



Provincial Congress

January 24, 2005

Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
Asia Pacific Hall
580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

“British Columbia, Canada: A New Partnership for British Columbia Within Canada”

Overview:

This third Provincial Congress builds on previous years’ dialogues aimed at establishing an understanding of British Columbia’s issues so that all of B.C.’s elected representatives can work together on a B.C. agenda that will meet the needs of all our constituents.

This year’s Provincial Congress will bring together all of British Columbia’s members of the Legislative Assembly, Members of Parliament and Senators. The Congress will also include mayors from our province’s largest municipalities, the presidents of the five regional municipal associations, the President of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, and Aboriginal leaders.

The focus of the discussions will be on building partnerships to take British Columbia and Canada into the next decade.

Preliminary Agenda:

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| 08:00 | Registration
<i>Atrium (Coffee, Tea and Juice available)</i> |
| 09:00 | Welcome and Introductory Remarks
<u>Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier</u>
<i>Asia Pacific Hall</i> |
| 09:30 | Introductory Remarks from the Government of Canada
Don Bell, M.P., Chair, B.C. Federal Liberal Party Caucus |

- 09:45 **Introductory Remarks from the Conservative Party**
Jim Abbott, M.P., Chair, B.C. Federal Conservative Party Caucus
- 10:00 **Introductory Remarks from B.C. Municipalities**
Aaron Dinwoodie, President of the Union of British Columbia
Municipalities
- 10:15 **Break**
ICBC Concourse - Lower Level
- 10:30 **Comments from other Participants and General Discussion of
Premier Campbell's Intro Theme**
- 11:00 **Presentation 1 – Pacific Gateway Transportation**
Presenter: Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation
- 11:30 **Presentation 1 Discussion**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
ICBC Concourse - Lower Level
- 13:00 **Presentation 2 – Cities and Communities in the New Partnership**
Opening Remarks: Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier
Presenter: Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Community, Aboriginal
and Women's Services, and Aaron Dinwoodie, President of UBCM
- 13:30 **Presentation 2 Discussion**
- 14:00 **Presentation 3 – Mountain Pine Beetle Strategy**
Presenter: Honourable Roger Harris, Minister of State for Forestry
Operations
- 14:30 **Presentation 3 Discussion**
- 15:00 **Break**
ICBC Concourse - Lower Level
- 15:30 **Presentation 4 – Life Sciences Research**
Presenter: Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Advanced Education, and
Dr. Martha C. Piper, President of the University of British Columbia
- 16:00 **Presentation 4 Discussion**
- 16:30 **Wrap Up and Next Steps**
Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier
- 17:00 **End of Program**