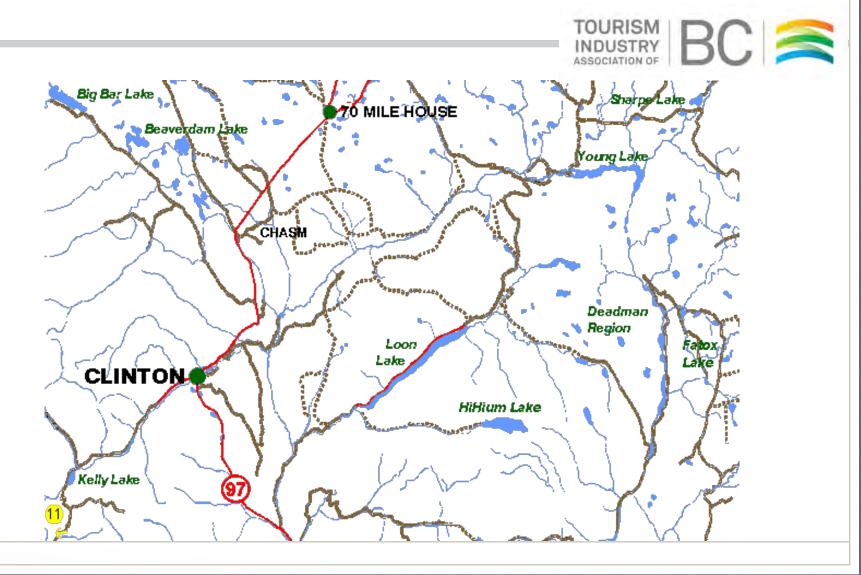
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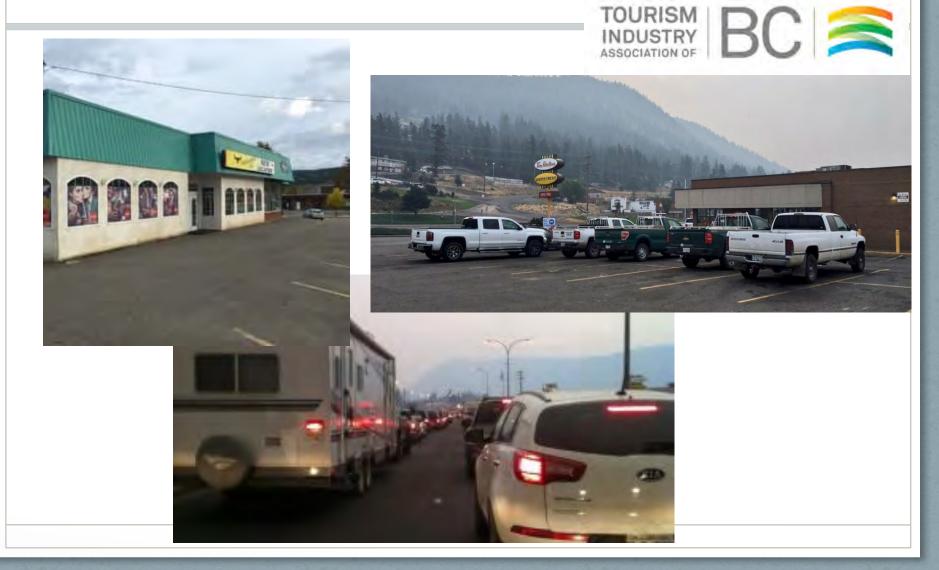








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Wildfires – What Worked

- Interim communication framework worked
- Strong cooperation between DBC, RDMOs, CDMOs, TIABC, Min of Tourism, BC Parks
- Proactive communication with clients
- Consistent messaging
- Know Before You Go



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Know Before You Go - Wildfires

As you may know, there are a few areas of British Columbia currently dealing with wildfires. However, British Columbia is a very large and diverse province, and there are many areas that are not impacted and are open for business.

Wildfires – Challenges

- Media sensationalism
- Stakeholders not responding to or engaging with communication channels
- Short-term needs versus long-term gain



Wildfires – Challenges

- New government
- Bureaucrats risk averse; no consideration for tourism industry; poor communication



Wildfires - Recommendations

- Need firm communications framework & protocol
- Need RDMOs embedded into local emergency centres
- Need to educate bureaucrats and government
- > Need to consider individual client's experience as part of decision-making

Evacuation Order What To Do

- Close all windows and doors
- Turn off unnecessary appliances

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- Keep on 1 outside light
- Take critical items like medication
- Take pets in a kennel

Climate Change

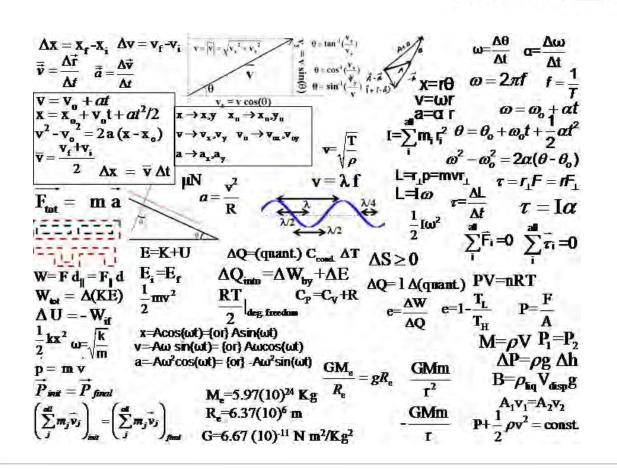


New Government

- Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture
- Dedicated ministry



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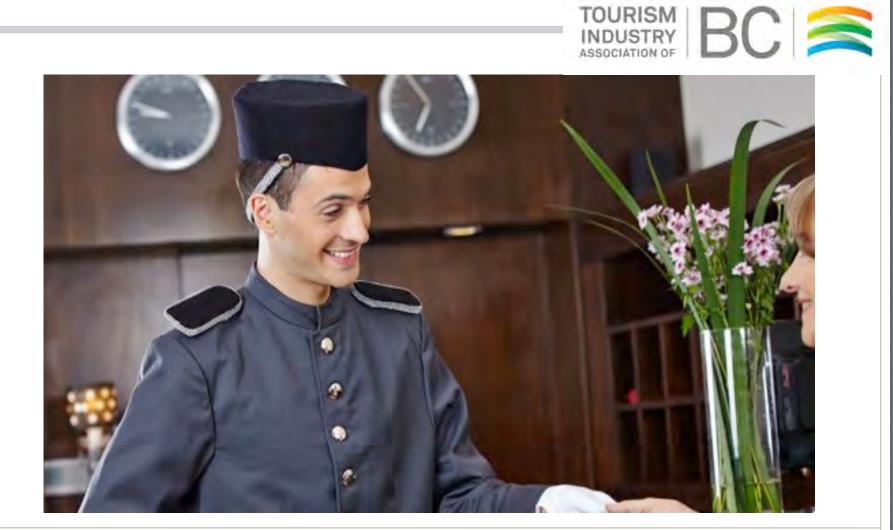
Travel Disruptors







Labour Shortages





Transportation













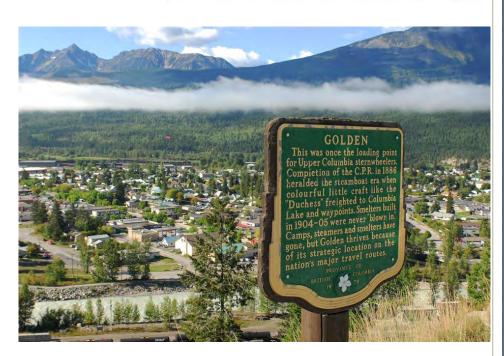
Stakeholder Relations



2017...so far

- \$15.9 billion in revenues

 higher GDP than
 agriculture, fishing,
 mining
- 127,000 employees, 19,000 businesses
- 3.3 million international visitors (July 2017), +3%
- Room revenue
 - East Kootenays = +9.4%
 - Revelstoke = +7.5%



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