

JANUARY 1979

Jamieson alludes to Federal Government support while cautioning that matters require consultation between departments and with British Columbia. BC begins preparation of firm statement of intention for March, 1979, to be followed by application in June. Government distributes British Columbia Resource Corporation shares and Premier urges investment.

FEBRUARY 1979

Initial planning envisions a four-month event located at the Pacific National Exhibition site. Included in the concept is a trade and convention centre as part of the PNE grounds complex. Also envisioned is a transportation system from the PNE to the downtown core as a key theme element.

MARCH 1979

Reid, Wallace, Curtis, and others meet in Vancouver to formulate specifics for firm statement of intention to the BIE. This statement is forwarded to Paris. Prime Minister Trudeau calls general election for May.

APRIL 1979

The Honourable Evan Wolfe assures the public that the worst-case Transpo deficit scenario is \$12 million.

MAY 1979

The Progressive Conservatives win the Federal general election. The Hon. Joe Clark becomes Prime Minister.

JUNE 1979

Formal application is submitted to the June 20, 1979, meeting of the BIE in Paris. The year requested is 1986, the centenary of the City of Vancouver and the arrival of the first transcontinental passenger train at West Coast tidewater. The proposed location divides the event between the main site at Pier BC and a secondary site at the PNE's Exhibition Park. International and host pavilions would be located at Pier BC while corporate, state, and provincial pavilions, as well as amusement elements, would be set at the PNE. A light, rapid urban transit system would join the sites.