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November 15, 2004

To the Honourable,  
Legislative Assembly of the  
Province of British Columbia  
Victoria, British Columbia

Honourable Members:

I have the honour to present herewith the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

The Second Report covers the work of the Committee on the pre-budget consultation process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Belsey, MLA  
Chair



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# COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

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# TERMS OF REFERENCE

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On April 1, 2004, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services was appointed and empowered:

To examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* and, in particular, to:

- (a) Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;
- (b) Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2004 on the results of those consultations; and

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

- (a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee;
- (b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;
- (c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and
- (d) to retain personnel as required to assist the committee,

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to everyone who assisted in our work. In particular, we would like to thank the record number of British Columbians who took the time to participate in the pre-budget consultation process. We would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of these individuals and organizations, as their participation was fundamental to our work and to this important process.

In addition, the Committee would like to thank the people we met during our site visits for sharing their time, knowledge and ideas. These visits provided us with a unique and valuable opportunity to learn about the industries that sustain different communities in the province, and the industries that sustain them. We also appreciate the assistance of constituency assistants in local MLA offices, who helped to organize our site visits.

The Committee would also like to recognize the professionalism of Hansard Services in all the various phases of producing the transcripts of our meetings. As well, we recognize the valuable services provided by the Legislative Assembly Computer Systems Branch and the Legislative Library.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the valuable assistance of all the staff from the Office of the Clerk of Committees. Jacqueline Quesnel, Karen Heighes and Tamara Checknita handled the complicated travel arrangements for the 17 public hearings, coordinated arrangements for our site visits, as well as scheduling witnesses and logging submissions. Josie Schofield, our Research Analyst, provided excellent research support throughout the process, with the able assistance of Jonathan Fershau, Brant Felker and Michael Beninger. Finally, Kate Ryan-Lloyd and Craig James, Clerks to the Committee, provided helpful administrative and procedural advice throughout all stages of the pre-budget consultation process.



# SUMMARY OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

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On April 1, 2004, the Legislative Assembly approved a motion instructing the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (the Finance Committee) to conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the 2005/06 fiscal year, and to report on the results of its consultations no later than November 15, 2004. This year marks the fifth time the all-party legislative committee has conducted pre-budget consultations, in accordance with the procedures outlined in sections 2 and 3 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

The consultation process began when the Minister of Finance, Hon. Gary Collins, formally presented the *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper* to the Finance Committee on September 14, 2004. Earlier that day, the government had released the first quarterly report for 2004/05, showing that improving economic conditions and prudent budget management are generating larger surpluses than previously expected. Minister Collins informed the Committee that the surplus is now forecast to reach \$865 million this fiscal year, rising to \$905 million in both 2005/06 and 2006/07, giving British Columbians more choices about their future priorities.

The budget consultation paper included a questionnaire. The first question asked for public input on how to distribute the available funding, which is estimated to be \$4.5 billion over the next five fiscal years. Other questions focused on the public's suggestions for specific program initiatives in key policy areas and for targeted tax reductions.

This year, the Finance Committee selected three means to consult with the public about future budgets. Members travelled to every region of the province to conduct 17 public hearings and 20 site visits; and invited British Columbians to submit their ideas in writing (by mail, fax or e-mail). For the first time, the Committee also provided direct on-line access to the questionnaire included in the budget consultation paper, via the web site of the Office of the Clerk of Committees. To inform the public about the consultations, the Committee issued two news releases (September 1, 14), announcing the public hearings and the innovative on-line tool. It also sponsored newspaper and radio advertisements in every region of British Columbia.

During the public consultations (September 14 - October 15), over 1,800 British Columbians expressed their views, setting a record for public participation in the process. The Finance Committee heard 244 oral presentations at the 17 public hearings, and received 220 written submissions and 1,335 on-line responses to the questionnaire. The 1,799 submissions we received this year represented individual citizens and a broad range of organizations — local governments, key sectors of the provincial economy, and the educational, health and non-profit sectors.

In the consultation period, there were unanticipated changes to the committee membership. On September 21, 2004, Bill Belsey, MLA was elected as the new Chair to replace Hon. Brenda Locke, who was appointed Minister of State for Mental Health and Addiction Services. Subsequently, on October 7, Blair Suffredine, MLA and Richard Lee, MLA were

appointed as new committee members. Unfortunately, we also have to acknowledge that Arnie Hamilton, MLA, a committee member since 2002, sustained a serious injury while travelling with the Finance Committee on September 29, 2004. His presence and contribution to the later stages of the Committee's work was greatly missed by both Members and staff.

The schedule of site visits, the list of organizations that participated, and the witness list are all included as appendices at the end of the report. The minutes and transcripts of the Finance Committee's public meetings, as well as an electronic copy of this report, are available on the Internet at: [www.leg.bc.ca/cmt](http://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt).

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

May 11, 2004	Planning Session	Victoria
July 8, 2004	Planning Session	Victoria
September 14, 2004	Briefing	Victoria
September 14, 2004	Public Hearing	Campbell River
September 15, 2004	Public Hearing	Prince Rupert
September 16, 2004	Public Hearing	Houston
September 16, 2004	Public Hearing	Terrace
September 21, 2004	Public Hearing	Cranbrook
September 22, 2004	Public Hearing	Kamloops
September 23, 2004	Public Hearing	Kelowna
September 28, 2004	Public Hearing	Fort St. John
September 29, 2004	Public Hearing	Prince George
September 30, 2004	Public Hearing	Williams Lake
October 6, 2004	Public Hearing	Victoria
October 8, 2004	Public Hearing	Nanaimo
October 8, 2004	Public Hearing	Duncan
October 12, 2004	Public Hearing	Surrey
October 13, 2004	Public Hearing	Chilliwack
October 13, 2004	Public Hearing	Langley
October 14, 2004	Public Hearing	Vancouver
October 27, 2004	Deliberations	Victoria
November 3, 2004	Deliberations	Victoria
November 10, 2004	Deliberations	Victoria
November 15, 2004	Deliberations	Victoria

# SITE VISITS

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## INTRODUCTION

In conjunction with the 17 public hearings, this year members of the Finance Committee decided to see for ourselves how the economic turnaround is impacting smaller communities in different parts of the province. We also felt that it was important to meet with the people working in small, medium and large businesses who are moving our economy forward, so as to assess the real impacts that provincial economic and fiscal policies are having in different regions.

We visited 20 different sites throughout the province in the course of our public consultations. The locations were chosen for a variety of reasons. We wanted:

1. To visit four communities that are responding to recent challenges and/or opportunities (Prince Rupert, Barriere, Kelowna and Langford).
2. To learn more about how recent forestry revitalization policies have affected the forestry sector (Houston, Prince George and Crofton).
3. To see firsthand the enterprises of beef producers, chicken farmers and horticulturists in the agricultural sector (Williams Lake and Chilliwack).
4. To take a look at the energy and mining sectors (Fort St. John, Kimberley and Williams Lake).
5. To find out what is happening in the tourism sector (Prince Rupert and Vernon).
6. To see for ourselves the impact of targeted provincial investments in post-secondary infrastructure projects (Prince Rupert, Prince George and Surrey).

## SITE VISIT SUMMARIES

### 1. Enterprising Communities

Last year, Committee Members visited three communities that were facing specific challenges with respect to their local economies. The lack of activity in the Port of Prince Rupert was particularly striking, and a powerful reminder of the economic challenges facing the north coast region. We also saw firsthand the devastation caused by the 2003 firestorm to the interior communities of Barriere and Kelowna.

This year, we returned to these communities to see whether any improvements in the local economies had occurred over the last 12 months. While in Prince Rupert, we visited a nearby fish hatchery to assess the challenges faced by this relatively new industry and then toured the new port transportation infrastructure under development. As the aftermath of forest fires continues to have significant economic and social impacts, we also revisited the communities of Barriere and Kelowna to observe the reconstruction efforts.

In addition, Committee Members visited for the first time the City of Langford on Vancouver Island to learn more about this local community's successful economic development strategy.

***Port Edward Fish Hatchery and Port of Prince Rupert (September 15, 2004)***

Members observed a significant turnaround in the local economy of Prince Rupert since the Committee's visit a year ago. This optimism is evident in the investments in the aquaculture industry and the new cruise ship terminal, which is already reaching capacity during peak periods. In addition, the planned redevelopment of the Port of Prince Rupert as a container port, in conjunction with the BC Rail Investment Partnership, will further aid in Prince Rupert's turnaround.

***Wolf Creek Hatchery — Marine Harvest Canada (September 15, 2004)***

Marine Harvest's Wolf Creek Hatchery was the first site we visited during the pre-budget consultation process. It is the largest cold-water recirculation facility in the world, and designed, built and supplied entirely by BC companies. Located in the District of Port Edward, the hatchery has the ability to produce 3.5 million smolts per year, which equates to approximately 14,000 metric tonnes of salmon production, with a potential market value of \$80 million. We learned that 90 percent of the product is exported to the United States, with a smaller proportion being sent to Japan.

The smolts are primarily destined for the Klemtu area, where there is a partnership between Marine Harvest and the Kitasoo/Xaixais First Nation that results in 40 direct jobs. There 16 full-time positions at the Wolf Creek facility.

We heard from the staff of the difficulties the company has had to face in getting approvals for fish farm sites from the federal government, with the permit process taking up to three years. We also heard the need for improved transportation infrastructure in the North Coast region so as to ensure that products can be delivered to markets in a timely manner.

*Fairview Container Port, September 15, 2004 (Prince Rupert)*



*"Committee Members touring the Port of Prince Rupert with Don Krusel, President and CEO of the Prince Rupert Port Authority. (Prince Rupert, September 15, 2004)"*

Last year, the Committee was struck by the lack of activity at the Port of Prince Rupert, as it served as a reminder of the economic challenges facing the North Coast. This year, we returned to the Fairview container port to see the improvements in the local economy.

Committee Members were amazed by the growth prospects planned for the Fairview terminal. The Prince Rupert Port Authority announced in July 2004, that Maher Terminals was set to invest \$140 to \$160 million to convert the existing 50-acre terminal to a container port by 2006. An additional \$240 to \$300 million in investments is needed, but uncommitted, to expand the site by an additional 100 acres by 2009. All told, the port conversion would bring 500 to 800 new jobs to Prince Rupert by 2006, with job growth projected at 2,000 by 2009.

***Kamloops Fire Command Centre and Barriere Forest Recovery Area (September 22, 2004)***

Last summer, the British Columbia interior was hit by an unprecedented number of urban interface fires. The Kamloops forest protection region was particularly hard hit. This year, the Committee revisited the Kamloops Fire Command Centre and was impressed by the technical process involved with matching fire-fighting crews and equipment to incoming forest fires, noting the necessity for teamwork during the peak forest fire season. In addition, we received an update on the implementation of the 43 recommendations contained in Gary Filmon's *Firestorm 2003* report. Committee Members were pleased to learn that the Ministry of Forests, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Provincial Emergency Program were well on their way to putting the recommendations into standard practices.

After the briefing, we received a guided tour of the damage caused by the McLure Fire. Bill Kershaw, a director of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, explained the economic implications of this fire — including a loss of 68 homes and 99 outbuildings, seven businesses in the Barriere industrial park and the Tolko Louis Creek Mill. We heard about the recovery efforts underway to revitalize the area, ranging from job retraining to money set aside for economic development projects. One project in particular — an all-season trail linking Barriere to Sun Peaks resort — seemed to offer great prospects for regional tourism development. We also learned about the tremendous level of public support — both financial and in donated labour — for those who lost all their possessions in the fire.

*Kelowna Firestorm Recovery Area (September 23, 2004)*



*"Kelowna Fire Chief Gerry Zimmerman highlighting the devastation caused by the 2003 firestorm to Committee Members. (Kelowna, September 23, 2004)"*

On August 16, 2003, a lightning strike started a fire south of Kelowna, one of over 2,500 fires in the province that summer. Within a week, the Okanagan Mountain Park fire grew to become one of the worst urban interface forest fires in BC history: destroying 239 homes, forcing the evacuation of 30,000 people and ruining 14 of the 18 wooden trestles of the Kettle Valley Railway.

We toured the three areas in Kelowna devastated by the Okanagan Mountain Park Fire with Ron Mattiussi, Kelowna's director of planning and development services, and Chief Gerry Zimmerman of the Kelowna Fire Department.

As we toured the burned-out subdivisions, we were given an overview of the municipality's coordinated emergency response program, and an update on the city's implementation of the



recommendations made in the Filmon report with respect to urban interface fires. We also learned about the inadvertent consequences of the forest fire, such as the need to invest in much larger culverts to handle the increased run-off and debris flows due to the dramatic changes in the soil's hydrology.

Fire Chief Zimmerman recalled for Committee Members the heroic and harrowing tales of the firefighters who battled the blaze, and he reiterated his department's gratitude to the hundreds of firefighters and the thousands of volunteers who helped out during the city's time of need, which included armed forces personnel, police officers and search-and rescue organizations.

### ***Langford - Community Economic Development (October 4, 2004)***

Having heard great things about the economic revitalization of Langford, we took a bus tour of this growing municipality in the Capital Regional District. We learned that under the direction of the city's enterprising council, led by Mayor Stewart Young, the city has adopted a strategy to encourage investment. Langford, for example, has implemented a remarkably short building approvals process, and developed an innovative public-private partnership to build its city hall.

Langford's booming local economy derives from three connected development strategies. First, the municipality embarked on a revitalization of the downtown core, which included the construction of the new city hall, neighbourhood beautification projects, and developing a common design code to enhance the appearance of the downtown core.

Second, Langford has actively encouraged big-box retailers — such as Costco, Future Shop and Home Depot — to set up shop in the community. The city has also been successful in attracting a hotel and conference facility development, through an innovative five-year tax exemption. The Sheraton hotel will feature 120 rooms, a restaurant and liquor store, making it the largest hotel in the western communities of Greater Victoria.

Finally, Langford is home to the upscale Bear Mountain resort and residential development. Upon completion, the Bear Mountain Golf resort will have 700 new single-family dwellings, 1,500 multi-family units and 100 hotel rooms. During its tour of Bear Mountain, the Committee heard of the need for a new highway interchange that would provide greater access to this development. The City of Langford expects the \$12-million interchange project to provide significant financial benefits to all levels of government, while alleviating traffic congestion in the municipality.

## **2. Forestry Sector**

Forestry remains a dominant resource contributor to the provincial economy, and commodity prices for lumber had recently soared to record highs. Therefore we felt that it was important to see firsthand the impact recent capital investments have had, and also to hear how recent forestry policy changes have affected this industry.

We toured Canfor's Woodlands sawmill in Houston, B.C. — the largest volume producer of premium wood products in the world — and the Prince George Sort Yard. During our visit to a pulp and paper mill on the Island, we also heard from representatives of NorskeCanada, who highlighted their company's economic and environmental contributions to the province.

*Houston: Canfor's Woodlands Operation (September 16, 2004)*



*"Committee Members meeting with Canfor staff for a guided tour of the super-mill in Houston."  
(Houston, September 16, 2004)*

Canadian Forest Products Ltd has made a capital investment of \$26.4 million in its sawmill at Houston, making it the largest volume producer of premium wood products in the world. The nine-acre mill features four optimized chip and canter systems, three edgers, 12 kilns, and planers that can process wood at 50 feet per second. All told, the mill has improved its annual capacity by a third, from 450 to 600 million board feet. The sawmill employs 342 people directly, with numerous indirect jobs created in and around Houston.

***Prince George Sort Yard Ltd. (September 29, 2004)***

Prince George Sort Yard Ltd. is capitalizing on higher commodity prices, having available an increased wood supply due to the devastating pine beetle outbreak in northern British Columbia. Over the last three years, the company has invested more than \$5 million in capital improvements. Located on the site of a former Canfor mill, the sort yard operates two green chains specializing in the niche markets for cants, landscaping products and railway ties. In addition, the operation maintains a sizeable sort yard that allows for the efficient routing of logs to the facilities that will best utilize them.

The Finance Committee was informed about the present and future problems created by the mountain pine beetle. As pine-beetle-infested trees in the area can only stand for a maximum of five years without a significant loss of value, every effort must be made to ensure that forest operators have access to the damaged wood. Otherwise, dead wood left in the forest will increase the likelihood of devastating forest fires. In addition, it was stressed that the combination of pine-beetle-damaged wood and increases to the annual allowable cut may lead to a provincial fibre shortage ten to 15 years down the road, unless the province works with the industry to ensure that sufficient replanting of trees is occurring in the field.

***Crofton: NorskeCanada Pulp and Paper Mill (October 8, 2004)***

With more than 1,000 employees, and an annual payroll of \$109 million, the Crofton pulp and paper mill is a key component to the success of the Cowichan Valley economy. Each year the facility purchases \$40 million worth of wood fibre in B.C., pays \$7.9 million in local property taxes and spends \$13.4 million within the local economy.

The Crofton mill is the largest producer of telephone directory paper in the world, as well as a large-scale producer of newsprint. In addition, the mill uses waste wood from BC sawmills to produce approximately 400,000 tonnes of pulp for internal use and sale on the open market.

We heard of the Crofton mill's recent environmental initiatives. We learned that NorskeCanada spent \$12 million on an odorous emissions reduction project in 2001, which reduced emissions by 70 percent. In response to community concerns about the impacts on regional air quality, the company commissioned a peer-reviewed study of the mill's emissions. The report, released in September, indicated that the pulp mill emissions pose no health risks to the local community.

**3. Agriculture Sector**

Besides forestry, the Finance Committee also decided to see how the agriculture sector of the provincial economy is faring in the face of a series of challenges in the global market. In Williams Lake, we attended the livestock sale and toured the stockyard of the B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association in order to hear more about how the BSE crisis was impacting ranchers' lives. We also toured the SpruceWood chicken farm in Chilliwack to assess the damage created by the recent outbreak of avian influenza in the Fraser Valley. Finally, the Committee toured DeVry Greenhouses, a family-owned company that has experienced rapid growth selling trees, bedding plants and poinsettias throughout Canada and the United States.

***Williams Lake Stockyard - BC Livestock Producers Co-operative (September 30, 2004)***

Incorporated in 1943, the B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association operates three stockyards, which are located in Williams Lake, Kamloops and Okanagan Falls. The Williams Lake stockyard is one of the largest in the province. This state-of-the-art facility is located on a 20-acre parcel that provides more room and results in less stress for livestock.

As Members watched the live cattle auction, we were shocked to hear the low prices being quoted for livestock. During our tour of the stockyard, we also heard of the need for increased slaughterhouse capacity in British Columbia, and the need for recovery plans to deal with the crisis caused by the single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) found in Canada, and the personal, financial and social impacts the closure of the American border to Canadian beef has had on ranching families in the province.

***Chilliwack: SpruceWood Farms Ltd. (October 13, 2004)***

Like many poultry producers in the Fraser Valley, SpruceWood Farms is recovering from the devastating financial blow caused by the avian flu outbreak. As a whole, the Fraser Valley poultry industry culled more than 17 million chickens in the spring of 2004, representing a

loss to the poultry sector of more than \$60 million. SpruceWood lost two flocks to the avian flu outbreak, but at the time the Committee visited, the farm was well into its second cycle of using repopulated birds. Members also learned about the genetic improvements in bird stock that have allowed for increased production, while maintaining feed costs at a relatively constant rate.

***Chilliwack: DeVry Greenhouses Ltd. (October 13, 2004)***



*"Committee Members admiring the poinsettias grown by Jack Rozendall, Pete DeVry and his young son Seth. (October 13, 2004)"*

DeVry Greenhouses Ltd. is a family-owned company that has grown rapidly. Started in 1989 with 30 acres, the site now has 350 acres for growing plants and 13 acres of greenhouses, operating on three locations. The company employs 25 full-time staff, expanding to 120 employees during the peak season, and it produces poinsettias for both domestic and US markets.

#### **4. Energy and Mining Sectors**

The Finance Committee also thought it was important to include a site visit to the energy sector, which has contributed to the projected surplus, via increased demand and higher natural gas prices. In Fort St. John, we toured an oil battery and met with representatives of Devon Canada and the Oil and Gas Commission to discuss maximizing revenues in this booming industry.

A combination of higher commodity prices and recent changes in mining policy — including the streamlining of the regulations associated with mineral exploration — has seen

a revitalization of the mining industry in British Columbia. We met on site with officials of Stikine Gold Corp., who are in the process of exploration north of the recently-closed Cominco mine site in Kimberley. We also met with the operators of Gibraltar Mines, who were set to re-open the huge open-pit copper mine after seven years of dormancy.

***Fort St John: Oil Battery - Devon Canada Corp. (September 28, 2004)***

Devon Canada Corp. is the largest US-based independent oil and gas producer in North America, as well as one of the largest independent processors of natural gas and natural gas liquids on the continent. This energy company produces nearly 2.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day, about four percent of all the gas consumed in North America.

During the visit to the oil battery, we learned about the complex process involved in separating the oil, gas and water emulsion before the products could be shipped for refining. On the actual site, 60 wells from two fields enter into the battery. Devon employs 14 people on site, as well as additional contractors for maintenance of the oil battery facility.

***Kimberley: Sullivan Deeps Project - Stikine Gold Corp. (September 21, 2004)***

Stikine Gold Corp's Sullivan Deeps project represents the return of mineral exploration to British Columbia. Following the closure of the Sullivan Mine in 2001, Cominco released a summary of exploratory data of a site north of the Sullivan Mine — a potential "big sister" cut off from the original mine site by the Kimberley Fault. Encouraged by the findings that indicated similar geological markers that were present at the Sullivan Mine, Stikine Gold Corp. began drilling for zinc, lead and silver in early 2004 at Sullivan Deeps.

When the Finance Committee visited the site on September 21, drilling of the first-phase test hole was at approximately 2,650 metres. On October 1, 2004, the company publicly announced that it had found the markers of a new metal deposit and was embarking on phase two of drilling - including a new downhole and a second drilling rig to evaluate the size of the discovery.

*Gibraltar Mine - Taseko Mines and LEDCOR CMI Ltd (September 30, 2004)*



*"Committee Members, local MLA Walt Cobb, and staff were overwhelmed by the size of the capital investment and the equipment at the Gibraltar mine site. (September 30, 2004)"*

The Finance Committee was fortunate to tour the Gibraltar mine site just days before its October 2004 re-opening. Under a joint venture between Taseko Mines Ltd and LEDCOR CMI Ltd, a \$25 million investment in equipment and structures has occurred over the past year. The Gibraltar mine consists of three major ore bodies with proven reserves of copper and molybdenum for at least 12 years, and its owners are currently developing the Pollyanna mine site. The Gibraltar mine employs 245 people, and its payroll of \$18 million is based on a swing wage tied to the price of copper.

Committee Members also found out about the innovative use of a former mine site as a landfill site for the Cariboo Regional District. Under this partnership, the Gibraltar Mine will receive between \$3 million to \$4 million a year to offset operating costs. In addition, a mini-hydro project is planned, which would allow for the mine to reduce its power consumption while expanding power capacity. The plan, currently in the development stage, involves constructing a turbine in the water pipe that connects the Gibraltar mine to the Fraser River.

## **5. Tourism Sector**

Like other sectors of the provincial economy, tourism appears to be rebounding this year as well, with overseas visitors to B.C. up 20 per cent in the first half of this year, compared to the same period in 2003. We saw this firsthand in Prince Rupert. Capitalizing on the city's

deep-water port access and the north coast's rugged beauty, the introduction of cruise ship facilities is having quite a dramatic impact on the local economy. Intra-provincial tourism also appears to be strong. During our site visit to the Predator Ridge Golf Resort in Vernon, we learned that sales of on-site golf cottages and villas have been brisk, indicating future growth in this sector.

***Prince Rupert: Atlin Terminal and Northland Cruise Dock (September 15, 2004)***

Committee members were pleased to see that targeted investments in marine transportation infrastructure were beginning to pay dividends for both the local and provincial economies. We heard that combined passenger projections for Prince Rupert's Atlin terminal and phase one of the Northland cruise dock had overshoot initial targets by 50 percent. More than 64,000 visitors have already passed through the new cruise ship terminal, with projections of 100,000 and 150,000 passengers in 2005 and 2006.

***Vernon: Predator Ridge Development Resort (September 20, 2004)***



*"Committee Members visiting the new development at Predator Ridge Development Resort with Margaret Penner, Director of Sales. (Vernon, September 20, 2004)"*

Located in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, the 1,200-acre Predator Ridge Golf Resort is a planned community that features both resort and resort-residential properties and offers 27 holes of championship golf. Development on the resort-residential component began in 1999. Currently the resort has 300 homes and golf cottages, with a new home being completed nearly every week. When built out, the resort will feature 2,100 units, an additional nine holes of golf, and an upscale 150-room spa-hotel and convention centre, which is being built by an Austrian consortium. In addition to the trades people employed on the construction site, the resort employs 170 people during the peak tourist season.

## 6. Post-Secondary Institutions

As the provincial government has committed to create 25,000 new spaces in post-secondary institutions by 2010, the Finance Committee arranged to visit some of the new and innovative facilities that are currently being built around the province. In Prince Rupert, we toured the new home of Northwest Community College, where students will be able to learn trades, business administration and arts programs all under one roof. In Prince George, we saw the finishing stages of the new building that will house the Northern Medical Program — a collaborative project between the University of British Columbia and the University of Northern British Columbia to increase the supply of doctors in the north. Finally, we visited the new Surrey Centre campus of Simon Fraser University — a facility that will expand advanced education opportunities for students living in Greater Vancouver.

### *Northwest Community College - Prince Rupert Campus (September 15, 2004)*

The Committee visited the site of Northwest Community College's new Prince Rupert Campus. The \$12-million campus, which will be completed by the end of 2004, will house 19 classrooms, two computer labs, two science labs and a nautical program classroom. The campus will offer arts and science courses and classes in adult basic education, adult special education, English as a Second Language, welding, business administration, entrepreneurial tourism management, coastal integrated resource management, as well as nautical and continuing education programs.

### *University of Northern British Columbia - Northern Medical Program (September 29, 2004)*



*"Rob van Achrichem, Director of Media and Public Relations, highlighting for Committee Members the academic programs offered at the UNBC campus in Prince George. (September 29, 2004)."*



The purpose of our tour of the campus of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) was to learn more about the new Northern Medical Program, which is part of the B.C. government's commitment to increase the number of medical school graduates over five years. This collaborative training program with UBC is designed to provide effective, efficient training that draws on the established expertise of UBC's medical faculty and develops fields of regional and specialty medicine. Another purpose is to address special issues for northern communities, including aboriginal health.

The Northern Medical Program has spaces for 24 medical students this year, expanding over the next four years to reach 96 spaces by 2008/09. Medical students will take courses in both Vancouver and Prince George, but students will be required to take clinical placements in northern B.C. communities.

The newly completed Northern Health Sciences Centre at the UNBC campus houses the new medical program. The 43,000-square-foot building — a \$12-million investment — features lab space, eight classrooms for group problem-based learning and two lecture theatres with state-of-the-art videoconferencing.

***Simon Fraser University - Surrey Centre Campus (October 12, 2004)***

The Finance Committee also had the opportunity to visit the new Surrey Centre campus of Simon Fraser University. We learned that SFU plans to offer a full range of programs at its new campus to students living south of the Fraser River. In addition to degrees in applied sciences, arts and social sciences, education and science, SFU will offer its undergraduate business administration program at the Surrey Centre campus, a program that specializes in entrepreneurship/change management and technology management. The Committee also learned that SFU has dramatically increased enrolment at its Surrey Centre campus — from 200 to 1,000 this year — with plans to increase to 2,500 seats by 2010. To accommodate this growth enrolment, SFU plans to expand the floor space from 32,000 to 322,000 square feet.

# PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

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*“Committee Members and staff listening to the presentation made by Mayor Ed Wampler and Ron Bedard of the District of Port Edward. (Prince Rupert, September 15, 2004)”*

## OVERVIEW

To carry out our mandate of consulting with the public, the Finance Committee conducted public hearings in 17 communities throughout the province between September 14 and October 14, 2004. We visited all the major regions — the northwest, the Kootenays, the northeast, the interior, Vancouver Island and the lower mainland — to listen to what British Columbians had to say about future provincial budgets. Realizing that not everyone could attend the 17 public hearings, we also invited the public, by advertising in regional newspapers and on local radio stations, to send in written submissions or to use the new on-line consultation tool.

Committee Members were very pleased by both the volume of the response and the quality of the public input. We would like to express our most sincere thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s pre-budget consultation process. In total, over 1,800 British Columbians participated during the month-long public consultations — setting an all-time record for any all-party committee of the Legislative Assembly. To fulfil our legislative mandate, our report on what we heard and read has to be made public by mid-November.

Before summarizing the public’s responses to the four specific questions asked in the government’s *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper*, the Finance Committee would like to highlight two general themes that emerged from the 244 oral presentations, the 220 written submissions and the 1,335 on-line responses. The first theme relates to the public’s positive response to the government’s fiscal plan, and the second proposes a shift to social program spending.

## CONTINUE WITH THE FISCAL PLAN

As in previous years, those British Columbians who participated in the pre-budget consultation process often commented on the government's fiscal plan and overall performance in the course of their testimony to the Finance Committee. The message we heard time and time again from the witnesses was a positive one. Organizations representing the key sectors of the provincial economy, as well as individuals, commended the government for its prudent budget management over the past three years — for not only succeeding in balancing the 2004 Budget but also for generating a larger-than-expected surplus this fiscal year. Essentially, their advice to government was to continue with the plan to deliver balanced budgets and growing surpluses in each of the next three fiscal years so as to promote further economic growth and opportunities for British Columbians. Here is a sample of their comments:

*“The British Columbia economy is growing now because of the confidence that businesses have in current fiscal policy, including balanced budgets and reduction of both corporate and personal income tax rates. Langley business says: ‘Stay the course. The private sector is responding.’”* (Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce)

*“We firmly believe the only way we can get back to providing the social programs that a lot of us want is with sound fiscal policies and consistent budget surpluses, thereby allowing us to pay down the debt that hangs like an albatross around our necks. Look towards Alberta and see if we can get there.”* (Dwight and Joanne Mattern, Princeton)

*“The government should be congratulated for having the courage and conviction to stick to its fiscal plan. We know many tough decisions were made to achieve the estimated \$865-million surplus. But for those who say, ‘let’s party,’ we would remind them that we still have a \$37-billion hangover called the provincial debt. So we would advocate a balanced approach between debt reduction and any new spending initiatives.”* (Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of British Columbia)

*“Continue to make the fiscally responsible and often difficult decisions. Investment and healthy economic growth will continue to follow sound public policy and prudent fiscal policy. We don’t ask for any special consideration in your budget deliberations, only that you do continue the course you set three years ago.”* (Waste Management of Canada Corp.)

*“Basically, our message is: stay the course. Your initiatives on taxation, resource allocation and resource development are working. This region has tremendous opportunities, and we want to work with the province to realize some of them.”* (Prince George Initiatives)

*“I believe that a budget based on sound principles of financial management will achieve the result of government stewardship that invests in its citizens....”* (Ann Geddes, Victoria)

## TARGET RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

The other major theme that emerged during the public consultations was the need for more resources for people in need. Members of the accounting and legal professions, labour unions, community agencies and individual citizens all agreed that a portion of the forecasted

surpluses should be targeted to enhance services and income supports for the province's most disadvantaged citizens —especially children, at-risk youth and vulnerable adults. As well, they wanted the government to assist individuals and families struggling to get by on fixed incomes or limited budgets. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

*“British Columbia has a history of providing for our most disadvantaged citizens, especially those on fixed incomes or living below the poverty line.... A strong case can be made that long-term economic improvements can result from enhanced social programs.”*  
(Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia)

*“I would like to see a priority on enhancing social programs for children, youth, individuals and families — including protection-based services for children, as well as services for individuals with a developmental disability. Let's get back to the basics and protect the most vulnerable folks in the community.”* (Lois Wynne, Surrey)

*“We recommend that where government revenue growth and fiscal management allow for the review of spending priorities, spending aimed at safeguarding the poorest and most marginalized in society be given priority.”* (Canadian Bar Association – British Columbia Branch)

*“We really would encourage the Committee to make a strong recommendation that we get back to doing what needs to be done, which is taking care of people in this province and worrying about the citizens of British Columbia.”* (BC Federation of Labour)

*“We want government to put these surplus dollars into human services that are effective, community-based and based on current research and best practices....”* (Coastal Family Resource Coalition)

*“I think strong social programs, along with support services for people who are in need, is the best and most cost-effective way to deal with the issues.”* (Susanne Leach, New Westminster)

# PUBLIC'S PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE BUDGETS

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*Question 1: The updated forecast expects a total of \$4.5 billion in funds over the next four years that are available to be reinvested. How would you distribute the available funding to the following areas?*

The first question in the government's *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper* essentially asked British Columbians to indicate what percentage of the available funding should be allocated to the following array of choices:

- Improving or expanding health care.
- Improving or expanding K-to-12 education.
- Investing more money in post-secondary education and skills training.
- Spending on other provincial services.
- Reducing taxes further, in specific areas.
- Paying down the debt.

The response rate to the question on budget priorities was much higher this year than previously. However, the witnesses expressed their priorities in different ways, depending on the means of consultation. Many people who used the on-line form on the web site of the Office of the Clerk of Committees allocated specific percentages, while those who made oral presentations or sent in written submissions expressed their general preferences. For this reason, the public's responses to Question 1 are broken down by the three means of consultation — on-line forms, oral presentations and written submissions.

The public answered the question on how to distribute the available funding in three different ways:

## **On-line Forms**

A very high proportion (89%) of the 1,335 people who recorded their answers on the on-line form allocated specific percentages to the array of choices presented in Question 1, and most of them were from individuals rather than organizations. The average distribution of their priorities is shown below:

### Overall Average Distribution (N = 1,182 Responses)

Health care	28 %
Education	21 %
Post-secondary and skills training	13 %
Other spending*	18 %
Targeted tax reductions	6 %
Debt reduction	14 %

\*Community living services followed by community social services were mentioned the most often. Other funding requests were for transportation infrastructure, protection of the environment and parks, the arts and targeted programs for First Nations.

### **Oral Presentations**

While representing a smaller sample of opinion, one third of the 244 presenters at the public hearings — representing mainly organizations — also addressed Question 1 directly in the course of their testimony. Rather than using percentages, they simply ranked their preferences. Broadly speaking, based on a tally of their rankings, the presenters favoured using the available funding for priority program spending (60%) and then debt reduction (23%) over targeted tax cuts (17%). For new program spending, they singled out health, K-12 and post-secondary education, services for people in need, and infrastructure projects.

### **Written Submissions**

Out of the 220 British Columbians who sent in written submissions — by fax, e-mail or regular mail — almost a quarter answered Question 1 and ranked their priorities in a general way. Based on the simple tally method, their preferences were for priority program spending (45%), with debt reduction coming a close second (41%), followed by targeted tax reductions (14%). While there was some difference of opinion over whether the absolute size of the province's debt or the debt-to-GDP ratio should be the focus, there was general agreement about the importance of articulating a debt management plan.

# PUBLIC'S IDEAS FOR SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

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The focus of the second question in the government's *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper* was on specific initiatives the public would like to see implemented in the K-to-12 education and health care systems, at the community level to assist families and children, and in the private sector to promote job creation. The public's response to this question was quite overwhelming. The Finance Committee received literally hundreds of proposals, covering the four areas identified in Question 2. As several suggestions were also submitted regarding post-secondary education, we have added this core policy area as a fifth program area, which is listed as Question 2(e).

## ***Question 2(a): What specific initiatives would you like to see to improve student learning and achievement in the K-to-12 education system?***

The Finance Committee received many suggestions from a variety of stakeholders in the K-to-12 education system, as well as from individual citizens. Some of the topics raised by parents and teachers ranged from calls for seismic upgrades of school buildings to more funding for hot lunch programs. Other initiatives, though, emerged as higher priorities from the input we received at the public hearings and in the on-line and written responses. To improve student learning and achievement in the K-12 education system, the public's priorities were: class sizes; support services for students with special needs; skills training in high schools; money for textbooks, equipment and supplies; and healthy living programs.

## **CLASS SIZES**

One message the Committee heard in regards to K-to-12 education was the importance of having a class size that is optimal for both students and teachers. Parents and teachers from both rural and urban parts of the province, as well as local chambers of commerce, called for government to reduce the teacher/student ratio. Here is a sample of what they said:

*"Last school year, we participated in an education needs review in Cowichan, which produced 286 completed surveys from teachers, support staff, parents and students.... This review identified class size as the first of three areas of deficiency."* (Community Alliance for Public Education)

*"I would like more funding for smaller class sizes in order for teachers to focus on the children and their studies."* (Luisa Martinez, Kelowna)

*"In our view, class sizes need to be limited at all levels so that the students can receive individual attention from the teachers."* (Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce)

## **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Another topic Committee Members heard and read about was for enhanced programs and initiatives that aim to help individuals with special needs, including developmental disabilities. Particularly important from the community living sector's perspective is the need for more one-on-one assistance and support for special needs students. Here is a sample of what was said:

*“We urge the government to increase its financial commitment to inclusive education by increasing funding supports to students with diverse learning needs to enable them to participate in regular classrooms...”* (British Columbia Association of Community Living)

*“Provide more in-class help for children with learning and special needs so that the teacher reaches all of the students, including those with disabilities.”* (Maureen Mackay, Kelowna)

*“Establish a provincial framework with accountability measures that ensure sufficient resources to enable inclusion of children with special needs.”* (Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC)

## **SKILLS TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS**

Educators, the business community and individual citizens identified skills training as an important focus for the high school curriculum, seeing it as a way to overcome the stereotype associated with trades training and to better equip students for the work force. Below are a few of their comments:

*“Some teachers also mentioned to please remember funding for vocational technical programs.”* (Abbotsford District Teachers Association)

*“There is a significant stigma attached to skills training in high schools. The BC Chamber recommends that the government invest the necessary resources to develop a strategic program for schools aimed at encouraging skills training and apprenticeships as a viable alternative to academic studies.”* (British Columbia Chamber of Commerce)

*“An area where government should encourage and stress the value of trades is first and foremost in high schools. I believe that it is still true that the mentality in schools is that only a certain group of our society take mechanics and woodwork courses. We need to target this stereotype at an early age, and I believe that government should be focusing resources on that early stage of opinion and mind development by incorporating trades into the curriculum.”* (Trisha Girard, Victoria)

*“There is no use in training all students to the grade 12 level as if all are heading into university undergraduate programs. Technical and trades-related fields are just as valuable and can be developed as early as 14 years of age.”* (Jenny Berg, Campbell River)

*“We need tradespeople, and children with that aptitude should have early opportunities to move in that direction instead of dropping out.”* (Carol Ann Green, Salmon Arm)

## **TEXTBOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

Another initiative proposed by the public is the need for more funding for textbooks, equipment and supplies. Community service agencies, teachers and individuals all stressed the importance of having up-to-date textbooks, science labs and computers. Some of the comments were:



*“Teachers need access to the resources they need to teach — like textbooks, paper and support.” (Terrace and District Community Services Society)*

*“We have an inadequate textbook supply and inadequate science labs, and it is a grave challenge for teachers to meet curriculum requirements.” (Colleen Lengert, Kitimat)*

*“Increase funding so that schools are not short of textbooks and school fees are kept to a minimum so that all kids have the same opportunity.” (Don Cunningham, Quesnel)*

## **HEALTHY LIVING AND PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMS**

The Finance Committee also received the message that more money should be made available for programs that promote healthy living, and for eliminating junk food in school buildings. Some members of the public also wanted additional resources targeted for both physical fitness classes and general exercise activities within schools. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

*“Put more emphasis in the school system on physical activity and its benefits in prevention of health problems.” (Carol Gjesdal, Courtenay)*

*“The Ag Council recommends that the province consider a targeted investment in the promotion of BC food and food products through a health initiative, particularly focused at school age children and youth, to capitalize on the lead in to the 2010 Olympic Games.” (BC Agriculture Council)*

*“Physical fitness must be a mandatory part of K-to-12 education, as we all know what the benefits of having a healthy, active lifestyle are.” (Jeff Galbraith, Prince George)*

### ***Question 2(b): What specific initiatives would you like to see to improve British Columbians’ health and timely access to medical services?***

Many of the organizations and individuals that participated in the pre-budget consultation process regarded health care funding as the top priority for new program spending. A number of the key stakeholders — nurses, doctors, health organizations, community support services — also answered Question 2(b) and provided input to the Committee on specific initiatives that could improve health care and timely access to medical services. Among the range of ideas, there was a broad consensus on three priority areas: shorter waiting time for medical treatment and for emergency care; more diagnostic equipment; and more beds and other forms of support for seniors. By contrast, opinion was more divided on the use of private clinics to augment the public health care system, a topic that was raised quite frequently.

## **WAITING TIME FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SERVICES**

Many of the responses regarding health care priorities were concerned about the current wait lists for medical treatment, particularly the length of time people have to wait for a hip or a knee replacement, or to see a specialist. Funding requests were also made for more diagnostic testing in rural areas in order to provide more efficient services. Here are some of the witnesses’ views:

*“We need to act in areas such as wait list reduction, acute and long-term capacity, and chronic disease to be prepared for the demands five years from now.”* (British Columbia Medical Association)

*“Decrease waiting time for knee, hip, eye and other surgeries. If we golden oldies are going to stick around into our 90s, at least help us to see and walk!”* (Dophne Sinclair, Burnaby)

*“Much more needs to be done to reduce waiting lists, particularly for cardiac surgery and diagnostic testing. Please open operating rooms now to eliminate the wait-list and avoid emergencies.”* (Joan Sorely, Williams Lake)

The Committee also heard several concerns about the current wait times for emergency treatment at some hospitals in the province. A few of these comments are listed below:

*“Our concerns are emergency care problems, including overcrowding and burn out.”* (Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops)

*“Improve the health care system and open more beds in hospitals and less waiting time in emergency rooms.”* (Bob Mykell, Vancouver)

*“We need more doctors at emergency within the hospital.”* (Holly Dalglish, Armstrong)

## **DIAGNOSTIC AND OTHER EQUIPMENT**

Another plea heard by the Finance Committee was for funding to upgrade or, in some cases, utilize existing diagnostic and other equipment more effectively. The need for more magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment was mentioned repeatedly. A specific plea was also made for more efficient distribution of equipment that would benefit people with disabilities. Here is a sample of the two types of requests:

*“Run MRIs, CT scans and all other applicable high cost machinery 24 hours a day, thus removing waits.”* (Heather McLeod, Richmond)

*“It is a joke that people have to wait six months for an MRI in the Fraser Health Region because there are so few MRI machines. How on earth can we help people if we can't diagnose what is wrong with them? MRIs are expensive but they are a very valuable tool our doctors need.”* (Nadia Marcinowsky, Burnaby)

*“Improve access to diagnostic processes and surgical, radiation and chemical procedures.”* (Assunta Rosal, Winfield)

*“Put more diagnostic equipment in more hospitals.”* (Robert Nisbet, Vancouver)

*“There is an urgent need to coordinate the numerous agencies currently providing equipment, such as walkers or wheelchairs, for people with disabilities in order to create a timely, effective and streamlined deployment process.”* (Provincial Equipment and Assistive Devices Committee)

## SENIORS' HEALTH CARE

Another clear message the Committee heard was for more beds for all forms of care, but particularly for seniors requiring intermediate and long-term care. Among the frail elderly living in the community, the lack of home support and respite care, as well as the cost of medications for Alzheimer patients, were concerns raised quite frequently at the public hearings and in the on-line forms and written submissions. Here is a sample of the public's comments:

*"There is a need for more intermediate and long-term care beds for seniors."* (North Island Supportive Recovery Society)

*"Family and caregivers are the main providers of care for people with dementia, but they do need the support of the health care system — and in particular, the home support hours and respite care — to keep them healthy and continuing day to day with their care-giving duties."* (Alzheimer Society of British Columbia, Upper Fraser Valley Region)

*"We're looking forward to some moneys being released through the surplus budget, hopefully to help people that are not able to afford medications for Alzheimer's disease."* (Alzheimer Society of British Columbia)

## PRIVATE CLINICS

Some people advocated greater use of private medical clinics to relieve pressure on the public health care system, while other members of the public were opposed to the idea. Their contrasting views are presented below:

*"The use of private clinics for surgeries, using public funds, has by all accounts been an unqualified success. Continue along this vein to ensure short wait times and free up publicly owned resources for emergency care."* (Allen Spence, Coquitlam)

*"Solidify in policy the cooperative working relationships with the private sector facilities, taking advantage of privately funded infrastructure to provide publicly paid for/privately delivered health care services."* (Ambulatory Surgical Centre –Vancouver)

*"Protect our public health program. No private clinics."* (Lynne Garner, Prince George)

*"Maximize the surgical capacity in the public system and cease all support for private surgical clinics."* (Alice Edge, Vancouver)

### **Question 2(c): *What specific initiatives would you like to see to enhance the economic security and quality of life for families and children?***

Helping people in need was a prominent and recurring theme in the public hearings, written submissions and on-line forms — and was expressed throughout all regions of the province. Some of the responses to Question 2(c) were for enhancing rural social services and more support for mental health and addiction services (especially for at-risk youth). There were, though, six initiatives that ranked higher for the public: more child care supports for working

families; enhanced community living services; higher benefits for people with disabilities; increased rates for welfare recipients; more women's services; and more affordable housing.

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Committee Members heard from many parents and community service agencies about the need to raise the subsidy for parents seeking affordable child-care spaces. Here is a sample of their requests:

*"Child-care subsidies should be among the government's immediate priorities." (First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition)*

*"Please put money into day care subsidies. Due to the high cost of day care, my family lives pay cheque to pay cheque." (Gloria Harding, New Westminster)*

*"Develop programs that provide a base level of equality to allow for child development and minimum sustainable quality of life. This includes allowing for proper day-care subsidies that will allow new parents to return to the workforce and provide adequate quality of life for their children and themselves." (Steve Baker, Vancouver)*

*"There is a huge need for day-care assistance — not just monetary, but also to improve the standards of day care. After-school care is badly needed as well." (Maureen Hanak, Westbank)*

## COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

The Finance Committee also received numerous submissions that spoke about the adequacy of community living services. The community living sector, as well as individuals, raised concerns regarding existing wait lists, the shortage of programs and initiatives for those with developmental disabilities, and the lack of home support and respite care. Here are some of their suggestions to assist people with developmental disabilities:

*"We ask government to make children and adults with developmental disabilities its priority by: reinvesting in supported child care; increasing budgets for therapy services like speech language, occupational and physical therapies; increasing funding for respite services for families raising children with special needs; and by ensuring adequate budgets for adult community living to address wait lists for services." (British Columbia Association of Community Living)*

*"Adults and children with developmental disabilities face huge waiting lists for community living services, under the Ministry of Children and Family Development. There is no capacity to respond to the people on these waitlists. Please pay attention to the plight of these individuals and their families." (Julianna Davis, Delta)*

*"Please invest \$50 million a year immediately for the next five years to dramatically reduce wait lists and produce positive life changes for children and adults with developmental disabilities." (Amber's Place Society, New Westminster)*

*"Community Living Services: In particular, money to address the shortfall to cover waitlists for programs and to provide support to families with special needs children and*

*adults. This would include restoration of funding for residential and day programs for adults.*” (John Williams, Victoria)

*“Designate funding for families of children with disabilities to be able to keep their children at home with them, with the supports they require for as long as we can.”*  
(Richard Ashton, Mission)

## **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BENEFITS**

To help people with disabilities in a concrete way, some witnesses proposed an increase in the persons with disabilities benefit (PWDB). It was pointed out that these vulnerable adults have not had an increase in their benefits for some years, and that a portion of the available funding from the projected surpluses could be targeted to improve their quality of life. Here is a sample of their proposals:

*“We would urge the government to look at issues around poverty and, at minimum, raise income assistance to the poverty line for people with disabilities.”* (Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division)

*“We support an initiative to increase BC benefits for persons with disabilities and multiple barriers to employment. When considering the budget, please consider giving an income adjustment to one of the most disadvantaged groups in British Columbia who have not had a positive income adjustment for many years.”* (Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society)

*“People with disabilities need to be properly subsidized and helped in every way possible.”*  
(Ruth Chase, Nanaimo)

## **INCOME ASSISTANCE RATES**

Committee Members also heard a general plea in regard to raising income assistance rates for low-income families and individuals, and more specific calls for financial and other community supports for people facing persistent and multiple barriers to employment. A sample of these requests is listed below:

*“The surplus must go to increasing income assistance rates, at least to their purchasing power in 2001.”* (Social Planning and Research Council of BC)

*“Ensure income assistance is adequate to ensure the health and safety of children and their parents who require income assistance.”* (Ernest Baatz, Delta)

*“Many people who are still receiving income assistance are not able to attach themselves to the workforce because they are lacking educational and vocational skills, and have a variety of barriers that they have not addressed.... We therefore respectfully request that money be returned to assisting people who are not yet ‘employable’ and attached successfully to the workplace.”* (New Focus Society)

*“We lack comprehensive community supports for people with mental illness —like homes, income support, outreach, crisis response, home care, support networks and integrated primary care.”* (Canadian Mental Health Association, British Columbia Division)

## WOMEN'S SERVICES

The current level of services for women in the province was another major concern. In particular, suggestions were made that services provided by transition houses, as well as legal aid services, should be enhanced. Here is a sample of the pleas we heard:

*“We respectfully request that this government fund transition house services to at least the minimum level of service that is necessary to keep the women and children who come, fleeing abuse and violence, safe.”* (Ishtar Transition Housing Society)

*“Increasing funding to transition houses to adequate levels would relieve the financial burden and allow staff to do the work they are trained to do, not fundraise. These services not only save lives, they provide opportunities for women to change their circumstances and in many cases change the quality of their life and that of their children.”* (Powell River and Region Transition House Society)

*“Women’s services, such as women’s centres and victim services funding, need to be restored. But the biggest need is in the area of family law legal aid. The reduced funding to legal aid has meant that women have essentially been excluded from access to justice.”* (Veenu Saini, Burnaby)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Committee Members also received public input about the need for more affordable housing in the province — particularly for seniors and persons with disabilities. Some witnesses also suggested that the province revisit the regulations regarding land title to enable non-profit housing societies to increase the supply of affordable housing. Here is what they had to say:

*“The major reason older individuals come to us is because of health-related issues which, in turn, have led them to lose their housing. In evaluating the cause of the homelessness, we have determined they pay an inordinate amount of money on rent, leaving little behind for food, medicine and general living costs and so they end up requiring more expensive emergency care and other services. If the shelter-aid grant can be increased, seniors will be supported to access services appropriately and maintain their housing.”* (Lookout Emergency Aid Society)

*“Ensure there is adequate funding provided for affordable/accessible housing for people with disabilities between the ages of 19 and 55 years. Young people should not be forced to live in a seniors care facility in order to have assisted living support.”* (Frances Clark, Richmond)

*“It is recommended that the repayable loans advanced under the Homes BC program be written off by BC Housing. This will not represent a cost to the province as Treasury Board already writes off the advances made every year.”* (HFBC Housing Foundation, Vancouver)

*“A large number of non-profit projects developed through BC Housing are on land leased from the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation, a BC Housing subsidiary.... If the freehold interest was transferred to the societies holding the leasehold interest, when the mortgages are paid off over the next 20 to 35 years, the societies could re-mortgage the*

*properties or redevelop them using the equity in the land to provide more non-profit housing at no cost to the government.” (Affordable Housing Network)*

**Question 2(d): *What specific initiatives would you like to see to strengthen private sector job creation and economic opportunities?***

The Finance Committee received numerous suggestions from stakeholders representing key sectors of the provincial economy, as well as from individual citizens in different parts of the province, in regard to specific initiatives that could strengthen private sector job creation and economic opportunities in British Columbia. Generally speaking, the public made a forceful plea for more investment in infrastructure projects, rural economic development, tourism, parklands and for sustainable energy sources.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

One firm message from many participants in the pre-budget consultation process was that further investment in transportation infrastructure projects should be a major priority in future provincial budgets. Pleas for funding the development of highways, northern roads, bridges, ports and airports were made in all parts of the province, and money for improving transmission lines was also requested. Here is a sample of what the specific requests were:

*“If more people are going to experience Super, Natural British Columbia, we must continue to invest in transportation infrastructure projects — projects such as the development of the RAV line, the twinning of the Port Mann Bridge, regional air improvements, and the Sea to Sky Highway.” (Coast Inn of the West)*

*“Whether it’s airport expansion in Cranbrook or fixing the potholes in the Peace River region, we must take the opportunity of surplus budgets to invest in areas that will pay long-term dividends like infrastructure.” (British Columbia Council of Resource Communities)*

*“The Chamber of Commerce fully supports the twinning of the Port Mann Bridge and the widening of Highway 1. But we believe that looking after the South Fraser perimeter road immediately will alleviate a great deal of traffic during the construction phase of the twinning of the Port Mann Bridge.” (Surrey Chamber of Commerce)*

*“Infrastructure is the catalyst of economic growth, and it is critical that we develop a strong north-south transportation corridor in the West Kootenay.” (AMEC Inc.)*

*“On the North Island, one of the key stumbling blocks has been the amount of transmission infrastructure that is available to transmit newly generated power. The north and west coasts of the Island have been ignored by BC Hydro when it comes to infrastructure dollars for transmission upgrades and, in my view, that has to stop. If we are to develop new opportunities to enhance the diminishing revenues that the Crown receives from its traditional resource industries, we must have increased investment in transmission infrastructure.” (Village of Gold River, Mayor David Lewis)*

## RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During the public consultations, the Finance Committee heard another loud and clear message from rural British Columbia for the provincial government to invest more money in economic development. Most of the public's suggestions stressed the importance of enhancing opportunities for smaller, traditionally resource-based communities to diversify their local economies. Here are a few of their ideas:

*"We ask the government to continue to invest in the north and provide solutions that fit the distinct economic development needs experienced here. Lower mainland solutions don't always fit."* (Initiatives Prince George)

*"Our sector estimates that funding for geosciences must be restored to a minimum of \$10 million annually to sustain mining in B.C. and to remain competitive, not only nationally but globally."* (BC & Yukon Chamber of Mines)

*"The province needs to effectively turn its attention to the social and economic development of the northwest.... We also believe government needs to introduce some special incentive programs that recognize the special circumstances and attend to the particular needs of smaller communities in the heartland of B.C."* (Northwest Community College; BC College Presidents)

*"In summary, economic development within rural regions is paramount. In conjunction with the economic growth, we need to consider the maintenance and upgrading of the regional infrastructure — such as roads, educational institutions and health care facilities.... These things take time and money."* (Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce)

## TOURISM

Another common theme the members heard during the consultation process was the need to invest more money in tourism. Many people in the industry pointed out that with the 2010 Winter Olympics only a few years away, there is a golden opportunity for private sector job creation and economic opportunities throughout the province. In addition to more funding for marketing, additional funds were requested for improving visitor information centres and for improving the ferry service on the Inside Passage route. Here are a few of the requests:

*"Tourism BC is competing on the international stage for revenue and market share. To be able to fully realize our opportunities will require Tourism BC to be funded at a level that allows it to effectively market itself. As such, the province should amend the hotel room tax to allow no less than one-half of the funds collected from the 8 percent hotel room tax to be allocated directly to Tourism BC."* (British Columbia Chamber of Commerce)

*"The government should use some of the surplus to continue marketing British Columbia to the rest of the world as the best place to live and raise your family. The Houston Chamber recommends that the government immediately establish a capital fund for visitor information centres (VICs) to access to allow parity in the standards and services provided by all VICs in preparation for the 2010 games, and to direct this funding to ensure regional distribution."* (Houston and District Chamber of Commerce)



*“The tourism industry is all about partnerships. If you increase funding to Tourism BC, you will benefit all of the 114,000 people working in the 17,000 tourism-related businesses in the province, including those in the city of Prince Rupert and across northern British Columbia. The tourism industry in British Columbia has demonstrated a mastery in stretching the taxpayers’ dollar to its absolute limit so that every dollar spent by Tourism BC has many dollars worth of actual results.”* (Tourism Prince Rupert)

*“The single most important component of expanded tourism activity on North Vancouver Island and in northern British Columbia would be to fund a daily service on the Inside Passage route. Open the transportation conduit and the private sector will invest to provide the services the traffic demands.”* (BC and Yukon Hotels Association)

## **BC PARKS AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

The Finance Committee received another clear message related to tourism: the need to invest some of the newly available funding into BC parks and wildlife management.

Environmentalists and individual citizens specifically mentioned the need for upgrading interpretive centres, better maintenance of recreation and camping sites, more rangers, and protection of wildlife as common initiatives. Below are a few of their comments:

*“Outdoor recreation in British Columbia is, indeed, big business, representing one-third of all tourism expenditures... Since most of our outdoor recreation is dependent on healthy, productive forests, we believe adequate funds from the surplus should be re-invested into the management of fish and wildlife and the maintenance and enhancement of Forest Service recreation sites.”* (BC Wildlife Federation, Shuswap Region; Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association; Kamloops Flyfishers Association)

*“Provide a core staff to coordinate delivery of programs, oversee the materials and the message that is given to visitors, and ensure that programs include safety messages for visitors. Information should provide a clear and consistent government message to promote our park system to tourists and visitors and a voice telephone contact should be available to respond to questions. Also, the number of back country rangers should be doubled to give a ratio of one ranger for every 15 parks.”* (Federation of BC Naturalists)

*“Parks are the backbone of the tourism economy in B.C. Please provide them with ongoing funding that adequately represents what is needed to manage a world-class parks system that benefits all British Columbians.”* (Nora Layard, Saltspring Island)

*“Provincial parks need upgrading and park interpretation programs should be restored.”* (Lorna Schley, Quesnel)

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOURCES**

The Finance Committee also heard from a number of organizations that were interested in the development of new green energy sources and initiatives aimed at reducing our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. Below are a few of the public’s comments:

*“A portion of the surplus should be directed toward strategies for greenhouse gas reductions, including serious tax incentives to support the alternative energy sector.” (Minerva Research and Communications)*

*“Uniterre Resources and our partner, the Council of the Haida Nation, are encouraging the BC government to continue and expand its support for wind energy and this world-class project in Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii.” (Uniterre Resources Ltd.)*

*“In researching green power or alternate energy sources one will find that British Columbia has the biggest potential for development tidal and wind power in the world. The technology needed could be created using our universities, and our vast knowledge in marine engineering and ocean sciences should be focused on becoming a world leader of green energy technology and development.” (Thor Peterson, Campbell River)*

*“Run-of-river hydroelectric power generation is probably very compatible with everything that’s been published in the BC energy plan.... For you guys, looking for ways to expand the surplus, these projects are great things.” (Plutonic Power Corp.)*

*“Provide long-term incentives for green companies to set up and do business here. Provide tax incentives for consumers to use green energy products like micro hydro generators. These could have significant savings for the province in electrical generation in the future as well as ecological benefits.” (Devon Brooks, Kelowna)*

**Question 2(e): What specific initiatives would you like to see to improve post-secondary education?**

Due to the number of suggestions the Finance Committee received at the public hearings and in the on-line forms and written submissions, we have added Question 2(e) to this section to reflect this high level of interest in addressing specific initiatives aimed at improving post-secondary education. This public input revealed that there are four priority issues: more targeted investment in skills training; more assistance for students; higher operating and capital grants for post-secondary institutions; and further investment in research and development.

## **SKILLS TRAINING**

The need for more skills training has been a consistent theme throughout the pre-budget consultation process. There was a broad consensus among different sectors — industry, labour unions and colleges — that the provincial government needs to do more to promote skills and technical training opportunities for British Columbians. Factors such as the aging of the workforce, the existing shortage of skilled workers in the booming construction industry and the anticipated demand for trained workers in the hospitality industry, were cited as reasons for specific initiatives. Here is a sample of the public’s input:

*“In addition to supporting the educational process within the various training institutions in the province, government needs to lend its support to those who provide the majority of the training within the construction industry — the employers. We recommend that the government introduce a training tax credit just like Ontario has. Allowing a tax credit*

*would not only reduce the employer's cost associated with training on the job, it alleviates the fear of 'poaching'.*" (British Columbia Construction Association)

*"We need a lot of woodworkers. We need electricians, plumbers and high-tech people that are coming on board. There are a lot of baby-boomers like myself that will be retiring, and we need to coordinate a plan right throughout the regions of the province."* (Russ Burtnick, Surrey)

*"We must increase efforts to train, recruit and retain a skilled workforce in our industry. Conservative estimates have projected that by 2010 an additional 84,000 skilled workers will be required, and many of those will be employed in the tourism and hospitality industry. With the 2010 Winter Games only six years away, the world is watching B.C. Let's continue to build on our momentum, take full advantage of this wonderful attention and show the world our remarkable province."* (BC and Yukon Hotels Association)

*"We're not developing our young people for the shipbuilding industry. This is bad economics, folks."* (BC Federation of Labour)

*"To avoid a crisis in those industries depending on skilled trades people, we need a significant investment in trades and technology training."* (College of the Rockies)

## **ACCESS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Some individuals and various organizations representing mainly administrators, students and the staff of post-secondary institutions voiced concerns to the Finance Committee about the growing costs of attending colleges or universities. Below are a few of their comments:

*"Reinvest in the quality of B.C.'s colleges and universities, making certain any new post-secondary spaces are fully supported to the current average per-student level of funding, with added funds to compensate for inflation of current operating grants."* (Canadian Federation of Students)

*"We would like the Committee to urge the government to commit sufficient resources to increase direct grants to post-secondary institutions so as to avoid precipitous tuition fee increases and to restore grants to students in financial need."* (University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association)

*"I would like to see lower tuition fees for post-secondary education so that the next generation has a better chance of college education and therefore better jobs and a better financial future."* (Shirley Harshenin, Winfield)

## **FUNDING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

The Committee heard from all the key stakeholders in the post-secondary education sector — the colleges, institutes, university-colleges and universities — about the costs related to operating their institutions and meeting the needs of the students. Their suggestions are listed below:

*“We are not asking that government pick up the full costs of post-secondary education but that it help post-secondary institutions already operating cost effectively to meet increasing student demand.”* (Malaspina University-College)

*“Success will depend upon strong operating grants to keep the lid on increasing tuition costs, and support for those resources to put the necessary capital infrastructure in place to accommodate significant new growth, and further action to improve student financial assistance.”* (University Presidents Council of British Columbia)

*“Government must provide substantially more funding to post-secondary institutions. We have recommended that at a minimum, funding levels should be brought back to 2001 per-student funding levels, with increases to recognize inflation and population growth.”* (Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC)

## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

One specific initiative recommended by industry representatives and university administrators was the need for the province to continue to invest in research and development — particularly the BC Knowledge Development Fund and life sciences funding.

*“Ensure adequate funding for research infrastructure, particularly the BC Knowledge Development Fund.”* (Business Council of British Columbia)

*“Support is also necessary to sustain and enhance a vibrant research environment in British Columbia’s universities. Success on that front will require continued support from government to build further research capacity. Revitalization of the BC Knowledge Development Fund is absolutely critical to our continued success.”* (University Presidents Council of British Columbia)

*“We want to express our gratitude for the support that has been shown by the province to date, which has created a world-class capability for genomic research. What we are looking for is a continuous injection of research capital into our universities, small companies and teaching hospitals.”* (Genome British Columbia)

# PUBLIC'S SUGGESTIONS FOR TARGETED TAX REDUCTIONS

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*Question 3: What suggestions do you have for targeted tax reductions to help individuals or BC businesses?*

The third question in the government's *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper* asked British Columbians what suggestions they had for targeted tax reductions to help individuals or BC businesses.

## TAX BREAKS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

One theme that emerged from the public consultations was the need to target more resources to people in need. This general request included calls to provide some tax relief to the working poor and other people living on low incomes. Some witnesses favoured a targeted tax reduction for low-income wage earners, while others advocated an increase in the basic personal amount for income tax. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

*"If tax cuts are on the agenda, in my opinion they should be tax cuts for the working poor. Families earning less than \$60,000 need to have a sense that they are participating in the prosperity."* (Frank Quinn, Kamloops)

*"Being on low income, we keep paying sales taxes, land taxes, school taxes, etc. Maybe the people on low incomes could use a larger provincial tax credit."* (Wendy Chalmers, Penticton)

*"Increase the tax deduction for low-income families, and create an incentive for working single parents...living below the poverty line."* (Port Alberni Hostel Society)

*"Increase the personal income tax exemption level to \$14,523, matching Alberta's exemption level, to provide low-income earners with an additional \$6,000 in tax-free income as an alternative to increasing the province's already high general minimum wage rate."* (Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association)

*"Raise the income tax personal exemption."* (Brad Ridgeway, Vancouver)

## PROVINCIAL SALES TAX

### PST Reductions

One of the themes in the oral presentations, the on-line forms and the written submissions was for a reduction in the provincial sales tax (PST), a tax policy change which would benefit both consumers and BC businesses. On October 19, 2004, soon after our public consultations ended, the Minister of Finance announced to the House that the government was reducing the sales tax by half a point from 7.5 to 7 percent. The province's retailers and consumers alike were strongly in favour of using the available funding over the next three fiscal years to make further reductions in the PST. For example, while welcoming the

government's announcement of the rollback to 7 percent, the Retail Council of BC recommended reducing the sales tax rate to 6 percent by 2006/07 to stimulate retail sales:

*“Our proposed sales tax reduction provides a balanced approach to slowly returning a share of the fiscal surplus to British Columbians, through gradual rate reductions spread over a three-year period.”* (Retail BC)

### **Graduated PST Zone**

Another targeted PST reduction, proposed by a partnership of local governments, regional districts and business groups, was for a graduated PST zone to level the playing field for retailers in those communities that are located close to the Alberta border. These presenters proposed a ten-year pilot project whereby the PST would be reduced to 4 percent on mobile items (e.g. clothing, electronics, furniture) in northeast and southeast border towns. This would create an incentive for businesses within the new zone to launch campaigns aimed at changing consumer behaviour and reversing the economic leakage:

*“We’re asking for a ten-year pilot project so that we can actually verify and track the amount of money that has been lost and also the recapturing of it back into the BC economy. We believe this project would actually start putting money into the coffers in Victoria and so be a benefit to every taxpayer in the province.”* (Provincial Sales Tax Committee)

### **PST Red Tape**

During the consultation process, several retailers voiced a concern about the complexity of PST exemptions and urged the Finance Committee to address the topic of provincial sales tax rules for small businesses. They included the owner of an art supplies store who reported instances of children purchasing toxic paints so that their parents can avoid paying the sales tax. As well, a sales agent for small and medium-sized businesses in the Port Kells area cited the example of a clay manufacturer who may get a PST exemption for the clay, but not for the gold trim painted on the product. Another of his clients, a milling machine company, complained that emery wheels are exempt, but he has to pay PST on carbide cutting tools. Their specific suggestions were:

*“We strongly encourage the government to study the long list of existing retail-oriented PST exemptions and begin a process to eliminate all of them that no longer meet the original social policy goals. The idea of adding tens, if not hundreds, of millions of dollars of revenue is not beyond belief— we estimate Opus alone would collect an additional \$180,000 in PST annually.”* (Opus Framing Ltd.)

*“Perhaps the government, when they’re planning the budget, could give some thought to removing the PST on products used in production processes to give technical personnel the time to be creative and productive, instead of having to deal with these accounting nightmares.”* (Diversified Marketing Services Ltd.)

## **SMALL BUSINESS TAX THRESHOLD**

Another clear message we heard from the business community during the pre-budget consultation process was the need for a more competitive tax environment to help the province's small businesses grow and prosper. Several presenters representing chartered accountants and small businesses pointed out that currently B.C. is at a disadvantage, compared to other jurisdictions, particularly in regard to the small business threshold. In Alberta and Ontario, for example, a corporation is able to pay the low corporate tax until its business income reaches \$400,000, whereas in B.C. this limit is only \$300,000. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

*“Ensure that BC’s corporate tax rates remain competitive with other jurisdictions and raise the small business threshold to \$400,000.”* (Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia)

*“We urge the government this year to make some progress on the small business corporate tax rate. We think this recommendation is doable, given the surplus the government has recorded.”* (Canadian Federation of Independent Business)

*“We specifically recommend that the small business tax threshold be raised to \$400,000 in order to be more competitive with our closest neighbour, Alberta.”* (Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association)

## **SURTAX THRESHOLD FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES**

During their oral presentation, the province's new car dealers commended the government for raising the threshold for the surtax on passenger vehicles to \$47,000 in 2001 and then suggested that a further increase was required. They pointed out that the surtax continues to be an unfair penalty on those consumers who are buying trucks and vans for work-related purposes — particularly in the farmlands of the interior, the oil fields of the northeast and in construction projects throughout the province. Members of the business community in the northwest also made a similar case for raising the threshold. The presenters' specific suggestions were:

*“We are not asking for the exemption of true luxury vehicles — Mercedes, Lexus, or luxury Cadillacs — but do ask that the threshold for the luxury tax be raised to \$75,000 in order to exempt the many non-luxury vehicles required for the workforce of B.C.”* (New Car Dealers Association of BC)

*“There should be an exemption for increased tax rates on certain passenger vehicles sold outside of the lower mainland or southern Vancouver Island. An expensive four-wheel-drive may be a luxury that should be taxed in Vancouver, but it's a necessity in the north.”* (Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce)

## **PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX**

Another tax policy change recommended by the real estate industry is designed to assist first-time home buyers. Realtors pointed out that currently for a first-time home buyer to qualify for an exemption to the property transfer tax (PTT), the fair market value of a qualifying property within the boundaries of the Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Capital Regional

Districts must not exceed \$275,000. If the property is located outside these eligible districts, the fair market value of a qualifying property cannot exceed \$225,000, according to the rules of the Ministry of Provincial Revenue's first-time home buyers' program. Home builders also advocated an across-the-board reduction of the property transfer tax to encourage more home ownership. Their specific ideas were:

*“Raise the price ceiling for the Greater Vancouver Regional District to \$375,000 under the first-time home buyers' program property transfer tax exemption; and increase the ceiling for the first 1 percent of the PTT to \$375,000 for all buyers.”* (Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver)

*“In light of the recent surplus, we would like to stress that elimination, or reduction, of the property transfer tax would encourage greater home ownership and lead to further spin-offs to the economy.”* (Fraser Valley Real Estate Board)

*“We continue to recommend that the provincial government take steps to reduce the property transfer tax (PTT). As an example, for property sales over \$200,000, reduce the PTT payable on the first \$200,000 to zero and then levy 2 percent on the balance.”* (British Columbia Real Estate Association; Vancouver Island Real Estate Board)

*“We respectfully request a comprehensive review of the property transfer tax and would like the government to consider a raise in its threshold, especially for first-time home buyers. We suggest a task force, including industry, and we would be happy to participate.”* (Canadian Home Builders Association of British Columbia)



## PUBLIC'S OTHER COMMENTS

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**Question 4:** In the government's *Budget 2005 Consultation Paper* simply asked the public for other comments or suggestions, which provided the opportunity for British Columbians to express their views on a broad range of topics such as specific funding requests, fuel use regulation, provincial-municipal issues and provincial-federal matters.

### Specific Funding Requests

The witnesses' funding requests included calls for the creation of a heritage or legacy fund, an increase in funding to the BC Arts Council, and funding for Volunteer BC. Below are a few of the public's comments:

*"A priority for one-time funding would be creating a heritage fund to help deal with the long-term impacts of the mountain pine beetle epidemic; and targeting funding towards undertaking detailed inventories in our working forests."* (John Rustad, Prince George)

*"B.C. Arts Council funding is critical to the province's arts organizations, as it the only source of stable provincial funding available, and it is also necessary as a leveraging tool to access a fair share of federal funds. The arts make a critical contribution to the province's economy, as we shift from a resource-based economy to an information-based creative economy."* (Arts Action BC)

*"We need the support, training and assistance of a local volunteer centre to help us recruit, manage and inspire volunteers in our community. We encourage the Committee to use some of the financial surplus to invest in the infrastructure of the voluntary sector of the province."* (Volunteer Campbell River)

### Fuel Use Regulation

One example of calls for cutting red tape was to revisit the existing rules regarding the use of coloured fuel on mine sites:

*"We are requesting that the province look into expanding the permitted use of coloured diesel fuel to include the transportation of all waste rock and coal in the mining process. Currently material transported from any point other than the original location does not qualify as a permitted use of marked fuel. Using two different types of fuel on the same job site is not cost effective — 3 cents a litre for coloured fuel versus 15 cents on clear diesel — and requires either complicated accounting procedures or dual fuelling stations."* (Elk Valley Coal Corp.)

### Provincial-Municipal Issues

In regard to provincial-municipal issues, the Committee received a number of comments concerning the current freeze on municipal transit spending, the property tax rate for ports, and the fire insurance premium tax. Here is a sample of what they had to say:

*"The transit partnership between BC Transit and municipalities has witnessed an increasing financial burden placed on municipalities over the past few years. The City of Kamloops respectfully requests that the provincial government restore its share of funding"*

*with BC municipalities to the levels prior to the funding freeze.” (Mayor Mel Rothenburger, City of Kamloops)*

*“An obstacle to attracting trade shipments is the disproportionately high property tax rates on port operators in Vancouver. We congratulate and thank the BC government for taking legislative measures to cap property tax rates on BC’s port operators. We urge the BC government to address the other half of the equation - port land valuation.” (BC Maritime Employers Association)*

*“Despite facing increasing financial pressures, no municipality can, in all conscience, cut back on fire protection services. In 2003, local governments in B.C. spent \$357 million on fire department operating costs. There is a solid case for returning revenue from the insurance premium tax (\$300 million) to municipalities for fire services, and so we would like the opportunity to discuss this concept with the provincial government.” (Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia; British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters Association)*

### **Provincial-Federal Matters**

In terms of provincial-federal matters, the Committee heard a range of concerns from witnesses, including: the need for both the federal and provincial governments to recognize foreign credentials to increase the supply of professionals and skilled workers in the province; the need to settle treaty disputes with BC’s First Nations; and the need for future provincial participation in the cost-shared agricultural income support program. Here is a sample of these requests:

*“Work with the federal government, employer associations, occupational licensing bodies and educational institutions to address the employment barriers facing well-educated immigrants with qualifications in high-demand fields.” (Business Council of British Columbia)*

*“Immigrants must be eligible for market training programs beyond the achievement of ‘survival jobs.’ Effective program components must include assistance through credential recognition processes, occupationally-specific English language training, targeted skills upgrading and workplace cultural adjustment.” (Affiliation of Multicultural Agencies and Services of BC)*

*“In the Throne Speech, the provincial government acknowledged the importance of treaty-related measures (TRMs) and economic measures agreements with First Nations. In our experience, the government has come short of its promises with respect to funding the work required to negotiate these well-intentioned initiatives — particularly in such critical treaty areas as the land use plan TRM, and our land and resources agency.” (Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council; Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council)*

*“The B.C. government has set funds aside for their 2005 share in the Canadian Agriculture Income Support Program. We need your assurance that provincial support will be forthcoming in years beyond 2005.” (Kootenay Livestock Association)*

# CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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## CONCLUSIONS

The Finance Committee is aware that since early September, the provincial government has announced a series of initiatives, including some suggestions we received during our public consultations. As the Committee is required, by statute, to report to the House on the pre-budget consultation process by mid-November, our conclusions and recommendations are based on what we have heard and read since we commenced our work on September 14, 2004.

Two key themes have emerged from our public consultations. One theme is the need for the government to continue with its fiscal plan to balance provincial budgets and to generate surpluses that can be used for new program spending, targeted tax cuts and debt reduction. Like many British Columbians, we think it is important that the fiscal plan continue to include a forecast allowance to deal with unanticipated events, as well as a debt management plan.

The other key theme is the need to target some of the available funding for people in need, via new program spending and targeted tax cuts. We were struck by the broad consensus among the public that the government needs to provide more resources for those British Columbians living on fixed or low incomes. We believe some of the surplus, which British Columbians have worked hard to create, needs to be distributed in a targeted way between new social program spending and some form of tax relief.

Regarding K-to-12 education, after due consideration, the Committee agrees that the two program priorities for available funding are support services for students with special needs and skills training in high schools. We think both these initiatives are well worth pursuing to enable students with special needs to realize their potential and to give high school students more career choices.

To improve timely access to medical services for British Columbians, the public favoured more efficient use of diagnostic equipment and surgical facilities. Another priority is targeting some of the available funding for seniors' health care. We endorse both these initiatives, as we think it is important for government to continue to focus on patient care when making new spending decisions about health programs.

The Committee also received many suggestions on how to improve the social safety net in the province. The public's priorities were: more affordable and accessible child care; more community living services and income supports for people with disabilities; higher income assistance rates; more women's services; and affordable housing. We think that allocating some portion of the forecasted surpluses for some of these initiatives would enhance the economic security and quality of life for not only families and children but also benefit people in need.

Turning to private sector job creation, the Committee agrees with the public's priorities for targeted investments in infrastructure projects; rural economic development; tourism; and BC parks. We believe that it is essential for the province to continue to invest in these areas so

as to provide more economic opportunities for British Columbians and to assist smaller, traditionally resource-based communities in the province to diversify their local economies.

Finally, in terms of targeted program spending for post-secondary education, there was a broad consensus about the need for funding to provide more access, and to invest more money in skills training, as well as research and development. We also think the question of recognition of foreign credentials needs to be revisited not only as a way of dealing with existing labour shortages but also to enhance economic opportunities for immigrants currently living and working in B.C. The Committee supports these priorities, seeing them as important ways to promote equality of opportunity and economic growth.

Concerning the public's ideas for tax policy changes, the Committee supports the proposal to give some form of tax relief to low-income individuals and families. We also believe a further reduction in the provincial sales tax, as finances permit, would help both individuals and BC businesses. As we think it is very important that BC's tax environment remain competitive with other jurisdictions, it is timely to consider providing some tax relief to small businesses. It is also important to tackle the complex maze of rules relating to PST exemptions. We also think there is a case for revisiting the surtax threshold for passenger vehicles and for reducing the property transfer tax.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Fiscal Plan*

The Committee recommends that:

1. The government continue with its fiscal plan to provide balanced budgets and to ensure that forecast allowances remain in future budgets to deal specifically with abrupt and unanticipated changes in revenue streams.
2. The government develop a debt management plan as part of its overall fiscal plan.

The Committee recognizes that any new spending in the core program areas of education and health, or for strengthening the social safety net, promoting economic development, or for targeted tax reductions, flowing from Recommendations Nos. 3 to 18, is contingent upon the availability of financial resources generated by the forecasted surpluses. With this caveat in mind, the Committee recommends that:

### *K-to-12 Education*

3. The government provide more support services in the K-to-12 system for students with special needs.
4. The government promote a skills training model in high schools to encourage apprenticeship programs and other skills-based opportunities for students.

### *Health and Medical Services*

5. In order to reduce the waiting time for medical services and emergency treatment, the Ministry of Health Services encourage the health authorities to utilize existing diagnostic equipment and surgical facilities more efficiently.

6. The government commit to funding more beds for seniors requiring intermediate and long-term care and to providing more home care and respite care services.
7. The Ministry of Health Services urge the health authorities to continue to aggressively pursue chronic disease management plans for the treatment of Alzheimer's and other diseases.

*Economic Security and Quality of Life for Families and Children*

8. The government raise the child-care subsidy for parents to access the supply of affordable child-care spaces.
9. As financial resources permit, the government address the need for more community living services for people with disabilities; more community supports for people with persistent and multiple barriers to employment; and for more services for women and children leaving abusive relationships.
10. The government encourage BC Housing to provide for higher rent supplements provided under the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program; and to consider forgiving the repayable loans it advances to non-profit housing societies under the Homes BC program and transferring land title held by the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation to allow those societies to accumulate equity for the sole purpose of creating more low-cost rental housing units.

*Job Creation and Economic Opportunities*

11. To facilitate the transportation of goods and services, the government continue to invest in infrastructure projects that benefit all parts of the province.
12. To encourage resource industries to invest in rural economic development, the government consider restoring funding for geosciences and promoting further deregulation.
13. To promote economic growth, the government provide additional funding for tourism initiatives leading up to the 2010 Olympics and for BC parks and wildlife management.

*Post-secondary Education and Skills Recognition*

14. The government build up the capacity of colleges and other training institutions to provide more skills and technical training opportunities, especially in the construction and hospitality industries, and also form more strategic partnerships with industry to share some of the costs and provide expertise and equipment.
15. The government continue to invest in research and development by supporting the BC Knowledge Development Fund and life sciences funding.
16. To fill vacancies in high-demand fields, the province works with the federal government, educational institutions, employer associations and occupational licensing bodies to expedite the process of recruiting professionals and other skilled immigrants.

*Targeted Tax Reductions*

17. The government continue to explore ways of extending tax relief targeted to low-income British Columbians.

18. The government continue to consider further reductions in the provincial sales tax and conduct a review of existing sales tax exemptions, with a view to making the PST more understandable, consistent and less of a red-tape burden.
19. The government consider raising the small business tax threshold and the surtax threshold for passenger vehicles and increasing the property transfer tax exemption.

# APPENDIX A: SCHEDULE OF SITE VISITS

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September 15, 2004

- Wolf Creek Hatchery — Marine Harvest Canada, Port Edward
- Fairview Container Port, Prince Rupert
- Atlin Terminal and Northland Cruise Dock, Prince Rupert
- Northwest Community College, Prince Rupert

September 16, 2004

- Woodlands Operation — Canadian Forest Products Ltd., Houston

September 20, 2004

- Predator Ridge Resort Development, Vernon

September 21, 2004

- Sullivan Deeps Project – Stikine Gold Corporation, Kimberley

September 22, 2004

- Kamloops Fire Centre, Kamloops
- Barriere Forest Recovery Area, Barriere

September 23, 2004

- Kelowna Firestorm Recovery Area, Kelowna

September 28, 2004

- Oil Battery – Devon Canada Corporation, Fort St. John

September 29, 2004

- Prince George Sort Yard Ltd., Prince George
- University of Northern British Columbia, Northern Medical Program, Prince George

September 30, 2004

- Williams Lake Stockyard, Williams Lake
- Gibraltar Mine – Taseko Mines and Leducor CMI Ltd., Williams Lake

October 4, 2004

- Various economic development sites, Langford

October 8, 2004

- NorskeCanada, Crofton Division Pulp and Paper Mill, Crofton

October 12, 2004

- Simon Fraser University, Surrey Campus, Surrey

October 13, 2004

- DeVry Greenhouses Ltd., Chilliwack
- SpruceWood Farms Ltd., Chilliwack

# APPENDIX B: ORGANIZATIONS TAKING PART IN THE 2005 BUDGET CONSULTATION PROCESS

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Municipalities

City of Colwood Intermunicipal Advisory Committee (Councillor Cynthia Day)  
City of Kamloops (Mayor Mel Rothenburger)  
City of Prince George (Councillor Don Bassermann)  
City of Prince Rupert  
City of Terrace (Mayor Jack Talstra)  
District of Campbell River (Mayor Lynn Nash)  
District of Port Edward (Mayor Ed Wampler)  
Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (Electoral Area 'F')  
Village of Gold River (Mayor David Lewis)

### Other

City of Vancouver Child and Youth Advocate  
City of Vancouver Community Services Group  
British Columbia Professional Firefighters Association  
Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia  
Office of the Provincial Child Development Advisor

## FIRST NATIONS

Council of the Haida Nation  
Esketemc First Nation  
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council  
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council

## BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### Provincial/National Organizations and Local Affiliates

British Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
- Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce  
- Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce  
- Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce  
- Houston and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Kelowna Chamber of Commerce  
- Prince George Chamber of Commerce  
- Prince Rupert and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Sparwood and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Surrey Chamber of Commerce  
- Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce  
- Williams Lake and District Chamber of Commerce  
British Columbia Real Estate Association  
- Fraser Valley Real Estate Board



- Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver
- Vancouver Island Real Estate Board
- BC Technology Industries Association
- Business Council of British Columbia
- Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Canadian Bankers Association
- Canadian Bar Association, British Columbia Branch
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- Canadian Institute of Public and Private Real Estate Companies
- Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc
- Canadian Taxpayers Federation
- Certified General Accountants of British Columbia
- Coalition of BC Businesses
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia
- Hayes, Stewart, Little & Co
- Tyce Carle-Thiesson Chartered Accountants
- Insurance Bureau of Canada
- IPC Securities Corp
- Manufactured Home Park Owners Alliance of British Columbia
- New Car Dealers Association of B.C.
- Retail BC
- Retail Council of Canada
- TELUS Communications Inc
- Urban Development Institute, Pacific Region
- Waste Management Canada Corp.

#### Agriculture and Fisheries Sector

- BC Agriculture Council
- British Columbia Cattlemen's Association
- British Columbia Fruit Growers Association
- B. Dinter Nursery Ltd
- DeVry Greenhouses Ltd
- B.C. Salmon Farmers Association
- Kootenay Livestock Association

#### Construction Industry

- British Columbia Construction Association
- Canadian Home Builders Association
- Cement Association of Canada
- Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of British Columbia
- Northern BC Construction Association
- A. Wood Bulldozing Ltd

#### Energy and Mining Sectors

- British Columbia & Yukon Chamber of Mines
- British Columbia Wind Energy Association
- Elk Valley Coal Corp
- Independent Power Producers of British Columbia
- Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee
- Mining Association of British Columbia
- Ocean Renewable Energy Group
- Pacific Offshore Energy Association

Plutonic Power Corp  
Smithers Exploration Group  
Quinsam Coal Corp  
Uniterre Resources Ltd  
Western Keltic Mines Inc

Forestry Sector

Coast Forest and Lumber Association  
Hayes Forest Services Ltd  
Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Riverside Forest Products Ltd  
Tembec Industries Inc  
Truck Loggers Association  
Western Silviculture Contractors Association

Manufacturing Sector

AMEC Inc.  
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, British Columbia Division  
Diversified Marketing Services Ltd  
Opus Framing Ltd  
VMAC

Tourism Sector (Accommodation, Food and Recreation)

BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association  
British Columbia Snowmobile Association  
British Columbia Wildlife Federation  
- British Columbia Wildlife Federation, Shuswap Region  
BC and Yukon Hotels Association  
Best Western Kamloops  
Burns Bog Conservation Society  
Canada West Ski Areas Association  
Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association  
Coast Inn of the North  
Coast Inn of the West  
Council of Tourism Associations of BC  
Federation of BC Naturalists  
- Oliver-Osoyoos Naturalists  
- Quesnel Naturalists  
Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association  
Kamloops Flyfishers Association  
Kingfisher Oceanside Resort and Spa  
Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing  
Nippon Cable Canada  
Northwest CruiseShip Association  
PacificSport – Victoria  
Parker Place Management  
Prestige Inns – Hotels and Resorts  
Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort  
Tourism Abbotsford  
Tourism Prince Rupert

Transportation Sector

BC Maritime Employers Association

Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia  
Cariboo Air Services  
Rosenberg Enterprises  
Okanagan Aerospace Group  
Prince Rupert Port Authority  
Railway Association of Canada  
Southern Railway of B.C. Ltd.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS

Aboriginal Apprenticeship and Industry Training  
Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training  
British Columbia Council of Resource Communities  
Campbell River Economic Development Corporation  
Centre for Integral Economics  
Cowichan Region Economic Development Commission  
Downtown Nanaimo Partnership  
First Dollar Alliance  
FutureCorp Cowichan  
Global Vocational Services Inc.  
Greater Trail Community Skills Centre  
Greater Vernon Services Commission  
Initiatives Prince George  
New Focus Society  
North Coast Community Asset Development Initiative  
North Coast Economic Development Corporation  
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre  
Northeast Economic Commission  
North Thompson Economic Development Advisory Commission  
North Thompson Relief Fund Association  
Prince George Labour Market Partnership Steering Committee  
Provincial Sales Tax Committee  
Stuart-Nechako Regional Economic Development Society  
Tsa-me-gahl & Associates  
VFS Systems

## LABOUR UNIONS

BC Federation of Labour  
B.C. Hospital Maintenance and Trade Workers Association  
BC Nurses Union  
British Columbia Teachers Federation  
- Abbotsford District Teachers Association  
- Cowichan District Teachers Association  
- Peace River North Teachers Association  
- Powell River Teachers Association  
- Sooke Teachers Association  
- Sunshine Coast Teachers Association  
United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union

## EDUCATION SECTOR (K-12)

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils  
B.C. Retired Teachers Association, Kimberley Branch  
Community Alliance for Public Education  
Consortium 43, Coquitlam School District  
Directorate of Agencies for School Health BC  
Families for School Seismic Safety  
Federation of Independent Schools Association in British Columbia  
North Vancouver School District, Employment Services Division  
Ridgeway Annex Elementary School  
Vancouver Inner City Parents Group

## EDUCATION SECTOR (POST-SECONDARY)

BC College Presidents  
Camosun College  
Canadian Federation of Students  
College of New Caledonia  
College of the Rockies  
College of the Rockies Faculty Association  
Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia  
Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC  
Kwantlen Faculty Association  
Malaspina University-College  
North Island College  
Northern Lights College  
Northwest Community College  
Over the Edge – UNBC Student Newspaper  
Simon Fraser University Child Care Society  
University College of the Cariboo  
University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association  
University College of the Fraser Valley  
University Presidents Council of British Columbia

## HEALTH SECTOR

AIDS Vancouver Island  
Ambulatory Surgical Centre – Vancouver  
Alzheimer Society of British Columbia  
- Langley Branch  
- Upper Fraser Valley Region  
BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Programs  
- Northern Family Health Society  
BC Biotech Association  
BC Cancer Foundation  
BC Chiropractic Association  
BC Coalition for Health Promotion  
BC Northern Medical Society  
Brain Injury Program  
British Columbia Medical Association  
British Columbia Pharmacy Association

Campbell River Arthritis Group  
 Canadian Cancer Society  
 -BC and Yukon Division  
 Canadian National Institute for the Blind, BC-Yukon Division  
 Canadian Mental Health Association, British Columbia Division  
 - Penticton Mental Health Association  
 Cerebral Palsy Association of BC  
 - Nanaimo Child Development Centre  
 Columbia Basin Centre for Population Health  
 Committee to Reinstate the Chaplaincy to the RIH Budget  
 Council on Chiropractic Sports Sciences of BC  
 Drug Awareness Recovery Team  
 Genome British Columbia  
 Gibsons Chiropractic  
 Greater Victoria Downs Syndrome Society  
 Halika'as Heiltsuk Health  
 Hepatitis C United Resource Exchange  
 Long Lake Chiropractic Centre  
 Nanaimo Community Hospice Society  
 Port Alberni SOS Committee  
 Prescient Digital Media  
 Provincial Equipment and Assistive Devices Committee  
 Prince George Hospice Society  
 Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health  
 Royal Inland Hospital, Department of Medicine  
 Vancouver Island Multiple Myeloma Support Group

## NON-PROFIT SECTOR

Abbotsford Community Services  
 Abbotsford Peer Support for Seniors  
 Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC  
 Affordable Housing Network  
 Ahousaht Cultural (Youth) Centre  
 Amber's Place Society  
 Arts Action BC  
 L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo  
 BC Association for Child Development and Intervention  
 Bonanza Charities Association  
 BC Coalition of People with Disabilities  
 BC Coalition of Women Centres  
 BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors  
 BC Family Net (BC Federation of Families Society)  
 British Columbia Association for Community Living  
 British Columbia Historical Federation  
 Cameray Centre/Cameray Community Fund  
 Campbell River Maritime Heritage Society  
 Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery  
 Cariboo-Chilcotin Conservation Society  
 Central Interior Community Services Cooperative  
 Child and Youth Committee of the Boundary Communities

Child Development Centre Society of Fort St. John and District  
Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC  
Coast Foundation Society  
Coastal Family Resource Coalition  
Communities for Kids  
Communities Solidarity Coalition  
Community Enrichment Society  
Cowichan Food Connection  
Cranbrook Society for Community Living  
Creative Centre Society  
Crimson Coast Dance Society  
Delta Community Living Society  
Early Childhood Educators of BC  
Edgemont Community Association  
Elk Valley Society for Community Living  
Eliminating Poverty in BC  
Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society  
Families in Touch  
Family Services of Greater Vancouver  
Fernie Women's Resource and Drop-in Centre  
First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition  
Friends of Ellie Griffiths Society  
Gabriola Land and Trails Trust  
Glenshiel Housing Society  
HFBC Housing Foundation  
Ishtar Transition Housing Society  
Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society  
Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society  
Kamloops Child Development Society  
Kamloops Women's Resource Centre  
Kehli's Sharing Society (Microboard)  
Kelowna Women's Resource Centre  
Kimberley Search and Rescue Society  
LifeWorks  
Lionsview Seniors Planning Society  
Lookout Emergency Aid Society  
Lynn Valley United Church Board  
McLaren Housing Society of British Columbia  
Mission Association of Community Living  
Nanaimo (FOS) Non-Profit Housing Society  
National Action Committee on the Status of Women – BC Region Society  
Navy League of Canada, Campbell River Branch  
North Island Supportive Recovery Society  
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society  
North Peace Community Resource Society  
North Peace Seniors Housing Society  
North Shore Disability Resource Centre  
Okanagan Nation Transition/Emergency House  
Okanagan Opportunities Fair  
Old Age Pensioners Organization, Branch 93

Onelink Inc.  
Oxfam – UBC Branch  
Pacific Salmon Foundation  
Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society  
Parent Voices: Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada  
Peace Arch Community Services  
People in Motion  
Port Alberni Association for Community Living  
Port Alberni Hostel Society  
Port Alberni Women's Resource Society  
Powell River and Region Transition House Society  
Prince George and District Elizabeth Fry Society  
Progressive Housing Society  
Province of British Columbia Search and Rescue Advisory Committee  
Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society  
Salvation Army, Fort St. John  
-Care and Share Centre  
Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse  
Save Mount Pleasant Pool Committee  
Save Our Northern Seniors  
Seniors Housing Information Program  
Smithers Community Services Association  
Social Planning and Research Council of BC  
SportsBreak BC  
Stepping Stones for Success  
Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living  
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society  
Surrey Association of Sustainable Communities  
T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation  
United Way of the Fraser Valley  
Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre  
Vancouver Natural History Society  
Vancouver Save Our Schools  
Vernon and District Association for Community Living  
Vela Microboard Association of British Columbia  
Voice in the Wilderness  
Volunteer Cowichan  
Volunteer Campbell River  
Volunteer Prince George  
Volunteer Victoria  
West Coast Alternatives Society  
West Coast Environmental Law  
Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre  
Westcoast Women's Resources Society  
West Kootenay Boundary Addiction Services  
Wachiay Friendship Centre

## APPENDIX C: WITNESS LIST

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A. Wood Bulldozing Ltd.	FGS-Sub-577
D. Wood	
Wendy Aaron	FGS-Sub-1257
Jamie Aarts	FGS-Sub-1273
Abbotsford Community Services	FGS-Sub-549
Nadine Power	
Abbotsford District Teachers Association	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Don Johannson	
David Tod	
Abbotsford Peer Support for Seniors	FGS-Sub-524
Freeda Stevens	
Lorna Abbott	FGS-Sub-744
Aboriginal Apprenticeship & Industry Training	FGS-Sub-1207
Don Pongracz	
Bill Adair	FGS-Sub-48
Warner Adam	FGS-Sub-322
Barb Adams	FGS-Sub-567
Patrick Adams	FGS-Sub-881
K. Adele	FGS-Sub-244
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies & Service Agencies of BC	FGS-Sub-537
Lynn Moran	
Affordable Housing Network	
Bob Nicklin	
Tracy Agius	FGS-Sub-665
Ahousaht Cultural (Youth) Centre	FGS-Sub-1542
Leif Johansen	
AIDS Vancouver Island	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Miki Hansen	
Ricky Ainsworth	FGS-Sub-809
Christine Albrecht	FGS-Sub-760
James Aldred	FGS-Sub-373
Darlyn Alec	FGS-Sub-1450
Steve Alexander	FGS-Sub-1003
Betina Ali	FGS-Sub-412
Jan Allan	FGS-Sub-1300
Keith Allen	FGS-Sub-835
Graham Allison	FGS-Sub-221
Valerie Almas	FGS-Sub-1037
Anne-Marie Almasch	FGS-Sub-1078



Alzheimer Society of British Columbia	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Phyllis Dyck	
Barbara Lindsay	
Norma Selbie	
Elaine Wright	
Alzheimer Society of British Columbia, Langley Branch	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Susan Lumhert	
Crystal Olurd	
Alzheimer Society of British Columbia, Upper Fraser Valley Region	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Jillian Armit	
Winda Redding	
Amber's Place Society Chair	FGS-Sub-547
Beth Ott	
Ambulatory Surgical Centre - Vancouver	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Astrid Levelt	
Dr. Don Werry	
AMEC Inc.	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Michael Chin	
Phil Crawford	
Rick Lewin	
Brad Anderson	FGS-Sub-780
Brenda Anderson	FGS-Sub-1163
Catherine Anderson	FGS-Sub-478
Daisy Anderson	FGS-Sub-139
Donald Anderson	FGS-Sub-1258
Paula Anderson	FGS-Sub-1322
Susan Anderson	FGS-Sub-426
Linda Andrew	FGS-Sub-1100
Marie Andruchuk	FGS-Sub-810
Melanie Angus	FGS-Sub-330
Ann Anstee	FGS-Sub-1070
Cathy Anthony	FGS-Sub-1139
Michael Antoine	FGS-Sub-756
Debra Apperley	FGS-Sub-378
James Appleyard	FGS-Sub-1489
Harvey Arcand	FGS-Sub-1022
Erin Arnold	FGS-Sub-1024
R. Arnold	FGS-Sub-818
Arts Action BC	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Jen Bailey	
Janice Ascrom	FGS-Sub-831

Sandra Asgeirsson	FGS-Sub-768
Cheryl Ashlie	FGS-Sub-232
Richard Ashton	FGS-Sub-311
Stephen Ashton	FGS-Sub-839
Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training Norma Strachan	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Adeline August	FGS-Sub-403
Melody Augustine	FGS-Sub-171
Moojan Azizi	FGS-Sub-4
B. Dinter Nursery Ltd. Bernie Dinter	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
B.C. Hospital Maintenance and Trade Workers Association David Pellerin	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
B.C. Retired Teachers Association, Kimerley Branch Jessie Jensen	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
B.C. Salmon Farmers Association Linda Sams	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
B.C. Wildlife Federation Jacques Drisdelle Phil Hallinan	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Ernst Baatz	FGS-Sub-55
Alexix Bach	FGS-Sub-614
Manjot Bains	FGS-Sub-903
Ranjit Bains	FGS-Sub-155
Cheryl Baker	FGS-Sub-149
J. Baker	FGS-Sub-954
Kelly Baker	FGS-Sub-893
Steve Baker	FGS-Sub-486
Tanya Baker	FGS-Sub-1094
Reggi Balabanov	FGS-Sub-673
Nik Baldinger	FGS-Sub-134
Maurizio Baldini	FGS-Sub-595
Christine Ball	FGS-Sub-908
Mike Ball	FGS-Sub-1507
Brenda Baptiste	FGS-Sub-355
Valerie Baptiste	FGS-Sub-909
Colette Barker	FGS-Sub-997
Mary Barlow	FGS-Sub-461
Tanya Barnard	FGS-Sub-1209
Stu Barnes	FGS-Sub-351
Tertesa Barnes	FGS-Sub-327

Duncan Barnett	FGS-Sub-584
Janice Barr	FGS-Sub-69
Susan Barr	FGS-Sub-1038
Anne-Marie Barrett	FGS-Sub-1220
Nicolle Barrette	FGS-Sub-246
Randy Bartsch	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Shirley Bates	FGS-Sub-160
I. Battista	FGS-Sub-820
BC Agriculture Council	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Dick Klein Geltink	
Steve Thomson	
BC and Yukon Hotels Association	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Charles Kux-Kardos	
Stephen Smith	
BC Association for Child Development and Intervention	FGS-Sub-1544
Bruce Sandy	
BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Program	FGS-Sub-532
Pat Chisholm	
BC Biotech Association	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
David Hall	
BC Cancer Foundation	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Mary McNeil	
BC Chiropractic Association	FGS-Sub-1391
Blake Cameron	
BC Coalition for Health Promotion	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Grant Roberge	
BC Coalition of People with Disabilities	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Tom McGregor	
BC Coalition of Women Centres	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Debra Critchley	
Michelle Dodds	
Deanna Ogle	
BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors	FGS-Sub-545
William Summersgill	
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Terri Watson	
BC Family Net (BC Federation of Families Society)	FGS-Sub-1145
Anita Dadson	
BC Federation of Labour	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Jim Sinclair	

BC Maritime Employers Association	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Onkar Athwal	
BC Northern Medical Society	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Dr. Bert Kelly	
Dr. Gilbert Wankling	
BC Nurses Union	FGS-Sub-845
Pollyanne Moorman	
BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Geoffrey Howes	
Tim Read	
Lorraine Beach	FGS-Sub-1007
John Beames	FGS-Sub-656
Barry Beardsell	FGS-Sub-860
Branden Beatty	FGS-Sub-752
Anna Beaudry	FGS-Sub-1117
Aaron Becker	FGS-Sub-275
Joyce Beebe	FGS-Sub-814
Monique Begg	FGS-Sub-818
Sandra Beggs	FGS-Sub-844
Harold Bell	FGS-Sub-12
Margaret Bell	FGS-Sub-286
April Bennett	FGS-Sub-759
Marjory Benson	FGS-Sub-1389
Steven Benson	FGS-Sub-1389
Chaylene Bent	FGS-Sub-164
Kane Bentsen	FGS-Sub-168
Sherry Bereziak	FGS-Sub-1343
Jenny Berg	FGS-Sub-220
Ben Berland	FGS-Sub-826
Doug Bertram	FGS-Sub-273
Gordon Besse	FGS-Sub-1196
Ellen Besso	FGS-Sub-942
Best Western Kamloops	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Tim Rodgers	
Douglas Bigrigg	FGS-Sub-1401
Mary Billy	FGS-Sub-54
Steve Birchard	FGS-Sub-144
Brent Birney	FGS-Sub-1027
Anne Birthistle	FGS-Sub-857
Sue Bishop	FGS-Sub-1344
Judie Blakley	FGS-Sub-522

Alan Blyth	FGS-Sub-716
Leonard Bob	FGS-Sub-505
Robert Boback	FGS-Sub-1114
Judith Boer	FGS-Sub-1057
Dennis Bogle	FGS-Sub-851
Kelly Bohl	FGS-Sub-882
Bonanza Charities Association Eric Ross	FGS-Sub-513
Caroline Bonesky	FGS-Sub-1080
Glen Boness	FGS-Sub-529
Vivian Boness	FGS-Sub-529
Kim Bonn	FGS-Sub-1160
Jean-Bernard Bonnemaïson	FGS-Sub-264
Marilyn Booth	FGS-Sub-1451
I. Borchardt	FGS-Sub-608
Sean Borthwick	FGS-Sub-1263
Dean Bortolon	FGS-Sub-1301
Colette Bosch	FGS-Sub-704
Matthew Boser	FGS-Sub-1383
Lindsay Bottomer	FGS-Sub-1016
Francis Boucher	FGS-Sub-1126
Lisa Bourget	FGS-Sub-356
Chris Bowden-Green	FGS-Sub-1449
Chris Bowers	FGS-Sub-828
Judy Bowers	FGS-Sub-224
Chris Bowes	FGS-Sub-883
Corey Bowness	FGS-Sub-1045
Robert Boyd-Whitley	FGS-Sub-1418
Aveline Bradley	FGS-Sub-145
Winnifred Braha	FGS-Sub-200
Brain Injury Program Donna Milonas	FGS-Sub-536
Vanessa Bramhill	FGS-Sub-415
Alice Brandon	FGS-Sub-117
Kristeena Breadner	FGS-Sub-667
Marie Bremner	FGS-Sub-30
Dawn Brennan	FGS-Sub-1260
Susan Brennan	FGS-Sub-790
Murray Bridge	FGS-Sub-593
Teresa Bridgeman	FGS-Sub-688
Sven Brindley	FGS-Sub-765

Richard Brise	FGS-Sub-1112
British Columbia & Yukon Chamber of Mines	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Michael Gray	
Dan Jepsen	
Leilah Tate	
British Columbia Association for Community Living	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Laney Bryenton	
British Columbia Cattlemen's Association	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
David Borth	
British Columbia Chamber of Commerce	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Gerry Martin	
John Winter	
British Columbia Construction Association	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Manley McLachlan	
British Columbia Council of Resource Communities	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Mayor Donna Barnett	
Mayor Herb Pond	
Bruce Rozenhart	
British Columbia Fruit Growers Association	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Penny Gambell	
Glen Lucas	
British Columbia Historical Federation	FGS-Sub-519
Jacqueline Gresko	
British Columbia Medical Association	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Dr. Jack Burack	
British Columbia Pharmacy Association	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Derek Desrosier	
Marnie Mitchell	
Susan Ogilvie	
British Columbia Real Estate Association	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Gabrielle Osbourne	
British Columbia Snowmobile Federation	16-Sep-04 (Houston)
Les Auston	
British Columbia Teachers Federation	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Susan Lambert	
Irene Lanzinger	
Jenny Sims	
British Columbia Technology Industries Association	FGS-Sub-626
George Hunter	
British Columbia Wildlife Federation, Shuswap Region	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Don Tretheway	

British Columbia Wind Energy Association	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Eugene Hodgson	
Devon Brooks	FGS-Sub-14
Jill Brooksbank	FGS-Sub-188
Bonnie Brown	FGS-Sub-1368
Douglas Brown	FGS-Sub-392
Ivan Brown	FGS-Sub-1332
Scott Bruce	FGS-Sub-210
Debi Brummel	FGS-Sub-613
Caitlin Bryant	FGS-Sub-984
Dani Bryant	FGS-Sub-1506
Jane Bryony-Shaw	FGS-Sub-732
Jeannie Buchanan	FGS-Sub-970
Donelda Buck	FGS-Sub-1040
Michael Buna	FGS-Sub-1203
Frank Bunting	FGS-Sub-1201
Thomas Burge	FGS-Sub-1500
Jennifer Burke	FGS-Sub-436
Tom Burley	FGS-Sub-1382
Desiree Burnett	FGS-Sub-1334
Burns Bog Conservation Society	FGS-Sub-487
Eliza Olson	
Kristy Burns	FGS-Sub-781
Paul Burns	FGS-Sub-1154
Russ Burtnick	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Jeff Burton	FGS-Sub-250
Wayne Bush	FGS-Sub-1337
Business Council of British Columbia	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Jock Finlayson	
Jerry Lampert	
Ken Peacock	
Leann Buteau	FGS-Sub-279
Jane Butler	FGS-Sub-65
Tanya Buxton	FGS-Sub-305
Nicola Byres	FGS-Sub-158
Caron Byrne	FGS-Sub-36
Martin Byrne	FGS-Sub-348
Michael Cadamia	FGS-Sub-1097
Rebecca Cadger	FGS-Sub-700
John Cain	FGS-Sub-562
Andy Cairns	FGS-Sub-1325

Joanne Cairns	FGS-Sub-693
Mercedes Calvert	FGS-Sub-1281
Cameray Centre	FGS-Sub-664
Theresa Cecchetto	
Karen Cameron	FGS-Sub-86
Michelle Cameron	FGS-Sub-542
Camosun College	FGS-Sub-528
Dr. Liz Ashton	
Ross Camp	FGS-Sub-1032
Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery	FGS-Sub-548
Jean Wrohan	
Campbell River Arthritis Group	FGS-Sub-546
Diane Ettles	
Campbell River Economic Development Corporation	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Patrick Marshall	
Campbell River Maritime Heritage Society	FGS-Sub-520
Trish Whiteside	
Chris Campbell	FGS-Sub-540
Diane Campbell	FGS-Sub-1393
Maria Campbell	FGS-Sub-777
Stacy Campbell	FGS-Sub-119
Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores	FGS-Sub-504
Christina Bisanz	
Canadian Bankers Association	FGS-Sub-801
Paul Griffin	
Canadian Bar Association - British Columbia Branch	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Caroline Nevin	
Frits Verhoeven	
Canadian Cancer Society, BC and Yukon Division	FGS-Sub-574
Kay Larsen	
Canadian Federation of Independent Business	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Satinder Chera	
Dan Kelly	
Canadian Federation of Students	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Nathan Allen	
Lisa MacLeod	
Canadian Home Builders Association of British Columbia	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
M.J. Whitemarsh	
Canadian Institute of Public and Private Real Estate Companies	FGS-Sub-495
Michael Brooks	
Chris Conway	



Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc. Greg Traversy	FGS-Sub-474
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, British Columbia Division Colin Heartwell Werner Knittel	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Canadian Mental Health Association, British Columbia Division Catherine Hume Jean Moore	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Canadian National Institute for the Blind, BC - Yukon	FGS-Sub-556
Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association Mark von Schellwitz	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Canadian Taxpayers Federation Sara MacIntyre	FGS-Sub-518
Vivienne Candy	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Mike Cante	FGS-Sub-1555
Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society Marg Evans	FGS-Sub-558
Nancy Carl	FGS-Sub-787
Leslie Carnie	FGS-Sub-226
Eve Carr	FGS-Sub-575
Anya Carrel	FGS-Sub-649
William Carroll	FGS-Sub-1471
Joanne Carruthers	FGS-Sub-1312
Mark Carruthers	FGS-Sub-1311
Chris Carss	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Ron Carten	FGS-Sub-1013
Sharon Casey	FGS-Sub-424
Stephanie Casey	FGS-Sub-1518
Gudrun Cave	FGS-Sub-1174
Duncan Cavens	FGS-Sub-1509
Anne-Marie Cayer	FGS-Sub-1239
Donna Celle	FGS-Sub-429
Cement Association of Canada Derek Townson	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Wendel Cen	FGS-Sub-57
Central Interior Community Services Cooperative Trevor Barnes Jenny DeReis	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Centre for Integral Economics Zane Parker	FGS-Sub-506

Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia	FGS-Sub-500
Edward Downing	
Camyar Chaichian	FGS-Sub-344
Wendy Chalmers	FGS-Sub-294
Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Rick Bryant	
Gregg Chamberlain	FGS-Sub-1042
Richard Chamberlain	FGS-Sub-1072
James Chamberlin	FGS-Sub-699
Christopher Chambers	FGS-Sub-192
Ada Chan	FGS-Sub-888
Josephine Chan	FGS-Sub-1435
Kenny Chan	FGS-Sub-1402
Lancy Chan	FGS-Sub-1101
Ruth Chase	FGS-Sub-107
Greg Cheyne	FGS-Sub-82
Joy Chien	FGS-Sub-1095
Child & Youth Committee of the Boundary Communities	FGS-Sub-539
Kathleen O'Malley	
Child Development Centre Society of Fort St. John and District	FGS-Sub-1146
Linda Harvey	
John Chisamore	FGS-Sub-898
Janice Chisholm	FGS-Sub-1107
Pat Chisholm	FGS-Sub-1023
Patricia Chou	FGS-Sub-238
Bonnie Chow	FGS-Sub-75
Marlee Christensen	FGS-Sub-612
Per Christensen	FGS-Sub-1086
Cheryl Christianson	FGS-Sub-1259
Patricia Chung	FGS-Sub-696
Jean Ciriani	FGS-Sub-1247
City of Colwood	FGS-Sub-453
Councillor Cynthia Day	
City of Kamloops	FGS-Sub-497
Mayor Mel Rothenburger	
City of Kelowna / Okanagan Opportunities Fair	FGS-Sub-452
Councillor Ron Cannan	
City of Prince George	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Don Bassermann	
City of Prince Rupert	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Tony Briglio	

City of Terrace	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Mayor Jack Talstra	
City of Vancouver Child and Youth Advocate	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Sheila Davison	
City of Vancouver, Community Services Group	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Carole Ann Young	
Ellen Claitman	FGS-Sub-1162
Frances Clark	FGS-Sub-502
Lynne Clarke	FGS-Sub-1122
Mary Clattenburg	FGS-Sub-404
Jeanne Clelland	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Lenore Clemens	FGS-Sub-1228
Lise Cloutier	FGS-Sub-391
Dave Clyne	FGS-Sub-457
Coalition of BC Businesses	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Mark von Schellwitz	
Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C.	FGS-Sub-28
Diane Goldberg	
Coast Forest and Lumber Association	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Rick Jeffery	
Coast Foundation Society	FGS-Sub-499
Darrell Burnham	
Coast Inn of the North	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Jim Douglas	
Coast Inn of the West	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Douglas Barrett	
Coastal Family Resource Coalition	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Heather McKay	
Norine Messer	
Melanie Coath	FGS-Sub-1454
Stephen Cochrane	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Larry Coghlan	FGS-Sub-586
Maureen Colclough	FGS-Sub-1226
Iana Coldwell	FGS-Sub-986
College of New Caledonia	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Ben Malcolm	
College of the Rockies	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Dr. Nick Rubidge	
College of the Rockies Faculty Association	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Velma McKay	
Patricia Collins	FGS-Sub-965

Donna Colodey	FGS-Sub-983
Columbia Basin Centre for Population Health	FGS-Sub-2
Kenneth Berg	
Committee to Reinststate the Chaplaincy to the RIH Budget	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Jan Greenwood	
Bob Hunter	
Communities for Kids	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Dr. Eugene Krupa	
Communities Solidarity Coalition	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Don Startin	
Community Alliance for Public Education	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Eden Haythornthwaite	
Community Enrichment Society	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Janice Fehr	
Sherry McDonald	
Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Rob Clift	
Norma Wieland	
Consortium 43	FGS-Sub-485
Jennie Boulanger	
Sue McIntyre	
Gwenda Woodbury	
Ross Contois	FGS-Sub-435
Barbara Cook	FGS-Sub-72
Laurie Cook	FGS-Sub-592
Linda Cook	FGS-Sub-592
Greg Cooke-Dallin	FGS-Sub-444
Sherry Cooke-Dallin	FGS-Sub-439
Barbara Cooper	FGS-Sub-885
Heather Copeland	FGS-Sub-1529
Sharon Copeman	FGS-Sub-1359
Pierre Cote	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Debbie Cotter	FGS-Sub-976
Council of the Haida Nations	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Arnie Bellis	
Council of Tourism Associations of BC	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Mary Mahon Jones	
Council on Chiropractic Sports Sciences of B.C.	FGS-Sub-1380
Wayne Walker	
Pierre Coupey	FGS-Sub-313
Sara Cousins	FGS-Sub-1457

Nina Coverdale	FGS-Sub-1180
Cowichan District Teachers Association	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Carolyn Prellwitz	
Cowichan Food Connection	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Bill Abram	
Cowichan Region Economic Development Commission	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Dave Johel	
Jancie Cowley	FGS-Sub-594
Simon Cox	FGS-Sub-1062
Denise Cragg	FGS-Sub-1264
Genevieve Cragg	FGS-Sub-1305
Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Rob Dozzi	
Cranbrook Society for Community Living	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Melanie Fiorentino	
Ian Crawford	FGS-Sub-668
Creative Centre Society	FGS-Sub-616
Iris Davies	
Crimson Coast Dance Society	FGS-Sub-1091
Holly Bright	
Robin Cripps	FGS-Sub-1453
Nathan Crompton	FGS-Sub-1310
Richard Cronk	FGS-Sub-1403
John Cruichshank	FGS-Sub-884
Frannie Cruise	FGS-Sub-353
John Cruise	FGS-Sub-255
Leo Csada	FGS-Sub-170
Kathleen Cullen	FGS-Sub-796
Evalina Cumming	FGS-Sub-783
Barbara Cundy	FGS-Sub-1218
Don Cunningham	FGS-Sub-265
Bev Currie-McLean	FGS-Sub-432
Robert Curry	FGS-Sub-58
Russ Curtis	FGS-Sub-354
Anthony Cuthbert	FGS-Sub-869
Margaret Cuthbert	FGS-Sub-1553
Lynn Cvitko	FGS-Sub-84
Holly Dalgleish	FGS-Sub-359
Gina Daneliuk	FGS-Sub-126
Lisa Daniels	FGS-Sub-1134
Brianna Darlington	FGS-Sub-1522

Doris Darvasi	FGS-Sub-417
Diane David	FGS-Sub-365
Dina Davidson	FGS-Sub-1099
Jim Davies	FGS-Sub-863
Carole Davis	FGS-Sub-572
Colleen Davis	FGS-Sub-483
Barb Dawson	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Andrew Day	FGS-Sub-1414
Denise Day	FGS-Sub-380
Karen De Long	FGS-Sub-399
Gaston De Paul	FGS-Sub-815
Johan de Vaal	FGS-Sub-1320
Sylvia Deal	FGS-Sub-78
Elsie Dean	FGS-Sub-1267
Geoff Dean	FGS-Sub-92
John Defayette	FGS-Sub-493
Bob D'Eith	FGS-Sub-1266
Delta Community Living Society	FGS-Sub-655
Sharon Rose	
Roxanne Demianczuk	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Lynn Dempsey	FGS-Sub-1137
Michelle Denero	FGS-Sub-284
Connie Denesiuk	FGS-Sub-208
Patricia Denne	FGS-Sub-1321
C. Dennison	FGS-Sub-388
Deanna-Lynn Dent-Wilson	FGS-Sub-218
Mary Desprez	FGS-Sub-345
Shirley Devine	FGS-Sub-1010
Pete Devries	FGS-Sub-251
DeVry Greenhouses Ltd.	FGS-Sub-446
Arnold DeVry	
Clifford Dezell	FGS-Sub-1251
Harj Dhaliwal	FGS-Sub-285
Rae Dhesi	FGS-Sub-386
David Diamond	FGS-Sub-400
Joanne Dickie	FGS-Sub-477
I. Dillabough	FGS-Sub-657
Joanne Dionne	FGS-Sub-1069
Directorate of Agencies for School Health / Breakfast for Learning	FGS-Sub-463
Kathy Cassels	

District of Campbell River	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Mayor Lynn Nash	
District of Port Edward	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Ron Bedard	
Mayor Ed Wampler	
Diversified Marketing Services	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Harvey Grigg	
Jim Dixon	FGS-Sub-1058
Karen Dixon	FGS-Sub-1204
Mark Dobbs	FGS-Sub-950
Enrique Domingo	FGS-Sub-1442
Dorothy Donovan	FGS-Sub-364
Brian Doody	FGS-Sub-44
Chris Dorais	FGS-Sub-374
Grunert Douglas	FGS-Sub-1158
Julie Douglas	FGS-Sub-761
Aaron Dovauo	FGS-Sub-1166
Pamela Downey	FGS-Sub-1236
Downtown Nanaimo Partnership	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
George Hanson	
Camilla Drake	FGS-Sub-816
Noah Drew	FGS-Sub-199
Jacques Drisdelle	FGS-Sub-230
Drug Awareness Recovery Team	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Bob Scott	
Lynda Drury	FGS-Sub-1458
Peter Drysdale	FGS-Sub-1443
Jean du Gal	FGS-Sub-1077
Maureen Duffy-Burrows	FGS-Sub-1297
Jennifer Duggan	FGS-Sub-1361
Delaine Dunbar	FGS-Sub-1358
Bonnie Duncan	FGS-Sub-1083
Brian Dunn	FGS-Sub-1110
Katrina Dunn	FGS-Sub-227
Ruzenka Dvorakova	FGS-Sub-479
Clayton Dyck	FGS-Sub-51
Magdalena Dymarska	FGS-Sub-1235
Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia	FGS-Sub-526
Amy Collum	
Diane Tannahill	
Forest Eaton	FGS-Sub-1502

Chris Edgar	FGS-Sub-1182
Alice Edge	FGS-Sub-846
Steve Edge	FGS-Sub-431
Edgemont Community Association	FGS-Sub-514
Brian Platts	
Leagh Edwards	FGS-Sub-211
Wayne Edwards	FGS-Sub-1547
Emily Elder	FGS-Sub-861
Elk Valley Coal Corp.	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Cindy Gallinger	
Darwin Robinson	
Doug Stokes	
Elk Valley Society for Community Living	FGS-Sub-1326
Maria Squance	
Peter Elkington	FGS-Sub-267
Chris Elliott	FGS-Sub-384
John Ellis	FGS-Sub-958
Joseph Ellis	FGS-Sub-946
Tom Ellis	FGS-Sub-915
Shar Elzeiza	FGS-Sub-611
Tony Embleton	FGS-Sub-639
Norma Emerson	FGS-Sub-1392
Lisa Engstrom	FGS-Sub-132
Keith Enns	FGS-Sub-949
Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society	FGS-Sub-480
Tracy McCullough	
Kevin Erickson	FGS-Sub-60
Wes Erickson	FGS-Sub-1355
Sherry Errett	FGS-Sub-980
Valerie Esau	FGS-Sub-349
Esketemc First Nations	FGS-Sub-1089
Irene Johnson	
Lee Esswein	FGS-Sub-992
Jim Ethier	FGS-Sub-1106
Dorothy Etzenza	FGS-Sub-605
Brad Evans	FGS-Sub-99
Steve Fairbairn	FGS-Sub-747
Bonnie Fallowfield	FGS-Sub-116
Families for School Seismic Safety	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Dr. Tracy Monk	



Families In Touch	FGS-Sub-943
Donna Long	
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	FGS-Sub-941
Larry Furmanczyk	
Mongyong Fan	FGS-Sub-1171
T. Farrell	FGS-Sub-985
Carla Farrington	FGS-Sub-643
D. Farzm	FGS-Sub-610
Karen Faustman	FGS-Sub-148
Bob Fedderly	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Federation of British Columbia Naturalists	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Jeremy McCall	
Bev Ramey	
Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Bill Helmus	
Fred Herfst	
Doug Lauson	
Federation of Post - Secondary Educators of BC	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Roseanne Moran	
Cindy Oliver	
Dan Feeny	FGS-Sub-202
Lorri Feldman	FGS-Sub-947
Bill Ferguson	FGS-Sub-1253
Chris Ferguson	FGS-Sub-382
Sherry Ferguson	FGS-Sub-731
Fernie Women's Resource and Drop-in Centre	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Bobbie Saga	
Barbara Few	FGS-Sub-389
Reg Feyer	FGS-Sub-1420
Donna Fieber	FGS-Sub-663
Andrea Fimrite	FGS-Sub-762
Nadja Fink	FGS-Sub-1364
Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Len Garis	
Larry Thomas	
First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Michael Goldberg	
Steve Kerstetter	
First Dollar Alliance	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Leanne Brunt	
Barbara Walker	

Al Fischer	FGS-Sub-630
Conway Fisher	FGS-Sub-347
Debra Fisher	FGS-Sub-206
Casey Fitterer	FGS-Sub-340
Paul Fitzgerald	FGS-Sub-194
Jennifer Fitzpatrick	FGS-Sub-707
Allison Flater	FGS-Sub-702
Bill Fletcher	FGS-Sub-209
George Flint	FGS-Sub-894
Terre Flower	FGS-Sub-957
Brian Floyd	FGS-Sub-1482
Stephen Flynn	FGS-Sub-939
Dorothy Folk	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Joanne Folkins	FGS-Sub-714
Susan Fonseca	FGS-Sub-1241
Kyme Foot	FGS-Sub-1371
Patrick Foran	FGS-Sub-1309
Ian Forsyth	FGS-Sub-201
Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Mike Potter	
Gloria Fortier-McGuire	FGS-Sub-103
Jo Fox	FGS-Sub-370
Marlon Francescini	FGS-Sub-848
Edgar Franco	FGS-Sub-918
Pabyance Franger	FGS-Sub-609
Dan Franklin	FGS-Sub-260
Bob Frankow	FGS-Sub-897
Hyuma Frankowski	FGS-Sub-842
K. Franzen	FGS-Sub-607
Ken Franzen	FGS-Sub-642
Fraser Valley Real Estate Board	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Jake Siemens	
Alison Fraser	FGS-Sub-262
Clarissa Fraser	FGS-Sub-1019
Karen Fraser	FGS-Sub-1345
Clare Frater	FGS-Sub-1232
Stacey Frayn	FGS-Sub-277
John Freeland	FGS-Sub-1501
George Freesman	FGS-Sub-631
Sharen Frewing	FGS-Sub-261
Judy Friebe	FGS-Sub-328

Friends of Ellie Griffiths Society	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Sue Slater	
David Smith	
William Friesen	FGS-Sub-363
Victor Froese	FGS-Sub-1427
Deborah Frolek	FGS-Sub-272
Jenny Fry	FGS-Sub-1348
Stan Fuller	FGS-Sub-18
Sandra Fulljames	FGS-Sub-1246
Brian Fung	FGS-Sub-821
Dora Fung	FGS-Sub-822
Robert Furry	FGS-Sub-926
FutureCorp Cowichan	FGS-Sub-533
Richard Joyce	
Carrie Gabriele	FGS-Sub-713
Gabriola Land and Trails Trust	FGS-Sub-530
Kerry Marcus	
Andrew Gage	FGS-Sub-1356
Jeff Galbraith	FGS-Sub-462
Garry Gallagher	FGS-Sub-342
Rosemary Gallo	FGS-Sub-1373
Cheryl Galloway	FGS-Sub-1052
Bernice Ganon	FGS-Sub-442
Roxan Garandza	FGS-Sub-978
Susan Garland	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Lynne Garner	FGS-Sub-231
John Gaudet	FGS-Sub-850
Judy Gaudet	FGS-Sub-1455
Ann Geddes	FGS-Sub-569
Genome British Columbia	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Bruce Schmidt	
Charlotte George	FGS-Sub-321
David Gerry	FGS-Sub-1116
Laurie Geschke	FGS-Sub-217
Tracey Gibb	FGS-Sub-1493
Fergus Gibson	FGS-Sub-979
Lesley Gibson	FGS-Sub-300
Gibsons Chiropractic	FGS-Sub-573
Dr. Stacey Rosenberg	
Betty Gilgoff	FGS-Sub-1299
Heather Gilker	FGS-Sub-179

Megan Gillingham	FGS-Sub-775
Patty Ginn	FGS-Sub-1478
Trisha Girard	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Cathy Girling	FGS-Sub-994
Carol Gjesdal	FGS-Sub-32
Maria Glaze	FGS-Sub-1265
Taryn Gleason	FGS-Sub-324
Global Vocational Services Inc. Ann Norris	FGS-Sub-1462
Rob Goffinet	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Dianne Goldberg	FGS-Sub-1205
Elaine Golds	FGS-Sub-1550
Graham Gomme	FGS-Sub-1113
George Good	FGS-Sub-1282
Noel Gooding	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
James Goodman	FGS-Sub-1528
Brenda Gordon	FGS-Sub-905
Katherine Gordon	FGS-Sub-124
Shawn Gough	FGS-Sub-739
Shirley Goundrey	FGS-Sub-475
Jade Graber	FGS-Sub-1195
Karen Graham	FGS-Sub-297
Tom Grainger	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Cathy Grant	FGS-Sub-332
Donna Grant	FGS-Sub-632
Laura Grant	FGS-Sub-993
Liza Grant	FGS-Sub-1306
Beverley Grantham	FGS-Sub-669
Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Patrick Yearwood	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce Charlie Parker	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Greater Trail Community Skills Centre Kathleen Carelle	FGS-Sub-1104
Greater Vernon Services Commission David Forai	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce Bruce Carter Bryan Dreilich	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Greater Victoria Down Syndrome Society Jeannie Owens	FGS-Sub-1347

Carol Ann Green	FGS-Sub-357
Stephen Green	FGS-Sub-1298
Kim Greene-DesLauriers	FGS-Sub-1517
John Greenfield	FGS-Sub-837
Cynthia Greeno	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Jack Greenwell	FGS-Sub-729
Pamela Gregg	FGS-Sub-988
Joanne Gregory	FGS-Sub-1385
Linda Greig	FGS-Sub-647
Gloria Grewal	FGS-Sub-1197
April Griffin	FGS-Sub-876
Emily Griffiths	FGS-Sub-1494
Lisa Gruger	FGS-Sub-316
Patricia Gudlaugson	FGS-Sub-715
Christian Guenette	FGS-Sub-1388
Athenaise Guertin	FGS-Sub-832
Peter Gumpflinger	FGS-Sub-937
Ennie Gundy	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Rahul Gupta	FGS-Sub-633
Alexander Gutowski	FGS-Sub-393
Shirley Hackl	FGS-Sub-625
Suzanne Haines	FGS-Sub-397
Patricia Haley	FGS-Sub-1318
Halika'as Heiltsuk Health	FGS-Sub-652
Maria Housty	
Debby Hall	FGS-Sub-74
Duane Hall	FGS-Sub-434
Larry Hall	FGS-Sub-634
Liz Hall	FGS-Sub-398
Patricia Hall	FGS-Sub-1102
Stephen Hall	FGS-Sub-241
Sue Halstead	FGS-Sub-1255
Chandra Hamilton	FGS-Sub-723
Debby Hamilton	FGS-Sub-407
Brian Hamm	FGS-Sub-1434
Catherine Hammer	FGS-Sub-308
Margaret Hammond	FGS-Sub-312
Sonia Hampson	FGS-Sub-1271
Maureen Hanak	FGS-Sub-111
Dr. John Hannam	FGS-Sub-717
Cheryl Hannebauer	FGS-Sub-1538

Debbie Hansen	FGS-Sub-222
Deborah Hansen	FGS-Sub-295
Margaret Hanson	FGS-Sub-1288
Gloria Harding	FGS-Sub-174
Marian Hardy	FGS-Sub-172
Pat Harker	FGS-Sub-101
Clay Harmon	FGS-Sub-298
Susan Harney	FGS-Sub-1115
Chris Harris	FGS-Sub-827
Lisa Harrison	FGS-Sub-1290
Shirley Harshenin	FGS-Sub-166
Linda Harvey	FGS-Sub-1319
Monique Harvey	FGS-Sub-1314
Myrtle Haslam	FGS-Sub-511
Willem Havelaar	FGS-Sub-698
Richard Hawthorne	FGS-Sub-1486
Mark Hayek	FGS-Sub-1513
Hayes Forest Service Ltd.	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Lee Doney	
George Hayes	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Hayes, Stewart, Little & Co.	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Dan Little	
Joanne Hayward	FGS-Sub-784
Denis Hearle	FGS-Sub-1524
Loretta Hedqqist	FGS-Sub-288
E. Heeren	FGS-Sub-430
Patrick Heide	FGS-Sub-758
Melinda Heidsma	FGS-Sub-47
Jacob Heikens	FGS-Sub-1050
Sarah Hein	FGS-Sub-387
Ken Heinrich	FGS-Sub-1130
Sonja Heizmann	FGS-Sub-742
Janice Helsoe	FGS-Sub-320
Cheri Henderson	FGS-Sub-1339
Betty Hendrickson	FGS-Sub-215
Dave Hendry	FGS-Sub-862
Cheryl-Anne Hendy	FGS-Sub-1056
Audrey Henry	FGS-Sub-823
Gordon Henry	FGS-Sub-823
Hepatitis C United Resource Exchange	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Marjorie Harris	

Lucia Hernandez	FGS-Sub-1181
Thomas Hewitt	FGS-Sub-618
Brooke Heximer	FGS-Sub-1011
HFBC Housing Foundation	FGS-Sub-589
Barbara Bacon	
Jennifer Hibbert	FGS-Sub-800
Carole Higgins	FGS-Sub-234
Sarah Hilbert-West	FGS-Sub-1428
Fred Hilderman	FGS-Sub-587
John Hill	FGS-Sub-840
Linda Hill	FGS-Sub-981
Molly Hirtle	FGS-Sub-797
Faye Ho	FGS-Sub-314
Curtis Hobson	FGS-Sub-1151
Wendee Hockney	FGS-Sub-1211
Richard Hoen	FGS-Sub-1331
Carole Hoepfner	FGS-Sub-1153
Carl Hofbauer	FGS-Sub-659
Jacqueline Hoffart	FGS-Sub-849
Dawn Holdom	FGS-Sub-1231
Martin Holloway	FGS-Sub-123
Jane Holmberg	FGS-Sub-128
Mary Holt	FGS-Sub-817
Craig Holzschuh	FGS-Sub-900
Lyle Homey	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Theresa Hood	FGS-Sub-1079
Bee Hooker	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Richard Hoover	FGS-Sub-741
Chuck Hopkins	FGS-Sub-91
Janis Horrell	FGS-Sub-379
Maureen Horrocks	FGS-Sub-79
Brian Horsfall	FGS-Sub-792
Shirley Horst	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Lucy Hotchkiss	FGS-Sub-1349
Daragh Hourigan	FGS-Sub-339
Gail Hourigan	FGS-Sub-390
Houston and District Chamber of Commerce	16-Sep-04 (Houston)
Tom Euverman	
Dan Howe	FGS-Sub-1008
Eileen Howells	FGS-Sub-153
Nancy Hoyano	FGS-Sub-1250

Tryna Hrynuik	FGS-Sub-1283
Cheryl Hudson	FGS-Sub-813
Cheryl Hughes	FGS-Sub-1090
Roxanne Hughes	FGS-Sub-1152
Patrick Hull	FGS-Sub-695
Sarah Hunt	FGS-Sub-955
Jeff Hunter	FGS-Sub-563
Mike Hunter	FGS-Sub-740
Theresa Huntly	FGS-Sub-868
Linda Hurtubise	FGS-Sub-1064
Paul Hutcheson	FGS-Sub-782
Deborah Hutchings	FGS-Sub-933
Elizabeth Hutchinson	FGS-Sub-338
Janice Hutchison	FGS-Sub-1456
J. Hyhus	FGS-Sub-804
Dale Hynes	FGS-Sub-1124
Jan Hyslop	FGS-Sub-1237
Peggy-Lynn Iley	FGS-Sub-1206
Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of British Columbia	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Philip Hochstein	
Independent Power Producers Association of BC	FGS-Sub-447
Steve Davis	
Vic Ingco	FGS-Sub-282
Initiatives Prince George	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
David George	
Gerry Offet	
Val Innes	FGS-Sub-421
Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Odd Eidsvik	
Jim Mills	
Cindy Popescul	
Richard Rees	
Insurance Bureau of Canada	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Dennis Prouse	
Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Jim Hackett	
IPC Securities Corporation / BC High Tech Charitable Foundation	FGS-Sub-451
Kelly Klatik	
Colin McMeeken	
Brenda Ireland	FGS-Sub-1274
John Ireland	FGS-Sub-1169



Sandra Irvine	FGS-Sub-466
Alan Irving	FGS-Sub-1444
Don Irwin	FGS-Sub-385
Elizabeth Irwin	FGS-Sub-361
Ishtar Transition House Society Sherry Baker	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Elane Jackson	FGS-Sub-603
Eunice Jackson	FGS-Sub-601
F. Jackson	FGS-Sub-602
Lisa Jackson	FGS-Sub-1020
N. Jackson	FGS-Sub-596
Scott Jackson	FGS-Sub-606
Trish Jackson	FGS-Sub-1327
Lorinda Jacobs	FGS-Sub-110
Portia Jacobs	FGS-Sub-1523
Dorienne Jaffe	FGS-Sub-998
Steve Jan	FGS-Sub-10
Howard Jang	FGS-Sub-341
Nathan Janz	FGS-Sub-1421
Marilyn Janzen	FGS-Sub-319
JoAnne Jarvis	FGS-Sub-995
Tara Jarvis	FGS-Sub-1164
Ryan Jay	FGS-Sub-1043
Scott Jeffery	FGS-Sub-9
Alan Jenks	FGS-Sub-1466
Barton Jessup	FGS-Sub-620
Fiona Jeyachandran	FGS-Sub-1216
Joe Rich Tatepayers and Tenants Society Reg Volk	FGS-Sub-645
Manny Johal	FGS-Sub-1551
Darin Johaneson	FGS-Sub-733
Charlene Johnson	FGS-Sub-1087
Diana Johnson	FGS-Sub-1342
Judith Johnson	FGS-Sub-721
Leanne Johnson	FGS-Sub-1535
Linda Johnson	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Robert Johnston	FGS-Sub-1323
Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee Daniel Potts	FGS-Sub-508
Fay Jolley	FGS-Sub-73
Bill Jones	FGS-Sub-16

Margaret Jones	FGS-Sub-352
Marlene Jones	FGS-Sub-972
Tanya Jones	FGS-Sub-1432
Debbie Joujan	FGS-Sub-233
Jabeen Jussa	FGS-Sub-1405
Sandy Kabool	FGS-Sub-1149
Rupi Kaila	FGS-Sub-1381
Santosh Kaintu	FGS-Sub-776
Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society	FGS-Sub-553
Judith MacIntosh	
Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Hank Karpuk	
Kamloops Child Development Society	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Deborah Frolek	
Kamloops Flyfishers Association	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Trev Jeanes	
Kamloops Women's Resource Centre	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Dodie Goldney	
Miriam Kane	FGS-Sub-1075
Bob Kanngiesser	FGS-Sub-11
Shirin Karmali	FGS-Sub-428
Rachel Kates	FGS-Sub-866
Larry Kazdan	FGS-Sub-1328
P. Kckeen	FGS-Sub-140
Ron Kearse	FGS-Sub-1350
Laurelle Keashly	FGS-Sub-1230
John Keay	FGS-Sub-441
Frank Keeling	FGS-Sub-930
Kim Keeling	FGS-Sub-802
Kehli's Sharing Society (Microboard)	FGS-Sub-1177
Nellie Wong	
Robert Keill	FGS-Sub-806
Michelle Kelly	FGS-Sub-812
Terance Kelly	FGS-Sub-798
Kelowna Chamber of Commerce	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Ken Bessason	
Kelowna Women's Resource Centre	FGS-Sub-527
Micki Smith	
Kathleen Kempfle	FGS-Sub-1119
Carol Kerr	FGS-Sub-396
Mark Kerr	FGS-Sub-1284

Mark Kerswell	FGS-Sub-1329
Jacob Ketler	FGS-Sub-368
Robert Keys	FGS-Sub-1436
Rebecca Khan	FGS-Sub-71
Ken Kicia	FGS-Sub-109
Kevin Kielein	FGS-Sub-216
Sean Kilgannon	FGS-Sub-1497
Christie Kilmer	FGS-Sub-743
Kimberley Search and Rescue Society	FGS-Sub-465
Larry Becker	
Mayor Ron McRae	
Bryan Kineshanko	FGS-Sub-895
James King	FGS-Sub-1051
Jason King	FGS-Sub-19
Kingfisher Oceanside Resort and Spa	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Lucas Stiefvater	
Michelle Kirby	FGS-Sub-186
Laura Kirkhope	FGS-Sub-1200
Bev Kissinger	FGS-Sub-1410
Karen Kitaguchi	FGS-Sub-263
Chris Kitchen	FGS-Sub-1479
Curtis Klassen	FGS-Sub-1006
S. Klassen	FGS-Sub-779
Ian Klepsch	FGS-Sub-585
Heidi Kluftinger	FGS-Sub-808
Marie Klus	FGS-Sub-678
Christine Knapton	FGS-Sub-1396
Brenda Knight	FGS-Sub-1219
Jane Knight	FGS-Sub-509
Robbin Knox	FGS-Sub-369
Ada Ko	FGS-Sub-121
Karsten Koch	FGS-Sub-867
Frank Kohlberger	FGS-Sub-1531
Valerie Kohut	FGS-Sub-1395
Clark Konczak	FGS-Sub-1448
Joanna Kooistra	FGS-Sub-127
Kootenay Livestock Association	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Don Lancaster	
Wayne McNamar	
Barry Minor	
Faye Street	

D. Kotylak	FGS-Sub-1109
David Kovatch	FGS-Sub-66
Carol Kozuback	FGS-Sub-1378
Catherine Krahn	FGS-Sub-1294
Dr. John Krell	FGS-Sub-405
Glenn Krock	FGS-Sub-1293
James Krock	FGS-Sub-1178
Sylvie Kruchten	FGS-Sub-559
Marilyn Krygier	FGS-Sub-43
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council / Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Kathryn Teneese	
Danielle Kugelstadt	FGS-Sub-1468
DD Kugler	FGS-Sub-203
Donna Kuprowski	FGS-Sub-1346
Jennifer Kupusa	FGS-Sub-1340
Kwantlen Faculty Association	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Maureen Shaw	
Tania La Salle	FGS-Sub-112
Brian Labbert	FGS-Sub-600
Joy Lacey	FGS-Sub-460
Catherine Lafortune	FGS-Sub-29
Nancy Lagana	FGS-Sub-1254
Juliet Lai	FGS-Sub-1135
Margaret Laidlaw	FGS-Sub-52
Sean Laidley	FGS-Sub-1495
Tish Lakes	FGS-Sub-1426
David Lam	FGS-Sub-1002
Richard Lambert	FGS-Sub-1440
Susan Lambert	FGS-Sub-799
Jim Lanctot	FGS-Sub-1424
Stephen Lane	FGS-Sub-151
Tim Lang	FGS-Sub-7
Susan Langhorst	FGS-Sub-100
Arthur Langman	FGS-Sub-146
Wendy Langridge	FGS-Sub-235
Marilyn Laplante	FGS-Sub-709
Mary LaPlante	FGS-Sub-381
Dennis Larcombe	FGS-Sub-789
Lucie Lareau	FGS-Sub-1128
Diane Larsson Nehru	FGS-Sub-228

L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo	FGS-Sub-469
Nicole Langlois	
Stella Panagiotidis	
Nadine Laurent	FGS-Sub-68
Gail Lavery	FGS-Sub-1144
DJ Lawrence	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Marc Lawrence	FGS-Sub-70
Nora Layard	FGS-Sub-449
Susanne Leach	FGS-Sub-31
Michelle Lebeau	FGS-Sub-1411
Tim Lederman	FGS-Sub-34
Carrie Lee	FGS-Sub-879
Erin Lee	FGS-Sub-990
Linda Leese	FGS-Sub-1276
Philip Leete	FGS-Sub-418
Alain LeFebvre	FGS-Sub-118
Pierre Anthony Legault	FGS-Sub-1474
Judi Leger	FGS-Sub-1539
Barbara Legg	FGS-Sub-150
Tricia Legg	FGS-Sub-1033
Kathryn Mary Lehmann	FGS-Sub-423
Margaret Leibbrandt	FGS-Sub-754
Hope Leith	FGS-Sub-1141
Donald Leman	FGS-Sub-1028
Kailey LeMoel	FGS-Sub-635
Colleen Lengert	FGS-Sub-26
Rosemary Leslie	FGS-Sub-141
Michelle Lessard	FGS-Sub-654
Kevin Leung	FGS-Sub-1492
Philippe Levesque	FGS-Sub-189
Kenneth Levitt	FGS-Sub-406
Fiona Lewis	FGS-Sub-280
Leslie Lewis	FGS-Sub-185
Maureen Lewis	FGS-Sub-125
Tony Lewis	FGS-Sub-257
Diane Lewthwaite	FGS-Sub-219
Glynis Leyshon	FGS-Sub-1214
Cathy Liddle	FGS-Sub-1408
Linda Light	FGS-Sub-1053
Casey Lindquist	FGS-Sub-722
Gordon Lindsay	FGS-Sub-283

Karen Lindsay	FGS-Sub-748
Kris Lindstrom	FGS-Sub-366
Lionsview Seniors' Planning Society	FGS-Sub-555
Anita Dadson	
Eleanor Lipov	FGS-Sub-1248
Marilyn Lissimore	FGS-Sub-271
Tung-Mei Liu	FGS-Sub-1000
Charles Lloyd	FGS-Sub-278
Jeff Lloyd	FGS-Sub-1447
Paula Lock	FGS-Sub-843
Wayne Lockyer	FGS-Sub-677
Martin Loiselle	FGS-Sub-624
Long Lake Chiropractic Center	FGS-Sub-1307
Charles Ingram	
Allwynn Long	FGS-Sub-1504
Phil Long	FGS-Sub-864
Patrick Longworth	FGS-Sub-419
Lookout Emergency Aid Society	FGS-Sub-501
Karen O'Shannacery	
Kyle Loopeker	FGS-Sub-1193
Y. Looper	FGS-Sub-183
Gloria Lorenzen	FGS-Sub-873
J. Lorimer	FGS-Sub-177
Denis Love	FGS-Sub-686
Cynthia Low	FGS-Sub-672
Scott Lowe	FGS-Sub-1461
Cindy Lowry	FGS-Sub-1483
James Ludvigson	FGS-Sub-161
Zanita Lukezich	FGS-Sub-229
Dr. Richard Lutz	FGS-Sub-621
Finnian Lynch	FGS-Sub-991
Lynn Valley United Church Board	FGS-Sub-1234
Judith Clark	
Elizabeth Lynn	FGS-Sub-104
Zeni Maartman	FGS-Sub-834
Louie Mabel	FGS-Sub-335
Geri MacAskill	FGS-Sub-1295
Deborah MacCulloch	FGS-Sub-730
Steve MacDonald	FGS-Sub-1540
Kim MacEachern	FGS-Sub-1194
Mary MacGregor	FGS-Sub-636

Colleen MacIsaac	FGS-Sub-836
Maureen Mackay	FGS-Sub-346
Patricia MacKenzie	FGS-Sub-1085
Barbara MacLellan	FGS-Sub-904
Donna MacMillan	FGS-Sub-1176
Katherine MacPhee	FGS-Sub-726
Angela MacRae	FGS-Sub-853
Helen MacRae	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Erin Madsen	FGS-Sub-1417
Brent Magowan	FGS-Sub-1429
Yvon Maher	FGS-Sub-906
Jennifer Maier	FGS-Sub-1520
Malasapina University-College	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Rich Johnston	
Leigh Malone	FGS-Sub-928
Carla Mandy	FGS-Sub-1496
Manufactured Home Park Owners Alliance of British Columbia	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Casey Timmermans	
Camille March	FGS-Sub-736
Barb Marchinko	FGS-Sub-727
Nadia Marcinowsky	FGS-Sub-129
Richard Marcuse	FGS-Sub-793
Jan Markvoort	FGS-Sub-896
David Marriott	FGS-Sub-681
Dr. Linda Marshall	FGS-Sub-621
Cheryl Martin	FGS-Sub-443
Gloria Martin	FGS-Sub-1167
Jeff Martin	FGS-Sub-33
Kristina Martin	FGS-Sub-1120
Margaret Martin	FGS-Sub-1511
Ralph Martin	FGS-Sub-661
Luisa Martinez	FGS-Sub-163
Val Mason	FGS-Sub-225
Debra Masson	FGS-Sub-1240
Gerry Masuda	FGS-Sub-975
Alex Matheson	FGS-Sub-512
Carol Matheson	FGS-Sub-952
Jane Matheson	FGS-Sub-512
C. Matlashewski	FGS-Sub-1521
Dwight Mattern	FGS-Sub-17
Joanne Mattern	FGS-Sub-17

Karin Mattern	FGS-Sub-1379
Jacinte Matterson	FGS-Sub-258
Darcie Matthiessen	FGS-Sub-1552
Gevan Mattu	FGS-Sub-1330
Bettina Matysiak	FGS-Sub-37
Raymond Maung	FGS-Sub-770
Erin Maxymchuk	FGS-Sub-929
Howard Mayer	FGS-Sub-1221
Karen Mayers Tschierschwitz	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Laura Mayne	FGS-Sub-648
Brian Mayo	FGS-Sub-1261
Robert McAinsh	FGS-Sub-409
Marcia McCafferty	FGS-Sub-1012
Noreen McCaffrey	FGS-Sub-329
Khadeja McCall	FGS-Sub-40
Gordon McConnell	FGS-Sub-1446
L. McCrae	FGS-Sub-824
Al McCreary	16-Sep-04 (Houston)
Leslie McCurrach	FGS-Sub-936
Natasha McCutcheon	FGS-Sub-204
Meghan McDermott	FGS-Sub-1374
Frank McDiarmid	FGS-Sub-1199
Delta McDonell	FGS-Sub-413
Stephanie McDowall	FGS-Sub-375
Karrine McFarlane	FGS-Sub-691
Jeorge McGladrey	FGS-Sub-1005
Carol McGregor	FGS-Sub-1243
Sandra McGuinness	FGS-Sub-367
Denise McGuire	FGS-Sub-854
George McIlroy	FGS-Sub-1469
Brooke McIntosh	FGS-Sub-97
Richard McIntyre	FGS-Sub-914
Leona McKay	FGS-Sub-1279
Doug McKee	FGS-Sub-1335
Beverley McKeen	FGS-Sub-911
Shelley McKinnon	FGS-Sub-1533
Cheryl McLachlan	FGS-Sub-1317
Lynne McLain	FGS-Sub-1105
McLaren Housing Society of British Columbia	FGS-Sub-622
JoAnne Fahr	
Jim McLean	FGS-Sub-410



Don McLelland	FGS-Sub-333
Heather McLeod	FGS-Sub-1475
Collin McMeeken	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Monica McMillan	FGS-Sub-1296
Nancy McNab	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Sharon McNamara	FGS-Sub-1242
Wanda McNamara	FGS-Sub-1066
Dan McNeil	FGS-Sub-362
Joan McNeil	FGS-Sub-1354
Rennell McNeil	FGS-Sub-190
Bruce McNeille	FGS-Sub-1472
Janet McPhee	FGS-Sub-269
Cindy McPherson	FGS-Sub-890
Brandy McRoberts	FGS-Sub-1384
Lanny McVeigh	FGS-Sub-93
Alistair McVey	FGS-Sub-1017
Elizabeth Mears	FGS-Sub-1076
Emira Mears	FGS-Sub-1150
Malerie Meeker	FGS-Sub-414
Carol Meise	FGS-Sub-157
Melanie Mena	FGS-Sub-951
Karen Menges	FGS-Sub-182
Sabrina Menzies	FGS-Sub-922
Ken Merkley	FGS-Sub-1170
Larry Merritt	FGS-Sub-1398
Russell Meszaros	FGS-Sub-1270
Eric Meyer	FGS-Sub-803
Erwin Meyer	FGS-Sub-819
Sylvia Meyer	FGS-Sub-819
Joanne Michalchuk	FGS-Sub-438
Leroy Mickelson	FGS-Sub-287
Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing Peter Greenway	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Carli Miles	FGS-Sub-916
Karen Millard	FGS-Sub-1525
Natasha Millard	FGS-Sub-1430
Glen Miller	FGS-Sub-763
Gregor Miller	FGS-Sub-1
Joan Miller	FGS-Sub-59
Katherine Miller	FGS-Sub-1316
Margaret Miller	FGS-Sub-1490

Mike Miller	FGS-Sub-96
Sady Miller	FGS-Sub-1029
Tamara Miller	FGS-Sub-1460
Wendy Milligan	FGS-Sub-94
Sarah Mills	FGS-Sub-1172
Keith Milne	FGS-Sub-1548
Brian Milroy	FGS-Sub-135
Mining Association of British Columbia	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Brian Battison	
Pat Mirenda	FGS-Sub-108
Don Miskiman	FGS-Sub-41
Mission Association for Community Living	FGS-Sub-531
Mary Flavelle	
Andrew Mitchell	FGS-Sub-1362
Barbara Mitchell	FGS-Sub-242
Frank Mitchell	FGS-Sub-8
Winna Mitchell	FGS-Sub-191
Terry Moist	FGS-Sub-697
Zita Monaghan	FGS-Sub-178
Ruth Montaldi	FGS-Sub-538
Patrick Moore	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
S. Moore	FGS-Sub-987
Duane Morelli	FGS-Sub-1157
Nic Moretto	FGS-Sub-877
Danielle Morgan	FGS-Sub-1303
Lynn Morrison	FGS-Sub-1039
Jeanette Morton	FGS-Sub-1227
Miriam Morton	FGS-Sub-964
Tim Morton	FGS-Sub-1047
Gary Mossini	FGS-Sub-604
Laurie Mossop	FGS-Sub-1554
Linda Motchman	FGS-Sub-1423
Diana Mould	FGS-Sub-1280
Sharon Moulton	FGS-Sub-973
Pam Mountford	FGS-Sub-560
Lyn Mowatt	FGS-Sub-318
Phys Muirhead	FGS-Sub-90
Sarah Mundy	FGS-Sub-1140
Debora Munoz	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Trevor Murdock	FGS-Sub-1292
Judith Murphy	FGS-Sub-371

Margery Murray	FGS-Sub-728
Robert Murray	FGS-Sub-1184
Ross Murray	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Shana Myara	FGS-Sub-1459
Rob Mykell	FGS-Sub-289
Richie Nakamoto-Tabata	FGS-Sub-1156
Tatsu Nakamoto-Tabata	FGS-Sub-1156
Lynda Nakashima	FGS-Sub-791
Nanaimo Child Development Centre & Cerebral Palsy Association	FGS-Sub-1061
Valerie Massy	
Nanaimo Community Hospice Society	FGS-Sub-464
Wendy Pratt	
Nanaimo (FOS) Non-Profit Housing Society	FGS-Sub-940
East Sandra	
National Action Committee on the Status of Women - BC Region Society	14-Oct-04
Bev Meslo	
Navy League of Canada, Campbell River Branch	FGS-Sub-517
Kathleen Cullen	
Clarence Ned	FGS-Sub-1210
Rod Needham	FGS-Sub-683
Colleen Nelson	FGS-Sub-581
Krista Nelson	FGS-Sub-749
Shelley Nessman	FGS-Sub-674
New Car Dealers Association of B.C.	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Glen Ringdal	
Mike Schreiner	
New Focus Society	FGS-Sub-757
Sharron Hill	
J. Newman	FGS-Sub-237
Robyn Newton	FGS-Sub-889
Norma Nichols	FGS-Sub-725
Nippon Cable Canada / Canada West Ski Areas Association	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Darcy Alexander	
Robert Nisbet	FGS-Sub-13
Marty Norgren	FGS-Sub-999
Carol Norman	FGS-Sub-307
Kara Norman	FGS-Sub-136
North Cariboo Air	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Dan Wuthrich	
North Coast Community Asset Development Initiative	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Treena Decker	

Sheila Dobie	
North Coast Economic Development Corporation	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Jim Rushton	
North Island College	FGS-Sub-491
Lou Dryden	
North Island Supportive Recovery Society	FGS-Sub-534
Tessera Brooks	
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	FGS-Sub-588
Emily Mattas	
North Peace Community Resource Society	FGS-Sub-492
Lois Harris	
North Peace Seniors Housing Society	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Pastor Alvin Oberhammer	
North Shore Disability Resource Centre	FGS-Sub-679
John Neumann	
North Thompson Economic Development Advisory Commission	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Al Hodgson	
Dianne Lawson	
North Thompson Relief Fund Association / North Thompson Economic Development Advisory Commission	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
George Evans	
North Vancouver School District, Employment Services Division	FGS-Sub-1068
Dawn McFee	
North West CruiseShip Association	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
John Hansen	
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
John Sam	
Northeast Economic Commission	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Karen Goodings	
Northern B.C. Construction Association	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Rosalind Thorn	
Northern Family Health Society	FGS-Sub-516
Jeanette Turpin	
Northern Lights College	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Barbara Swail	
Northwest Community College / BC College Presidents	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Stephanie Forsyth	
Paul Norton	FGS-Sub-1041
Randy Nussli	FGS-Sub-982
Bruce Nygard	FGS-Sub-1530
Jim Oakes	FGS-Sub-1277

Marcie O'Beirne	FGS-Sub-53
Verna Oberg	FGS-Sub-173
Patricia O'Brien	FGS-Sub-402
Ocean Renewable Energy Group	FGS-Sub-570
Chris Knight	
Office of the Provincial Child Development Advisor	FGS-Sub-1360
Lorraine Aitken	
Deanna Ogle	FGS-Sub-925
Okanagan Aerospace Group	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Dr. Curt Latham	
Okanagan Nation Transition / Emergency House	FGS-Sub-490
Mindy Rollins	
Old Age Pensioners Organization, Branch 93	FGS-Sub-1147
F. Martineau	
Oliver-Osoyoos Naturalist	FGS-Sub-535
Vivienne Calder	
Harold King	
Jennifer Olson	FGS-Sub-337
Rosemary O'Neal	FGS-Sub-274
Anita Oneill	FGS-Sub-113
Onelink Inc.	FGS-Sub-1142
Winnie Kuchersky	
Opus Framing Ltd.	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Scott Cronshaw	
Doug Oram	FGS-Sub-154
Julie O'Reilly	FGS-Sub-85
Spencer Ostom	FGS-Sub-1275
Erika O'Sullivan	FGS-Sub-858
Nicole Ottenbreit	FGS-Sub-1073
Aaron Ottho	FGS-Sub-1386
Over the Edge - UNBC Student Newspaper	FGS-Sub-931
Carolynne Burkholder	
Tami Overbeck	FGS-Sub-701
Oxfam - UBC Branch	FGS-Sub-1412
Anne Nguyen	
Pacific Offshore Energy Association	FGS-Sub-541
Ed Poli	
Pacific Salmon Foundation	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Paul Kariya	
PacificSport - Victoria	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Roger Skillings	

Jocelyn Packard	FGS-Sub-281
Diane Padmore	FGS-Sub-1244
Ellen Pagens	FGS-Sub-597
Gordon Pagens	FGS-Sub-599
Norman Pagens	FGS-Sub-598
Annastasia Palubiski	FGS-Sub-966
Gerry Papequash	FGS-Sub-1111
Andrew Pape-Salmon	FGS-Sub-83
Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society	FGS-Sub-1370
Gwen Lee	
Parent Voices: Child Care Advocay Association of Canada	FGS-Sub-564
Parent Voices	
Parker Place Management	FGS-Sub-579
Bob Tai	
Dan Parker	FGS-Sub-510
Daniel Parker	FGS-Sub-738
Dave Parker	FGS-Sub-1481
Patricia Parker	FGS-Sub-766
Melanie Parkinson	FGS-Sub-1465
Surjit Parmar	FGS-Sub-67
Barb Parrott	FGS-Sub-795
Penny Parry	FGS-Sub-165
Wendy Parry	FGS-Sub-159
Anita Pascoe	FGS-Sub-193
Donald Patrick	FGS-Sub-133
Neovi Patsicakis	FGS-Sub-1155
Bev Pausche	FGS-Sub-247
Peace Arch Community Services	FGS-Sub-580
Valerie Wehrie	
Peace River North Teachers Association	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Carol Tahsuda	
Terri Peach	FGS-Sub-830
Michelle Pearce	FGS-Sub-358
David Pellerin	FGS-Sub-156
Coleen Pelletier	FGS-Sub-1071
Kyla Pelletier	FGS-Sub-718
Susan Pelletier	FGS-Sub-1467
Barb Penner	FGS-Sub-1480
Tracy Penner	FGS-Sub-1416
People In Motion	FGS-Sub-557
Stella Robertson	

Brett Peters	FGS-Sub-1390
Cheryl Peters	FGS-Sub-1031
Doris Peters	FGS-Sub-401
Heather Peters	FGS-Sub-1004
Chelsey Petersen	FGS-Sub-205
Rhonda Peterson	FGS-Sub-687
Thor Peterson	FGS-Sub-615
Gail Pettinger	FGS-Sub-1545
Jason Petty	FGS-Sub-306
Connie Pfeifer	FGS-Sub-719
Brenda Phelan	FGS-Sub-1315
Coreen Phillely	FGS-Sub-239
Amanda Piche	FGS-Sub-1445
Debra Pierce	FGS-Sub-63
David Piltman	FGS-Sub-304
Sylvia Pincott	FGS-Sub-1477
Andre Piver	FGS-Sub-1407
Walter Placek	FGS-Sub-805
Colin Plant	FGS-Sub-737
Jo-Anne Platt	FGS-Sub-977
Dana Plett	FGS-Sub-1541
Tara Plett	FGS-Sub-751
Sylvia Plotnikoff	FGS-Sub-637
Doreen Plouffe	FGS-Sub-376
Plutonic Power Corp.	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Donald McInnes	
Beth Poirier	FGS-Sub-967
Barbara Pollard	FGS-Sub-1225
Christopher Pollon	FGS-Sub-236
Kelly Pomeroy	FGS-Sub-568
Alexa Pongracz	FGS-Sub-1208
Ruth Popma	FGS-Sub-1425
Port Alberni Association for Community Living	FGS-Sub-1179
Christa Schiffelers	
Port Alberni Hostel Society	FGS-Sub-617
Katie Loisella	
Port Alberni SOS Committee	FGS-Sub-458
Bev Denning	
Port Alberni Womens' Resource Society	FGS-Sub-525
Anne Graboski	

Tracy Porteous	FGS-Sub-195
Gordon Poschwatta	FGS-Sub-360
Jodi Potter	FGS-Sub-1485
Powell River & Region Transition House Society	FGS-Sub-1352
Rosalind Sherrard	
Powell River Teachers' Association	FGS-Sub-899
Terry McCune	
Bluma Powell	FGS-Sub-45
Elinor Powell	FGS-Sub-590
Tracy Preece	FGS-Sub-496
Prescient Digital Media	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Toby Ward	
Prestige Inns - Hotels and Resorts	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Terry Schneider	
Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
David Kroeker	
Prince George and District Elizabeth Fry Society	FGS-Sub-887
Penny Gagnon	
Prince George Chamber of Commerce	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Karen Humphreys	
Prince George Hospice Society	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Donalda Carson	
Prince George Labour Market Partnership Steering Committee	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Randy Holubosh	
Vic Martin	
Prince Rupert and District Chamber of Commerce	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Alan Hooper	
Mark Mastroianni	
Prince Rupert Port Authority	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Don Krusel	
M. Prior	FGS-Sub-1333
Richard Prior	FGS-Sub-1272
Progressive Housing Society	FGS-Sub-554
Lynn Wood	
Province of British Columbia Search and Rescue Committee	FGS-Sub-484
Ian Cunnings	
Provincial Equipment and Assistive Devices Committee	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Simon Cox	
Sue Lewis-O'Halloran	
Bryan Oulton	



Provincial Sales Tax Committee	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Karen Goodings	
Alvin Stedel	
Anne-Marie Proznick	FGS-Sub-445
Christine Purfield	FGS-Sub-974
Peter Puttonen	FGS-Sub-1223
Aimee Quaife	FGS-Sub-1159
Hani Quan	FGS-Sub-1484
Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health	FGS-Sub-180
Cherly Thorpe	
Quesnel Naturalists	FGS-Sub-1092
Lorna Schley	
Frank Quinn	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Quinsam Coal Corp.	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
David Slater	
Raymond Raatz	FGS-Sub-240
Vicky Radley	FGS-Sub-395
Betty Rae	FGS-Sub-35
Kam Rai	FGS-Sub-963
Railway Association of Canada	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Chris Jones	
Ellen Rainwalker	FGS-Sub-268
Meaghan Ralston	FGS-Sub-829
Badyal Raminder	FGS-Sub-1503
Sadia Ramirez	FGS-Sub-753
Marion Randall	FGS-Sub-422
Jennifer Rankin	FGS-Sub-1488
Richard Rathbone	FGS-Sub-76
Stephen Ray	FGS-Sub-1439
Craig Rea	FGS-Sub-1212
Bev Ready	FGS-Sub-1118
Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Janet Cunningham	
Harriet Permut	
Chris Reddin	FGS-Sub-1049
Al Reford	FGS-Sub-427
Kirsten Rehnby	FGS-Sub-745
Andrea Reichert	FGS-Sub-870
Carrie Reid	FGS-Sub-1289
Glenn Reid	FGS-Sub-80
Sandi Rekis	FGS-Sub-1215

Beverlee Rempel	FGS-Sub-1074
Vicky Rensby	FGS-Sub-886
Harry Repsch	FGS-Sub-1431
Retail BC	06-Oct-04 (Victoria)
Mark Startup	
Retail Council of Canada	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Kevin Evans	
Audrey Reynolds	FGS-Sub-256
Geoff Rhodenizer	FGS-Sub-746
Lineke Rich	FGS-Sub-794
George Richard	FGS-Sub-1185
Ginger Richards	FGS-Sub-6
Pamela Richardson	FGS-Sub-1165
Myles Richmond	FGS-Sub-1059
Ridgeway Annex Elementary	FGS-Sub-641
Antje Wilson	
Brad Ridgway	FGS-Sub-25
J. Ridgway	FGS-Sub-1387
Dean Rigler	FGS-Sub-1397
Glen Rigler	FGS-Sub-1505
Riverside Forest Products Ltd.	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Bill Bourgeois	
John Roberts	FGS-Sub-138
Michelle Roberts	FGS-Sub-1353
Andrea Robertson	FGS-Sub-331
Douglas Robertson	FGS-Sub-81
George Robinson	FGS-Sub-734
Karla Robinson	FGS-Sub-1514
Nicholas Robinson	FGS-Sub-162
Robyn Robinson	FGS-Sub-1018
Lindsay Robson	FGS-Sub-1400
Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society	FGS-Sub-454
Maurice Hansen	
Klodyne Rodney	FGS-Sub-772
Julie Rogers	FGS-Sub-207
Janis Roitenberg	FGS-Sub-680
Jamie Roko	FGS-Sub-1532
Mindy Rollins	FGS-Sub-296
Curt Roman	FGS-Sub-137
Carol Romanow	FGS-Sub-245
Assunta Rosal	FGS-Sub-147

Roderick Rose	FGS-Sub-1067
Bos Rosemary	FGS-Sub-1433
Rosenberg Enterprises Limited Udo Rosenberg	FGS-Sub-1376
Anneke Ross	FGS-Sub-684
Joanne Ross	FGS-Sub-1308
June Ross	FGS-Sub-948
Neil Ross	FGS-Sub-646
Doug Routley	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Deb Rowlandson	FGS-Sub-1357
Royal Inland Hospital, Department of Medicine Dr. Jill Calder	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Lydia Rozental	FGS-Sub-1103
Daniel Rubin	FGS-Sub-1438
Lee Rushton	FGS-Sub-420
Jim Russell	FGS-Sub-317
John Rustad	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Debra Ryckman	FGS-Sub-299
Anita Saari	FGS-Sub-1129
Paula Sabatino	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Salina Sachedina	FGS-Sub-433
Veenu Saini	FGS-Sub-197
Karen Sale	FGS-Sub-1138
Glen Sallenbach	FGS-Sub-662
Carol Salmela	FGS-Sub-1015
Saltspring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse Lynda Laushway	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Denny Sampson	FGS-Sub-953
Richard Sanders	FGS-Sub-1025
Lori Sanvido	FGS-Sub-1088
Lisa Sarai	FGS-Sub-1536
Michael Saufferer	FGS-Sub-923
Save Mount Pleasant Pool Committee Nancy Chiavario Phalgun Joshi	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Save Our Northern Seniors Jean Leahy Margaret Little	28-Sep-04 (Fort St. John)
Amin Savji	FGS-Sub-1324
Pete Sawatzky	FGS-Sub-1527
John Say	FGS-Sub-1238

Alan Scales	FGS-Sub-1252
Dolly Scarr	FGS-Sub-276
Bryce Schaufelberger	FGS-Sub-811
Terry Schenkel	FGS-Sub-1262
Gregg Schiller	FGS-Sub-42
Bryan Schindel	FGS-Sub-1406
Dougie Schlenker	FGS-Sub-1367
Lorna Schley	FGS-Sub-472
Dr. Anuschka Schloesser	FGS-Sub-1377
Gerri Schmidt	FGS-Sub-5
Gudrun Schmidt	FGS-Sub-89
David Joseph Schneider	FGS-Sub-1476
Barbara Schramm	FGS-Sub-629
Diana Schroeder	FGS-Sub-712
Shawna Schuh	FGS-Sub-1222
Sharon Schultz	FGS-Sub-880
Christine Schwarz	FGS-Sub-309
Bev Scott	FGS-Sub-917
Christina Scott	FGS-Sub-1399
Roberta Scott	FGS-Sub-105
Jeff Seaton	FGS-Sub-1519
Ken Segade	FGS-Sub-1046
Gerald Seigo	FGS-Sub-411
Mark Seilis	FGS-Sub-249
Sairoz Sekhon	FGS-Sub-767
Seniors Housing Information Program Val MacDonald	FGS-Sub-482
Patterson Serena	FGS-Sub-270
Kara Serenius	FGS-Sub-1537
Lee Sexsmith	FGS-Sub-591
Carol Seychuk	FGS-Sub-1487
Gordon Seykora	FGS-Sub-1304
Saker Shamasdin	FGS-Sub-1001
Sherry Shaw	FGS-Sub-301
Teena Shaw	FGS-Sub-1187
Kim Sheppard	FGS-Sub-638
John Sherman	FGS-Sub-921
John Sheu	FGS-Sub-1372
Monica Shields	FGS-Sub-1026
Shelly Shobridge	FGS-Sub-131
Linda Shore	FGS-Sub-1249

Vern Short	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Raymond Shred	FGS-Sub-292
Justin Shymkowich	FGS-Sub-1441
Patricia Sibley	FGS-Sub-1285
Leif Sigurdson	FGS-Sub-1409
Mark Silvester	FGS-Sub-243
Deborah Sim	FGS-Sub-1173
Dana Simison	FGS-Sub-143
Sylvia Simmerlein	FGS-Sub-788
Maureen Simmonds	FGS-Sub-1233
Roger Simms	FGS-Sub-960
Simon Fraser University Child Care Society	FGS-Sub-1338
Pat Frouws	
Robert Simon	FGS-Sub-1081
Dave Simpson	FGS-Sub-583
John Simpson	FGS-Sub-658
Sheila Simpson	FGS-Sub-1512
Sue Simpson	FGS-Sub-583
Dophne Sinclair	FGS-Sub-184
Sherrill Sinclair	FGS-Sub-1133
Craig Sine	FGS-Sub-248
Lindy Sisson	FGS-Sub-1123
Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (Electoral Area "F")	FGS-Sub-1096
Carol Kulesha	
Juanita Skinner	FGS-Sub-710
Janet Slater	FGS-Sub-425
Sergei Slobodov	FGS-Sub-764
Bjorn Smestad	13-Oct-04 (Langley)
Erwen Smith	FGS-Sub-675
Jason Smith	FGS-Sub-336
John Smith	FGS-Sub-39
Judie Smith	FGS-Sub-377
Kurstun Smith	FGS-Sub-175
Mark Smith	FGS-Sub-996
Sharlene Smith	FGS-Sub-694
Sina Smith	FGS-Sub-437
Smithers Community Services Association	FGS-Sub-543
Jane Boulton	
Smithers Exploration Group	16-Sep-04 (Houston)
Christine Ogryzlo	
Barry Snider	FGS-Sub-24

Joan Snyder	FGS-Sub-1549
Richard So	FGS-Sub-1508
Social Planning and Research Council of BC	FGS-Sub-503
Michael Goldberg	
Penny Soderena	FGS-Sub-959
Teresa Sommerey	FGS-Sub-61
Sherron Soo	FGS-Sub-494
Sooke Teachers Association	FGS-Sub-724
Ian Johnson	
Rob Sorensen	FGS-Sub-912
Rea Soriano	FGS-Sub-786
Joan Sorley	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Southern Railway of B.C. Ltd.	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
John van der Burch	
Jerilyn Sparrow	FGS-Sub-1268
Sparwood and District Chamber of Commerce	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Paul Wortley	
Allan Spence	FGS-Sub-95
Judit Spence	FGS-Sub-1063
Colleen Spencer	FGS-Sub-971
Keith Spencer	FGS-Sub-259
SportsBreak BC	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
David Bassett	
David O Springer	FGS-Sub-623
Shelly St. Amand	FGS-Sub-198
Karen St. Jean	FGS-Sub-1035
Si Stainton	FGS-Sub-1217
Larry Stamm	FGS-Sub-807
Peter Stange	FGS-Sub-785
Bev Stansbury	FGS-Sub-1060
Kimberly Stanyer	FGS-Sub-114
Brian Starkey	FGS-Sub-910
Christoph Steeger	FGS-Sub-498
Liz Steele	FGS-Sub-115
Duane Stefiuk	FGS-Sub-1546
C. Stegavig	FGS-Sub-565
Betty Stephani	FGS-Sub-1291
Stepping Stones for Success	FGS-Sub-467
Debra Whitman	
Ron Sterne	FGS-Sub-847
Alison Stevens	FGS-Sub-1286

Garry Stevenson	FGS-Sub-468
Judi Stevenson	FGS-Sub-476
Susa Stevenson	FGS-Sub-196
Tanya Stevenson	FGS-Sub-711
Terrie Stewart	FGS-Sub-774
Meghan Stickney	FGS-Sub-961
Sieglinde Stieda	FGS-Sub-1121
Catherine Stogre	FGS-Sub-708
Barry Stokes	FGS-Sub-913
Liz Stonard	FGS-Sub-1098
Bertha Stone	FGS-Sub-924
Grant Stonehouse	FGS-Sub-1278
Joan Storness-Kress	FGS-Sub-470
Laird Stovel	FGS-Sub-167
Ferne Strain	FGS-Sub-343
Laura Stringer	FGS-Sub-670
Anita Strong	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
Patricia Stuart	FGS-Sub-1054
Stuart-Nechako Regional Economic Development Society	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Elona Ewing	
Rory Summers	FGS-Sub-49
Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living	FGS-Sub-705
Janice Keats	
Sunshine Coast Community Living Association	FGS-Sub-1464
Marie Malcolm	
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	FGS-Sub-1375
Dianne Evans	
Sunshine Coast Teachers Association	FGS-Sub-676
William Forst	
Surrey Association of Sustainable Communities	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Ron Terris	
Surrey Chamber of Commerce	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Bruce Hayne	
Candice Sutherland	FGS-Sub-106
Irene Sutherland	FGS-Sub-98
Deborah Swaitkewich	FGS-Sub-1336
Viva Swanson	FGS-Sub-1044
Paul Sweeney	FGS-Sub-671
Rod Swift	FGS-Sub-102
Cherie Switzer	FGS-Sub-303
Kathryn Sykes	FGS-Sub-865

T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Des Nobels	
Wilfred Tallio	FGS-Sub-315
Tim Tann	FGS-Sub-212
Joanie Tara	FGS-Sub-187
Ellen Tarshis	FGS-Sub-1419
B. Taylor	FGS-Sub-838
Kris Taylor	FGS-Sub-56
Nancy Taylor	FGS-Sub-416
Robert Taylor	FGS-Sub-644
Shane Taylor	FGS-Sub-291
Sharon Taylor	FGS-Sub-38
W. Teasdale	FGS-Sub-21
Lori Tedrick	FGS-Sub-1526
Leigh Teghtmeyer	FGS-Sub-302
Ron Teichrob	FGS-Sub-1470
TELUS Communications Inc.	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Gary Wilson	
Tembec Industries Inc.	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Brian Clifford	
Troy Hromadnik	
Dennis Rounsville	
Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce	16-Sep-04 (Terrace)
Bert Husband	
Lael McKeown	
Lynne Thanos	FGS-Sub-372
The Glenshiel Housing Society	FGS-Sub-481
Marilyn Carroll	
The Hope Centre	FGS-Sub-576
Alice Verstraete	
The Salvation Army Fort St John Care & Share Center	FGS-Sub-619
Jim Coggles	
Tiffany Thesen	FGS-Sub-919
Alison Thomas	FGS-Sub-1422
Allison Thomas	FGS-Sub-1366
Jackie Thomas	FGS-Sub-1269
Adrian Thompson	FGS-Sub-15
Amy Thompson	FGS-Sub-841
Christopher Thompson	FGS-Sub-62
Gail Thompson	FGS-Sub-290
Sian Thomson	FGS-Sub-326



Lois Thomsson	FGS-Sub-266
Andrew Thorp	FGS-Sub-1534
Janis Thorsen	FGS-Sub-859
Olivia Thorsteinson	FGS-Sub-1189
Camilla Tibbs	FGS-Sub-1224
Kevin Tilley	FGS-Sub-874
Donna Tillotson	FGS-Sub-1190
David Tod	FGS-Sub-1125
Lynda Toews	FGS-Sub-1188
Sundance Topham	FGS-Sub-927
Lisa Tosoff	FGS-Sub-1287
Tourism Abbotsford	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Jean-Marc Guillamot	
Tourism Prince Rupert	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
Bruce Wishart	
Erin Star Tourond	FGS-Sub-252
Jocelan Tracey	FGS-Sub-1245
Myrna Tracy	FGS-Sub-1030
Thomas Tranter	FGS-Sub-325
Maureen Trotter	FGS-Sub-1048
Truck Loggers Association	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Mike Hamilton	
Simon Truelove	FGS-Sub-455
Tsa-me-gahl & Associates	FGS-Sub-968
Bette Tsa-me-gahl	
Sepp Tschierschwitz	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Dorothy Tupper	FGS-Sub-640
Reg Tupper	FGS-Sub-408
Brad Turner	FGS-Sub-1131
Derek Turner	FGS-Sub-22
Laura Turner	FGS-Sub-1463
John Twigg	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Tyce Carle-Thiesson Chartered Accountants	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Barb Carle-Thiesson	
Beverly Tyler	FGS-Sub-1491
Tonya Tyre	FGS-Sub-1313
M. Tyrwhitt-Drake	FGS-Sub-833
Esther Ukai	FGS-Sub-878
Deb Ullman	FGS-Sub-690
James Underhill	FGS-Sub-450

United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union Joy Thorkelson	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
United Way of the Fraser Valley Joelle Bremner Glenn Hope Keith Rudance	FGS-Sub-561
Uniterre Resources Ltd. Mike Burns	15-Sep-04 (Prince Rupert)
University College of the Cariboo Roger Barnsley Ron Olynyk	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association Dr. Thomas Friedman	22-Sep-04 (Kamloops)
University College of the Fraser Valley Robert Nicklom	FGS-Sub-550
University Presidents Council of British Columbia Don Avison	6-Oct-04 (Victoria) 12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Sandra Unkow	FGS-Sub-1093
Urban Development Institute, Pacific Region Maureen Enser	FGS-Sub-489
Barry Urness	FGS-Sub-1510
Lynda Valee	FGS-Sub-142
Andrew Vallance	FGS-Sub-1515
Gayle Vallance	FGS-Sub-944
James Vallance	FGS-Sub-938
Dr. Gerhard van Aswegan	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Charles van de Kamp	FGS-Sub-685
Pauline van Hemert	FGS-Sub-989
Anne van Kessel	FGS-Sub-935
Cathryn van Kessel	FGS-Sub-855
Hans van Kessel	FGS-Sub-962
Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre Dr. John Nightingale	14-Oct-04 (Vancouver)
Vancouver Inner City Parents Group Claudia Ferris Cynthia Wong	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Vancouver Island Multiple Myeloma Support Group Lillian Barton	08-Oct-04 (Duncan)
Vancouver Island Real Estate Board Gord Maroney	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)

Vancouver Natural History Society	FGS-Sub-571
Katharine Steig	
Vancouver Save Our Schools	FGS-Sub-552
Catherine Evans	
Michael Vandermolen	FGS-Sub-152
Linda Vass	FGS-Sub-1136
Kevin Vaughan	FGS-Sub-1473
Kenneth Vaughan-Evens	FGS-Sub-1213
Vela Microboard Association of British Columbia	12-Oct-04 (Surrey)
Linda Perry	
Jo Vella	FGS-Sub-773
Frits Verhoeven	FGS-Sub-20
Vernon and District Association for Community Living	FGS-Sub-1229
Neil Belanger	
Alice Verstraete	FGS-Sub-394
VFS Systems	FGS-Sub-544
Lyn Brooks	
Village of Gold River	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Mayor David Lewis	
Louella Vincent	FGS-Sub-122
Clare Vipond	FGS-Sub-1413
VMAC	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
Tony Menard	
Henny Vogelzang	FGS-Sub-1415
Denise Voght	FGS-Sub-901
Harry Vogt	FGS-Sub-176
Voice in the Wilderness	FGS-Sub-551
Gary Tayler	
Aaron Volk	FGS-Sub-130
Volunteer Campbell River	FGS-Sub-523
Wendy Wilson	
Volunteer Cowichan	FGS-Sub-1543
Rhoda Taylor	
Volunteer Prince George	FGS-Sub-473
Jo Nore	
Volunteer Victoria	FGS-Sub-578
Nicole Burgess	
Cassandra Vukorep	FGS-Sub-1132
Philip Vu-Tran	FGS-Sub-689
Wachiay Friendship Centre	14-Sep-04 (Campbell River)
Alison Trenholm	

Sonya Wachowski	FGS-Sub-932
Cathie Waddington	FGS-Sub-334
Patricia Waddington	FGS-Sub-1369
Robin Wager	FGS-Sub-934
Lorna Waghorn-Kidd	FGS-Sub-666
Dan Wainwright	FGS-Sub-27
Steve Waldschmidt	FGS-Sub-769
Lesley Walker	FGS-Sub-856
Michelle Walks	FGS-Sub-1082
Jillian Walkus	FGS-Sub-969
Ronald Wall	FGS-Sub-1302
Julie Wallace	FGS-Sub-907
Jen Walraven	FGS-Sub-1394
Michael Walter	FGS-Sub-293
Carol Wang	FGS-Sub-653
Tessa Warburton	FGS-Sub-1036
Lorraine Ward	FGS-Sub-1065
Sonia Waring	FGS-Sub-1034
Waste Management of Canada Corp.	23-Sep-04 (Kelowna)
Cam Hantiuk	
Amanda Watkinson	FGS-Sub-1161
David Watson	FGS-Sub-440
Theresa Watson	FGS-Sub-852
Molly Watts	FGS-Sub-1084
Karen Waugh	FGS-Sub-871
Judy Webber	FGS-Sub-1108
Ben Webster	FGS-Sub-1014
Victoria Weller	FGS-Sub-88
Diane Wells	FGS-Sub-771
Eliza Wells	FGS-Sub-1202
Nigel Wells	FGS-Sub-1516
Robert Wells	FGS-Sub-1499
West Coast Alternatives Society	FGS-Sub-703
Alan Podsadowski	
West Coast Environmental Law	FGS-Sub-448
Chris Rolfe	
West Kootenay Boundary Addiction Services	FGS-Sub-1143
Marlowe Martell	
Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre	FGS-Sub-515
Pam Best	

Westcoast Women's Resources Society	FGS-Sub-507
Jan Bate	
Western Keltic Mines Inc.	13-Oct-04 (Chilliwack)
Donald McInnes	
Western Silviculture Contractors Association	29-Sep-04 (Prince George)
Dave Wilson	
Christie Wheaton	FGS-Sub-1127
Debbie Whelan	FGS-Sub-1351
Carla White	FGS-Sub-214
Heather Whiteford	FGS-Sub-735
David Wightman	FGS-Sub-23
Wilma Wikkerink	FGS-Sub-660
Chris Wilkinson	FGS-Sub-253
J.S. Wilkinson	FGS-Sub-383
Mike Will	FGS-Sub-1192
Margie Willers	FGS-Sub-651
Williams Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	30-Sep-04 (Williams Lake)
Ken Wilson	
Allan Williams	FGS-Sub-1186
Cheryl Williams	FGS-Sub-1009
John Williams	FGS-Sub-46
Nadine Williams	FGS-Sub-875
Stephen Williams	FGS-Sub-650
Michelle Willis	FGS-Sub-750
David Wills	FGS-Sub-1168
Shirley Wills	FGS-Sub-1191
Cal Wilson	FGS-Sub-254
Daphne Wilson	FGS-Sub-956
John Wilson	FGS-Sub-891
Lisa Wilson	FGS-Sub-1198
Robert Wilson	FGS-Sub-720
Bruce Winter	FGS-Sub-825
Rebecca Withers	FGS-Sub-920
Ingrid Witvoet	FGS-Sub-459
Anny Wong	FGS-Sub-50
Eva Wong	FGS-Sub-945
Janet Woo	FGS-Sub-755
Jeanette Wood	FGS-Sub-456
Liz Wood	FGS-Sub-902
Lynn Wood	FGS-Sub-213
Kathleen Woodley	FGS-Sub-1148

Linda Woods	FGS-Sub-692
Doug Woollard	FGS-Sub-169
David Woollerton	FGS-Sub-1256
Gail Worthington	FGS-Sub-521
Bee Woywitka	08-Oct-04 (Nanaimo)
S. Wretham	FGS-Sub-1021
Debbie Wright	FGS-Sub-1404
Johnna Wright	FGS-Sub-223
Maisie Wright	FGS-Sub-310
Henry Wrinch	FGS-Sub-582
Lois Wynne	FGS-Sub-64
Mary Yan	FGS-Sub-1365
Alex Yates	FGS-Sub-1183
Brett Yeates	FGS-Sub-120
Teresa Yep	FGS-Sub-872
Rick Yetman	FGS-Sub-566
Demian Young	FGS-Sub-77
Gabriela Young	FGS-Sub-1437
Kirk Young	FGS-Sub-1498
Laura Young	21-Sep-04 (Cranbrook)
Tammy Young	FGS-Sub-87
Todd Young	FGS-Sub-1175
Karina Younk	FGS-Sub-1341
Sandra Zado	FGS-Sub-706
Kamy Zargarpour	FGS-Sub-323
Seymour Zidle	FGS-Sub-892
Brian Zimmerman	FGS-Sub-778
Shelly Zoerb	FGS-Sub-1055
Troy Zohner	FGS-Sub-350
Alma Zukanovic	FGS-Sub-1363