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## 2022/23 – 2024/25 SERVICE PLAN OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES:

- The Service Plan for the Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing (MAG) complies with the government-wide Service Plan guidelines.
- The Service Plan lays out key strategies that the ministry will undertake in the next three years to achieve its goals and objectives, as well as a high-level overview of the ministry's budget.
- The 2022/23 MAG Service Plan profiles the Ministry's responsibilities and priorities, including Housing, Homelessness, Anti-racism, as well as other priorities related to access to justice in response to changes brought about by COVID-19.
- The strategies included in the 2022/23 MAG Service Plan are aligned with directions in the Minister's mandate letter and key priorities of the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism, for example:
  - Development of a homelessness strategy;
  - Continue to deliver our government's 10-year housing plan;
  - Deliver more affordable housing through Housing Hub partnerships and;
  - Introduce legislation that will help reduce systemic discrimination and pave the way for race-based data collection.
- The 2022/23 Service Plan contains five performance measures in total, with one performance measure currently under development (i.e. reduction in the percentage of people experiencing homelessness in B.C).

**BACKGROUND:**

- The 2022/23 Service Plan is the second year of an independent MAG Service Plan. The inaugural MAG Service plan was released in April 2021. On November 26, 2020, the Premier announced a new Cabinet to deliver on government’s priorities under a new mandate. Given the new responsibilities for MAG, an opportunity arose to highlight key priorities for the ministry by pursuing an independent Service Plan that reflected the priorities of the new housing, homelessness, multiculturalism, and anti-racism portfolios.
- The financial summary includes the operating and capital expenses for 2022/23 and 2023/24 - 2024/25. The six major capital projects (over \$50 million) included are:
  - Stanley New Fountain Hotel (affordable rental housing)
  - 6585 Sussex Avenue Housing Development (affordable rental housing)
  - Clark & 1st Avenue Housing Development (affordable rental housing)
  - 13583 81st Ave Development (affordable rental housing)
  - Crosstown Development (mixed-use community housing and supportive housing programs).
  - 58 W. Hasting Street Development (mixed-use income assistance and affordable rental units, integrated health unit, and commercial retail space)

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

- **Note 2** – Mandate Letter Status Update

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**Table 1: Service Plan Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures**

Goals	Objectives	Performance Measures
1) The justice and public safety sector in British Columbia is fair	1.1) Increased access to justice	Number of substantive Family Justice Service client service activities provided
	1.2) Improved outcomes for Indigenous people through strengthened partnerships with Indigenous leadership and communities	Number of Indigenous clients supported at Indigenous Justice Centres
2) Safe, affordable and appropriate housing for all British Columbians	2.1) Reduce homelessness through permanent housing and services in partnership with provincial ministries, agencies and local governments	Reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in B.C. [under development – as part of the forthcoming Homelessness Strategy to be released in 2022/23]
	2.2) Increased security of tenure and supply of affordable market rental, non-profit, co-op, student and supported housing, and improved options for middle-income British Columbians to experience homeownership	Number of affordable and supportive housing units completed by BC Housing including affordable rental and social housing (including HousingHub)
	2.3) Enhanced safety, occupant health and accessibility, and sustainability of the built environment	CleanBC: Number of local governments referencing the Energy Step Code in bylaws and policies [2022/23 Target: to be revisited following implementation of regulatory amendments]
3) B.C.'s communities and institutions are free from racism	3.1) Champion anti-racism across government, address systemic discrimination, and support communities to respond to public incidents of racism and hate	Number of B.C. communities engaged in projects that build intercultural trust and understanding and reduce racism and systemic barriers

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## MANDATE LETTER STATUS UPDATE

### KEY MESSAGES:

- On November 26, 2020, mandate letters were given to the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-racism initiatives.
- The mandate letters identify both government-wide and ministry specific priorities for implementation. Work is currently underway on implementing these priorities (see Tables 1 and 2).
- The Ministry's key priorities include indigenous justice, addressing money laundering, creating more affordable and supportive housing, reducing homelessness, and combating racism and systemic discrimination.
- The Ministry also has a supporting role in other Ministries' mandate letter items, such as controlling the rising cost of strata insurance (Ministry of Finance) and delivering the action plan required under the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation).

### BACKGROUND:

- As part of its core operations, the Ministry works to keep communities safe and provide certainty, proportionality and, above all, fairness when dealing with criminal, civil and family law matters and to protect people, especially those who are most vulnerable.



