

**SOCIAL CREDIT IS THE BEST -
YOU BET!**

**The sincerely genuine correspondence of
Vincent G. Krako
with the last Social Credit government
of beautiful British Columbia**

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21 June 1989

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
The Premier's Office
The Parliament Buildings
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Dear Mr. Premier,

First day of summer and things are going great in British Columbia - you bet! Three cheers for your stand on the environment. You know, I see you as B.C.'s gardener - tending this beautiful land for us all. But we also have to build B.C. - right? So trees sometimes got to come down - what do you say? I really want to know.

All in all you're doing a knock-up job. Keep up the good work, I'm with you all the way!

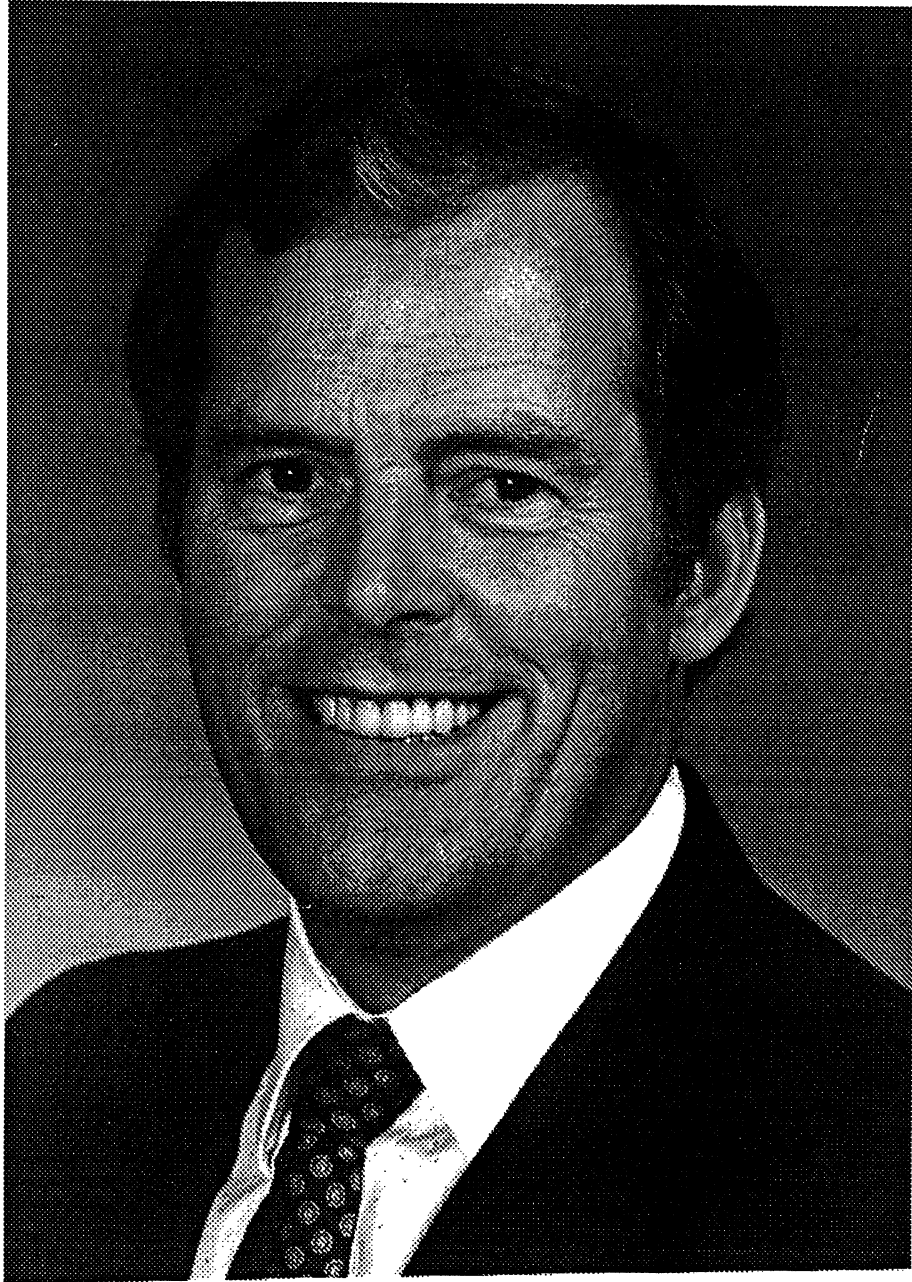
One other thing, I'm such a big fan of yours I'd like to get a picture of you, is that possible? I hope so!

Go to it, Bill!
Stand up for British Columbia!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



St. Vincent

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18 August 1989

Grace McCarthy
A Great British Columbian
The Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mrs. McCarthy

These are great days for Poland. Still I am proud to be a British Columbian. My daughter takes you as a role model. Mrs. McCarthy you have been good to my family, God bless you.

It is so hard with all this rock and roll and all this television, sometimes I don't understand this school system - but I love this province and we will learn. Mrs. McCarthy, you are a role model to my daughter. A picture in our kitchen to my daughter, Susan J. Krako, would start her off happy in her school year. She is going into grade 9, we think these are important days.


Mrs. McCarthy, my family is proud of you. May God be with you and your husband and your children, God bless you!

We love this country.

British Columbia is a positive place.

I thank-you and my family thanks you for your time.

Sincerely,


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August 31, 1989

Miss Susan J. Krako,
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Dear Susan,

As you probably know your father recently wrote to me and requested a signed photo for your family kitchen. I am pleased to supply it under cover of this letter.

While I am writing, may I extend to you best wishes for your school year and good luck in the years to come as you set about choosing a vocation.

Yours truly,

Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.
Vancouver Little Mountain

ENCLOSURE: photograph(signed) ✓



*Susan - good luck always
Beane Murphy*

September 1989 -
a very special year -
a very special month for
Poland - my love to your
family & Susan -
Love.

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30 September 1989

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
The Parliament Buildings
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Dear Mr. Reid

Why? Why does it always have to happen to the good guys? What ever happened to a man's freedom to do good for the citizens he serves and do some legitimate business? You must be asking yourself these questions. I know I am. I don't listen to press, as far as I'm concerned you're still number one in my books. You've been there for our great Premier right from day one. You've served the province well. You were trying to get a good recycle thing going, lord knows our sick little planet needs it. All you did was good. Well don't worry, be happy. I'm sure you'll be back in cabinet soon. These trumped up so-called "scandals" have a way of being forgotten real fast; as if it even mattered.


What are you going to do now? Don't quit! Our Premier is going to need lots of help to beat off this media terror campaign - of which you are just the latest victim. They used you to get a him, you know.

I hope you stay involved in recycling. You must have some information on that subject. I'm a small businessman too. Could you send me a brochure or something on recycling. I like the three container format. Get the householder involved in sorting their own recyclables - that's the way I say!

Thanks for your time and consideration. Hang in there!

Fight, fight, fight!
Stand up for our Premier!
Long live beautiful British Columbia!

Sincerely,


Vincent G. Krako

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October 13, 1989

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 30, 1989.

You certainly made my day with your comments and I do appreciate you taking the time to put them in writing.

As you requested, I enclose the limited information that I have on the Recycling Model Project but would suggest you drop a line to the proponents, Eco Clean Waste Systems at 14983 - 21st Avenue, Surrey, B.C., V4A 8G4 and I am sure they can provide further details.

I thank you for your continued trust and support and am looking forward to serving the Premier and this Government for many years to come.

Best personal regards,

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
Surrey, White Rock, Cloverdale

BR/hs

enc.

WHY A MULTI BIN SYSTEM

The MULTI BIN SYSTEM identifies recyclables as a resource, through colour separation for specific items, i.e. paper - white, aluminum/cans - red, etc. It also conveys a message; through separation these items are no longer garbage, but another important and reusable resource. In home separation is the leading edge in the educational process, encouraging people to recycle.

The multi coloured bins, red, white and blue remind and encourage people to recycle. Conversely, a single bin leaves the connotation of garbage since everything is thrown into the same container and hauled away like garbage, without having any significant input from the homeowner.

The MULTI BIN SYSTEM is aesthetically pleasing, sanitary and space efficient. This encourages the homeowner to get involved in recycling. One, two or all three bins may be taken to the curb when full, therefore promoting efficiency in the system. The bins may be stacked in any interchangeable format to suit the individual homeowners needs.

The multi bins dictate source separation by the homeowner which encourages participation in recycling and increases the efficiency and economics of curbside recycling. Test results show that the homeowner is the most efficient and lowest cost labour source, while producing higher quality recyclables than co-mingled systems. Efficiency is also increased and costs reduced by reducing pick up time at the curb.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINER

Container shall be:

One piece injection moulded of high density polyethylene with ultra violet stabilizers to minimize deterioration and fading from the elements.

Form part of a multi bin system.

Be rectangular in design.

Contain not less than 10% recycled material.

Be tooled and manufactured in British Columbia.

Capacity:

Container shall have a volume of not less than 29 liters to the top of the dropped front or over 47 liters to the closed top of the container.

Construction:

Container shall be gridwork construction for drainage, lighter weight, increased strength and ventilation. Except that one bin used for the containment of glass shall be of solid construction to maximize safety. A single bin, which forms the initial step in a multi bin system may be of solid construction.

Stacking:

Container shall stack with other containers so as not to occupy an area in excess of 2.1 sq. ft. when vertically stacked and be interchangeable with containers of the same design.

Coding and Graphics:

Container shall have a minimum area of 7.75 in. by 5.25 in. on each face of the container and be recessed so as to provide an area for hot stamping or silk screening.

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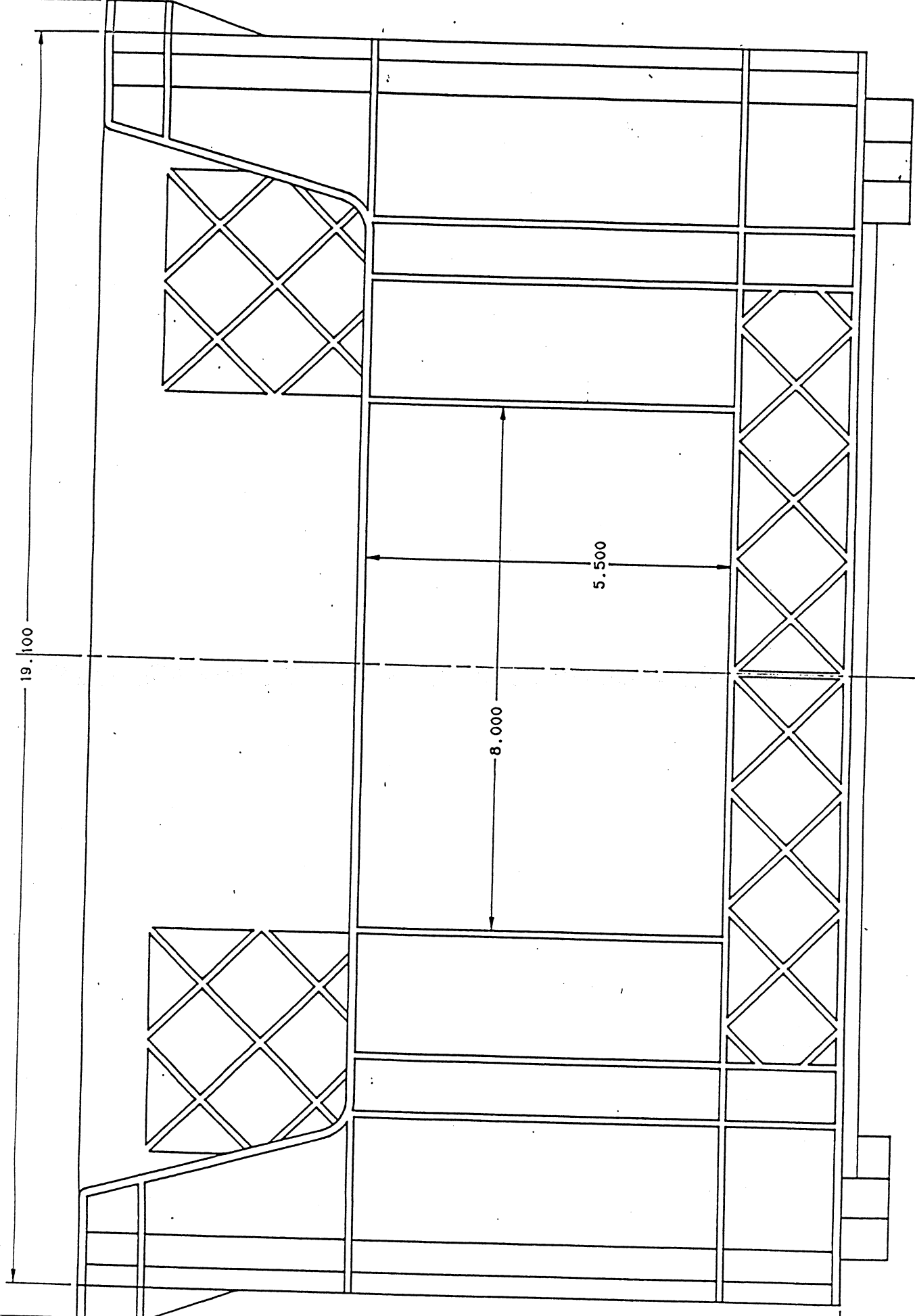
Container must have moulded handles, radiused corners, legged recessed bottom and openings for drainage at the bottom of the container.

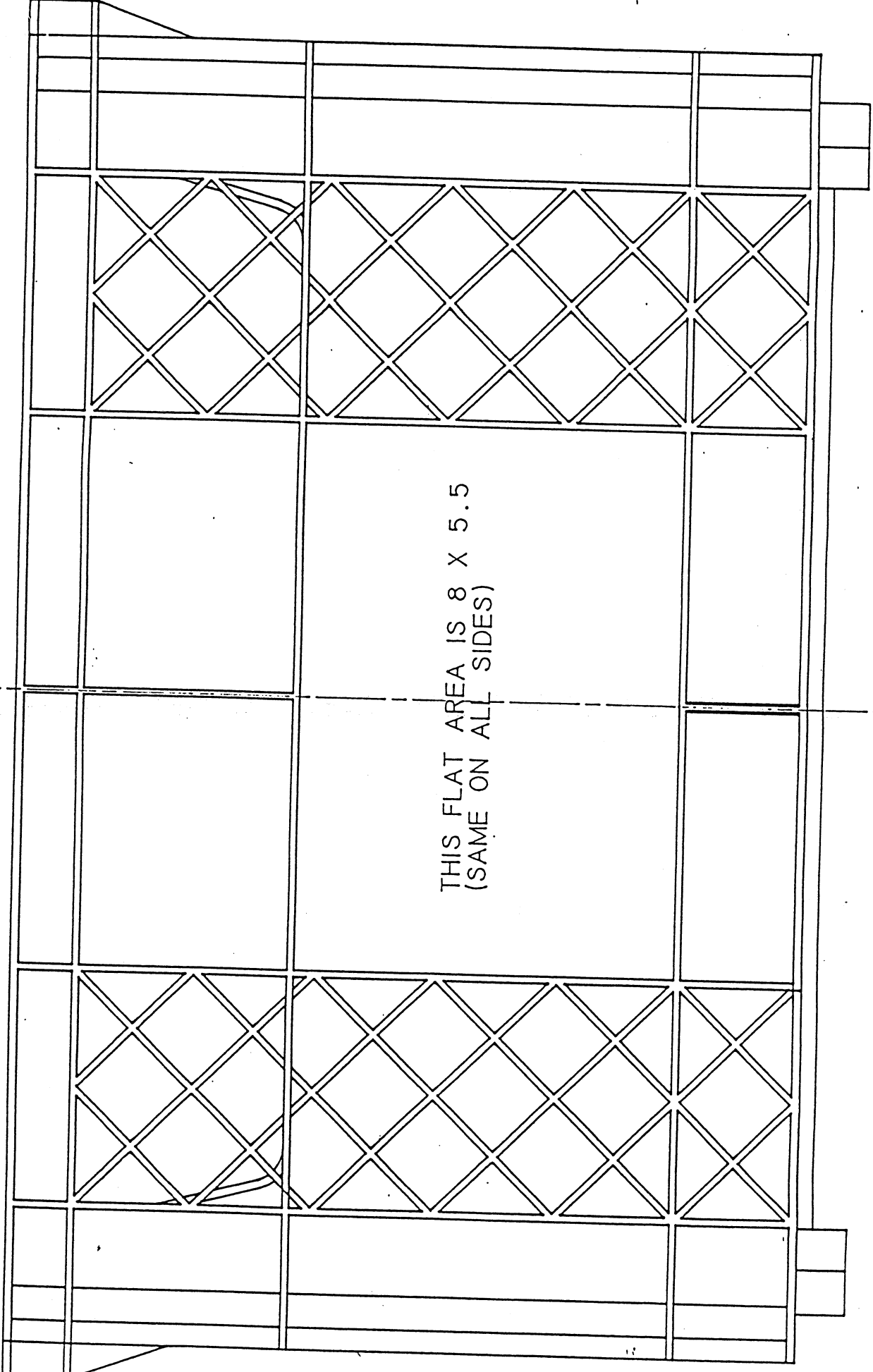
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FRONT VIEW





THIS FLAT AREA IS 8 X 5.5
(SAME ON ALL SIDES)

REAR VIEW

OUR ENVIRONMENT



Seattle picks up

Stories by
MARLAINE GAYLE
Consumer Reporter

SEATTLE — Recycling is fast becoming a way of life here.

Two private companies — Recycle America and Recycle Seattle — collect trash from 75 per cent of the homes.

The operation complements regular garbage pickup. The city also collects yard waste for its experimental composting facility.

In the first year, eight per cent of the city's residential garbage has been taken out of the waste stream.

"There's more interest than anybody predicted," says consultant Craig Benton, president of Sound Resource Management Group. He helped city officials set up the project.

"Hindsight says Seattle should have made it mandatory instead of voluntary."

Finding markets for the material, especially paper, is a problem.

"Eventually industry will come through. But it will be hard for the recyclers to hang on," said Benton.

Marilyn Skerbeck of Recycle America says the public must be prepared to subsidize programs until industry responds.

In North Seattle, residential streets are dotted with Recycle America's colorful plastic bins, referred to as "three-stackers."

The yellow bin is for glass and tin, green for waste paper such as junk mail and forest green for newsprint.

Trash is sorted twice, first by the homeowner and then by the truck driver, who col-

lects once a week.

"This gives us a very clean product and we get a good price for it," says Skerbeck.

In the south part of the city, homes have a large Recycle Seattle garbage can into which homeowners toss glass, tin, aluminum, paper, newsprint and even magazines.

All sorting is done back at the plant.

Recycle Seattle trucks dump their loads into a somewhat smelly, chaotic plant, where a bulldozer pushes huge piles of paper from one end to another.

Paper, glass and tin are then sorted and baled.

By comparison, Recycle America's plant is pristine.

Trucks drive through the warehouse dumping mixed paper, cardboard, newsprint and finally glass and tins.

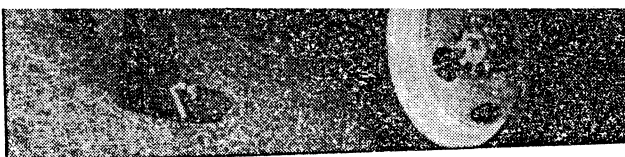
The difference in the two plants reflects a difference in philosophy about how simple recycling should be for homeowners.

Recycle America's Skerbeck believes the public should take some responsibility for handling its trash.

Recycle Seattle wants to make it as easy as possible. But half the 300 to 500 tonnes collected daily is sent to the landfill because people don't separate it properly.

Plastic bags and containers, pieces of wood and chewed-up cardboard that can't be recycled end up being dumped.

As well, food wastes are tossed into the Recycle Seattle garbage cans and carried to the recycling depot, making the plant smell.



Province photo by Rick Loughran
Trash recycling has quickly become a way of life in Seattle.

Vancouver set to start

Blue boxes arrive soon in Vancouver. Deputy city engineer Dave Rudberg expects to start the recycling program in October with 8,000 east-side homes.

"By spring next year, the program will be all across the city," Rudberg says.

The city has ordered 100,000 blue boxes.

Twelve special trucks will have separate bins for metal, aluminum, glass, newspaper and plastic.

Each truck is worth \$100,000, the same as a regular garbage truck.

Vancouver homeowners will be visited by both the recycling truck and the garbage truck on the same day.

Once the residential program is operating across the city, engineers will begin working on a collection program for apartment buildings.

The driver of the recycling truck will sort the contents of the blue box at curbside.

"We want to avoid contamination of the materials so they'll bring a higher price," Rudberg says.

Glass, for example, must be color-sorted and contain no ceramic or window panes.

Rudberg hopes 75 per cent of Vancouver homeowners will immediately participate.

"We're also looking to some peer pressure to help the participation rate. I-

don't think people on a block will want to be the only home not recycling."

City hall — 873-7011 — can give you more details.

Delta was the first Greater Vancouver municipality to distribute blue boxes to homeowners. Call 946-9828 for information.

Surrey began recycling last February. Blue boxes have been distributed to 35,000 Surrey homes and all 52,000 homes will be involved by the end of the year. Call the Surrey Food Bank (581-3445) which handles the program for more information.

Coquitlam has contracted out curbside recycling collection to International Paper.

Starting at the end of October, 19,000 blue

boxes will be given out to homeowners. Call Coquitlam municipal hall at 526-3611 for information.

Other municipalities, such as North Vancouver and Richmond, only recycle newspapers. They are waiting for the GVRD to come up with a recycling plan.

Blue boxes first became popular in Ontario about three years ago.

So far, curbside recycling programs have exceeded all political and bureaucratic expectations.

In Seattle, where recycling took off immediately, the participation was more than double the most optimistic guess.

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30 September 1989

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
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Dear Mr. Premier,

Fall is here but you're not going to! Quit? Never! Hang in there Bill I know you gots what it take. One by-election is no big deal. The next general vote will have the new ridings and you'll clean up - you bet!


That was a swell picture of you and Mrs. McCarthy in the Sun a while ago. She's quit a lady, lots of good advice. She sent me a very nice personal letter. Hope you guys settle your differences - iff you have any - maybe it's all just media lies. Bill, you're doing a great job. I'm really for your privitization policy. I'm a small businessman myself. What's up for sale these days?

The autographed picture you sent me was fantastic - thanks. I was wondering if I could get one of those B.C. crest pins for my neice, Ludmila? We'd really appreciate it!

Keep up the good work.

Never say die!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
Stand up for British Columbia!

Sincerely,


Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

October 23, 1989

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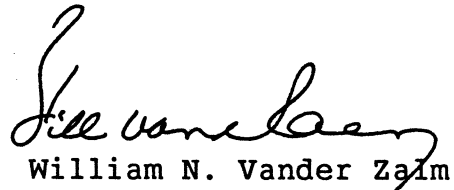
Dear Mr. Krako:

I just wanted to drop you a personal note to tell you how very much I appreciated receiving your warm expression of support for my leadership.

Needless to say, knowing that you are so solidly behind me is of tremendous comfort and encouragement to me, and you may be assured that I shall keep your kind comments in mind for the days ahead.

I am pleased to enclose a "Premier" lapel pin for your niece which I hope she will enjoy. Please accept my warmest thanks and heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful message of support.

Sincerely yours,


William N. Vander Zalm
PREMIER

Enclosure



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30 October 1989

Mrs. Grace McCarthy
MLA, Vancouver-Little Mountain
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Dear Mrs. McCarthy

Attached is a note from my daughter Susan thanking you for the photo you sent. She's learning to type on the computer. I think she's doing a good job. That was a very nice photo. We all noticed the interesting ring you were wearing on your right hand. What sort of design is that? Did you have it specially made?

Mrs. McCarthy, your performance at the recent convention was 100% class. You're right, Mr. Vander Zalm is the leader and the Premier so lets get going and win the next election. Got to keep B.C. booming with positive economic results. But you were right to walk out of that breakfast. It's jokes like that will let NDP get in. I'm of Polish background and sure wouldn't like it if they were telling Polack jokes. Now I'm no killjoy, some such jokes are okay, if in the right context, and as long as I can make a good natured "WASP" joke in reply. But that's at the pub with buddies over beer. Not at a convention with all those nosey leftwing reporters poking around just waiting to embarrass the Premier and Ministers. I hope they got your message - stop it you silly boys, this is not the place for locker room humour!

Well I'm sure this will all blow over. I heard someone on the news say that the public has about a 6 month memory for such things. That's good.

Keep up the good work. I hope this letter finds you well.

Be positive!
Stand up for British Columbia!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

30 October 1989

Dear Mrs. McCarthy

Thank-you very much for the photograph you sent to me. I really appreciated receiving it from you. We put it in our family kitchen.

School is going well for me. I am learning to type on the computer. I can print out in different type as well. This kind is called "script". I like it the best because it looks like writing.

Thank-you again.

Sincerely,

Susan

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November 15, 1989

Mr. Vincent G. Krako,
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Normally there is so much mail I don't have time for replies to thank you letters, but I had to drop a short note to Susan to say how good her typing is!

Also you wanted to know about the ring I wore in the photo I sent along. It was very bright of the Krako family to notice. The ring was a special gift given to me during the great rebuilding period for the Social Credit Party. It resembles a "seagull" which was our symbol for UNITY!

I wear it frequently these days.

Kindest regards to all,

Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.
Vancouver Little Mountain

"Jonathan Livingstone Seagull"
handcrafted in Mexico
Jan. 1976

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3 November 1989

John Reynolds
Minister of Environment
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Mr. Minister

Just looking at yesterday's Vancouver Sun. Boy, the press wastes no time in going on attack. Well, I'll go eat crab with you out of Howe Sound anytime - count on it! What a bunch of b.s. the media and these environmentalist types spew. They're the real polluters - information polluters! I mean, you should know. You live out that way and are the Minister!

And another thing. That little bio that they did on you mentioned that goddamn CBC show and all that crap about you and organized crime. Boy, they always like to drag that one up. Give me a break, you must be saying. I hope it's the last we hear of it. One more time and I'll bet you'll go for a libel action again, I know I would!

You did a great job as Speaker and I know you'll stand up for nature. Not that nature is the be-all-and-end-all. We need industry, we need progress, we need to compete in the world market so sometimes trees got to fall and meadows be paved. How are you going to balance all these interests? Let me know.

Who is going to be the new Speaker? In all their reporting I haven't heard a mention from the press on the fate of that important job. Has someone been appointed? Is the Legislature going to vote on it? What? I figured I'd write you and get the truth.

Good luck in your new post.

Stand up for British Columbia!
The crabs are clean!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of
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Ministry of
the Environment

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER

November 24 1989

*Mr. Vincent G. Krako
Post Office Box 69323
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Dear Mr. Krako:

*Thank you very much for your letter of
November 3rd.*

*I very much appreciate your comments. A new
Speaker has not been named yet, that cannot happen
before the House sits next Spring.*

*In the meantime, if I can be of any further assistance
don't hesitate to contact me.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

John Reynolds
Minister

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15 December 1989

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
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Dear Mr. Premier,

It's a hectic, happy time of year - you bet. But I just had to drop you a quick note to say: HANG IN THERE!! Oak Bay means nothing. By-elections mean nothing. Governments lose by-elections all the time then clean up in a general vote. Regarding your upcoming January television address, I say, call an election. Whatever your decision, Mr. Premier, I'm behind you all the way. Even if you decide to go back to private business, hey, whatever it is your selling, I'll buy it!

Negativism, that's what will destroy Social Credit and, more importantly, the great Vander Zalm leadership. Social Credit just won't be the same party without you.

Anyways, you can count on me at the polling booth as long as you're in charge.

Well, got to go for Christmas shopping. Have a good one.

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

1990
January 2nd,

Dear Mr. Krako,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful message of support and good wishes.

Needless to say, your warm comments mean a great deal to me, and I shall be pleased to keep them in mind during the difficult days ahead.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you and your family my warmest good wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Vanderbeek".

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17 March 1990

Mrs. Grace McCarthy
MLA, Vancouver-Little Mountain
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Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

Saw you on the news last night at the big Skytrain to Surrey opening. You and the Premier looked great together. Unity! That's what that mean to me, by golly. I liked your reply to the reporter who asked what you were speaking to Premier about. "I don't talk about my private conversations," you said. Right-on, that's my opinion too.

An election is coming and Social Credit is going to win. I'm a big fan of the Premier, but I know he's got to watch his step. Mrs. McCarthy, you are one that can keep things on track. You are the soul of Social Credit. I hope you're back in cabinet soon. You are going to run again aren't you? What will your new riding be?

It's great to be on a winning team, isn't it Mrs. McCarthy!

Stand up for British Columbia!
Stand up for our Premier!
Free enterprise rules!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

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March 30, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako,
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Dear Mr. *Vincent* Krako:

Thank you for your recent letter of support for our activities in Social Credit.

I am enclosing for your review a copy of our just printed MLA REPORT for our constituency of Vancouver Little Mountain. I can not tell from your postal station address whether or not you will have gotten one of these in the mail so I am sending the extra on that basis.

Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.
Vancouver Little Mountain

MLA

REPORT

VANCOUVER LITTLE MOUNTAIN

SPRING 1990

Grace McCarthy and Doug Mowat



Potential transit routes for the Vancouver/Richmond extension are discussed with B.C. Transit planner, Glen Leicester.

Say: TRANSIT TO RICHMOND MUST SERVE VANCOUVER

"Although a rapid transit commitment has been made by the provincial government to serve the needs of Richmond commuters the corridor route through Vancouver neighborhoods must meet the needs of Vancouver residents," say MLAs Grace McCarthy and Doug Mowat.

The possibility of using either "the Arbutus cut" corridor or a Cambie Street route — either affecting residents of Vancouver Little Mountain — became an immediate concern last July 31 when Premier Vander
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Elected MEMBERS fight tax grabs

British Columbia homeowners are going to get significant property tax relief to offset school taxes thanks in part to two very strong voices in the provincial Legislature from elected Members from Vancouver Little Mountain.

It didn't take long for Doug Mowat, M.L.A. and Grace McCarthy, M.L.A. to act last Spring when the mail and phone calls began to pour in from both upset commercial and residential property taxpayers.

Already Mrs. McCarthy on Sept. 18, 1988 had been on record asking her government to "take a second look" at property purchase tax.

On March 11, 1989 following a meeting at city hall in Vancouver with other MLAs, Mrs. McCarthy publicly called for a "speedy provincial response" to the concerns being raised by commercial taxpayers that increases in taxes were up on average by more than 40 percent.

At the same time as she suggested "a more equitable system that ties tax increases more to fundamental civic services than escalating property values" and joined with her colleague, Doug Mowat, M.L.A. in calling for "a

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26 March 1990

Peter Dueck
Minister of Social Services and Housing
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Dear Mr. Minister,

I just want to say that you are doing a great job. You get a lot of hassle from the press, but what do they know. I really liked those "I like sex" buttons you were sporting the other week after that letter controversy. (What controversy? You were just doing your job!) You're okay, Mr. Minister. Would it be possible to get one of those buttons?

One thing I'm curious about is where all that lottery and legal gambling money the government collects goes. There must be loads of it. Why not shift all that revenue into the G.A.I.N. program. I know a lot of the welfare types I see around my neighbourhood spend part of their monthly cheque on lottery tickets. Heck, might as well give it back to them. Better than my tax dollars getting shelled out to these lazy-bones. Not that they're all lazy, some people really do need help, but it seems to me like using the lottery/gambling money that way will save in the long run. Have more lotteries and more legal gambling, the government gets more, in essence, free money, then give the needy bigger cheques. The more money a person gets the more ambitious they become. Before you know it they'll all be chasing those six figure salary jobs! Believe it! Anyways, just a thought. Let me know what you think.

Things really are beautiful in British Columbia these days. As I wrote to the Premier recently, it was sure good to see him and Mrs. McCarthy chatting so nicely together. I'm sure you'll agree that Social Credit unity is key as you and your colleagues get ready to battle those sneaky NDPers. Keep up the good work, Mr. Minister.

Stand up for our Premier!
Fight, fight, fight!
Sex is good!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Social Services
and Housing

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April 3, 1990

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Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter of March 26, 1990, regarding the recent letter controversy.

I certainly appreciate your warm words of encouragement, as being the Minister of Social Services and Housing can be very hectic and stressful as well as very rewarding. So often we only hear from those people who have a complaint about the system, so this is most refreshing.

Once again, Mr. Krako, thank you for your support and for taking the time out of your daily activities to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter A. Dueck', written over a large, loopy flourish.

Peter A. Dueck
Minister of Social Services
and Housing

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28 March 1990

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
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Dear Mr. Reid

Further to my letter of 6 March, I just want to say again - hang in there! Who does this Moe Sihota think he is anyway? As far as I'm concerned he can go sit in it! You're right, NDPers' plan to bring charges against you in court is big waste of the taxpayers' money - my money! No way, I say!

Mr. Reid, the truth will come out. You are **NOT** guilty of anything! You did an excellent job as a cabinet minister and you're doing a superb job as a regular MLA. Keep up the good jobs!

And as far as trying "to duck reporters" as written in The Vancouver Sun on 26 March - good move! Watch out for those reporters of all stripes - they're nothing but a flock of vultures and a pack of hyenas. They don't care about you, the government or the people. They're all in it for the sensationalism and the big bucks.

As they say in the comic strip - "you're a good man Charlie Brown" - and don't you forget it!

You'll beat this thing and be back in cabinet sooner than our great Premier can drop an election writ. Go for it!

Fight, fight, fight!
Stand up for the people!
Freedom of enterprise!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

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April 5, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 1990.

I am as determined today as I was last Fall to encourage communities to put projects in place to help the environment, economy and employment.

I sincerely appreciate your words of support.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Reid".

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
Surrey, White Rock, Cloverdale

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22 April 1990

Mel Couvelier
Minister of Finance
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Dear Mr. Minister,

Fantastic budget! Go for it, that's what I say! I really like that idea of a "Green Lottery" as it were. Using such lottery fund for environmental needs is A-1 - you bet! I wrote to Lucien Bouchard recently and suggested the same thing. Lotteries are a great way to raise cash, and the environment is a great thing to spend it on. What other financial incentives will you be offering to help the environment but keep development booming? Trees got to come down sometimes, that's progress, but maybe it not have to hurt so much. All in all, you're doing an excellent job.

Mr. Minister, I watched the news and read the papers about the budget, but who can trust those rascals? Do you have some sort of true publication issued by Finance Ministry regarding the details and benefits to the independent owner-operator businessman? I'd sure like a copy. Please send me one and let me know if there is a charge. I'm not afraid to share the cost of government if that government gives good service.

Keep smiling Mr. Minister. What riding are you going to landslide in on the next election? I bet our great Premier is just balancing the writ on the tip of his green thumb. He is our gardener. He will make B.C.'s bountifullnes aggregate - with you're strong support. Thank-you for your time with my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Keep budgets balanced!
Surplus for service!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



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May 22, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for letter of April 22, 1990, in which you express an interest in obtaining discussion material concerning the 1990/91 Provincial Budget. I have enclosed an information package which provides further details on the budget.

Although this year's budget does not include new programs designed specifically to assist independent owner operator businessmen, I am certain that you will agree that each of my past four budgets has contributed to building a more vigorous, broader-based provincial economy within which small businesses are able to flourish. For example, this year's budget includes no major tax increases. This decision is intended to help extend the current economic cycle, thus benefiting all British Columbians and particularly the critical small business sector.

Thank you for your support and for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

Mel Couvelier
Minister

Enclosure



PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE HONOURABLE MEL COUVELIER
Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations

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5 June 1990

Claude Richmond
Minister of Forests
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Dear Mr. Minister,

Right-on! It's about time someone showed those damn eco-fags who the boss is! When those Saltspring cry babies were preventing you from getting down to the peoples' business - my business - you just ploughed right through them. Way to go! I saw it all on the television news. "Get out of my way!" you exclaimed as you muscled them aside. Fantastic, as our great Premier would say. Did you play football as a youth? I especially liked your declaration that you "take very seriously the rights of private ownership of land." And how! Without it what would there be? Anarchy and Godlessness - that's what!

You're doing a first class job as Minister. British Columbia's majestic forests have never been in such able hands. That Carmanah Valley compromise was a stroke of genius in my opinion. Hey, I'm all for the environment and Mother Nature, don't get me wrong but sometime trees gots to come down - that's progress. And without progress where would we be? Up the old "you-know-what" creek without a paddle - that's a fact!

Mr. Minister, I'm one of your biggest fans. You know, if for any reason Mr. Vander Zalm had to step aside you would be my number one pick for the number one job - you bet! Do you think I could get an autographed picture of you? And how about some info on your Ministry's positions on current forestry and environmental issues of today? I'd really appreciate it.

Fight, fight, fight!
Stand up for British Columbia!
Forests forever!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



July 3, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your opinions and for your support.

In regard to your request for some information on my Ministry's position on environmental and forestry issues, I can summarize it as being the careful balancing of both the economic and environmental benefits our forests provide. Both are interconnected and essential to the well being of all British Columbians. To paraphrase the Brundtland Commission, one needs a healthy economy to ensure a healthy environment, and a healthy environment to ensure a healthy economy.

To give you some specific information and examples of this approach, I have attached a news release on the creation of the Carmanah Park, and some of our recent brochures including:

- The Forest Service Assessment on Land Use for the Carmanah Valley,
- Managing Wilderness in Provincial Forests,
- Towards an Old Growth Strategy, and
- Forest Management in British Columbia.

I also attached an autographed photograph of myself in appreciation of your support.

Sincerely,

Claude Richmond
Minister of Forests

Attachments





MINISTRY OF FORESTS
HON. CLAUDE RICHMOND, MINISTER

FOR RELEASE:
APRIL 10, 1990

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BIG SPRUCE TREES IN CARMANAH TO BE PROTECTED IN PARK

VICTORIA --- Forests Minister Claude Richmond announced today that he will propose legislation for a Class A park to protect the groves of giant, old growth, Sitka spruce trees in the lower Carmanah Valley.

The legislation will allow harvesting in the remainder of the valley once the integrated resources plan, based on additional technical studies, ensures that there will be no detrimental impact on the unique values of the proposed park in the lower valley.

A public advisory group will also be established to monitor the integrated resources plan and timber harvesting in the upper valley.

"Almost 36 square kilometers will be preserved as a provincial park under the proposed legislation," said Richmond.

The minister said the 3,592-hectare park area -- more than 35 times larger than the area of the spruce groves -- will protect the groves of giant trees, which cover about 100 hectares in the lower valley.

"Because of the amount of public interest on how best to preserve the large spruce in the lower Carmanah, we want to provide an opportunity for elected representatives to discuss our proposal in the legislature," said Richmond.

"The issue is balance," the minister added. "We must ensure that harvesting does not threaten the old growth, spruce environment and we must also recognize the region's economic needs.

"Any land use decision has a cost and compromises are required to reach the right balance.

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"Under the legislation, I am proposing to increase the reserve area around the spruce groves from the 538 hectares proposed by MacMillan Bloedel to 3,592 hectares, an area over eight times the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park," said Richmond.

The reserve will now include the entire lower Carmanah Valley and it will be designated a Class A provincial park under the Park Act. By law, no timber or mineral resource extraction will be allowed in this area.

Richmond said the amount of timber available for harvesting under MacMillan Bloedel's Tree Farm Licence #44 (TFL 44) will be reduced as a result of the decision.

"There is a cost to protecting the big spruce and withdrawing the land for a park," Richmond said.

"The government will forego forest revenues estimated at \$600,000 annually in perpetuity as a result of reduced harvesting. The reduction in timber harvest volume could also result in the loss of jobs in timber harvesting and manufacturing in the region and at Port Alberni. This will depend on MacMillan Bloedel's follow-up actions and decisions.

"We cannot determine how many jobs will be affected because there are many other factors involved which are not part of the Carmanah issue," the minister said.

The majority of the proposed park can be deleted from TFL 44 without paying compensation to MacMillan Blodel.

There is a portion of the proposed park area, however, that MacMillan Bloedel holds under an old form of tenure called a timber licence. Although the area is included within the TFL, the timber licence imposes specific requirements for compensation when the timber is withdrawn from harvest. The issue of compensation remains to be negotiated with the company, but could amount to millions of dollars.

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Richmond said most of the mature forest in the Carmanah Valley is composed of hemlock, cedar, and balsam fir. These species account for about 98 per cent of the commercial timber volume.

"In the upper valley, we will allow carefully controlled and monitored harvesting to provide economic stability for nearby communities. However, additional field surveys and planning must ensure that timber harvesting will not affect park values," said Richmond.

Further intensive field studies on the upper Carmanah Valley will be conducted under the close supervision of Forest Service staff specialists. The studies will include: mapping terrain stability; identifying environmentally sensitive zones; classifying the valley on an ecological basis; and, assessing impacts on wildlife species and streams.

"We will also establish a public advisory group to monitor the integrated resources plan and timber harvesting in the upper valley," said Richmond.

"This group will be composed of members of the public, industry and government agencies with an interest in the valley's management."

The Carmanah Valley is located on Vancouver Island's west coast. The Carmanah 'giant', the largest Sitka spruce tree growing in the valley, is the tallest Sitka spruce on record in B.C. and may be the tallest tree in Canada. It is growing in a canyon in the lower Carmanah Valley and will be protected in the proposed park. It has a circumference of 958 centimeters (over 31 feet) and a height of 95 meters (over 311 feet).

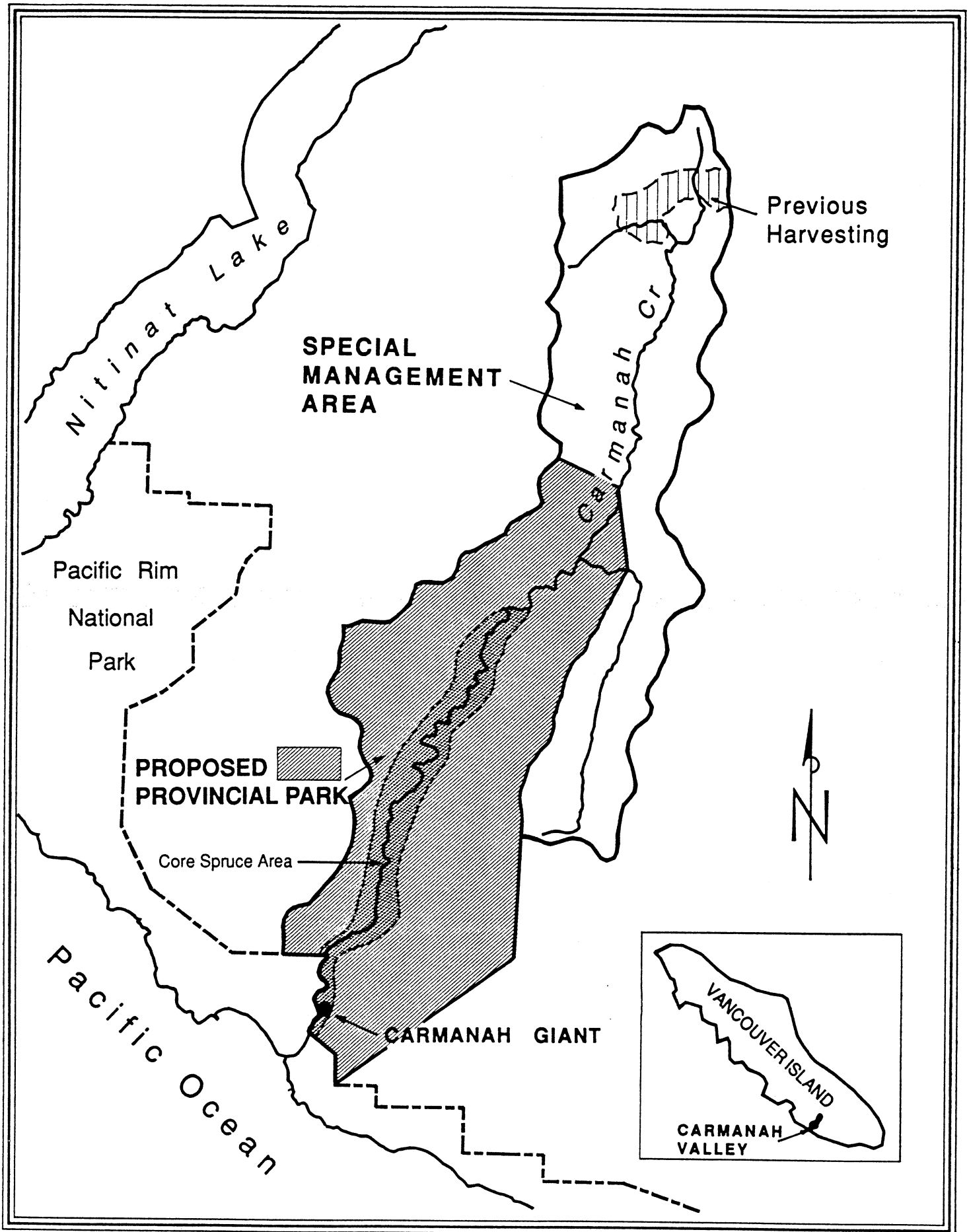
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EDITORS/NEWS DIRECTORS NOTE: Highlights sidebar, map and technical background attached.

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CARMANAH HIGHLIGHTS SIDEBAR

- Legislation proposed to protect the Carmanah giants in a Class A provincial park.
- 3,592-hectare park to be established to protect giant trees located on 100 hectares in the lower Carmanah Valley.
- Timber harvesting to be permitted in the remainder of Carmanah Valley, once the integrated resources plan, based on additional technical studies, ensures that there will be no detrimental impacts on the unique values of the proposed park.
- Public advisory group to be established to monitor the integrated resources plan and timber harvesting in the upper valley.
- Cost of foregone forest revenues and compensation could run into millions of dollars.





Towards an Old-growth Strategy

Executive summary of old-growth workshop recommendations

Introduction

There are widely held concerns today on the future of British Columbia's remaining old-growth forests. These concerns represent values ranging from their importance as genetic reservoirs to their value as commercial timber.

Our old-growth forests also are an important part of issues and concerns involving:

- natural heritage;
- wilderness preservation;
- tourism values;
- spiritual linkages;
- atmospheric balance; and,
- forest industry viability.

A strategy is needed to deal with our old-growth forests while there are still significant options available.

The British Columbia Forest Service began the process of developing a strategy for the management of old-growth forests by hosting an invitational workshop on the subject in Parksville, B.C. from November 3 to 5, 1989.

Invited delegates represented environmental interest groups, native bands, the forest industry, academic institutions, independent professionals, and federal and provincial resource agencies.

During the workshop, the 80 delegates focussed on the components of an old-growth forests strategy, including:

- definitions;
- objectives;
- priority issues;
- information needs;
- criteria for developing old-growth forests; and,
- recommendations for action.

This is an executive summary of the results of the Parksville workshop. The complete workshop findings are published under the title *Towards an Old-growth*

Strategy -- Summary of the old-growth workshop and is available from the Integrated Resources Branch, Ministry of Forests, 1450 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3E7.

This executive summary combines the various points of view into a single document. It does not include all the variations or the specific positions of the individual participants or their organizations. This is especially true for parts of the summary which deal with action recommendations.

Definitions

Definitions of old-growth forests should reflect ecological characteristics and social objectives.

A common-language definition should accommodate:

- the differences in old-growth forests in B.C.'s varied biogeoclimatic zones and ecosystems;
- use of the concepts for definition advanced by the B.C. Forest Land-Use Liaison Committee and the U.S. Forest Service;
- the differences in operational definitions based on land management and social objectives advanced by tenure holders, the public, and resource agencies; and,
- use of a less-sophisticated definition for an overview inventory, and, more sophisticated definitions for later research and operational use.

Priority old-growth issues

The information base

An effective old-growth forests inventory is needed to:

- reflect the ecological and socio-economic elements of old-growth forests' definitions; and,
- provide information about old-growth forest stands identified by public groups and by resource agencies as urgent priority.





Managing Wilderness in Provincial Forests

A Summary of the Policy Framework December 1989

Introduction

The wilderness issue in British Columbia was brought into focus by the Wilderness Advisory Committee, a group established by the provincial government to study key wilderness issues and to make recommendations.

In response to the committee's report, *The Wilderness Mosaic* (March 1986), the provincial government developed an overall strategy for managing wilderness resources, including wilderness in provincial parks and provincial forests.

The *Forest Act* was amended on August 17, 1987 to recognize wilderness as a resource in provincial forests. It also gave the B.C. Forest Service the responsibility to consider wilderness in its integrated resource management of these forests.

Our wilderness mandate provides broad direction, but few specifics.

To guide us in drawing up appropriate policy, we distributed for public review and comment a discussion paper titled *Managing Wilderness in Provincial Forests: A proposed policy framework*. The comments and responses generated by that paper are reflected in this current document.

This policy framework summarizes how the Forest Service has interpreted the new legislation. It also provides direction on specific policy issues. A detailed technical paper, providing more background and rationale, is available on request.

Your ideas will continue to guide us in interpreting our new wilderness mandate and deciding how to manage wilderness values in provincial forests. We would, therefore, appreciate comments at any time that can help us in adapting and updating this current policy.

Comments on this document should be submitted to:

Recreation Section
Integrated Resources Branch
Ministry of Forests
1450 Government Street
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Mandate

Under Sections 3 and 4 of the *Forest Act*, wilderness is confirmed as a legitimate use of provincial forests. Under Section 5.1, Cabinet may formally designate wilderness areas. Section 5(4) also provides for recognition and zoning of wilderness in areas that have not been formally designated by Cabinet.

Section 5.1 states that no commercial logging is allowed in a wilderness area, which shall be managed and used only for one or more of the following:

- preservation of wilderness;
- any use consistent with preservation of wilderness; and,
- any purpose permitted for that wilderness area by or under the regulations.

Section 5.2 specifically does not prohibit mineral and petroleum exploration and development in wilderness. However, these activities must meet all existing guidelines, regulations, and permits.

Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the Forest Service's wilderness program is to maintain and protect a wilderness resource in relation to other uses of provincial forests to provide maximum overall benefits to British Columbians.





Forest Management in British Columbia

Introduction

The British Columbia Forest Service has stewardship responsibilities over all 'provincial forests' — this includes managing and protecting the Crown's forest and range resources and other resource values to provide maximum benefits to all British Columbians.

The Forest Service has the mandate to:

- (a) encourage maximum productivity of the forest and range resources in the Province;
- (b) manage, protect and conserve the forest and range resources of the Crown, having regard to the immediate and long-term economic and social benefits they may confer on the Province;
- (c) plan the use of the forest and range resources of the Crown, so that the production of timber and forage, the harvesting of timber, the grazing of livestock and the realization of fisheries, wildlife, water, outdoor recreation and other natural resource values are co-ordinated and integrated, in consultation and co-operation with other ministries and agencies of the Crown and with the private sector;
- (d) encourage a vigorous, efficient and world competitive timber processing industry in the Province; and
- (e) assert the financial interest of the Crown in its forest and range resources in a systematic and equitable manner."

This mandate does not include regulating resource management on private and federal forest lands except under specific circumstances, such as management agreements, fire protection, and timber marks, which establish log ownership.

Forest resource management is guided by the objective of sustainable development. It is complex because it must consider economic, social, and environmental factors. When these conflict, they must be reconciled.

Moreover, it must accommodate biological changes, new situations, new demands and ideas, new social concerns plus new discoveries and technologies.

The Forest Service in its decision making, must consider key social, environmental and economic trends and their associated implications for forest resource management. Some of these are tabulated on the next page.

The Forest Service also considers the economic importance of the forest, range and recreation industries it supports.

The forest industry is the province's principal economic generator:

- contributing \$13 billion annually to our provincial economy and more than \$600 million in revenues each year to the provincial government;
- producing 60 per cent of Canada's lumber and providing 39 per cent of the world's total exports of softwood lumber;
- providing 90,000 direct jobs and an estimated 180,000 indirect jobs for British Columbians; and,
- accounting for 50 cents of every dollar of manufactured shipments.

Our forests and their associated range values also support a cattle industry and wildlife, with its associated guiding, outfitting and viewing industry.

Forests directly and indirectly contribute to the expanding recreation and tourism industries.

Managing the forest resource

It is government policy that provincial forests are managed using sound integrated resource management principles and practices.

Integrated resource management processes include:

- considering the land's resource values and capabilities for sustained use;
- considering social, economic and environmental values, needs and objectives;
- identifying and comparing alternatives;
- assigning resource use and management emphasis, based on the relative merits of various resource uses;
- producing a picture of resource uses and priorities for large areas; and,



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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

B.C. Forest Service Assessment of Land Use for the Carmanah Valley

Technical Background



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6 July 1990

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
The Premier's Office
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Dear Premier,

Very unfortunate about the Meech Lake failure. But there's nothing unfortunate about your comments as some would have us think. If a new confederation is on the way with more provincial independence, then we'd best get with it for the good of all of British Columbia. I thought you did a great job at the First Ministers conference. Your closing remarks about meeting up with the two Canadian liberators at the end of the War in your little Dutch town really brought a tear to my eye. I chose Canada and British Columbia too, and I'm glad I did.

The other day I was driving and pulled up behind a shiny new car with a very prosperous looking gentleman behind the wheel. On his rear bumper he had one of the best stickers I've seen. It said "I'm still behind Bill..." or "still with Bill" or some such saying, and it also had a picture of you with a big smile on your face. Fantastic! Where can I get one of these bumper-stickers? You know I'm a big fan of yours and bumper-stickers are a great way to show support.

Boy I'm sure glad the P.N.E. is going ahead. I go to it every year. When I heard it was cancelled because of some damn union I just about lost it - let me tell you. But your Minister, Mr. Michael, go it back on track. Vander Zalm government - the best!

Mr. Premier, I hope you and your family have a terrific summer. Are the glads up at Fantasy Gardens yet? I'll have to go see. I haven't been out there in over a month. I always take Mother out to the Gardens, she loves it so much. Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Let the flowers of freedom bloom!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

September 24, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing confidence with respect to our Government's position on Meech Lake and for your kind remarks regarding the First Ministers conference - how very pleasant to hear from you again. Unfortunately, I cannot offer you a bumper sticker but I have enclosed a pin that I thought you might enjoy.

In the aftermath of the events of June 22 and beyond, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. The Meech Lake Accord has not been an easy issue for Canadians, I believe, because of the two very different views of Canada which prevail in the country. For many Canadians, Canada is seen as a family in which the provinces should be treated equally. This is the viewpoint which I put forward in proposing that each province and not only Quebec be recognized as a distinct society. For others, Canada may also be a family, but it is one in which Quebec represents French Canada. This is why some speak of "founding peoples." It is this fundamental difference in perspective which has caused us all so much agony in recent months. To many English Canadians, Quebec is viewed as a spoiled child, while to many Quebecers, English Canada is seen as a cold and uncaring spouse.

Native Canadians, additionally, felt excluded from a formula which did not adequately reflect their historical reality - being here for thousands of years before either French or English arrived.

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My good friend Clyde Wells represented very well the concern of those, like Mr. Pierre Trudeau, who believed that Meech Lake would somehow curtail the federal government's ability to spend in areas of concern to poorer provinces, such as Newfoundland.

Regrettably, it was the spending policies of the Trudeau government which made Ottawa such a financial shambles that all taxpayers must now be concerned about how we bring federal spending under control.

Premier Wells agreed with B.C. and other western provinces in supporting Senate reform as a means of addressing the current concentration of power in Central Canada. Where we differed was on whether Senate reform was more likely with or without Meech Lake. Ontario and Quebec already had and still have an effective veto over Senate reform without Meech Lake.

My efforts at the last First Ministers' Conference were directed to raising the profile of Senate reform to the top of the post-Meech agenda, and in this, I believe I was successful.

If Premier Wells believes that Quebec and Ontario are more likely to support Senate reform now that Meech Lake is dead, I fear that he is tragically mistaken.

Meech Lake would have provided Quebec with a greater degree of comfort that they could retain their French language and culture. This desire is so strong that I believe it will be Quebec's primary concern for many years to come, regardless of their constitutional status. In return for this recognition from the rest of Canada, we stood to gain:

- more authority over immigration to B.C.
- more say over federal spending in areas of provincial jurisdiction
- provincial recommendation of future Senators and Supreme Court judges
- a veto over constitutional changes to certain key federal institutions for all provinces (not just Ontario and Quebec)

September 24, 1990

In addition to adopting a specific agenda for Senate reform, with guaranteed increased representation for western provinces in 1995 if no agreement had been reached, the First Ministers' Conference which proposed the Meech Lake compromise also established provision for resolution of other outstanding issues, including concerns of women's groups, native groups, and public input of future amendments to the Constitution, as well as a review of how changes would impact on individual rights recognized in the Charter of Rights.

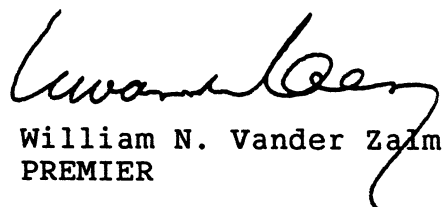
I am pleased to advise you that on July 19, 1990, the Government of British Columbia introduced into the Legislature a Bill entitled the Senatorial Selection Act. Bill 65, provided for the people of British Columbia a means to make known their preference as to the person to fill the then existing vacancy in the Senate. The Prime Minister has subsequently filled that vacancy despite our expressed request to the contrary. The Government is now considering options with the view of providing the kind of public input that is so clearly desired.

In dealing with the constitution I had two major concerns - the unity of Canada - and the fairest possible deal for British Columbia. In my judgement, we could have obtained more from conciliation than from confrontation, even though confrontation might have been more emotionally satisfying to some and would certainly have been more popular.

Today, we must start anew. We will continue to seek expert advice on the details of future proposals, but I believe we must correct the greatest flaw in the Meech Lake process by seeking much more public involvement and mutual dialogue with government as we approach these matters.

Again, thank you for your comments and your warm expression of support. With best wishes in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,



William N. Vander Zalm
PREMIER

Enclosure

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21 August 1990

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
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Dear Mr. Reid,

I just got back from summer vacation and a buddy of mine tell me you are not going to run for the next election. "No way," I said. So I go check the old newspapers at the library and, I'm shocked, it's true. Well, I'm very sorry to know this, but I can understand you fully.

The pressure has been on you for years. Starting with that odometer thing that the socialistic press jumped on right up to this phoney-baloney lottery "scandal." Media lies and leftist propaganda! I don't care what anyone says, you are completely innocent and did one of the best jobs as an M.L.A. and a Minister of the Crown. And you were right there with our great Premier through thick and thin, even when other so called Social Credit supporters were ready to stab him in the back.

Mr. Reid, you will be missed. The people of this great province have lost a hard worker, an honest man and a real go-getter, get things done guy.

Bill, if I may, I would like to remember you with a picture. Could you send me an autographed one before you go. I like to collect such things from great leaders and public figures that I admire greatly. And you are one of **THE** greats!

Best wishes to you and your family. Good success in business. Keep working for free enterprise (I know you will). Give things some time and maybe we'll see you back in the government after awhile. I sure hope so.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Free enterprise forever!
Bill Reid - what a great guy!

Sincerely,



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September 28, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Vincent:

I thank you for your very thoughtful letter and words of encouragement. As you indicated in your letter, this has been a very trying year for my family and friends.

I am taking some time to re-charge the batteries and will continue to stand up for British Columbians and support positive initiatives and people who need assistance dealing with government departments.

Thanks again for your support.

Best personal regards,

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
Surrey/White Rock

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P.S. Picture enclosed



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1 October 1990

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
The Premier's Office
The Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Premier,

I saw you on the news today opening the Kelowna Connector - fantastic! I'll be heading up that way soon to check out the workmanship. Ahead of time and on budget - that's Vander Zalm government all the way. As far as meeting that Cicciolina goes, I agree, it could be pretty "dicey" as you said to the CBC. Although, on second thought, there may be some good business opportunities there, one never knows. I don't think she's a socialist, is she?

Regarding this recent controversy over Fantasy Gardens, it just goes to show that your critics are the ones who are stupid, not you. You're a very busy man. Details like who the minority/majority owners are cannot be accounted for by you. Besides, it's not like you were involved in the day to day operation of the Gardens. All I know is that you are a businessman, like myself, who has taken time out to serve the people, all the people. That don't mean you have to let a good deal slide away on you. No matter what anyone says, you are still numero uno in my books - you bet!

Mr. Premier, it would be great if you called an election right now. I'm ready to vote for Social Credit here in Vancouver-Hastings. That Red Bob Williams has got to go! I remember the things he did and said back in '72. A dangerous man. Who has got the nod for Social Credit here? Has there been a nomination meeting yet? Will you be making any personal appearance in my neighbourhood? I hope so. There's nothing like Vander Zalm live! Keep up the excellent work.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
On your mark, get set, GO!!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

November 21, 1990

Mr. Vincent Krako
P. O. Box 69323
Station K
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for your warm words of encouragement.

In my Office as Premier, each day presents many challenges but to receive a letter, such as yours, makes it all worthwhile. Needless to say, your kind words and warm expression of support for my leadership has given me much strength and encouragement, and I can assure you that I shall continue to work to the utmost of my ability to maintain your confidence in me.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you my very best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William N. Vander Zalm".

William N. Vander Zalm
PREMIER



VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. BOX 69323, STATION K, VANCOUVER, BC V5K 4W5

22 November 1990

John Reynolds
Minister of the Environment
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Minister,

Right-on! It's about time someone put that Sleazy Sihota in his place. You are absolutely correct, Harcourt should stop being a 'wimp' and fire the bum. I heard your comments made at your news conference on the radio and boy did it make my day. It's good to know that you have got the guts to tell it like it is - you bet! Sihota is nothing more than a witch-hunting, sees-a-SoCred-scandal-under-every-bed headline grabber. I support you on this one 100%, Mr. Minister - count on it!

Boy these rains are a bad one this year. Is your Ministry responsible for flood control, clean up and damage compensation? The task will be in good hands if it is. But honestly, for people who wilfully build on known flood plains, should they really be eligible for some of my tax dollars? I'm not so sure. People expect far too much of government - even in these disaster situations.

Mr. Minister, the environment is sure big news these days. Do you have some sort of policy document or publication outlining the government's position on environment? I'd like to receive it. Keep up the good work. Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Truth and freedom!
Unseat Sihota!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



April 6, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
PO Box 69323, Station K
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter addressed to my predecessor expressing your views regarding environmental issues.

The Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) provides funding for flood victims and the Ministry of Environment provides technical advice to staff of PEP. There have been local bylaws implemented for building on floodplains and the provincial government has been attempting to address this problem.

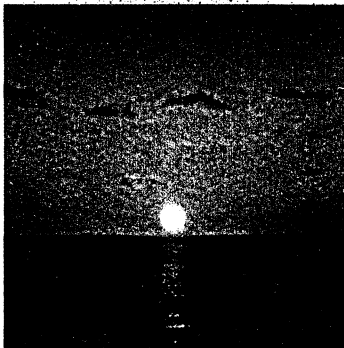
I have enclosed a brochure that explains the direction of the Ministry of Environment for the coming decade, that was published by my predecessor. I hope you will find it interesting. Please note that it lists the Acts and Regulations pertaining to this Ministry. I have also enclosed a booklet on floodproofing for your reference.

I appreciate your writing and sharing your views and your kind words of support for the Government.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Mercier
Minister

Enclosure



**MEETING
THE CHALLENGES
OF THE 90's**



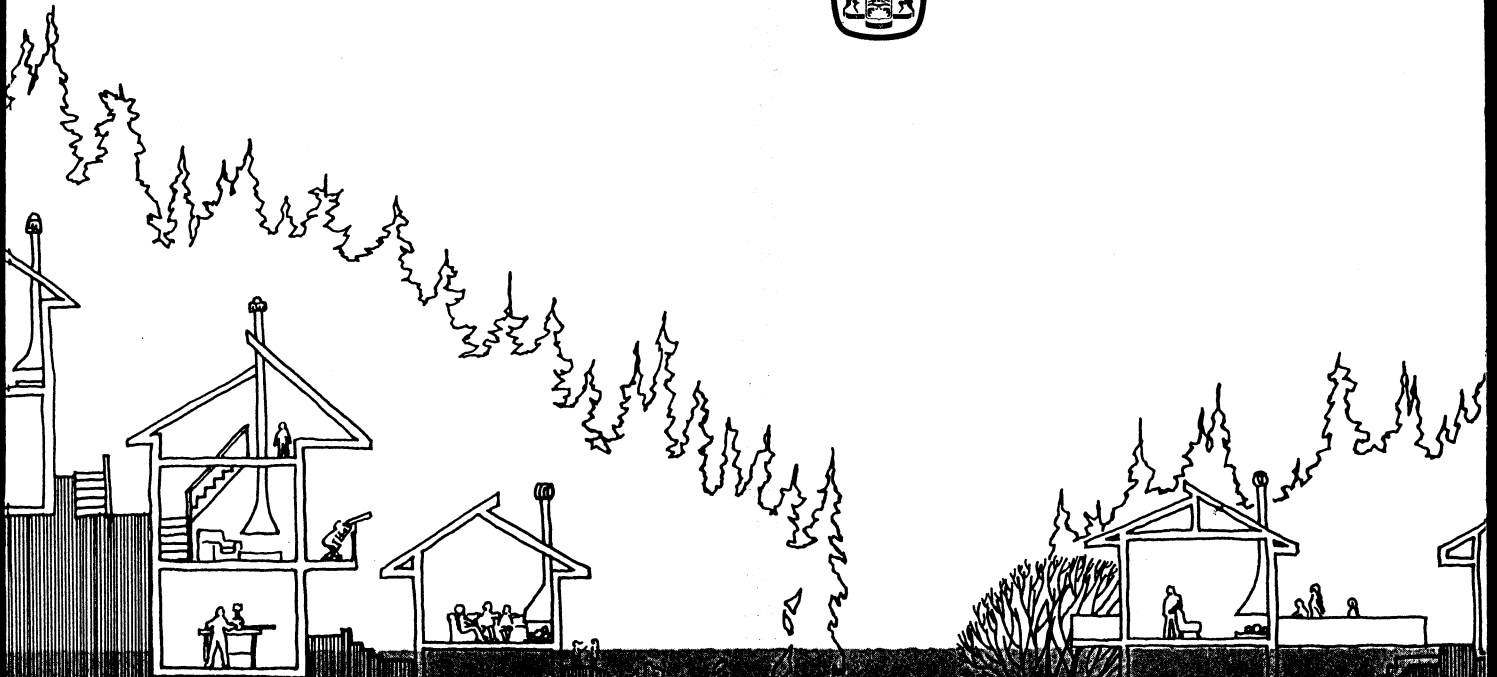
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FLOODPROOFING NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. BOX 69323, STATION K, VANCOUVER, BC V5K 4W5

13 December 1990

Rita Johnson
Minister of Highways
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4

Dear Ms. Minister,

I saw you on the news last night answering those pesky reporters' ridiculous questions. I thought your comment to them was great. "Everybody should stop watching television." Fantastic! - as our great Premier would say. And to top it all off you said it on television! The press can really be a pain at times - you bet! I think it is great that you are sticking with the Premier. Cabinet solidarity is key. So what if John Reynolds resigned. He hasn't got all the answers and he said his resignation had nothing to do with this media inspired 'grassroots revolt' of the Social Credit Party. Let's just leave it at that and get on with making even more improvements to this province.

It's been a hectic few months for you, it sure has. All that flooding and highway washout really keep you hopping, eh? You are doing a terrific job and as a citizen I am really proud of you. You know there are those who would say that managing our highway system is kind of a macho-type job, but I think your woman's touch is just what B.C. roads needed. I have every confidence in your abilities - count on it!

I'm a small businessman so I know the importance of an efficient transportation network. I am also very interested in the alternative routes proposed for Squamish. But I am not one of those cry-baby eco-wimps. If a road needs to go through and trees got to come down, then so be it - that's progress and prosperity! Any Ministry information you could send regarding new routes to Squamish-Whistler would be very much appreciated.

Now I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Stand up for our Premier!
Freedom of enterprise!
B.C. highways - the best!

Sincere Seasons Greetings,


Vincent G. Krako





Reference: 280-30/5046/90

January 28, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
Post Office Box 69323
Station K
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 1990, requesting information on alternative routes to Squamish.

I was delighted to receive your letter of support, particularly your kind comments about the service that we are providing. With respect to the Sea to Sky Highway 99, the Ministry is continuing to evaluate a number of alternatives to ensure that this highway provides an efficient, reliable level of service.

I am including a copy of the routes to Squamish which were investigated in the Ministry's 1983 Vancouver - Squamish Corridor Study.

Once again, thank you for writing.

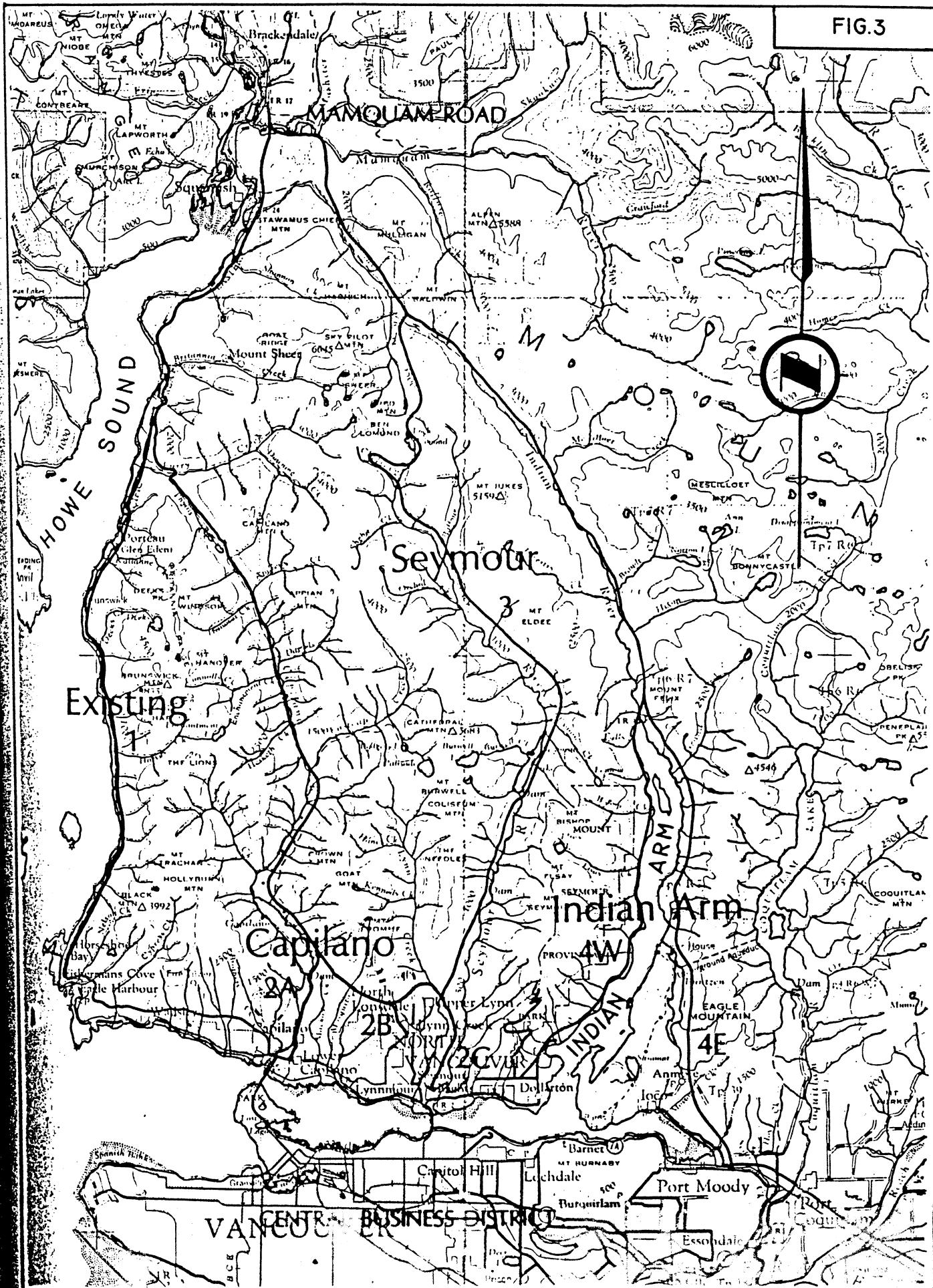
Yours sincerely,

Rita M. Johnston
Minister

Attachment

CORRIDOR COMPARISON MAP

FIG. 3



VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. BOX 69323, STATION K, VANCOUVER, BC V5K 4W5

13 December 1990

The Honourable Bud Smith
Minister of Regional and Economic Development
The Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Minister,

I am very pleased to see you back in cabinet and again at a position to influence government administration. I was very disappointed that you had to resign in the first place. I supported you 100%. You did nothing wrong in regards to Bill Reid. Besides, Bill Reid is a great guy. I've written to him expressing my support a couple of times and he always sends a warm, personal reply. Who won't go to bat to help out a colleague like that? Not that Sihota fellow that's for sure, he's too busy sneaking and snooping around stirring up you know what. What ever happened to privacy? As you stated to The Vancouver Sun, a number of investigations took place, the media-NDP charges were groundless and the accusers conduct was 'potentially criminal.' I hope we see them in court someday on libel and slander charges. But now is the time to put all that behind and get on with the job of developing those regions economically - you bet!

What are your plans for the Ministry? Could you arrange to have some sort of information or mission statement sent to me regarding Regional and Economic Development. I am a small businessman in the building maintenance area and would be interested in information regarding grant and other programs for that sector. I know I can count on you to do a superlative job in that portfolio. Our Premier and the Party needs a good man like you at this time. Your strategy skills are well appreciated. We've got to keep the socialists off the government benches - and how!

Mr. Smith, may I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Stand up for our Premier!
Stand up for British Columbia!
Bud Smith - what a great guy!

Sincere Seasons Greetings

Vincent

Vincent G. Krako





Province of
British Columbia

Ministry of
Regional and
Economic Development

Parliament Buildings
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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER

January 2, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
Post Office Box 69323
Station "K"
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Vincent
Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 13 and the kind words on my re-appointment to Cabinet. Its always good to hear from people like yourself expressing support.

Enclosed is a Mission Statement, together with various brochures covering programs available in this Ministry. You may wish to review the brochures to see if there is anything we can do to assist your particular business. If we can provide further information, please write.

Again, thank you for taking the time to drop me a line.

Yours sincerely,

Bud Smith
Minister.

Encls.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Ministry of Regional and Economic Development to promote environmentally sound economic growth and diversification, and to ensure access to government services, in all regions of the Province.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The major priorities for the MRED are as follows:

- To facilitate an understanding by customers and staff of the complexities of doing business in a small, open, commodity-based economy.
- To create a favourable environment in which small businesses can start up and thrive.
- To represent British Columbia's interests in federal/provincial and interprovincial arrangements and to ensure that the Province receives equitable treatment in the disbursement of federal regional development diversification and procurement expenditures.
- To ensure all regions of the Province have the same level of access to Government information, programs and services as is available in Vancouver and Victoria.
- To promote a leadership and management climate which fosters quality services to its clients as well as challenges each employee to maximize their skills and abilities to achieve the Ministry's objectives.
- To be the proactive, lead Ministry on matters of vital interest to the sustainable economic development of the Province.
- To ensure sustainable development and diversification in every region by working together with all levels of government and the private sector.
- To communicate the mandate and mission of the Ministry to improve the level of awareness among the employees and clients of the Ministry.

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British Columbia
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VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. BOX 69323, STATION K, VANCOUVER, BC V5K 4W5

15 December 1990

Mrs. Grace McCarthy
MLA, Vancouver-Little Mountain
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

It has been awhile since I last wrote you but now I feel it is time. I was sorry not to see you back in cabinet. Although I support our great Premier 100%, I think it would be even better for our province if you were there. I'm glad to see Bud Smith back. I don't agree with the media that it was 'too soon.' Let bygones be bygones I say. We are a Christian people, we know how to forgive.

Mrs. McCarthy, these are troubled times for Social Credit. The polls look bad and there is this so called 'grassroots' revolt. A lot of this stuff is whipped up by the media-NDP alliance - you bet it is! Nevertheless, unity is key and all the Party must unite behind the leader. How can we turn things around? I think it is very late in the mandate to be getting into a leadership race. What do you think?

Until now I have abstained from party involvement of any kind. But the fortunes of the Social Credit look so low and the danger of the socialists sitting in the government benches so high that the time has come for a stand. Could you please send me information regarding membership in the Social Credit Party of British Columbia. I ask you because you are, in so many ways, the true spirit of Social Credit. You provide and maintain that historical link to the great days of the Bennetts.

Mrs. McCarthy, my daughter and I would now like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. It is particularly enjoyable to be living a successful life in such a bountiful and free country.

Stand up for our Premier!
Stand up for British Columbia!
Think positively and prosper!

Sincere Seasons Greetings,

Vincent
Vincent G. Krako



GRACE M. MCCARTHY, M.L.A.
(VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN)
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VANCOUVER, B.C.
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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
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January 6, 1991

Mr. Vince Krako
Box 69323
Station "K"
VANCOUVER, B.C.
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

In my absence during the month of January for my annual holidays, I have asked my staff in Victoria to arrange for this acknowledgement to your recent letter.

Although I will not be able to review the precise contents of your letter until my return to the province, I will be informed of the weekly tally of mail on the theme of your remarks so that I will be able to keep up to date on the views of constituents and various members of the Social Credit Party.

Some of you who are writing, will be in favour of a leadership review, while others will be quite opposed to such an exercise at this time. I ask all of you to keep in mind that regardless of which side you are on, you be honest in recognizing that public discontent is widespread throughout the province and that this in turn is merely being reflected in both public and private comments by a significant number of our elected Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Jim Bennett FOR
Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.
Vancouver-Little Mountain

SIGNED IN MRS. MCCARTHY'S ABSENCE BY STAFF

VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. BOX 69323, STATION K, VANCOUVER, BC V5K 4W5

30 January 1991

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
The Premier's Office
The Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Premier,


I thought your television address to the province was fantastic - you bet! When did you start wearing glasses? Nice frames, they give you a very statesman-like look.

You were absolutely right in your speech. Government finances are not a 'bottomless pit' as so many people think. Lots of good news and worthwhile initiatives but, as usual, all that those three media-types could talk about was your private business affairs and that go-getter Faye Leung. Where does she get those hats? She's a good saleswoman - the media should get off her back. The way the press acts these days you would think that doing honest business was a crime. With all that good news you would think that some more responsible questions could be asked. I was very surprised at Jack Webster's attacks. As a fellow immigrant he should have more respect. All us immigrants got stick together. Our new home here in British Columbia, Canada has been very good to us. That Kevin Evans was pretty hard on you too. All these guys want is to be the first to pin the Premier with some dirt. I thought it was great the way you defended your right to do business and love your wife. Lillian must be very proud of you. I know I am! Mr. Premier, as I have often said, you have got my support 100% - count on it! Call that election! I'll tell every one I know to vote Social Credit.

Could I get a transcript of your address? I video taped it but would like it to read and study more carefully. As you said, you are a salesman and it's natural that you would want to promote and sell B.C. as best you can. I'm in business and I understand that investment in this great province brings a trickle down effect of money into my pocket too. Keep up the good work!

Stand up for British Columbia!
Defend private enterprise!
Premier Vander Zalm - the greatest!

Sincerely,


Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

February 11, 1991

Mr. Vincent Krako
P. O. Box 69323
Station K
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your recent supportive letter. I sincerely appreciated hearing from you.

A leader can only lead with the authority of supporters such as yourself. Such leadership is earned and then tested again and again. Each trial and test serves to strengthen the resolve and toughen the leader for the future.

I believe that the 1991 Provincial Election will be the toughest election ever fought in British Columbia. I also believe that this election will be decided, as it has but once in the last 40 years, by people like you who choose a positive vision of British Columbia rather than a negative, obsolete ideology. Accordingly, your support is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William N. Vander Zalm".

William N. Vander Zalm
PREMIER

VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5

10 February 1991

Mrs. Grace McCarthy
MLA, Vancouver-Little Mountain
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
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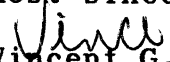
Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

I want to let you know that, although I am saddened that you won't run again, you still have my support 100% - you bet! As I have written to you previously, I feel that in many ways you are the soul of Social Credit. The media loves to play on your differences with our great Premier but the most important thing that you, Mr. Vander Zalm and the Social Credit Party have in common is the positive outlook. That is the great thing about Social Credit. Thinking positively and being positive is the key to success. Dr. Robert Schuller, who I often watch on TV, is a great advocate of this. Are you familiar with his works? I think you must be.

Mrs. McCarthy, I know that you will continue to work for the advancement of free enterprise in this wonderful province. What are your future plans? I hope you will be active 'behind the scenes' building up Social Credit for the next election. We cannot allow the socialists to win. I'm ready to fight them at every turn - count on it! I read Keith Baldrey's articles in The Vancouver Sun with interest. And although he couldn't resist the snide sniping so typical of his 'profession' by reminding of us that stupid tea party on your lawn and the names you were called such as 'Agent Orange' and 'Marie Antoinette' he did have to admit that it was you that brought Social Credit back in 1975. It was you that got the Party moving and the membership up that allowed our liberation from the NDP. God bless you for that!

Success in what ever you do. I bet you've got a book planned, when it's released I'll buy it for sure. Thank-you most heartily for your fine service to all the people of British Columbia.

Think positive and be positive!
Free enterprise forever!
Grace McCarthy - what a great lady!

Most sincerely,

Vincent G. Krako



February 27, 1991

Dear Vince,

Many thanks for your very thoughtful letter. Like you, I am a Robert Schuller "fan", and look forward to the days ahead with optimism. Whatever the future holds, I will remember my time in public life as a very happy experience. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to serve our Province.

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How I don't know
about a house - I'm
still more interested in
making history than
recording it!

Thank you for
your support.

Sincerely,

Grace.

VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5

10 February 1991

Hope Rust
President
Social Credit Party
236-10711 Cambie Road
Richmond, BC
V6X 3G5

Dear Ms. Rust,

I am very glad to see that you are solidly behind our great Premier. He is the leader of the party and as such must be given unquestioned loyalty and support. Those dissident constituency associations have failed and that's the end of it. I was very sorry to see Grace McCarthy have a falling out with the Premier and now her resignation. To me she was in many ways the soul of Social Credit, the historical link with the great Bennett era of power and progress. But that is all passed now. The party must move on.

Although I have been a big supporter of Social Credit, especially after the Expo and Mr. Vander Zalm's victory in 1986, I have not joined. Now is the time to take the pledge. Please sent me information and application form for membership in the Party. I am well aware that many have lost faith in Social Credit and our Premier, I don't know why but that is the way it is. The election is coming soon and we must do all we can to keep those socialistic, free spending, tax raising, private rights infringing, welfare promoting and anti-business NDPers out of office. As a small businessman I can tell you that an NDP government would do us all in - you bet!

Ms. Rust, you have done an excellent job running the party. How long have you been in the job now? Do you ever plan to run as an MLA? I think you should. You'd be in cabinet for sure. Go for it! You've got my support 100% - count on it! I'll hear from you soon I trust. Keep up the good work and thank-you for your time and consideration.

Stand up for our Premier!
Stand up for British Columbia!
Social Credit forever!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SOCIAL CREDIT

Hope Rust,
President

February 11, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
P.O. Box 69323, Station K
Vancouver, B.C.
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining the
B.C. Social Credit Party.

Our Party members are very important to us, for it is
through our grassroots that our Party keeps in close
touch with issues and concerns of British Columbians.

In addition to a membership application, I am enclosing
a copy of our Party newspaper, the Party Link, which I
hope you will find interesting.

You kind comments are very much appreciated. I have
been President of the Party since 1985, but as for
running as an M.L.A. -- I thank you for your support,
but I think I'd rather stay where I am.

Thank you once again for writing.

B.C. SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY

Hope
Hope Rust
President

HR: jr

Enclosures



VINCENT G. KRAKO
P.O. Box 69323
Station K
Vancouver, BC
V5K 4W5

13 February 1991

Mel Couvelier
M.L.A.
The Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Couvelier,

I was very disappointed about your resignation. I feel that you have done some great things for British Columbia's economy and I was looking forward to more of your team work with our great Premier. I know he has been in the hot water these days but he is still the leader and he must be followed. It is too bad you could not work out your differences. You are an honourable and intelligent man and you had to do what you had to do. I just wish you would have stuck with it. The media sure likes to jump all over this sort of thing - you bet they do!

What are your plans now? I heard on the news this morning that you've been nominated in Saanich and you will run under the Social Credit banner. You've got my support 100% on that decision - count on it! None of this B.C. Pacific Party for you. Social Credit needs good people now. While I would like to see Mr. Vander Zalm continue in the top spot as long as possible, I realize that he may have to step aside one day. I just want to say that you would be one of my considerations for a new leader. You have not attacked the Premier nor have you openly sided with the rebels. That stance will stand you in good stead.

Mr. Couvelier I'd like to understand your position better. Do you have a copy of your statement of resignation from the post of Finance Minister. An outline of your reasoning would help me greatly to understand this present crisis. I do not think you were hammering another nail into the 'Premier's coffin' as certain press reporters would have us believe.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter and consider my opinions.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Keep the economy booming!
Fight! Fight! Fight!

Sincerely,





March 29, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
P.O. Box 69323
Station K
Vancouver, British Columbia
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 1991. As you requested I am attaching a copy of my letter of resignation.

I have been as careful as I can be in my public statements that I do not prejudge the outcome of the various investigations that are underway and that I am a Social Crediter. There is only room for one free enterprise party in British Columbia and we have such an instrument. I also believe that our party must reconfirm in the voters' minds valid reasons for supporting us. I do not believe simply changing the leader will win us the election.

Quite simply my reasons for resigning the front bench were that that position requires absolute total, blind loyalty and defense of the leader which I did not feel I could, with honesty and integrity, deliver. The Premier is entitled to a degree of loyalty which I no longer felt. The Premier assured us when he issued the seven page statement of defense surrounding the Fantasy Garden sale issue that it contained all of the relevant information. We continued to be blindsided almost daily with new revelations not contained in that seven page statement.

These are extremely difficult times for all of us in government and the Party's credibility in the voters' minds is in jeopardy. Our obligation, it seems to me, is to remain steadfast and loyal to the Party and committed to its continued

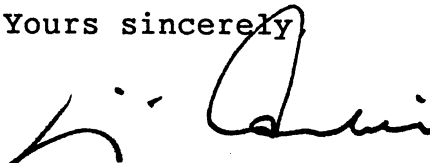
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growth. If we all work together to that common purpose rather than allow ourselves to be distracted by personality-type issues it should be possible to work our way out of the current problems. I am encouraged by your evident willingness to help do that.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Couvelier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mel Couvelier, M.L.A.
Saanich and the Islands

Enclosure



March 6, 1991

Honourable William N. Vander Zalm
Premier
Province of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia
V8V 1X4

Dear Premier:

It is with deep regret I submit my resignation from my
Cabinet responsibilities effective today.

This is the most troublesome decision I have ever made
because I am aware of the difficulties this presents for you
and my colleagues.

It is my ambition to continue sitting as a full and active
member of our Caucus, if they are willing to have me. In a
similar sense I will be putting the issue of my candidacy in
the forthcoming election to my constituency executive for
their counsel and advice.

In conclusion may I express my heartfelt gratitude for the
opportunity you provided me to participate in a government
which has accomplished so much for the benefit of all
British Columbians in such a relatively short space of time.
That is a tribute to your leadership and the collective
wisdom of our colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Mel Couvelier
Minister