

- Thank you Irene
- Give a hand to our performers!
- We're here on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples -- Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations
- A lot has happened since the last time the BC Fed got together
- We have a new government!

[pause]

- For 16 years, the BC Liberals shut working people out and left families behind.
- Contracts were ripped up...
- Hard-won rights were rolled back...
- And cuts to public services hurt people every day.
- Friends -- it is a new day
- With a new NDP government
- For the first time in 16 years, working people will get a fair shake!

- I'm proud to lead a government that's making life better for people
- Although government is slightly different than I remember
- I had a lot more hair back in the 1990s
- Work and workplaces will always change with the times
- But as trade unionists, our goals must be the same:

- Fair treatment for workers
- Secure and safe work
- And good jobs for people in communities across BC.
- This will always be our fight.
- I will always be in your corner.
- You can count on it.

[pause]

- It's been 101 days since we formed government.

