

ISSUE: Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

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- Thomas Berger QC, acting for the Attorney General, filed an application for British Columbia to intervene in the Federal Court of Appeal regarding the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project.
- We are pleased that the court granted B.C. intervener status. It is absolutely appropriate and necessary that we have the opportunity to defend British Columbia's interests in this very important case.
- The Government of Alberta has been granted intervener status, and we want to ensure B.C.'s interests are presented to the court as well.
- B.C.'s written Memorandum of Fact and Law was filed on September 1st and outlines the aspects of litigation we wish to intervene on. This document is available through the courts.
- We will continue to defend B.C.'s coast and the economic and environmental interests that are so important to British Columbians.

If asked about permitting:

- Statutory decision makers continue to consider permit applications, in accordance with the legislative authority granted to them.
- When it comes to granting permits, we will hold the company's plans to the existing high standards of environmental protection and consultation with First Nations that British Columbians expect.

If asked about intervener application (timing, content etc.):

- The Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project significantly impacts British Columbia – with a disproportionate impact on B.C.'s marine coastal environment and Indigenous peoples.

*INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT
ADVICE TO THE PREMIER*

- **British Columbia has been granted intervener status to ensure our provincial interests are heard in this matter.**
- **The argument in our Memorandum of Fact and Law reflects our status as interveners, and not full parties to the appeal, and adheres to the submission length set by the court.**
- **It outlines the failure of the federal process to properly consider the profound economic risks associated with a bitumen spill on our coast, and does so to ensure B.C. has a voice in these proceedings.**
- **British Columbians can have confidence that we will continue to defend B.C.'s coast and our economic and environmental interests.**

BACKGROUND / STATUS:

- Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project was approved by the federal government with 157 conditions on November 29, 2016.
- A provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project was issued on January 11, 2017 with 37 legally-binding conditions.
- The Environmental Assessment Certificate requires Trans Mountain to develop various environmental management plans in consultation with the Province and Aboriginal groups.
- The governments of Canada and Alberta are firm in their position that since the project has received necessary federal approvals, it must be allowed to proceed.
- Over 20 municipalities (including the City of Vancouver) and 17 First Nations have expressed formal opposition to the project. Judicial reviews challenging the issuance of the certificate have been commenced by the City of Vancouver and the Squamish First Nation.
- In May 2017, Trans Mountain announced it reached a final investment decision.
- The project requires 1187 provincial permits, under various provincial acts, many of which require First Nation consultation.
- On August 10, 2017, the Province announced that Thomas Berger has been secured as external counsel to government in the legal action related to the pipeline. Mr. Berger will provide legal advice to government on the options for participation in legal challenges.
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- On August 29, the Federal Court of Appeal granted B.C. intervener status.
- There are 16 legal challenges to the NEB report and federal Cabinet approval that have been consolidated with a hearing that began on October 2, 2017.

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: De Champlain, Rhonda EMPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Cc: De Champlain, Rhonda EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: EMPR Items for Committee
Attachments: EMPR agenda items.docx

Thank you for this Paul.

I met with Deputy Minister Dave Nikolejsin and we reviewed the attached document and offer the following comments:

s.12,s.13

I trust this is helpful.

I am away from the office on Friday, August 4, but will return on Tuesday, August 8 if you wish to discuss further.

Thank you.

Rhonda De Champlain
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From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 12:14 PM
To: De Champlain, Rhonda MEM:EX
Subject: EMPR Items for Committee

Hi Rhonda, this is only a rough forecast for EMPR review – s.13 Could you
please let me know as soon as practical if the proposed timings make sense? For items with no date attached, could you
also let me know whether these should be going to Cabinet/Committee and if so, what timing might work?

Thanks.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

FORECAST August 02, 2017

Contact – Rhonda De Champlain – 250-952-0253

Committee, Date, Time, and Location (Tentative)	Items	Materials Due	Staff Attending
Cabinet August 23 rd September TBD	s.12,s.13	Drafts: TBD Finals: TBD	TBD
Sustainable Shared Prosperity Week of Sept 11 th ? Time: TBD Location: TBD		TBD	TBD
P&A Week of Sept 11 th ? Time: TBD Location: TBD		TBD	TBD
P&A Week of Sept 18 th ? Time: TBD Location: TBD		TBD	TBD
ELUC Week of Sept 18 th ? Time: TBD Location: TBD		TBD	TBD
P&A?		TBD	TBD
ELUC?		TBD	TBD

McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:32 PM
To: MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Cc: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX; Harvey, James JAG:EX; Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX
Subject: s.12 Aug 30th Cabinet

Good afternoon Elizabeth:

MGH is keen on having the s.12 ready for the Aug 30th Cabinet (I believe we're already scheduled) as this flows from s.12 However, we will need some very minor changes to the OIC package s.12,s.14 and will need someone from Leg Counsel to assist over the next day or two.

Regards,

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: De Champlain, Rhonda EMPR:EX
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Confirmation Please re AG item

Thank you. Just for your information, Minister Mungall has requested leave from the August 23 meeting of Cabinet. I am not able to confirm if this has been approved yet.

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:45 PM
To: De Champlain, Rhonda MEM:EX
Subject: Re: Confirmation Please re AG item

TBD shortly

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2017, at 3:31 PM, De Champlain, Rhonda MEM:EX <Rhonda.DeChamplain@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Paul,

s.12,s.13

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Kovacs, Teresa PREM:EX
Cc: Colins, Tracey L PREM:EX
Subject: s.12,s.13
Attachments:

Will print for Lindsay

From: Plecas, Bobbi ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Subject: s.12,s.13

Paul

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Bobbi

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Natural Resource Board

A G E N D A

Date: September 12, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Location: s.15

/ Call in: s.15,s.17

Agenda, Minutes and Updates

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| 1. | Approve: Agenda and Minutes* | D. Nikolejsin | 2:00 |
| 2. | ELUC Check-In/ House Keeping* | D. Nikolejsin | 2:05 |

Discussion and Decision

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| 3. | NRS ADMs*** | K. Kriese | 2:10 |
| 4. | Cabinet Debrief on s.12 *** | D. Caul | 2:25 |
| 5. | s.12 | M. Zacharias | 3:45 |
| 6. | s.13,s.16 | K. Kriese ,Greg Perrins, Geoff Recknell (phone) | 3:10 |
| 7. | | Greg Perrins, Geoff Recknell (phone) | 3:25 |
| 8. | NRB Strategic Planning** | R. Ellis | 3:45 |
| 9. | Cabinet Operations Q&A | E. McMillian, T. Collins, P. Finkel | 4:15 |

*Material attached **Walk-In ***Verbal

**Natural Resource Board
Forward Rolling Agenda**

Next Board Meeting: September 18

Future Scheduled Items:

s.12,s.13

Next Strategic Meeting: Oct 2

To be scheduled:

s.13

Possible Items for ELUC going forward (not scheduled)

s.12,s.13

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Massy, Michelle E PREM:EX
Cc: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX; Kovacs, Teresa PREM:EX
Subject: FW:s.12

Hi Michelle – we can expect something from Tamarra and / or Sage

FYI only for Paul and Teresa
thx

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:38 PM
To: MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Subject: Re:s.12

I will open up and invite ministers to elaborate - would like five slides max from comms plan - I'll ask Tamarra/Sage to prep

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2017, at 3:31 PM, MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX <Elizabeth.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Geoff – DMs are asking for confirmation that it is you that will be speaking to the matter.
Please, is that so?

Thank-you

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s.14

McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX
Subject: s.12 - will Bobbi attend s.15

Thanks

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Smith, Curtis PSSG:EX
Subject: Friday -- Cabinet s.12

Hi Curtis, fyi as Tara is away. s.12 at Cabinet.
The meeting is in Vancouver. Will you let MGH's office know or should I? Elizabeth MacMillan emailed Bobbi Plecas earlier this afternoon with the same info. Thanks

s.14

McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Kovacs, Teresa PREM:EX; MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Subject: DM Plecas at s.15 for s.12

fyi

From: Smith, Curtis ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Subject: RE:s.12 tomorrow - will Bobbi attend s.15

Bobbi will attend in Vancouver.

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Smith, Curtis ENV:EX
Subject:s.12 tomorrow - will Bobbi attend s.15

Thanks

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McCartney, Angela PREM:EX

From: Finkel, Paul PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:06 AM
To: Cameron, Tara D ENV:EX
Cc: Massy, Michelle E PREM:EX; Kovacs, Teresa PREM:EX
Subject: DM Plecas Invited to P&A Meeting - Sept 14 - 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Hi Tara, DM Plecas is invited to P&A on Thursday – there will be ^{s.12}
please confirm attendance today? Thanks.

Could you

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Deputy Ministers' Committee on Natural Resources

A G E N D A

Date: October 16, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: s.15

/ Call in: s.15,s.17

Agenda, Minutes and Updates

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| 1. | Approve: Agenda and Minutes* | D. Nikolejsin | 1:00 |
| 2. | ELUC Check-In/ House Keeping* | D. Nikolejsin | 1:05 |

Discussion and Decision

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| 3. | s.12,s.13 | K. Kriese, check names | 1:10 |
| 4. | | K. Kriese, T. Ethier | 1:25 |
| 5. | | T. Ethier | 1:45 |
| 6. | | T. Ethier | 2:05 |
| 7. | | K. Kriese, L. Plante,
M. Kennah | 2:25 |
| 8. | | K. Jardine, P. Craven,
S. Bailey | 2:45 |
| 9. | | M. Zacharias, J.
McGuire, A. Dale, D.
Dolhaine | 3:10 |
| 10. | | Dr. Monica Gattinger | 3:30 |
| 11. | | D. Kelly | 3:45 |

*Material attached **Walk-In ***Verbal

**Deputy Ministers' Committee on Natural Resources
Forward Rolling Agenda**

Next Committee Meeting: October 30

Future Scheduled Items:

s.12,s.13

To be scheduled:

s.13

Possible Items for ELUC going forward (not scheduled)

s.12,s.13

Deputy Ministers' Committee on Natural Resources

A G E N D A

Date: October 30, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: s.15

/ Call in: s.15,s.17

Agenda, Minutes and Updates

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| 1. | Approve: Agenda and Minutes* | T. Sheldan | 2:00 |
| 2. | ELUC Check-In/ House Keeping* | T. Sheldan | 2:05 |

Discussion and Decision

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| 3. | s.12,s.13,s.16 | T. Ethier | 2:10 |
| 4. | | T. Ethier | 2:35 |
| 5. | | R. Ellis | 2:55 |
| 6. | | K. Kriese | 3:20 |
| 7. | | C. Stagg | 3:30 |
| 8. | | C. Sutherland, J. Mack | 3:50 |
| 9. | | R. Manwaring | 4:10 |
| 10. | | D. Scott, C. Shepard | 4:30 |
| 11. | | D. Scott, C. Sheppard,
B Morton | 4:45 |

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**Deputy Ministers' Committee on Natural Resources
Forward Rolling Agenda**

Next Board Meeting: November 14

Future Scheduled Items:

s.13

Next Strategic Meeting: November 27, 2017

To be scheduled:

s.13

Possible Items for ELUC going forward (not scheduled)

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Ministry Mandates

Advanced Education, Skills and Training

- Provide greater access to adult basic education and English-language learning programs by eliminating fees.
- Reduce the financial burden on students by eliminating interest on B.C. government student loans and establish a \$1,000 completion grant program to provide debt relief to B.C. graduates.
- Encourage excellence in B.C.'s graduate school programs by introducing a new graduate student scholarship fund.
- Work with the Minister of Education to support co-op, apprenticeship and work-experience programs for high school and undergraduate students.
- Work with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to implement effective apprenticeship ratios on government-funded infrastructure projects, and increase participation of equity-seeking groups in the skilled workforce.
- Work with the Minister of Children and Family Development to improve the education success of former youth in care by expanding the tuition fee waiver program.
- Expand B.C.'s technology-related post-secondary programs, co-op programs, and work to establish technology and innovation centres in key areas of the economy.
- Develop more degree and certificate programs to increase the number of skilled workers in B.C.'s forestry sector, focusing on growing innovation and the manufactured wood products sector.

Agriculture

- Revitalize the Agriculture Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission.
- Establish Grow B.C. to help young farmers access land, and support fruit and nut growers and processors to expand local food production.
- Initiate Feed B.C. to increase the use of B.C.-grown and processed foods in hospitals, schools, and other government facilities.
- Bring back an enhanced Buy B.C. marketing program to help local producers market their products, and work with local producers to expand market access in the rest of Canada and abroad.
- Work with growers, processors, colleges and universities, as well as the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of State for Trade, to develop a B.C. Food Innovation Centre to innovate in the processing, packaging and marketing of B.C. food products, linking local food producers with new technology, and expanding exports and access to world markets.

Attorney General

- Introduce legislation to reform campaign finance laws to ban political contributions by corporations and unions, and set limits on individual contributions.
- Introduce legislation to hold a province-wide referendum on proportional representation in the fall of 2018.
- Introduce legislation to reform lobbying in BC.
- Re-establish the Human Rights Commission.
- Increase the number of court sheriffs, expand the use of duty counsel and increase staffing of the Court Services Branch to address court delays.

- Improve and support legal aid, including First Nations legal services, dispute resolution services for families and expanded poverty law services to increase access to justice.
- Work with First Nations to set targets and take action to reduce the numbers of Aboriginal people involved in the justice system and incarcerated.
- Conduct a comprehensive operating review of ICBC.

Children and Family Development

- Enhance and improve child-protection services to ensure that all children grow up in safe and nurturing environments.
- Invest in child protection to hire additional social workers and staff to support social workers, and to implement incentives to attract social workers to rural and underserved regions.
- Work to implement the recommendations from Grand Chief Ed John's report and provide better supports to keep Aboriginal children at home and out of care.
- Make reducing the number of Aboriginal children entering our care system a priority.
- Work to ensure Delegated Aboriginal Agencies are supported to offer services at the same level offered to non-Aboriginal children.
- Increase funding for Agreements with Young Adults in order to offer supports to all youth aging out of care who need it, not just a few.
- Work with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to expand the tuition fee waiver program and provide enhanced supports for former youth in care who pursue post-secondary education.

Minister of State for Child Care

- Work with all levels of government, child-care providers, the private and not-for-profit sectors to implement a universal child-care plan that provides affordable, accessible and high-quality care and early learning to every child whose family wants or needs it, starting with infant/toddler programs before gradually expanding.
- Provide additional investments in the Early Childhood Educator workforce through training, education and fair wages to enhance and ensure quality.
- Accelerate the creation of new child-care spaces in communities across the province as part of building a Better BC.

Citizens' Services

- Institute a cap on the value and the length of government IT contracts to save money, increase innovation, improve competition and help our technology sector grow.
- Ensure government IT and software development procurement work better for companies that hire locally and have a local supply chain.
- Improve access to information rules to provide greater public accountability.
- Improve response and processing times for freedom of information requests.

Education

- Fast-track enhancement to K-12 education funding.
- Review the funding formula to develop a stable and sustainable model for the K-12 education system.
- Provide additional annual funding to ensure students have the school supplies they need to succeed.
- Create an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds.

- Make schools safer by accelerating the seismic upgrade program.
- Work in partnership to build and upgrade schools in every region of the province.
- Implement the new First Nations history curriculum, develop full-course offerings in Aboriginal languages and implement the educational Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Implement BC's new school curriculum and provide new technology, lab equipment, learning material and professional development support for teachers.

Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources

- Create a roadmap for the future of B.C. energy that will drive innovation, expand energy-efficiency and conservation programs, generate new energy responsibly and sustainably, and create lasting good jobs across the province. Reinvigorate the Innovative Clean Energy fund to boost investments in groundbreaking new energy technologies and climate change solutions.
- Freeze B.C. Hydro rates while conducting a comprehensive review of the Crown corporation.
- Immediately refer the Site C dam construction project to the B.C. Utilities Commission on the question of economic viability and consequences to British Columbians in the context of the current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the B.C. market.
- Establish a BC Mining Jobs Task Force to create and sustain good jobs in this important industry. Develop an improved and properly resourced approvals process to assess mining applications, and increase industry safety by establishing an independent oversight unit.
- Ensure British Columbians benefit from liquefied natural gas projects by requiring proposals to meet the following four conditions:
 - (1) Proposals must include express guarantees of jobs and training opportunities for British Columbians;
 - (2) Proposals must provide a fair return for our resource;
 - (3) Proposals must respect and make partners of First Nations; and
 - (4) Proposals must protect our air, land and water, including living up to our climate commitments.

Environment and Climate Change Strategy

- Renew the Climate Leadership Team within the first 100 days of your mandate.
- Implement a comprehensive climate-action strategy that provides a pathway for B.C. to prosper economically while meeting carbon pollution reduction targets, including setting a new legislated 2030 reduction target and establishing separate sectoral reduction targets and plans.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to implement an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018 to meet the federal government's carbon-pricing mandate. Take measures to expand the carbon tax to fugitive emissions and to slash-pile burning.
- Revitalize the Environmental Assessment process and review the professional reliance model to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, and the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met.
- Employ every tool available to defend B.C.'s interests in the face of the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline, and the threat of a seven-fold increase in tanker traffic on our coast.
- Enact an endangered species law and harmonize other laws to ensure they are all working towards the goal of protecting our beautiful province.

Finance

- Ensure Budget 2017/18 reports as balanced as per public accounts released in summer 2018.
- Take measures to improve tax fairness and ensure the tax system reflects our commitment to work for all British Columbians, not just those at the top.
- Create a Medical Service Plan task force and eliminate Medical Service Plan fees within four years, starting with a 50% reduction on January 1, 2018.
- Eliminate tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges.
- Take measures to improve housing affordability, close real estate speculation loopholes, and reduce tax fraud and money laundering in the B.C. real estate marketplace.
- Develop funding partnerships with the federal government, First Nations, municipalities, pension funds, financial institutions and businesses to invest in new capital infrastructure across the province over the next five years.
- Increase the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year beginning April 1, 2018, take measures to expand the tax to fugitive emissions and slash-pile burning, and dedicate additional revenue to rebate cheques for families and investments in climate change solutions.
- Enhance the lending capacity of B.C. credit unions by making their tax status permanent and lifting the cap on lending.

Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

- Protect and create jobs by fighting for a fair deal for B.C. wood products in softwood lumber negotiations with the United States.
- Work with communities and industry to develop a fair, lasting strategy to create more jobs by processing more logs in B.C. and to renew our forests by expanding investments in reforestation.
- Expand our innovative wood-products sector by addressing regulatory and capital barriers hampering the growth of engineered wood production and work with other ministers to ensure public projects prioritize the use of B.C. wood.
- Work with the Minister of Indigenous Relations, First Nations and communities to modernize land-use planning and sustainably manage B.C.'s ecosystems, rivers, lakes, watersheds, forests and old growth.
- Improve wildlife management and habitat conservation, and collaborate with stakeholders to develop long and short term strategies to manage B.C.'s wildlife resources.

Health

- Improve rural health services and expand the medical travel allowance for those who must travel for care.
- Work with the Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors to improve and strengthen services to ensure seniors receive dignified and quality care.
- Invest in more paramedics.
- Work to reduce wait times and implement province-wide co-ordination to manage and actively monitor waitlists.
- Provide the Therapeutics Initiative with the resources it needs to do its job effectively.
- Work with the federal government towards a national Pharmacare program and work with the B.C. Green caucus to develop a proposal to implement an essential drugs program.

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

- Work collaboratively and respectfully with First Nations to establish a clear, cross-government vision of reconciliation to guide the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court decision.
- In partnership with First Nations, transform the treaty process so it respects case law and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Support Indigenous communities seeking to revitalize connections to their languages.
- Provide reliable, dedicated funding and support for Friendship Centres.
- With the Minister of Finance, negotiate with First Nations leadership and communities around expanding opportunities for their share of B.C.'s gaming industry.

Jobs, Trade, and Technology

- Establish B.C. as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies by supporting venture capital investment in B.C. startups, taking measures to increase the growth of domestic B.C. tech companies, and removing barriers to attracting and repatriating skilled workers.
- Ensure that the benefits of technology and innovation are felt around the province by working with rural and northern communities and equity-seeking groups to make strategic investments that support innovation and job growth.
- Establish an Emerging Economy Task Force and establish an Innovation Commission to advocate for the technology sector.
- 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 increase employment in the forestry and innovative wood manufacturing sectors.
- Work with the Ministry of Finance to cut the small-business tax rate and create a Small Business Task Force.
- Create a framework to promote local hiring on government projects.
- Work with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to improve credential assessments and create a centre to coordinate and educate newcomers in their fields.
- Develop B.C.'s national and international trade relations.

Minister of State for Trade

- Work across ministries and with the federal government to ensure British Columbia's interests are protected and advanced in trade negotiations and disputes.
- Work across ministries and with the B.C. chapter of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association to further export opportunities for B.C. businesses.
- 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.
- 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.
- Work with the Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture to ensure that British Columbia's tourism sector is represented on trade missions.
- Work with the Minister of Agriculture to advance B.C. food and agricultural exports, especially to growing markets in the Asia Pacific.
- Work with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to develop a multi-year growth strategy for expanding exports in the manufacturing sector.

Labour

- Establish a Fair Wage Commission to support the work of implementing the \$15-per-hour minimum wage by 2021 and to bring forward recommendations to close the gap between the minimum wage and livable wages. The commission will make its first report within 90 days of its first meeting.
- Create a Temporary Foreign Worker registry to help protect vulnerable workers from exploitation and to track the use of temporary workers in our economy.
- Update employment standards to reflect the changing nature of workplaces and ensure they are applied evenly and enforced.
- Review and develop options with WorkSafe B.C. to increase compliance with employment laws and standards put in place to protect the lives and safety of workers.
- Ensure British Columbians have the same rights and protections enjoyed by other Canadians by reviewing the Labour Code to ensure workplaces support a growing, sustainable economy with fair laws for workers and businesses

Mental Health and Addictions

- Work in partnership to develop an immediate response to the opioid crisis that includes crucial investments and improvements to mental-health and addictions services.
- Create a mental-health and addiction strategy to guide the transformation of B.C.'s mental-health-care system. As part of this strategy, include a focus on improving access, investing in early prevention and youth mental health.
- Consult with internal and external stakeholders to determine the most effective way to deliver quality mental-health and addiction services.

Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Partner with local governments and First Nations to develop a community capital infrastructure fund to upgrade and build sports facilities, playgrounds, local community centres, and arts and culture spaces.
- Through partnerships with local governments, the federal government, and the private and not-for-profit sectors, begin to build 114,000 units of affordable market rental, non-profit, co-op, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing.
- Create new student housing by removing unnecessary rules that prevent universities and colleges from building affordable student housing.
- Amend the Residential Tenancy Act to provide stronger protections for renters, and provide additional resources to the Residential Tenancy Branch.
- With the Minister of Finance, deliver an annual renter's rebate of \$400 dollars per rental household to improve rental affordability.
- Work in partnership to develop a homelessness action plan to reduce the homeless population through permanent housing and services. As part of the plan, conduct a province-wide homelessness count.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to address speculation, tax fraud and money laundering in the housing market.
- As the Minister responsible for TransLink, support the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation by funding 40% of the capital costs of every phase of the plan, in partnership with all levels of government.

Public Safety and Solicitor General

- Provide more support to police efforts to disrupt the supply chain and advocate for increased penalties for drug dealers who knowingly distribute death-dealing drugs.
- Take action on gang and gun violence.
- Work in partnership to implement the Surrey Accord and provide the Surrey Wraparound (WRAP) program with increased, stable and secure annual funding.
- Increase annual funding to support women who experience domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes.
- Work with First Nations to set targets and take action to reduce the numbers of Aboriginal people involved in the justice system.
- Recognize culture for its role in rehabilitation and recovery and provide culturally diverse and appropriate programming in prisons, particularly for Aboriginal people.
- Increase support for initiatives that are proven to prevent and reduce crime, and increase the use of restorative justice programs.
- Lead the provincial government's planning for the safe implementation of legalized cannabis.

Social Development and Poverty Reduction

- As a first step, immediately raise all income assistance and disability rates by \$100 per month.
- Encourage and support assistance recipients as they re-enter the workforce by allowing them to keep an additional \$200 a month in earnings exemptions.
- Further support those on disability assistance by fully restoring the BC Bus Pass program.
- Develop a basic-income pilot to test whether giving people a basic income is an effective way to reduce poverty, improve health, housing and employment.
- Design and implement a province-wide poverty-reduction strategy with legislated targets and timelines.
- Work in partnership to develop a homelessness action plan to reduce the homeless population through permanent housing and services. As part of the plan, conduct a province-wide homelessness count.

Tourism, Arts and Culture

- Champion tourism as a job creator throughout British Columbia and work to expand tourism-marketing efforts internationally.
- Work with the Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology to ensure that British Columbia's tourism sector is represented on trade missions.
- Double the Province's investment in the B.C. Arts Council over four years.
- Increase investments in Creative B.C. over four years.
- Establish an arts infrastructure fund to help provide space for B.C. artists.
- Ensure that B.C. film and TV makers get their fair share of federal investments from Telefilm, and other federal government programs.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to expand B.C.'s film labour tax credit to include B.C. writers.
- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop a community capital infrastructure fund to upgrade and build sports facilities, playgrounds, local community centres, and arts and culture spaces.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Lead planning to address the infrastructure needs of rural and urban British Columbia under the government's comprehensive capital infrastructure plan to build a Better B.C.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to eliminate tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears Bridges.
- Accelerate Highway 1 upgrades to the Alberta border.
- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to secure federal funding for the Pattullo Bridge replacement and rapid transit in Metro Vancouver as part of implementing the mayor's 10-year plan for transit and transportation.
- Work with B.C. Transit, the federal government, and local governments to fund transit improvements across the province, including improving HandyDART service
- Work with B.C. Ferries to freeze and reduce fares, and reinstate the senior's weekday 100% discount, while conducting a comprehensive operating review.
- Ensure that B.C. Ferries procurement practices for new ferries provide for a fair and competitive bidding process that is open to B.C. shipyards.
- Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to create a fair approach to ridesharing.