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Well wishes to the premier...

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To the Editor:

When the Premier stepped down last week, it was not so much surprising as it was unexpectedly sudden. But then again, for how long can anyone be expected to ask their family to endure the extreme partisanship of B.C. politics and the kind of public exposure the Campbell family have had to endure?

Fortunately for B.C., Premier 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 Premier Campbell's leadership have put B.C. back on the road to electricity self-sufficiency and reversed the trend which saw our province relying increasingly on imported coal-fired electricity from outside the province.

Under Premier Campbell's 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 multi-billion 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, Premier 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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