MLA Report



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I was saddened to hear the news from Osisko Development Corp. of the death of a contract worker at the Cariboo Gold Project near Wells. Our deepest condolences go out to the worker's family, friends, and colleagues as they grieve this devastating loss.

January has been a busy month focused on the challenges in our resource sector, in particular, forestry, the backbone of our regional economy. During the week of January 12, I attended the Truck Loggers Association's Annual Convention & Trade Show in Vancouver. This gathering provided the opportunity for me to meet with logging contractors, industry, and suppliers and to discuss pathways forward for forestry in our province and the considerable pressure that this industry is under.

On January 20, West Fraser hosted a tour of commercial thinning operations north of Quesnel for me, Forest Minister Ravi Parmar and Lhtako Dene Chief Clifford LeBrun. It was refreshing to hear directly from operators in the field about the challenges and successes in today's forest sector. Thank you to Clauson Logging and Integrated Operations Group for your insights into problems and solutions for this industry.

I also attended the BC Natural Resources Forum to further engage with leaders and stakeholders in B.C.'s forest, mining, and hunting and guiding including Artemis Gold, to discuss their upcoming major expansion project for the mine in my riding. Mining continues to present major opportunities in our region for good long term employment opportunities. I will be attending the AME Round Up in Vancouver at the end of January to meet with various people in B.C.'s mining sector including geoscientists, prospectors, financiers, investors, suppliers and first nation partners as we build this expanding, and exciting sector of our economy.

My office has formed a stakeholder roundtable bringing together various service agencies, faith-based groups, and individuals together to coordinate efforts to assist people facing food and housing insecurity. I am attending the third roundtable meeting this month to hear directly from stakeholders and report back on the efforts of my office to assist in maximizing the tremendous work our community is doing to help some of the most vulnerable in our community.

As many of you may have heard, we have received the disappointing news that the historic Cottonwood River Canyon Bridge on Quesnel-Hixon Road will begin decommissioning starting in June 2026. The Cariboo Road Recovery Project was launched in 2021 to address the various slide and road failure events that occurred around the constituency. There is significant money committed to these projects that has not been spent, and I continue to pressure Transportation Minister Mike Farnworth to fully fund these recovery projects including at Quesnel-Hixon Road. As well, my staff and I have brought concerns forward to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit regarding ongoing road maintenance issues throughout the region.

Preparation for the spring session at the legislature includes preparing for the throne speech, a new budget, and questioning ministers on their budget estimates as well as on new bills. I have a bill in process to expand the definition of catastrophic injury to improve compensation for people with loss of limb ICBC claims. I hope to see it move forward with all due haste.

Efforts to resolve issues around Dragon Mountain and Durrell Road continue, as it's essential to restore that route and deal with potential issues around wildfire prevention.

Cheers to Burns: A memorable evening



Quesnel piper Jess Cameron plays a solo.



Quesnel piper Judy Campbell performs with the Quesnel Pipes & Drums during the 2026 Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 24, 2026 in Quesnel. (Laísa Condé photos/Quesnel Cariboo Observer)



Quesnel piper Bryan Rodger presents the haggis to the crowd open during the 2026 Robbie Burns Night .



Quesnel piper Roger Williamson talks during the 2026 Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 24, 2026 in Quesnel.



Quesnellians enjoy their evening at the 2026 Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 24, 2026 in Quesnel.

HOROSCOPES

January 25 to 31, 2026

ARIES – Mar 21/April 20

Before making a major purchase, review your budget and decide if the expense is truly necessary. Be patient and you'll be more satisfied and find a better price.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Be prepared for a busy week ahead full of unexpected events. You'll earn a promotion at work. This could provide you with either valuable security for the future or the chance to begin an exciting new phase filled with promise and motivation.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Taking a step back will give you the momentum you need to accomplish something remarkable. Your artistic side will shine through this week. You'll be brimming with creativity. You may also choose to get involved in a meaningful social cause.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Your friends will invite you on an enjoyable outing or a trip. You'll come up with an ingenious idea that could help alleviate some of your financial concerns. Trust the sound advice of financial experts and professionals.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You'll be in charge of organizing an event that will bring many people together. You'll easily handle urgent situations, both at work and at home. An opportunity to celebrate a success may also present itself.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

You'll acquire new knowledge this week, which will inspire you profoundly and spark a personal transformation. You may explore your spiritual side or establish a simple but meaningful ritual that brings happiness to your daily life.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct23

Your emotions will be running high this week. This will prompt you to strengthen your relationships with your loved ones. You may have an epiphany, which could awaken in you a desire to explore and embrace new enriching experiences.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You'll have to make an important decision this week that will require careful consideration. If you want to achieve your professional goals, you must make certain adjustments to move in the right direction and find true satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You'll have heavy responsibilities at work and home this week. You'll keep your space neat and tidy, which will bring you happiness and increase your efficiency and productivity in your daily life.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Your growing self-confidence will spark significant professional and personal growth. This assurance will help you stand out from the crowd and earn considerable recognition from those around you.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Whether you're single or in a relationship, love at first sight could turn your world upside down and spark an irresistible fascination. You and your relatives will be thrilled by a birth announcement in the family.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You'll form new friendships and professional relationships this week. Your strong communication skills will help you reach fair agreements and ease tensions, creating a more peaceful and productive atmosphere.