobbying several public office holders on a range of issues including enhancing regulatory efficiency and timelines for government and industry.

27. CH Four Biogas is lobbying several ministers regarding feed in tariffs and FortisBC's renewable natural gas program.
28. The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association is lobbying several ministers and MLAs for more funding for Simon Fraser University South of the Fraser and for professionally managed Purpose Built Shelters in Surrey City Centre.
29. FortisBC Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders on a range of topics, including the purchase and sale of power in British Columbia.
30. Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited is lobbying several Ministers and MLAs regarding rezoning of existing casino locations, gaming principles and possible expansion of Gateway's operations.
31. Genome British Columbia is lobbying several public office holders to expand BC based genomics research.
32. HeliCat Canada Association is lobbying Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff to update the Adventure Tourism Policy.
33. Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. is lobbying staff of MLAs John Horgan (Juan de Fuca) and Jordan Sturdy (West Vancouver-Sea to Sky) to present the value that independent power producers provide to BC and the community benefits of renewable energy.
34. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC is lobbying the Minister of Advanced Education and Ministry staff as well as MLA Kathy Corrigan (Burnaby-Deer Lake) in order to establish the Chartered Professional Accountants of BC.
35. Janssen Inc. is lobbying several public office holders regarding the provincial listing and reimbursement of medications for the treatment of hepatitis C, diabetes, schizophrenia and autoimmune disorders.
36. Kinder Morgan Canada Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding plans for the proposed Trans Mountain Expansion Project.
37. Mitacs Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders to request funding to partner graduate students with local industry to perform applied research projects.
38. Nexterra Systems Corp. is lobbying a lengthy list of public office holders to encourage the adoption of clean energy solutions and the adoption and implementation of programs and policies that support biomass energy projects, research and development.

39. Pacific Northwest LNG is lobbying a number of public office holders on issues related to a BC liquid natural gas industry including: local skills training programs in Northwestern BC, a taxation regime as well as community and infrastructure needs.
40. Seaspan ULC is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders regarding the challenges and opportunities related to shipbuilding and the ship repair industry, the challenges facing the western transportation system, and to provide input and comment on marine transportation policy.
41. The Surrey Board of Trade is lobbying MLA Amik Virk (Surrey-Tynehead) to apply for funding for education in Surrey and MLA Terry Lake (Kamloops-North Thompson) for more health care infrastructure in Surrey.
42. Teck Resources Limited is lobbying the Premier and the Minister of Energy and Mines regarding conservation initiatives in the Elk Valley.
43. The Western Canadian Shippers Coalition is lobbying staff of the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the pending Federal CTA review panel.