

Who's Lobbying Who in BC?

Monthly Snapshot – September 30, 2015

The following organizations and consultant lobbyists submitted their registrations under the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act* between September 1 and September 30, 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.

1. Amber Crawford, a consultant lobbyist with StrategyCorp Inc., is setting up a meeting with staff of the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training on behalf of the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada to seek further details and/or clarification of the terms of existing Government of British Columbia grants.
2. Dean Crawford of Coutts Pulver Crawford LLP is lobbying the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (and/or her staff) and the Office of the Premier on behalf of Home Depot of Canada Inc. for amendment of the *Employment Standards Act* to permit joint applications by employers and employees for a variation of the definition of “week”.
3. George Higgins, a consultant lobbyist with Identity Management Inc., is inviting the Minister of Housing to a roundtable discussion with the Canadian Home Builders’ Association of BC to provide feedback on recent legislative changes to the *Building Act*.
4. Adam Johnson, a consultant lobbyist with Earnscliffe Strategy Group, is arranging informational meetings with several public office holders on behalf of BST Transportation Group concerning their business and improving the supply chain in and around Port Metro Vancouver.
5. Jarett Lalonde, a consultant lobbyist with Global Public Affairs, is arranging meetings with a number of public office holders on behalf of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association to discuss several issues including property tax assessments and Ministry of Environment policy.
6. Donald Lidstone and Robert Botterell of Lidstone & Company are lobbying Premier’s Office staff and the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (and/or his staff) as well as Ministry staff on behalf of the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance to negotiate revenue-sharing agreements.

7. Donald Lidstone is also lobbying the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Ministry staff on behalf of the City of Rossland, the City of Trail, and the Village of Warfield for approval of a bylaw.
8. Don Stickney, Michael Drummond and Adam Johnson, consultant lobbyists with Earncliffe Strategy Group, are setting up meetings with staff of several ministers and ministries on behalf of Rio Tinto to raise awareness regarding the benefits of their BC operations.
9. Mike Watson, a consultant lobbyist with Wazuku Advisory Group, is arranging a number of meetings with public office holders on behalf of the Centre for Drug Research and Development.
10. Bruce Young, a consultant lobbyist with Earncliffe BC, is arranging a meeting with Minister of Finance staff on behalf of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals regarding the *Mortgage Brokers Act*, education, licensing and disclosure issues.
11. Jesse Zeman, a consultant lobbyist, is lobbying Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff on behalf of the BC Wildlife Federation concerning changes to the wildlife allocation policy, consumptive use of fish and wildlife populations, public access to public resources and increased funding for ecosystem restoration and biodiversity.
12. The BC Construction Association is lobbying the Premier and several ministers regarding skills training, WorksafeBC and safety legislation, human resource programming, and public sector procurement.
13. The BC Healthy Living Alliance is lobbying the Minister of Health and Parliamentary Secretary for Child Mental Health and Anti-Bullying to advance public policy that has the potential to prevent chronic disease and improve the overall health of British Columbians.
14. The BC Lodging and Campgrounds Association is lobbying the Minister of Finance and Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training for modernization of the *Tourism Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act* to reflect increased property values.
15. Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of topics including partnership/sponsorship opportunities, business incentives for and/or barriers to investment in BC and job creation.
16. The Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association is lobbying several public office holders to align the listing and pricing policies for generic drugs with the Pan-Canadian National Pharmaceutical Alliance, to support their position in intellectual property discussions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations, and to address delays in listing certain generic drugs.

17. Coast Forest Products Association is lobbying several public office holders on a number of issues including changes to BC Hydro rates, changes to the First Nations treaty process and policy changes for the Forest Innovation Investment program.
18. The Construction Labour Relations Association is lobbying several public office holders regarding apprenticeship reform, revisions to provincially regulated education systems and the development of new or updated policies related to implementation of legislative amendments arising from coroner verdicts, workplace status, OHS enforcement and others.
19. CropLife Canada is lobbying the Ministers of Agriculture and Environment (and/or their staff) and MLA Lana Popham (Saanich South) on the benefits of plant sciences innovation, plant biotechnology and the preservation of urban green space as well as the use of Health Canada approved pest control products.
20. FPInnovations is lobbying several ministers and parliamentary secretaries for the financing of forestry and forest products related research projects.
21. Futurpreneur Canada is lobbying the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and the Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction to promote and support entrepreneurship with related skills development in addition to a sustainability plan so they can continue to provide mentoring, financing and business services and support to young entrepreneurs.
22. GDF SUEZ Canada Inc. is lobbying staff of the Minister of Energy and Mines and BC Hydro for new independent power producer contracts and project development.
23. General Electric Canada is lobbying a number of public office holders on a broad range of topics including policy issues related to the procurement of health care equipment, commercialization of university research, and energy and mining infrastructure.
24. General Motors of Canada Limited is lobbying several ministers to encourage the adoption of advanced technology vehicles in accordance with BC's greenhouse gas reduction goals.
25. The Health Sciences Association of BC is lobbying several public office holders for the training, recruitment and retention of health science professionals in BC, adequate resources for child development centres, and the promotion of a fair labour relations environment.
26. Imperial Oil Limited is lobbying a number of public office holders to encourage the adoption of pro-development fiscal policies for natural gas in B.C. and the repeal or amendment to the B.C. Low Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.

27. The Insurance Bureau of Canada is lobbying an extensive list of public office holders on a range of issues including prioritization of climate change mitigation and advancing the P & C insurance industry's position in the *Financial Institute Act* consultation process.
28. The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research is lobbying the Ministers of Finance and Health and Ministry staff for continued funding and implementation of various provincial health research initiatives.
29. Nexen Energy ULC is lobbying several ministers (and/or their staff) for the continued development of their shale gas resources in B.C. and the possible development of an LNG project on the northern B.C. coast, including associated pipeline development.
30. Purdue Pharma Inc. is lobbying the Minister of Health (and/or his staff) and Ministry staff on the development of policy to address both pain management and risk management as it relates to the adoption of prescription opioids with abuse deterrent properties.
31. Suncor Energy Inc. is lobbying a number of public office holders regarding market access with regard to the Northern Gateway and TransMountain pipelines and for support of their operations in B.C.