



Speaking Points for

The Honourable Kash Heed Solicitor General

Date: Friday, October 23, 2009

**Event: Federal – Provincial – Municipal Infrastructure:
New Property & Forensic Storage Facility at VPD
Vancouver Police Dept. Media Room , 2120 Cambie St.**

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Good Morning,

- I want to thank our federal and municipal partners working with us to fund a new Property and Forensic Storage Facility for the Vancouver Police Department. I'd also like to thank Chief Chu and the VPD for hosting us today.
- The focus of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund is on projects that can begin immediately and be completed by March 31, 2011.
- This announcement represents a partnership between the federal, provincial and municipal governments that allows us to create thousands of jobs throughout every region of B.C.
- In fact, the construction of this facility is expected to create at least 192 jobs.
- The Province is pleased to commit our share -- 10-million dollars -- to the 30-million dollar cost of this facility.
- The Vancouver Police Department does first-class work, and a new and modern facility will further help in the crucial tasks of obtaining, storing and processing evidence.
- In February, Premier Gordon Campbell announced a comprehensive plan to strengthen British Columbia's fight against gang and gun violence.
- And, I am pleased to say, it is working 135 organized crime and gang members have been arrested and charged with approximately 350 serious offences since the strategy was unveiled in February.
- But to ensure the charges result in more criminals behind bars, police need a technologically-advanced facility to investigate crimes and process the evidence like the one we are announcing here today.
- I would like to thank all the partners involved for recognizing the importance of this project, which will enhance the safety and security of all British Columbians.

Thank you.