

2013 Decision Note Advice to Minister

Date: December 12, 2013

Cliff #: 100461

Issue: Amendments are required to update the Designation and Directions respecting the BC Services Card and personal identity information.

Recommendation / Next Steps (if any):

- Approve minor housekeeping amendments (changing the ministry name and adding two accepted pieces of secondary identification) necessary to update the BC Services Card Designation and Directions.
- Sign the updated Designation and Directions prior to December 8th, 2013 (Attached).

Pros:

- Ensures that the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services continues to be recognized as the designated Provincial Identity Information Service Provider (PIISP), under its new name.
- Ensures that the "required identification" tables in all the Directions remain current and consistent with the current practice of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) as well as consistent with each other.

Cons

- None identified.

Background / Facts:

- On July 16, 2012 the Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government was designated as the PIISP, with authority to issue the BC Services Card and to manage provincial identity information services on behalf of government.
- At that time, directions were also issued to
 - the PIISP respecting the issuance of the BC Services card and the protection of personal information (Direction 1/12); and
 - the Medical Services Commission respecting the identity-proofing standards that must be applied when adult beneficiaries are proving their identity for the purpose of enrolling or renewing their enrollment in the Medical Services Plan (Direction 3/12).
- On February 10, 2013 a new direction was issued to ICBC respecting identity proofing standards for the issuance of the BC Services Card (Direction 1/13).
- Minor updates were made at the same time to the PIISP Designation and to Directions 1/12 and 3/12 to reflect the designated ministry's name change and to update the "required identification" tables.

Analysis:

- The authority to designate a public body as a PIISP is exercised by indicating the public body by name. As a result, when a change to the name of the designated public body occurs, it is beneficial to update the Designation accordingly.
- The “required identification” tables found in the all of the Directions - which list documents that are currently accepted as proof of identity and any conditions that apply to those documents – are subject to change. As a result, periodic updates to these Directions are necessary.
- The two newly proposed secondary identifications (the Nexus Card and the Department of National Defense 404 Driver Licence) are considered highly secure and reliable identification cards. Approved by the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, they are recommended to be used as supporting identification to obtain a driver’s license within Canada.
- The revised Directions are required to be effective on December 8, 2013, to coincide with ICBC’s scheduled release of system code changes that support usage of the two new pieces of secondary identification.
- Key members of the BC Services Card project and representatives of the Medical Services Commission have been consulted on the changes and have confirmed that they have no concerns.

Other Options:

N/A

Approved/ Not approved


Honourable Andrew Wilkinson

 Date
Attachment(s): (4)

- 1) *Designation of a PIISP*
- 2) *Directions to the PIISP (Direction 1/12)*
- 3) *Direction to MSC (Direction 3/12)*
- 4) *Direction to ICBC (Direction 1/13)*

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