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Jay Inslee: [In progress] river, and I'm appreciative of his assurances in that regard for any permitting activity going forward. I also offered the consideration of Washington. We have been fairly successful in wrapping protocols to prevent logging from damaging our rivers, and we're happy to share any expertise in that regard.

Now, as far as Chinook, you asked, is BC doing enough? Well, I'll tell you what. They, under this Premier's leadership, have tackled what I consider the most overriding challenge ultimately to the survival of chinook or orcas [inaudible] and acidifying the water, which are now 30% more acidic than they were in pre-industrial times and will be 100% more acidic if we don't change our practices. And I think the Premier and BC have supplied an example of the ability to tackle that problem and grow your economy. I talk a lot about this. The number one economy in Canada right now is BC, at the same time that they are working to defeat climate change [inaudible] on carbon, and it's going up over time, I'm told, in the near term. This is an example of what you can do to restore chinook and every other species on the planet. And given the UN report, it is doubly important.

There's a host of other local decision-making. You mentioned LNG. I have generally commented on other jurisdictions and things that directly impact my state. That's why I joined the Premier in opposition to the other pipeline, and we'll see what happens in litigation. We're party to that. You know our position on that. But that'll be enough of my comments about local decision.

Reporter: I wanted to ask about the pipeline explosion in Prince George. Climate activists are saying that this is even further proof that we should not go towards natural gas and LNG. What's your reaction to that? John Horgan: Certainly there's a whole bunch of challenges, as the Governor just said, with respect to climate action, and we're working diligently on a range of issues, setting targets, working on a plan that will meet those targets to be delivered later this fall. This is a unique situation. We rarely have a horrific explosion as we've had north of Prince George. Investigators are on the scene, RCMP, NEB, as well as the Oil and Gas Commission. And we'll await to hear what the cause of this horrific accident was. But it certainly gives pause. The Governor and I talked about safety and issues that were present in Bellingham not that long ago, so we're very much concerned [inaudible].

[Inaudible] the NEB to make sure that we can reopen the supply as quickly as possible, but we don't know when that's going to be at this point.

Reporter: What happened to the hydrogen highway which was announced by BC and the three west coast states before the Olympics? And Ballard Power is moving its manufacturing facility to China and partnering up with Weichai to create the biggest fuel cell power pack in the world, but nothing is happening along the west coast.

Horgan: I was in Guangzhou to see the Ballard fuel cells in action there in large numbers, and now manufacturing, so that's good news for Ballard. It's good news for the Chinese airshed and for their drive to reduce emissions as well. We're looking in BC, and the Governor will speak for himself, at a range of issues to electrify our highways, to make sure that we're moving towards electric vehicles as rapidly as possible. We have an abundance of clean, green energy in BC, and we believe that we need to put that

to effect to reduce emissions in the transportation sector, and also when we're looking at passive housing and a whole range of other issues regulating how we build our homes to make sure that they're as clean and efficient as possible. There's a whole host of issues outside of the industrial basket of emissions that we need to work on, and transportation's a significant one. But the decisions that were made prior to the Olympics on hydrogen didn't pan out. There's no doubt about that. The Ballard fuel cells have been proven successful and will be mass produced in China. That's good news. And I'm hopeful they'll migrate back to North America sometime soon.

Inslee: This we know for a scientific certainty, and the UN report makes this clear. We need to decarbonize our transportation systems over the next several decades. It is the only option. We ought to, at least in my view, be alert to every potential way to electrify our transportation system. We're having success in our state doing that. We have the highest percentage of electric buses in the US per capita in Wenatchee, Washington. We're building our electric charging stations up and down the I-5 and 405 and I-90 corridors. We're having the highest penetration of electric cars in any state government in the US, which is the state of Washington. Fifty percent of all our cars we buy for the state will be all electric, starting next year. So we're having success in this regard.

There is one thing I just want to alert you to, just so you know Washington is a good partner in this effort. We will be advancing this cause in the next year in the state of Washington, perhaps as soon as three weeks from now. Washington voters will be voting on an initiative to essentially create a billion-dollar fund to help advance all kinds of electrification systems, which could include fuel cells as well. I'm not stating a position on that today. I'm just telling you that it is on the ballot. So the voters may make a decision to move forward on that that could help fuel cells, lithium ion, and everything else.

Reporter: Canada's going to legalize marijuana next week. You're a few years ahead of us, Governor. [Inaudible.]

Inslee: First off, I would say that the decriminalization of marijuana by all ways of judging it, I believe, largely has been a success, in the sense that the fears of those who were not supportive of our efforts really have not been realized. We have not had crime associated with it. We've not had adverse health effects. There is not evidence of significant increase by youth usage, and that's in part because we've been talking to youth about that issue. At the moment, the one thing that we have more research we need to do is about traffic-related issues. We have not seen any specific increase in usage that's tied to increased traffic accidents. We have seen increased usage in general of people who have had some chemical in their blood -- principally, alcohol, barbiturates, amphetamines, heroin. That has happened, but we haven't seen it necessarily tied to marijuana. At the moment, what I would advise people is this has largely been a success from a health, safety and revenues to the government standpoint.

Advice on how to do it. I would suggest, number one, really having a well-regulated system is the most important thing to do. We have had, I think, considerable success doing that, regulating the industry in multiple senses. Number two, we've had, I wouldn't describe it as a take it slow, but I would say take it appropriate level of the number of outlets that you license. We took a different approach than another state that had unlimited number of those, and it was a bit of a Wild West situation that could not be appropriately regulated. We picked numbers that we thought we could handle in the regulatory system, and that has proven to be effective. I would say that you need to look at issues, and we are continuing to look at issues around the edibles issue and children's usage, and to make sure that you regulate the edibles so that the consumers know exactly what they're getting. We've been fairly successful in that, but we're continuing to refine the situation.

Horgan: I would add to the Governor's comments that the issues that he raised are the very issues that we've tried to address as we've moved into this decriminalized re-regulated environment, and it's been a challenge. We've followed Washington's example in terms of restricting the number of outlets, but you'll know that we have a number of existing dispensaries, largely in our urban centres, but not exclusively, and we need to re-license those. Many are very well along the way to being recertified or re-established, but that's going to take some time. I think that I would appeal to the public for patience, and also to the providers for patience as we work our way through this.

On the edibles question, we're also concerned. Other jurisdictions have had significant challenges. We've been monitoring that closely. When it comes to impaired driving, that's been an issue right across the country. When I talk to other Premiers, that's the highest priority. Law enforcement's concerned about it, but they're focusing on that, and I'm hopeful they'll have good answers for the public. And public safety is paramount for us, as well as ensuring that children are as far away from this as they can be.

Inslee: I want to add something, too, because it was an issue in my state. There was concern when there was decriminalization that people would lose their access to medically prescribed marijuana, and there was concern that the new regulatory system would impair them. That has not been the case. We've been successful. People have been able to have access to quality product for their medical conditions because we've done it in the right way.

Reporter: Just a quick follow-up on the pipeline rupture, since it's also affecting refineries in Washington. Have either of you been given any sort of a timeline on repair? Are we talking hours, days, weeks?

Horgan: I'm not sure this would have an effect on refineries in Washington. This is natural gas pipe. There is a Pembina oil pipe that had just delivered to the Husky refinery in Prince George. It's been stopped but not closed. The natural gas is the issue for us, and I've not been given any indication by officials when the ruptured pipe will be re-established or when the second pipe, which is also closed as a precaution, will be reopened to move the product into the lower mainland.

Reporter: [inaudible] high speed rail project. Presumably that's a project that would require federal funding from both governments. Given that, is it likely that this is going to go ahead any time while President Trump is in office?

Inslee: We will have a new president quite soon. And a new vision for the nation. Listen, our state has been in van for building infrastructure. We've got \$70b right now of infrastructure improvements in the State of Washington while Washington, D.C. can't build a birdhouse. I think that the vision of Washington state is one that is based on optimism and a can-do spirit and a recognition that we're building, you know, sort of mega communities here that the world is looking to with envy of our economic success. And to serve that, you 've got to be able to invest in your infrastructure -- particularly high-capacity infrastructure. We're doing that in spades and I look forward to joining the federal government when the bright day arises again over Pennsylvania Avenue.

There will be a new president. We're confident about that. You mentioned your pipeline. This is an important issue. I've been told by not totally viable sources if there is some interruption to supply at the

refineries with the consumers, I'll be briefed on that in the next couple hours and we'll have more to say to that later.

Reporter: We're going to do CBC, CTV, and then end with Ming Pao.

Reporter: Going about the next president in the White House since the mid-term elections November 6 (inaudible) 200,000 emergencies in British Columbia (inaudible).

Inslee: I have one method that I can deliver which we are eager to count your ballots. And we are very looking forward to 100% participation of people who live here who have the right to vote in the State of Washington. Voting is such a right and the importance of that right has been given more crystallization by looking at the voter suppression that has gone on, unfortunately, in some places in the United States. In places where they've closed polling places in predominantly African American communities in Georgia and Ohio where minority folks had to wait two hours in line to speak in the effort to decrease our census. There's efforts by our federal government to decrease the ability of people to participate in our census. When you see the attacks on voting, it makes the right to vote even a more precious thing. We hope people who are residing here in British Columbia will exercise their right to vote. I do have an opinion about how we should cast those ballots but I must reserve that for a private space here.

Reporter: And also (inaudible) a pipeline explosion. We touched about the risk of (inaudible).

Inslee: Well, again, I'm not going to have my formal briefing for a couple hours so I have to reserve statements about that. What I can say about the pipeline is, number one, we're all glad that apparently there haven't been injuries and that's our first priority. Second, while the province and the federal government is going through this, we are confident that they are going to do a very very sophisticated analysis of what happened here.

And I can tell you that when you do that, you can learn things to improve your pipeline's safety protocols. We did that in the United States when we had a tragedy in Bellingham years ago. As a result of that tragedy, we have improved the ability to monitor the corrosion of these pipelines. There's processes called pigs. Pigs are these machines you run through a pipeline and it looks through the integrity of the wells and the (inaudible) corrosion system. Very important to have an inspection protocol that is appropriate to the risk. We improved ours following a failure. Whether you do that or not will depend on what the timings are. But we know you have a premier who is a adept at these things. I'm very confident he is going to do all he can do in that regard.

Reporter: Premier, what's your reaction to the new UBC study that found there's been more accidents since the highway speed limits went up four years ago? (inaudible)

Horgan: Well certainly a profound increase. Not just an increase, a profound increase in fatalities in the areas where speed limits were rapidly increased by the previous government. I know the Minister of Transportation is awaiting that report. She's going to look at that and make recommendations to cabinet and we'll go from there. I was shocked to see. I had news coverage of that. We see that as individuals in our homes all the time. But the increase in fatalities in areas where the speed limits were increased shocked me, quite frankly. And we're going to take a good hard look at that and again, focusing on public safety. That's the fundamental job of elected officials wherever their jurisdiction is, whatever

level they're at. And I think we have an obligation to protect the public and if speed limits are a factor in fatalities, we need to reduce them.

Reporter: (inaudible) Ming Pao.

Reporter: I have a question regarding marijuana legalization. As we're approaching, I just want to know our province is ready to prepare everything. I also have the same question to the Governor Inslee about the, in the future, that stockholders (sp) or some worker related with the cannabis industry have enough (inaudible)

Horgan: Sure, well personally, we're doing everything we can to prepare for the date that was set by the federal government, the 17th of October. Minister Mike Farnworth is responsible for implementing the cannabis strategy. We have passed a number of bills last Spring and this Fall to ensure there's a seamless transition to a regulated legal marketplace. Now it will take some time to get up to supply for those who are seeking cannabis and the diversity of supply is another issue but as Governor Inslee said, they are a few years ahead of us. It takes time to go from something that has been barred and illegal for 100 years or so to legally distribute it as it would be any other controlled substance.

We're mindful of the expectations the public has but we also appeal to the public to allow this to take some time to follow through. It is not going to happen overnight and we've been saying that from the beginning. With respect to the movements across borders, this is an interesting point and the governor and I were talking about it. Washington state has legal cannabis. BC will have legal cannabis but individuals crossing the federal border between our two jurisdictions may be barred entry. That seems odd to both of us, certainly odd to me. Those are federal issues at both levels. We're going to work, I'm going to work with the Prime Minister and the governor says that he stands ready to assist should there be a requirement with the federal government of the United States which I believe is the main obstacle of this point.

But from my perspective, when you have two jurisdictions side by side that has so much in common and so much traffic back and forth -- the Nerd Bird which was just established, Kenmore Air flying from Seattle to Vancouver -- the prospect of high speed rail, if we're stopping at the border with high speed rail for extended periods of time to throw people off the train, it's not going to be moving very quickly. We have a whole bunch of trans-border issues we need to address outside of the cannabis question to make sure we have seamless movements of (inaudible) people.

Inslee: Two comments. First off, we do want to make sure our citizens are aware -- don't try to bring marijuana across the border right now. We don't want people getting an unnecessary difficulty. It's important for the public to understand that. We hope you can help spread that message. Second, I believe this problem will get resolved over time. The length of time it takes is largely dependent on the election results in the next three weeks in our federal government and in the year 2020. I would anticipate there's going to be significant changes in federal policy in this realm relatively rapidly. And when that happens, this issue ought to be resolved in one way or another.

Reporter: Okay, I lied, there's actually Marcella (sp) who was hiding behind the speaker.

Reporter: Just a question for both of you about quickly can we expect to see high speed rail linking these two jurisdictions considering that we've been told that it might 2035 before it's actually done.

Inslee: Well, the Seattle Sockeyes will win the Stanley Cup over the Canucks before this is completed. I can say that with some assurance. I can say that with some assurance. I don't have a date to give you. I can tell you that I've been pleasantly surprised at the rate of the decision making so far. In the business case analysis that's being done right now, there's no showstopper. So we're confident it's enough to continue this. I would not be doing a service by giving a date right now. But what I know is the sooner you get started, the sooner you'll get finished. And that means we've got to get started looking at this.

Horgan: And from my perspective, as we start developing rapid transit options in Surrey, rapid transit options out towards UBC, again the opportunities to bring people back and forth across the border for economic developments in both jurisdictions can't happen soon enough. But as the government says, the sooner you start, the sooner you're going to be finished. We're participating with the governor and (inaudible). There's business interests, private sector investors that are ready to go. As they say, no show stoppers yet but due diligence recorded. We're going to be talking public dollars. At the end of the day, we want to make sure we're making wise improvement investments on behalf of people of both jurisdictions.

Reporter: Okay, that is the question portion so I'm going to leave it to closing comments.

Horgan: Yeah, I have, my closing comment is that I heard something about Sockeyes. I thought they were going to be Chinooks but you're not going to have a hockey team for at least two years. So I thought you might want to cheer on the southern residents.

Inslee: Alright, the southern residents. I like it.

Horgan: Around here, that would be your Vancouver Canucks. That would be an orca there Jay from Jay (inaudible). It does say Inslee 20 on the back. I'd like to correct the record, that's where my hockey team is coming. There's no other message here. But Jay I hope you'll (inaudible).

Inslee: It's beautiful. It's a beautiful orca and we're working for all of them by the way.

Horgan: Thank you very much.

Inslee: And we have a response. I don't have the official (inaudible). I am not authorized to name the team the Sockeyes. That's just (inaudible). So we have a good NHL which has the same date. We'll look forward to getting you down here. How about you get on the Nerd Bird or however you get there, I'll come give you a ride.

Horgan: Sounds good (inaudible). Thanks very much.

Reporter: Thank you very much. [sss, tran, env, pssg, agg, hlth, jtst, embc, tnf, empr, zpz]

Media Scan

Joint Press Conference with Washington State Governor Jay Inslee

Nov 20, 2017

Gov. Jay Inslee

- Co-chair of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a group of American politicians banded together to oppose Trump on climate change

Key Issues

Trade, Tourism & the Environment

- Feb. 20, 2017- Gov. Inslee wants to keep tourism ties strong between B.C. and Washington with more air service and possibly speed rail with a one hour travel time between Seattle and Vancouver.
- He also says the region is strongly positioned to become a leader in biomedical research and wants to establish a research corridor between Vancouver and Seattle to co-mingle research efforts.
- May 18, 2017- PM Justin Trudeau met with Gov. Inslee in Seattle to discuss development of the Cascadia Innovation Corridor, opportunities for trade and investment, and innovation in the energy sector.

Climate Change

- Feb. 20, 2017- Gov. Inslee says there's room, and urgency, for B.C. and Washington to work together on climate change because he believes Trump will not help in the fight.
- Nov 13, 2017- Gov. Inslee joins other members of the U.S. Climate Alliance and leaders from Mexico and Canada to create the North American Climate Leadership Dialogue in Bonn, Germany

NAFTA

- May 19, 2017- Gov. Inslee opposes President Trump's announcement on renegotiating NAFTA pact with Canada and Mexico
- July 18, 2017- Gov. Inslee says pressure from U.S. governors will help prevent Trump administration from going overboard with its NAFTA demands

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion

- Nov 17, 2017- Gov. Inslee is concerned about risk of spills and threats to endangered orcas, potential oil spills and too much fossil fuel infrastructure involved in Texas energy giant Kinder Morgan's plans to expand its Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta to the west coast of British Columbia.

Release of Atlantic Salmon from Washington State Fish Farm

- Aug 27, 2017- Gov. Inslee directed the Department of Ecology to put on hold any new permits for net pens after thousands of Atlantic salmon escaped into Puget Sound from damaged pens near B.C.'s coastal water. He urged Cooke Aquaculture to stop additional escapes, recover escaped fish and compensate those working to capture the fish.

Victoria Sewage

- June 11, 2014- Gov. Inslee sends letter to Premier Christy Clark, demanding she order local Victoria-area governments to step in after more than 20 years of debates and promises about treating the region's sewage.
- Feb 27, 2016- Washington state Senate considering travel restrictions to Victoria for state workers due to the state of the primary sewage treatment.

Questions and Answers – Joint Press Conference with Washington State Governor Jay Inslee.

KEY ISSUES:

Softwood Lumber:

- The Governor and I had a good discussion about this topic, we have some areas of agreement, some where we differ, but we agree that the current situation doesn't work for people and it doesn't make sense on either side of the border.
- Our government has been fighting for a deal that's good for workers, industry, and our communities. We went to Ottawa and Washington D.C. to do just that.
- The US Department of Commerce has dragged out this dispute, and imposed unfair and unfounded duties on Canadian softwood exports.
- The US decision was wrong, and it puts thousands of BC jobs on the line.
- Ultimately the U.S. government is ramping up costs for American consumers.
- BC is the dominant player in the softwood market, with over 50 per cent of the product that goes to the US coming from British Columbia.
- We have been working closely with the federal government to get a fair deal.
- When the US has imposed these unfair tariffs in the past, the courts have sided with BC, and I am confident that they will do so again.
- We will work with the sector to ensure it stays competitive and continues to create good jobs for British Columbians.
- And we will defend the 60,000 people who rely on the forestry sector for their jobs and livelihoods.

NAFTA

- The Governor and I both understand the importance of trade, as well as the broader importance of remaining open to the world.
- B.C. and Washington share an excellent trading relationship: approximately US \$20 billion in two-way merchandise trade crosses the border annually between Canada and Washington.
- While provincial governments don't have a formal role in the NAFTA negotiations, we are working closely with the Government of Canada to make sure the federal negotiating strategy aligns with our interests.
- B.C. supports Canada's efforts to modernize the agreement to make it more progressive and fair.

High Speed Rail

- I fully support exploring clean, efficient ways to improve travel in the region and between trading partners.
- I support the work Governor Inslee is doing on studying the feasibility of a Vancouver-Seattle-Portland Ultra High Speed Rail Link. B.C. has officials on the advisory panel.
- I look forward to seeing the results of the study in December and continuing to work with Governor Inslee on this important matter.

Climate Change

- B.C. is committed to working with its Pacific Coast Collaborative partners, including Washington State, in the fight against climate change. We can do so much more working together.
- I'm very pleased that Governor Inslee is pursuing carbon pricing in Washington. We remain fully committed to the B.C. carbon tax, which will increase by \$5/year starting in 2018 to meet the federal carbon pricing mandate.
- The Province is willing to share technical expertise with Washington officials as they develop their plan.

Victoria Sewage

- I know this issue has been a long-standing concern for Washington State residents, including the Governor.
- I'm pleased that the project is now moving ahead and the Capital Regional District fully expects it to be operational by the end of 2020.

Fish Farms:

- Our government is committed to protecting our wild salmon and the nearly 10,000 good jobs that depend on it.
- We want to ensure that wild salmon continue to be an economic driver in coastal communities today, tomorrow and into future generations.
- This government is working together with First Nations communities that rely on wild salmon; we are working with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and with the aquaculture sector to ensure the sustainability of the wild salmon in BC.
- The Minister of Agriculture is speaking regularly with the aquaculture sector, the wild salmon industry, First Nations, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- We are bringing all parties to the table to ensure that wild salmon are protected for generations to come.

Release of Atlantic salmon from Washington State Fish Farm

- Obviously I'm concerned when something like this happens in our shared waters.
- I know the Governor is taking this issue very seriously and taking action. I won't speak for him, though.
- B.C. is not issuing any new tenures at this time

Columbia River Treaty

- The Columbia River Treaty continues to benefit both Canada and the U.S., but the benefits to the U.S. extend across a much broader range of interests - such as fisheries, navigation, and water supply - than the original treaty focus of flood mitigation and power production.
- B.C. has been working closely with the Government of Canada to ensure alignment between Canada and B.C.'s negotiating mandates and strategies.
- There is a possibility that all three parties will be ready to initiate discussions in fall/winter 2017.

Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion:

- We've been clear—a seven-fold increase in heavy oil tankers in the Vancouver harbour is not in B.C.'s interests.
- Our government is using every tool in our toolbox to defend B.C.'s coast against this pipeline.
- We have been very clear that we will hold Kinder Morgan to the high standards of environmental protection and consultation with First Nations that British Columbians expect.
- We have gained intervener status in the Federal Court of Appeal hearing and we now have the opportunity to defend our province's interests in this very important case.
- We are taking real steps, including joining legal action, to ensure B.C.'s interests are protected.
- British Columbians can have confidence that we will continue to defend BC's coast and the economic and environmental interests that are so important to us all.
- I certainly don't want to speak for Governor Inslee on this matter.

NOTE: The Governor recently spoke to National Observer about the Kinder Morgan pipeline on November 17th.

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Cc: [Hold - 190624 - McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Draft statement
Date: November 28, 2017 8:22:00 AM

Sage, I had the same thought on the way to work – I think John should be in a statement saying he will raise the issue with Ottawa, including the possibility of standby tug when these vessels are transiting especially treacherous waters.

Geoff

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Hi Geoff,

FYI on a draft statement from Inslee on crude.

Sage

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To: Hewitt, Jeremy IGRS:EX
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Subject: Draft statement

Hi Jeremy,

Here's what we will likely say...

"I am concerned about increased tanker traffic near Orca populations and oil spills like what happened in Bella Bella, BC last year. I want to work with Premier Horgan and the BC government on transboundary spill mitigation and response, particularly emergency response tugs that could access high risk areas, including the Haro Strait. Washington state has a similar tug at Neah Bay that is now paid for by industry."

All the best,
--Charles

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Subject: Re: Governor's visit to Victoria

Sounds like a good plan. The best people to send it to are me, Sheena and Sage Aaron. Sage is the Premier's comms director.

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On Nov 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Knutson, Charles (GOV)
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Fyi Jeremy

All the best,
--Charles

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Thx Chase, I suggest we repackaging the comment he made in Europe and give Jeremy, Sheena and Danielle in Premier's office a courtesy review before sending.

All the best,
--Charles

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Subject: Governor's visit to Victoria

Hi, I was one of the reporters covering Governor Inslee's visit to Victoria B.C. yesterday. Unfortunately there was very limited time for questions and I did not get a chance to ask mine. It is as follows:

Alaska crude oil tankers have sailed past the British Columbia capital daily for more than 40 years, many of them winding their way through the San Juan Islands to offload their cargo at Washington's large refinery complexes at March Point and Cherry Point. The Trans Mountain pipeline also extends into Washington, delivering Alberta crude to these same refineries.

Gov. Inslee, are you opposed to the Trans Mountain expansion as approved by the Canadian government, and if so, how do you reconcile that position with Washington's own activities?

Please provide a statement in response.

Thank you.

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For your interest. Some not-so-oblique hits on Trump, then goes to Churchill.

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Draft Inslee remarks for your perusal.

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Hi Danielle,

Attached is a first crack at the governor's remarks before the legislative assembly on Tuesday morning. They still need to be reviewed by Charles and the governor, so they could change substantially. That said, I hope these can be of some use to you. If you happen to see anything that raises a red flag or seems tone deaf in here, please do not hesitate to speak up. You won't offend me!

I will be reviewing these remarks with the governor on Monday afternoon and would hope to have a final draft to you by Monday evening. The final copy will be marked "text as prepared" so it can be shared with the members of the press.

Thanks and have a great weekend,

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DRAFT Remarks to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly November 21, 2017

Time: 15 minutes

Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker of the General Assembly, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Third Party, and all honorable members:

It is a tremendous pleasure to be here today.

I also want to thank my amazing wife, **Trudi**, for attending.

I am the first governor from Washington state to speak before the British Columbia Legislative Assembly since **Governor Dan Evans** did so in the early 1970s, so it truly is a privilege to walk through those Golden Gates, and to address you all.

During his address more than four decades ago, Governor Evans shared his excitement upon seeing another legislative body in action. He recognized – as do I – what an opportunity it is to observe the rituals of democracy that have shined brightly for generations within these walls.

If everyone could witness the way this distinguished assembly conducts the people's work, I believe they would feel overwhelming pride for how the great experiment of democracy has transformed humanity.

Governor Evans told the assembly that, “We sometimes do forget, and our people unfortunately forget, just how hard our ancestors fought for this very privilege of free debate and popular rule.”

We see that problem today in my country, where low voter turnout, heightened partisanship, and crumbling civility weaken our ability to be that shining city upon a hill the world expects us to be.

Within the past year, especially, I know that many nations have questioned our country’s values and its leadership. Today, allow me to reiterate that my state will never surrender the principles that make us who we are – those of openness and opportunity; of inclusion and innovation; of equality and environmental stewardship.

In these ways, I believe that the State of Washington has much more in common with B.C. than it does with D.C.

You might cheer for the Whitecaps while we cheer for the Sounders. You might sing “Oh Canada” while we serenade the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” But we have numerous shared interests, and most importantly, numerous shared values.

Many of us can walk out the door, look around – and if the weather cooperates – marvel at the natural beauty that surrounds us. That breathtaking scenery plays a major role in our tourism and outdoor-recreation industries.

It also is part of what draws talented people to live and work in the Pacific Northwest – along with our cities' vibrant metropolitan centers. In turn, that talent breeds innovation.

My state and this province both share a commitment to fostering and growing innovation.

One of the recent goals we accomplished together was the creation of the Cascadia Innovation Corridor. This special partnership is allowing us to move forward on a number of shared visions, including in the technology, health care and transportation sectors.

On transportation, we began a feasibility study for a new ultra-high-speed rail line from Portland, Oregon, to Vancouver, B.C., that could promote economic integration, enable affordable housing, help clean our air and reduce traffic.

I am excited about the prospect of a train that reduces travel time to Vancouver, B.C., from three hours to less than one.

I also am excited about the prospect of new seaplane service between South Lake Union in Seattle and Coal Harbor in Vancouver. In fact, when I met with **Prime Minister Trudeau** earlier this year, he expressed his support for the project.

In addition to sharing an innovative spirit, my state and this province share the understanding that society is stronger when we *include* instead of *exclude*.

I am proud that we were one of several states to join a lawsuit to protect undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children. They are not a danger. They are Dreamers.

I also am proud that Washington state led the charge against Washington D.C.'s illegal and immoral ban on immigrants and refugees from a number of Muslim-majority countries.

That ban was perplexing, given that my country is rooted in the principles of liberty and opportunity. It was not consistent with the values of my state.

Let me be clear: Washington state welcomes people from across the globe. Washington state supports our residents' religious freedoms. And Washington state does not villainize people based on their immigration status.

This province and my state also share many challenges: Affordable housing and homelessness. The opioid epidemic. Income inequality.

And, certainly, climate change.

When Governor Evans spoke to this assembly, he spoke about oil as an important resource for Washington and B.C. Today, I am here with the hope that together we will usher in a new era – one that moves past polluting fossil fuels and embraces a clean-energy future.

There is no doubt in my mind that clean-energy technologies open doors to economic prosperity. Beyond that, however, they are a crucial element to solving climate change, one of the greatest challenges of our time.

There is a quote I enjoy from Sir Winston Churchill, one of my favorite historical figures. What I admire most about Churchill was his courage and optimism, even in the face of hardships that we, in this day and age, cannot possibly comprehend.

Churchill once wrote: “What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone?”

As I approach my golden years, this is something I have spent time pondering, and it drives my passion to help solve our climate crisis.

It makes me think about my three grandchildren. I don't want them stuck in a world where deadly forest fires and flooding are the norm – a world without salmon in the rivers or our iconic Orcas in the Pacific.

My state is fortunate to have distinguished leaders to our north who recognize the importance of this problem.

Earlier this month I traveled to Bonn, Germany, to reassure global leaders of my country's commitment to acting on climate change and ocean acidification.

There, environmental dignitaries from Canada and Mexico joined forces with the U.S. Climate Alliance – now 15 states strong – to create the North American Climate Leadership Dialogue. The dialogue will address topics such as zero-emission vehicles, clean power, and carbon pricing.

It is not the only cross-border collaboration on climate. We have the West Coast Electric Highway, a robust system of electric-vehicle charging stations spanning from B.C. to B.C. – British Columbia to Baja, California.

We also have the Pacific Coast Collaborative, a group of West Coast states and British Columbia dedicated to forming a united direction for Pacific North America, including on climate change.

I want to assure this assembly that the D.C.-Ottawa relationship does not affect the B.C.-Washington relationship.

What is happening in D.C. cannot stop us from moving forward to defeat climate change. It cannot stop us from establishing global and subnational coalitions; it cannot stop individual states from capping carbon; and it cannot stop our businesses from inventing new and creative solutions.

When I was in Europe this month, I met a bright young man in Switzerland who helped develop a machine that actually filters carbon dioxide out of the air. Passionate and brilliant people like him are working on similar clean tech projects around the world, and especially in the Pacific Northwest.

My hope is that we will continue to support these types of innovations and forge ahead against climate change, despite the naysayers and the fact deniers. I know British Columbia will be alongside us on this critical journey.

To illustrate our bond, look no farther than the Peace Arch, which for nearly a century has stood on the border between our homelands to symbolize the strong ties between Canada and the United States, and between Washington state and British Columbia.

The idea for this monument came from **Sam Hill**. He was a Washington state businessman and visionary who wanted to build a great arch – not to commemorate war victories like in Europe, but to recognize the years of peace in North America.

Sam got his wish, and the beautiful 67-foot-tall monument was built directly on the border, in the grass between the north and south lanes of Interstate 5.

If you look closely, you will see an iron gate mounted within the arch with an inscription that reads: “May these gates never be closed.”

That is the special relationship between our two communities.

It means we are stronger when we collaborate.

That we are stronger when we celebrate our rich history.

That we are stronger when we see ourselves as one Pacific Northwest region and share an optimism about our future.

As that strength grows, may we never lose sight of who we are or the values we hold dear.

We are Washingtonians and British Columbians. We are friends and partners. Today and always.

Thank you so much for this privilege of addressing you.

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As discussed.

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Hi Sage,

Updated post 2019 budget ministry summaries are attached. We have not edited these as of yet. So keep that in mind.

Our team will go through tomorrow and pull the "best of" results metrics. We'll also combine with the topline results metrics used in the budget (see below).

Hoping to have a draft results KM guide for you by end of day tomorrow.

Thanks!

Danielle

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- PARENTS ARE SAVING UP TO \$15,000/ YEAR per child through the Affordable Child Care Benefit
- 20%REDUCTION in the small business tax rate
- NEW CLASSROOMS FOR 5,500 STUDENTS \$191.4 million for new schools ingrowing communities
- OVER 1 MILLION ADDITIONAL HOURS of care for seniors in residential care homes
- 800+ NEW MODULARHOMES ARE OPEN and 1200+ are on the way for people experiencing homelessness
- 5 NEW URGENT PRIMARYCARE CENTRES in communities across BC, with 5 more on the way
- 280 NEW TRANSITION HOMES have been funded for women and children leaving violence and abuse
- 37,000 MORE MRIs this year than last, reducing wait times
- 4,900 NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES ARE UNDERWAY with more than 14,000 to be built in 42 BC communities
- 22 MILLION+ BC FERRIES PASSENGERS ARE SAVING MONEY from fare freezes, fare rollbacks and free travel for seniors
- ELIMINATING UNFAIR MSP PREMIUMS saving families as much as \$1,800/year
- 1,750 NEW HOMES ARE UNDERWAY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES both on and off reserve

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Advanced Education, Skills Training

MINISTER: Melanie Mark

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- We're breaking down barriers for people by making post-secondary education and skills training more accessible and affordable.
- We acted quickly with tuition-free adult upgrading and English Language Learning programs, tuition waivers for former youth in care, reduced interest on student loans, grad scholarships and women in tech scholarships.
- Budget 2019 levels the cost of post-secondary education by eliminating the interest on B.C. student loans, making life more affordable for families and young people transitioning to the workforce.
- We're adding hundreds more early childhood education spaces; more tech, computer science and engineering spaces; and investing nearly half a billion dollars for 5,000 new, affordable on-campus student beds.
- As part of reconciliation with Indigenous people, we're taking steps to ensure that Indigenous learners are supported to thrive. We're driving forward systemic change starting with ensuring all public post-secondary boards have Indigenous governance on their boards.
- We'll keep working hard to ensure people can access affordable post-secondary education and training so they can unlock their full potential and succeed.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- Eliminated the interest that accrues on B.C. student loans in Budget 2019, benefitting approximately 200,000 borrowers who will collectively save about \$22 million in interest payments in 2019-20. Instead of worrying about growing debt, students can focus on learning, and graduates can put their energy into their next steps in life.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FIN0019-000248>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/19161> (UBC echo event)
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/19150> (Coast Mountain College echo event)
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/19175> (UVic echo event)
- Adding hundreds more spaces makes post-secondary education and training more accessible. We've added hundreds more opportunities for people in early education, teacher education, health care, engineering and computer science programs. This includes the first sonography program in Northern B.C. It also includes the first major investment in tech programming at post-secondary institutions in over a decade. A total of 2,900 tech-related spaces will produce 1,000 additional tech grads a year by 2023. In Budget 2019, we increased funding with \$5.3 million for 2021-22.

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AEST0008-000095> (sonography program at CNC)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0008-000046> (tech seats)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0019-000666> (health care assistants seats)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0095-001384> (ECE seats)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0096-001414> (ECE seats)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0008-000184> (teacher education spaces)

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0050-001783> (teacher education seats - French)

- Budget 2019 also saw \$5.1 million over 3 years for health programs, \$3.5 million over 3 years for apprenticeship training, and \$1.4 billion in direct gov't funding over 3 years in provincial capital funding. Capital projects include a new \$18.9-million Health Sciences Centre at Okanagan College and a new \$78.3-million Health Sciences Centre for Advanced Simulation at BCIT.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FIN0019-000248> (FIN's budget release)
- We're breaking down barriers for former youth in care. The first province-wide tuition-waiver program for former youth in care was rolled out at all 25 public post-secondary institutions and 10 union-based trades training providers.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0076-001509>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0071-001086>
- Recognizing the critical housing needs of students, we've funded an additional 1,165 homes at three post-secondary institutions in 2018 – Thompson Rivers University, the College of New Caledonia and UVic – representing an 800% increase from 130 student homes funded over the previous 16 years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0046-001261>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0059-000761>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0081-002199>
- Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs were made tuition-free at public post-secondary institutions throughout the province, opening the door to thousands of people wanting to upgrade their skills. Upgrade BC was launched in August 2018 to raise awareness and help adult learners locate upgrading programs in their community. More than 20,000 students are now benefiting from this important initiative. In Budget 2019, we've continued funding to support tuition-free programs with a \$16.5 million increase over 3 years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0071-001404>
- The ministry negotiated a new Workforce Development Agreement with the Government of Canada, which provides \$685 million over six years to deliver new programming that supports workers and employers, with a specific focus on vulnerable and under-represented groups.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0048-001314>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AEST0009-000254> (Village of Gingolx announcement)

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AEST0001-000016> (Survivors of violence and abuse/older workers announcement)

- We announced \$21 million over three years for the Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships Program. Over 40 communities will receive funding to provide Indigenous learners with training to further their education and obtain employment.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0046-000508>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0048-000512>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0127-001872>
- We're investing in adult literacy programs in local communities to boost peoples' confidence reading, writing and using a computer. Literacy and numeracy programs help people calculate interest on car loan, read labels, fill out application forms and help kids with their homework. For many adult learners literacy programs are an important first step in an educational journey to post-secondary studies. A total of \$2.4 million for 101 community adult literacy programs will assist adult learners in 75 communities in 2018.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0133-001977>
- We launched a \$12 million graduate scholarship fund that will support 800 awards of \$15,000 to recruit and retain the best graduate students. Previously, B.C. had been a 'have not' province.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0103-001478>
- We launched a public engagement campaign that ran from December 2017 to February 2018 to raise awareness about sexualized violence prevention and response policies. We followed up with a sexual violence public information campaign in September 2018 and January 2019 to raise awareness that sexual violence is not acceptable.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0002-000012>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0111-001636>
- Adult upgrading is now even more affordable due to our investments in open textbooks. The Province provided BCcampus with \$250,000 to create or adapt textbooks for all courses in all levels of the British Columbia adult graduation diploma (or adult dogwood diploma). Now, B.C.'s adult graduation diploma will be the first credential in Canada to be both tuition-free and have free course materials available for instructors to use.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0072-001108>
- Mental-health concerns are very real among post-secondary students. We're developing a 24/7 mental health referral, information and counselling service for post-secondary students. In January 2019, a notice of planned procurement was posted to BC Bid. A competitive process will be posted shortly. Currently, there is no provincewide resource available to post-secondary students. This service will include phone, online chat, text and email capabilities.

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AEST0153-002481>

METRICS:

- We're making post-secondary institutions more relevant and representative for Indigenous learners. As of July 2018, all 25 public and some private post-secondary institutions have Indigenous representation on their boards, compared to 11 institutions in 2012.
- The University of Victoria launched the first Indigenous Law Degree Program in Canada in September 2018. B.C.'s Budget 2018 included \$900,000 in 2019-20 and \$1.35 million in 2020-21 for the program as it gets underway. The Province of B.C. will be increasing its investment up to \$1.8 million a year in ongoing funding. The Indigenous Law Program supports our government's commitment to lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
- To support the next generation of skilled trades workers, school districts throughout the province are receiving \$3 million to buy new equipment to upgrade trades classrooms and workshops. Fifty-eight school districts will receive funding through the Industry Training Authority's Youth Trades Capital Equipment Program. Now, students get to learn hands-on with modern, up-to-date technology to jumpstart their career in the trades.
- Future early childhood educators are getting better access to programs. The Ministry has committed \$7.4 million over three years to fund an additional 620 early childhood educator graduates at public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C. For example, through a \$130,000 investment, we're helping College of the Rockies double their Early Childhood Educator program capacity by adding 30 new seats at its Cranbrook campus.
- We're making sure people have the opportunities they need to thrive in the tech sector.
 - Our Women in Tech scholarships will inspire a new generation of women in science and tech professions with 10 scholarships a year worth \$10,000 each and will include at least one Indigenous woman.
 - To keep up with our booming tech sector, we need to support our tech workforce. British Columbia will add about 2,900 tech-related spaces that are expected to result in 1,000 additional grads per year by 2023. Total provincial startup funding this year is \$4.4 million and is expected to increase to \$42 million. These are in new and expanded programs that include:
 - 440 spaces in undergraduate and graduate-level sustainable-energy engineering degrees at Simon Fraser University (SFU) Surrey.
 - 624 spaces in computer science and biomedical and manufacturing engineering degrees at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver campus).
 - 300 spaces in information-technology diplomas in cyber security, tech arts and new media at British Columbia Institute of Technology.

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- 40 spaces in a mechatronics and advanced manufacturing-technology diploma at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

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Agriculture

MINISTER: Lana Popham

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Agriculture is an important part of British Columbia's economy and a key prosperity driver for people in communities throughout the province.
- We are working to protect B.C.'s farmland, encouraging new farmers to bring farmland into production, and developing new markets for B.C. agricultural products.
- We revitalized the Agricultural Land Commission Act, to stop the loss of prime agricultural land through construction of mega-mansions and end illegal dumping. This will keep agricultural land pristine and affordable so that more farmers can get on the land and supply B.C. and other regions with safe and secure access to food.
- We're growing opportunities for farmers, ranchers and producers through Grow BC and Feed BC so that we can expand local food production in our province and bring increased prosperity and economic stability to farmers, as well as increased food security to British Columbians.
- And we brought back Buy BC, the popular B.C.-focused marketing program that was a game changer for farmers and producers when it was first introduced over 16 years ago, but then cancelled for no reason.
- We've launched the B.C. Land Matching Program, to match new and young farmers with an interest in farming lease land from landowners around the province who want to see their fields in production, so that British Columbians can have even greater access to safe, secure food and other agricultural crops throughout B.C.
- We're providing real opportunities to B.C.'s farmers and ranchers to grow their agricultural businesses, and to welcome the next generation of B.C. farmers in communities throughout the province, to be part of B.C.'s robust, sustainable economy.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- We revitalized the Agricultural Land Commission Act, to stop the loss of prime agricultural land due to mega-mansion construction, speculative buyers and illegal fill dumping and keep land with the Agricultural Land Reserve pristine and affordable to farmers. We introduced Bill 15 that further protects farmland and strengthens the independence of the ALC so it can better fulfill its mandate of preserving the ALR while encouraging farming and ranching within British Columbia
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0083-002125>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0018-000261> (legislation)
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0020-000336> (Bill 15)

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- We're supporting wild salmon through \$142 million fund to promote habitat restoration, encourage the development of sustainable wild fisheries and support communities around B.C. and on our coast.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/governments-of-canada-and-british-columbia-now-accepting-proposals-to-help-restore-pacific-salmon-an>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0015-000243> (International Research)
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0151-002412> (Broughton Agreement)
- We have partnered with the federal government to invest \$115 million in programs and projects that aim to increase market development, agri-technology and on-farm and processor food safety for farmers, ranchers and producers over the next five years, while supporting environmental sustainability through climate adaptation programs.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0020-000615>
- We heard from many British Columbians interested in farming that the price of farmland in B.C. had become unaffordable, and was a real barrier for them to enter the sector. As part of Grow BC, we funded the B.C. Land Matching Program, which pairs new farmers interested in leasing farmland to bring it into production with landowners who want to see their farmland in use.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0061-001792>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0004-000053> - innovation program recipients
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0005-000116> - innovation program recipients
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0002-000044> - food and animal traceability
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0089-002237> - climate change adaptation strategies for Kootenays and Boundary Districts
- B.C. growers and producers told us they wanted a branding program that would encourage people to choose B.C. first when making their shopping decisions. We launched the Buy BC brand, along with a \$2 million fund to help B.C. producers market their products as truly made-in-B.C. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0048-001274>
- We heard from many British Columbians interested in farming that the price of farmland in B.C. had become unaffordable, and was a real barrier for them to enter the sector. As part of Grow BC, we funded the B.C. Land Matching Program, which pairs new farmers interested in leasing farmland to bring it into production with landowners who want to see their farmland in use. We're also supporting the next generation of BC fishers through mentoring and knowledge transfer at specifically designed conferences
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0061-001792>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0003-000047> - young fishers conference

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- We're working with BC farmers and ranchers to help create new markets for their products, and establish business relationships. From farmer to chef to plate: connecting B.C.'s food systems. At the Ministry-organized "Every Chef needs a Farmer, Every Farmer Needs a Chef, 300 farmers, chefs and food service professionals met to build business relationships around growing and serving the many agricultural and seafood products produced in B.C.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0088-002187>
- We're building the demand for local farmers and foods producers through Feed BC, a program that will increase local food being served in hospitals and other government facilities.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0024-000345>
- We're delivering on our commitment to support BC companies, entrepreneurs and local food supply by funding regional "hubs" – shared spaces and equipment that companies can use on-demand, as their businesses and product list expand.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0017-000255>
- We helped farmers and ranchers get back on their land, and back to their livelihoods following devastating wildfires in both 2017 and 2018, through our Agri-Recovery fund. Over those two years, we provided up to \$25 million in funding to farmers, ranchers and other producers whose operations were impacted. Working with the federal government we've also increased eligibility criteria so more farmers and ranchers can get the support they need to recover from unexpected income losses.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/governments-announce-new-initiative-to-support-bcs-agriculture-sector-impacted-by-wildfires>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017AGRI0052-001693>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/governments-support-british-columbia-farmers> - support for income losses
- B.C.'s tree fruit growers will be able to update aging equipment and infrastructure while increasing their marketing and research efforts through \$5 million in provincial funding over four years, as well as the ongoing replant program, helping orchardists replace old trees with new, more profitable varieties
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0012-000222>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0001-000034> - replant funding
- We are supporting farmers, growers and producers by investing in new agricultural crops, products and animals, like hazelnuts, oysters and honey bees, showcasing the opportunities here in B.C. for a wide variety of products that can be produced on land and in the sea, while supporting sustainability.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0075-001988>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0080-002061>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AGRI0064-001839>

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- The BC government efforts to improve animal welfare continue, through partnership with the SPCA and BC's producers, by adopting National Farm Animal Care Council Codes of Practice for beef, poultry, pork and fur animals into legislation.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0019-000298>

METRICS:

- Our government is investing significantly in B.C.'s agriculture industry and the farmers, ranchers, producers and fishers that it employs. The Ministry of Agriculture's 2019/20 budget is \$98.2 million. the highest ever for the Ministry of Agriculture.
- B.C.'s tree fruit competitiveness funding is open to approximately 800 growers throughout B.C., who produced nearly 129,000 tonnes of fruit in 2016, worth more than \$116 million.
- Ministry programs offer support to BC's 17,500 farmers, 2,800 food and beverage manufacturers, and 4,500-employee seafood sector in BC, that together generate more than \$14 billion in annual sales and employ more than 61,000 British Columbians.
- Ministry programs are tailored to offer support to BC's diverse agricultural and seafood sectors, offering support to the producers of 200 commodities on the land and over 100 from the water.

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Attorney General

MINISTER: David Eby

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- We are supporting government's commitments to make life more affordable for British Columbians, deliver the services that people count on, and support a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.
- Because British Columbians deserve government choices that lead to fair, timely, and long-lasting outcomes, we are improving access to the justice system and providing more options for resolving disputes.
- Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. We are creating a more inclusive and just society for all British Columbians by protecting and promoting human rights with the re-establishment of a Human Rights Commissioner.
- Money laundering is hurting British Columbians through its links to organized crime, gang activity, violence, drugs and deaths on our streets. We are tackling the long-ignored issue on several fronts, including casinos and real estate.
- We are enhancing public safety and engaging communities in the new legalized cannabis regime.
- Keeping ICBC insurance premiums as low as possible is part of government's commitment to make life more affordable. ICBC is one of our most important public assets, created to provide accessible auto insurance for British Columbians. We are addressing ICBC's financial concerns with major reforms.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- We are promoting and protecting human rights. Following an extensive public engagement, government is re-establishing a human rights commission for B.C. The former commission was dismantled in 2002. The independent commissioner will promote human rights, address issues of discrimination, and combat widespread patterns of inequality in society.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0090-002102>
- We are making changes to ICBC to make it work better for British Columbians and bring its finances back on track. We are modernizing ICBC's outdated rate structure to make it fairer so that good drivers don't pay more to cover the cost of riskier drivers.
- ICBC is also increasing care for injured people and introducing changes that will help it return to financial sustainability. Changes to court rules will help bring balance between reducing legal costs and the ability of people injured in motor vehicle accidents to receive the medical benefits and settlements they need to recover.

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- To enhance road safety and help prevent crashes in the first place, ICBC has directed an additional \$2.4 million for enhanced traffic enforcement throughout the province.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0064-001561>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0092-002177>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0100-0022>
- We are cracking down on dirty money linked to the opioid crisis, deaths on the streets, and skyrocketing housing costs. Government began implementing the recommendations of the report by Dr. Peter German on money laundering in B.C. casinos, and has launched subsequent probes into money laundering in the real estate, horse racing, and luxury car sectors.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0072-001884>
- We filed a class action lawsuit against opioid drug companies whose marketing practices have had devastating impacts on the lives of thousands of British Columbians. The legal action aims to recover millions of dollars in opioid-related health care costs incurred by the provincial government.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0064-001655>
- We are protecting British Columbians' freedom of expression with legislation to shield people from strategic lawsuits against public participation, known as SLAPPS, that stifle criticism on matters of public interest.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AG0010-000221>
- We entered a new era of legalized cannabis. The Liquor Distribution Branch opened the first BC Cannabis Store and its online sales service on October 17. Private retailers are being licenced by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch through an approval process focused on public safety and community consultation.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0079-002018>
- We strengthened maintenance enforcement to ensure that children and families have the supports they are entitled to. In addition to passport-application denials and interception of tax refunds and other benefits, people with substantial arrears will now have their driver's licence cancelled.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0020-000646>
- We are committed to making real, transformative changes to the ways that Indigenous peoples interact with British Columbia's justice system. We are working in partnership with the Aboriginal Justice Council and held two Justice Summits this past year focused on improving the experience of Indigenous peoples in the justice system.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0071-001816>

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- We improved access to dispute resolution by expanding the Civil Resolution Tribunal's jurisdiction to include certain motor vehicle accident claims in cases under \$50,000. We also amended the Legal Profession Act to expand the types of professionals able to provide legal services.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0097-002221>
- We significantly increased the budget for legal aid and received an independent review of legal aid with recommendations focused on the experience of those who use legal aid services. We have increased funding for legal aid by \$26 million dollars over three years, the most significant lift since 2002.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AG0020-000319>
- We improved courthouse and online services by introducing Wifi in select courthouse locations and developing a new online tool to help people complete documentation for joint-filing divorces in cases without children.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0058-001437>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0055-001379>

METRICS:

- Addressed nine recommendations contained in Dr. Peter German's report "Dirty Money", plus two interim recommendations, aimed at tackling money laundering in B.C. casinos, with work to address the rest of the recommendations underway. As a part of the subsequent probe into money laundering in the real estate, horse racing, and luxury car sectors, government accepted close to 200 submissions from British Columbians who felt they had information relevant to Dr. German's review.
- There were 94 meetings and nearly 70 written submissions that contributed to the public engagement report and recommendations to the Attorney General on re-establishing the Human Rights Commission.
- On the first day of legalized cannabis in Canada, BC Cannabis Stores online processed 9,137 transactions. The BC Cannabis Store in Kamloops processed 795 transactions.
- The escalating cost of injury claims is the single biggest factor affecting ICBC's basic insurance rates – injury claims costs have soared by 43 per cent in just five years (since 2014); projected to total \$3.67 billion in 2018 alone. Vehicle damage costs have increased by 50 per cent since 2014; projected to total \$1.63 billion in 2018 alone.

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- Close to 10,000 divorces are filed each year in B.C., with 30 per cent of those filed jointly. The new Online Divorce Assistant Application helps people complete documentation in cases without children to speed up processing time and avoid filing errors.
- The Attorney General introduced 18 bills during the fall session, the most ever introduced by a minister during one session. The legislation ranged from supporting litigation against opioid manufacturers to getting big money out of provincial politics.

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Children & Family Development

MINISTER: Katrine Conroy, Katrina Chen

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- We know that B.C. parents have struggled to find and afford child care throughout the province.
- That's why this government is committed to making affordable, accessible and quality child care a reality for B.C. families.
- In February 2018, the B.C. government announced a three-year, \$1-billion investment through the Childcare BC plan – the most significant child care investment in B.C. history.
- This funding is complemented by a three-year, \$153-million federal-provincial Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement.
- Investing in universal early care and learning is the right thing to do for our kids, families and for the economy.
- We are laying a strong foundation for our long-term goal of implementing a universal early care and learning system in B.C.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- **Affordable child care:**
 - **Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (April 2018)** – The fee reduction helps lower the cost of child care for parents at approved licensed child care facilities by up to \$350 a month per child.
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000517>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/optin
 - **Affordable Child Care Benefit (September 2018)** – Under the Affordable Child Care Benefit, introduced in September 2018, eligible parents can apply for up to \$1,250 per month, per child. The Affordable Child Care Benefit expands eligibility to families earning up to \$111,000 and will support more than 80,000 B.C. families.
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0067-001713>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/affordablechildcarebenefit
 - **Universal Childcare BC Prototype Sites (November 2018)** – Universal Childcare BC Prototype Site launched in November 2018, and converted approximately 2,500 child care spaces at 53 child care facilities throughout B.C. into low-cost spaces that will model child care at a cost of \$200 a month, or less, per child:
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0092-002172>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/childcareprototypesites
- **Access to licensed child care:**
 - **Childcare BC Maintenance Fund (June 2018)** – The Childcare BC Maintenance Fund helps eligible child care providers to maintain existing spaces by providing funding to help them with minor repairs or to replace equipment in order to meet licensing standards. The fund also helps cover relocation costs for eligible providers so they can quickly move their operations, if needed, and continue to support B.C. children and their families.

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- News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0047-001192>
- Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/ccmaintenancefund
- **Start-Up Grants (June 2018)** – The Start-Up Grant program supports individuals and unlicensed child care providers to become licensed. Applicants can apply for funding to help them cover the costs of becoming licensed, including training and application fees for licensing, hiring replacement staff while taking a course, and buying equipment for a child care facility. Becoming licensed allows providers to care for more children, and will help to enhance the quality of child care across B.C.
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0048-001243>
 - Update (January 2019): <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CFD0005-000107>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/startupgrants
- **Childcare BC New Spaces Fund (July 2018)** – The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund helps improve access to child care throughout the province by supporting the creation of 22,000 new licensed spaces over three years. *Note – New spaces are being announced regionally – a list of NRs is available upon request.*
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0050-001352>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund
- **UBCM partnership (September 2018)** – The Province is working with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) on two initiatives that support local government and municipalities to plan for and create new child care spaces, and make effective use of publicly available assets and lands:
 - The **Community Child Care Space Creation Program** provides up to \$1 million for local governments who are working with partners to create new child care spaces in their community.
 - **Community Child Care Planning Grants** help communities assess and plan for the creation of new child care spaces that meet the needs of local families.
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0059-001744>
 - Program site: www.ubcm.ca

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Quality child care:

- **Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy & wage enhancement** – The Province is looking at ways to support existing Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and recruit new ECEs by ensuring wage support and improving recruitment and retention in the sector. The *Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy* outlines the first steps towards this goal, with an initial \$1-an-hour wage enhancement coming in early 2019. This will be followed by a further \$1-an-hour lift in April 2020.
 - News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0057-001707>
 - Program site: www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/ecestrategy
- **ECE Bursary (September 2018)** – The Province, in partnership with Early Childhood Educators of BC, is investing \$10 million in a bursary for students who are enrolled in early childhood education programs at one of 32 approved post-secondary institutions in B.C.
 - Program site: www.ecebc.ca/programs/student_bursary.html
- **ECE Seats (September 2018)** – As part of Childcare BC, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is investing \$7.4 million over the next three years to fund spaces for an additional 620 early childhood educator graduates at public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C.
- **ECE Wage Enhancement (January 2019)** – Most ECEs in licensed group child care facilities earn about \$18/hour (\$38,000 per year). Starting in January 2019, the Province is providing a \$1-per-hour wage enhancement for front-line ECEs working in eligible licensed child care facilities. Another \$1-per-hour wage enhancement is scheduled for April 1, 2020.
 - Information bulletin (December 2018):
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0105-002367>
 - Program information: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/wage-enhancement
- **ECE Professional Development (March 2019)** – The Province is investing \$6.3 million into a variety of programs through its three-year, \$153-million Early Learning and Child Care Agreement with the Government of Canada.
 - Update: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CFD0026-000367>

METRICS:

- Under the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, to date (as of Feb. 2019), more than 53,300 spaces are eligible for a reduction in fees, and the initiative has put nearly \$98 million back in parents' pockets.
- More than 80,000 B.C. parents are eligible for savings under the Affordable Child Care Benefit. The benefit can save parents up to \$15,000/year (\$1,250/month) – per child – on the cost of child care. To date (as of March 6, 2019), more than 41,000 children (31,000 families) throughout the province have been approved for the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

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- Since July 2018, the Province has funded more than 3,300 new licensed child care spaces through *Childcare BC*. More new spaces will be announced as projects are approved.
- The ECE wage enhancement has already delivered more than \$5 million to ECEs across B.C., with over 7,600 ECEs verified for payments as of February 27, 2019

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Children & Family Development (Indigenous Supports & Services)

MINISTER: Katrine Conroy

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- For too long, there have been system-wide assumptions and practices that have failed Indigenous children, families and communities.
- It is very clear that the overrepresentation of Indigenous children and youth in care is unacceptable and needs to change.
- We are committed to making that change – and our government is making continual and meaningful progress.
- Our government has adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- We are also implementing Grand Chief Ed John's recommendations to provide better supports to keep Indigenous children out of care where possible.
- We are changing the Child, Family and Community Service Act to give Indigenous communities greater involvement in child-welfare decisions, helping keep Indigenous children out of care, safe in their home communities and connected to their cultures.
- We are working with a number of First Nations and Indigenous communities on the transfer of jurisdiction.
- By focusing on prevention, collaboration and jurisdiction, MCFD is working on all levels to shift its culture and practice to keep Indigenous children out of care, safe within their families and connected to their culture. We are doing this by:
 - amending our policies and practices to be culturally safe and trauma-informed;
 - ensuring Delegated Aboriginal Agencies have the financial support they need to operate efficiently.
 - Implementing a strategy to hire more Indigenous social workers; and
 - working to support and honour the cultural practices of Indigenous communities in the province.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- The Province is working with the federal government and First Nations Leadership Council to explore systemic changes to B.C.'s child-welfare system, including governance and jurisdiction. Child welfare, through the Tripartite First Nations Children and Families Working Group.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0001-000105>
- Changes are being made to the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* to focus on supporting families to safely stay together. This includes giving social workers the ability to withdraw from court proceedings when they are satisfied that an agreement between parents and an Indigenous community will keep a child safe.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0015-000722>
- The Province is investing \$30 million from the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement with the Government of Canada to expand and enhance Aboriginal Head Start programs. These programs

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provide culturally-based, inclusive child care and early learning, family bonding and prevention services.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0036-001007>

- MCFD signed a historic joint commitment with Métis Nation BC to achieve the goal of Métis exercising jurisdiction over children and families – according to their cultures and traditions – by 2021.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0042-001132>

- The Province is working with individual Indigenous communities on the transfer of jurisdiction. In 2018, MCFD signed two important tripartite agreements around children and family services, first with the Secwépemc Nation and the federal government and then with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and the federal government. Ongoing discussions continue between the Province and the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Huu-ah-ayt First Nation, Cowichan Tribes, and Northern Sepwepemc to Qelmucw (NStQ).

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018IRR0058-001451>

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/canada-british-columbia-and-wetsuweten-make-progress-on-child-and-family-services>

- To better support high risk expectant parents and keep families safely together, MCFD produced a joint breastfeeding report with the Representative for Children and Youth that has committed government to:
 - Putting supports, stronger guidelines and a clear breastfeeding policy in place – the first of its kind in Canada;
 - Giving at-risk parents access to advocacy services;
 - Building on supportive housing and care programs for at-risk parents and infants.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0055-001654>

- The Province is investing \$3.6 million over three years to support 11 new early learning and child care planning and navigator positions to help address the specific needs of Indigenous children, families and communities throughout the province.
 - Métis Nation BC is using the funds to create six Métis early years navigator positions and one provincial early years navigator position;
 - Three planning and capacity development positions are being created by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society; and
 - one planning and capacity development position is being created by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CFD0076-002111>

METRICS:

- MCFD is working with Indigenous communities to reduce the number of Indigenous children and youth coming in to government care. There are almost 6,500 children and youth in care in B.C. – nearly 400 fewer than last year. Of these children, just over 4,100 are Indigenous – almost 160 fewer than last year. This is the lowest number of Indigenous children and youth in care since 2014.

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- Expanded government supports are helping to increase the rate of family preservation – for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous families. In fact, after receiving supports, almost 90% of all children in need of protection are able to continue living safely with their families. This number is over 85% for Indigenous children and youth.

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Children & Family Development (Caregivers)

MINISTER: Katrine Conroy

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Caregivers open their homes and hearts to children and adults who need their support.
- While the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is providing greater supports to keep families together when it's safe to do so, resulting in fewer children coming into care in the first place, there is still a need for skilled caregivers to care for children who can't safely live with their parents.
- Static basic monthly payment rates have impacted the ministry's ability to recruit and retain caregivers at a time when costs of living continue to rise and long-term caregivers are aging and retiring.
- Our government is making different choices with the first increase in support rates for caregivers in ten years, helping to make life more affordable and build stronger, more inclusive communities.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- Budget 2019 provided approximately \$64 million over three years to boost support payments to foster parents, adoptive caregivers and extended family members caring for children who cannot safely live with their parents.

METRICS:

- Support for family members caring for children through the Extended Family Program (EFP) will increase by more than 70 per cent, and will be paid at the same rate as foster caregivers. This increase is part of government's commitment to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and addresses recommendations by Grand Chief Ed John.
- Foster parents will receive an additional \$179 each month to help cover basic necessities for children in their care including food, shelter and clothing.
- Eligible adoptive parents, many of them adding children with special needs and or sibling groups to their families, will receive an additional \$105 to \$120 per month for post adoption assistance, to help meet increases in the costs of living.

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Citizens' Services

MINISTER: Jinny Sims

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- From day one, our government has been about people.
- We're working hard to make life more affordable, improve the services people count on, and build a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.
- We provide key services people count on, helping local economies benefit from government's purchasing power and expanding high-speed internet in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.
- Connectivity opens doors to new possibilities for every person in every community in B.C. We're expanding broadband connectivity in smaller communities throughout B.C. so people have more opportunities to learn, run their businesses, access public services and stay connected.
- The Province spends almost \$7 billion each year procuring a wide variety of goods and services – we'll leverage government's buying power to drive economic growth, create good-paying jobs and encourage made-in-B.C. innovation in communities throughout British Columbia.
- Our focus is on providing best value for public dollars while also creating social, environmental and economic benefits that are returned to British Columbians.
- After consulting with a wide range of suppliers, we have reviewed our approach to large-scale contracting. Our new procurement strategy will simplify the procurement process and create opportunities for companies of all sizes to work with government.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- Budget 2019 committed an additional \$50 million to the Ministry of Citizens' Services to fund a third phase of the Connecting British Columbia program. It is the largest single injection of funding into the program since its creation. March 8, 2019 NR: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CITZ0006-000348>
- Announced the new procurement concierge program as part of a six-month program update on the procurement modernization strategy. The concierge program fundamentally changes the way government buyers and vendors work together. It allows industry experts to propose potential solutions to government business challenges prior to starting the formal bidding process. Jan. 28, 2019 NR: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CITZ0004-000096>
- Launched OrgBook BC, a new service that will make it easier for companies to quickly and securely share verifiable business information online. British Columbia is the first province in North America to use blockchain technology to enable efficient and safe interactions between government agencies, businesses and other organizations. Jan. 22, 2019 NR: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019CITZ0002-000062>

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- More provincial grant funding announced for internet service providers and other community-based organizations to improve connectivity in rural, remote and Indigenous areas in B.C.:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CITZ0016-000824>
- The Province is responding to the urgent need for more housing on Haida Gwaii by creating 19 new homes with 24/7 support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This property demonstrates a new approach to using surplus real estate assets that support the needs of local communities.
https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2018MAH0056-000962.htm
- Government plays a significant role in growing the provincial economy through its purchase of goods, services and technology. The ministry is taking a new approach to procurement by improving access for companies of all sizes and providing social, environmental and economic benefits for communities throughout B.C.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CITZ0017-001280>
- FreshWorks Studio of Victoria is the first company to be awarded a contract using Sprint With Us, a new procurement process that makes it simpler and faster for British Columbia's tech companies to do business with government.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CITZ0021-001421>
- B.C.'s Startup in Residence program connects tech companies with government to rapidly co-develop, test and launch solutions to real-world public-sector challenges. Tech experts work with government professionals during a 16-week residency to develop cutting-edge solutions the companies own and can build on, and market to new customers.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CITZ0024-001867>
- The only First Nation without cellular service along Highway 16 will soon have access to new wireless coverage, increasing safety, enhancing communications and bringing economic opportunities for people in Witset and surrounding areas.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018CITZ0028-002072>

METRICS:

- New funding (\$50M) commitment to improve connectivity: These funds will benefit approximately 200 rural and Indigenous communities as the province moves towards the goal of connecting all British Columbians to high-speed internet.
- Procurement concierge program: This program is collaborative, and vastly different from traditional, inflexible procurement systems that require government buyers to have potential solutions in mind prior to issuing a tender.
- In partnership with the Government of Canada, \$45.4 million in funding is for backbone networks that will bring fibre optic cable to 154 communities, including 56 First Nation

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communities, connect institutions and indirectly improve internet connections for an important number of households along the British Columbia coast.

- As part of the ministry's \$40 million commitment to improve connectivity, an additional \$16 million is available to improve connectivity in rural and remote areas. Working with federal and local partners, the ministry has announced over \$83 million in funding since January to expand access to high-speed internet for an estimated 190 communities – including 69 First Nations and Indigenous communities. Since July 2017, projects to improve high-speed internet connectivity are underway or completed in 417 communities, including 74 Indigenous communities, or nearly 43,000 households.
- The Province is responding to the urgent need for more housing on Haida Gwaii by creating 19 new homes with 24/7 support services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This government through the Ministry of Citizens' Services is now considering whether a property can be used for public infrastructure such as a school, hospital or daycare now or in the future before selling surplus properties.
- Sprint With Us reduces procurement timelines from more than three months to six weeks. It allows the Province to develop business solutions quickly and effectively, while still maintaining rigorous procurement standards.
- In addition to owning the intellectual property, Startup in Residence companies can reference the B.C. government as a customer, have a greater understanding about working with government, and explore opportunities to contract for further development, access or maintenance of the solution they created at the end of their residence.
- After the Rogers cell tower is in service, every Indigenous community along the Highway of Tears will have access to modern cellular connectivity. Approximately 900 people in Witset First Nation and 5,000 Smithers-and-area residents will benefit from improved cell service.

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Education

MINISTER: Rob Fleming

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- We know the best way to build a strong, prosperous economy is to invest in the success of our kids.
- After years of underfunding, our government is making record investments in our education system to support students through smaller class sizes, more resources in the classroom and improved learning environments.
- We are speeding up the pace of investments in seismic upgrades, school expansions and new schools in communities throughout the province.
- We are also making sure that our children are receiving an education that will let them thrive in this ever-changing 21st century world by implementing a new curriculum in B.C. schools, and ensuring each child has equitable access to learning opportunities.
- Together we are investing in schools, in classrooms and in a better future for our children.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- We've invested close to \$1 billion (\$911 million) since September 2017 in new schools, expansions, seismic upgrades and property purchases – the largest capital investment in B.C. history.
 - This includes approving 24 seismic projects since September 2017 – the most ever in a single year.
- We've addressed the backlog in school maintenance projects by increasing funding to annual facilities grants for the first time in 14 years.
- We're easing the fundraising burden on parents and investing in the health and well-being of our students by launching an annual \$5 million school playground fund.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/17070>
- We are supporting students in the classroom by funding 3,700 new teaching positions.
- We are committed to better supporting Indigenous learners by implementing a new First Nations history curriculum, developing full-course offerings in Indigenous languages and implementing the educational calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- We've opened the door for people to upgrade their education and skills by eliminating restrictive Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Fees.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0071-001404>
- We're focusing on vulnerable students by hosting a two-day School Community Mental Health conference that brought together for the first time more than 300 educators and community

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partners focused on making life better for students struggling with mental health challenges.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/17102>

- We're ensuring schools are welcoming and inclusive by:
 - Expanding the ERASE anti-bullying strategy to include resources for mental health and wellness, and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).
 - Working to ensure all school districts in B.C. now have SOGI- inclusion policies in place.
- We've invested nearly \$1 million to help address teacher recruitment and retention issues <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0008-000184> and conducted a mission to Europe to lay the groundwork for recruitment of more French language teachers.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/16725>
 - We have certified 17 teachers from France to work in B.C. this year (14 since the mission to France), and an additional 20 applications for certification are currently in process.
 - We have created 74 additional spaces in teacher education programs in French.
 - We have invested \$180,000 in partnership with the Government of Canada to support SFU and UBC to implement initiatives to address French teacher recruitment and retention challenges.
- We're building a new environment of respect with teachers, school staff and administrators.
 - We launched the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/16908>)

METRICS:

- Students in B.C. are enjoying smaller class sizes as government is investing over \$400 million annually to fund almost 4,000 new teaching positions created in the last two years. This includes 500 special education teachers and 190 more teacher-psychologists and counsellors.
- Budget 2019 includes the highest ever operating and capital budgets for K-12 education in B.C.
 - \$552 million more to support student success in the classroom over the next three years.
 - \$2.7 billion for new and expanded schools, seismic upgrades, and property purchases for future schools.
 - Since forming government, we have increased our investment in education by 17.1%, compared to student enrolment growth of 3.2%.
- Students in B.C. are enjoying smaller class sizes as government has funded the hiring of 3,700 new teachers including 390 special education teachers and 140 more teacher psychologists and counsellors.
 - School districts have also hired 1,000 new education assistants.
- Since Sept 2017, investment of \$191.4 million in new schools will create 5,560 new student spaces in growing communities across B.C.

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- Investment of \$544 million in seismic upgrades and replacement schools will create 17,863 safer seats for students in the event of an earthquake.
 - We've approved three times as many seismic projects in the last year compared to each of the previous two years.
- Government has invested \$75 million to buy land in fast-growing communities like Sooke, Surrey, Langley and Chilliwack to build future schools.
- Investment of \$990 million in new schools, school expansions, seismic upgrades and replacements will create nearly 5,800 direct and indirect jobs.
- More than 25,000 children can enjoy new playgrounds at more than 100 different schools across B.C. due to our government's new \$5 million annual playground fund
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/19181>
- Working in partnership with MCFD, we have created over 2080 new child care spaces since September 2017.
- BC has joined Canada and FNEESC (First Nations Education Steering Council) to announce the signing of the B.C. Tripartite Education Agreement which will benefit Indigenous students, schools and B.C. communities.
 - \$100 million five-year agreement (\$20M per year) will benefit all Indigenous students in B.C. and 200 First Nations, supporting students who attend any one of the 131 on-reserve First Nations schools or those who attend public or off-reserve independent schools in B.C.
- We are supporting Indigenous communities as they work with districts to develop language curricula.
 - There are currently 17 First Nations languages with approved curriculum and there are six more in development.
- We've invested \$3 million to support professional development and new school-based mental health programs focused on prevention, wellness promotion and early intervention.
- Through the expanded ERASE strategy, school-based gang prevention programs will be offered in priority communities identified by police and safety experts as those that could benefit from additional gang prevention support. Communities will include Abbotsford, Burnaby, Delta, Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley, Nanaimo, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria and Williams Lake.

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- Also, through ERASE, the ministry invested \$160,000 to provide over 190 online safety sessions to more than 19,000 students in grades 3-12 throughout the province.

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Energy, Mines, & Petroleum Resources

MINISTER: Michelle Mungall

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES

- B.C. is uniquely positioned as a destination and supplier for industry looking to drive low-carbon economic growth and opportunities.
- B.C. is a clean energy powerhouse. Ninety eight percent of the power we generate is clean, renewable energy.
- By moving to clean, renewable energy, like our abundant supply of hydroelectricity, we can power our growing economy and make life better and more affordable for people.
- Our natural gas framework ensures we are creating good jobs and a fair return for British Columbians, making full partners of First Nations and living up to our climate commitments.
- British Columbia mines have an integral role in the lower carbon economy, from the copper required for electric cars compared to conventional cars, to the steelmaking coal required for the steel in wind turbines.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- The provincial government has put British Columbia on a path to 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2040. Legislation introduced next spring will phase in targets for the sale of ZEVs and the government will take steps to make ZEVs more affordable.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0082-002226>
 - Provincial electric vehicle charging infrastructure continues to increase in partnership with Federal government support, with additional stations added in Vancouver and elsewhere in B.C.:
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2019/02/canada-invests-in-vancouvers-electric-vehicle-network.html>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2019/02/canada-announces-expanded-public-ev-network-in-british-columbia.html>
- Better Buildings BC: The Net-Zero Energy-Ready Challenge encourages the design and construction of low-carbon, net-zero energy-ready buildings. The design competition includes up to \$390,000 given to the most cost-effective demonstration of net-zero energy-ready buildings. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMPR0059-002110>
- B.C.'s new record \$40-billion investment by LNG Canada will balance future economic opportunity and job creation, and will produce the world's cleanest LNG facility.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0073-001910>

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- New incentive program, EfficiencyBC, will dedicate \$24 million to make life more affordable by providing financial incentives to make energy-saving improvements, helping British Columbians spend less on a retrofitted home or business project.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMPR0052-001891>
- Acting on the results of phase 1 of a comprehensive, two-phased review of BC Hydro, government is taking action to keep electricity rates affordable for customers by cutting costs and developing new revenue streams at BC Hydro. As part of making sure BC Hydro works better for customers, the government will also be expanding oversight of the Crown corporation by the BC Utilities Commission. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019EMPR0004-000231>
- In recognition of the role agriculture plays in the Peace River region, and the potential effects of the Site C project on agriculture, BC Hydro launched a \$20-million fund to support agricultural production and related economic activity in the Peace Region.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMPR0046-001283>
- As part of a new approach to natural gas development, the British Columbia government is overhauling the policy framework for future projects, while ensuring those projects adhere to B.C.'s climate targets. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0012-000480>
- The British Columbia government kept its commitment and appointed a three-member scientific panel to conduct an independent scientific review of hydraulic fracturing to ensure it is meeting the highest safety and environmental standards. The scientific panel determined that British Columbia's regulatory framework appears to be robust and made no recommendations aimed at curtailing hydraulic fracturing.
- Government passed legislation to strengthen environmental protection and remediation in areas where oil and gas activities occur. The amendments to the Oil and Gas Activities Act also improve the restoration of orphan wells in British Columbia, and better protect the province's land and water. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMPR0010-000665> ,
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMPR0060-002238>
- The Province is investing \$20 million over three years to support the Mining Jobs Task Force's recommendations, to help foster a healthy, thriving and responsible mining sector, with high-paying jobs.
- The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is creating 30 additional positions in 2019-20 in two new divisions, with up to 35 additional positions added next year and the year after. The new divisions support the B.C. Mining Jobs Task Force's recommendation that government should improve industry safety and oversight by providing the ministry with additional resources to ensure continuing mining regulatory excellence and increased efficiency.

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019EMPR0005-000268>

- British Columbia is making the Mining Flow-Through Share (MFTS) tax credit, and the B.C. Mining Exploration Tax Credit (METC), permanent incentives to support investment. This will bring immediate benefits to B.C.'s mineral exploration sector by creating more certainty and economic activity to support jobs.
- Government is committing \$1 million to work with industry and all levels of government to develop a mining innovation roadmap, and an additional \$1 million for the continuation and expansion of the Regional Mining Alliance, which promotes mineral exploration, Indigenous partnerships and mining in B.C.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0006-000099>

METRICS:

- LNG Canada is expected to generate about \$23 billion in public revenue over 40 years – creating new funds available to invest in health care, schools, child care and other key public services.
- Direct benefits of the LNG Canada final investment decision also include \$24 billion of direct private-sector investments in British Columbia.
- LNG Canada will create up to 10,000 jobs during construction and up to 950 permanent jobs once operations are underway.
- British Columbians who purchase electric vehicles typically save about 75% on their fuel and maintenance costs, which adds up to about \$2,400 per year.
- The Province offers point-of-sale incentives through the CEVforBC program, administered by the New Car Dealers Association of BC. The program offers incentives of up to \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, and up to \$6,000 for a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle.
- British Columbia already has one of the largest charging and fuelling infrastructure networks – electric and hydrogen fuelling – in Canada and, with 15,000 clean energy vehicles registered, the highest adoption rates of electric vehicles in the country.
- Management and disbursement of the \$20 million Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund will be controlled by a 10-member, regional board that reflects the diverse range of agricultural interests and opportunities in the Peace Region, with representation from five regional agricultural organizations, the Peace River Regional District and agricultural producers. It is anticipated that funds will start to flow from the fund in 2019. BC Hydro has appointed Northern Development Initiative Trust as the financial administrator of its Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund <https://www.sitecproject.com/bc-hydro-names-agricultural-compensation-fund-administrator>
- Mineral exploration, mining and related sectors in B.C. provide jobs for more than 30,000 people in communities throughout the province and add over \$6 billion to B.C.'s GDP.

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- Currently, more than 1,100 businesses in British Columbia provide supplies or services to mining operations in this province.
- B.C. is Canada's largest producer of copper, largest exporter of steelmaking coal and only producer of molybdenum (a key component in steelmaking).
- Mining is the largest private-sector employer of Indigenous people in Canada and B.C. shares mineral tax revenue with First Nations.
- We are investing in new resources to promote increased investment in B.C.'s mining sector, to help keep our economy strong and sustainable.
- As a result of the BC Hydro review, subject to BCUC approval, electricity bills for ratepayers are forecast to increase by 1.8% effective April 1, 2019, and 0.7% effective April 1, 2020. These rate increases would add \$1.63 to the average residential customer's monthly bill beginning in April 2019 and \$0.68 in April 2020. This is part of a cumulative rate increase of 8.1% over the next five years, which is:
 - almost 40% lower than the 13.7% cumulative increase for the same period under the previous government's 10-year rates plan, and
 - 20% lower than the 10.7% forecast rate of B.C. inflation over the same period.
- As part of transitioning to enhanced oversight, government has accepted a recommendation from the BC Hydro review for BC Hydro to stop using the rate-smoothing regulatory account and to write off its balance to zero in 2018-19. This will limit rate increases and relieve ratepayers of the burden of directly paying off \$1.1 billion in deferred costs over the next five year

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Environment & Climate Change Strategy

MINISTER: George Heyman

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- British Columbians are rightly proud of our natural resources and environment — they represent who we are and where we've come from.
- We are working hard to ensure these resources are used sustainably and enhancing public trust by engaging people, communities and First Nations.
- Growing a strong economy and protecting the environment we all cherish go hand in hand. That's the legacy we want our kids and grandkids to inherit.
- We are putting the province on a path to a cleaner, better future - with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land and water.
- By rising to the challenge of climate change, we are taking strong action to protect our environment, while expanding B.C.'s economy and creating opportunities and jobs for people across our province.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- Release of CleanBC plan aimed at reducing climate pollution, while creating more jobs and economic opportunities for people, businesses and communities.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0088-002338>
- Protecting 190 hectares of ecologically sensitive land through a \$10 million investment.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0021-000821>
- Addition of 431 new campsites throughout the province along with upgrades to existing facilities to improve the overall experience of B.C.'s natural beauty and provide a range of camping opportunities for everyone to enjoy.
https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2018ENV0058-001426.htm
- Modernizing the Environmental Assessment process through legislation to provide a clear and timely path for the approval of responsible resource projects, pursue reconciliation with B.C.'s Indigenous peoples, increase public engagement and transparency and deliver stronger environmental protections.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018ENV0080-002122>
- Passed legislation to ensure decisions affecting the province's natural resources are science-based, transparent and protect B.C.'s unique environment for future generations.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018ENV0078-002045>

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METRICS:

- \$17 million to protect almost 8,000 hectares of ecologically sensitive lands.
- Addition of 431 new campsites throughout the province along with upgrades to existing facilities, to enhance the camping experience for locals and tourists.
- More than 125 thousand BC license plate sales to support diverse projects related to conservation, community engagement and Indigenous relations.
- \$223M available in Budget 2019 to increase the climate action tax credit for low and middle income families so that a family of four can get up to \$400 to help offset rising energy costs.

CleanBC targets (EMPR & ENV):

- Budget 2019 invests \$902 million over three years to begin to implement CleanBC -- so that we can move forward confidently to create a cleaner, stronger, more prosperous British Columbia.
- By 2040, every new car sold in B.C. will be a zero-emission vehicle — to help people make the switch, we're offering up to \$6,000 in rebates.
- By 2032, every new building constructed in B.C. will be 80% more efficient than a home built today.
- By 2030, 95% of organic waste will be diverted from landfills and turned into renewable resources.
- By 2030, 60% of homes will use clean energy.
- Will put us on the path to reducing our province's greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by the year 2030, based on 2007 levels.

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Finance

MINISTER: Carole James

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Our government is working hard to make life better for people in British Columbia.
- Under the last government, only the few at the top benefitted, while opportunities became further and further out of reach for most.
- We are taking a different approach. We're putting people first.
- Our government is tackling the big problems in B.C. while balancing the budget and continuing to build the strongest economy in the country.
- We are investing in people to build a stronger economy for today and tomorrow.
- We're creating opportunities to help people and businesses thrive through historic investments, including:
 - Creating the New B.C. Child Opportunity Benefit, so all kids have the opportunity to thrive.
 - Eliminating interest on B.C. student loans, so young people can get a good start in their lives and careers.
 - Providing stable, long-term funding for First Nations communities for services and infrastructure in their communities.
 - Fully eliminating MSP Premiums starting January 1, 2020.
- Investing in CleanBC – the largest investment in climate action in B.C.'s history.
- Budget 2019 brings in the biggest middle-class tax cut in a generation – putting thousands of dollars back into people's pockets.
- We believe that a truly balanced budget doesn't ignore the problems that real people face every day – it tackles them head on.
- Our balanced approach is good for people, good for communities, and good for our economy.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- **Budget 2019** – Budget 2019 is about making life better and creating opportunities for people – so that everyone has the chance to reach their full potential. Through historic investments, Budget 2019 continues this government's approach to truly balanced budgets through investing in people and building a strong economy.
 - Introducing the new B.C. Child Opportunity Benefit – starting in October 2020 – that will provide families with one child up to \$1,600 per year, two children up to \$2,600 and three children up to \$3,400. Over the course of a child's upbringing, families with one child will receive as much as \$28,800. For families with two children, that number can exceed \$40,000 in support.
 - Eliminating interest on British Columbia student loans. As of Feb. 19, 2019, all B.C. student loans will stop accumulating interest; saving someone with \$28,000 in

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combined provincial and federal student loans \$2,300 over the 10-year repayment period.

- Fully eliminating MSP premiums on Jan. 1, 2020, saving families as much as \$1,800 per year.
- Making more than \$20 billion in capital investments primarily in the health, transportation and education sectors—the largest infrastructure investment in B.C.'s history. This will create tens of thousands of jobs in communities around B.C.
- Providing over \$902 million for CleanBC, putting B.C. on the path to a cleaner, brighter, low-carbon future. This will reduce air pollution and save families money through the Clean Energy Vehicle Program, incentives for energy-saving home improvements, a net-zero building code and programs to help communities transition to cleaner energy sources.
- Deepening the Province's commitment to achieving true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples by committing an estimated \$3 billion over the next 25 years for the largest revenue-sharing agreement with First Nations in B.C.'s history.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FIN0019-000248>

- **Budget 2018** – Budget 2018 marked a change in approach for British Columbia that put people first by taking enormous steps to make life more affordable, improve the services that people rely on, and build a strong, sustainable economy. This included:
 - A historic \$1-billion, made-in-B.C. childcare plan that is making quality, affordable child care available to hundreds of thousands of B.C. families.
 - A \$7-billion investment in affordable housing, the biggest in B.C. history to tackle the housing crisis along with a 30-point housing plan to moderate the market.
 - Record levels of infrastructure to build the schools, hospitals, roads, and transit that people rely on and creating tens of thousands of jobs.
 - Eliminating MSP premiums, returning \$2.6 billion a year to British Columbians and businesses and saving families up to \$1,800 a year. This is one of the biggest middle-class tax cuts in B.C. history.

Source: <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/default.htm>

- **Speculation and Vacancy Tax** – The B.C. government implemented the speculation and vacancy tax to prevent people from using BC housing market as a stock market. It ensures that foreign owners and satellite families pay their fair share and helps turn empty properties into homes for people. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0075-002014>
- **Expansion of the Foreign Buyers Tax** – The B.C. government increased the additional property transfer tax rate from 15% to 20% and expanded its geographic scope to cover more urban centres in the middle of the housing affordability crisis. https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/newsrelease/2018_News_Release.pdf

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- **Land Ownership Transparency Act** – The B.C. government is moving to end the hidden ownership of real estate to make sure people are paying their fair share of taxes by establishing a new, publicly accessible registry of who owns real estate in British Columbia.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0028-001241>
- **Condo and Strata Assignment Integrity Register** – The B.C. government launched the new Condo and Strata Assignment Integrity Register, Canada's first online register to collect comprehensive assignment information to crack down on tax evasion and improve fairness and transparency in B.C.'s real estate market.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FIN0021-000267>
- **Second Quarter** – The Second Quarterly Report showed that British Columbia is operating debt-free for the first time in more than 40 years and that our approach to putting people first is good for the economy.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0086-002267>
- **Money Laundering in Real Estate** – The B.C. government created an Expert Panel on Money Laundering in Real Estate to ensure that the real estate sector is effectively protected money laundering. The panel completed a public consultation Jan. 31, 2019 and is now preparing its final report.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0080-002120>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0078-002049>
- **Federal-Provincial Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability** – The federal and B.C. governments announced their intention to appoint an Expert Panel to examine housing trends for rental and homeownership, identify and evaluate measures that could build on recent investments and initiatives to increase the supply of housing in B.C. and identify additional measures that could be undertaken to deter unwarranted demand. <https://www.fin.gc.ca/n19/19-021-eng.asp>
- **Securities Act** – The B.C. government is taking steps to strengthen enforcement, prevent fraud and to protect consumers in B.C.'s investments markets by introducing amendments to the Securities Act after a decade of negligence from the last government. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0013-000648>

METRICS:

Economy

- The B.C. government is operating debt-free for the first time in more than 40 years.
- British Columbia is expected to lead the country in economic growth in 2019.

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- We are the only province with a triple-A credit rating from all 3 major international rating agencies.
- B.C.'s job vacancy rate is tied for the highest among provinces, and our unemployment rate has been the lowest in the country for 15 months.
- Our record-level infrastructure investments are creating over 50,000 jobs for British Columbians

Housing

- The speculation and vacancy tax ensures that speculators, satellite families and foreign owners are fairly contributing to our tax system, while ensuring over 99% of British Columbians are exempt.
- We are starting to see evidence of moderation in the housing market across all housing types.
- Even as these price declines occur, we are continuing to see housing starts well above the 10 - year average and record levels of rental construction in cities such as Victoria.

MSP Premium Cut

- Getting rid of unfair MSP premiums means that families will save up to \$1,800 per year, and individuals will save up to \$900 per year, one of the biggest middle-class tax cuts in B.C. history.
- Cutting MSP premiums by 50% is already saving people \$75 each month, putting more money in people's pockets.
- The transition from MSP premiums to the EHT is, on net, an \$800 million tax cut for British Columbians and businesses.

Taxes

- We've cut the small business corporate income tax from 2.5% to 2%. (CITZ)
- We cut the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) on non-residential electricity in half and will eliminate it by April 2019. (CITZ)
- B.C. has the second lowest small business rate among provinces, the third lowest general corporate income tax rate among provinces, and the lowest personal income taxes in the country for individuals earning less than \$125,000.

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Finance/Gender Equity

MINISTER: Parliamentary Secretary Mitzi Dean

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Our government is delivering on our commitment to make life better for people in our province and put their needs first.
- For years, people in BC struggled to get ahead, and that is especially true for women and minority groups.
- As a government, it's our responsibility to make sure all British Columbians have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and that is what gender equity is about. This work is about removing barriers and making sure no one is left behind.
- Our government is actively addressing inequalities for women, men and gender diverse people. Especially people who face more than one barrier because of overlapping oppressions such as racism, ableism, or poverty.
- Gender equity is deeply connected to reconciliation, and our government's work to implement UNDRIP and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action."
- We're delivering on our commitment to put people first with historic investments in child care, skills training, housing and human rights that are making a significant difference in the lives of women, men and gender diverse people.
- All British Columbians deserve to live free of violence and abuse, and our government is making investments to ensure people leaving violence have a safe place to go and the programs they need for support.
- Our implementation of GBA+ across all government ministries is an important step to ensuring that government programs and policies are fairer for everyone.
- Gender inequality, gender-based violence and discrimination won't be fixed overnight, but we are taking steps that are making a difference.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- **Budget 2018** – Budget 2018 marked a change in approach for British Columbia that put people first by taking enormous steps to make life more affordable, improve the services that people rely on, and build a strong, sustainable economy. This included investment in child care, skills training,
Source: <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/default.htm>
- **Actions to advance economic and political empowerment**
 - Our historic \$1B investment in child care is ensuring that parents can finally find the safe, affordable, quality care that they need. This allows more women to participate in the workforce, fosters economic independence and security and supports a healthy, growing economy.

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- We've enhanced wages, training and development opportunities for the child care workforce, the majority of whom are women.
- We have expanded women's access to education and training in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) through programs and funding.
- We are making a difference in the lives of the thousands of women across the province who make up the majority of minimum wage earners by raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2021.
- We've created new opportunities for women, youth and Indigenous peoples through the Community Benefits Agreement which enhances their access to employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities on major infrastructure projects.
- **Actions to End Gender-Based Violence**
 - We've taken much-needed action on gender-based violence by committing to build 1500 new transition homes for women leaving violence, and by increasing support for programs and services for victims of violence by \$18 million over three years. This is in addition to over \$35 million in funding supporting more than 400 victim service and violence against women programs across the province.
 - We're taking concrete steps to address sexualized violence on post-secondary campuses through a province-wide campaign.
 - Reconciliation is central to our work, and we are taking steps to address calls to action regarding violence against Indigenous women by funding for programs such as the *Moose Hide Campaign* and *Giving Voice*.
- **Actions to Eliminate Systemic Barriers to Equality**
 - Our government is re-establishing the provincial Human Rights Commission to promote a more inclusive and just society for all.
 - We have expanded legal aid with a \$26 million investment to improve access to affordable, quality legal services.
 - We have created new options for gender identification on provincial documents, so that every British Columbian is able to self-identify in a way that reflects their experience.
 - We have launched the Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan in B.C.'s Public Service Agency to ensure our public service reflects the diversity of British Columbians.
- **Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) – The B.C. government is implementing GBA+ across all ministries to ensure that government programs and policies are fairer for everyone.**

METRICS:

Actions to advance economic and political empowerment

- Child care stats XXX.

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- Child care wages stats XXX
- STEM training stats?? XXX
- Minimum wage XXX
- Community Benefits Agreement stats XXX

Actions to End Gender-Based Violence

- 1500 new transition homes will be built over the next 10 years.
- Increased support for victims of violence XXX
- Post-secondary campus campaign XXX.

Actions to Eliminate Systemic Barriers to Equality

- A new commissioner for Human Rights will be hired in summer 2019, with the office of the new BC Human Rights Commission expected to open in fall 2019.
- Legal aid XXX ??
- Gender X stats XXX

Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)

- More than 4000 provincial public servants have had initial training and/or education regarding GBA+.
- GBA+ is now a required component of all Treasury Board and Cabinet Submissions to ensure that gender and diversity issues are considered as part of all policy, budget, and program development processes.

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Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

MINISTER: Doug Donaldson

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- The forest sector is a cornerstone of our economy, providing good jobs for more than 57,000 people in 140 communities around our province.
- We are working with First Nations, communities and industry to develop a fair, lasting strategy to strengthen forestry all over B.C.
- We are working with First Nations and those participating directly in the forest sector on building out a vision for the Coast forest sector that will help reverse the declines that has been taking place over the past 15 years.
- This will help to maintain and expand domestic manufacturing, get more value out of every log, provide new opportunities for First Nations and encourage innovation.
- Our government is committed to creating B.C. jobs by growing and diversifying markets for B.C. wood products both at home and overseas, and reducing reliance on the U.S. market.
- While still recovering from the 2017 wildfire season, B.C. survived another record-breaking wildfire season, with not one life lost. To keep British Columbians safe, we commissioned an independent review of the 2017 wildfires and floods and started acting on 108 recommendations right away.
- Working closely with other agencies, we implemented a comprehensive wildfire recovery program of nearly \$280 million, focused on people and communities, economy, infrastructure and the environment.
- We are collaborating with Indigenous and other communities to improve wildlife management and habitat conservation, caribou recovery, and revitalize the forest sector.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- To keep British Columbians safe, Budget 2019 increased base funding to direct fire by 58% to \$101 million. This increase will also enhance the BC Wildfire Service's response capacity, for example, by hiring more crews, and increasing spending on prevention activities. Funding to the Community Resiliency Investment Program, designed to reduce wildfire risk around Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities was increased by \$10 million bringing total funding to \$60 million. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0027-000428>
- Forest policy reforms will rebuild coast forest sector. To create and support good jobs in British Columbia's coastal forest sector, government is making policy changes to increase the processing of B.C. logs on the coast and to reduce wood waste by redirecting it to B.C.'s pulp and paper mills. The changes, as part of the Coast Forest Sector Revitalization Initiative, were announced by Premier John Horgan as a way to build a strong and healthy coastal forest sector for British Columbians. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0003-000046>
- Changes to the Heritage Conservation Act will help the province take more decisive action to conserve heritage and archeology sites and objects. The amendments also address First Nation's

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calls to do more to protect historic and cultural sites and act on government's commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0022-000326>

- The Province and the Sts'ales First Nation have signed an agreement to share resort benefits from the Sasquatch Mountain Resort. The partnership celebrates the Sts'ales ongoing involvement in economic development and the protection of cultural heritage resources in the area. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0024-000344>
- A new educational resource will bring the Great Bear Rainforest to the classroom. The website, for students in grades 7 to 9 explores the rich biodiversity of one of the most unique and treasured areas in British Columbia. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0018-000210>
- The B.C. government is acting on its commitment to protect caribou populations. Provincial government biologists successfully moved three caribou from the South Selkirk area with the hope that they will join the Columbia-North herd, which has an estimated population of 147 animals. The number of caribou in British Columbia has been in decline over the past century, from approximately 40,000 animals, to about 15,000 today. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0011-000066>
- Provincial grants boost rural communities. As part of its rural development mandate, the Province is providing \$673,124 in project development grants to support rural communities throughout B.C. It's the fifth intake of the BC Rural Dividend program, and 68 local governments, First Nations and not-for-profit organizations will receive funding to reinvigorate and diversify their local economies. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0004-000042>
- "Special circumstances" rural dividend grants are supporting Cariboo communities. The Sugar Cane Development Corporation and the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association will receive \$100,000 each under the special circumstances provision of the BC Rural Dividend. The funding is in recognition of the fact that some rural communities are facing difficulties in the aftermath of wildfire season and other challenges in the forest industry. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0009-000055>
- Funding of \$10 million from the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia will mean more wood waste will be redirected to mills instead of being burned on the ground, creating more jobs for British Columbians and reducing carbon emissions. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019FLNR0017-000178>
- As part of Budget 2018, the B.C. government committed \$72 million over three years for wildfire prevention and recovery. This includes the new \$50-million Community Resiliency Investment program to help local governments and First Nations reduce wildfire risks around their communities and keep people safe. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0259-001733>
- In the first partnership of its kind in B.C., the Pacheedaht First Nation, BC Timber Sales, Cowichan Lake Community Forest Co-operative and the Province are all working together to

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create good jobs and more opportunities for people in the Cowichan Lake communities. Partnerships like these will inspire new ventures and processes of working together, protect the environment, promote economic opportunity and growth, and manage land and resources.

https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2018PREM0069-001734.htm

- Through the \$25 million per year Rural Dividend, we are providing funding to rural and Indigenous communities and organizations for projects that help enhance local amenities, develop and diversify their economies, and assist with recovery in wildfire-affected communities.
<https://gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend>
- As part of Budget 2018, we committed \$16 million over three years to modernize land use planning in order to sustainably manage B.C.'s ecosystems, rivers, lakes, watersheds, forests and old growth. The first year is focusing on collaborating with Indigenous communities to ensure modernized land use planning includes a shared vision for land management and stewardship that will advance reconciliation efforts, provide economic clarity that supports development opportunities and enhances community well-being.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/land-use/land-use-plans-objectives>
- The government is providing \$14 million over three years to develop and implement a new wildlife management and habitat conservation strategy in 2020. Engagement held in spring and summer 2018 resulted in over 1,100 online comments and 71 written submissions. Results are being used to focus further discussions in eight areas, with a policy intention papers to be released in spring 2019.
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/wildlifeandhabitat>
- The largest-ever Forestry Asia Trade Mission delegation (including over 40 senior forest sector representatives from industry, First Nations, research and labour) travelled to South Korea and Japan in December 2018 to further develop markets for B.C. wood products.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0323-002278>
- The government provided \$7.7 million in grants in 2018 to help manage the spread of invasive plants that displace native vegetation, and can cause substantial economic and environmental damage. This money was distributed to 34 regional invasive species organizations, local governments, environmental groups, researchers and the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0087-000773>

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- Government representatives, First Nations and a variety of stakeholders met in Williams Lake on Dec. 4, 2018, to discuss lasting solutions to benefit moose, which are an essential part of the way of life for many people who live in the region. Given the complexity of these issues, it is important to ensure everyone is a part of the solution.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0088-002342>

METRICS:

- The Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. endorsed the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its calls to action, as well as the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Up to 2018, 30% of the projects funded by the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. are led by First Nations proponents or have significant First Nations participation: 49 projects valued at \$44 million.
- The economic benefits generated by Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. funding greatly exceed the program's costs. Funding (up to 2018) has created over \$230 million in economic activity and over 1,400 full-time-equivalent jobs in British Columbia.
- We created a comprehensive wildfire recovery program of nearly \$280 million, focused on people and communities, economy, infrastructure and the environment.

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Health

MINISTER: Adrian Dix

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Too many British Columbians are struggling to access the health-care services they need.
- They cannot find a family doctor, they are waiting too long for surgeries and diagnostics and worry about caring for their aging loved ones.
- It will take time and work to address the health-care challenges people face throughout the province, but we have taken bold steps to invest in the services people count on.
- We have made unprecedented investments in new and improved hospitals in communities that have been neglected far too long.
- We took action for seniors by launching a new strategy that will make sure older British Columbians get the quality care they need and deserve.
- We are increasing access to primary care by providing hundreds more family doctors and nurse practitioners throughout B.C.
- While making historic investments to strengthen the public health-care system, we are adding thousands more surgeries and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams throughout the province, so people can get the procedures they need in a timelier manner, closer to home.
- And, government is making life more affordable for British Columbians with historic investments in PharmaCare that lower deductibles and expand drug coverage, so people won't have to choose between buying the drugs they need and affording their cost of living.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- The B.C. government launched a new primary health-care strategy to deliver faster and improved access to health care for British Columbians in all parts of the province. It will include 200 more family practice physicians and nurse practitioners, and 50 clinical pharmacists.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/were-working-to-deliver-the-health-care-youve-been-waiting-for>
- Five urgent primary care centres have officially opened to connect local residents with the primary care they need, and an additional five centres will open in each region of the province by Spring 2019, including:
Vancouver: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0114-002272>
Surrey: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0104-002192>
Langford: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0079-002080>
Quesnel: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0099-001968>
Kamloops: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0076-001694>

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- Government is transforming everyday health care for people living in Fraser northwest communities by establishing four networks of team-based primary-care providers in Fraser northwest communities will bring additional resources and strengthened support:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0036-000266>
- Whether seniors live in residential care, assisted living or their own homes, our government is taking action to ensure care will be there for them when and where they need it, including:
- 3.3 million to create new health-care assistant seats in 11 post-secondary institutions throughout British Columbia:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0019-000666>
- \$75 million to expand respite care and adult day programs:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0063-001227>
- Increasing staffing levels in residential care homes:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0072-001861>
The Interior: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0038-000308>
Burnaby: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0014-000064>
Comox Valley: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0009-000040>
Abbotsford: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0007-000027>
Delta, Langley and Surrey: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0005-000013>
Vancouver: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0043-000400>
- 37 communities across B.C., including First Nations communities for the first time, are receiving age-friendly grants to support seniors so they can live active, socially engaged and independent lives:

First Nations: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0021-000128>
Lower Mainland: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0023-000130>
Northern Health: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0025-000132>
Interior Health: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0024-000131>
Fraser Health: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0022-000129>
Island Health: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0026-000133>
- To provide better health care for growing regions of the province, the B.C. government is making investments in new and existing public health-care facilities to modernize aging hospitals throughout British Columbia, including:

Vancouver: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0019-000223>

White Rock: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0019-000089>

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Port Moody: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0012-000050>

Terrace: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0012-000187>

Richmond: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0013-000531>

Fort St. James: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0097-001955>

Nanaimo: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0111-002234>

Dawson Creek: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0068-001331>

Kamloops: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0074-001672>

Williams Lake: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0009-000144>

Surrey: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017HLTH0113-002068>

North Vancouver: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0080-001782>

Cowichan: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0050-001350>

- The British Columbia government is launching a new, four-part surgical strategy aimed at reducing wait times for the health care British Columbians need.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0010-000460>
- To give people faster access to the diagnoses and care they need, the Province will provide 37,000 more magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams throughout the province.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0023-000505>
- Government is eliminating PharmaCare deductibles for working families with the lowest incomes in the province, helping to make sure they get the prescription medicines they need, including:
 - \$105 million investment:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0011-000186>
 - Expanding coverage for insulin pumps:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0060-001168>
 - Heart failure, liver disease, pulmonary hypertension treatment options:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018HLTH0115-002273>
 - Reducing or eliminating deductibles and co-payments for lower income families:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019HLTH0003-000008>

METRICS:

- Urgent Primary Care Centres have been opened in Surrey, Langford, Kamloops, Quesnel and Vancouver and five more centres – one in each health region – will open by Spring 2019. Urgent Primary Care Centres help people who have conditions that are not life-threatening but need to be addressed within 12-24 hours. Some reasons to visit an urgent primary care centre include: fever or flu-like symptoms; minor cuts or burns; headaches or earaches; nosebleeds; sprains; nausea or vomiting; urinary problems.

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- Since opening, the new Urgent Primary Care Centres have treated more than 10,000 patients, many who do not have a regular family physician or nurse practitioner or would have gone to the emergency room for care.
note: These centres are recently opened and stats are rapidly increasing. If this metric is used, we can provide updated numbers.
- To support a team-based care model, four primary-care networks in the Fraser northwest region will recruit up to 65 new health-care providers. This includes 12 new doctors, 12 new nurse practitioners and 41 additional health-care professionals ranging from registered nurses, to allied health-care professionals and clinical pharmacists. In the next three years, we aim to have primary care networks in 70% of B.C. communities.
- Government is investing \$240 million over three years, to increase the direct care seniors receive up to 3.36 hours per-resident day by 2021. This will mark the first time this average has been reached since the Ministry of Health set that target almost 10 years ago.
- The Ministry of Health estimates the senior's strategy will add approximately 1,500 new full time equivalent (FTE) positions, including, 900 health-care assistants, 165 registered nurses, 300 licensed practical nurses, 50 allied health-care professionals (physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers), and 100 other non-professional allied health-care workers.
- As a result, this year (2018/19) 1.2 million hours of care for seniors in residential care homes will be added – with almost 270,000 more direct care hours already being provided across all facilities.
- Over the next three years, the Province will invest \$75 million to improve and strengthen respite services and adult day programs to support seniors and their family-and-friend caregivers. The number of respite beds will be increased, and overnight care at home will be made more accessible.
- Government is working across ministries to provide approximately \$3.3 million to create new health-care assistant seats in 11 post-secondary institutions throughout British Columbia. This is one part of a larger human resource strategy to increase staffing levels in residential care facilities and community care sectors.
- The B.C. Surgical and Diagnostic Strategy is supported with ongoing targeted funding of \$75 million starting in 2018-19 and increasing to \$100 million in 2019-20. The strategy will address the long waits faced by people. For example, in 2016-17, 30% of people waiting for hip surgery and 38% of people waiting for knee surgery waited more than 26 weeks.
- Under the B.C. Surgical and Diagnostic Strategy, 225,000 MRI exams will be completed in 2018-19, up from 188,000 in 2017-18. To meet these ambitious targets, \$11 million is being made available in the public health-care system to add resources and capacity.

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- In addition to funding more MRIs through the new Surgical and Diagnostic Strategy, MRI machines are being used more efficiently and for longer hours resulting in more than 800 additional MRI operating hours per week across the province.

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Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation

MINISTER: Scott Fraser

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Our government is moving forward on reconciliation, in partnership with Indigenous peoples, to make life better for everyone in B.C.
- We must make right the injustices of the past, which continue to affect the lives of generations of Indigenous peoples.
- Together with Indigenous peoples, we are doing the hard work to support healthy communities and create shared prosperity that benefits all British Columbians.
- Every person in B.C. has a role to play in reconciliation, to understand our shared history, and work together to heal and build a better future.
- Indigenous peoples have lived on this land for time immemorial, and our government honours and respects the Indigenous rights that come from this history.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- First Nations in B.C. will share in provincial gaming revenue starting in April 2019. First Nations will share in almost \$3 billion in new funding projected over the next 25 years, meaning they can plan for the long-term and invest in the services they decide their communities need to thrive and prosper. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/19017>
- The Province and the First Nations Leadership Council are co-developing new legislation for introduction in 2019 to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in B.C. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/18577>
- The Province, Canada and the First Nations Summit advanced their work together to transform treaty negotiations and further reconciliation with the signing of a Principals' Accord on Transforming Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/18588>
- The B.C. Public Service has adopted 10 draft principles that are serving as a resource guide to help public servants strengthen relationships with Indigenous peoples based on respect and recognition of inherent rights. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/17188>
- \$50 million in provincial funding is supporting the work of First Peoples' Cultural Council and First Nations communities to revitalize Indigenous languages in danger of disappearing. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16623>
- Commitment to First Nations benefitting from LNG development. The Province has committed that large projects, like the one proposed by LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink, can proceed only if proponents consult with First Nations and establish partnerships on projects within their territories. Nations are benefitting through agreements that encourage financial growth, enhance environmental stewardship opportunities and offer skills training so First Nations members can access employment opportunities <https://news.gov.bc.ca/18171>

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- \$6 million over three years to support Aboriginal Friendship Centres, which are key partners in providing services to urban Indigenous populations, such as programs to support children, youth, Elders and families, and health, well-being and culture. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16785>
- A landmark reconciliation agreement between the shíshálh Nation signed Oct. 4 and B.C. recognizes and respects Indigenous title and rights, and supports self-determination and shíshálh self-government. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/18186>

METRICS:

- Sharing provincial gaming revenue with First Nations will provide First Nations communities with a source of long-term, stable funding that flows every year, making a real on-the-ground difference for people. First Nations will be able to invest in the services and infrastructure that healthy communities need – such as child care, support for new mothers, new housing, road upgrades and economic development.
- We are working to transform the treaty process by signing the Principals' Accord so it respects case law and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:
 - The treaty process in B.C. needs to better reflect our growing and evolving relationship with First Nations.
 - We've committed to an approach to treaties founded on lasting government-to-government relationships that are flexible, adaptable and based on the recognition of Aboriginal rights and title rather than their extinguishment.
 - An example of this is our recent work with the Stó:lō SXTA treaty group, where we are finding ways to design a better treaty that recognizes rights and is flexible, in a shorter timeframe
- The Government confirmed its commitment to work with Indigenous peoples in the spirit of respect and collaboration by introducing a set of draft principles designed to guide the daily work of provincial government employees:
 - Improving and enhancing engagement with Indigenous governments and people.
 - Building cultural awareness across the public sector.
 - Increasing supports across government for Indigenous self-determination.
- The \$50 million to support the work of First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) and First Nations communities to revitalize Indigenous languages has created the opportunity for the FPCC to increase its Mentor Apprentice Program by 50% in the first year. The Council is using the funds to create new speakers, document languages, and offer coaching and other supports to communities and organizations pursuing language revitalization.
- Tahltan Central Government and Nisga'a Nation will share mineral tax revenue from the Brucejack Gold Mine (about \$7 million and \$8 million respectively each year. It's important that First Nations are partners in and benefit from resource activities on their traditional lands. This

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funding will have a positive economic and social impact on communities in these nations, creating new opportunities for communities to flourish and benefiting the region as a whole.

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Jobs, Trade & Technology

MINISTER: Bruce Ralston

MINISTER OF STATE: George Chow

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Our vision for a fair and inclusive society is built on the foundation of a healthy and growing economy.
- We're committed to building a better B.C. that works for everyone, where all regions of the province are benefiting from good jobs and investment.
- Our focus is on championing tech and innovation, nurturing small businesses, supporting economic development throughout the province, and promoting B.C. internationally as a preferred place to invest and do business.
- Our government recognizes that emerging technological advancements are changing the competitive landscape at an ever-increasing rate, and we are working to make sure all British Columbians will benefit from these shifts.
- We recognize B.C.'s strengths in natural resources and the value of the technology sector, anticipating emerging opportunities and challenges, and are taking action now to support prosperity for future generations.
- We are investing in solutions that make life more affordable for people in B.C. and help maintain our strong, diversified economy that creates good jobs in every corner of the province.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- Our government hosted another successful #BCTECH Summit in March 2019, promoting B.C.'s thriving tech and innovation sector. As part of last year's summit, Premier John Horgan announced \$102 million in funding for 75 innovative post-secondary research projects; \$10.5 million for co-op opportunities and entrepreneurial training; \$12 million in graduate degree and women-in-tech scholarships over three years to ensure the tech sector has the talent it needs to thrive.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0032-000932>

- The Province announced it would help fund the next proposed phase of a study of a potential ultra-high-speed corridor with the State of Washington. B.C. is contributing \$300,000 to explore models for a multi-jurisdictional authority to lead a community engagement process and environmental review. This is additional to a \$300,000 commitment from the Province announced in March 2018, to help fund a business case analysis.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0014-000187>

- Ministers Ralston and Chow will travel to Japan and South Korea March 16-22, 2019, to strengthen trade and investment ties, and to expand economic opportunities for businesses in B.C.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019JTT0023-000334>

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- As part of Budget 2019, government is enhancing the small business venture capital tax credit to help B.C.'s early stage businesses grow. These changes will double the amount that individuals can claim and that businesses can raise through the program. The \$38.5-million budget for the small business venture capital tax credit supports up to \$128.3 million annually in investments in B.C. companies.
- As part of the government's Confidence and Supply Agreement, we appointed B.C.'s first Innovation Commissioner – Dr. Alan Winter – to champion B.C. tech and innovation and leverage funding and investment in Ottawa and abroad. In his first year, Dr. Winter produced an in-depth report on the state of B.C.'s tech sector and innovation policy in British Columbia, which is publicly available on his website. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0004-000146>
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/technology-innovation/innovation-commissioner/reports-and-research>
- Together with the federal government and the Alacrity Foundation, we provided the Cleantech Scale-Up program with \$711,000 to help promising clean tech companies throughout B.C. get investment-ready and sell to new markets.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0018-000677>
- We launched Innovate BC to improve support for tech entrepreneurs and businesses looking to commercialize their ideas and create more jobs in B.C.'s thriving tech sector. Our Crown agency is the Province's innovation commission, a key component of the Confidence and Supply Agreement.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0004-000308>
- In 2018, Premier John Horgan and ministers concluded a successful mission to China, South Korea and Japan to develop relationships, open doors for business owners and pave the way for job creation throughout B.C.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000141>
- B.C.'s Emerging Economy Task Force has launched, with the goal of ensuring people around the province can benefit from advances in innovation and technology.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0031-001369>
- Trade and investment representative offices in Seattle and Singapore will create new opportunities for B.C. businesses to increase trade, expand investment and develop new partnerships in key markets in the U.S., Asia and around the world.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0009-000351>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017JTT0139-001565>
- B.C. Premier John Horgan and Washington State Gov. Jay Inslee met for a bilateral meeting at the Cascadia Innovation Corridor Conference and signed a memorandum of understanding

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(MOU) to grow the region's innovation economy, protect the environment and combat climate change, promote trade and improve transportation connectivity.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0126-001970>

- Our government invested more than \$12 million in a new state-of-the-art research hub for nuclear medicine at Canada's national particle accelerator – TRIUMF
<https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2018/11/01/new-home-nuclear-medicine-university-british-columbia>
- The Government of B.C. has taken action to protect the pension benefits and jobs of almost 1,000 retirees and 1,500 workers of Catalyst Paper.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0095-001484>
- The Province has cut the small business tax rate by 20%, from 2.5% to 2.0%, so that small business owners can keep more of their hard-earned revenue and reinvest it back in their communities.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017JTT0152-001884>
- Established a Small Business Task Force to engage with small business owners around the province and find new ways to best support the small business sector in B.C.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0026-001090>
- The Provincial Nominee Program tech pilot helps tech companies recruit and retain the international talent they need when local skilled workers are unavailable, so they can continue to grow and create good jobs for people. Given the success of the pilot, it was extended until June 2019 and enhanced by reducing the requirement for a permanent full-time job offer to a one-year full-time offer.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018JTT0028-001288>
- Many regional communities across B.C. are facing workforce shortages. Our government launched the Entrepreneur Immigration-Regional Pilot to attract new businesses that create jobs and spread investment around the province so more British Columbians can benefit from shared prosperity. There are over 30 participating communities including municipalities and areas within three regional districts across B.C.
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/BC-PNP-Entrepreneur-Immigration/Entrepreneur-Immigration-Regional-Pilot>
- Our government has tripled funding supports for asylum seekers in B.C., so they can get better access to transitional shelter, language training, community supports and other basic needs. In addition, we are offering critical trauma counselling support to refugees, a service that is not offered by the federal government.

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- Many immigrants arrive in B.C. with valuable education, skills and experience gained outside of Canada that is not always recognized by professional regulatory bodies. The Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants program will receive \$5.7 million to help more skilled newcomers upgrade their skills and obtain employment that matches their professional background. This funding represents an increase of more than \$2 million.

METRICS:

- The 2018 Asia Mission focused on strengthening relationships with business leaders and government to lay the foundation for future partnerships in technology, tourism, forestry, energy, manufacturing and agriculture. One major outcome: Premier Horgan met with three partners of LNG Canada on the mission, who announced in October a final investment decision to build LNG Canada in B.C. This project will create up to 10,000 jobs during construction and up to 950 permanent jobs once operations are underway.
- The Province amended the Pension Benefits Standards Regulation to modify the relief granted in 2012 by the previous government. That relief gave Catalyst Paper a longer period to pay off its significant 2012 pension funding shortfall. This directly benefited 1,000 Catalyst retirees who were facing losing their pensions if Catalyst were pushed into bankruptcy or dissolution.
- To date, for the 2018 tax budget year, the small business venture capital tax credit helped to raise \$96 million in early-stage funding for over 200 small businesses. Accounting for 2018 will be complete by the end of March 2019.
- The Emerging Economy Task Force will examine the current state of B.C.'s economy to provide analysis and advice on emerging trends, including transformative technologies that will change the nature of business and society over the next 5, 10 to 25 years. With 917,000 job openings anticipated for B.C. by 2027, this will improve regional community resiliency and make sure people have the skills they need to fill the jobs of tomorrow.
- Opened in spring 2018, the trade office in Singapore brings the number of B.C. trade and investment offices around the world to 17. This office directly helps B.C. companies enter the market in Singapore. B.C.'s network of trade and investment offices helped facilitate \$449.7 million in export deals and \$1.7 billion in foreign direct investment in 2017/18. They also helped enable 27 new office openings in British Columbia in 2017/18.
- The reduction to the small business tax rate makes B.C. the province with the second lowest rate in Canada, tied with Alberta and Saskatchewan. Thanks to the tax cut, small businesses are saving about \$80 million each year.
- The Small Business Task Force was established to gather feedback on how to further support the sector. There are more than 493,000 small businesses employing over one million people throughout B.C. The Small Business Task Force met with 225 small businesses and stakeholders as part of the in-person engagement session in Kelowna, Richmond Surrey, Nanaimo, Cranbrook, Prince George and Terrace. Indigenous-focused engagement sessions were also held in Nanaimo, Terrace and Richmond. The online survey received 1,069 responses from across B.C. Throughout the engagement, 10 email submissions were also received from associations and

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chambers of commerce, representing over 36,000 small businesses. On Dec. 19, the Small Business Task Force posted their final report—and many of the themes raised in the report are already being acted on.

- The Provincial Nominee Program Tech Pilot has been successful, with over 1,100 tech workers nominated for permanent residency last year. Thanks to this success, changes to the program were made — reducing the requirement for a permanent full-time job offer to a one-year full-time offer, based on feedback from tech companies, such as those in the animation and digital effects sectors, where job offers are often awarded on a project-to-project basis and only for a specific duration of time.
- Our government is making life better for people by increasing funding support for newcomers to a total of \$12 million this year. This commitment represents an increase of more than 60% in annual provincial funding for settlement services – the highest since 2014. It will fund programs such as Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants and BC Settlement Integration Services.
- The Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants program is available to newcomers throughout the province and helps address the ministry's mandate to help newcomers find work in their respective fields. The program will receive \$5.7 million to help more newcomers upgrade their skills and obtain employment that matches their professional background. This funding represents an increase of more than \$2 million to Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants and will help serve 1,600 people throughout B.C. — a 68% increase from
- BC Settlement and Integration Services serve over 15,000 clients in 60+ communities through 56 contracts.
- The Province's \$102-million investment supports researchers in B.C. post-secondary institutions working on 75 innovative research projects that will develop expertise and innovation throughout B.C. in a range of areas, from quantum computing to electric vehicle batteries and sustainable agriculture.
- We are investing \$10.5 million in co-op opportunities and entrepreneurial training to give hundreds of post-secondary students hands-on experience and support tech companies over the next three years.
- The joint provincial-federal investment of \$45 million in B.C. biotech company STEMCELL is expected to create up to 2,170 good jobs for people in B.C. by 2031 and will build a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Burnaby. Our government invested \$711,000 over the next three years to support Alacrity Foundation's Cleantech Scale-Up program, which will help B.C. clean tech companies expand into global markets and create good jobs for people in B.C. Alacrity aims to generate \$20 million in direct foreign investment into B.C. clean tech companies and \$20 million in export revenue.
- To date, the BC Tech Fund has committed nearly \$60 million to seven B.C.-based funds and four direct investments into B.C.-based companies. These investments have already leveraged \$100 million from partner investors and led to investments in 13 B.C. companies that have supported 500 high-paying jobs for people.

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Labour

MINISTER: Harry Bains

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Our government is supporting worker health and safety, stable labour relations and employment standards that reflect the needs of British Columbians.
- We're supporting worker health and safety, modernizing labour legislation to support all workers in our province, and preventing the exploitation of vulnerable workers.
- Our ministry is committed to making B.C. workplaces the safest in Canada, because all workers deserve to go home safe and healthy at the end of the day.
- We are working with WorkSafeBC to increase compliance with employment laws and standards to protect the lives and safety of workers.
- We have made many organizational changes at WorkSafeBC, to bring a fresh perspective and a worker-centric focus to the organization and the services they provide to workers.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- To improve the delivery of services that people count on, Budget 2019 provides an increase of approximately \$14 million over three years to support the modernization of the Employment Standards Branch.
- The budget increase for the Ministry of Labour, \$14 million over three years, will allow us to make significant improvements to services for workers and employers and restore confidence in employment standards for workers and employers. This will include improving the complaints resolution process for people.
- To provide people with greater access to information about B.C.'s employment standards, there is a new toll-free phone service where people can speak with a real-time translator and get information about their employment rights and obligations in over 100 languages.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019LBR0001-000003>
- Our government is taking action to keep workers, the public and the environment safe from the dangers of asbestos exposure. We've heard from the construction industry, municipalities, worker associations as well as homeowners – and a report with recommendations to move forward will be finalized this year.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0021-002380>
- To help lift people out of poverty, we have set the path to reaching a minimum wage to at least \$15.20 an hour in 2021. Over the next three years, British Columbian's lowest-paid workers will get predictable wage increases that will allow businesses to plan and adapt to the changes.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0017-000178>
- Our government is also raising liquor server wages every year until 2021 when it reaches the general minimum wage rate, so workers in that industry receive the same minimum wage that

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all other workers receive.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0011-000674>

- Our ministry has eliminated barriers for first responders, sheriffs and correctional officers to access compensation for mental trauma caused by their work by amending the Workers Compensation Act.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0008-000611>
- Changes made to the Employment Standards Act will protect the job security of workers who are facing tragedies and give parents access to extended and more flexible maternity and parental leaves.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0007-000602>
- The first comprehensive review of B.C.'s Labour Relations Code in 15 years has taken place this year. Following consultations with British Columbians, businesses and labour organizations, an independent report on updating the Code has been made public, as government considers its recommendations.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0019-002073>
- We've stepped up workplace protections for temporary foreign workers by bringing in new legislation that will allow us to track recruiters and employers who want to hire foreign workers.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0017-002047>
- Changes were made to WorkSafeBC's board of directors to bring new perspective and focus to ensure injured workers are treated with respect and dignity.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017LBR0008-002014>
- An additional \$3 million in annual funding is now going to the Workers' and Employers' Advisers' Offices to enhance their capacity to advise and advocate for workers' and employers' rights in matters related to WorkSafeBC.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018LBR0001-000084>
- To better represent more than 3,600 workers and support patient care, the ministries of Labour and Health established a standalone bargaining unit for ambulance paramedics and dispatchers represented by CUPE Local 873 and employed by the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS).
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017HLTH0107-001800>

METRICS:

- We believe that the best way to help lift people out of poverty is to raise the minimum wage to \$15.20 an hour by 2021. This increase will benefit about 400,000 workers.
 - In 2017, 51.5% of B.C. employees earning less than \$15 per hour were age 25 or older.
 - 61% were women. 89% were in the service sector.
- Workers coming to B.C. want to feel safe, confident their rights are protected, and that abusive employers will be held accountable. In 2017, there were 16,865 people working in B.C. under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. B.C. is second to only Ontario in terms of the number of work permits issued.

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- The review of the Labour Relations Code that took place this year is the first full review since 1992. A lot has changed in workplaces, and how people work in today's economy. Feedback was heard from 300 organizations and resulted in 29 recommendations for modernizing the Labour Relations Code. This feedback will help our government as we prepare amendments in spring 2019.

WorkSafeBC:

- To help make workplaces safer, WorkSafeBC has hired 40 more prevention and investigation officers this year, stepping up inspections and issuing more citations, fines and penalties.
 - In 2017, WorkSafeBC spent \$4.7million more on prevention than in 2016.
 - WorkSafeBC now has 49 investigations officers, up from 43 in 2017, and 13 officers in 2002.
 - More inspections are being done and more citations and stop work orders issued. (Since 2017 – 177% more citations, 21% more stop work orders)
 - Employers who do not maintain safe and healthy workplaces are receiving more fines and penalties. (Since 2017 – 26% more penalties)
 - Overall, WorkSafeBC has 3,383 employees today, compared to 3,208 in 2017 (175 increase). This reflects efforts to enhance prevention, compliance and supports for injured workers.

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Mental Health and Addiction

MINISTER: Judy Darcy

MINISTRY: Mental Health and Addictions

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- The Government of British Columbia made mental health and addictions services a priority so that it is treated just as important as physical health by creating the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions in 2017.
- The ministry has been working to improve fragmented services and build a system of care where people ask for help once and get help fast.
- The ministry has also spearheaded the government response to the overdose crisis, escalating our response every month, every week and every day.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- Twenty-seven communities and organizations in British Columbia will receive approximately \$1.7 million in provincial funding to support local action to save lives, address stigma and connect more people to treatment and recovery.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0057-001992>
- Announced funding of up to \$100,000 for twenty high-priority B.C. communities through government's new Community Overdose Crisis Innovation Fund. The funding will support regions where the overdose crisis is the most prevalent and where local Community Action Teams (CATs) have been established.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0053-001422>
- The Province invested \$4.7 million in Our Place Society's new peer-supported Therapeutic Recovery Community to support men who are trapped in a cycle of incarceration, homelessness and addiction.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0026-000907>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0059-002074> (opening)
- Announced \$3.7 million in 2018-19 and 2019-20 for a 20-bed treatment centre in Chilliwack, which will serve all youth in Fraser Health region and offer treatment programs that are tailored to meet the needs of youth facing addiction.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0006-000581>
- The College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia expanded opioid treatment prescribing standards to allow nurse practitioners around the province to prescribe medication like injectable hydromorphone, buprenorphine-naloxone and methadone.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0005-000564>

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- The Province of B.C. launched a class action lawsuit against opioid drug companies, whose marketing practices have had devastating impacts on the lives of thousands of British Columbians.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0064-001655>
- Building on the progress of the tripartite health initiative, the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) have agreed to take significant steps to improve First Nation mental health wellness outcomes in BC.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0027-000963>
- The Province of B.C. committed \$20 million over three years for the First Nations Health Authority to support First Nations communities and Indigenous Peoples to address the ongoing impacts of the overdose public-health emergency.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0003-000193>
- Announced two new communities are being added to the growing network of Foundry youth centres throughout the province. There are currently seven active Foundry centres – and four others on the way.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0048-001287>
- The Vancouver Canucks hockey team and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions are joining together on a public awareness campaign to combat stigma around substance use. The ministry also partnered with the BCLions on public awareness.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MMHA0001-000113>

METRICS:

- In 2018, approximately 50,917 Take Home Naloxone kits were distributed, with over 17,491 reported as used to reverse an overdose.
- There are 21 overdose prevention sites and 9 supervised consumption sites run by regional health authorities. Between July 2017 and June 2018 there have been over 1 million visits to these Overdose Prevention and Supervised Consumption Sites with thousands of overdoses survived and zero deaths reported.
- We – along with multiple partners – launched a first-of-its-kind health care model in Canada – the St. Paul's Hospital HUB. The HUB provides a protective umbrella of wraparound services designed to better support patients with addiction and mental health challenges. As of Dec. 18, 2018, the Rapid Access Addiction Clinic RAAC at St. Paul's HUB:
 - Has seen over 3,566 patients.

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- Transferred 1,416 patients to the community for continued care.
 - Started 1,879 patients on Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) (e.g. Methadone, Suboxone)
- To ensure young people have quick access to the services and supports they need we are building up the network of Foundry Wellness Centres throughout B.C. There are currently seven active Foundry centres – and four others announced and on the way.
 - Between Jan. 2017 – Oct. 2018, more than 8,000 youth visited Foundry.
- From May 1, 2017 to January 31, 2019, the Provincial Overdose Mobile Response Team has provided support to 1003 agencies and 12,804 first responders, frontline workers, and people with lived experience/peers in 70 communities throughout B.C.
- We are leading the country with our innovative anti-stigma campaign and partnerships, including partnering with the Vancouver Canucks and BC Lions to change the way British Columbians think about people living with addiction.
 - 93.2% of the population has been reached through a mix of media, including television and radio.

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Municipal Affairs & Housing

MINISTER: Selina Robinson

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Too many British Columbians are struggling to find a home they can afford. It's hurting people, it's hurting our communities and it's hurting our economy.
- When people can't find a home they can afford, it can be difficult for them to take advantage of opportunities to build a prosperous future.
- Recognizing that an affordable home is key to a better life, our government has made it a priority to increase the supply of affordable homes, with more than 17,000 homes underway so far as a result of our investments.
- It will take time and work to address the housing crisis, which is why we have taken bold steps to make it easier for people to find good homes they can afford.
- We closed unfair loopholes that were making renting harder and more expensive.
- We are increasing the supply of affordable homes throughout B.C. – and creating jobs at the same time.
- Our government is working hard to ensure British Columbians have opportunities to live and work comfortably in their communities, and be part of B.C.'s robust, sustainable economy.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- As part of the Building BC: Community Housing Fund, 4,900 new affordable mixed income rental homes, the first of 14,000, are on the way for middle-income families in 42 communities throughout B.C.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0081-002184>
- 280 new transition homes for women and children leaving violence and abuse have been funded to date – marking the Province's first major investment in transition housing in more than two decades. This is the first series of projects from the Building BC: Women's Transition Housing Fund, a \$734-million investment over 10 years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0079-002068>
- Through government's Building BC: Rapid Response to Homelessness Fund, 2,000 people experiencing homelessness will have access to new supportive homes in 22 communities throughout B.C. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0098-001472>
 - More than 600 people now have a safe, warm place to call home after doors opened on the final set of temporary modular homes the Province committed to funding in Vancouver in fall 2017. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019MAH0033-000314>

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- Recognizing the critical housing needs of Indigenous peoples, the Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund is investing \$550 million over 10 years for 1,750 new units of social housing for Indigenous peoples, both on and off reserve: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0046-001224>
- As part of the Clean BC commitment, the British Columbia government will invest \$1.1 billion over the next 10 years to make B.C.'s social housing stock more energy efficient, less polluting and safer, while significantly reducing heating costs for residents.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0084-002249>
- We cut the annual allowable rent increase by 2%, limiting it to inflation, and added resources that have resulted in faster, better service for landlords and tenants.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0072-001870>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0142-002228>
- Forest communities will see more jobs and opportunity from B.C.'s proactive adoption of building code changes that allow the safe construction of taller wood buildings:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0024-000383>
- The Province is reinvesting in the northwest with a \$100 million grant to help address long-standing infrastructure needs and support communities as they prepare for resource development in the region. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0019-000244>
- We kept our promise to end the influence of big money in local government elections and make the system work for people by introducing campaign contribution limits.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0043-000753>

METRICS:

- The B.C. government has committed more than \$7 billion over 10 years to create 114,000 new, affordable homes for British Columbians (commitment made in Feb. 2018).
- The investments in housing affordability laid out in government's 10-year plan will create more than 54,000 jobs for B.C. companies and skilled workers throughout the province and strengthen local economies by providing the housing employers need to attract and keep workers.
- 17,000 new affordable government funded housing units are underway in the past 18 months.
- 42 communities are benefitting from the first series of Community Housing Fund projects, providing thousands of families, seniors and individuals with the affordable housing they need.

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- 2000 supportive housing units will get 2000 people off the streets, out of tent cities and into safe and secure housing – roughly 1000 people have been housed to date.
- Our first series of Indigenous housing projects will open 1,100 new homes in 26 communities: nearly 780 off-reserve homes and close to 370 homes on-reserve, making B.C. the first province in Canada to invest provincial housing funds into on-reserve housing.
 - For example, 39 new homes to be built with the Katzie First Nation will serve youth, families and Elders. Their chief has said this project will have a monumental impact on their community for generations to come.
- In Nanaimo, the Snuneymuxw Youth and Family Society will operate 10 new transition house beds that will primarily serve Indigenous women and children and provide culturally appropriate supports – one of 12 new transition housing projects across the province.
- Major upgrades to 51,000 units of publicly funded and owned social housing will result in better quality, livability and energy efficiency, some buildings reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% and create approximately 7,700 direct and indirect B.C. jobs.
- Increased resources at the Residential Tenancy Branch have resulted in a 47% decrease in wait times for urgent applications, 51% faster for applications requesting money, such as money for damages, and the average time it takes to reach an information officer by phone is down 84%, from almost 45 minutes to eight minutes.

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Public Safety & Solicitor General

MINISTER: Mike Farnworth

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Feeling safe in our homes and communities is something all British Columbians deserve, and our government is making it a priority to focus resources on protecting families.
- From action to deal with guns and gangs and organized crime, to planning for the safe implementation of legalized non-medical cannabis, to more support for programs that prevent and reduce crime, we are improving public safety for all British Columbians.
- Government is taking action to enhance road safety so more British Columbians get where they're going safely.
- We are working to strengthen prevention, protection and support for victims of crime, and marginalized and vulnerable women and children.
- Government is standing up for consumers by addressing concerns British Columbians have with cell phone billing transparency, live event ticket purchasing and making sure that the most financially vulnerable people are protected through regulation of high cost loans.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- In February 2019, government introduced phase two of the Consumer Financial Protection Action Plan, which continues work from summer 2018. The amendments to the Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act better protect consumers through a number of significant changes to the high-cost loan industry.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PSSG0020-000263>
- To encourage more people with knowledge of murders, drug trafficking and other gang-led crimes to share details with police, Government proposed a stronger witness security management and support program with the introduction of the Witness Security Act in February 2019.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PSSG0011-000225>
- In March 2019, government introduced timely updates to B.C.'s civil forfeiture law, to better address the current realities of gang and organized crime, and to curb its ability to hide assets beyond the reach of civil forfeiture. The changes are about shifting the onus to the defendant to prove an asset isn't a tool or proceed of crime, addressing the impact of instantaneous wealth transfer beyond B.C.'s borders, and allowing the director of civil forfeiture to go to court and seek a pre-emptive hold on property, before filing a claim, to prevent the owner from potentially trying to hide the asset.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PSSG0026-000322>
- People on many of our busiest roads will be safer, as new technology cracks down on those going substantially over the speed limit through some of the province's most crash-prone intersections. In addition, the road assessment that helps determine whether drivers can safely remain at the wheel was enhanced in March 2018 – and in March 2019, B.C. freed police to clear minor crash scenes more quickly and get traffic flowing again, by increasing to \$10,000 the threshold for mandatory reporting of property-damage-only collisions

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https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2018PSSG0015-000342.htm

https://archive.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/news_releases_2017-2021/2017PSSG0076-001986.htm

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PSSG0027-000343>

- Funding new, collaborative interventions that will help connect vulnerable people to the services and support they need, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General provided a \$50,000 grant to the City of Kelowna for the creation of a Situation Table that will bring agencies together to ensure vulnerable communities get the best care and support needed, as well as to prevent crises and reduce risk of harms, such as crime and overdose.
- In Budget 2019, government added \$1.7 million for the Crime Victim Assistance Program to support entitlements for victims of crime.
- In May 2018, government passed three pieces of historic legislation to provide for legal, controlled access to non-medical cannabis in British Columbia. These laws reflect the Province's goals for legalized cannabis that prioritize public health and safety, particularly for our children and youth.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0006-000151>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0028-000739>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0075-001945>
- On Oct. 17, 2018, cannabis was legal across Canada and the Province opened its first legal non-medical cannabis retail location in Kamloops, B.C. and British Columbians throughout the province were able to legally purchase non-medical cannabis online.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0043-001254>
- In Budget 2018, our government stood with survivors of violence, committing an additional \$18 million over three years to support victim services and better meet demand for programs that address violence against women. The Ministry currently provides over \$35 million annually in funding to support over 400 victim service and violence against women programs across the province.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FIN0005-000238>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0091-002358>
- In March 2018 government did a month long public survey to gauge the needs of B.C. in regards to the impacts of price-gouging scalpers and ticket bots. Data and responses from the questionnaire will be used to help inform the Minister's decision on how to regulate the live event ticket buying market.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0013-000329>
- In June 2018, the Ministry introduced tougher rules on payday loans and cheque cashing fees, as part of the Consumer Financial Protection Action Plan to strengthen protections and affordability for British Columbians who use high cost financial services. These measures were supported by public education efforts, as the Province launched a new Borrowing Money website to enable anyone in B.C. to get informed and educated about various credit products and services.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0044-001273>

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- To further combat gun and gang violence, government has placed a heavy emphasis on prevention, making significant investments in anti-gang programs.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0004-000129>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0045-001316>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0094-002411>

METRICS:

- **Get Cannabis Clarity Metrics:**

To complement federal efforts and to ensure broad public awareness of the provincial rules regarding cannabis, the Province launched its public education and awareness campaigns – Get Cannabis Clarity in October 2018. Strong numbers/one of the Facebook ads is one of the most highly engaged ads GCPE Marketing has ever run.

Website: Total visits: 108,146 / Time Spent on site: Average – just over 6 min. Median – almost 3 min.

Digital Campaign Highlights:

- 45-50% of people who have searched for cannabis related information in BC since legalization have seen a BC Government ad
 - To date (as of November 6th), we've delivered 1.18m impressions on social media
 - To date (November 6th) static ads on social media have been engaged with (likes, reactions, shares, comments, clicks) 18,000 times
 - To date (November 6th) videos have been seen 440k times on social media, with 50% viewing the entire video
 - As of Oct 31, we've delivered 1.12m impressions on a variety of news and lifestyle sites in BC
 - Over 50% of people who've seen the government video on a variety of news and lifestyle sites (including YouTube) viewed the entire duration of the videos
- **High Cost and Payday Loans:**
 - Government has taken steps to help some of B.C.'s most financially vulnerable people by capping the fee for cashing a provincial social assistance or disability cheque at \$2 plus 1% of the value of the cheque up to \$10 maximum.
 - Changes went into effect on September 1, 2018 and included lowering the maximum fees from \$17 to \$15 for every \$100 borrowed, matching the lowest rate in Canada – providing further protections for the more than 160,000 British Columbians used payday lenders in 2016. Statistics on phase two (introduced in the house in Feb. 2019) will be available in summer to fall 2019.
 - **Anti-gang program funding:**
 - Government has committed to provide ongoing, annual funding of \$500,000 to Surrey Wrap. Wrap identifies youth who are at risk of joining gangs and connects them with outreach workers, teachers and police.
 - Providing \$1.12 million in additional funding to expand the provincial Expect Respect and a Safe Education (*erase*) program to include training for school staff, parents and youth to prevent and respond to safety issues involving gang-related behaviour, guns and illicit drug use, and;
 - Providing another \$239,000 to the End Gang Life Exiting and Outreach Pilot Program to ensure supports are also there for those seeking to leave the gang lifestyle. The additional funding provided will support the pilot through to the end of its evaluation phase.

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- **Road Safety:**

- In summer 2018, B.C. completed full, 24/7 activation of all red-light camera sites at 140 high-risk intersections throughout the province. By early spring 2019, B.C. will complete further analysis of crash and speed data and identify which 35 of these sites will be activated for speed enforcement, with additional camera technology installed to identify and ticket the fastest vehicles.
- The new enhanced road assessment (ERA): extended the ICBC re-examination to 90 minutes from 75, incorporating new components to assess driving errors that may result from cognitive impairment and other areas of medical concern; eliminated the in-office, computer-based screening that was part of the former DriveABLE assessment, which many drivers said added unnecessary complexity and stress; lets drivers use their own vehicles, as many drivers had said that having to operate an unfamiliar vehicle affected their on-road assessment results; and has improved access and convenience, with approximately 70 ICBC locations delivering the ERA province wide.

- **Community Safety and Crime Prevention:**

- In Budget 2018, our government stood with survivors of violence, committing an additional \$18 million over three years to support victim services and better meet demand for programs that address violence against women. The Ministry currently provides over \$35 million annually in funding to support over 400 victim service and violence-against-women programs across the province.
- In December 2018, two grants were awarded to Ending Violence Association of BC and BC Society for Transition Housing for a total of \$175,000 to provide further assistance on projects to help combat domestic violence.

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Emergency Management B.C.

MINISTER: Mike Farnworth

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

The Province and Emergency management BC are working to:

- Understand and address B.C.'s hazards and risks using an evidence-based approach and Sendai principals.
- Actively educate, engage and empower communities and individuals to prepare for and recover from emergencies and strengthen shared emergency management responsibilities as a result.
- Lead by example in our mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery actions.
- Engage in culturally appropriate ways to support the distinct needs of all people.
- Continue to build public and private partnerships that inform and strengthen emergency management practices across B.C.
- And address the unique needs of all communities to support effective emergency management resiliency.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- In February 2019, sixty local and regional governments and First Nations communities were approved to receive their share of approximately \$1.5 million in provincial emergency preparedness funding to support evacuation route planning.
- In the summer of 2018, to help people affected by the wildfires that are burning around B.C., the Province of British Columbia matched all donations to the Red Cross, up to \$20 million.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EMBC0061-001601>
- To help people impacted by the devastating flooding in Freshet 2018, the B.C. government is encouraging British Columbians to donate to the Canadian Red Cross and will match contributions up to a total of \$20 million, Premier John Horgan announced.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0032-000938>
- In July 2018, the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Red Cross announced HEAP, a new initiative designed to help people and families affected by disaster better transition into long-term recovery. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0045-001180>
- In November 2018, the Government of British Columbia announced an additional \$10 million in provincial funding to support communities in their recovery from the 2018 wildfire season.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0081-002185>
- In December 2018, small businesses in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), which were affected by flooding in freshet 2018, were able to apply for part of \$2.9 million in provincial funding through a small business financial grant.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0085-002317>

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<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PSSG0023-000278>

- In December 2018, government announced Communities throughout British Columbia will receive approximately \$2 million in provincial emergency preparedness funding to support emergency social services.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PSSG0093-002390>

- In October 2018, the Province released its action plan in response to the government-commissioned, independent Abbott/Chapman report on the unprecedented 2017 wildfire and flood seasons in British Columbia.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0079-002089>

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Social Development & Poverty Reduction

MINISTER: Shane Simpson

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- There are half a million people living in poverty in our province. That is not acceptable for a province as wealthy as ours. It's the result of having our social priorities ignored and underfunded for so many years.
- For years we heard that the way out of poverty was a job – yet our economy has full employment and there are still people living in poverty. Almost 40 per cent of the people living in poverty today are working. They have a paycheque coming in but still can't make ends meet.
- The people of B.C. are generous by nature. We help each other. That's ingrained in our values, it's who we are.
- Those values are the foundation of Together BC, our province's first poverty reduction strategy.
- TogetherBC brings together investments from across government that aim to reduce overall poverty in the province by 25%, and cut child poverty in half, over the next five years.
- Poverty has become deeply entrenched in our province. TogetherBC is our roadmap for change.
- It's a substantial piece of work that outlines what we are doing across government everyday to reduce poverty.
- This is where it starts – we can begin to break the cycle that keeps people trapped in poverty and help everyone access the opportunities they need to build a better life.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- Released *TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reductions Strategy*, which outlines programs and initiatives that will help reduce overall poverty in the province by 25% and cut child poverty in half, over the next five years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019SDPR0009-000421>
- Increased CLBC home share provider funding by \$45 million over three years. The funding will provide for the first increase in home share provider rates in ten years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0023-000294>
- Doubled operating support for not-for-profit dental clinics to help provide a mix of free and low-cost dental care for people living in poverty. The \$3.6 million in funding over three years includes \$2 million to upgrade dental equipment in the clinics.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019SDPR0012-000440>
- Passed the Poverty Reduction Strategy Act which sets out targets and timelines for B.C.'s first Poverty Reduction Strategy. Government has committed to reduce B.C.'s overall poverty rate by 25% and child poverty rate by 50% in the next five years.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0051-001912>
- Changes to WorkBC, including increasing the number of WorkBC centres to 103 province-wide, will offer better services for people who need support to re-enter the workforce, access training

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opportunities and find good jobs.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019SDPR0003-000173>

- Conducted a comprehensive provincial consultation on poverty reduction that included a distinct Indigenous engagement. A report that captured feedback from the consultation was released in July 2018. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0050-001393>
- As part of the government's efforts to reduce poverty, the Ministry launched a two-year research project to study a basic income for British Columbia. The researchers will test the feasibility of a basic-income pilot in British Columbia and look at how basic-income principles might be used to improve the existing income and social-support system. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0048-001317>
- Kept our promise to restore the annual bus pass for people on disability assistance, bringing in a \$52 a month transportation supplement. People can use the supplement for a transit pass or to pay for any other transportation needs, including HANDYdart. (Became effective Jan. 1, 2018) <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017SDPR0060-001661> Declared the first Accessibility Week in B.C. in May 2018, as a time to recognize the people, communities and organizations that are actively increasing opportunities and removing barriers, so people of all abilities have a better chance to succeed. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0041-001037>
- A new WorkBC contract that equips people with adaptive technology will open up employment opportunities for people with disabilities and help them thrive in the workplace. Administered by Neil Squire Society, the \$28.8 million, five-year Assistive Technology Services contract will help more people with disabilities throughout the province fully participate in B.C.'s economy. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018SDPR0053-002198>

METRICS:

- TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy aims to reduce overall poverty rate by 25 per cent and the child poverty rate by 50 per cent over the next five years. This will help lift 140,000 people out of poverty, including 50,000 children.
- Throughout the province, more than 8,500 people participated in the poverty reduction consultation. They shared their experiences with poverty and their ideas of how to help people living in low-income. There were 28 public meetings (in 27 communities); 100 stakeholder led discussions; roundtables with local governments, business and labour, Indigenous groups, and community organizations; meetings with academics and experts; and a distinct Indigenous consultation that included 34 engagement sessions and meetings with the First Nations Leadership Council and First Nations Health Council.
- The increase of WorkBC Centres province-wide from 84 locations to 103 will help better support people entering or re-entering the workforce, access training opportunities, and find good, sustainable employment. Around 50,000 people access WorkBC each year.

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- Financial support for B.C.'s 22 not for profit dental clinics will help provide safe, affordable or free dental care for people living in poverty. Non-profit clinics have approximately 54,000 patient visits annually.
- More than 100,000 people now receive the new transportation supplement which they can use for an annual bus pass or to pay for other transportation needs. This gives people the ability to get out into their community to participate in social events and pursue employment opportunities.
- People with disabilities face many barriers to employment. Through the new Assistive Technology Services program people will be able to access workplace modifications and equipment that can help them overcome barriers and participate in the workforce. Since 2015, more than 1,400 people have received assistive technology through a similar provincial program operated by Neil Squire.

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Tourism, Arts & Culture

MINISTER: Lisa Beare

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES

- Our government is working to make life better for people.
- For too long, too many families couldn't get the services they needed or afford to live here.
- We're doing things differently and showing that investing in people is an investment in B.C.'s future.
- Supporting the arts, culture and sports creates opportunities for people to reach their full potential and leads to healthier, more inclusive communities.
- We are celebrating community leaders who champion diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect, because we all want a more just society where people are treated with dignity and respect.
- Tourism is a major economic driver in communities across B.C., supporting 137,000 good jobs and contributing \$9 billion to B.C.'s economy.
- We want to make sure the tourism industry helps grow our economy in a sustainable way.
- That's why we created a tourism strategic framework, which sets out our vision for a prosperous and sustainable tourism sector that shares its benefits with people in every corner of the province.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- Hosted eight community meetings across the province where British Columbians were invited to share their ideas about the plan to establish a Chinese Canadian museum.
- The winter and spring Tourism events program, supported 15 events across the province, including:
 - HSBC Women and Men's Canada Sevens Rugby.
 - Surf Canada National Championships and Canadian Olympic Trials, which will select Canadian athletes for Tokyo 2020, where surfing will make its Olympic debut.
 - Women Deliver 2019 Culture Night, will showcase B.C.'s culture and entertainment at the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights and well-being of girls and women. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019TAC0002-000030>
- In 2019, the Government provided \$350,000, an increase of \$100,000 over last year for free family day events across the province.
- Seventy-six community groups received funding for projects designed to promote multiculturalism and stand up to racism in B.C. through the Province's Multiculturalism Grant Program.
- Launched a new Tourism strategic framework that will guide year-round tourism growth that benefits people and communities, while protecting British Columbia's natural environment.
- In a ceremony emphasizing co-operation and reconciliation, a replica of a Haida totem pole was raised on Semiahmoo First Nation traditional territory, at Peace Arch Provincial Park. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0071-001825>

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- The Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture responded swiftly to address 2017 wildfire impacts on the tourism sector. To date, impacted regions have received a total of \$1.6 million in funding to assist recovery from the 2017 season.
 - In response to 2018 wildfires, we are reallocating \$400,000 through Destination BC to market areas affected by the wildfires and help support these operators to attract visitors through the fall season.
- To help increase the competitiveness and success of B.C.'s domestic production sector we are expanding the Film Incentive BC (FIBC) tax credit to include screenwriters working on B.C.-based productions. According to 2017/18 stats, B.C. motion picture economic contributions reached an estimated \$3.4 billion with more than 450 productions in the province during that year. And our motion picture industry generated approximately 60,000 direct and indirect steady, well-paying jobs.
- To address gender disparities in the creative industry sector, we created a Diversity, Gender Parity and Anti-harassment Fund of \$175,000. This fund supports the development of toolkits, training, education and workshops and increased awareness, all of which have been identified as leading factors in shifting towards a safer and more respectful working environment.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0046-001206>
- We have increased funding to the B.C. Arts Council by \$15 million over the next three years to support for B.C.'s vibrant arts community.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0077-002115>
- Invested millions of dollars in BC's growing creative economy.
 - Increased Creative BC's funding by \$3 million over the next three years, part of fulfilling mandate commitment to increase investments in Creative BC.
 - Launched Amplify B.C. – a new \$7.5M music fund for BC's emerging musicians.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0023-000477>
- We created arts and culture projects in 55 small communities around the province with \$535,000 Community Resilience Fund pilot projects.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0034-001002>
- We proclaimed Nov. 18 to 24, 2018, as Multiculturalism Week in B.C, to celebrate the diversity of cultures and experiences in the province and created new Multicultural Advisory Council, to ensure diverse voices are included in policy and planning.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0079-002231>
- The Province of British Columbia and the City of Vancouver joined together to have Vancouver's Chinatown designated as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site, because of its outstanding universal value.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0068-001776>

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- The Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture supported BC communities to attract and host 80 provincial, national and international level sports events. Events included the 2018/ 2019 Junior Hockey Championships in Vancouver and Victoria and the 2019 Para Nordic Skiing Championship in Prince George.
- We promoted BC tourism during the China portion of the Premier's Trade Mission to Asia, as part of mandate commitment to champion tourism and ensure it is part of any trade mission. China is a leading source of international visitors to B.C., and tourism promotion supports 133,000 British Columbians employed in the sector. Trade mission achievements including signing WeChat deal.
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0015-000141>
- Supported 37 new provincial, regional, national and international sport events close to home including North American and Canadian Biathlon Championships, the 2019 World Ringette Championships and the 2019 West Coast Blind Curling Provincial Playdowns. Our government provides \$500,000 in Hosting BC grants each year as part of its annual \$50-million funding commitment for amateur sport in the province. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TAC0082-002409>
- In 2018, 45 events and festivals in B.C. communities were supported by the Tourism Events Program. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019TAC0002-000030>

METRICS:

- In March 2018, our government announced Amplify BC, a new \$7.5 million fund to support B.C.'s music industry. To date, the program has helped: 28 B.C. music companies expand and diversify their activities through over \$900,000 in funding; and has assisted 75 B.C. artists with career development projects, totalling more than \$880,000, 73 live music events, festivals and concert presentation take place with \$2.2 million.
- The Government of British Columbia proclaimed Nov. 18 to 24, 2018, as Multiculturalism Week in B.C. We also expanded the Organizing Against Racism and Hate Program into four new communities and updated the Multiculturalism Grants Program to help organizations working to improve cultural interactions, reduce barriers and remove discrimination to create a more inclusive province.
- We have increased funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over the next three years. In 2018, hundreds of artists and arts and culture organizations benefited from BC Arts Council grant funding of \$29 million that's \$5 million over last year's amount.
- In 2019, we further boosted funding to the BC Arts Council by \$15 million over three years to create new programs that encourage more inclusivity and accessibility in the creative sector, including those that support emerging Indigenous artists.

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- In 2017-18, our government invested over \$50 million in sport, including:
 - \$28.5 million from community gaming grants.
 - Over \$21 million in support of provincial sector programming.
 - An additional \$720,000 for the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council and BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, grants previously distributed through the Community Gaming Grants program.
- The Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture led the nation in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action for sport by working with BC's sport sector to add traditional Indigenous sports to the BC Summer and Winter Games and to include Indigenous traditions and language at events. And it helped to fund the new 1,500 square foot Indigenous Sport Gallery in Vancouver, which showcases the accomplishments of BC's Indigenous athletes. The Gallery features over 40 athletes and several hundred artifacts. The Gallery is the largest permanent gallery devoted to Indigenous sport in the world. BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum attracts over 30,000 visitors each year. An additional 4,000+ students throughout the province are reached through the Hero in You program. This educational program showcases athletes featured at the Hall of Fame, including the Indigenous Gallery.
- Expanded the After-School Sport and Arts Initiative to include the Sunshine Coast, Okanagan/Skaha, and Burnaby providing opportunities for kids to take part in creative pursuits and physical activities. Over 500 new spaces will be created in the 2018/19 school year for children and youth in the Sunshine Coast, Okanagan/Skaha, and Burnaby.
- Six B.C.-based filmmakers and digital content producers have received a jump start in their production through support from the Province and CBC's Digital Production Fund. Preference was given to women, Indigenous and visible minority creators, as well as creators with a disability, to bring their unique voices and relevant content forward.
- Tourism is as an economic force in B.C., with nearly 6.1 million international visitors from around the globe choosing destinations throughout the province last year – a new record and an increase of 6.4% over 2017
- B.C.'s tourism industry generated \$18.4 billion in revenue — up 8.4% over 2016, and 41.3% since 2007.
- The tourism industry contributed \$9 billion to the B.C. economy, as measured through gross domestic product (GDP) in 2017. This is an increase of 6.7% over 2016, compared to the GDP of B.C.'s economy as a whole, which grew by 4.0% in 2017.
- B.C.'s tourism industry added the largest value to the provincial economy between 2007 and 2017, relative to primary resource industries, such as oil and gas, mining, forestry and logging, and fishing.
- Tourism supports more than 137,000 direct jobs with a total payroll of nearly \$5 billion annually. It is B.C.'s third largest employer, offering a range of occupations from entry level through to highly skilled professional occupations requiring a university degree or trade certification.

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Transportation & Infrastructure

MINISTER: Claire Trevena

KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:

- Too many British Columbians are finding themselves stuck in traffic gridlock, and not able to get home to their family quick enough.
- This is especially true in Metro Vancouver and in Greater Victoria, where the populations are among the fastest growing in all of Canada, and transportation planning must keep pace with changing needs and growing populations.
- We need to build transportation solutions for right now, as well as into the future.
- That's why we are working to build new infrastructure where it is needed, build further capacity on key highways, and upgrade transit and rapid transit, as well as create more active transportation routes such as cycling and pedestrian facilities. The B.C. government is hard at work improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of our transportation networks, to help improve the lives of people who live and work in B.C.
- Our government is dedicated to making life more affordable, so that people have more money in their wallets, and are able to be a part of B.C.'s robust, sustainable economy.
- To that end, we have improved affordability for those who travel by ferry. We froze fares on the major routes connecting Vancouver Island and the mainland, and rolled back fares by 15% on the minor and northern routes. Fares will continue to be frozen this year.
- Also, we are increasing service on 10 ferry routes that were cut in 2014, restoring 2,700 round-trip sailings for people living in coastal communities. Quality, affordable ferry services are a necessity for people in coastal communities, and this restoration of service will make a big and positive difference in these communities.
- We also realized that for too long, people who live in Metro Vancouver were hit with unfair tolls when crossing two of the major bridges. To make life more affordable for Lower Mainland drivers, the B.C. government eliminated the tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges in 2017. This improves fairness for Lower Mainland commuters and saves people money.

TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS:

- Ferry service restored & ferry fares continue to be frozen this year – <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019TRAN0019-000257>
- Have your say to make communities more walkable, bike friendly – <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019TRAN0024-000311>
- Increased use marks Highway 16 plan's second anniversary – <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019TRAN0006-000119>

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- Party bus safety increased –making it safer for minors who take party buses
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0204-002311>
- Enhanced chain-up regulations for commercial vehicle drivers -
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0201-002293>
- New bus priority lane open in Victoria, cutting commute times –
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0207-002333>
- Ride-hailing legislation is introduced and passed in the house –
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0194-002220>
- Ministry rolls back speed limits on 570 km of highway –
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0187-002139>
- Ministry reducing congestion south of the Fraser –
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0170-002037>
- Major rapid transit projects announced to ease congestion in Metro Vancouver –Broadway Subway and rapid transit in Surrey. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018MAH0112-001691>
- Pattullo Bridge replacement project – <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0116-001407>
- Community Benefits Agreement –more opportunities for good jobs, as well as apprenticeship training opportunities. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0057-001406>
- BC Bus North is launched in northern B.C. –<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0037-001059>
- Ferry travel is made more affordable for people - froze fares on the major routes and rolled back fares by 15% on the minor and northern routes, both effective as of April 1, 2018.

METRICS:

- Ferry service restored - Government is increasing service on 10 ferry routes that were cut in 2014, restoring 2,700 round-trip sailings for people living in coastal communities. Government will be increasing its funding to \$5.8 million to reflect the increase in services. This, combined with the rollback of ferry fares/ freeze on the major routes, will help people who travel by ferry, especially those who live in coastal communities. Over 22 million passengers travel on BC Ferries each year, and everyone benefits.
- Active transportation public engagement launched (under Clean BC umbrella) - By improving access to active transportation, people can get out of their cars, helping to relieve congestion, improve air quality and reduce pollution. Over the next six weeks, people are encouraged to participate online and share ideas on ways to make active transportation options more convenient. More active transportation paths will help benefit the over 4.7 million people who live in B.C., by giving them more options to travel via bike, on foot, and on other modes of active transportation.

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- Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan two-year anniversary - Thousands of people are benefiting from safe, reliable and affordable transportation as a result of the Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan. Inter-community BC Transit service along Highway 16 has provided safe travel for approximately 18,000 passengers since it started two years ago under the plan. With all four new routes fully operational, the service saw significant growth in its second year. These safe travel options are particularly critical for women, teenagers and elders.
- Extra protection for minors on party buses – Operators will have to get consent forms from parents of minors, and also, fines have been quadrupled for party buses that don't display valid decals showing they've passed a safety inspection, from \$81 to \$318 – among the highest fines in Western Canada. These boosted safety measures will help protect thousands of minors going forward and help them to get home safe.
- Stricter regulations for commercial drivers - Enhanced chain-up regulations are now in place for commercial vehicle operators. These new regulations and the stricter fines that will follow will improve safety and reduce the number of closures, which in turn will provide a safer drive for everyone who travels on B.C.'s highways.
- New bus priority lane cuts commute times (Victoria) - The northbound bus priority lane is now open from Tolmie Avenue to the Burnside Bridges, saving commuters at least 10 minutes from Fisgard Street to Tillicum Road during peak travel times. (1,700 vehicles per hour move along Douglas Street).
- Legislation opens the door to ride-hailing, puts safety first - Legislation introduced by the B.C. government will allow ride-hailing companies to enter the B.C. market in fall 2019, while putting priority on safety for passengers. This is milestone legislation that gets ride-hailing right for B.C., and it will benefit the over 4.7 million people who live in B.C., by giving them more options to get around.
- Province rolls back speed limits on 570 km of highway - 15 sections of highway, totalling 570 kilometres, had speed limits rolled back by 10 km/h. Along with the two corridors that were lowered in 2016, this is 660 kilometres of B.C. highways where speed limits are now rolled back. All of these measures will help increase safety for the more than 4.7 million people who live in B.C.
- Progress made to reduce congestion south of the Fraser (Delta) - The new interchange at Highway 91 and 72nd Avenue is now complete, and the signalized intersection has now been removed (this was a huge choke-point for traffic), and work is underway on the project to reconfigure the six lane Alex Fraser bridge to seven lanes, and adding a counter-flow system using moveable barriers. Both of these major projects will make the drive faster and more efficient for thousands of commuters.
- Major rapid transit projects to ease congestion in Metro Vancouver (Vancouver and Surrey)- The Broadway Subway project will add 5.7 kilometres and six stations to the line, bringing frequent and reliable SkyTrain access to one of the most congested transit corridors in Metro Vancouver. The Broadway Subway will be able to move 5,100 more passengers per hour, per direction than the existing B-Line bus service it will replace, increasing capacity by 250%.

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- One step closer to a safer crossing: Pattullo Bridge procurement begins (New Westminster and Surrey)- A request for qualifications (RFQ) has gone out to identify a contractor to design, build and finance a new Pattullo Bridge. The new four-lane crossing will benefit thousands of people who regularly cross this bridge, including people who are driving, cycling or walking.
- New framework ties major projects to benefits for workers and communities - A new, landmark agreement for key public-sector infrastructure projects in B.C. will deliver good-paying jobs, better training and apprenticeships, and more trades opportunities for Indigenous peoples, women and youth around the province. Over the next 10 years, approximately 100,000 job openings are expected in the trades, transport and equipment operator sectors, and the skilled workers who train and apprentice on projects today will be able to fill those jobs in the future.
- Province launches BC Bus North for affordable, safe travel in northern B.C. (Northern BC) - The B.C. government launched a new, interim long-haul northern bus service (BC Bus North) to fill the gap and help make sure British Columbians living in the north are able to travel safely and affordably from community to community. BC Bus North has affordable fares of \$35- \$45 per route. Since the service began in early June, ridership has continued to trend upward, with more than 3,000 passengers travelling on BC Bus North so far.
- On April 1, 2018, ferry travel on the coast became more affordable for people. Fares on the three routes between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland have been frozen, and fares have been rolled back by 15% on all minor and northern routes. In addition, free passenger fares for seniors travelling Monday to Thursday have been reinstated. Over 22 million passengers travel on BC Ferries each year, and all of these people are benefitting from the B.C. government's measures to improve affordability.
- On September 1, 2017, the BC Government eliminated the tolls on the Port Mann and the Golden Ears bridges (Metro Vancouver). Approximately 121,000 vehicles cross the Port Mann Bridge daily and about 40,000 vehicles cross the Golden Ears Bridge daily- that's more than 160,000 total daily drivers that are benefitting from toll removal. Drivers who used to commute to and from work each day on the Port Mann Bridge are saving approximately \$1,500 a year and commercial truck drivers who made one round trip a day are saving over \$4,500 a year.

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CleanBC plan to reduce climate pollution, build a low-carbon economy

VANCOUVER – The Government of British Columbia has released its CleanBC plan aimed at reducing climate pollution, while creating more jobs and economic opportunities for people, businesses and communities.

“The low-carbon economy we build together will bring opportunities and jobs throughout the province, so people can live and work with greater security in the communities they call home,” said Premier John Horgan. “By moving to clean, renewable energy – like our abundant supply of B.C. electricity – we can power our growing economy and make life better and more affordable for British Columbians.”

In unveiling the CleanBC plan, Premier Horgan said his government has put priority on:

- reducing climate pollution by shifting homes, vehicles, industry and business off burning fossil fuels and toward greater use of clean B.C. electricity and other renewable energies;
- boosting energy-efficient solutions, like zero-emission vehicles and home heat pumps, by making them more affordable and available for British Columbians; and
- becoming a destination for new investment and industry looking to meet the growing global demand for low-carbon products, services and pollution-reducing technologies.

The CleanBC plan was developed as a pathway to achieve the Province’s legislated climate targets of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40% by the year 2030, based on 2007 levels. The plan describes and quantifies measures that will eliminate 18.9 megatonnes (Mt) of its 2030 target. Remaining reduction initiatives will be quantified over the next 18 to 24 months.

“With CleanBC, British Columbia is rising to the challenge of climate change,” Premier Horgan said. “Every year, we’re seeing the unprecedented wildfires and floods that hurt so many people, communities and businesses. We need to begin changing how we live, work and commute to put B.C. on a cleaner, more sustainable path.”

“CleanBC will position our province for success as the world transitions to low-carbon solutions,” said Andrew Weaver, leader of the B.C. Green caucus and MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head. “It is a testament to what we can accomplish when we recognize our shared values and commit to working together. I look forward to working with government, business and other stakeholders to action this plan, so that British Columbians can count on a bright future where all our communities enjoy a thriving economy and a high quality of life for generations to

come.”

Highlights of the CleanBC plan include:

- By 2040, every new car sold in B.C. will be a zero-emission vehicle. Government is helping people afford cleaner cars and save money on fuel with incentive programs, and making it easier to charge or fuel them: **1.3 Mt of carbon pollution reduced by 2030**
- The Province is speeding up the switch to cleaner fuels at the gas pump – with further reductions to the carbon intensity of transportation fuels: **4.0 Mt of carbon pollution reduced by 2030**
- Every new building constructed in B.C. will be “net-zero energy ready” by 2032. Along the way, government is requiring new buildings to be more efficient, and ramping up funding for renovations and energy retrofits to existing homes and offices, including \$400 million to support retrofits and upgrades for B.C.’s stock of publicly funded housing: **2.0 Mt of carbon pollution reduced by 2030**
- Government is helping B.C. to reduce residential and industrial organic waste, turning it into a clean resource: **0.7 Mt of carbon pollution reduced by 2030**
- The Province is helping industry lower its emissions and reduce its pollution: **8.4 Mt of carbon pollution reduced by 2030**

“CleanBC is a B.C.-specific approach to making our communities strong and vibrant for decades to come as we rise to the challenge of global climate change,” said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. “We can build a low-carbon economy that includes all sectors and all workers. Together, we can protect our children’s future, while making life more affordable today.”

The Province is committed to giving people the skills they need to thrive in the low-carbon economy. As part of this strategy, government is developing a CleanBC labour readiness plan to address the labour and workplace opportunities that emerge through the implementation of CleanBC.

“We can make things more efficient, use less energy and waste less, while we make sure that the energy we use is clean and made in B.C.,” said Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. “We look forward to continuing our work with resource industries that have been taking action over the last two decades to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that are embracing the responsibility to do more.”

Learn More:

For more information on CleanBC, visit: cleanbc.gov.bc.ca

For CleanBC highlights, visit:

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HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

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OUR NATURE. OUR POWER. OUR FUTURE.

CleanBC is a pathway to a more prosperous, balanced, and sustainable future. Over the next decade and beyond, we must grow the use of clean and renewable energy in how we get around, heat our homes, and fuel our industry – making things better and more affordable for people. Our work is already underway, and we are making the most of it to benefit people and communities everywhere – from rural and remote B.C. to Indigenous communities and our growing urban centres.

Along with our actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, CleanBC provides an effective blueprint to build our economy. Rising to meet the global challenge of climate change is an opportunity for British Columbia to mobilize our skilled workers, natural resources, and booming technology sector to reduce climate pollution and create good jobs and economic opportunities across B.C.

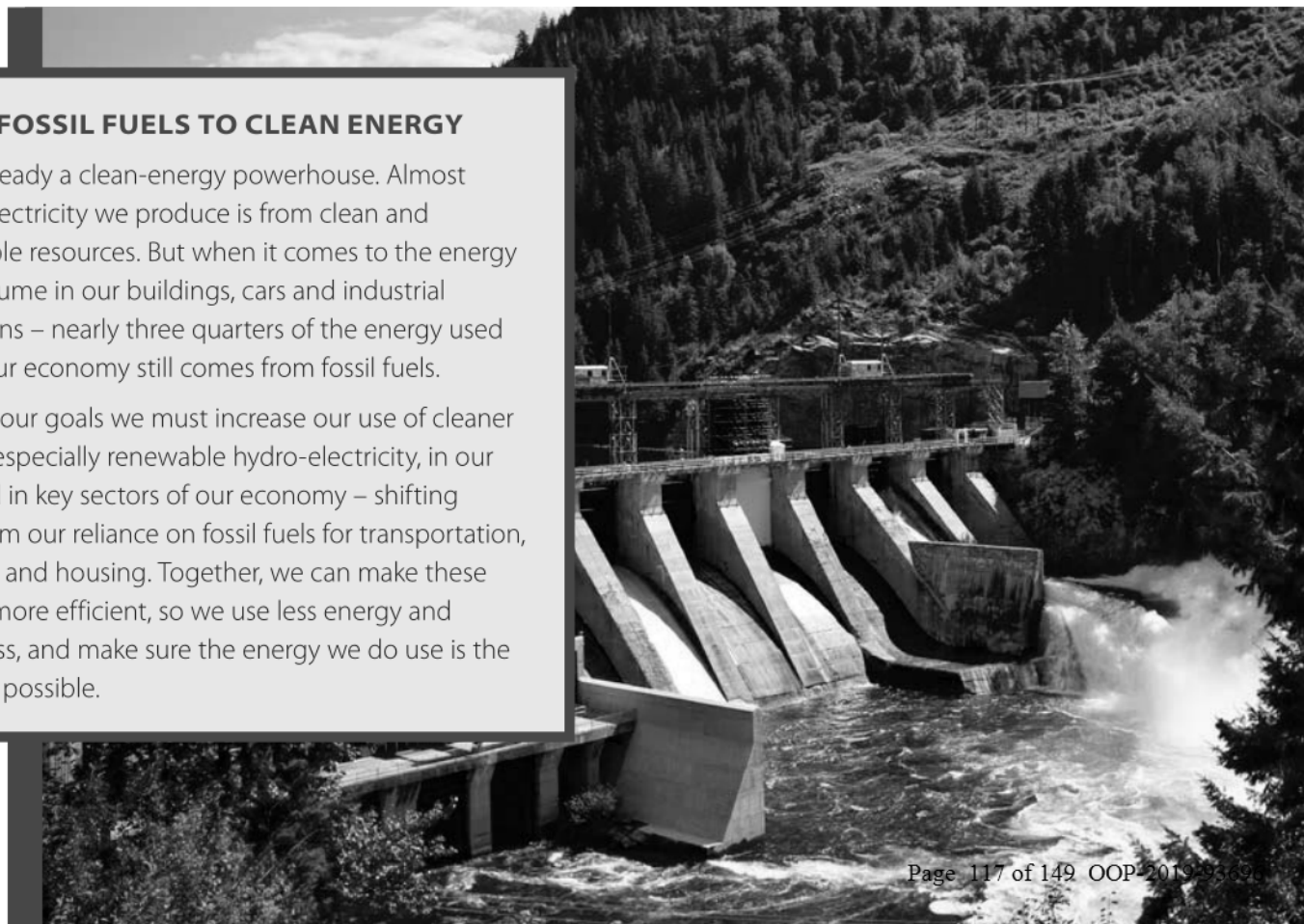
The same ideas and technology that reduce our emissions and improve our quality of life can drive economic growth and help businesses succeed in the global market for clean energy, technologies, products and expertise.

CleanBC describes how we can make things more efficient, use less energy and waste less, while making sure that the energy we use is the cleanest possible and to the greatest extent possible made-in-B.C.

FROM FOSSIL FUELS TO CLEAN ENERGY

B.C. is already a clean-energy powerhouse. Almost all the electricity we produce is from clean and renewable resources. But when it comes to the energy we consume in our buildings, cars and industrial operations – nearly three quarters of the energy used across our economy still comes from fossil fuels.

To meet our goals we must increase our use of cleaner energy, especially renewable hydro-electricity, in our lives and in key sectors of our economy – shifting away from our reliance on fossil fuels for transportation, industry, and housing. Together, we can make these sectors more efficient, so we use less energy and waste less, and make sure the energy we do use is the cleanest possible.



In collaboration with Indigenous peoples, we will work to build more resilient communities, where everyone benefits from a cleaner future.

Together, we can rise to the challenge of global climate change and build a better life for people in this province.

Growing the economy as we build a cleaner future

These initiatives won't just protect our environment and clean our air – they will help create new economic opportunities for people and spur innovation to grow our world-leading technology and clean energy sectors.

Focusing on affordability

Making these changes cannot leave anyone behind. Switching to cleaner energy needs to be affordable for people across B.C. That's why we are helping with the upfront costs that come with home improvements, using cleaner energy, and zero-emission vehicles – giving people more affordable choices to save energy over the long run.

Working towards reconciliation

We will work in collaboration with Indigenous peoples to seize new clean economy opportunities and help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. This will include collaboration on a climate change adaptation strategy to be developed for 2020.

Meeting our targets

The full scope of actions envisioned in CleanBC – on the part of citizens, industry and business, and local and provincial government – will accomplish our 2030 GHG reduction goals. This plan describes specific reductions from the first set of actions totaling more than seventy-five per cent. Over the next eighteen to twenty-four months, we will identify additional reductions across more sectors of our economy with the strong potential to exceed the remaining twenty-five per cent of our 2030 goals.

As each new initiative is developed we will put it into action, so we are not waiting to get good ideas underway. We want to hear from the public and will be seeking input in the next year on initiatives that get us to our climate goals.



CLEANER TRANSPORTATION

With this strategy, we're moving to a future where new vehicles produce no emissions at all – starting with the following actions. Lowering our fuel consumption means lowering fuel costs, which is good for families and businesses. Along the way, the build out of new cleaner transportation technology and infrastructure will stimulate new economic opportunities and development in communities throughout B.C.

Bring down the price of clean vehicles

- Just over 20 years from now, every new car will be a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV), with phased-in increases to the ZEV standard
- Help people to afford cleaner cars and save money on gasoline bills with ZEV incentives
- Make it easier to charge or fuel a ZEV or hydrogen car

CleanBC puts B.C. on a path for all new light-duty car and truck sales to be Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) by the year 2040.

Speed up the switch to cleaner fuels

- Make our fuel cleaner by increasing the low carbon fuel standard to 20% by 2030 and increasing the production of renewable transportation fuels.
- Make vehicles run cleaner by increasing tailpipe emissions standards for vehicles sold after 2025

Together, these cleaner transportation initiatives will bring down our carbon pollution by **6.0 Mt** by 2030.



IMPROVE WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK

When we build better buildings, we are putting new skills and newly-skilled workers to work, and building owners and residents save money in the long run. Building technologies are a place where the B.C. technology sector excels. We have been a proving ground for building energy management systems and low carbon building materials, and CleanBC will help us move forward to a future where buildings produce no emissions at all – starting with the following actions.

Better buildings

- Make every building more efficient by improving the BC Building Code and increasing efficiency standards – until every new building is “net-zero energy ready” by the year 2032

Support for better buildings and home retrofits

- Incentives to make heat pumps more affordable and homes more energy-efficient
- Upgrade B.C.’s stock of 51,000 public housing units to make these homes less polluting, more energy-efficient, and more affordable
- Make residential natural gas consumption cleaner by putting in place a minimum requirement of 15% to come from renewable gas

Support for communities

- Help remote communities reduce dependence on diesel
- Support public infrastructure efficiency upgrades and fuel switching to biofuels with the CleanBC Communities Fund

Together, these initiatives to improve where we live and work will bring down our carbon pollution by **2.0 Mt** by 2030.



CLEANER INDUSTRY

Along with our actions to reduce GHG emissions, CleanBC provides an effective blueprint to grow our economy. Working to create the cleanest industries in the world, B.C. companies can be first movers and capture a significant share of the growing clean energy and low-carbon market. CleanBC works with industry to lower carbon pollution and develop cleaner solutions.

The Province is working with the Business Council of British Columbia to create a low-carbon industrial strategy.

Ramp up the CleanBC program for industry

- Direct a portion of B.C.'s carbon tax paid by industry into incentives for cleaner operations

Improve air quality by cutting air pollution

- Partnering with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on a Clean Trucking pilot project to reduce emissions from the short-distance hauling of goods

Reduce methane emissions from natural gas development

- Reduce methane emissions from upstream oil and gas operations by 45%

Industrial electrification

- Provide clean electricity to planned natural gas production in the Peace region
- Increase access to clean electricity for large operations with new transmission lines and interconnectivity to existing lines

Carbon capture and storage

- Ensure a regulatory framework for safe and effective underground CO₂ storage and direct air capture

Cleaner fuels for industry

- Make industrial natural gas consumption cleaner with a minimum 15% to come from renewable gas

Together, these cleaner industry initiatives will bring down our carbon pollution by **8.4 Mt** by 2030.



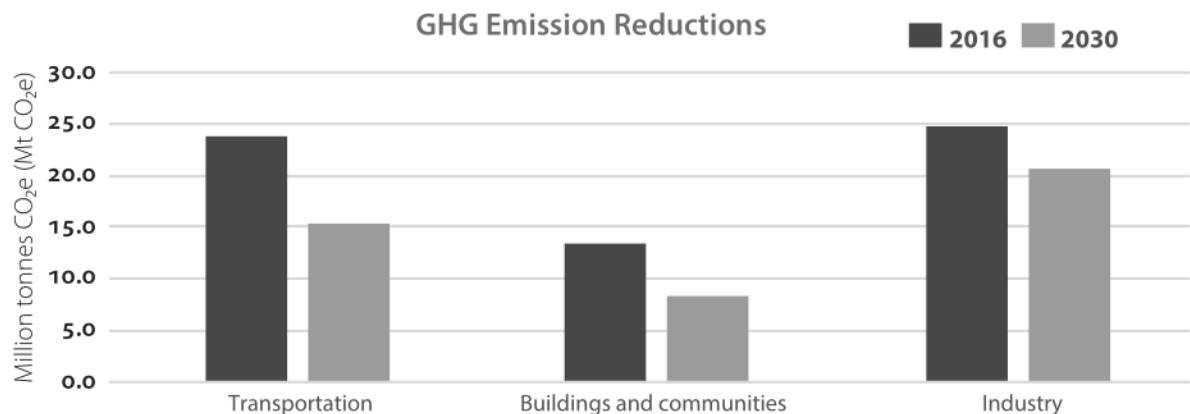
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM WASTE

This plan includes targeted measures to reduce the amount of organic waste we produce and to make better use of it. Preventing waste in the first place remains key to emission reductions, while in some cases organic waste can be used to generate cleaner sources of energy for use in homes and transportation.

Reduce waste and turn it into a clean resource

- Help communities to achieve 95% organic waste diversion for agricultural, industrial, and municipal waste – including systems in place to capture 75% of landfill gas
- Waste less and make better use of it across all sectors of our economy, like forestry, agriculture, and residential areas, including renewing the B.C. Bioenergy Strategy and building out the bioenergy and biofuels cluster

Together, these initiatives to tackle emissions from waste will bring down our carbon pollution by **0.7 Mt** by 2030.



HELPING PEOPLE GET THE SKILLS THEY NEED

Whether it's generating clean energy, retrofitting buildings or designing new technologies, making B.C. cleaner will create good jobs that support families and sustain our communities. We need new skilled workers, and new skills to equip those already at work across the province.

As new jobs and professions emerge, post-secondary education and training need to keep pace. The Province is working with employers, Indigenous communities, labour groups and post-secondary institutions to analyze the labour market and identify:

- where the strongest job growth is likely to be,
- what skills are needed to meet the demand,
- what specific training we need to develop and deliver in our communities, and
- what support students and apprentices need to excel in these programs

As a first step, we are investing in two key sectors where we already know demand is strong and growing – cleaner buildings and cleaner transportation.

- Developing programs like Energy Step Code training and certification and Certified Retrofit Professional accreditation
- Expanding job training for electric and zero-emission vehicles

As part of this strategy, the Province is developing a CleanBC Labour Readiness Plan to address the labour and workplace opportunities that will emerge through the implementation of CleanBC.



MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

CleanBC protects our communities and sets us on a path to a stronger, more sustainable future. The measures announced in this plan include ambitious goals for transforming the buildings we work and live in, how we get around, and how we power our economy and use cleaner energy.

Goal snapshot

Where we live and work

By 2030, emissions from buildings dropped by 40%.

- By 2032, new buildings will be 80% more efficient than a home built today (highest tier of B.C. energy step code)
- By 2030, 70,000 homes and 10 million m² of commercial buildings will be retrofitted to use clean electricity in space heating
- 60% of homes and 40% of commercial buildings will be heated with clean electricity
- Public buildings will lead the way, reducing emissions by 50% by 2030
- Overall, emissions from buildings will drop by 40%

Getting around

By 2030, fossil fuel use for transportation has dropped 20%

- By 2030, 30% of all sales of new light-duty cars and trucks will be zero-emission vehicles, rising to 100% by 2040
- To help meet increased demand for lower-carbon fuels, B.C. will support the production of 650 million litres of renewable fuels per year
- The Province will reduce GHG emissions from government vehicles by 40%
- Overall, fossil fuel use for transportation will drop by 20%

Cleaner Industry

- The CleanBC program for industry will reduce industrial emissions by 2.5 Mt per year
- By 2025, methane emissions from the natural gas sector will drop by 45%

Reduce waste and turn it into a resource

- By 2030, 95% of organic waste (including municipal, industrial, and agricultural) will be diverted from landfills and turned into other products
- By 2030, 75% of landfill methane will be captured

Adaptation

- By 2020, the Province will develop an Adaptation Strategy based on a province-wide climate risk assessment

In May 2018 – recognizing the impacts of our growing economy and population – the Province set new targets for GHG emissions. Compared to 2007 levels, we are now committed to reductions of:

- 40 per cent by 2030,
- 60 per cent by 2040, and
- 80 per cent by 2050.

WORKING TOGETHER

We will need to work together to protect what we care about and move towards a cleaner future. As part of this strategy we will build new – and strengthen existing – relationships with partners, including:

- Indigenous peoples
- Business and industry
- Technology and innovation
- Educators and workers
- The federal government, local governments, and other jurisdictions
- Utilities
- Academics and non-governmental organizations

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE

Climate change affects almost every aspect of our lives from water supply and agriculture to the comfort and security of our homes and communities. For example, more frequent and severe heat waves affect people's health, heavier rains put pressure on our roads, rivers and sewer systems, while rising sea levels have critical impacts for coastal communities.

Even with our actions to date, climate impacts will continue for the rest of this century. While the challenges are significant, responses can take many shapes depending on the context of a community, business, organization, or sector. There is no 'one-size-fits-all solution' – measures to create resilience can range from building flood defences to redesigning communication systems, business operations and government policies. Many in B.C. are already beginning this important work. By understanding and preparing for climate impacts, we can reduce the risks.

The Province is taking steps by first understanding the risks posed by climate change. The B.C. Climate Action Secretariat is conducting a Strategic Climate Risk Assessment to identify and assess provincially significant climate-related risks to B.C. The results of the assessment are expected in spring 2019 and will inform a new provincial adaptation strategy.

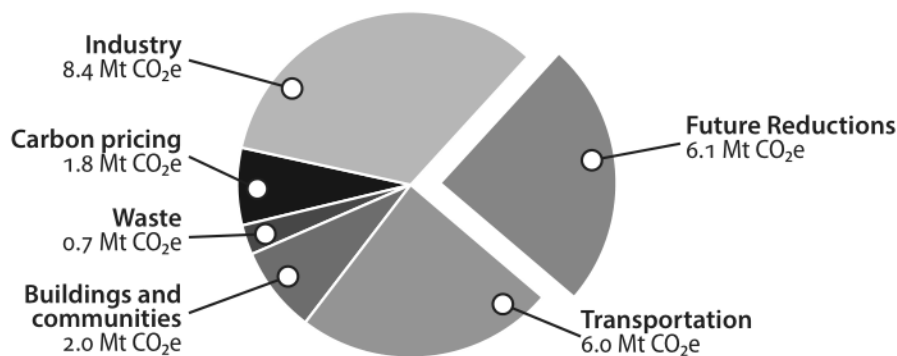
Equipped with this new knowledge we will engage and collaborate with Indigenous peoples to seek input on managing our climate risks. The input and ideas we gather will be used to develop a province-wide adaptation strategy.



REACHING OUR TARGETS

The industry, buildings and transportation initiatives laid out in this plan combine to reduce our emissions by 18.9 Mt, getting us 75% of the way to our 2030 climate targets.

Reductions to achieve 2030 target



The remaining 6.1 Mt in reductions will be achieved through initiatives identified over the next 18-24 months, including:

- reducing and making better use of waste,
- improving community planning, active transportation, and transit
- cleaner heavy-duty vehicles and freight
- significantly increasing industrial electrification,
- meeting our demand for clean electricity,
- maintaining a resilient agricultural sector,
- cleaner and more efficient technology.

Throughout this period, new initiatives will be put into action as they are developed. We will continue working with British Columbians to identify and seize further opportunities in the months and years ahead, and we will take these steps in cooperation and collaboration with B.C.'s Indigenous peoples.

In 2020, as part of our new accountability framework, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy will report on the new initiatives and how much closer they will bring us to our targets. Each year will have an update on what's working and what needs more attention. As research and innovation deliver more solutions, we will review and update our plans.





CleanBC initiatives by sector

INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION	GHG Mt in 2030
CLEANER TRANSPORTATION		
Bring down the price of clean vehicles	Just over 20 years from now, every new car will be a zero-emission vehicle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandate 100% of new cars to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2040; 30% ZEV by 2030 and 10% ZEV by 2025. 	1.3
	Help people to afford cleaner cars and save money on gas bills with zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) incentives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide rebates for light-duty vehicles Expand incentives for clean buses and heavy-duty vehicles 	0.3
	Make it easier to charge an electric car or fuel a hydrogen car <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the charging network with home, work and public fast-charging stations and additional hydrogen fueling stations Enable private investment in charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure to get more stations faster 	
Speed up the switch to cleaner fuels	Phase in more renewable fuels for the gas we use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make our fuel cleaner by increasing the low carbon fuel standard to 20% by 2030 Increase the supply of cleaner fuels by ramping up new production in B.C. of 650 million litres of renewable gasoline and diesel by 2030 	4.0
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make vehicles run cleaner by increasing tailpipe emissions standards for vehicles sold after 2025 	0.4
Get to work on getting rid of gridlock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help people get around with a long-term strategy to increase active transportation and look at better commuting solutions. 	
subtotal		6.0
IMPROVE WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK		
Better Buildings	Make every building more efficient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the BC Building Code in phases leading up to “net-zero energy ready” by 2032 Adopt the model National Energy Code for existing buildings by 2024 Increase efficiency standards for heating equipment and windows Encourage the development of innovative and cost-effective low-carbon building solutions 	
Support for Better Buildings	Focused investments in public housing to use less energy at home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.1 B for Capital Renewal fund for public housing to improve living conditions, energy efficiency, and reduce emissions Incentives to make heat pumps affordable and make homes more comfortable through building envelope upgrades Retrofits for public buildings so they use less energy Improve building energy information available to buyers and renters 	0.5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make residential natural gas consumption cleaner by putting in place a minimum requirement of 15% to come from renewable gas 	1.5
Support for Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help remote communities reduce their dependence on diesel Support public infrastructure efficiency upgrades and fuel switching to biofuels with the CleanBC Communities Fund 	
subtotal		2.0

INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION	GHG Mt in 2030
CLEANER INDUSTRY		
Ramp up the clean growth program for industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct a portion of B.C.'s carbon tax paid by industry into incentives for cleaner operations 	2.5
Improve air quality by cutting air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up air pollution in the lower mainland with a pilot project to test options to switch 1,700 freight trucks to natural gas and low or zero-carbon fuel by 2030 Make heavy-duty vehicles more efficient with fuel efficiency improvements, education on best driving practices 	
Reduce emissions from methane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce methane emissions from upstream oil and gas operations by 45% 	0.9
Industrial electrification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clean electricity to planned natural gas production in the Peace region 	2.2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase access to clean electricity for large operations with new transmission lines and interconnectivity to existing lines 	1.3
Carbon capture and storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a regulatory framework for safe and effective underground CO₂ storage and direct air capture 	0.6
Cleaner fuels for industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make industrial natural gas consumption cleaner by putting in place a minimum requirement of 15% to come from renewable gas 	0.9
subtotal		8.4
REDUCE WASTE		
Reduce waste and turn it into a clean resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help communities to achieve 95% organic waste diversion for agricultural, industrial, and municipal waste – including systems in place to capture 75% of landfill gas Waste less and make better use of it across all sectors of our economy, like forestry, agriculture, and residential areas, including renewing the B.C. Bioenergy Strategy and building out the bioenergy and biofuels cluster 	0.7
subtotal		0.7
HELPING PEOPLE GET THE SKILLS THEY NEED		
Make sure British Columbians can lead the clean transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop programs like Energy Step Code training and certification, and Certified Retrofit Professional accreditation Expand job training for electric and other zero-emission vehicles 	
MEASURING OUR PROGRESS		
Establish credible targets and a strategy to meet them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-out associated programs and enabling legislation for CleanBC 	
Stay accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate implementation and reporting for CleanBC 	
Carbon pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grow the carbon tax \$5.00 per year 2018 to 2021 to encourage lower emission alternatives, with rebates for low and middle income British Columbians and support for clean investments 	1.8
subtotal		1.8
2018 CleanBC TOTAL REDUCTIONS		18.9
<i>The legislated target for 2030 is a reduction of 25.4 Mt GHG from a 2007 baseline</i>		

* Policy line items represent individual reduction potential estimates. Subtotals and totals are derived from combined modeling and may be lower than the sum of policies because of policy interactions (two policies contribute to the same reduction)

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CleanBC KMs and QAs

Key Messages:

- We love B.C. and we want to protect what makes it so special – for now and for our kids and grandkids.
- Our CleanBC plan puts our province on the path to a cleaner, better future – with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land and water.
- Over time, it will change how we get around, how we work, and how we heat our homes – making things better and more affordable for people while reducing air pollution.
- Our strength is our people. And we believe everyone in British Columbia will come together to create a better, more balanced, and cleaner province for today and tomorrow.

Climate Messages:

- There's nothing more important than taking care of the place we call home.
- But every year, we're seeing the unprecedented wildfires and floods that hurt so many people, communities and businesses.
- By rising to the challenge of climate change, we're building a cleaner future.
- As a province, we need to work together to put B.C. on a path that powers our future with clean, renewable energy and reduces air pollution.
- CleanBC will make cleaner options more convenient, available, and affordable. That's why we're helping with the upfront costs that come with home improvements and zero emission vehicles – so people can benefit from the lower gas and heating bills over the long run.

Economic Messages:

- B.C. is uniquely positioned as a destination and supplier for industry looking to drive low-carbon economic growth and opportunities.
- Working together, B.C. can meet the increasing global demand for products, services and solutions that reduce air pollution and protect our climate – and that means more jobs and opportunities for everyone in B.C.
- We can build a low-carbon economy that includes all sectors and all workers. B.C. industries have been on the path to cleaner fuels and technology for decades— together, we can go further in the years ahead.
- The low-carbon economy we can build together will bring opportunities across the province, so people can live and work in the communities they call home.

QAs

Your government says this plan will make life better for people. How does it actually make a difference in the everyday lives of British Columbians?

- We know people want real ways to fight climate change today, so future generations can live in a province that is more sustainable and prosperous.
- We are proud that our plan will make a real difference in the homes people live in, how they get around, how they work, and the skills they need.
- Our goal is to make things better and more affordable for people. That's why our plan will help people with the upfront costs that come with home improvements, using cleaner energy, and being able to purchase zero-emission vehicles.
- Ultimately, if we work together, we will be able to ensure cleaner air, land and water for today and the future.

How much will your plan cost people? How does it fit with your affordability mandate?

- We are committed to fighting carbon pollution in a way that puts people first. We recognize people need to manage their budgets.
- That's why CleanBC introduces new programs to help people reduce their pollution and save money.
- We will help people make for home energy efficiency improvements that will cut their energy use and bills.
- We're going to ensure it's flexible for people's budgets by offering money up front to pay for improvements that people can then pay back over time from the savings on their heating bills.
- We will expand incentives for zero-emissions vehicles and make the rebates more accessible to those who are less well off.
- We already put \$40 million into enhancing the climate action tax credit so that a family of four now gets up to \$350. We will enhance it even further as we go to take care of those who need help most.
- We need to act to combat the severe effects of climate change that would pose a tremendous cost.

CleanBC KMs and QAs

BC is a small province with a very small share of global emissions. What can we really do?

- We all have a responsibility to do our part to fight climate change. By working together, we can protect the place we call home.
- CleanBC provides a clear path to protect our clean air, land, and water, while building a low carbon economy.
- BC is uniquely positioned to provide clean products to the world and as a place where clean businesses want to invest.
- Our plan will help British Columbians seize these opportunities and support good sustainable jobs.

How will you accommodate future LNG projects in the climate plan?

- Our government has been clear that any LNG development must meet our four conditions and that includes fitting within our climate targets.
- We are committed to meeting our climate targets. We put them in legislation and CleanBC includes a robust accountability framework to ensure we stay on track.
- CleanBC is about building a cleaner future and seizing the many opportunities of a low carbon economy.

Andrew Weaver has said this climate plan is a key part of his caucus' support for your government. Without the Greens, would you have developed this plan?

- Tackling climate change and meeting our climate targets has always been extremely important to our government.
- It's a value we share with the Green Caucus and that's why we both included it in our platforms, and in the Confidence and Supply Agreement.
- Working together to meet our climate targets is one of the reasons our relationship is so strong with the Green Caucus.
- We strongly believe the only way to truly fight climate change is to work together, and that's why I am proud of the collaborative work that went into CleanBC.

CleanBC KMs and QAs

Methane has a much higher GHG impact than CO₂, and there are concerns that we do not measure methane properly and the full extent of its impact is unknown. What are you doing to measure and reduce methane emissions?

- We've been working with partners in industry, environmental organizations and the federal government to establish new rules to reduce methane emissions.
- New regulations based on the best available data and science will begin to drive the needed reductions in emissions and effectively put a price on methane emissions.
- We expect to meet or exceed the federal benchmark of a 45% reduction in upstream natural gas operations by 2025.
- We've also been working to better understand and measure methane leakage from natural gas operations.
- We will be investigating leading technology with the goal of adapting and implementing best practices in leak detection and repair.

This plan takes BC 75% of the way to the 2030 target. How will you ensure you reach the 2030 target?

- We built strong accountability mechanisms into our plan to ensure we stay on track and achieve our targets.
- We started with bold actions in a few key sectors to drive major reductions, and we will continue this work with new measures over the next 18-24 months.
- Government will embark on a series of intentions papers and consultations with stakeholders beginning next spring on the next steps to meet our 2030 target
- This will look at reductions from further electrification, fuel switching for industry and business, reducing emissions from forestry, land use and agriculture, and better urban design and transportation systems.
- We know business leaders want to reach our targets too – we recently signed an MOU with the Business Council of B.C. to work together to build a low-carbon economy.

CleanBC KMs and QAs

Will this plan hurt BC's competitiveness and BC businesses?

- CleanBC will put us on the path to a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities while protecting our air, land and water.
- We recently signed an MoU with the BC Business Council to work together on building a low carbon economy.
- There is increasing global demand for products, services and solutions that reduce air pollution and protect our climate.
- We want to make sure BC businesses can seize these opportunities and support good jobs.
- Our Clean Growth Incentive program will help BC businesses become the cleanest operators in their sector while remaining competitive with businesses in other jurisdictions.

What about the impact on traditional sectors like forestry and mining?

- We recognize the important role that traditional industries like forestry and mining have played in BC communities and they will continue to do so.
- Our clean growth incentive program will help businesses become the cleanest operators in their sector while competing with businesses in other jurisdictions that may not have a carbon price.
- This will help us protect and support good jobs in BC communities and avoid emissions being displaced to other regions.
- There will be many opportunities in the low-carbon economy for traditional sectors, whether it is minerals needed for electric cars and wind turbines or increased international demand for low-carbon forest products.

How will the electrification measures impact demand and rates?

- BC is fortunate to have significant hydro-electric resources giving us capacity to power electrification throughout our economy and our homes.
- BC Hydro has enough capacity in existing and planned projects to meet electrification demands through 2030.
- In fact, increased demand could mean BC Hydro is able to sell more of its power and actually reduce pressure on rates.
- In the long term, we will need to look at additional conservation measures and new clean energy resources to supply the electricity we need to build a low-carbon economy and meet our targets.

CleanBC KMs and QAs

This climate plan includes increased industrial electrification to provide clean electricity in the Peace region. Is this why your government approved Site C?

- Our government was clear that Site C isn't a project we would have started.
- We decided that we couldn't ask people to take on \$4 billion in debt with nothing to show for it.
- But Site C will provide a significant source of renewable, clean electricity. We have an opportunity to use that electricity to reduce our emissions.

How does CleanBC align with your commitments to reconciliation?

- Our government is committed to reconciliation and a new relationship with indigenous peoples and this will inform our work to implement CleanBC.
- We worked closely with First Nations on the revitalization of our environmental assessment process.
- We will work with indigenous peoples in this spirit on key parts of the plan.
- In particular, we want to ensure we:
 - draw on traditional knowledge,
 - help people get the skills they need to participate in new clean economy opportunities,
 - help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Your plan requires 100% of sales for new cars and trucks to be zero-emission vehicles by 2040. How will this impact people who drive trucks?

- We know people want access to greater numbers and types of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs).
- And the reality is we're seeing better technology produce more electric vehicle models every year, including trucks and SUVs.
- To meet our 2040 goal, our government is taking a phased approach. This will give industry and people who are looking to buy a new vehicle time to adjust.
- We understand that many people will continue to drive convention vehicles. That's why we strengthened the low carbon fuel standard – we want people to have multiple ways of lowering their carbon footprint.
- Heavy duty trucks are not included in the ZEV mandate.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS - Clean BC Climate Plan toolkit

What:

We're releasing our CleanBC plan to reduce climate pollution and build a low-carbon economy.

Here's a URL to the website (will go live during the Premier's speech): <https://cleanbc.ca>

We recommend sharing the Facebook Live of the Premier's speech, followed later by a link to the CleanBC website. Use the shareable graphics as follow-up sustaining digital content.

Key Objectives:

To drive traffic towards <https://cleanbc.ca> and raise awareness about the key elements of CleanBC.

Schedule:

Date	Sharable Content	Link	Spokespeople or government posts to consider sharing	Hashtag
Wed, Dec 5 at noon	Facebook live announcement	https://cleanbc.ca	- @BCGovNews	- #CleanBC
Wed, Dec 5 after 1pm onwards	Clean BC graphics Clean BC website link BC Gov News posts going forward	https://cleanbc.ca	- @BCGovNews - @jjhorgan - @GeorgeHeyman - @AJWVictoriaBC - @michellemungall	- #CleanBC

Example posts:

- There's nothing more important than taking care of the place we call home. As a province, we need to work together to put BC on a path that powers our future with clean, renewable energy and reduces air pollution. #CleanBC <https://cleanbc.ca>
- From droughts to wildfires to floods, the challenge of climate change is real and impacting people across B.C. – by responding now we can protect our health, our nature and our future. #CleanBC <https://cleanbc.ca>

- I love BC and want to protect what makes it so special. By retrofitting BC's stock of 51,000 publicly owned/funded social housing units, we will be doing our part to ensure homes are more energy efficient and more affordable. #CleanBC <https://cleanbc.ca>

Key Messages:

- We love B.C. and we want to protect what makes it so special – for now and for our kids and grandkids.
- Our *CleanBC* plan puts our province on the path to a cleaner, better future – with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land and water.
- Over time, it will change how we get around, how we work, and how we heat our homes – making things better and more affordable for people while reducing air pollution.
- Our strength is our people. And we believe everyone in British Columbia will come together to create a better, more balanced, and cleaner province for today and tomorrow.

Climate Messages:

- There's nothing more important than taking care of the place we call home.
- But every year, we're seeing the unprecedented wildfires and floods that hurt so many people, communities and businesses.
- By rising to the challenge of climate change, we're building a cleaner future.
- As a province, we need to work together to put B.C. on a path that powers our future with clean, renewable energy and reduces air pollution.
- CleanBC will make cleaner options more convenient, available, and affordable. That's why we're helping with the upfront costs that come with home improvements and zero emission vehicles – so people can benefit from the lower gas and heating bills over the long run.

Economic Messages:

- B.C. is uniquely positioned as a destination and supplier for industry looking to drive low-carbon economic growth and opportunities.
- Working together, B.C. can meet the increasing global demand for products, services and solutions that reduce air pollution and protect our climate – and that means more jobs and opportunities for everyone in B.C.
- We can build a low-carbon economy that includes all sectors and all workers. B.C. industries have been on the path to cleaner fuels and technology for decades—together, we can go further in the years ahead.
- The low-carbon economy we can build together will bring opportunities across the province, so people can live and work in the communities they call home.

Action Messages:

- From droughts to wildfires to floods, the challenge of climate change is real and impacting people across B.C. – by responding now we can protect our health, our nature and our future.
- B.C. is a clean energy powerhouse. Ninety eight percent of the power we generate is clean, renewable energy – but when it comes to the energy we use, we still rely too heavily on fossil fuels.
- By moving to clean, renewable energy, like our abundant supply of hydroelectricity, we can power our growing economy and make life better and more affordable for people.

Key CleanBC initiatives to highlight:

- Launching a standard to make all new car sales be zero-emission vehicles by 2040, with a supporting plan to make them more available, convenient and affordable.
- Retrofitting B.C.'s stock of 51,000 publicly owned/funded social housing units, to make these homes less polluting, more energy efficient and more affordable.
- Making every new building “net-zero energy ready” by the year 2032.
- Improving fuel standards to cut carbon pollution and make our air cleaner.
- Seeking new strategies and technologies for making public transportation and transit cleaner and more affordable.
- Launching new training programs so that more people in B.C. have the skills to develop, build and maintain clean tech and equipment, across sectors.
- The initiatives we’re launching will get us 75% of the way to our climate goals – the remaining 25% will come through initiatives like better use of industrial waste, community design and planning, and industrial electrification.



CleanBC: Reactions from around North America

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Hon. Catherine McKenna

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

British Columbia has shown real leadership on climate action in Canada and on the world stage. A decade ago, British Columbia put a price on pollution, and have since cut pollution, led the country in economic growth, and built the fastest growing clean tech sector in Canada. Their climate leadership is good for the environment, and it's good for the economy.

Grand Chief Dr. Stewart Phillip

President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs

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From: [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#)
To: [Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Governor Jay Inslee's Op Ed | The Seattle Times
Date: May 30, 2018 1:41:27 PM

YES

Sage
778-678-0832
Sent from my mobile device

On May 30, 2018, at 1:24 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Can we share?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX"
<Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 30, 2018 at 11:54:26 AM PDT
To: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>,
"Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Governor Jay Inslee's Op Ed | The Seattle Times

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/gov-jay-inslee-canadian-oil-pipeline-is-giant-step-backward/>

By Jay Inslee

Special to The Times

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From: [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#)
To: [Hunter, Justine](#)
Subject: RE: horgan and killer whales - my only (odd) question of the day
Date: June 1, 2018 3:51:00 PM

Hi Justine,

I couldn't find much. Any orca impacts were tied to salmon impacts.

There's this

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4145734/trans-mountain-pipeline-battle-continues-b-c-still-plans-on-going-ahead-with-legal-case/>

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And this from the March 16 Inslee / Pacific Coast Collaborative presser

Horgan: I would just add to that, that the collaborative is a physical representation of nations working together. The US and Canada, through US and Canada, through BC, Washington, Oregon, and California, demonstrating to North American citizens that collaboration on the critical challenges of our time, climate action, whether it be protecting our salmon species so that our iconic orcas can continue to thrive and prosper. We discussed the scourge of opioid overdoses that affect all of us, and working together on the West Coast, I believe we're demonstrating for the rest of North America that the commonalities that we have despite artificial boundaries, the 49th Parallel exists on maps and on globes, but we've demonstrated today and over the past decade, and I'm hopeful for many decades to come, that working together, the people who populate this spectacular region, will have a common purpose, and that is to ensure that our environment is protected, so that our economy can flourish.

Sorry I couldn't be more help!

Sage

778-678-0832

From: Hunter, Justine [mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 2:36 PM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

Subject: RE: horgan and killer whales - my only (odd) question of the day

Many thanks. I'm trying to get a story done before 4 and I just can't find a reference. I don't need a bunch of detail just a yes/no - has he or the government pointed to the orcas as a reason to be worried about increased tanker traffic

Cheers

jh

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX [mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 2:34 PM

To: Hunter, Justine

Subject: RE: horgan and killer whales - my only (odd) question of the day

I will see what I can find!

Sage

778-678-0832

From: Hunter, Justine [<mailto:JHunter@globeandmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 2:15 PM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

Subject: FW: horgan and killer whales - my only (odd) question of the day

Hi Sage, Jen is away can you help?

I'm trying to find a reference but coming up short..

From: Hunter, Justine

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 2:09 PM

To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX (Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca); McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX (Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca)

Subject: horgan and killer whales - my only (odd) question of the day

I'm sure the premier has mentioned concern for the southern resident killer whales as a reason to oppose the pipeline expansion, somewhere. Just can't find a reference. Am I hallucinating? Or am I safe to write that he has cited the threatened whales as a reason to be concerned about increase in tanker traffic?

Justine Hunter | National Correspondent | The Globe and Mail

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From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
To: Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX
Cc: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Inslee on Kinder Morgan
Date: November 19, 2017 2:52:45 PM

Thanks.

Sage

Sent from my mobile device

On Nov 19, 2017, at 2:46 PM, Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

See Inslee quote on KM below . I will include in Q&As for the Premier.

From: Hewitt, Jeremy IGRS:EX

Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 8:26 PM

To: Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX

Subject: Inslee on Kinder Morgan

FYI. Quotes from Nov 17 - the most direct language from him I've seen to date.

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<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/17/news/washington-governor-admires-cap-and-trade-concerned-about-kinder-morgan>