

<u>30 DAYS</u> DIVISION	GOAL	STATUS	MILESTONES (Next Steps/Decision Points/Timelines)
TCDG Stanford	LNG Marine Bunkering project	<p>Project team (JEDC, EMPR, Port of Vancouver, Fortis) is developing an opportunity for LNG marine bunkering. Studies underway include environmental/social impact, competitiveness, safety and demand. These will inform next steps in supporting federal/provincial regulatory changes and/or incentive.</p> <p>s.13</p>	<p>May 29, s.13</p> <p>s.13</p>
TCDG Stanford	Ultra-High-Speed Transportation Corridor Study (UHSTC)	<p>Led by WA State, BC is partnering with Oregon and Microsoft on the next phase of UHSTC study. Focus is on governance, funding/financing and public consultation. Advisory Group named and consultants engaged.</p>	May 29: Steering committee meeting
TCDG Stanford	Prince Rupert Re-Design	<p>The City of Prince Rupert, 3 First Nations, and Port of Prince Rupert have recognized major challenges ahead in providing a desirable mix of services, housing, and amenities to attract and retain a highly-skilled workforce and their families to the region. Several billion dollars of new investments is planned for the area, potential financial implications for the region and province are significant. City and Port have asked for a coordinated engagement through a “one window” approach. Initial meeting with cross-ministry project team was held on April 7.</p>	May: Next meeting of PT to be scheduled for May. Work underway to support the meeting includes further inventory of capital projects, obtaining feedback from City staff, and circulating refined TOR with comments.

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TCDG Stanford	Northern Development Ministers' Forum – FPT	<p>The Northern Development Ministers Forum (NDMF) was established in 2001 to advance the diverse and common interests of people living in Canada's North, while raising awareness among decision-makers and the public about the accomplishments, contributions and potential of northerners. Member jurisdictions of NDMF include the governments of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario, Québec, Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the Government of Canada. The next FPT meeting is planned for Winnipeg, Manitoba in September 2020. s.13</p> <p>s.13</p>	May: Seek direction from MO on next steps
ITD Campbell	International Engagement Framework	<p>All Asia TIR contracts have concluded and embedded positions are being filled. COVID-19 related complication will delay the completion of all positions, and mitigation to ensure services are available to BC companies is in place in all locations.</p> <p>s.13</p>	<p>May: s.13</p> <p>s.13</p> <p>Ongoing: Continue hiring processes with Global Affairs Canada. s.13</p> <p>s.13</p>
SBJW Little	BC Provincial Nominee s.12; s.13	<p>The Immigration Programs Branch is working with Management Services on the development of s.12; s.13</p> <p>s.12; s.13</p>	<p>December 2019 to June 2020: s.12</p> <p>s.12</p> <p>June (TBD): Minister briefing</p>

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SBJW Little	Asylum Seeker Housing Fund	The federal government has provided BC with \$6M to support the housing needs of asylum seekers and refugees. Staff are working with Housing Policy/BC Housing and community partners to develop a spending plan for the fund, focused on capacity building and supporting community coordination. s.16	May/June: s.16
MSD White	Quarterly Meeting with BCIF Board Chair	Minister and Board Chair are required to meet on a quarterly basis. DM Kot will brief the Minister on the Crown's current position and activities. CEO David Mortimer will also attend	June 1: Meeting with MMM and Board Chair DM Jill Kot
SBJW Little	Small Business Roundtable	Last quarterly meeting was on January 24, 2020 and chaired by DM Mihlar on behalf of Minister Mungall. During COVID-19 the Small Business Roundtable is meeting bi-weekly. Initial COVID call was on March 26, 2020. After the June 2, 2020 call, the bi-weekly calls will happen monthly Next quarterly meeting is on hold at this time.	June 2: Biweekly Call w/ Minister and SB Roundtable – PJH attending

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SBJW Little	Office of the Auditor General (OAG) Performance Audit of the BC Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)	<p>The BC Provincial Nominee Program completed the planning stage of the OAG performance audit and received DM sign-off of the Audit Plan in June 2019. Now entering the conducting phase, the objectives of the audit are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To determine whether JTT effectively managed the performance of the Skills Immigration stream of the Provincial Nominee Program to support meeting BC's forecasted labour market and economic development needs; and 2. To determine whether JTT assessed and mitigated the risks of misrepresentation, fraud and corruption to protect the integrity of the Provincial Nominee Program. <p>Upon DM receiving the final report (expected in January 2020), the Ministry will prepare a response (within 10 days) to be included with the published report. The final version of the report is sent to Minister at least 7 days before the Speaker tables the report with the Assembly.</p>	<p>June 2: OAG report will be publicly released</p> <p>TBC: DM presents to Public Accounts Committee</p>
ITD Campbell	Cannabis Negotiations	<p>Negotiations to determine the extent to which trade in non-medicinal cannabis will be covered by the Canadian Free Trade Agreement. s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>	<p>Early June: s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>

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SBJW Little	Cannabis and Economic Development	<p>SBJW is collaborating with other agencies and ministries (PSSG, AGRI and AG) to refresh and implement a sector development strategy for BC's cannabis industry, with a focus on enabling participation of indigenous and craft producers.</p> <p>This work phase builds on JTT's earlier efforts to identify and better coordinate activities across government, including JTT's targeted activities to fill known information and support gaps.</p> <p>On April 15, 2020 Ministers Mungall and Farnworth held a roundtable with various Cannabis Stakeholders.</p>	<p>Early June: Launch of Cannabis Regulatory Navigator – launch details TBC</p> <p>September: s.12; s.16 s.12; s.16</p>
SBJW Little	Better Regulations for British Columbians Annual Report – routine (annual since 2012)	<p>The Regulatory and Service Improvement (RSI) unit coordinates a report about regulatory and service improvement initiatives across the B.C. government during the previous fiscal year. The report is required by the <i>Regulatory Reporting Act</i>, described in the Regulatory Reporting Regulation, and must be published by June 30.</p> <p>The report is an opportunity to showcase the work done to improve interaction with government for businesses and British Columbians. If the report is not published by June 30, the Minister must publish a statement explaining why.</p>	<p>Early to Mid June: DN being prepared for MMM, briefing to be scheduled if needed.</p> <p>June 30: Public release of report</p>
SBJW Little	Immigration Levels Submission	<p>Every year provinces can make a submission to the federal government regarding preferences/requests for the national Immigration levels Plan and Provincial Nominee Program allocations. Due to the federal election, this year's formal submission process will occur in late Fall. Levels Submission submitted to federal government on Dec 18.</p>	<p>June: Consultations with federal government on new levels plan.</p>

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MSD White	Crown and Ministry Annual Service Plans (ASPR) report	<p>CABRO has released ASPR templates for the crowns and the Ministries.</p> <p>April: ED approved draft copy of the ASPR will be sent to the ADMO for approvals.</p> <p>May: ADM approved drafts to CABRO and TBS for review.</p>	June 24: Signed Minister version due.
TCDG Stanford	Surrey City Centre and Innovation Corridor	JEDC is leading early policy work on the Surrey Innovation Corridor, which will be linked to this work.	<p>Spring 2020: s.13</p> <p>s.13</p>
TCDG Stanford	Foresight Clean Tech cluster report	At the 2020 Globe Event, Foresight will promote the work they did to grow a clean tech cluster in BC. The report was partially funded by JEDC and EMPR. The report will identify the creation of a governance structure composed of industry, government and academia to help grow a clean tech cluster. The report will also identify some areas that can be improved through greater collaboration and areas where new collaborative work may be required	<p>Spring 2020: Final Report expected. s.13</p> <p>s.13</p>
TCDG Stanford	Emergency Management Technology Cluster (EMTC)	<p>As part of the Innovation Framework, JTT was directed to develop an approach to creating regional technology clusters centred around solving key Govt problems. An early area of opportunity is encouraging emergency management technology clusters centered in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Prince George.</p> <p>In May, a cross-government executive workshop was held. Development of options and concept papers occurred throughout summer. In October, DM Project Committee received direction to develop plans/ business cases for Fire Innovation centre in Kamloops. A shared use case was made to test efficacy of geo spatial data to improve operations/decision making. The next meeting was held in Kamloops on Nov 28. Draft strategy and emergency modernization framework have been developed.</p>	<p>Spring 2020: Finalizing terms for the Research Chair in Predictive Services at TRU. PIB to provide oversight and support governance and reporting</p> <p>s.13</p>

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ITD Campbell	Financial Services Negotiations	<p>Negotiations to extend coverage of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement to financial services are proceeding, albeit slower</p> <p>s.13; s.16</p>	<p>s.16</p>

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MSD White	s.12; s.13		
ITD Campbell	CUSMA	The CUSMA is expected to enter into force on July 1, 2020. It will replace the NAFTA upon entry into force. Trilateral work is underway on rules of origin and dispute settlement to ensure the Agreement functions effectively.	July 1: The CUSMA is expected to enter into force.
SBJW Little	Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI)	Key priorities for the FMRI in the coming year include: regional immigration; levels planning; settlement services.	July 23-24 (TBC): Ministers' meeting by videoconference
SBJW Little	Workforce Development Advisory Group (WDAG)	<p>The WDAG mandate is to enhance the availability of the necessary workforce to construct and operate proposed LNG projects, and to ensure the employment and training benefits of the LNG opportunity go to British Columbians first, with a priority for Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>Preliminary work is now underway to transition the activities of the WDAG to a new entity that could preserve the best elements of the group while also being more responsive and better aligned with new and emerging government priorities.</p>	Early Summer 2020: Next Steps currently postponed

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ITD Campbell	US Wine WTO Dispute	<p>On September 28, 2017 the US initiated a WTO dispute with Canada regarding BC's policy allowing only the sale of 100 percent BC wines on some grocery store shelves. On September 30, 2018, the Canada-US-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) was published including a side letter in which Canada committed to ensure that BC will eliminate the measure which allows only BC wine to be sold on regular grocery store shelves effective November 1, 2019. On July 8, 2019, Liquor Distribution Branch enabled the sale of imported wine in grocery stores that are licensed to sell wine. s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>	<p>Summer 2020: s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>

90 DAYS+ DIVISION	GOAL	STATUS	MILESTONES
SBJW Little	Clean Growth Hub MOU	In November 2018, ADMs in JTT, EMPR and CAS signed a MOU with the federal Clean Growth Hub to collaborate and share information to help grow BC clean tech companies and the BC clean tech sector. In partnership with IITD and ITD, SBJW is leveraging the MOU to launch a pilot to identify and scale clean technology companies that are ideally positioned to support CleanBC implementation using a key account model. ADM/DM signed off on key account plans in late September 2019.	Fall 2019 to Q2 2020: Engagement with key accounts, where possible due to disruptions associated with COVID Q3 2020: Preliminary pilot evaluation
SBJW Little	Annual BC Chamber of Commerce Regional Engagement Initiative	From June to October 2019, JTT worked with the BC Chamber to deliver a total of 7 consultations/regional engagements on Chamber related policy issues. There was Executive participation from various ministries throughout the process (78 provincial representatives on behalf of 18 ministries) and 104 delegates from 62 Chambers participated from across BC. PO has directed JEDC to continue annual regional engagements with up to 5 consultations at various locations and is considering a biennial "Day at the Legislature". Initial planning conversation for 2020 engagement has occurred between program and BC Chamber. In February, initial budget discussion was held with MSD and workplan submitted by Chamber. Agreement ratified.	September (TBC): Annual Chamber Consultations to begin – format TBC
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ITD Campbell	Softwood Lumber Negotiations	<p>Canadian softwood lumber exports to the US have been subject to combined countervailing and antidumping duties of 20.23%. Duties collected by the US during the current dispute on lumber shipments from BC are estimated to have been over \$1.65bn as of the end of November 2019. Negotiations to resolve the dispute have been shelved while litigation of the dispute is underway.</p> <p>On September 4, 2019, a NAFTA panel ruled that the International Trade Commission (ITC) determination that Canadian lumber imports “injured” the US lumber industry was flawed in several areas. The panel remanded the decision back to the ITC, and on December 19, 2019, the ITC reaffirmed that the US lumber industry has been injured by the Canadian lumber industry. Further remands are expected.</p> <p>On February 3, the US Department of Commerce published its preliminary determination in the first administrative review in the dispute, which assessed rates for B.C. companies ranging from 4.95% to 8.64%. This determination was further revised on May 13, increasing the rates by only 0.02% to 0.4%. There is currently no change to the duties companies are paying on their US shipments until the final determination is released (expected late September). US. lumber interests are expected to lobby the US to have the rates increased.</p> <p>On May 22, 2020, a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) panel issued its final ruling in the dispute settlement process examining the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) determination that the Canadian lumber industry has harmed the U.S. industry. The panel affirmed the ITC’s decision.^{s.13}</p>	<p>Fall 2020: Release of WTO dispute panel report on countervailing duties.</p> <p>TBC: Awaiting appointment of NAFTA panelists for anti-dumping and countervailing duties appeals.</p>

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SBJW Little	Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) Policy Review	Staff are developing policy options and recommendations for changes to the PNP as directed in the Minister's new mandate letter and in the Economic Framework. s.13	Ongoing: Project Charter under development
ITD Campbell	FTA Outreach Info Sessions	Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, a series of information sessions were delivered across B.C. to promote opportunities in Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) for workers, businesses, and communities. Sessions were either stand-alone trade policy led events in partnership with other branches or initiatives (e.g., Export Navigator), or third-party events. Over 1,300 people participated in 45 sessions held in 29 communities in 2019/20. Webinars were also conducted with participants from across BC. FTA Outreach activities were paused in March 2020 as a result of COVID-19; outreach activities are now being restarted through virtual webinars rather than in-person sessions.	Ongoing: Five regional and industry-focused FTA webinars are scheduled to be delivered by the end of June.
SBJW Little	State of the BC Housing Market	FOR INFORMATION: BC Stats provides a variety of analytic services to the Housing Secretariat including monthly update on the state of the BC housing market to the Housing Working Group. The Premier's Office (Don Wright) and the Housing Secretariat (Kaye Krishna) sit on this committee.	Ongoing
MSD White	BC Tech Fund Annual update s.12; s.13	Annual update on BC Tech Fund and BC Renaissance Capital Fund investments and performance, including an update on cash flow projections, borrowing requirements, and the results of venture capital systems building activities. s.12; s.13	Ongoing
SBJW Little	Small Business Task Force	SBTF report formally released on December 20, 2018. SBB has started to assess viability of recommendations working with relevant program areas. July 18: Minister Ralston circulated a high-level summary of progress made on some TF recommendations to the SB Roundtable. Update provided to SB Roundtable again on January 24, 2020 Staff working on various items across ministries – will update Minister as requested - progress made to date on 41 of 73 recommendations.	Ongoing

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ITD Campbell	TIR Review Project	<p>PWC Phase I report on existing BC priority markets (with TIR offices) has been submitted and is under review by ITD. The scope of Phase 1 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the BC's existing contractor model and KPIs; • Review of how other jurisdictions are modeled; • s.13 [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • Profile of BC and it's eight economic regions; and • s.13 [REDACTED] <p>s.13 [REDACTED]</p>	Ongoing

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ITD Campbell	Australia wine WTO dispute	<p>On January 12, 2018, Australia initiated a dispute with Canada under the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement process regarding BC, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and federal liquor policies. The only BC policy targeted in Australia's panel request was the sale of wine on grocery store shelves. Canada and Australia came to an agreement that BC would be excluded from the ongoing WTO dispute as long as BC amended its measure consistent with its trade obligations and the Canada-US-Mexico Agreement side letter on wine. On July 8, 2019, Liquor Distribution Branch enabled the sale of imported wine in grocery stores licensed to sell wine,s.16</p> <p>s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>	Ongoing
TCDG Stanford	BC Business Council (BCBC) Low Carbon Industrial Strategy – Phase Two	<p>Government signed an MOU with the BCBC to support the announcement of Clean BC. The MOU includes four focus areas: competitiveness; regulatory environment; technology, innovation and infrastructure; and branding. IITD is the Government lead for the development of the Low Carbon Industrial Strategy in conjunction with sector ministries. Phase One modelling is complete and Phase Two has commenced.</p> <p>For Phase Two, Government-industry leads ("Buddies") development papers on five themes: 1) regulation; 2) transportation/infrastructure; 3) innovation; 4) fiscal/tax; and 5) market mechanisms. The Strategic Leadership Team endorsed the papers' recommended Government actions. Government is now working with the BCBC on a joint report.</p>	Ongoing
SBJW Little	Canada-BC Immigration Agreement (CBCIA) Renegotiation	The current CBCIA expires in April 2021. Renegotiations with the federal government will begin in Fall 2019 and continue through Fall 2020. Order in Council process for approval of the new agreement will occur November 2020 – February 2021.	Ongoing: Will provide updates and briefings as negotiations progress

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ITD Campbell	Regulatory Reconciliation	<p>Negotiations are underway to reduce or eliminate unnecessary regulatory differences in 28 areas through the development of Reconciliation Agreements. BC is lead on the reconciliation of Construction Codes (differing construction codes applicable to: building; plumbing; fire; energy; and farm buildings). Premiers, in their July 9-11, 2019 meeting, issued direction to align regulatory approaches across the federation to benefit business and economic growth.</p> <p>s.16</p>	<p>Ongoing: s.16</p> <p>s.16</p>

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SBJW Little	FPT Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Innovation and Economic Development	Co-chaired by Ministers Bains (Innovation, Science and Industry Canada) and Mungall, with a broad mandate to collaborate to drive economic competitiveness. A DM meeting of the Table occurred in May 2019, to take stock of progress made to advance shared interests relating to connectivity, company scale up, skills and talent and indigenous economic development.	Ongoing: weekly calls of FPT ADM Table to share information and align efforts relating to COVID business continuity/recovery.
TCDG Stanford	Micro Training for Ad Tech (digital marketing skills)	<p>The digital marketing skills training pilot will focus on skills development for new collar workers and small businesses in regional communities of BC. Government is engaging in the pilot to fill a training gap. The goal is to grow regional tech enabled talent to support the growth of clusters as well as supporting remote tech enabled work that can be done outside of Victoria and Vancouver and help businesses scale up by gaining skills that support market penetration.</p> <p>Fall 2019 saw the launch of first cohort of students, graduation ceremony in November, and approach to scaling. 2nd phase of the pilot launched January 16, 2020, in Canal Flats, Campbell River and Quesnel.</p> <p>During March to April, explored whether training could be made available online and at a reduced cost/ free to all British Columbians in order to help BC businesses access online customers and markets and train staff in key digital literacy skills. Proposal ready week of April 6.</p>	Ongoing: IITD working with AEST, Small Business Branch and ITD on the final details of the proposal and need to align it with other activities to support small businesses to ensure there is a comprehensive vs piecemeal approach.
TCDG Stanford	Incubator Accelerator Policy review	PIB, Innovate BC and the federal govt are starting work on a policy review of incubators and accelerators. Purpose is to understand the value these entities provide businesses, how they can be leveraged to support BC's policy objectives and how they can become financially more sustainable	Ongoing: Details of an engagement strategy and plan are being developed

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ITD Campbell	Canada-Pacific Alliance Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Negotiations	Canada and the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru) are currently negotiating a free trade agreement for Canada to become an Associate Member of the Pacific Alliance. The Pacific Alliance is also negotiating with Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore. s.16	TBC: Provincial officials are monitoring negotiations for provincial areas of interest. Round 9 of negotiations has not yet been set.
ITD Campbell	Canada-UK Trade Dialogue and Brexit	Withdrawal Agreement between UK and the EU there is a transition period from January 31, when the UK left the EU, until December 31, 2020 (subject to an extension by the UK and the EU), where the UK will continue to participate in the EU Single Market. Canada has agreed to the continued participation of the UK in all Canada-EU agreements, including the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), for the length of the Brexit transition period. Canadian and UK trade officials remain in contact during this period.	

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<p>1. Provide Cabinet leadership for cross-government initiatives that support competitiveness across all sectors of B.C.'s economy.</p>	<p>TCDG: The Major Investments and Corporate Initiatives Office (MICIO) leads activities and/or acts as a secretariat for cross-ministry/government strategic initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Cascadia Innovation Corridor initiative; • the Ultra-High-Speed Transportation Corridor study; • proposed LNG Marine Bunkering service; and • industrial land strategy. <p>These initiatives support competitiveness across all sectors and regions, working with all levels of government and private sector stakeholders to develop collaborative results.</p> <p>SBJW: In progress: The Ministry continues to coordinate cross-government economic policy review to ensure alignment to support sectors of the economy that contribute to quality economic growth and good jobs across the province.</p>
<p>2. Engage with industry associations and major sectors on government's approach to quality economic growth that creates benefits for people.</p>	<p>ITD: JEDC International Trade Division's Trade Readiness & Services branch (TRS) seeks to deliver trade programming in the form of Export Navigator, Trade Accelerator Program, Canadian Agriculture program and sector specific trade promotion initiatives to connect BC companies to global opportunities for all sectors and around the province. ITD-TRS ensures that BC companies around the province are aware of our trade programs.</p> <p>ITD-TRS continues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with new exporters and companies to prepare them to capitalize on trade opportunities • Develop trade programming for BC companies to advance trade opportunities in clean technology, energy, natural resources, advanced manufacturing, ICT, life sciences, and digital media; • Conduct Corporate outreach with our line ministries and the federal government to inform our programming and co-ordinate on advancing new initiatives in ecommerce • Undertake targeted corporate and bilateral government outreach on BC's priorities in international trade and low carbon industrial development

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	<p>TCDG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via EETF engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held “by invitation” meetings in seven communities throughout B.C., meeting with more than 30 industry, business and association leaders. ○ Surveyed more than 300 small and medium B.C. enterprises on the future of business over the next 25 years. ○ Conducted 30 interviews with key stakeholders, researchers and thought leaders from B.C. and around the world. • (Pre-Covid-19) Attended UBCM, FNLG, Community Futures BC, BCEDA, Keeping it Rural BC, VIEA Summit, and other conferences to share economic development tools and resources, deliver economic development focused workshops, and engage with participants. • In 2019, delivered 16 economic development webinars attended by more than 1000 people throughout B.C., on a variety of topics including: Trade Agreements 101, Ride-Hailing Legislation, Economic Development in Local Government Legislation, Small-Scale Licensed Cannabis Production and CleanBC. • In 2019, published ten BC Ideas Exchange success stories highlighting successful economic development initiatives in communities throughout B.C., with topics like workforce development planning, targeted tourism and local business marketing, economic revitalization and more . • Connected Communities Program supports local governments, First Nations, cross-government partners and community development leaders to use connectivity planning as a catalyst for building sustainable economies and enhancing quality of life. • Through collaborative forums with Innovate BC, JEDC has engaged the tech sector and its various industry associations to identify pathways to leverage the sector's strength to create quality economic growth in all areas of the province <p>SBJW: <i>Ongoing re Cannabis:</i> The Ministry, in partnership with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, coordinated a Ministerial roundtable with cannabis business and organizations to hear directly from stakeholders about the impacts of COVID-19 on the cannabis industry and receive feedback on federal and provincial COVID-19 relief packages announced to date.</p>

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Minister Michelle Mungall's Mandate letter	<p>Information from the roundtable will be considered in future policy development and economic recovery planning.</p> <p><i>Ongoing re Manufacturing</i></p> <p>The ministry is supporting growth and economic development opportunities for the B.C. manufacturing community through a collaborative working relationship with the Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster (AMS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JEDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Next Generation Manufacturing Canada (NGen) to increase B.C. industry engagement in AMS projects and accelerate the growth of advanced manufacturing in the province. • January 29, 2020, JEDC, the City of Surrey and NGen sponsored a project collaboration and opportunities session with 85+ manufacturers. A number of B.C. project applications are under review, and one B.C. company is approved for project funding under NGen's COVID-19 response stream. <p>Through the JEDC collaboration, B.C. membership and project opportunities are accessible to over 180 members (an increase of over 600%), with further investment expected in transformative projects and COVID recovery.</p> <p><i>Ongoing re Small Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on a successful 2019 pilot, the Province is continuing its collaboration with the BC Chamber of Commerce to deliver a cross-government series of regional engagement sessions in 2020. These sessions will provide an opportunity to address issues identified in the BC Chamber's Policy and Positions Manual, allowing government to better understand the top priorities and goals for chambers and their member businesses in every region of the province. It also provides local chambers the opportunity to directly engage with senior government leaders. In light of COVID-19, this year's engagement sessions will likely be conducted virtually through an online platform. The contract with the BC Chamber has been finalized and engagement sessions with the Province are scheduled to commence in September. • In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry has increased the frequency of the BC Small Business Roundtable meetings to gather feedback/advice on emerging priorities and measures implemented in support of the BC COVID-19 Action Plan and BC's Restart Plan. Rural representation has also been expanded on the Roundtable with the addition of members from Terrace and the District of Tumbler Ridge.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry has significantly expanded its outreach to key industry associations and organizations. For example, the Ministry is frequently engaging with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) and the BC Chamber of Commerce (BC Chamber) on surveys of their respective members to better understand the supports needed to mitigate the economic impact of the pandemic. CFIB has been conducting weekly COVID-19: State of Small Business surveys and the BC Chamber of Commerce has been undertaking monthly COVID-19 Pulse Check surveys. As part of government's pandemic response, the Ministry provided funding for the launch of the B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service in partnership with the federal government. Operated by Small Business BC (SBBC), the service is a one-stop resource for businesses in all areas of the province that need help to navigate the supports available from the provincial and federal governments, industry, and community partners while also providing advice on how to use technology and innovation to pivot operations. SBBC provided extended service hours and support by email, phone and live chat.
<p>3. Support the future of our made-in-B.C. tech sector through cluster initiatives, anchoring of B.C.-developed intellectual property, incubating the development and growth of B.C. agritech, cleantech, life sciences and other technologies and building the economic linkages of B.C.'s tech companies as suppliers across our economy.</p>	<p>TCDG: Published BC Ideas Exchange success stories celebrating the Clean Tech Cluster in Prince George, the Columbia Lake Technology Centre in Canal Flats, the innovation corridor on Vancouver Island, The Salmon Arm Innovation Centre, and the KVR Big Data project in the Thompson Okanagan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catalyzed BC's quantum computing cluster through the creation of the Quantum Algorithms Institute which was established on April 1, 2020. Supporting the growth of an applied artificial intelligence cluster by engaging with businesses in various sectors to understand where there are opportunities to adopt AI that would provide an ROI or advantage. Supported Foresight in the completion of a clean tech cluster strategy Co-leading a Cascadia initiative to advice clean tech opportunities that will help reduce carbon emissions Supported Innovate BC in the implementation of their BC Fast program which incentivizes the testing and commercialization of made in BC technologies that support emergency management and clean tech

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the Supercluster in capacity building efforts that are generating talent and supporting the scale up of BC businesses. <p><u>SBJW</u> <i>In progress:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry, in partnership with the ministries of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Canada's Clean Growth Hub and have met regularly to collaborate and share information to better address the needs of clean technology companies and projects in BC. Working with NGen (Advance Manufacturing Supercluster) on a proposal to leverage BC Supplier Development Program expertise to conduct transformation readiness reviews of NGen project proponents – EPSI
<p>4. Ensure that the benefits of technology and innovation are felt around the province by working with rural and northern communities and under-represented groups to make strategic investments that support innovation and job growth.</p>	<p>ITD: The International Trade Division's Investor Services branch (ISB) seeks to qualify and service investment queries from potential investors, assess opportunities, offer guidance, facilitate investment decisions and aftercare. Working with communities and businesses throughout BC, ITD-ISB ensures that international investors are aware of the opportunities in all regions of BC – leading to investment decisions that can help foster creation of highly skilled, sustainable jobs in the province. The ITD-ISB continues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with investment firms and companies regarding opportunities in BC, supporting the scale-up efforts of BC's technology sector Conduct investment attraction and economic development outreach in BC to advance investment interests in clean technology, energy, natural resources, advanced manufacturing, ICT, life sciences, and digital media; Conduct Corporate outreach with infrastructure and transportation partners in Northern BC to advance investment interests on LNG Canada projects; Undertake targeted corporate and bilateral government outreach on BC's priorities in international trade and low carbon industrial development.

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	<p>TCDG: Continued monitoring of ICET's commitment to develop programs which support the establishment and/or expansion of a robust technology and innovation sector as a condition of the \$10 million they received from the Province in 2017/18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivered a 12-week digital marketing bootcamp in the Kootenays (Canal Flats), Quesnel, Victoria and Campbell River that provide experiential learning for businesses moving online and for workers looking to get employment in the digital marketing field. Looking at rolling this out to 500 participants in summer 2020 Engaging in a province-wide incubator/ accelerator policy review which will address how these organizations can support regional growth as well as addressing the JEDC related recommendation in the Food Security Task Force report Led work to establish a research chair at TRU in predictive services which will be a foundational piece for growing an emergency management tech cluster that can address BC challenges <p>SBJW: <i>In progress:</i> The Small Business Branch is working with Small Business BC to explore digital solutions that will enable small businesses to quickly pivot to online platforms to market their products and services. Small Business BC (SBBC) recently soft launched an online Marketplace for businesses (https://smallbusinessbc.ca/marketplace/.) The Marketplace provides an opportunity to support small businesses that have been hard hit by COVID-19. Functional enhancements and new features to facilitate greater use by local businesses and communities across the province are being explored as part of the collaboration with the Ministry. Since the launch of the Marketplace in April, 750 businesses have uploaded to the platform. s.12: s.12; s.17</p>
5. Ensure that your ministry makes timely progress on the implementation of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, both in identifying priority legislative areas for inclusion in the action plan, and in ensuring that future ministry	<p>TCDG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIRR/JEDC Joint Office on Indigenous Economic Development – continued implementation of the workplan, which is focused on providing support, advice and coordination around government's Indigenous economic development efforts and leading cross-government projects and initiatives that support government's commitment to reconciliation.

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actions are consistent with the principles set out in the Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmation of the mandate of the Indigenous Business and Investment Council. • A newly formed Connected Coast/Coastal First Nations Joint Working Group, endorsed by CFN leadership has been established to address common IOT related issues and advance socio-economic business opportunities including Regional telecommunications, Data Management and Sovereignty.
<p>6. Champion quality economic growth across all sectors of B.C.'s economy, with a focus on those that make the greatest contribution to B.C.'s standard of living, fit within our CleanBC plan, and provide good-paying jobs broadly distributed across B.C.'s regions.</p>	<p>TCDG: <i>In progress:</i> s.13</p> <p>SBJW: <i>In progress:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze COVID-19 economic impacts to BC's sectors; identify opportunities and risks for BC's economy related to the pandemic and economic recovery. • s.13 <p>The Ministry continues to work with the Small Business Roundtable to support governments efforts to implement the Small Business Task Force Final Report recommendations, providing a small business lens on initiatives related to Government's Economic Development Framework, Clean BC and the Emerging Economy Task Force.</p>
<p>7. Implement as appropriate, the findings from the upcoming reports of the Food Security Task Force and Emerging Economy Task Force where these contribute to increasing B.C.'s standard of living.</p>	<p>TCDG: EETF report released on May 11, 2020, s.13 s.13</p>
<p>8. Establish a new international engagement framework for B.C.'s trade and investment representatives in Asia, Europe and the United States, configuring their product</p>	<p>ITD: The International Engagement Framework is now supported by a cross-Ministry Steering committee with a mandate to align BC's many international goals into a coordinated and consistent approach tailored to each of our international partners. Three Priority Market</p>

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promotion and investment attraction services to contribute to quality economic growth, distributed across all regions of B.C.	Regional Teams have been established under the Steering Committee to review and advise on BC's strategy and activities in Europe, Asia and the Americas. s.13
<p>9. Work with the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development to advocate for a fair deal for B.C. in softwood lumber negotiations with the United States, and to continue efforts to strengthen international markets for B.C. forest products.</p>	<p>ITD: There have been no formal softwood lumber negotiations with the United States since November 2017 when the dispute moved into formal dispute mechanism processes. The Ministry is involved in necessary analysis to help develop options for solving the dispute by working with the lead Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) as well as Federal counterparts. The Minister actively advocates with federal counterparts the importance of ongoing efforts to advocate for a fair deal for BC and that resolving the dispute remains a top priority for the BC government.</p> <p>TCDG: The Ministry continues to work with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. (FII) on strategies to expand B.C. forest products, including value-added wood products, to world markets.</p> <p>FII supports the value-added sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in capacity and competitiveness in the front-end, such as business management and marketing, as well as on the shop floor through manufacturing. • Helping industry understand trends in products and markets. • Funding industry-delivered market development activities in high potential markets in North America and in key markets in Asia.
10. Partner with your Cabinet colleagues and the business community on an international brand strategy that capitalizes on the low carbon footprint of B.C.s products and services, including	

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<p>natural resources, clean technology and value-added goods, demonstrating how sourcing B.C. products is both climate-positive and cost competitive.</p>	
<p>11. Review B.C. immigration policy and programs with a focus on strengthening the economic success pathways for newcomers, including through continued work with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to improve credential assessments.</p>	<p>SBJW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is underway on a review of the Skills Immigration stream of the BC Provincial Nominee Program. The review will consider opportunities for policy changes to further strengthen nominee outcomes and the alignment of the program with BC's Economic Framework, as well as economic recovery priorities. This review will also incorporate recommendations from the OAG performance audit of the program which will be completed in June 2020. s.13 • In August 2020, the Ministry will provide its annual input to the federal government on the number of new immigrants Canada should welcome over the next three years. BC's input will take into account the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the labour market. • Work will continue on implementing the Credential Assessment Improvement Fund, including completing the 10 projects already underway with professional regulatory bodies, and pursuing new project opportunities in priority occupations, in collaboration with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

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<p>1. Work across ministries and with the federal government to ensure British Columbia's interests are protected and advanced in trade negotiations and disputes.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Ministry works closely with Federal counterparts at Global Affairs Canada to advance and protect BC's interests in international trade negotiations, agreements, and disputes including the Canada – United States – Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) negotiations, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the Canada - Pacific Alliance negotiations, the Canada - Mercosur negotiations, and trade disputes such as uncoated groundwood paper, fabricated structural steel and World Trade Organization challenges to BC Liquor policies.</p> <p>The Ministry continues to lead the advancement and protection of BC's domestic interests through negotiations under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, specifically with regards to the alcoholic beverages, regulatory reconciliation, cannabis, and financial services sectors.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>Working closely with Global Affairs Canada, negotiated the exclusion of B.C. from the ongoing Australia – Canada World Trade Organization dispute over with policies across Canada, and worked with Ministry of Attorney General to implement new regulations on July 8, 2019.</p> <p>Worked with Canada to minimize the impact on B.C. of US tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum and Canada's countermeasures.</p>
<p>2. Work across ministries and with the B.C. chapter of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association to further export opportunities for B.C. businesses.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>Consultations are ongoing with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters of BC (CMEBC) on a number of activities to support BC exporters. The Ministry works with the CME BC to present the BC Export Awards on an annual basis.</p> <p>Export Navigator is a program that helps small and medium-sized businesses export their goods and services to new markets by providing access to community-based export advisors. Export Navigator was initially launched in October 2016, and then extended in six locations. Over 448 businesses have participated in Export Navigator and benefited from its services. The program was expanded in April 2019 with joint funding from the Federal government who are providing matching funding of \$2.25m over 3 years. This funding allowed for the hiring of three additional export advisors focused on supporting businesses owned by</p>

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	<p>Indigenous peoples, women and youth. BC contributed \$2 million over 2 years, with a 3rd year of funding to be confirmed following review of program outcomes. The program is managed by the Province in partnership with WED Canada and delivered through Small Business BC and Community Futures. To date the indigenous and women's advisors have hired in Community Futures Central Interior First Nations in Kamloops and with Women's Enterprise Centre located in the Small Business BC office in Vancouver. The Youth Position has been advertised and an interview is being compiled.</p> <p>Engaging with BC manufacturing companies on an ongoing basis to receive feedback on strategies to expand manufactured exports is an ongoing priority. Consultations with companies in BC's largest manufactured export sectors (agrifoods, forest products, pharmaceuticals) have taken place since summer of 2017 and are continuing on an on-going basis. Results from these meetings are included in the annual Outcomes Report to Cabinet each year.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>On November 22, 2019, the Minister participated in the 37th annual B.C. Export Awards. This event celebrates the valuable role that the export industry plays in the BC's economy and identifies and rewards BC's most successful and innovative exporters. It also promotes BC's top exporters as emerging leaders to further increase involvement in exporting within BC's business community. MGC presented the Emerging Exporter Award to Vitalis Extraction Technology Ltd. of Kelowna.</p> <p>In January 2020, MGC visited SEI Industries, a finalist in the manufactured products category of the 2019 BC Export Awards, and toured their manufacturing plant in Delta. SEI Industries Ltd. is an industrial fabric products manufacturer best known for its invention of the world-famous Bambi Bucket which is used by helicopters to drop water on forest fires. SEI provides service and high quality task-specific products worldwide to oil and mineral exploration companies, over 750 helicopter aviation companies, government agencies, the military in over 105 countries, the United Nations, humanitarian relief agencies, original equipment manufacturers, and numerous Fortune 500 companies.</p>

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	<p>During fiscal 2019/20 the Minister of State for Trade has participated in various trade events to increase export opportunities for B.C businesses including a meeting with Saltworks Technologies where Minister of State met with CEO Benjamin Sparrow, followed by a tour of the facility in Richmond, a meeting with Ballard Power where the Minister of State delivered remarks at the HFC+fcell International Summit, as well as an evening reception to celebrate Ballard's 40th Anniversary, delivered remarks to over 25 companies participating in the International E-Commerce Essentials (ICE) workshop in Richmond where he promoted the Ministries various trade missions and opportunities in key global markets as well as met with EPIC Semiconductors, a cutting edge sensor technology company expanding their manufacturing capabilities in BC. The Minister also attended the Abbotsford Aerospace, Defence and Security Expo on Aug 9 in support of BC SMEs and major Aerospace MRO and manufacturing firms. The Minister attended a ceremony at Standard Aerospace in Richmond on the occasion of the opening of a new 24,000 sq. ft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for GR, Rolls-Royce and Airbus helicopter engines, employing 51 highly skilled technicians. The Minister's attendance brought recognition to Standard Aerospace's decision to retain good and skilled technical jobs in the province.</p> <p>Minister spoke as Opening Keynote at the Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI) Business Opportunities Conference focusing on business and export opportunities for the marine sector. The event promotes and stimulates marine industry economic activity in B.C.</p> <p>Minister Chow completed a video, which is being used to provide welcoming remarks for regional FTA information outreach sessions to businesses. Since February 2019, over 40 FTA information outreach sessions have been held with over 1,300 participants attending in 26 communities (sessions have been delivered through webinars and in-person events in all of BC's regions at least once). Five dedicated sessions were delivered specifically to women-owned businesses, First Nations and Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>For fiscal 2018/19 the Minister of State for Trade also participated in various trade events to increase export opportunities for B.C businesses including the CME Manufacturing Day (October 2018), Medical Device Commercialization Playbook (May 2018), BC Jade Day (May 2018), Pacific Rim Hemp Conference (July 2018), Aerospace Industries Engagement</p>

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	Conference (January 2019), the Canada-Eurasia Russia Business Association – Vancouver International Mining Conference (January 2019) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans Pacific Partnership launch event (February 2019).
<p>3. Work with the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development to advocate for a fair deal for B.C. in softwood lumber negotiations with the United States.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Ministry had been actively involved in necessary research to help develop options for solving the dispute by working with the lead Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNROD) as well as Federal counterparts. There have been no formal softwood lumber negotiations with the United States since November 2017 when the dispute moved into formal dispute mechanism processes. Although formal negotiations have yet resumed, the Minister met with Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade on July 3, 2018 and discussed several negotiations and international trade priorities affecting BC, including the softwood lumber dispute. Despite the lack of active negotiations, the Minister emphasized to the Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade, the importance of ongoing efforts to advocate for a fair deal for BC and that resolving the dispute remains a priority for the BC government.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>Although formal negotiations have yet resumed, the Minister met with Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade on July 3, 2018 and discussed several negotiations and international trade priorities affecting BC, including the softwood lumber dispute. Despite the lack of active negotiations, the Minister emphasized to the Parliamentary Secretary for International Trade, the importance of ongoing efforts to advocate for a fair deal for BC and that resolving the dispute remains a priority for the BC government.</p>
<p>4. Work with the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, and with BC's forest industry to expand efforts to market innovative manufactured wood products to world markets.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Ministry continues to work with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNROD) and Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. (FII) on strategies to expand value-added wood products to world markets. Follow-up consultations are ongoing.</p>

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	<p>There is a cross-government concerted effort to work with the value-added sector to enhance innovation and to maximize the value from the forest resource.</p> <p>The Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. supports the value-added sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in capacity and competitiveness in the front-end, such as business management and marketing, as well as on the shop floor through manufacturing. • Helping industry understand trends in products and markets. • Funding industry-delivered market development activities in high potential markets in North America and in key markets in Asia. <p>Complete:</p> <p>In January 2018, the Minister of State for Trade participated in the Asia Trade Mission which featured a number of events and meetings to promote BC's value-added wood products in international markets. The events were planned in partnership with FII and Canada Wood Korea and included meetings and tour of Canada Wood Village in Korea, arranged for the Minister of State for Trade. Canada Village is the largest wood-frame housing project in Korea. These BC trade and investment activities built business relations and laid the foundation to advance future BC forest sector international business development objectives.</p> <p>In September 2018 the Minister of State addressed the Global Buyers Mission and advocated for BC forestry companies looking to export to international markets. The Minister of State also attended the Forestry Innovation Investment (FII) Canada Wood Reception – "Wood Best Practices: Industry Forum" (June 2018) and met with the BC Wood Board of Directors and the Canada Wood Board of Directors (September 2018) to support the sector.</p> <p>In December 2018, the Minister of Forestry, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Hon. Doug Donaldson led a trade mission to South Korea and Japan to promote BC's value-added wood products to international markets. Over 30 industry participants from B.C. participated, including industry and First Nations representatives. A number of these companies proceeded to China as well.</p> <p>The Minister of State travelled to Japan and Korea with the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology in March 2019 to continue to promote BC exports to these two priority markets –</p>

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	<p>under the CPTPP and CKFTA respectively.</p> <p>During the March 2019 mission to Japan and Korea, Minister Chow made a visit to a nursing home construction project in Tokyo utilizing B.C. wood.</p> <p>Minister Chow attended the Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference in Nanaimo in May 23, where he interacted with participants, including forest industry stakeholders at the session focused on forestry.</p> <p>The Minister lent his support (through a video-introduction) to a Trade Policy Information session for BC Wood Members in June, 2019 in Surrey BC.</p> <p>In June 2019, Minister met with Kalesnikoff Lumber in Castlegar to visit the new mass timber facility, discuss the newest technologies being implemented and how the company is incorporating wood innovation to its growing business.</p> <p>The Minister participated in the 16th annual Global Buyer's Missions (GMB) in September 2019 in Whistler which featured approximately 400 qualified value-added wood buyers from over 18 countries and approximately 850 delegates. Minister also met with the B.C. Wood Board of directors who represent all sectors of the value-added and specialty wood processing industry to discuss their future vision of the industry and identify opportunities for collaboration with government.</p>
<p>5. Work with the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture to ensure that British Columbia's tourism sector is represented on trade missions.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS: Consultations with Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture (TAC) are ongoing to support British Columbia's tourism Sector.</p> <p>COMPLETE: Consultations with the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture (TAC) contributed to the development of a plan for representing BC's tourism sector on the 2018 Asia Mission. The mission promoted BC's tourism sector to key stakeholders across China, Korea and Japan, including at tourism promotion luncheons, bilateral government meetings and events in China to promote the Year of China-Canada Tourism. In Seoul, the Minister of State for Trade</p>

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	<p>met with the Managing Director of the Destination BC office in Korea and obtained an overview of Korean tourism to BC/Canada and discussed opportunities for future cooperation with DBC.</p> <p>The Minister of State held discussions with the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (AtBC) to explore ways to expand the global reach of Indigenous tourism businesses in BC. AtBC's interest in participating in future trade missions was noted, and discussions continue.</p> <p>Consultations with the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture resulted in identifying three B.C. tourism companies to accompany a federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) tourism mission, led by federal Small Business and Tourism Minister Bardish Chagger from June 23-28, 2018. The Minister's prepared a joint congratulatory letter to the companies confirmed to participate on the mission, including Indigenous Tourism British Columbia, Mount Baldy Ski Resort, and Rocky Mountaineer Rail Tours.</p> <p>The Minister participated in a Canada Korea Business Association (CKBA) luncheon event and met with Korean Ambassador to Canada in April 2019 to discuss a number of opportunities including expanding Korean tourism to B.C.</p> <p>Also in April 2019, The Minister met with Japan Consul General to discuss a number of trade opportunities and highlighted B.C. tourism opportunities for Japanese consumers, as well as promoting opportunities to visit B.C.</p> <p>Minister Chow provided Minister Beare with an overview of his mission to Japan and Korea in May 2019. In particular, he raised his discussion with Destination Canada's tourism representative in Korea about possible opportunities to enhance the profile and recognition of B.C. amongst Korean travellers.</p>
<p>6. Work with the Minister of Agriculture to advance B.C. food and agricultural exports, especially to growing markets in the Asia Pacific.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>JEDC services and programs have facilitated the entry of new BC agricultural export companies and products into the Asia-Pacific market. The 2018/19 fiscal year saw over 77 new BC agrifoods products introduced to Hong Kong and Korea – which are considered among the key areas for BC export growth.</p> <p>The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) is an investment by the federal and provincial</p>

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	<p>governments to strengthen the agriculture and agrifood sector. The Ministry has worked closely with the Ministry of Agriculture to coordinate programming and events, through the CAP program, that supports BC agrifoods companies in their export development activities like attending trade shows across BC's priority markets.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>In June 2019, the Minister of State for Trade engaged with international seafood buyers and BC companies in the Comox Valley and North Island region during the BC Seafood Expo, meeting buyers from Korea, China, Japan, the USA, Europe and Vietnam in growing Asia Pacific markets.</p> <p>On July 22, 2019, the Food Security Task Force (FSTF) was launched as a result of a commitment identified in the 2019 Throne Speech. The FSTF has a mandate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply agri-technologies to enhance sector productivity, economic competitiveness and sustainability, reduce waste and tailor productivity to market demands; • Grow the emerging agritech sector in B.C. as a standalone economic sector that can produce technologies that will be in demand globally; and • Support the objectives of <i>CleanBC</i>, both through the adoption of technologies and practices that will help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase access to fresh, healthy food and stimulate local economic activity. <p>The FSTF will be responsible for engaging with the public and stakeholder groups to inform recommendations, for which a final report will be presented to ministers by Dec 31, 2019. The FSTF has launched an engage page to facilitate public feedback: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/foodsecuritytaskforce/</p> <p>The Minister engaged in meetings and held discussions on ideas for product innovation and export increases to Trade and Investment Representatives (TIR) engagement and introductions to Trade Accelerator Program (TAP) and Export Navigator programs while at the Comox Seafood Show June 12, 2019. The Minister's participation in the event led to an article in the SeaWestNews wherein he spoke to the unique opportunity the event allows global buyers to learn about the B.C. seafood environment, the industry's high quality standards and the opportunities it presents to connect with B.C. suppliers.</p>

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	<p>The Minister provided welcome remarks by video for the Taking Indigenous Seafood Global workshop. The workshop was developed to help Indigenous Businesses export. The topics included success stories, provincial and federal support services, seafood certifications, accessing finance, export navigator, and trade shows.</p>
<p>7. Work with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to develop a multi-year growth strategy for expanding exports in the manufacturing sector.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>Consultations with manufacturing sector stakeholders are ongoing. Discussions on strategies to expand manufactured exports have taken place with stakeholders from BC's forestry, agricultural, natural resources, and pharmaceutical industries.</p> <p>The Ministry hired a consultant to review BC's manufacturing export in terms of its competitiveness, opportunities and challenges in a global context. The research revealed and focused on six high growth advanced manufacturing sub-sectors of BC and was concluded in October 2018. The Ministry of Advanced Education (AEST) was included in this study since its inception. Research to date has been helpful toward pinpointing export ready (or soon to be) sectors of advanced manufacturing in BC.</p> <p>The Ministry has also started to explore the challenging work of mapping BC's exporters by region and by sector (including manufacturing sectors) in order to further understand, support and help develop BC's exports. BC Stats and Stats Can have been engaged to assess what data already exists and what can be developed. Results will be shared with AEST as well as other relevant areas of government.</p>

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<p>1. Engage, as directed by the Minister, with businesses and leaders in the tech sector to identify opportunities to expand BC's success in this section of the economy</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary regularly meets with technology sector business leaders, as directed by the Minister, and provides summary notes reporting back on the challenges and opportunities for BC's technology sector.</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary continues to meet with individuals and companies and plays a key role in gathering information on how government can be a partner in the growth of the tech sector. With a particular interest in the opportunities that present itself in the clean technology sector, the Parliamentary Secretary continues to work diligently on reporting back regularly to the Minister.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>Some companies the Parliamentary Secretary has met or completed a site visit include Carbon Engineering, Foresight Cleantech Accelerator, Fingerfoods, UrbanLogiq, and General Fusion.</p> <p>UrbanLogiq is a local company that helps governments build better communities with data. The Parliamentary Secretary first met with the founder of UrbanLogiq in May 2018 with the Minister. He then assisted this start-up by meeting again to better understand the challenges they have faced and worked on providing them more exposure internationally by giving them a platform to showcase their work to over 600 delegates at the 2018 PNWER Annual Summit. UrbanLogiq was then chosen as a participant in the BC Government's 2018 Startup in Residence program.</p> <p>General Fusion is developing fusion energy: a clean, safe, abundant and on-demand approach to generating electricity. The Parliamentary Secretary identified them as a company at the forefront of clean technology. He first met this company and toured their facility in March 2018. They expressed an interest in keeping the Parliamentary Secretary up to date and he ensured to discuss their progress with the Minister. In the fall of 2018, they received nearly \$50 million in federal funding.</p>

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<p>2. With a specific focus on clean tech, report on government initiatives that could support and encourage the development of new technologies in fields that would reduce the province's reliance on fossil fuels</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary continues to meet with a variety of stakeholders in order to learn more about new technologies in clean energy that would reduce the province's reliance on fossil fuels.</p> <p>Through the creation of a targeted work plan, the Parliamentary Secretary has a strong interest in clean technology and the reduction of fossil fuel reliance through home retrofits. The Parliamentary Secretary has met with both individuals and companies involved in home and office construction to better understand how home retrofits can be incentivized and more widely adopted. With the new EfficiencyBC program and CleanBC plan, the Parliamentary Secretary continues to meet stakeholders and report back to the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary meets with stakeholders and reports back regularly to the Minister on findings.</p>
<p>3. Represent British Columbia on the executive of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary currently represents BC on the executive committee of PNWER. The Parliamentary Secretary actively participates in monthly PNWER executive calls and meets on a bi-weekly basis with IGRS staff to receive updates from other ministries involved in PNWER and to task staff with various action items. The Parliamentary Secretary is the co-chair of the Energy & Environment Working Group.</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary recently returned from the 2019 PNWER Annual Summit and is working on a report to colleagues on outcomes of the Summit.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>Attended and spoke on the CleanBC initiative at the 2019 PNWER Annual Summit in Saskatoon, SK, during a panel session on economic development and climate.</p> <p>Attended the 2019 PNWER Capital Visits to Salem, OR, and Olympia, WA, as part of a PNWER delegation. The Parliamentary Secretary spoke on the Cascadia Innovation Corridor and Climate Policy.</p>

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	<p>Attended and spoke at the 2018 PNWER Annual Summit in Spokane, WA, and reported back on outcomes to colleagues. The Parliamentary Secretary played an active role in the Technology and Innovation Working Group and recruited speakers to participate in a panel on blockchain and emerging technology, including UrbanLogiq and staff from the Ministry of Citizen Services. The Parliamentary Secretary participated in a panel as an advocate for high speed rail and the Cascadia Corridor, promoting further cooperation between PNWER jurisdictions.</p> <p>Attended the 2017 Economic Leadership Forum (Victoria, BC) and the 2018 Economic Leadership Forum (Whitehorse, Yukon).</p> <p>Attended capital visits as part of the PNWER delegation to Juneau, AK, Salem, OR, and Olympia, WA. Here, the Parliamentary Secretary spoke as an advocate for high speed rail and the Cascadia Corridor, and on the Clean BC program, promoting further cooperation between PNWER jurisdictions.</p>
<p>4. Consider and report to the Minister on the implications of new, emerging technological paradigms such as artificial intelligence and the "internet of things" for BC's economy</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Secretary regularly meets with the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology to report back on meeting outcomes, and challenges and opportunities that present itself in emerging technology.</p> <p>Along with breakthroughs in clean technology, the Parliamentary Secretary has an interest in opportunities to modernize the health care system through new technology. He meets often with stakeholders in both sectors and considers the implications of new technological paradigms in these areas.</p> <p>COMPLETE:</p> <p>VR/AR is a promising area of emerging technology. The Parliamentary Secretary attended the CBC VR film festival and SIGGRAPH to learn more and has met with the organizer of the Vancouver VR Film Festival, Motive.IO, and the Eyexpo VR Technology Corp., as leading companies in this industry.</p>

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	By attending and speaking at the 2018 BC Tech Summit and SIGGRAPH (the annual conference that brings together the international community of researchers, artists, developers, filmmakers, scientists, and business professionals who share an interest in computer graphics and interactive techniques), the Parliamentary Secretary gains regular exposure to emerging technologies and areas of opportunity for the BC tech sector.