

**2014 PNWER Annual Summit
Host Committee Meeting Summary
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Norm Letnick, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Host Committee Public Sector Co-Chair and opened the meeting by introducing himself and PNWER and acknowledging the work of the staff in putting the meeting together. He introduced Simon Gibson, new MLA for Abbotsford-Mission, B.C., and introduced Marcia Smith, Senior VP for Sustainability and External Affairs, Teck, and Host Committee Private Sector Co-chair. Smith thanked folks around the table with whom she'd been in touch and stated her interest in hearing the discussions during the meeting.

Anne Callaghan, U.S. Consul General, gave her reflections on the importance of the PNWER Summit. She and her colleagues view PNWER as the gold standard for regional collaboration. She was not surprised to see the White House release in which PNWER was mentioned, and looks forward to this summer's Summit. She also said that the Summit is penciled in on the Ambassador's schedule and he is looking forward to it, but that she does not yet have confirmation. She is also hoping to include the Minister of Commerce among the Summit's attendees.

Matt Morrison, PNWER CEO, thanked everybody for attending. Plans are moving forward. PNWER has all the contracts signed in Whistler. PNWER just completed a tour of all the state capitals and had gleaned what key issues leaders think PNWER should be addressing at the Summit. He added that PNWER is now beginning to put these ideas out to the co-chairs and trying to engage key stakeholders for the working group planning conference calls. He referred everybody to the Summit 4-pager for more information on the preliminary working group agendas.

Morrison invited Simon Gibson, MLA, to comment on the recent meeting with Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. Simon said he appreciated the meeting every much. Morrison added that Gov. Inslee may be able to have the first joint cabinet meeting with Premier Clark, and thought July sounded like a good time for this meeting to take place. PNWER President Sen. Ranker has been advocating for this as well. Morrison expressed his hope that this meeting could take place during the Summit, but it is not yet confirmed.

Letnick mentioned that he has invited all B.C. MLAs to come to the Summit as well. He spoke about it on the floor of the Assembly, and he has sent out all the necessary information with invitations to all MLA's, and will follow up with them in a couple of weeks.

Morrison added that Montana Governor Steve Bullock will most likely attend to promote the 2015 Summit in Montana, and will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday, July 23.

Speakers:

The list of speakers is included in the meeting documents packet.

The subject of the plenary meetings at the Summit was introduced. Morrison said that he is hoping the Premier will be able to address the conference on the first day at either the breakfast or the lunch. He mentioned that there has been a push from several state capital meetings to have a cybersecurity discussion as well.

Letnick requested suggestions on possible speakers; in the meeting packet there was a list of possible speakers (see attached documents). Gail Wallin, BC Invasive Species Council, suggested that an Aboriginal speaker should be included. Gibson, suggested hiring a “big-picture” speaker; perhaps someone with an international focus. Callaghan mentioned that she is working to have the new US Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman come to the Summit. Gibson replied he’s not thinking in terms of position, but rather just a “big-picture” person. Salazar added that he might know somebody qualified for this.

Working Groups:

Returning to the subject of working groups, Morrison invited the meeting participants to participate on working group conference calls. Judi Sigurdson, Intergovernmental Relations, is copied on all the calls, but it would be great to have people from the private sector included as well.

Columbia River:

During the regional visits to the state capitals, legislative leadership and governors mentioned interest in the Columbia River Treaty. There was talk about maybe having a standalone meeting in the spring or fall, or else a symposium during the Summit. We would have to talk to Les McLaren and other B.C. folks about that. On the U.S. side, the states have not been very engaged yet because it is a federal policy issue. There is a sense from state legislators that they have not yet been fully informed, but that this is still an important issue we have to deal with and it need not be controversial.

There was a discussion on whether this would take an entire day, or just 3-4 hours. Morrison mentioned that we would need B.C.’s approval to go forward with that issue. It was suggested that PNWER link in with Natural Resources Canada on this issue.

Sigurdson said that B.C. is aware and supportive of this being on the agenda. She wants to get key people involved in treaty review and planning to make it effective for everybody. Overall, tentatively, B.C. does support this. PNWER would appreciate

an email discussion concerning the scope, which he would prefer be largely crafted by the host jurisdiction so everyone is comfortable with the discussion. He added that this is largely an informational setting for state legislators who don't have any role right now.

Letnick agreed that state legislators aren't involved right now, and therefore questioned the need for a whole day program if it's just an information session. Joe Salazar, U.S. Consulate – Vancouver, mentioned that Cathy Eikenberg has been presenting a Columbia River 101 information session in B.C., Seattle etc. He thought this might be a good person to come in to the session, but said that would only take three hours at the most. Morrison said we would attend her next presentation next week in Seattle.

Sigurdson said that she originally agreed that it would only be a few hours if it is just information, but has heard from U.S. states that they'd like to do some modeling etc. She was unfamiliar with what this would entail.

LNG:

Gary Weilinger, Spectra, discussed a plenary on LNG, in addition to the working group session on energy. It would be important given that this is so significant for B.C. as well as other areas, Oregon for example, and the opportunities for LNG exports will create opportunities for all of PNWER. Impacts to regional economy and workforce could be discussed by taking an in-depth look at opportunities that are being pursued. In terms of the plenary, the host province should have some representation, such as the Minister of Natural Gas, and some people at the federal and interprovincial levels should also be involved. Opportunities to demonstrate some of the elements of federal and provincial cooperation as well should be included. One year ago in February there was a panel looking at some of the market's perspectives.

Weilinger emphasized that it would be remiss if there wasn't conversation around cooperation with First Nations. However, he added that it tends to get complicated in terms of coastal communities being involved as project proponents, because issues that are important to them do not impact other First Nations. He said the committee should lean towards a very outspoken and forward-looking representative who could speak to the group, emphasizing again that it wouldn't be good to pick individual communities and projects over others. In the end, he proposed developing a short list and working with the province in terms of individuals who would be appropriate to represent B.C. / Canada.

Letnick said that Sigurdson would hopefully be able to help with this issue. He also pointed out that federal and provincial issues of how they can work together will play into discussion.

Paul Manson, Seabreeze Power, pointed out that the LNG plenary could also be an opportunity to showcase some environmental technologies that can mitigate the risk of CO2 emissions, about which there have recently been some concerns. He suggested that a discussion about new technologies would be appropriate in one of the energy sessions.

Workforce:

Allan Cahoon, Royal Roads University, added that universities and colleges are also working in respect to labor market needs. They will be involved in a session so there will some opportunity to pick up somebody from that as far as training gaps and skills.

Forestry:

There has been recent interest in having a forestry session. The PNW Legislative Forestry Task Force has the same footprint as PNWER and is happy to help craft a session in forestry. The Western Governors' Association also talked about forestry issues. The main issue right now is that states are spending more money fighting fires than they are preventing them.

Wallin added that there hasn't been a call yet, but she believes it is very important to get this session as part of the Summit. She has contacts. She also commented on wildfire costs in B.C. She clarified that the interface fire in B.C. is very different than in the U.S. She said that she thinks there is a lot more we can do with that, and suggests that the forestry working group has a call soon.

Matt said that he spoke with Karen Brandt of Interfor who is interested in a forestry session, and might be a good private co-chair for the forestry session, but added that Interfor wants to make sure they have a proper agenda for the session set up before they commit. Gail thinks the people at COFI (Council of Forest Industries) could have good ideas for a private sector co-chair.

Morrison believes this will be a great opportunity to talk about forest policy for the entire region. Smith said that she would be happy to connect with Wallin following the call if that is helpful.

Environment:

Morrison broached the possibility of an environment working group. He said that the sustainable development working group is now focused on mining. Morrison asked how this host committee wants to "brand" this summit, especially to Canadian and local media. Compared to the rest of the region, B.C. stands out as model of environmental cooperation and stewardship, and Morrison would like to make sure that the messaging from the Summit is appropriate to highlight B.C.'s environmental vision. He requested the Host Committee's perspective on this issue. B.C.'s work on

the Pacific Coast Collaborative should also be highlighted here. Morrison posed the question: what are great best practices to have front and center at the Whistler Summit?

Wailin said that a lot of topics within environment are already covered in other working groups, including invasive species, water policy, forestry etc. Letnick added that it's going to be discussed under LNG as well. Callaghan agreed that the environment is the underlying theme of all the working groups.

Andrew Pape-Salmon said that jobs from California to B.C. can be highlighted under energy efficiency and green energy services. There is an opportunity here to link environmental issues with jobs. Job creation is coming from retrofitting buildings and new construction, but also energy. The City of Vancouver, for example, has targeted eliminating 160 tons of greenhouse gases from retrofit of buildings. Pape-Salmon said that he believes there is a good story here that would make B.C. and the entire region look good, as we lead much of north america.

Morrison asked Manson for permission to call his session energy and environment. Paul agreed, and Andrew Pape-Salmon agreed to work with Paul to craft this session.

Sponsorship:

The list of potential sponsors is included in the meeting documents packet.

March 30 is the deadline for raising sponsorship. \$150,000 is the goal. As of the meeting, \$42,000 has been raised.

Smith added that it has been proving a little more difficult this year than she had anticipated. She suggested maybe that's a reflection of the marketplace, and that it will require a big effort from the Host Committee between now and the end of March to meet the amount. She emphasized the importance of working hard on this. Smith emphasized that it is important to get on the phone and talk to people. Personally encourage people to participate, even if they have already been contacted.

Shanna Killan, Seabreeze Power, was introduced as someone who will be helping with this.

Donna Spalding, CLIA-North West & Canada, said that Princess Cruises should come off the list, because they are committed already as part of the CLIA sponsorship. They are committed to \$10K and may increase that amount. It was asked that B.C. Chamber of Commerce be taken off the list too.

Letnick mentioned that if anyone had any specifics to go on the website and add any comments, or names, or email Morrison or Jennifer Grosman, jennifer.grosman@pnwer.org.

Morrison brought up that we wish to host a reception atop Whistler Mountain in the Roundhouse, and also one at the First Nations Pavilion, but we can't sign the contract until funding is secured.

Policy Tours:

The list of policy tours is included in the meeting documents packet.

We need to get them up on our website. The ones suggested by the Committee so far are included in the host committee packet. David Perttula, Fortis B.C. said that a policy tour including Canadian LNG would be relevant, since the transportation industry for LNG is starting to take off in B.C. Wallin said that something on the forestry or resource management side might be a good idea as well.

A question was posed by one of the participants: are there any constraints on policy tours? Morrison answered that ideally we are looking for a three-hour slot. He brought up that there will be a two-day pre-Summit policy tour entailing a train trip from Eugene to Vancouver which will include a border security tour and tour of Delta Port and Port Metro Vancouver. We also hope to bring people up to Whistler for the Summit on the Rocky Mountaineer.

If there are any other ideas, they should send them in by email.

It was agreed that the next and most major step between now and the end of March is continuing to work towards meeting the budget and fundraising goals. Morrison also added that the participants should let PNWER staff know if they wish to be included on any of the upcoming working group planning conference calls.

Letnick and Morrison thanked the host committee meeting participants and the meeting was adjourned.

Please join us on 12:30pm to 2:00pm on April 11th and May 30th in Vancouver for the next meeting.