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November 26, 2020

Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
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Dear Minister Mark:

Thank you for agreeing to serve British Columbians as Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. You are taking on this responsibility at a time when people in our province face significant challenges as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 has turned the lives of British Columbians upside down. None of us expected to face the challenges of the past number of months, yet British Columbians have demonstrated incredible resilience, time and time again. We will get through the pandemic and its aftereffects by building on this resilience and focusing on what matters most to people.

British Columbians voted for a government focused on their priorities: fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, providing better health care for people and families, delivering affordability and security in our communities, and investing in good jobs and livelihoods in a clean-energy future.

I expect you – and the work of your ministry – to focus on the commitments detailed in our platform, *Working for You*, along with the following foundational principles:

- **Putting people first:** Since 2017, our government has focused on making decisions to meet people's needs. That focus drove our work in our first term and will continue to be our priority. British Columbians are counting on the government to keep them safe and to build an economic recovery that works for everyone, not just those at the top. Keeping people at the centre of everything we do means protecting and enhancing the public services people rely on and working to make life more affordable for everyone.
- **Lasting and meaningful reconciliation:** Reconciliation is an ongoing process and a shared responsibility for us all. The unanimous passage of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* was a significant step forward in this journey. True

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reconciliation will take time and ongoing commitment to work with Indigenous peoples as they move toward self-determination. Our government – and every ministry – must remain focused on creating opportunities for Indigenous peoples to be full partners in our economy and providing a clear and sustainable path for everyone to work toward lasting reconciliation.

- **Equity and anti-racism:** Our province's history, identity and strength are rooted in its diverse population. Yet racialized and marginalized people face historic and present-day barriers that limit their full participation in their communities, workplaces, government and their lives. Our government has a moral and ethical responsibility to tackle systemic discrimination in all its forms – and every ministry has a role in this work. While our caucus elected a record number of women, more work remains to address gender equity. Delivering on our commitments to address racial discrimination will require a commitment by all of government to ensure increased IBPOC (Indigenous, Black and People of Colour) representation within the public service, including in government appointments. Our efforts to address systemic discrimination must also inform policy and budget decisions by reviewing all decisions through a Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens.
- **A better future through fighting climate change:** In 2018, our government launched our CleanBC climate action plan. CleanBC puts British Columbia on the path to a cleaner, better future by building a low-carbon economy with new clean-energy jobs and opportunities, protecting our air, land and water and supporting communities to prepare for climate impacts. It is every Minister's responsibility to ensure your ministry's work continues to achieve CleanBC's goals.
- **A strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone:** We will continue our work to support British Columbians through the pandemic and the economic recovery by investing in health care, getting people back to work, helping businesses and communities, and building the clean, innovative economy of the future. Our plan will train the workforce of tomorrow, help businesses hire and grow and invest in the infrastructure needed to build our province.

The pandemic has reminded us that we're strongest when we work together. Delivering on our commitments to people will require a coordinated effort with your cabinet and caucus colleagues, supported by the skilled professionals in the public service. You will also support your cabinet colleagues to do their work, particularly where commitments cross ministry lines.

British Columbians expect their elected representatives to work together to advance the broader public good despite their partisan perspectives. That means seeking out, fostering and championing good ideas, regardless of their origin. I expect you to reach out to elected members from all parties as you deliver on your mandate. Further, you will build thoughtful and sustained relationships through public and stakeholder engagement plans that connect with people to incorporate their perspectives early in the policy development process. These plans must include measurable outcomes and ensure active dialogue and ongoing outreach in your ministry's actions and priorities.

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Over the course of our mandate, I expect you will make progress on the following items:

- Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.
- Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.
- Continue to collaborate with sport organizations on building a resilient recovery from COVID-19.
- Support the creation of dedicated arts and culture spaces by using capital funding through our new Recovery Investment Fund to expand our government's Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones.
- Continue the redevelopment of the Royal BC Museum.
- Work with the Minister of State for Trade to continue the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.
- Start work to create a first-of-its-kind museum to document the history, art and contributions of South Asian people in BC
- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Minister of State for Child Care, provide provincial funding to support the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, delivering a new state-of-the-art community centre along with hundreds of new child care spaces.

To assist you in meeting the commitments we have made to British Columbians, you are assigned a Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film. You will work closely together and ensure your Parliamentary Secretary receives appropriate support to deliver on the following priorities, outlined in the mandate letter issued to them:

- Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Support the Minister of Finance to re-establish the government-film sector task force to recommend the size and term of a new visual effects tax credit based on production costs.

Our work as a government must continually evolve to meet the changing needs of people in this province. Issues not contemplated in this letter will come forward for government action and I

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ask you to bring such matters forward for consideration by the Planning and Priorities Committee of cabinet, with the expectation that any proposed initiatives will be subject to the usual cabinet and Treasury Board oversight. Your ministry's priorities must reflect our government's overall strategic plan as determined by cabinet.

All cabinet members are expected to review, understand, and act according to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* and conduct themselves with the highest level of integrity. As a minister of the Crown, your conduct will reflect not only on you but on cabinet and our government. You are responsible for providing strong, professional and ethical leadership within cabinet and your ministry. You will establish a collaborative working relationship with your deputy minister and the public servants under their direction who provide the professional, non-partisan advice that is fundamental to delivering on our government's priorities. You must ensure your minister's office meets the highest standards for integrity and provides a respectful and rewarding environment for all staff.

My commitment to all British Columbians is to do my level best to make sure people's lives are better, safer and more affordable. I believe the challenges we face can and will be overcome by working together. By way of this letter, I am expressing my faith that people can expect the same commitment from you.

Sincerely,

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John Horgan
Premier



November 26, 2020

Bob D'Eith, MLA
Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film
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Dear Parliamentary Secretary D'Eith:

Thank you for agreeing to serve British Columbians as Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film, supporting the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. You are taking on this responsibility at a time when people in our province face significant challenges as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 has turned the lives of British Columbians upside down. None of us expected to face the challenges of the past number of months, yet British Columbians have demonstrated incredible resilience, time and time again. We will get through the pandemic and its aftereffects by building on this resilience and focusing on what matters most to people.

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I expect you – and the work of your ministry – to focus on the commitments detailed in our platform, *Working for You*, along with the following foundational principles:

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- **A strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone:** We will continue our work to support British Columbians through the pandemic and the economic recovery by investing in health care, getting people back to work, helping businesses and communities, and building the clean, innovative economy of the future. Our plan will train the workforce of tomorrow, help businesses hire and grow and invest in the infrastructure needed to build our province.

As Parliamentary Secretary, you will assist your Minister in carrying out their duties. You may be asked to represent the Minister at public events, deliver speeches on behalf of the Minister, or act as a spokesperson for the government's position. You will reach out to stakeholders, businesses, civil society and individuals across B.C. to better understand their perspectives and bring their views to the Minister.

You are also being given special responsibility to support your Minister in specific areas within their mandate. You will work with, and be supported by, B.C.'s professional public service in this role.

Over the course of our mandate, I expect you will make progress on the following items:

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- Support the Minister of Finance to re-establish the government-film sector task force to recommend the size and term of a new visual effects tax credit based on production costs.

Your Minister is ultimately responsible and accountable for their ministry and their mandate; thus, all key decisions will be made by them. Your role is to understand your Minister's policy goals, develop a deep understanding of the issues, participate in consultations with key stakeholders, Indigenous peoples and the broader public, in order to give your best advice to the public service as it develops options for a decision by the Minister.

You will collaborate with your Minister, Ministry and the Premier's Office to develop a workplan to guide your efforts, including detail on how the professional public service will support your work through briefings, supporting consultations, and keeping you apprised of policy development.

All members are expected to review, understand and act according to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* and conduct themselves with the highest level of integrity. As a Parliamentary Secretary, your conduct will reflect not only on you, but on your Minister and our government.

You are accountable for providing strong, professional and ethical leadership. I expect you to establish a positive, respectful and collaborative working relationship with your Minister, their staff and the public servants who provide the professional, non-partisan advice fundamental to delivering on our government's priorities.

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Mandate Letter Commitments – Summary for Estimates**

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Minister Melanie Mark Mandate letter		
<p>1. Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Tourism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant engagement with industry stakeholders, other ministries, and the federal government about COVID-19 relief measures, which fed into B.C.'s COVID-19 Action Plan and B.C.'s Restart Plan. • Total allocation of over \$170 million in direct support for the tourism sector through B.C.'s COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 million tourism-specific stream under the Small and Medium Size Business Recovery Grant program. ○ \$5 million in relief funding for Indigenous tourism business that is being administered through Indigenous Tourism BC ○ \$13.6 million to support targeted tourism development projects across the six tourism regions in B.C. ○ \$19.4 million to help small municipalities build, adapt and diversify their tourism infrastructure. ○ \$10 million to 61 Community Destination Marketing Organizations that participate in the MRDT program to support critical staffing and operations. ○ \$5 million through Destination BC's Co-operative Marketing Partnerships Program to directly fund hard-hit urban centers and tourism sector ○ \$20 million for tourism infrastructure projects supporting destination development under the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) with an additional \$35 million in tourism infrastructure projects supported through the other CERIP streams. • Budget 2021 committed an additional \$120M to the tourism sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 million to support tourism recovery including support for major anchor attractions

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Minister Melanie Mark Mandate letter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$20 million for tourism infrastructure projects supporting destination development <p>Creative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful three-year, \$22.5M, renewal of the Amplify BC music fund (April 2021). Sector consultation on program design will be led by PS D’Eith in Spring/Summer 2021. • Successful five-year renewal of the BC Book Publishing Tax Credit (March 2021). • Launched the first \$200K stream of the \$2M Reel Focus BC domestic film program targeted to emerging and equity seeking B.C. filmmakers (February 2021) to assist with recovery. • Pivoted Creative BC programs to meet evolving sector needs: International Industry Initiatives; Interactive Fund; Passports to Markets; Domestic Industry Initiatives. • Met with creative sector industry stakeholders to hear about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. • Ongoing support for the motion picture industry in navigating new federal border measures. <p>Sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked to develop the Return to Sport guidelines to get people back to playing sports safely. • Provided \$1.5 million for a Local Sport Relief Fund to allow community sport organizations to remain sustainable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 288 grants were provided in the first round one of funding. ○ A second round opened in March 2021, supported by \$1.6M in federal funding.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched a \$15 million Amateur Sport League Fund to support B.C. based amateur leagues and teams competing at the provincial, national or international level. • Distributed more than \$5.5 million from the federal COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Sport Organizations, including support for provincial, disability and multi-sport organizations; the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council; and the BC Seniors Games Society. <p>Arts and Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In FY 2020/21, \$40.19 million in support was provided to over 600 organizations and hundreds of individuals., including \$35 million in new StrongerBC funds and \$5.19M of reallocated BCAC budget. • The BC Arts Council has been responsive and flexible by shifting deadlines and program criteria and reallocating budget to best support applicants. • Funding will continue to be provided for operating assistance clients through a streamlined and simplified application process. • Ensured the voice of the sector was represented at the Industry Engagement Table and upcoming regional roundtables with PS Bob D’Eith.
2. Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic,	Tourism Salman Azam, ADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Province has taken action on several of the Tourism Task Force’s recommendations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a \$100 million tourism-specific stream under the Small and Medium Size Business Recovery Grant program. ○ Allocating \$5 million in relief funding for Indigenous tourism businesses that is being administered through Indigenous Tourism BC.

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including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government’s economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnering with go2HR to create a COVID-19 Safety Certificate course. <p><i>Advice/Recommendations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government is examining the remaining recommendations and looking at the best way to move forward in support of a strong recovery.
3. Continue to collaborate with sport organizations on building a resilient recovery from COVID-19.	Sport Asha Bhat, ADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Province has worked closely with viaSport and engaged in extensive sector consultations to craft Return to Sport guidelines to help sport gradually resume as public health measures permit. ● Working closely with viaSport, ISPARC, BC Games Society and other professional sport partners to support the sector’s restart and recovery. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with key partners to confirm return to play plans for amateur and professional sport leagues; ○ Working with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer to create an exemption for high-performance athletes so that individuals who have dedicated their life to sport can continue to do so here in B.C.; and ○ Continuing to work with the sport sector to better understand their needs and opportunities to build back a sport sector that is more inclusive, diverse, and affordable.
4. Support the creation of dedicated arts and culture spaces by using capital funding through our new	Arts and Culture Claire Avison, ADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In FY 2020/21, the BC Arts Council implemented the Arts Infrastructure Program with a \$2M budget and completed its inaugural intake. Unanticipated earnings from the BC150 Cultural

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Recovery Investment Fund to expand our government's Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones.		<p>Endowment allowed for an expansion of the program from \$2M to \$4M and increasing the number of funded projects from 50 to 97.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY 2021/22, the Arts Infrastructure Program secured an additional \$2 million annually, increasing the base budget from \$2 million to \$4 million. This increase allows for expanded project eligibility to include a planning stream for future projects.
5. Continue the redevelopment of the Royal BC Museum.	Arts and Culture Claire Avison, ADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 18, 2020, the Province announced the \$14 million purchase of an 8-acre parcel of land in Colwood for the construction of the Collections and Research Building. The 14,000 square-metre facility will use mass timber construction and meet CleanBC energy efficiency standards. Building construction will generate more than 950 direct and indirect good-paying jobs. <p><small>Cabinet Confidences; Advice/Recommendations</small></p>
6. Work with the Minister of State for Trade to continue the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.	Arts and Culture Claire Avison, ADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chinese Canadian Museum Society of B.C. was incorporated on March 13, 2020, as a non-profit society to advance the work of establishing and operating a Chinese Canadian Museum. The Province has invested more than \$11 million into the Chinese Canadian Museum, including an \$8 million endowment and \$2 million to support the development of the Society and to develop the Museum. In July 2020, the Province signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Victoria Chinatown Museum Society to be the first regional hub. On August 15, 2020, the Museum opened its first temporary exhibit, <i>A Seat at the Table</i>, in Vancouver's Chinatown.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Museum has hired five full-time, fixed-term employees. <small>Cabinet Confidences; Advice/Recommendations</small>
7. Start work to create a first-of-its-kind museum to document the history, art and contributions of South Asian people in BC	Arts and Culture Claire Avison, ADM	
8. With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Minister of State for Child Care, provide provincial funding to support the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, delivering a new state-of-the-art community centre along with hundreds of new child care spaces.	Arts and Culture Claire Avison (and possible David Curtis, ADM, MAH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the past two years, the Province has provided \$400,000 in seed funding for the planning of this project. On April 9, 2021, the Premier and Minister Mark observed remembrance of the Holocaust at the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver. The Province has provided \$3M in support for continued planning in 2020/21 with preliminary approval for \$22M to further support the cultural component of the project. The Ministry will be working with MCFD and AG in the coming year to further the cultural, childcare and housing components of the development.

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Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film Bob D’Eith Mandate letter		
<p>1. Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Creative Asha Bhat, ADM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful three-year, \$22.5M, renewal of the Amplify BC music fund (April 2021). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sector consultation on program design will be led by PS D’Eith in Spring/Summer 2021. • Successful five-year renewal of the BC Book Publishing Tax Credit (March 2021). • Launched the first \$200K stream of the \$2M Reel Focus BC domestic film program targeted to emerging and equity seeking B.C. filmmakers to assist with recovery. • Pivoted Creative BC programs to meet evolving sector needs: International Industry Initiatives; Interactive Fund; Passports to Markets; Domestic Industry Initiatives. • Consultations with creative sector industry stakeholders to gauge ongoing impacts of the pandemic, and program options to address recovery. Key stakeholders engaged include: Music BC; Creative BC; CMPA-BC; DigiBC; and the Motion Picture Association of Canada. • Ongoing support for the motion picture industry in navigating new federal border measures.
<p>2. Support the Minister of Finance to re-establish the government-film sector task force to recommend the size and term of a new visual effects tax credit based on production costs</p>	<p>Creative Asha Bhat, ADM (this is a FIN lead initiative)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 4, 2021, the Motion Picture Production Industry Association (MPPIA) and the Animation & VFX Alliance submitted a revised proposal to FIN and TACS, requesting an 18-month grant program. • FIN will be seeking further direction before initiating discussions with the industry after Budget 2021. TACS will help facilitate the discussion.

TACS Accomplishments Table

UPDATED: April 8, 2021

Date	Description	Organizations and People	Sector and Mandate
April 13, 2021	\$22.5 million in committed funding over three years for B.C.'s music industry through Amplify BC	<p>Amplify BC has four programs:</p> <p>Live Music - supports the operations, development and adaptation of venues, festivals and concert presenters in B.C.</p> <p>Music Company Development - supports the operations, development and adaption of music companies in B.C.</p> <p>Music Industry Initiatives - supports the development of B.C.'s music industry, funding projects that support training, skills development, export activities, business development, research and up-and-coming talent.</p> <p>Career Development - support the careers of emerging and established artists in B.C., funding sound recordings, music videos and marketing initiatives.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
April 9, 2021	BC Arts Council is providing \$1.19 million for community arts festivals, visual artists and co-op placements	<p>Community Arts Festivals: 72 grants to arts and culture and Indigenous organizations to pay artists to participate in local arts festivals.</p> <p>Visual Artists: 46 grants to support professional visual artists to create new work.</p> <p>Co-Op Placements: 20 grants to help organizations hire co-op students to gain experience in the arts and culture sector.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
March 31, 2021	\$15 million for B.C.-based amateur leagues and teams	<p>Helps amateur sports leagues and teams with operational costs, such as salaries, administrative costs, personal protective equipment, and the development of COVID-19 safety plans to ensure the safety of athletes and staff.</p> <p>Funding will help ensure organizations pull through the pandemic to provide opportunities for amateur athletes and protect the jobs of people who work for the leagues and teams.</p>	<p>Sport</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
March 29, 2021	\$19.4 million to tourism dependent communities (StrongerBC)	<p>32 communities received the funding</p> <p>46 new tourism-development projects were identified by communities throughout B.C. and include: updated trails for e-bikes and adaptive trikes, signage, solar electric-vehicle charging stations, sea kayak touring and picnic facilities, water park construction, and creating an arts and culture stage.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
March 24, 2021	\$14 million in supplements to	The BC Arts Council distributed supplements to 588 arts and culture organizations throughout B.C.	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p>

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	arts and culture organizations (StrongerBC)	Pays for operating costs, like rent and utilities, paying artists and protecting or restoring jobs, such as theatre technicians, production designers or arts administrators. <i>*This is new funding, in addition to previously announced \$21 million bringing the total to \$35 million through StongerBC.</i>	Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.
March 24, 2021	Tourism, hospitality industry supports B.C. immunization efforts	A new partnership will employ more than 1,400 tourism and hospitality workers in mass vaccination clinics — creating hundreds of jobs for B.C.'s hard-hit tourism, hospitality and sport sectors. No TACS specific funding. MOH lead.	Tourism Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.
March 5, 2021	\$15.7 million in supplements to arts and culture organizations (part of \$21M for arts through StrongerBC - Sept. 2020)	The BC Arts Council distributed supplements to 556 arts and culture organizations throughout B.C. Organizations can use the funds to pay for operating costs, like rent and utilities, paying artists and protecting or restoring jobs, such as theatre technicians, production designers or arts administrators.	Arts and Culture Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.
March 5, 2021	\$1.27 million to grow musicians' careers (part of \$7.5 million Amplify BC)	Through Amplify BC, 113 emerging and established musicians received \$1.27 million to support their career development. Musicians can use these grants to record, make music videos or market their music.	Creative PS Mandate: Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Feb. 25, 2021	Launch of \$200,000 Reel Focus BC program for BC filmmakers (part of \$2M Domestic Motion Picture Fund)	Creators can get a grant of up to \$10,000 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • do research • develop a concept • write a script The grants are available for a wide range of emerging and equity seeking producers including feature films, television shows, series, documentaries and animated content.	Creative PS Mandate: Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Feb. 25, 2021	CERIP: Destination Development \$20 million	54 new tourism projects throughout B.C. are receiving funding under the (CERIP) destination development stream. Funding invests in implementation-ready tourism infrastructure and amenities projects that support the recovery and resilience of tourism. It creates	Tourism Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery,

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		jobs and develops infrastructure that will attract visitors to B.C. communities when travel resumes	setting them up for success in the years ahead.
Feb. 24, 2021	CERIP funding through ministries of Municipal Affairs and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	<p>CERIP – other streams pertaining to tourism</p> <p>An additional \$34.5 million has been allocated for 95 tourism-related projects from these other CERIP funding streams, totalling almost \$55 million toward tourism resiliency and development throughout B.C.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
Feb. 12, 2021	Ski communities education campaign	<p>The Province in conjunction with Canada West Ski Areas Association and six local governments.</p> <p>No TACS-specific funding.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
Jan. 21, 2021	Local Sport Relief Fund	288 community sport organizations have received grants through the \$1.5 million Local Sport Relief Fund to pay overhead.	<p>Sport</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
Jan. 12, 2021	The BC Arts Council's new \$500,000 Pivot for Individuals program	<p>Professional artists can get a grant of up to \$12,000 for things such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modifying existing art or performances • learning new skills, such as video editing • professional development, like mentorship or training 	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
Dec. 22, 2020	\$105 million in dedicated relief funding for the tourism sector	<p>In response to the Tourism Task Force's recommendations the government committed \$100 million in dedicated relief funding for the tourism sector.</p> <p>In addition, the Province is allocating \$5 million to Indigenous Tourism BC to administer relief grant funding targeted for Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>Tourism businesses will now be eligible for up to \$45,000, an increase compared to the previous</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it</p>

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		<p>maximum of \$40,000, due to a boost in the additional funds now available to help the sector recover.</p> <p>The new relief fund more than doubles the \$50 million announced in September 2020 in the StrongerBC economic recovery plan to implement the recommendations from the task force.</p>	<p>moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government’s economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.</p>
Dec. 19, 2020	\$3.4 million for people and businesses in the music industry	<p>Through Amplify BC, the Province’s music fund, a total 95 venues, festivals and presenters in the music industry received \$3.4 million in grants to stay resilient during the pandemic.</p>	<p>Creative Sector</p> <p>PS Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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4.	Dec. 8, 2020	\$19.4 million to support tourism-dependent municipalities	<p>\$19.4 million to support tourism-dependent municipalities to build, adapt and diversify their tourism infrastructure.</p> <p>Projects expected to be announced in spring 2021.</p> <p>This is part of StrongerBC.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.</p>
	Dec. 8, 2020	\$13.6 million for B.C. tourism regions	<p>\$13.6 million for all six B.C. tourism regions to work with government to identify projects to create jobs and attract new businesses.</p> <p>Funds provided to regions and projects for consideration will be identified by February 2021.</p> <p>This is part of StrongerBC.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.</p>
	Dec. 8, 2020	\$20 million to develop local tourism experiences, infrastructure and services	<p>\$20 million to develop local tourism experiences, infrastructure and services to help bring back visitors to communities.</p> <p>Eligible groups include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local governments • not-for-profits • First Nations <p>Funds are scheduled to be sent to recipients by March 2021.</p> <p>This is part of StrongerBC.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part</p>

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				of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.
5.	Dec. 2, 2020	\$16 million in supplements to arts and culture organizations	<p>\$16 million in supplements through the BC Arts Council to arts and culture organizations.</p> <p>The supplement helps existing BC Arts Council clients pay for operating costs like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rent • utilities • rehire people such as artists, theatre technicians, production designers or arts administrators <p>Supplement recipients will be announced March 3.</p> <p>This is part of StrongerBC.</p> <p>Previous BCAC funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We made two significant investments in the BC Arts Council in the last two budgets bringing the budget to a record high. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget 2018 boosted funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over three years (first increase since 2013). ○ Budget 2019 boosted funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over three years. • Thanks to our significant investments the BC Arts Council's budget is now at a record high of estimated \$35.6 million (\$34 million plus extra from endowment fund). 	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
		New \$5 million Pivot Program to help organizations adapt	<p>\$5 million through the BC Arts Council for the new Pivot Program to help organizations adapt.</p> <p>Organizations can get grants to modify their business model and practices to adapt to the realities of the pandemic.</p> <p>Recipients pending, to be announced April (TBD).</p> <p>This is part of StrongerBC.</p> <p>Previous BCAC funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We made two significant investments in the BC Arts Council in the last two budgets bringing the budget to a record high. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget 2018 boosted funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over three years (first increase since 2013). ○ Budget 2019 boosted funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over three years. 	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>

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6.	Updated Sept. 28, 2020	Industry leaders, experts named to provincial Tourism Task Force	<p>Eleven business and industry leaders appointed to a new task force focused on reigniting B.C.'s tourism sector and enhancing its long-term competitiveness.</p> <p>Members of the Tourism Task Force have varied backgrounds including business, labour and the not-for-profit sector. The groups will seek innovative and creative ideas from stakeholders, experts and the public about how to help B.C.'s tourism industry recover in the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>The Province is allocating \$50 million in the Economic Recovery Plan to implement new measures that result from the Tourism Task Force's work.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.</p>
7.	Sept. 17, 2020	Royal BC Museum Modernization Project (New building)	<p>As part of the Royal BC Modernization Project, the B.C. government has committed to building a new collections and research building in Colwood.</p> <p>Construction will generate more than 950 direct and indirect good-paying jobs.</p> <p>Government expects the project to complete the project in summer 2024.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Continue the redevelopment of the Royal BC Museum.</p>
8.	Sept. 14, 2020	\$2 million investment in B.C.'s domestic motion picture industry	<p>\$2 million to launch the new Domestic Motion Picture Fund to support B.C. filmmakers and producers.</p> <p>This is the first dedicated funding for the domestic motion picture industry since 2003.</p> <p>The Domestic Motion Picture Fund will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development activities such as research, concept development and script-writing • production costs, such as hiring crew, renting equipment and securing locations <p>Part of the COVID-19 Action Plan relief funding.</p>	<p>Creative Sector</p> <p>PS Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the creative sector to identify strategies to drive a strong recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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9.	Aug. 17, 2020 Jan. 22, 2021	New \$2 million grant program to improve spaces for artists	<p>In total, 50 arts and culture organizations received nearly \$2 million in grants to help improve arts and culture spaces and support the sector’s resilience.</p> <p>Arts and culture organizations can get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to \$75,000 to improve arts and culture spaces • \$40,000 to buy special equipment to support art programming <p>Recipients announced Jan. 22, 2021.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate: Support the creation of dedicated arts and culture spaces by using capital funding through our new Recovery Investment Fund to expand our government's Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones.</p> <p>(Delivered on previous Minister’s mandate)</p>
10.	Aug. 13, 2020	Chinese Canadian Museum launches temporary exhibition in Vancouver Chinatown	<p>Announced the opening of the free exhibit, A Seat at the Table, a project from the Chinese Canadian Museum Society of BC, in collaboration with the Museum of Vancouver and the University of British Columbia.</p> <p>The temporary exhibit was made possible through the B.C. government’s \$1-million grant to the City of Vancouver to support further planning for the Chinese Canadian Museum.</p> <p>The exhibit will run through 2021.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate: Work with the Minister of State for Trade to continue the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.</p>
11.	July 28, 2020	\$1.5 million to help local sport organizations with costs during the pandemic	<p>The Province invested \$1.5 million to help local sport organizations with fixed costs during the pandemic.</p> <p>Canadian Heritage is also investing \$3.4 million in sports organizations in British Columbia.</p> <p>B.C. has more than 4,100 local sports organizations. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to many of them facing financial challenges due to the absence of registration fees, event revenues and sponsorships.</p>	<p>Sport</p> <p>Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>

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12.	July 16, 2020	\$10 million to establish the Chinese Canadian Museum	<p>The B.C. government invested \$10 million to establish the Chinese Canadian Museum – the first in Canada.</p> <p>This investment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 million to complete the planning and development • \$8 million for an endowment to provide ongoing support <p>The museum includes a provincial hub in Vancouver Chinatown, multiple regional hubs and spokes throughout B.C., and an online portal and digital experiences for historical locations throughout the province.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Work with the Minister of State for Trade to continue the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.</p>
13.	June 20, 2020	More than 1,100 tourism businesses accessing COVID-19 supports	<p>As of June 2020 over 1,192 tourism businesses had registered in the BC Tourism Resiliency Network.</p> <p>The network is a provincewide expansion of the Vancouver Island Coastal Tourism Resiliency Program, funded in partnership with Island Coastal Economic Trust.</p> <p>Western Economic Diversification Canada has provided \$1 million for the BC Tourism Resiliency Network.</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>

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14.	June 20, 2020	\$500,000 to support repatriation activities in B.C.	<p>The B.C. government provided \$500,000 to the BC Museums Association to provide a range of grants to support communities at different stages of the repatriation process.</p> <p>First Nations communities and organizations will be eligible for grants to support repatriation planning, building capacity to take on repatriation projects and encouraging collaboration with cultural organizations.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate: Government Foundational Principle - Lasting and meaningful reconciliation</p>
15.	June 12, 2020	\$15 million in advanced operating funding for arts and culture organizations	<p>The BC Arts Council advanced \$15 million in operating funding to arts and culture organizations to help give them certainty and flexibility as they budget for the year.</p>	<p>Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>
	June 12, 2020	New BC Arts Council microgrant program to provide relief to artists	<p>The BC Arts Council launched a microgrant pilot program to support artists to continue to make art and develop their practice during the pandemic.</p> <p>Artists and cultural practitioners could apply for up to \$1,500 to help adapt to changes in the sector such as learning video editing or livestream a performance.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Mandate: Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.</p>

