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Campbell for climate-change leadership

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To the editor:

When the Premier Gordon Campbell stepped down, it was not so much surprising as it was unexpectedly sudden.

But then again, for how long can anyone be expected to ask his family to endure the extreme partisanship of British Columbia politics and the kind of public exposure the Campbell family has had to endure?

Fortunately for B.C., Campbell persevered through it all and endured, and I have no reservation whatsoever in applauding him for his leadership, and especially for his leadership on climate change and the development of B.C.'s abundant renewable green energy resources.

The forward-thinking energy policies implemented under his leadership have put B.C. back on the road to electricity self-sufficiency and reversed the trend that saw our province relying increasingly on imported coal-fired electricity from outside the province.

Under his leadership, B.C.'s aging hydroelectric dams from the '60s, '70s and '80s, which previous governments neglected and allowed to fall into disrepair, are being refurbished and modernized through a multibillion-dollar reinvestment program that will ensure they are there to produce clean energy for our children and grandchildren and for the generations that follow.

And thanks to the new B.C. Clean Energy Act, which paves the way for economic growth and job creation in this province by unleashing our full potential in clean energy, B.C. is also on track to become a major exporter of renewable green energy and a leader in power smart technologies, environmental stewardship and climate action.

By setting these clean energy goals and bringing them to fruition, Campbell has left our province in far better shape than the "have-not" province he inherited and we owe him our gratitude for the determination and tenacity he has shown in service to this province.

On behalf of B.C. Citizens for Green Energy, I offer our best wishes and thanks to Premier Campbell, and we sincerely hope he will continue to play a strong leadership role in the development of B.C.'s abundant green energy resources.

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