



Official portrait of Iona Campagnolo as Minister of State, Fitness and Amateur Sport, 1978-79 (Photographer unknown); The Honourable Iona Campagnolo fonds, Accession No. 2009.6.1.256 Northern B.C. Archives & Special Collections, Geoffrey R. Weller Library

NORTHERN BC ARCHIVES COMPLETES CAMPAGNOLO FINDING AID

The records of The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, P.C., O.C., O.B.C., totaling 35+ metres of textual and other materials, are now accessible. Private records were deposited in 2009 with an accrual transferred by Library and Archives Canada, providing rich context to Campagnolo's private and professional life over a 35 year period. The Political Papers Series document her tenure as federal MP for Skeena BC, as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development, as Cabinet Minister, and as Canada's first Minister of State for Fitness & Amateur Sport. Records document regional concerns and linkages between regional-federal issues of the 1970-80s. For example, Campagnolo's noted involvement in The Ministry of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport led to "distinct initiatives to bring both B.C. and the Northern region into the ambit of National Sport activities."

Other series document Campagnolo's pre-political career as broadcaster and community leader, and later as President of the Liberal Party of Canada; as advocate and consultant for NGO's; as UNBC's first Chancellor; and BC's 27th Lieutenant-Governor. The 1500+ speeches reveal Campagnolo's political and personal philosophies on a range of national and global issues. The archive provides a wealth of materials for academic research. <http://search.nbca.unbc.ca/index.php/honourable-iona-campagnolo-fonds;rad>

NORTHERN BC'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

How does a researcher connect with a business or industry, and then make his or her discoveries available to the public? Where do you go to find funding to take a partnership to the next level?

On Thursday, February 20, the Maker Lab at Prince George's Two Rivers Gallery was where 80+ people convened to address that question. Among them were representatives from business, industry, academia, non-profits, and research funding agencies.

The event, organized through a partnership of UNBC, CNC, the Innovation Central Society and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), was a success. Representatives from NSERC, Mitacs and the National Research Council's IRAP program were on hand to network with local entrepreneurs and researchers.

Dr. Albert Koehler, as keynote speaker, talked about his success in developing an idea from concept through patenting to sales. The development of his device, the multi-bit screwdriver, succeeded and has helped millions of people around the world. He then pointed to trends that will affect Northern BC in the coming years, and reiterated the importance of fostering an interest in innovation from an early age.

Networking abounded throughout the night and beyond. Small businesses met with researchers. Funding agencies answered questions ranging from general to very specific. Connections were made and ideas developed.

The creative venue was selected so that participants could contribute their thoughts to the theme "Building an Ecosystem for Innovation in Northern BC". These thoughts were captured throughout the night by Avril Orloff, a professional graphic facilitator. The visual results will be displayed in downtown Prince George at the Innovation Central Society, at the College of New Caledonia and at UNBC.

Only four days later, the connections built that evening continue to grow. At UNBC's Research Partnership and Innovation Office, the emails I have received convey a sense of excitement and opportunity. Two long-abandoned ideas are being dusted off and looked at again. One opportunity for a predictable relationship was pushed ahead by a chance meeting, and many emails reflect an appreciation of the chance for researchers to meet businesses and consider what steps they could take together.

If you are interested in learning more about potential partnerships with business, industry or other organizations, and the type of support available for your research, please contact me: Garth Frizzell, UNBC Research Partnership and Innovation Officer 250.960.5103 garth.frizzell@unbc.ca

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2014

External Funding	Internal Deadline	Agency Deadline
SSHRC Connection Grants	n/a	Continuous Intake
CIHR Team Grant (LOI due Feb 12)	Jul 30*	Aug 6
CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant	Mar 24	Apr 1
CFI Innovation Fund	Mar 28*	Jun 27
CIHR Foundation Scheme 1st Live Pilot (registration)	n/a	Jun 23
NSERC CREATE Program	May 1*	Sept 22
NSERC Collaborative & Thematic Resources Support in Mathematics and Statics Program	May 1*	Sept 22
NSERC Engage Grants	no deadline	
Mitacs Accelerate Grant	no deadline	
Mitacs Accelerate Development Internship	no deadline	
Internal Funding	Internal Deadline	
Research SEED Grant	Mar 1	
BC Real Estate Foundation Partnering Fund	Mar 1	
Conference Travel Grant	Mar 15	

*extra time required to prepare institutional letter of support/endorsement/intent

In an effort to reduce the funding gap that may exist for some existing grantees, CIHR has changed the funding start date for its 2014 Foundation Scheme live pilot and Transitional Open Operating Grant Program competitions from October 1, 2015 to July 1, 2015. Please note that the application deadlines have not changed.