

## WHO'S LOBBYING WHO IN BC? Monthly Snapshot – June 2020

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted new registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Transparency Act*, and they were activated between June 1 and June 30, 2020. A brief summary of lobbying activities organizations and consultant lobbyists have carried out or expect to carry out is provided. Search the Lobbyists Registry for full details of each registration at www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca.

- Jennifer Anthony, a consultant lobbyist with Fleishman Hillard High Road Corp, is lobbying public
  office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the British Columbia Co-operative
  Association to seek changes to regulations associated with the Cooperative Associations Act.
- 2. Michael Bailey, a consultant lobbyist with Western Policy Consultants Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Advanced Biofuels Canada Association regarding the production and use of advanced biofuels and other non-fossil clean fuels in BC including matters such as the Renewable and Low Carbon Fuels Requirements Regulation; amendment of the carbon tax to relieve biogenic carbon emissions from the tax; and seeking to ensure the BC Low Carbon Fuel Standard (BC LCFS) is extended to 2030 under the policy framework set out in Clean BC.
- 3. Michael Cunningham, a consultant lobbyist with Graphite Public Affairs, and Marnie Mitchell, a consultant lobbyist, are lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Novari Health Inc. regarding utilization of Novari Health's access to care software solutions to help improve hospital workflows for patients, physicians and administrators.

- 4. Danielle Dalzell, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Wild Salmon Forever Society to advocate for removal of open net-pen salmon farms from BC coastal waters and transition to sustainable, land-based, closed containment farming by 2025.
- 5. Darrell Dexter, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Dispension Industries Incorporated regarding the expansion and implementation of future MySafe sites for harm reduction measures related to the opioid crisis.
- 6. Jeffrey Ferrier, a consultant lobbyist with National Public Relations, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Sport Maska Inc. regarding guidelines for the safe resumption of sporting activities in BC, specifically a gradual and safe reopening of arenas.
- 7. Matthew Ghikas, a consultant lobbyist with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, is lobbying public office holders at the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on behalf of Parkland Corporation regarding a proposed regulation under the Fuel Price Transparency Act.
- 8. Megan Hanacek, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) with respect to the Private Managed Forest Land Act, Managed Forest land assessment and taxation, and the Managed Forest and other environmental reviews.
- 9. Sue Handel, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) with respect to the Private Managed Forest Land Act, the Managed Forest program, and the Managed Forest Review.
- 10. Nicole Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Globalfaces Direct Inc. to discuss how employees of Globalfaces Direct can be considered essential and resume face-to-face fundraising activity to support non-profits and charities supporting Canadians in the recovery of COVID-19.
- 11. Robert Lindstrom, a consultant lobbyist with Lindstrom Consulting Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the BC Pulp & Paper Bio-Alliance to advocate for development and future manufacturing of renewable products such as Health and non-Health face masks made from BC wood fibers.
- 12. Robert Lindstrom, a consultant lobbyist with Lindstrom Consulting Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the BC Pulp & Paper Coalition to increase the payload carried by trucks in the BC forest sector during the COVID-19 period.

- 13. Ron Lloyd, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Accenture Inc. regarding technology to modernize business capabilities, processes and systems of BC crown corporations and public agencies.
- 14. Robin MacLachlan, a consultant lobbyist with Summa Strategies Canada Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Trades Local 118 to advocate for new energy conservation programming and promotion of existing programs by Clean BC.
- 15. Grant McMillan, a consultant lobbyist with West Coast Safety Consultants, Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the BC Construction Association (BCCA) with respect to legislation, rules and regulations for occupational health & safety (Part 20 of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulation); workers' compensation legislation and policy for claims adjudication, including COVID 19 claim adjudication; and WorkSafeBC assessment policy for employer registration, classification of industry and definition of workplace roles.
- 16. Alise Mills, a consultant lobbyist with Sussex Strategy Group, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Citizen Care Pod Corporation with the goal of the organization being awarded a contract to deliver COVID testing and testing facilities to the Province.
- 17. Ramiro Mora, a consultant lobbyist with CWell Consulting Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Evolugen to advance and protect Evolugen's interests in energy-related policy, particularly related to its 6 hydroelectric generation facilities in B.C.
- 18. Jim Rutkowski, a consultant lobbyist with Counsel Public Affairs Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Insurance Council of British Columbia to advocate for the perspective of the Insurance Council of British Columbia and the insurance industry, with respect to BC's COVID-19 virus response; the development of Financial Services Authority regulations and ongoing reform of BC's financial regulations; and changes in strata insurance.
- 19. Jim Rutkowski and Bradley Lavigne, consultant lobbyists with Counsel Public Affairs Inc., are lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of North York Rehabilitation Centre Corp. regarding the impacts of Bill 11 Attorney General Statutes (Vehicle Insurance) Amendment Act, 2020 and the impacts of Bill 9 Evidence Amendment Act, 2020 on independent medical assessments.
- 20. Jim Rutkowski, a consultant lobbyist with Counsel Public Affairs Inc., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the British Columbia Real Estate Association regarding a

number of issues, including review and amendment of the Real Estate Services Act and the Real Estate Services Regulation; measures to improve energy efficiency of existing homes through incentives for property owners; measures to balance private property rights with public policy on the Agricultural Land Reserve; and ensuring COVID-19 measures balance the needs of renters, homeowners and the business sector.

- 21. Robin Sears, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of BYD Canada Co. Ltd. to promote accelerated conversion to zero emission vehicles in the transit community and funding to accommodate the cost of conversion.
- 22. Jody Shimkus, a consultant lobbyist with Kirk & Co. Environmental Services Ltd., is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of the Association of Major Power Customers of BC (AMPC) to advocate for AMPC members' interests in regulatory and policy issues related to electricity supply, and in particular, with respect to COVID-19 relief measures for business continuity.
- 23. Scott Takenaka, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying public office holders at the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General on behalf of Kindred Partners Inc. regarding retail store competitiveness in the legal cannabis sector, and to seek enforcement of laws around illegal cannabis distribution and sale.
- 24. Bill Tieleman, a consultant lobbyist with West Star Communications, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Queen Charlotte Lodge Ltd. with respect to health and safety regulations during the COVID-19 situation for tourism operations in remote locations.
- 25. Matt Williamson, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on behalf of Northeastern University, to arrange meetings regarding the BC government's acceleration of innovative, responsive educational and training program approvals to enable opportunities for workers and students to acquire the necessary skills for B.C.'s economic recovery efforts post-COVID-19.
- 26. A.S.T.C Science World Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to seek: funding for upgrades to the building and technology, to allow Science World to live-stream programs to schools across the province and vastly improve energy efficiency of the facility; funding to ensure viability of the organisation in view of COVID-19 restrictions; and funding to provide all BC learners with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Design, and Math) opportunities and resources.

- 27. Appnovation Technologies Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies with respect to technology that will help to modernize business capabilities, processes and systems of B.C. crown corporations and public agencies.
- 28. The Arthritis Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including removing provincial sales tax on medical cannabis; recommendations to improve early access to diagnosis and treatment for people living with arthritis that can reduce the wait for joint replacement surgeries, especially during COVID-19; support for the transition to biosimilar medications and reinvestment of savings into funding for new medications and efficient care pathways.
- 29. The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including funding to support the economic recovery of BC book publishers through the COVID-19 crisis and increased funding to the BC Arts Council and Creative BC to support BC book publishers through their respective programs.
- 30. The Association of Major Power Customers of BC is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate for electricity policy, prices, and programs geared to industrial needs and providing economic benefits, and COVID-19 relief measures to avoid the unintended consequences of electricity cost increases and allow for business continuity.
- 31. BASF Canada Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies with respect to modifying or repealing environmental legislation related to plastic waste and providing comments on prospective bills related to plastic waste.
- 32. The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate for amendments to provincial legislation in support of the membership of the International Fire Fighters Association and BC Professional Fire Fighters Association for presumptive coverages in areas of occupational related illness, injuries such as various forms of related cancers, heart injury, Operational Stress Injuries or hearing loss.
- 33. The BC Schizophrenia Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to discuss funding.
- **34.** The BC Tech Association is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies for an investment of \$50 million over 5 years in Scale Up BC, a partnership to drive economic growth and competitiveness across BC.

- 35. Black Swan Energy Ltd. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate for addressing gaps in federal programs that have been developed to support the energy industry and working to find possible options for a provincial solution.
- 36. The British Columbia Association of Broadcasters is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to seek COVID-19 economic relief measures, which could include tax measures or guaranteed advertising agreements.
- 37. The British Columbia Cycling Coalition is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including requests for reform of the Motor Vehicle Act and requests for amendment to the Insurance Corporation Act.
- 38. The British Columbia Lung Association is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding annual funding for their smoking cessation program, and to advocate for an increase in tobacco tax rates.
- 39. The Canadian Biogas Association is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding proposed changes to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, including the need for legislative and regulatory changes.
- 40. The Canadian Nurses Association is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues related to pandemic planning and COVID-19, such as ensuring all nurses are properly supported and protected by ensuring proper stockpiling of PPE and support for mental health while on the front lines.
- 41. Canadian Sport Institute Pacific is lobbying MLAs to secure \$20 Million in capital funding for a new home/facility for Canadian Sport Institute Pacific.
- 42. The Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1004 is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding job losses at the Pacific National Exhibition which is closed for the summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to request BC government financial support for the PNE organization.
- 43. The Canucks Autism Network is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate for funding for a program to help young adults with autism seek employment, and to seek changes to funding for sports programs dedicated to young people with autism, including changes to the parameters for grant funding by Viasport.
- 44. Covenant House Vancouver is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate for funding, programs, resources and legislation to support homeless youth.

- 45. FCA Canada Inc. is lobbying public office holders at several public agencies on a number of issues, including tax policy for the automotive luxury tax, Bill 28 2019: Zero Emissions Vehicle Tax and Clean BC Point of Sales Incentive Program and supplemental programs.
- 46. The Fraser Valley Real Estate Board is lobbying public office holders at a number of public age noise on several issues including amending the Real Estate Services Act and ensuring COVID-19 measures balance the needs of renters, homeowners and the business sector.
- 47. The Health Justice Society is lobbying public office holders in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, to develop a coordinated and transparent pandemic response for psychiatric facilities.
- 48. The Homebuilders Association Vancouver is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including recommendations from the report on the Development Approvals Process Review and improvements to the efficiency and processing times for approvals under the Water Sustainability Act.
- 49. Hydra Energy Canada Corporation is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding regulatory and program changes that support expanded use of hydrogen as a transportation fuel, and renewable natural gas; specifically, Hydra Energy is seeking to advance the timing of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulation amendments.
- 50. The Insurance Brokers Association of British Columbia is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding matters related to property and casualty insurance including the Strata Property Act.
- 51. The Insurance Council of British Columbia is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding the province's COVID-19 virus response, to provide perspectives of the Insurance Council on regulatory issues regarding the BC insurance industry; regulatory and industry impacts regarding the development of financial services regulations and ongoing reform of BC's financial regulations; and regulatory issues and impacts on the BC insurance industry relevant to changes in strata insurance in BC.
- 52. Interior Savings Credit Union is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding a variety of matters, including Credit Union Deposit Insurance premiums and fund; the Financial Institutions Act and/or the Credit Union Incorporation Act; and supervision of the credit union by the BC Financial Services Authority.

- 53. LifeLabs LP is lobbying public office holders at the Ministry of Health with respect to the Government's ongoing reform of laboratory services in the province, and approval to offer new testing services to support the province's healthcare objectives.
- 54. LEO Pharma Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to discuss the potential reimbursement of a psoriasis medication, to discuss a pipeline drug for Atopic Dermatitis, and how to leverage LEO Pharma's Open Innovation initiative to help grow the local Life Sciences ecosystem.
- 55. Ledcor Resources & Transportation Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to request an extension of the BC Hydro Energy Purchase Agreements with its primary customer for wood chips and biomass Howe Sounds Pulp and Paper.
- 56. Life Sciences BC is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues, including improving access to health data for life sciences research and policy recommendations for attracting, recruiting and retaining talent for BC life-sciences companies.
- 57. Lyft Canada Inc. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding matters related to the rideshare industry, including earnings submissions to the Passenger Transportation Board, the Employment Standards Act and the commercial licence requirement for drivers.
- 58. M.O.S.A.I.C. Multi-Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate on a range of issues, including funding for children and family programs; reskilling programs for newcomers; provision of employment services delivered through WorkBC; access to healthcare services; funding for language assessment and training, transportation, child care, and special needs accommodation.
- 59. Parkland Corporation is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding a range of issues including the carbon tax and greenhouse gas emissions reductions; regulations and implementation of the Environmental Assessment Act; fuel pricing and recommendations regarding the Fuel Price Transparency Act and related regulations; age restricted products such as vaping products and cigarettes; and support for access to the TransMountain pipeline that supports economic refinery utilization.
- 60. Passive House Canada is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding a proposal to establish a program to support a sustainable, energy efficient recovery of BC's economy from COVID-19.

- 61. The Pacific Salmon Foundation is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding land use, land use regulations, and land preservation as it relates to wild Pacific salmon; regulation of open-net pen aquaculture; and funding related to activities that improve outcomes for wild Pacific salmon such as hatchery development/upgrades, habitat assessments and rehabilitation.
- 62. PointClickCare is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding changes in policy or regulations that support the usage of electronic health record software or other digital clinical supports by long-term care homes in BC.
- 63. The Police Victim Services of British Columbia Society is lobbying public office holders at the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding a request for support to undertake a comprehensive review of the police-based victim services sector within the Province of British Columbia and the review of the BC Police Act.
- 64. The Saanich Firefighters' Association, IAFF Local 967 is lobbying MLAs for amendment of the Workers Compensation Act to create and enhance presumptive coverages in relation to mental and physical injuries accumulated by firefighters in the course of their duties.
- 65. The Self Design Learning Foundation is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding the funding formula for special needs learners.
- 66. Siemens Energy Canada Limited is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding sales and marketing activities and discussions relating to their portfolio of solutions, products and services.
- 67. The Simon Fraser Student Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate on a range of issues, including anti-racist education at all levels (primary, secondary, and post-secondary); elimination of BC MSP premiums for international post-secondary students; increased funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to post-secondary institutions in B.C.; and establishment of policies in line with the "Six Principles of a Just Recovery".
- **68.** The Supply Chain Management Association is lobbying public office holders in the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding policies and regulations focused on emergency management and responses, protection of public health and supply chain coordination during the COVID-19 emergency.
- 69. The Together Against Poverty Society is lobbying public office holders in the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to advocate for maintaining the \$300 monthly rate increase to income and disability assistance which was temporary put in place during the pandemic.

- 70. Tolko Industries Ltd. is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including wildlife management and habitat conservation within British Columbia, and Forest Act laws and regulations.
- 71. Tourmaline Oil Corp is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including COVID-19 economic recovery, workplace health and safety regimes and essential service designations.
- 72. The Vantage Point Strategies Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to advocate with respect to plans for economic recovery which might involve financial benefit to non-profits in BC, and with respect to changes to the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* and its application to non-profits and charities.
- 73. The Victoria Real Estate Board is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies on several issues including changes to the Real Estate Services Act and changes to the Property Transfer Tax.
- 74. The Watershed Security Coalition is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to seek investment in watershed sustainability as part of COVID-19 stimulus funding, as well as a \$200 million water security fund that is supplemented annually with water rentals and other financial mechanisms as well as matching Federal Funds.
- 75. Watershed Watch Salmon Society is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding land use regulation and land protection as it relates to wild Pacific salmon, and to seek support for COVID-19 stimulus spending on projects that support green infrastructure.
- 76. The Western Hockey League is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies to discuss a Return to Play Protocol as part of the government's restart program.
- 77. The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative Foundation is lobbying public office holders at a number of public agencies regarding a range of matters including provincial species at risk legislation and other advocacy to protect species at risk; advocacy for Wildlife-friendly roads, including an integrated plan for wildlife mitigation along Highway 3 between Sparwood, BC and the Alberta border; and advocacy for comprehensive caribou recovery plans, protection of critical habitat for caribou, and implementation of the Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement for the Recovery of Central Mountain Caribou.

