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**From:** noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** BC Gov News - Government releases independent report on revitalizing ALR, ALC

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Ministry of Agriculture

### NEWS RELEASE

Government releases independent report on revitalizing ALR, ALC

VICTORIA - The Province has released the final report of the independent Advisory Committee for Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).

"I want to thank the committee for its dedication and the thoughtful recommendations made in this report," said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "Our government is committed to helping farmers farm. We asked the committee members to provide advice on how the ALR and ALC can provide the best support for farmers, ranchers and producers to ensure B.C.'s agricultural sector continues to thrive, and they delivered."

The committee, consisting of eight British Columbians with diverse agricultural backgrounds and experience, proposed 32 recommendations to support agriculture in the province. The final report is available here:  
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/impact/agricultural-land-reserve-results/>

More than 2,300 British Columbians responded to the committee's online discussion paper and survey, and the committee also received over 270 written submissions. The committee held engagement sessions with local governments and agricultural stakeholders in nine communities throughout the province and met with the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the ALC.

Following the committee's interim report of 13 key recommendations for legislative change, the B.C. government took action.

Bill 52, passed into law in November 2018, implemented changes to keep farmland affordable for farmers and crack down on the illegal dumping of construction waste and unauthorized fill on farmland.

Bill 15, tabled in February 2019, focuses on giving the ALC the tools it needs to support farmers and ranchers in every corner of B.C.

These changes work in concert with other actions taken by government to help farmers farm so they can keep creating good jobs around B.C. These include:

- \* relaunching Buy BC to connect farmers and consumers to more made-in-B.C. products;
- \* a Feed BC initiative to increase the amount of B.C. food in hospitals, bringing new opportunities for producers and better hospital food for people; and

\* helping more people start farming through Grow BC with a new Land Matching Program that has already connected 29 new and young farmers with farmland throughout B.C.

The release of the final report completes the committee's work that began in January 2018.

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Ministry of Agriculture  
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**From:** Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:38 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Request

Advice from the Ministry is that neither Bill 52 (fall bill) or Bill 15 (current bill) would impact situations like this. Decision was entirely up to the ALC.

Request and old article below

Sarah Marriott  
Issues Manager  
250.361.8416

Richard Zussman  
Reporter  
Global TV | BC  
Deadline: ASAP

Would like context and background around the decision to deny a langley farm a permit to host a winter event, that they had held previously. Working on a story for Thursday.

Response: Referred to ALC for rationale of decision and information they use to adjudicate applications for festivals

## ALC rules mean possible shutdown for popular Lower Mainland Glow holiday event

The ALC has denied permission for the show to run this year.

- [MATTHEW CLAXTON](#)
- Mar. 1, 2019 11:40 a.m.
- [NEWS](#)

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**From:** Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX  
**Sent:** June 4, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** BCPSA Agency DMC Admin & Operational Support  
**Cc:** Faganello, Tara MAH:EX; Gedney, Vanessa R MAH:EX; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Berkes, Andrea TAC:EX; Birnie, Kayla MMHA:EX; Blore, Lori A MAH:EX; Burnham, Lindsey HLTH:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX; Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX; Fenton, Chrystal EAO:EX; Gabitous, Jason MAH:EX; Gibbings, Nicole MAH:EX; Hourston, Sveah LBR:EX; Hold - 190716 - Irvine, Michele EDUC:EX; Jang, Monica JTT:EX; Langton, Heather AG:EX; Lewis, Cameron F EMBC:EX; Louie, Toby I PSSG:EX; Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX; MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX; Meseyton, Robert PSSG:EX; Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Olsen, Melody CITZ:EX; Purdy, Sheila EDUC:EX; Root, Danielle IRR:EX; Ryan-Aylward, Michel ENV:EX; Samoleski, Niki TRAN:EX; Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX; Smith, Laura MAH:EX; Soloducha, Danielle TRAN:EX; Sundher, Shauna FIN:EX; Tan, Alyson JTT:EX; Trachsel, Daymon EMPR:EX; Turner, Julie AEST:EX; Wierenga, Mikayla E EMBC:EX; Wood, Andrea D FLNR:EX; Woodcock, Danielle FLNR:EX; Wyllie, Sandra TAC:EX; Yakiwchuk, Kyle EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: 2019 UBCM Convention | Workshop and Clinic Proposals Provincial Process - Notice to Submit Proposals to UBCM  
**Attachments:** NR  
**Importance:** High  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** June 7, 2019 11:30 AM  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hello everyone,

Attached is the listing of Provincial workshop and clinic proposals that was presented at the May 31<sup>st</sup>, DMC. DMC did not raise any concerns with the proposed submissions and any feedback has been incorporated or will be communicated to UBCM.

Please proceed with submitting your ministry's proposal(s) directly to UBCM by their deadline of **Friday, June 7**, using their online system: [UBCM Session Proposal](#).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Regards,

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Local Government Division | Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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**NOTE: We have transferred our phone systems to VOIP; you must dial all 10 digits in order to reach me.**

## Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

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**From:** Deputy Minister, MAH:EX  
**Sent:** May 29, 2019 3:36 PM  
**To:** BCPSA Agency DMC List  
**Cc:** BCPSA Agency DMC Admin & Operational Support; Faganello, Tara MAH:EX; Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX; Berkes, Andrea TAC:EX; Birnie, Kayla MMHA:EX; Blore, Lori A MAH:EX; Burnham, Lindsey HLTH:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX; Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX; Fenton, Chrystal EAO:EX; Gabitous, Jason MAH:EX; Gibbings, Nicole MAH:EX; Hourston, Sveah LBR:EX; Hold - 190716 - Irvine, Michele EDUC:EX; Jang, Monica JTT:EX; Langton, Heather AG:EX; Lewis, Cameron F EMBC:EX; Louie, Toby I PSSG:EX; Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX; MacMillan, Karen SDPR:EX; Meseyton, Robert PSSG:EX; Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Olsen, Melody CITZ:EX; Purdy, Sheila EDUC:EX; Root, Danielle IRR:EX; Ryan-Aylward, Michel ENV:EX; Samoleski, Niki TRAN:EX; Smith, Laura MAH:EX; Soloducha, Danielle TRAN:EX; Sundher, Shauna FIN:EX; Tan, Alyson JTT:EX; Trachsel, Daymon EMPR:EX; Turner, Julie AEST:EX; Wierenga, Mikayla E EMBC:EX; Wood, Andrea D FLNR:EX; Woodcock, Danielle FLNR:EX; Wyllie, Sandra TAC:EX; Yakiwchuk, Kyle EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** 246705 | 2019 UBCM Convention – Provincial Listing of Workshop and Clinic Proposals  
**Attachments:** NR

Dear Colleagues:

In follow up to my April 30, 2019 memo regarding the 2019 UBCM Convention - Provincial Process for Workshop and Clinics Proposals, attached is the Provincial listing of workshop and clinic proposals received from ministries. Please review in advance of the Friday, May 31st Deputy Ministers' Council (DMC) meeting.

The purpose of the DMC discussion will be to determine Government's priorities for the UBCM conference, identify any gaps in submissions, and obtain overall DMC approval of the proposals before ministry staff provide their submissions directly to UBCM.

After the proposals have been approved at DMC, MAH will communicate the approval decision to applicable key contacts so that ministries may proceed with submitting their approved proposals to UBCM by their June 7, 2019 deadline.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Krishna  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Attachments  
2019 UBCM Convention Provincial Workshop and Clinic Proposals Listing  
Ministries UBCM Contact List

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** May 23, 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Estimates Notes suggestions

Hi Shelley. I will actually ask Sarah (cc'd) to call you as she is most familiar with these.

I don't think I have your number though.

Tim Howlett  
Issues Management  
250.208.4828

On May 23, 2019, at 1:32 PM, Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX <[Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Will do – Tim, when you have a moment, can you call me to walk through a few of these so I am getting the correct scope?

Thanks  
Shelley

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**From:** Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca)>; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <[Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca)>; Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX <[Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Estimates Notes suggestions

I think these are good additions. And I suspect most of them are already in estimates binders. Shelly, can you run these down?

Thanks  
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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** May 23, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <[Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca)>; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX <[Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Estimates Notes suggestions

Here is a first batch of suggestions from the team for additional notes in the Premier binder. Some of these may have been canvassed already.

### Agriculture

- Municipal Consultation on Agriculture Changes (re May 22 letter from UBCM on change to cannabis production on ALR, and impacts of Bill 52) *this is a bit of a theme that the Opposition has raised – also connecting it to Maple Ridge modular*
- Supports for farmers (general list of things we have done to support farmers)

### Health

- Surgical strategy/wait times
- Health Authorities changes to provision of home care (decision by Has to bring services in house)

#### MMHA

- Overdose response
- Secure care private members bill
- Cheque day private members bill
- Abstinence-only addictions care / treatment beds

#### TAC

- Royal BC Museum?

#### Attorney General

- Action on Money Laundering recommendations (German implementation)

Tim Howlett

Director of Issues Management

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## Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX on behalf of Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** May 17, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** BCPSA Agency DMC List  
**Cc:** BCPSA Agency DMC Admin & Operational Support  
**Subject:** Agriculture Estimates Debate Summary

Good morning:

Apologies for the delay in providing you with the attached summary of the Ministry of Agriculture's estimates debate. We've noted within where any inquiries were deferred to: Health, Labour, Finance, AG, and Housing.



Thank you.

Wes Shoemaker  
Deputy Minister

## Ministry of Agriculture Summary of Estimates Debate 2019

**Monday, May 6, 2019: 4:39 PM to 6:30 PM**

Hansard Blues

### MLA Issues

- Cannabis Legalization Implementation
- Production Insurance
- AgriRecovery Program
  - Extra feed costs for livestock; fire events
  - Grazing on Crown land; difficulty accessing fire zones; working with FLNRORD to look at recovery in Crown areas.
  - Cost-sharing with Federal government
- Business Development
  - Youth development, 4-H fairs, international marketing.
- Final Report of the ALC Revitalization Committee
- Business Development
  - BC school fruit and vegetable nutritional program –deferred to Ministry of Health
- Land Matching Program
  - Criteria
  - Long-term certainty
- Revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission
  - Bill 52 and Bill 15
  - 32 recommendations
  - Committee Formation

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019: 11:06 AM to 11:45 AM**

Hansard Blues

### MLA Issues

- Revitalization Committee
  - Appointment of members
  - Chair of the committee
  - Expenses of the committee
- Interim Report of the ALR Revitalization Committee
  - Legislative changes/public consultations timing
  - Release of emails pertaining to the report and work completed
  - Number of submissions from the public
- Agritourism
  - Recommendations from the final revitalization report
  - Events at wineries/alcohol-production facilities on ALR lands

- Impact of tourism revenue; consultations with Ministry of Tourism
  - Farmers markets; farm stands
- Shoulder Season Non-Farm Use

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019: 1:35 PM to 6:21 PM**

Hansard Blues

#### MLA Issues

- Applications for Non-Farm Use Events -deferred to Agricultural Land Commission
- Mixed Farm Use; Secondary House; Agritourism
- On-Farm Processing Facilities
  - Regulations
- Bill 52
  - Applications to ALC for homes over 500 square meters
  - Grandfathering - house size restriction
  - Preloading; permits; applications
  - Communications to local governments; clarification
- 2017 Wildfires
  - Crown leases
  - AgriRecovery
- Minimum Wage
  - Studies done on impact of proposed minimum wage – deferred to Ministry of Labour
  - Input from Ministry of Agriculture
- Rising costs of production and distribution for farmers
- Projected income from agricultural industries – deferred to Ministry of Finance
- Release of Piece Rate Report – deferred to Ministry of Labour
- Carbon Tax Relief for Greenhouse Industry – deferred to the Ministry of Finance
- Fuel Tax
- Employer Health Tax; Foreign Workers – deferred to the Ministry of Finance
- Kootney Livestock Association
- Agricultural Support in Rural BC
  - Livestock Protection Program; BC Cattlemen’s Association
  - Conservation officers (ENV); process for predator program
- Cannabis - deferred to Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Minister Popham recused
  - Normal farm practices
  - Cannabis odour; law enforcement -
  - Compliance Officers; Inspection of Cannabis Greenhouse Facilities
  - Recommendation No. 15 from the ALC Revitalization Report
- Agricultural Plastics Recycling
- Abattoirs, Licensing and Inspection
  - Report of the Select Standing Committee; recommendations
  - D and E licences
  - Provincial funding for restructuring

- Boat Launch; Application to the ALC -deferred to the Agricultural Land Commission
- Craft Distiller Guild
  - Recommendations – deferred to the Ministry of Attorney General
- BC Produce in Hospitals
  - Footprint on agricultural lands
- Food Innovation Centre; Food Hub Network
- Regional Food Centre
- Advocate for Ranches in the Communities of the Cariboo Regional District
- Replant Program
  - Size of farms
- First Nation Communities Fish Farms
  - Budget allocation for land fish farm research
- Registration/Enforcement System – Puppy Mills
- Renegotiation of Columbia River Treaty
- Annual Farm-Gate Sales
  - Enabling rural property holders access to tax exemptions – deferred to the Ministry of Housing (BC Assessment)



**From:** [Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX](#)  
**To:** [Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?  
**Date:** May 8, 2019 3:30:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [D.2 IN AGRI ALC Commissioners and Panels Jan 2019 FINAL.docx](#)  
[D.5 2019 ESTIMATE NOTE Application Types Final \(ALC\).docx](#)  
[D.6 2019 ESTIMATES NOTE Compliance and Enforcement at the ALC FINAL\(ALC\).docx](#)  
[D.3 2019 ESTIMATE NOTE ALC Land Included to and Excluded from the ALR by Fiscal Year Final \(ALC\).doc](#)  
[D.4 2019 ESTIMATE NOTE ALC Application Processing Timelines Final \(ALC\) April 2019.docx](#)  
[D.8 IN AGRI ALC Committee report Jan 2019 FINAL.docx](#)  
[D.9 2019 Estimates Note - Revitalization Initiative.docx](#)  
[D.10 2019 Estimate Note - ALR - Large Homes.docx](#)  
[D.11 2019 ESTIMATE NOTE Residential Uses in the ALR Final \(ALC\).docx](#)

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Attached.

### **Shawna Lyttle**

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Sent:** May 8, 2019 3:23 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Yes, if I could have D 2 to 6 inclusive and D 8 to 11 inclusive – thanks.

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX <[Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Hi Shelley:

I've attached our complete eBinder, as I figured that was easiest/quickest way to review and would provide you access with anything you may need, but please let me know if you would like any particular notes sent separately. Most ALC/ALR related issues are grouped together in the first part of the binder; the notes related exclusions are set out in notes D.3, D.5, D.10, and D.11.

I hope this is helpful, but please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you.

### **Shawna Lyttle**

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Sent:** May 8, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Shawna – particularly relating to the issue of exclusions. - thanks

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Shawna – which of your Estimates notes deal with the issues raised during the debate on the Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act? Could I have copies of them for our Estimates binder?

Thanks  
Shelley

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX <[Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Hi Shelley:

Attached is the Ministry of Agriculture's final estimates table of contents.

Thank you for your patience.

**Shawna Lyttle**

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
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**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Understood – thanks, Shawna – look forward to your final copy when ready

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX

**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Hi Shelley:

Agriculture's TOC is attached, but please note that it is still in draft and may change slightly in the coming week.

Thank you.

**Shawna Lyttle**

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX

**Sent:** February 14, 2019 12:51 PM

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Thank you.

Shelley

**From:** [Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX](#)  
**To:** [Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?  
**Date:** May 8, 2019 3:15:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [AGRI Estimates eBinder 2019.pdf](#)

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Hi Shelley:

I've attached our complete eBinder, as I figured that was easiest/quickest way to review and would provide you access with anything you may need, but please let me know if you would like any particular notes sent separately. Most ALC/ALR related issues are grouped together in the first part of the binder; the notes related exclusions are set out in notes D.3, D.5, D.10, and D.11.

I hope this is helpful, but please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you.

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Sent:** May 8, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Shawna – particularly relating to the issue of exclusions. - thanks

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX <[Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Shawna – which of your Estimates notes deal with the issues raised during the debate on the Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act? Could I have copies of them for our Estimates binder?

Thanks  
Shelley

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX <[Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Hi Shelley:

Attached is the Ministry of Agriculture's final estimates table of contents.

Thank you for your patience.

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**From:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
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**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Understood – thanks, Shawna – look forward to your final copy when ready

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**From:** Lyttle, Shawna AGRI:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:25 PM  
**To:** Canitz, Shelley L PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May I please have a copy of your 2019 Estimates Table of Contents?

Hi Shelley:

Agriculture's TOC is attached, but please note that it is still in draft and may change slightly in the coming week.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

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**Sent:** March 25, 2019 1:31 PM  
**Subject:** FW: On ALR changes, BC Liberals find new excuses to support the richest 2%

FYI - the following release went out this afternoon

Thanks,  
Chelsea



<http://bcndpcaucus.ca> 250-953-4992

**For Immediate Release**  
**March 25, 2019**

**On ALR changes, BC Liberals find new excuses to support the richest 2%**

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**Media contact: Chelsea Williams 250-953-4992**

## Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

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**Subject:** Review: Awards Ceremony SN/Event  
**Location:** VCO

**Start:** Thu 2019-03-21 3:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 2019-03-21 3:30 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** s.17

**Required Attendees** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Hagglund, Jarrett GCPE:EX; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX

### **With:**

Minister Beare  
Ravi Kahlon  
Asha Bhat, TAC Multiculturalism lead  
Ramesh Ranjan, MA

### **PO Staff:**

Jarrett Hagglund, Events  
Sheena  
Sage (calling in)  
Vanessa

### **Agenda:**

Jarrett to provide run of show  
Sage / Sheena will provide any update on speaking role / notes  
Asha Bhat, TAC to add any other updates regarding the event

### **Con Call Details:**

Tel: s.15; s.17  
Participant code: s.15; s.17

### **VCO will moderate**

Moderator code: s.15; s.17

**Materials:**  
SN to come

## **New Agriculture Bill & Large Homes on the ALR**

### Background:

- On Sunday, March 24, the Leader of the Opposition will be holding a townhall in Surrey to discuss government's two bills related to the Agricultural Land Reserve.
- On Feb. 22, Bill 52 came into force, including the new 5,400 sq. ft. limit to house size on the ALR. South Asian media has reported concerns that government failed to grandfather those who are preloading.
- The Opposition also continues to push the narrative that the new bill, Bill 15, takes away farmers' rights as persons with a change to the process on exclusion applications.

### Message:

- For too long, pressures on farmland were allowed to grow, with big developers buying up farmland and driving the cost of land out of reach for farmers. We're fixing that.
- At the same time, we've ensured that farming families have a path at the ALC to build a larger house - no matter what stage of planning and construction they're at.
- As a result of the advocacy of the government Surrey MLAs, we also made a change to the legislation in the fall to ensure fairness for people.
- Anyone who had their permits in place when the law came into effect on Feb. 22 will be grandfathered under the old system.

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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Brown, Evan PREM:EX; s.22 McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Community + Issues Scan - Multiculturalism Awards  
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**Sent:** February 26, 2019 5:03 PM  
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**Subject:** scan  
**Attachments:** 2019.02.27 Issues Scan - Victoria.docx

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## **Agriculture House Size Limit in Force**

### Background:

- On Feb. 22, the *Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Amendment Act* Bill 52) came into force, including the new 5,400 sq. ft. limit to house size on the ALR.
- South Asian media has reported concerns from the BC Farmland Owners Association that government failed to grandfather those who are preloading.
- Some media have pointed out that some farming families might not be able to apply to the ALC for a larger home if municipalities refuse to forward applications to the ALC.

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### Message:

- For too long, pressures on our farmland were allowed to grow, with big developers buying up farmland and driving the cost of land out of reach for farmers. We're fixing that.
- At the same time, we've ensured that farming families have a path at the ALC to build a larger house - no matter what stage of planning and construction they're at.
- We also made a change to the legislation in the fall to ensure fairness for people.
- Anyone who had their permits in place when the law came into effect on Feb. 22 will be grandfathered under the old system.
- We're going to keep listening. The Minister is committed to making sure this works for multi-generational farming families.

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## Loubert, Leslie M PREM:EX

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**From:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 19, 2019 11:16 AM  
**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: KMs for meetings with UBCM Executive this week  
**Attachments:** UBCM Outreach-Ministers KMs (Cannabis Affordable HSG Climate Change) v5.docx

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**Sent:** February 19, 2019 10:39 AM  
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**Subject:** KMs for meetings with UBCM Executive this week

Hi folks,

Attached you will find recommended responses for your Ministers'/MLAs' meetings or interactions with the **UBCM Executive** this week. The Table of Contents will give you a sense of their priority topics within the broader themes of Cannabis, Affordable Housing, and Climate Change.

Let me know if you have any questions.

See you at the reception! :)

Daniela

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# UBCM Executive Outreach Meetings February 20-22, 2019

Ministry Staff Advice and Recommended Responses for  
Ministerial Use. Priority Areas: Cannabis, Affordable Housing  
and Climate Change



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# Advice and Recommended Responses

## 1. CANNABIS

### 1a) Revenue Sharing with Local Governments

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The federal and provincial governments kept cannabis taxes low to support the objective of reducing illicit market activity.
- Cannabis taxation revenues will help the Province manage its priorities for British Columbians, including: protecting children and youth, promoting public health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping our roads safe, and supporting economic development.
- Cannabis taxation revenue will not contribute significantly to bolstering provincial revenue.
- The Province is looking to develop greater certainty surrounding expected future costs and revenues for all levels of government.

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MAH Representative Contact:	Kara Woodward, Director	778 698-3465

### 1b) Agriculture Lands for Cannabis Production

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- In July 2018, our government has taken action, by making a regulatory change that gives local governments more decision-making power regarding cannabis production methods on the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR).
- They are now able to prohibit concrete, bunker-style cannabis facilities in the ALR, but not able to prohibit commercial cannabis production in open fields, or in soil-based greenhouses.
- The point of this is to ensure we aren't losing access to agricultural soil. Cannabis grown in open fields is like any other agricultural crop and does not impact the soil quality.
- Local governments have been asking for action on this, and they now have it. UBCM was very supportive of this empowering regulatory change.

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## 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### 2a) Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR)

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Given the critical need of communities for new housing, now is an opportune time to examine the local government development approvals process and consider whether barriers or complexities can be reduced while ensuring that important standards and community needs are being met.
- The Province is currently undertaking a province-wide, multi-stakeholder process to assess the local government development approvals process and identify opportunities to increase its overall efficiency and effectiveness.
- This review is designed to focus on solutions – solutions that will require input and new ideas from representatives of all stakeholders involved in the development process.
- To this end, a broad cross-section of local governments from across the province, including both large and small communities, are participating in the Development Approvals Process Review.
- The Development Approvals Process Review draws on recommendations contained in the UBCM Housing Strategy, which proposes a multi-stakeholder review of the process governing rezoning – a core component of development approvals.
- Through this comprehensive engagement we will be able to leverage the extensive experience of participants and identify the many innovative approaches that we know are being implemented across the province.

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## 2b) Affordable Housing and Implementing UBCM Recommendations on Short Term Rentals

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Airbnb and other short-term rental platforms offer benefits to both homeowners and travellers.
- However, we recognize that there can be unintended negative impacts on long-term rental stock and affordable housing.
- The rapid growth of short-term rentals (STRs) is a significant factor contributing to the lack of long-term affordable rental stock in numerous communities across B.C.
- Local governments have tools to regulate short-term rentals to help address housing needs in their communities.
- The Province has negotiated with Airbnb to collect the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) on its short-term rentals (the Minister of Finance is responsible for tax policy).
- In addition, a regulatory change (effective Nov. 30, 2018) enables a strata corporation with bylaws, limiting or banning STRs, to fine owners or residents who are not complying up to \$1,000 a day (it had been \$200 a week previously).
- The Province continues to monitor and work with local governments on this challenging issue.

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## 2c) Affordable Housing Issue - Recommendations from UBCM's Housing Report on Speculation

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The housing crisis is hurting people – families, students, seniors – and it is bad for the economy. Businesses can't attract and retain workers.
- Our government is tackling the housing crisis head-on.
- The goal of our 30-point housing plan is to bring moderation to the housing market.
- We have introduced the speculation and vacancy tax, increased and expanded the foreign buyers' tax, and are working to crack down on tax evasion and close loopholes in real estate.
- The speculation and vacancy tax is a key measure to tackle the housing crisis in major urban centres in British Columbia that:
  - targets foreign and domestic speculators who own homes in B.C. but don't pay tax here;
  - turns empty homes into good housing for people; and
  - raises revenue that will go to supporting affordable housing.
- It creates a strong incentive for out-of-province real estate speculators and people who are sitting on empty homes to put those homes on the rental market or sell them.
- The speculation and vacancy tax helps make sure that people who earn the majority of their income outside B.C. contribute their fair share in taxes.
- We are seeing signs our actions are helping to cool the housing market:
  - foreign and domestic speculators have dropped off;
  - flipping activity has reduced;
  - home prices are beginning to moderate in all segments of the market; and
  - vacancy rates are forecast to rise.

### If Pressed on Specifics:

- The Minister of Finance is responsible for all tax policy in the Province.
- I will relay your comments to the Minister of Finance.

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## 2d) Speculation on Agricultural Land

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- In July 2018, Lana Popham, B.C. Minister of Agriculture, received and publicly released the Interim Report of the independent Minister's Advisory Committee for Revitalizing B.C.'s Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- The Committee's interim report included specific recommendations for revitalization, including curbing residential and non-farm speculation of ALR land.
- The building of mansions and lifestyle estates in the ALR particularly near urban areas has been steadily increasing for several years. Speculation from residential and other non-farm use increases the market value of farmland, putting it out of reach for many existing and new B.C. farmers.
- Last fall, the B.C. Government introduced Bill 52, the Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 2018 to better protect farmland with greater restrictions on maximum house sizes and bringing fill into the ALR. On November 27, 2018, the bill received Royal Assent, and will be brought into force by Regulation expected in the next month.
- The Ministry is currently working with partners including the Agricultural Land Commission on implementation plans for this component of the Revitalization initiative. Final recommendations from the Committee will also be considered.

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## 2e) Affordable Housing actions by the Province

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- “The Homes for BC: A 30-Point Plan for Housing Affordability” in British Columbia is part of the biggest investment in housing in B.C. history – approximately \$7 billion over 10 years.
  - Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund –\$1.2 billion to build and operate 2,500 units of supportive housing for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
  - Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund –\$550 million to build and operate 1,750 units of social housing, both on- and off-reserve.
  - Building BC: Community Housing Fund –\$1.9 billion to create 14,350 new affordable rental homes for seniors, families, low- and middle-income earners.
  - Building BC: Women’s Transition Housing Fund – \$734 million to build 1,500 new supportive homes for women and children fleeing violence, including transition houses, safe homes, second-stage and long-term housing.
- The Province has completed 15 of the Plan’s 30 initiatives, eleven of which are Ministry of Finance policies to curb speculative demand, address tax fairness, reduce tax evasion and close real estate loopholes. These policies are aligned with the UBCM’s recommendation to stabilize the housing market through the use of taxation tools.
- Local governments are on the front lines of the housing crisis and are well positioned to influence the speed, cost, and form of new development through planning, zoning, and land use decisions. The provincial government is committing \$5 million over three years to help local governments assess and respond to community housing needs.
- I want to make sure you’re aware that the Province increased incentives for those creating purpose-built rental housing by extending existing municipal revitalization tax exemption programs to include provincial property taxes. This is aligned with the UBCM’s recommendation to increase rental housing supply and gives local governments control over what housing qualifies for the property tax exemption, how much, and for how long.
- We also helped thousands more low-income renters by expanding the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program benefits in September 2018.
- Another key completed task is the establishment of the HousingHub at BC Housing. The HousingHub promotes collaboration between all levels of government, Indigenous organizations, non-profits, and the private sector to increase the supply of affordable housing for middle-income British Columbians.

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## 2f) Homelessness and Encampments

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Homelessness and public encampments demonstrate the severity of the housing crisis across the province and its impact on people of all ages.
- The Provincial Government, through BC Housing, supports several initiatives intended to prevent and respond to homelessness. These initiatives embody a “housing first” approach to responding to homelessness and are provided along a continuum of housing ranging from outreach to shelters to supportive housing to social housing to private market housing.
- One initiative that has addressed the urgent need to respond to homelessness is the Rapid Response to Homelessness modular supportive housing program: over 2,000 units are being delivered to 22 communities across B.C. As well, another 2,500 supportive housing units will be built through the Building BC Supportive Housing initiative.
- We are also creating thousands of new affordable homes through our \$7 billion investment in affordable housing and 30-Point-Plan.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction have developed the Homelessness Action Plan (to be released after Budget Day 2019). The Plan takes a coordinated approach to prevent and quickly respond to homelessness and encampments, and to get people the supports they need to move through the housing continuum.

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**2g) Rental Housing Task Force Recommendations****ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

- The Rental Housing Task Force has completed their final report and presented their 23 recommendations for potential ways to modernize the policies and the laws that govern residential tenancy in B.C.
- The recommendations are under review by government.
- Our goal is to continue to find a balance between the needs of renters for safe, secure and affordable housing while allowing landlords the ability to invest in their properties and provide needed housing.
- We will continue to engage with landlords and tenants as these initiatives move forward.

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### 3. CLIMATE CHANGE

Create Enabling Frameworks for Local Governments for action on mitigation to climate change in light of the Provincial Government imperative to reach GHG emission reduction targets, and the need for adaptation work given the increasing frequency of natural disasters that communities are facing.

#### 3a) Mitigation

##### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

##### CleanBC:

- The CleanBC Plan sets out a framework for achieving greenhouse gas reduction targets in three sectors – buildings, industry and transportation.
- CleanBC was released in December 2018, outlining actions that will put B.C. about 75% of the way to reaching government's GHG emission reduction targets.

##### Buildings:

- For buildings, this includes a commitment to high performance codes and standards for new and existing buildings:
  - New Construction: Increase the base BC Building Code to net-zero energy ready by 2032 through three code cycles (2022, 2027, 2032); and
  - Existing Buildings: Develop and adopt an energy code for alterations to existing buildings by 2024.
- Local governments, through leadership and responsibility for enforcing the BC Building Code, will play an integral role to reducing emissions in the building sector.
- The Province continues to support the work of the BC Energy Step Code Council and is committed to working with local governments and industry on adoption and implementation of high-performance building standards.
- As a first step on existing buildings, the province will develop a strategy for energy and seismic retrofits in concert with local governments and industry. This strategy will support broader efforts on community adaptation and resilience.

##### Planning and Land Use:

- Climate change mitigation is a key focus for both the province and local governments, who are key partners in reducing the impacts of climate change due to their role in land use planning, transportation, waste management and infrastructure development.
- 98% of B.C. local governments have demonstrated their commitment to climate action by signing the B.C. Climate Action Charter.
- CleanBC includes the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Clean BC Communities Fund to support local governments' efforts on climate action to help develop energy efficiency and clean energy projects.
- Looking ahead, Government will continue to work with local governments to enhance action on climate, with a focus on planning and land use to create complete, compact, energy efficient communities.

### 3b) Adaptation

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Local governments have a critical role to play in helping our communities manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- The Province supports efforts that reduce climate risks. For instance, the Community Resiliency Investment Program will provide up to \$50 million over the next three years to local governments and First Nations to help reduce wildfire risks around their communities.
- More broadly, to better understand climate risks across British Columbia, the Province is undertaking a Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment that can be used to prioritize adaptation responses across ministries and to develop proportional responses to priority risks.
- Actions to address recommendations from the BC Auditor General's report are also being developed.
- Local governments will continue to be engaged on this issue through a variety of venues, including through the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee
- It is anticipated that public engagement on Adapting to a Changing Climate will begin in the Summer of 2019.

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# Key Facts

## 1. CANNABIS

### 1a) Revenue Sharing with Local Governments

**Key Facts:**

The Province is looking to develop greater certainty surrounding expected future costs and revenues for all levels of government. Collecting and sharing information on cannabis-related costs at the local government level would be useful as the Province continues to assess impacts to communities.

The Province understands that there is interest from local governments in having some share of cannabis taxation revenue and recognizes that the legalization of cannabis may lead to incremental costs for local governments. First Nations are also interested in engaging in a conversation around revenue sharing.

### 1b) Agriculture Lands for Cannabis Production

**Key Facts:**

In July 2018, a regulatory change gave authority to local governments to prohibit certain methods of cannabis production on ALR land in their communities, while clarifying that cannabis production in the ALR cannot be prohibited if: grown lawfully in an open field; in a structure that is entirely soil based; in a structure that was either fully constructed or under construction, with required permits in place, prior to July 13, 2018; or in an existing licensed operation.

There are a number of communities that have developed bylaws to align with the new regulation. Some communities have called for a provincial ban on cannabis production in the ALR, suggesting it will reduce food security as farmers of food crops transition to cannabis for greater profits.

The regulatory change pertains only to land in the ALR. Local governments can regulate or prohibit cannabis production on lands outside of the ALR.

## 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### 2a) Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR)

#### **Key Facts:**

In many jurisdictions in British Columbia the development approvals process has increased in complexity without necessarily delivering better outcomes in terms of a greater and timelier supply of housing, or fairness and certainty for the public and the development industry.

To address this issue, the Province is undertaking the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR), a province-wide, multi-stakeholder process that seeks to assess the local government development approval process and to identify whether there are opportunities to increase its overall efficiency and effectiveness.

The review considers all stages of the development approvals process used in the local government system from concept to occupancy, including subdivision, rezoning, development and building permits, and key aspects of those stages, including submission requirements, public hearings and education.

The DAPR is being led by an executive level working group with representatives from local government, the development industry, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, community organizations and other relevant agencies.

Four regional technical committees are responsible for analyzing and proposing implementable actions in response to challenges and opportunities identified by the working group. The technical committees are comprised of senior- and technical-level staff from the same stakeholder sectors as represented on the working group. The four regional technical committees represent the North, the Okanagan/Interior, the Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Island. The meetings take place in Prince George, Kelowna, Vancouver and Nanaimo. Over 30 local governments are participating.

UBCM Executive is participating on the Working Group, which provides high-level direction and prioritizes areas for analysis by the Technical Committee. UBCM staff are observing at the technical committee meetings, where in-depth discussion on technical aspects of the development approvals process takes place.

The working group and technical committees will identify potential solutions and action ideas to address any challenges as well as existing opportunities that can be better leveraged across the province. The final phase of the project will prepare options for next steps, the scope of which could include pilot projects, new programs or legislative changes.

## **2b) Affordable Housing and Implementing UBCM Recommendations on Short Term Rentals**

### **Key Facts:**

Short-term rentals (STRs) are popular with travellers and hosts and have expanded rapidly over the past five years in B.C. and other jurisdictions.

There is extensive research on how STRs significantly reduce the amount of long-term rental stock in low-vacancy housing markets in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Many jurisdictions have acted to curb or ban short-term rentals in order to protect affordable long-term stock.

Many B.C. communities are reporting that STRs are putting pressures on housing availability, rents and home prices for residents, students and seasonal workers. Some businesses cannot hire staff unless the staff have already secured housing.

Local governments in B.C. can set and enforce rules around STRs, including limiting short-term rentals to primary residences (Vancouver), using zoning provisions to limit STRs (Whistler, Richmond and Tofino), requiring business licences (Vancouver), or enforcing bylaws (e.g., noise and nuisances).

Vancouver, Richmond, Victoria, Tofino, Nelson, Whistler, Kelowna, Fernie, Revelstoke and other B.C. communities have developed, or are developing, formal short-term rental policy frameworks with the objective of protecting their long-term housing stock.

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy "*A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians*", discusses in detail the need for the Province to work with local governments to address short-term rental issues in order to protect long-term rental stock. Recommendations include: investigating regulatory options (e.g. implementing business licenses), new property tax provisions (as many STR properties are commercial enterprises) and documenting good practices as a guide for local governments.

At three consecutive UBCM Conventions (2016, 2017 and 2018), workshops explored the challenges that short-term rentals pose for affordable housing and local governments. (It is rare to have three consecutive workshops on the same topic).

At the 2018 UBCM Convention, Nelson's Class A resolution on STRs was passed (there are only a few Class A resolutions and they must be debated on the convention floor). The resolution asked the Province to require short-term rental platforms to require hosts to have, and post, business licenses in their listings (something which the City of Vancouver already does). This enables local governments to then fine STR hosts who are not complying with the local government's bylaws. Usually the fines are high, \$1,000 a day, in order to deter non-complying STR hosts and protect long-term rental stock. The fines are not intended as a revenue stream. The Province has not taken action on this resolution; local governments (except for most regional districts) have the ability to require business licenses and that they be posted but have less ability to negotiate with each STR platform to ensure business licenses are shown when listing.



The Province has also taken some action with respect to STRs. Effective November 30, 2018 strata regulations changed to increase the maximum allowable fine for strata corporations, who have bylaws to limit or ban short-term rentals, to a \$1,000 a day. The previous fine was \$200 a week. Also on February 8, 2018, the Province established an agreement with Airbnb to collect up to 11% in taxes on short-term rentals. This was a commitment made by the Province and addresses tax fairness concerns. The taxes on accommodation, including accommodation purchased through online accommodation platforms (OAPs) such as Airbnb, include the 8% provincial sales tax and, where applicable, a municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) of up to 3% on accommodations.

- Revenues from the provincial sales tax portion for OAPs, anticipated to be at \$16m annually, will assist the province on housing-related initiatives.
- MRDT recipients can use the new revenues from OAPs for affordable housing without submitting a new application.
- MRDT recipients that wish to use more than the amount attributable to OAPs must submit a new application package that includes stakeholder and accommodation sector support.

The Province continues to monitor and work with local governments on this challenging and evolving issue.

## **2c) Affordable Housing Issue - Recommendations from UBCM's Housing Report on Speculation**

### **Key Facts:**

On October 16, 2018, the B.C. government introduced the Speculation and *Vacancy Tax Act*. The legislation helps tackle speculation in B.C.'s housing market and help turn empty properties into homes for people.

Effective for the 2018 tax year, the speculation and vacancy tax will target foreign owners, satellite families and owners who leave second and third homes vacant. It will also ensure satellite families and people who use local services without paying B.C. income taxes contribute their fair share.

Over 99% of all British Columbians will be exempt from the speculation and vacancy tax. Exemptions for British Columbians include principal residence, rented properties and special circumstances, such home renovations and for significant hardship.

In 2018, the tax rate for all properties subject to the tax is 0.5% of the property value. In 2019 and subsequent years, the tax rates will be as follows:

- 2% for foreign investors and satellite families
- 1% for Canadian citizens and permanent residents who do not reside in British Columbia
- 0.5% for British Columbians who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (and not members of a satellite family)

For more information on the speculation and vacancy tax: [Speculation and Vacancy Tax - Province of British Columbia](#)

## 2d) Speculation on Agricultural Land

### Key Facts:

The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was established in 1973 to protect land across the province with the desirable biophysical conditions for supporting farming and ranching. It currently protects approximately 4.6 million hectares of diverse, agriculturally-suitable land in British Columbia. The ALR is administered by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), an independent tribunal mandated to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming on agricultural land.

Over the last 15 years, pressures on our farmland has continued to grow – driving the cost of land out of reach for farmers and allowing valuable farmland to be damaged. The B.C. government is protecting the ALR so that communities can prosper, and people can count on a safe, secure supply of locally grown food on their tables for years to come.

The proliferation of mega-mansions in the ALR can lead to significantly inflated farmland prices that prevent new, often younger farmers from entering the profession and decrease the incentives for currently active farmers to keep farming.

Setting a maximum house size of 500 square metres throughout the ALR guarantees consistency and fairness throughout the province.

Farmers that desire a primary house size larger than the regulated maximum house size will be able to apply to the ALC for an exemption if the larger house size is needed for farming purposes.

Additional residences required for farming purposes on the ALR will now be directed to the ALC for decision.

Existing houses larger than 500 square metres, as well as those whose foundations have substantially begun construction on or before November 5, 2019, will be grandfathered.

As populations grow and urban land prices increase, the pressure to develop the ALR builds. An updated legislative framework is essential to protect it from this pressure and prevent prime ALR parcels being lost to investors and speculators for non-farm use. Residential estates, expansive processing facilities, and unauthorized disposal of construction waste, not only put ALR land prices beyond the reach of farmers and ranchers and but also damage and alienate the land from farming.



## **2e) Affordable Housing actions by the Province**

### **Key Facts:**

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy, "A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians," discusses in detail the need for the Province to work with local governments to address housing affordability. One of the key recommendations listed was an increase in the supply of rental housing.

Legislation was passed in May 2018 to empower local governments to increase the supply of rental housing in their communities. This legislation authorizes local governments to zone for residential rental tenure and enact zoning bylaws that require that new housing in residential areas be developed as rental units and ensure that existing areas of rental housing are preserved as such.

The Province has also taken action to support renters. The Province eliminated the additional 2 percent annual rent increase above and beyond inflation and closed the fixed term tenancy loophole. Improved security for renters will be further addressed as implementation decisions are made on the recommendations of the Rental Housing Task Force.

Of the over 36,700 housing units already funded by the province under the 30-Point Plan, 17,435 are completed, under construction, initiated, or proposed.

The HousingHub acts as a project coordinator for owners who are not experienced developers but want to create affordable housing with a reasonable rate of return, to benefit their communities. It partners with the non-profit sector, faith groups, for-profit builders, all levels of government, including Indigenous governments and organizations, and others to find and develop or redevelop available land and buildings, creating affordable homes.

The HousingHub is funded through repurposing of funds from the former BC HOME Program and offers short term interim construction financing. Operating and/or construction subsidies will not be provided.

Four HousingHub projects totalling 685 units are in the approval stages as of December 31, 2018. They are as follows:

- Squamish - 40 rental units
- North Vancouver - 58 rental units
- Kelowna - 158 rental units
- Surrey - 429 owner-occupied units

The government is also working with municipalities where large-scale transit projects are being cost-shared with the Province to encourage higher housing density around transit stations to increase affordable housing supply in the corridors, beginning with the Broadway Line, where construction will begin soon.

## 2f) Homelessness and Encampments

### Key Facts:

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy: "A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians", discusses in detail the need for a comprehensive provincial approach to homelessness.

**Homeless Count:** The first B.C.-wide homeless count in 2018 showed more than 7,600 people without shelter on a given night – likely an undercount. The count took place in Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cranbrook, Fort St. John, Merritt, Parksville/Qualicum Beach, Penticton, Port Alberni, Prince Rupert, Sechelt, Smithers and Williams Lake and used data from 2017 counts conducted in Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Duncan and Vernon. This data has informed the Province's understanding of the demographics and service needs of those experiencing homelessness. Indigenous people had significantly high numbers in some communities.

**Rapid Response to Homelessness:** Announced as part of the *Budget 2017 Update*, the Province is providing \$291 million to build 2,000 units of modular supportive housing and permanent supportive housing over two years. In addition, more than \$170 million will be invested over the next three years to operate the modular units including the provision of support services. The Rapid Response to Homelessness modular housing program is now fully subscribed at more than 2,000 units in 22 communities.

**The Building BC Supportive Housing Fund:** The Province will invest \$1.2 billion over 10 years to build 2,500 units of supportive housing (this is in addition to the 2,000 units for the Rapid Response to Homelessness). Non-profit housing providers selected to operate these projects will provide support services on a 24-hour basis for those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. BC Housing will lead the creation of these new projects; the buildings and land will be owned by the Province.

**Homelessness Action Plan:** The Province will release a homelessness action plan as part of B.C.'s first Poverty Reduction Strategy in early 2019. In combination with the Housing and Mental Health and Addictions strategies, the Homelessness Action Plan will allow government to address homelessness through a comprehensive, cross-ministry approach.



## **2g) Rental Housing Task Force Recommendations**

### **Key Facts:**

On September 26, 2018, the provincial government accepted the Task Force's early recommendation, announcing a cut to the 2019 rental increase cap from 4.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent, reflecting the Consumer Price Index only.

Government also accepted the Task Force's recommendation to allow additional modest rent increases in cases where renovations and repairs to rental units have been completed.

- We are reviewing the 23 recommendations to determine impact, priority and a timeline for implementation.
- Many of the recommendations require additional policy work, potential legislative and regulatory changes and resources before they can be implemented. In addition, several of the recommendations require coordination and input from other government Ministries including Finance, Attorney General and local governments/municipalities.

### 3. CLIMATE CHANGE

#### 3a) Mitigation

##### **Key Facts:**

##### Clean BC

The Province released CleanBC in December 2019. CleanBC outlines B.C.'s plan to reach its 2030 climate targets. CleanBC lays out sector-by-sector actions for transportation, buildings and industry.

CleanBC will increase the capacity of B.C.-based industries, attract investment, generate consumer confidence and help lower costs of high-performance construction over time.

Improved energy efficiency will increase affordability for owners and renters.

##### Step Code

As of January 2019, 15 local governments have referenced the BC Energy Step Code in regulation and an additional four in incentives for a total of 19. Together, this represents approximately 40% of building permits issued in B.C.

##### Existing Buildings

Seventy per cent of buildings that will exist in 2030 are already constructed. Enhanced construction and renovation requirements may increase the cost of construction and renovation, albeit lower the operating costs significantly.

Increased energy standards, along with structural improvements, will increase the resilience and durability of buildings and make homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

##### Local Governments and Clean BC

Climate change mitigation has been a key focus for both the province and local governments for over 10 years. Local governments are key partners in reducing the impact of climate change due to their role in land use, buildings, transportation, waste management and infrastructure development. The 2007 B.C. Climate Action Charter (Charter) has been signed by 187 of 190 local governments. The Charter is a voluntary commitment to become carbon neutral in corporate operations, measure and report on community emissions, and create complete, compact and energy-efficient communities.

CleanBC 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 actions outlined to date will put B.C. about 75% of the way to reaching the 2030 targets.

As part of this, through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - CleanBC Communities Fund, the province and federal governments are investing \$63 million to help local governments and Indigenous communities develop community infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions using clean or renewable energy or that improve energy efficiency. Program intake opened in December 2018 with a March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 deadline.

Clean BC has committed government to finding additional ways to achieve the remaining 25% GHG reductions required to reach the 2030 targets. Government is working on developing an action plan for further engagement, collaboration and public consultations in 2019, which will focus on topics that overlap with local government authority, such as community planning, active transportation and transit.

Specifically, government will explore implementing initiatives to further enhance local government climate action on the achievement of the third commitment under the Climate Action Charter, to create complete, compact, energy efficient communities.

### 3b) Adaptation

#### Key Facts:

Government is undertaking several climate change adaptation initiatives in response to the 2018 report from the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia: *Managing Climate Change Risks: An Independent Audit*. The audit report found that while several steps to prepare for climate change have been taken, “government is not adequately managing the risks posed by climate change” and “has not taken adequate action to meet its provincial emissions targets”.

The report’s 17 recommendations are rolled up into seven categories of action, 1) build an overall framework, 2) implement adaptation within ministries, 3) monitor and report on performance, 4) improve data, 5) address key climate-driven risks, 6) address local government need, and 6) create a plan to meet legislated targets.

Recommendations are directed to specific ministries, with some recommendations specifically addressing local governments impacts from, and action on, climate change adaptation. Provincial actions already undertaken on adaptation include a \$50 million Community Resilience Investment Program to reduce wildfire risks; providing guidance on sea dike design and coastal development to enable local governments and qualified professionals to protect people, buildings, and infrastructure from sea-level rise; developing a climate change condition to be applied on approved ICIP-CleanBC Communities Fund infrastructure projects as a requirement of the shared costs agreement; and updating the web-based ‘Climate Action Toolkit’, an easily accessed source of information for local governments to support them in their efforts to take action on climate change adaptation

More broadly, government is undertaking a Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment that will produce a framework for, and a strategic assessment of, provincially significant climate-related risks. This can be used to prioritize adaptation responses across ministries and to develop proportional responses to priority risks. The results are anticipated in March 2019.

The Province also recently brought into force the *Climate Change Accountability Act* (formerly *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Act*), which requires government to publicly report on how it is preparing for climate change. Starting in 2020, government will report every even year on the current and projected climate risks to B.C., plans for minimizing those risks, associated actions, and



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progress towards minimizing risk.

The results from the Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment, other actions being undertaken by provincial ministries, early engagement with Indigenous leadership and communities as well as a public engagement in Summer 2019 will inform a new provincial adaptation strategy which will be released in 2020.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is planning an engagement process in winter 2019 with local governments on climate change adaptation via the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee.

## Appendix 1: UBCM Executive Members 2018 - 2019

As at January 22, 2019

President	Councillor Arjun Singh	City of Kamloops
First Vice-President	Mayor Maja Tait	District of Sooke
Second Vice-President	Councillor Brian Frenkel	District of Vanderhoof
Third Vice-President	Vacant <i>This position will remain vacant for 2018-2019, as UBCM bylaws require Vice President positions to be selected by the membership</i>	
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**Sent:** February 19, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** BCPSA Agency ADM List; BCPSA Agency DMC List  
**Cc:** BCPSA Agency DMC Admin & Operational Support; Faganello, Tara MAH:EX; Andrade, Ana MAH:EX; Schmidt, Birgit MAH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: 243694: UBCM Outreach Meetings in Victoria

Further to the E-mail below, and in support for your Minister, please find attached, the information that has been provided to Ministers for their meetings with the UBCM Executive for meetings scheduled between February 20 - 22, 2019.



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We understand the meetings will most likely take place on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> with Cabinet Ministers; the reception is on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the Hotel Grand Pacific starting at 7:00pm.

If you need anything further don't hesitate to let us know.

Regards,

Tara Faganello  
A/Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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**From:** Deputy Minister, MAH:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:13 PM  
**To:** BCPSA Agency ADM List; BCPSA Agency DMC List  
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**Subject:** 243694: UBCM Outreach Meetings in Victoria

Colleagues,

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is holding its annual UBCM Executive outreach meetings with government in Victoria, February 20 – 22, 2019.

While gathered in Victoria, members of the UBCM Executive team will seek to meet with Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Caucus Chairs, MLAs from all parties and others, to raise awareness of and begin or continue dialogue on current key priorities identified by UBCM's membership.

This year's three key priority areas are:

- Cannabis
- Affordable Housing
- Climate Change



Your Minister may receive an invitation to attend a meeting with members of the UBCM Executive to discuss these priorities. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH), through the office of the Honourable Minister Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will provide a coordinated document on those topics with key messaging in February to your Minister's Office.

In addition to these three general priorities, UBCM sends invitations to those Ministers whose portfolios are directly related to their UBCM Executive Policy Committees:

- Community Economic Development
- Community Safety
- Environment
- Indigenous Relations
- Health and Social Development

MAH ministry staff (along with staff you deem to be in attendance with your Ministers) may attend the meetings as a resource to coordinate UBCM requests and update Minister Robinson.

UBCM will also host an all-party reception on Wednesday evening, February 20, 2019. Invitations with details for this event will be sent out under separate cover. This will be the sixth time UBCM has hosted this annual gathering for all members of the Legislative Assembly and the event is traditionally very well attended.

Invitations for meetings are currently being sent out from UBCM.

Regards,

Tara Faganello  
A/Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing



# UBCM Executive Outreach Meetings February 20-22, 2019

Ministry Staff Advice and Recommended Responses for  
Ministerial Use. Priority Areas: Cannabis, Affordable Housing  
and Climate Change

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# Advice and Recommended Responses

## 1. CANNABIS

### 1a) Revenue Sharing with Local Governments

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The federal and provincial governments kept cannabis taxes low to support the objective of reducing illicit market activity.
- Cannabis taxation revenues will help the Province manage its priorities for British Columbians, including: protecting children and youth, promoting public health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping our roads safe, and supporting economic development.
- Cannabis taxation revenue will not contribute significantly to bolstering provincial revenue.
- The Province is looking to develop greater certainty surrounding expected future costs and revenues for all levels of government.

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MAH Representative Contact:	Kara Woodward, Director	778 698-3465

### 1b) Agriculture Lands for Cannabis Production

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- In July 2018, our government has taken action, by making a regulatory change that gives local governments more decision-making power regarding cannabis production methods on the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR).
- They are now able to prohibit concrete, bunker-style cannabis facilities in the ALR, but not able to prohibit commercial cannabis production in open fields, or in soil-based greenhouses.
- The point of this is to ensure we aren't losing access to agricultural soil. Cannabis grown in open fields is like any other agricultural crop and does not impact the soil quality.
- Local governments have been asking for action on this, and they now have it. UBCM was very supportive of this empowering regulatory change.

Lead Ministry Contact:	Lorie Hrycuik, Executive Director, AGRICULTURE	778-974-3766
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## 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### 2a) Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR)

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Given the critical need of communities for new housing, now is an opportune time to examine the local government development approvals process and consider whether barriers or complexities can be reduced while ensuring that important standards and community needs are being met.
- The Province is currently undertaking a province-wide, multi-stakeholder process to assess the local government development approvals process and identify opportunities to increase its overall efficiency and effectiveness.
- This review is designed to focus on solutions – solutions that will require input and new ideas from representatives of all stakeholders involved in the development process.
- To this end, a broad cross-section of local governments from across the province, including both large and small communities, are participating in the Development Approvals Process Review.
- The Development Approvals Process Review draws on recommendations contained in the UBCM Housing Strategy, which proposes a multi-stakeholder review of the process governing rezoning – a core component of development approvals.
- Through this comprehensive engagement we will be able to leverage the extensive experience of participants and identify the many innovative approaches that we know are being implemented across the province.

Lead Ministry Contact:	MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING	
MAH Representative Contact:	Jessica Brooks, Executive Director	778 698-34832

## 2b) Affordable Housing and Implementing UBCM Recommendations on Short Term Rentals

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Airbnb and other short-term rental platforms offer benefits to both homeowners and travellers.
- However, we recognize that there can be unintended negative impacts on long-term rental stock and affordable housing.
- The rapid growth of short-term rentals (STRs) is a significant factor contributing to the lack of long-term affordable rental stock in numerous communities across B.C.
- Local governments have tools to regulate short-term rentals to help address housing needs in their communities.
- The Province has negotiated with Airbnb to collect the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) on its short-term rentals (the Minister of Finance is responsible for tax policy).
- In addition, a regulatory change (effective Nov. 30, 2018) enables a strata corporation with bylaws, limiting or banning STRs, to fine owners or residents who are not complying up to \$1,000 a day (it had been \$200 a week previously).
- The Province continues to monitor and work with local governments on this challenging issue.

Lead Ministry Contact:	MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING	
MAH Representative Contact:	Greg Steves, ADM, Office of Housing and Construction Standards Tara Faganello, A/DM, Local Government Division	250-361-7145 778-698-3325

## 2c) Affordable Housing Issue - Recommendations from UBCM's Housing Report on Speculation

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The housing crisis is hurting people – families, students, seniors – and it is bad for the economy. Businesses can't attract and retain workers.
- Our government is tackling the housing crisis head-on.
- The goal of our 30-point housing plan is to bring moderation to the housing market.
- We have introduced the speculation and vacancy tax, increased and expanded the foreign buyers' tax, and are working to crack down on tax evasion and close loopholes in real estate.
- The speculation and vacancy tax is a key measure to tackle the housing crisis in major urban centres in British Columbia that:
  - targets foreign and domestic speculators who own homes in B.C. but don't pay tax here;
  - turns empty homes into good housing for people; and
  - raises revenue that will go to supporting affordable housing.
- It creates a strong incentive for out-of-province real estate speculators and people who are sitting on empty homes to put those homes on the rental market or sell them.
- The speculation and vacancy tax helps make sure that people who earn the majority of their income outside B.C. contribute their fair share in taxes.
- We are seeing signs our actions are helping to cool the housing market:
  - foreign and domestic speculators have dropped off;
  - flipping activity has reduced;
  - home prices are beginning to moderate in all segments of the market; and
  - vacancy rates are forecast to rise.

### If Pressed on Specifics:

- The Minister of Finance is responsible for all tax policy in the Province.
- I will relay your comments to the Minister of Finance.

Lead Ministry Contact:	Richard Purnell, Executive Director, FINANCE	778 698-5864
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## 2d) Speculation on Agricultural Land

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- In July 2018, Lana Popham, B.C. Minister of Agriculture, received and publicly released the Interim Report of the independent Minister's Advisory Committee for Revitalizing B.C.'s Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- The Committee's interim report included specific recommendations for revitalization, including curbing residential and non-farm speculation of ALR land.
- The building of mansions and lifestyle estates in the ALR particularly near urban areas has been steadily increasing for several years. Speculation from residential and other non-farm use increases the market value of farmland, putting it out of reach for many existing and new B.C. farmers.
- Last fall, the B.C. Government introduced Bill 52, the Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act, 2018 to better protect farmland with greater restrictions on maximum house sizes and bringing fill into the ALR. On November 27, 2018, the bill received Royal Assent, and will be brought into force by Regulation expected in the next month.
- The Ministry is currently working with partners including the Agricultural Land Commission on implementation plans for this component of the Revitalization initiative. Final recommendations from the Committee will also be considered.

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## 2e) Affordable Housing actions by the Province

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- “The Homes for BC: A 30-Point Plan for Housing Affordability” in British Columbia is part of the biggest investment in housing in B.C. history – approximately \$7 billion over 10 years.
  - Building BC: Supportive Housing Fund –\$1.2 billion to build and operate 2,500 units of supportive housing for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
  - Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund –\$550 million to build and operate 1,750 units of social housing, both on- and off-reserve.
  - Building BC: Community Housing Fund –\$1.9 billion to create 14,350 new affordable rental homes for seniors, families, low- and middle-income earners.
  - Building BC: Women’s Transition Housing Fund – \$734 million to build 1,500 new supportive homes for women and children fleeing violence, including transition houses, safe homes, second-stage and long-term housing.
- The Province has completed 15 of the Plan’s 30 initiatives, eleven of which are Ministry of Finance policies to curb speculative demand, address tax fairness, reduce tax evasion and close real estate loopholes. These policies are aligned with the UBCM’s recommendation to stabilize the housing market through the use of taxation tools.
- Local governments are on the front lines of the housing crisis and are well positioned to influence the speed, cost, and form of new development through planning, zoning, and land use decisions. The provincial government is committing \$5 million over three years to help local governments assess and respond to community housing needs.
- I want to make sure you’re aware that the Province increased incentives for those creating purpose-built rental housing by extending existing municipal revitalization tax exemption programs to include provincial property taxes. This is aligned with the UBCM’s recommendation to increase rental housing supply and gives local governments control over what housing qualifies for the property tax exemption, how much, and for how long.
- We also helped thousands more low-income renters by expanding the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) program benefits in September 2018.
- Another key completed task is the establishment of the HousingHub at BC Housing. The HousingHub promotes collaboration between all levels of government, Indigenous organizations, non-profits, and the private sector to increase the supply of affordable housing for middle-income British Columbians.

Lead Ministry Contact:	MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING	
MAH Representative Contact:	Greg Steves, ADM, Office of Housing and Construction Standards	250 361-7145

## 2f) Homelessness and Encampments

### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Homelessness and public encampments demonstrate the severity of the housing crisis across the province and its impact on people of all ages.
- The Provincial Government, through BC Housing, supports several initiatives intended to prevent and respond to homelessness. These initiatives embody a “housing first” approach to responding to homelessness and are provided along a continuum of housing ranging from outreach to shelters to supportive housing to social housing to private market housing.
- One initiative that has addressed the urgent need to respond to homelessness is the Rapid Response to Homelessness modular supportive housing program: over 2,000 units are being delivered to 22 communities across B.C. As well, another 2,500 supportive housing units will be built through the Building BC Supportive Housing initiative.
- We are also creating thousands of new affordable homes through our \$7 billion investment in affordable housing and 30-Point-Plan.
- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction have developed the Homelessness Action Plan (to be released after Budget Day 2019). The Plan takes a coordinated approach to prevent and quickly respond to homelessness and encampments, and to get people the supports they need to move through the housing continuum.

Lead Ministry Contact:	MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING	
MAH Representative Contact:	Greg Steves, ADM, Office of Housing and Construction Standards	250 361-7145

**2g) Rental Housing Task Force Recommendations****ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

- The Rental Housing Task Force has completed their final report and presented their 23 recommendations for potential ways to modernize the policies and the laws that govern residential tenancy in B.C.
- The recommendations are under review by government.
- Our goal is to continue to find a balance between the needs of renters for safe, secure and affordable housing while allowing landlords the ability to invest in their properties and provide needed housing.
- We will continue to engage with landlords and tenants as these initiatives move forward.

Lead Ministry Contact:	MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING	
MAH Representative Contact:	Greg Steves, ADM, Office of Housing and Construction Standards	250 361-7145

### 3. CLIMATE CHANGE

Create Enabling Frameworks for Local Governments for action on mitigation to climate change in light of the Provincial Government imperative to reach GHG emission reduction targets, and the need for adaptation work given the increasing frequency of natural disasters that communities are facing.

#### 3a) Mitigation

##### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

##### CleanBC:

- The CleanBC Plan sets out a framework for achieving greenhouse gas reduction targets in three sectors – buildings, industry and transportation.
- CleanBC was released in December 2018, outlining actions that will put B.C. about 75% of the way to reaching government's GHG emission reduction targets.

##### Buildings:

- For buildings, this includes a commitment to high performance codes and standards for new and existing buildings:
  - New Construction: Increase the base BC Building Code to net-zero energy ready by 2032 through three code cycles (2022, 2027, 2032); and
  - Existing Buildings: Develop and adopt an energy code for alterations to existing buildings by 2024.
- Local governments, through leadership and responsibility for enforcing the BC Building Code, will play an integral role to reducing emissions in the building sector.
- The Province continues to support the work of the BC Energy Step Code Council and is committed to working with local governments and industry on adoption and implementation of high-performance building standards.
- As a first step on existing buildings, the province will develop a strategy for energy and seismic retrofits in concert with local governments and industry. This strategy will support broader efforts on community adaptation and resilience.

##### Planning and Land Use:

- Climate change mitigation is a key focus for both the province and local governments, who are key partners in reducing the impacts of climate change due to their role in land use planning, transportation, waste management and infrastructure development.
- 98% of B.C. local governments have demonstrated their commitment to climate action by signing the B.C. Climate Action Charter.
- CleanBC includes the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Clean BC Communities Fund to support local governments' efforts on climate action to help develop energy efficiency and clean energy projects.
- Looking ahead, Government will continue to work with local governments to enhance action on climate, with a focus on planning and land use to create complete, compact, energy efficient communities.

### 3b) Adaptation

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Local governments have a critical role to play in helping our communities manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

#### Provincial Grant Program Existing Information:

- (FLNROD, Program delivered by UBCM) The Province supports efforts that reduce climate risks. For instance, the Community Resiliency Investment Program will provide up to \$50 million over the next three years to local governments and First Nations to help reduce wildfire risks around their communities.
- (MAH) The federal-provincial Investing in Canadas Infrastructure Program (Rural and Northern Communities and Green Infrastructure Funding Streams) allows for local capital investments to mitigate disasters, including those directly related to our changing climate.
- The Province continues to advocate for further changes to the disaster mitigation category in federal-provincial funding programs to be more inclusive of response related investments, and not just mitigation.
- The Province advocated for those changes when negotiating the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program integrated bilateral agreement.
- In 2018, aligned with the Abbott-Chapman report, the Province requested that Infrastructure Canada consider amending the Gas Tax Administrative Agreement (as part of the agreement midpoint review) to allow for emergency response infrastructure to be included in the Disaster Mitigation category (specifically fire halls and Emergency Operations Centres).
- Finally, in order to effect the change that UBCM is advocating for, it requires agreement from Infrastructure Canada as current programs operate under bilateral agreements.
- (EMBC) In 2017, the Province initiated the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), which is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to emergencies.
  - The Province has provided \$33.5 million towards CEPF, which is administered by UBCM.
  - CEPF funding streams include:
    - [Emergency Social Services.](#)
    - [Evacuation Route Planning](#)
    - [Emergency Operations Centres & Training](#)
    - [Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning](#)
    - [Structural Flood Mitigation](#)
- The funding streams directed at flood risk are linked to climate change as climate change will impact the frequency and magnitude of flooding in BC through changes to precipitation patterns and sea level rise. In particular, the intent of the Structural Flood Mitigation funding stream is to support eligible applicants to prevent, eliminate or reduce the impacts of hazards through construction of structural flood mitigation projects.

- More broadly, to better understand climate risks across British Columbia, the Province is undertaking a Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment that can be used to prioritize adaptation responses across ministries and to develop proportional responses to priority risks.
- Actions to address recommendations from the BC Auditor General's report are also being developed.
- Local governments will continue to be engaged on this issue through a variety of venues, including through the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee
- It is anticipated that public engagement on Adapting to a Changing Climate will begin in the Summer of 2019.

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MAH Representatives	Greg Steves, ADM, Office of Housing and Construction Standards	778 698-3483
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# Key Facts

## 1. CANNABIS

### 1a) Revenue Sharing with Local Governments

**Key Facts:**

The Province is looking to develop greater certainty surrounding expected future costs and revenues for all levels of government. Collecting and sharing information on cannabis-related costs at the local government level would be useful as the Province continues to assess impacts to communities.

The Province understands that there is interest from local governments in having some share of cannabis taxation revenue and recognizes that the legalization of cannabis may lead to incremental costs for local governments. First Nations are also interested in engaging in a conversation around revenue sharing.

### 1b) Agriculture Lands for Cannabis Production

**Key Facts:**

In July 2018, a regulatory change gave authority to local governments to prohibit certain methods of cannabis production on ALR land in their communities, while clarifying that cannabis production in the ALR cannot be prohibited if: grown lawfully in an open field; in a structure that is entirely soil based; in a structure that was either fully constructed or under construction, with required permits in place, prior to July 13, 2018; or in an existing licensed operation.

There are a number of communities that have developed bylaws to align with the new regulation. Some communities have called for a provincial ban on cannabis production in the ALR, suggesting it will reduce food security as farmers of food crops transition to cannabis for greater profits.

The regulatory change pertains only to land in the ALR. Local governments can regulate or prohibit cannabis production on lands outside of the ALR.

## 2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### 2a) Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR)

#### **Key Facts:**

In many jurisdictions in British Columbia the development approvals process has increased in complexity without necessarily delivering better outcomes in terms of a greater and timelier supply of housing, or fairness and certainty for the public and the development industry.

To address this issue, the Province is undertaking the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR), a province-wide, multi-stakeholder process that seeks to assess the local government development approval process and to identify whether there are opportunities to increase its overall efficiency and effectiveness.

The review considers all stages of the development approvals process used in the local government system from concept to occupancy, including subdivision, rezoning, development and building permits, and key aspects of those stages, including submission requirements, public hearings and education.

The DAPR is being led by an executive level working group with representatives from local government, the development industry, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, community organizations and other relevant agencies.

Four regional technical committees are responsible for analyzing and proposing implementable actions in response to challenges and opportunities identified by the working group. The technical committees are comprised of senior- and technical-level staff from the same stakeholder sectors as represented on the working group. The four regional technical committees represent the North, the Okanagan/Interior, the Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Island. The meetings take place in Prince George, Kelowna, Vancouver and Nanaimo. Over 30 local governments are participating.

UBCM Executive is participating on the Working Group, which provides high-level direction and prioritizes areas for analysis by the Technical Committee. UBCM staff are observing at the technical committee meetings, where in-depth discussion on technical aspects of the development approvals process takes place.

The working group and technical committees will identify potential solutions and action ideas to address any challenges as well as existing opportunities that can be better leveraged across the province. The final phase of the project will prepare options for next steps, the scope of which could include pilot projects, new programs or legislative changes.



## **2b) Affordable Housing and Implementing UBCM Recommendations on Short Term Rentals**

### **Key Facts:**

Short-term rentals (STRs) are popular with travellers and hosts and have expanded rapidly over the past five years in B.C. and other jurisdictions.

There is extensive research on how STRs significantly reduce the amount of long-term rental stock in low-vacancy housing markets in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Many jurisdictions have acted to curb or ban short-term rentals in order to protect affordable long-term stock.

Many B.C. communities are reporting that STRs are putting pressures on housing availability, rents and home prices for residents, students and seasonal workers. Some businesses cannot hire staff unless the staff have already secured housing.

Local governments in B.C. can set and enforce rules around STRs, including limiting short-term rentals to primary residences (Vancouver), using zoning provisions to limit STRs (Whistler, Richmond and Tofino), requiring business licences (Vancouver), or enforcing bylaws (e.g., noise and nuisances).

Vancouver, Richmond, Victoria, Tofino, Nelson, Whistler, Kelowna, Fernie, Revelstoke and other B.C. communities have developed, or are developing, formal short-term rental policy frameworks with the objective of protecting their long-term housing stock.

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy "*A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians*", discusses in detail the need for the Province to work with local governments to address short-term rental issues in order to protect long-term rental stock. Recommendations include: investigating regulatory options (e.g. implementing business licenses), new property tax provisions (as many STR properties are commercial enterprises) and documenting good practices as a guide for local governments.

At three consecutive UBCM Conventions (2016, 2017 and 2018), workshops explored the challenges that short-term rentals pose for affordable housing and local governments. (It is rare to have three consecutive workshops on the same topic).

At the 2018 UBCM Convention, Nelson's Class A resolution on STRs was passed (there are only a few Class A resolutions and they must be debated on the convention floor). The resolution asked the Province to require short-term rental platforms to require hosts to have, and post, business licenses in their listings (something which the City of Vancouver already does). This enables local governments to then fine STR hosts who are not complying with the local government's bylaws. Usually the fines are high, \$1,000 a day, in order to deter non-complying STR hosts and protect long-term rental stock. The fines are not intended as a revenue stream. The Province has not taken action on this resolution; local governments (except for most regional districts) have the ability to require business licenses and that they be posted but have less ability to negotiate with each STR platform to ensure business licenses are shown when listing.

The Province has also taken some action with respect to STRs. Effective November 30, 2018 strata regulations changed to increase the maximum allowable fine for strata corporations, who have bylaws to limit or ban short-term rentals, to a \$1,000 a day. The previous fine was \$200 a week. Also on February 8, 2018, the Province established an agreement with Airbnb to collect up to 11% in taxes on short-term rentals. This was a commitment made by the Province and addresses tax fairness concerns. The taxes on accommodation, including accommodation purchased through online accommodation platforms (OAPs) such as Airbnb, include the 8% provincial sales tax and, where applicable, a municipal and regional district tax (MRDT) of up to 3% on accommodations.

- Revenues from the provincial sales tax portion for OAPs, anticipated to be at \$16m annually, will assist the province on housing-related initiatives.
- MRDT recipients can use the new revenues from OAPs for affordable housing without submitting a new application.
- MRDT recipients that wish to use more than the amount attributable to OAPs must submit a new application package that includes stakeholder and accommodation sector support.

The Province continues to monitor and work with local governments on this challenging and evolving issue.

## **2c) Affordable Housing Issue - Recommendations from UBCM's Housing Report on Speculation**

### **Key Facts:**

On October 16, 2018, the B.C. government introduced the Speculation and *Vacancy Tax Act*. The legislation helps tackle speculation in B.C.'s housing market and help turn empty properties into homes for people.

Effective for the 2018 tax year, the speculation and vacancy tax will target foreign owners, satellite families and owners who leave second and third homes vacant. It will also ensure satellite families and people who use local services without paying B.C. income taxes contribute their fair share.

Over 99% of all British Columbians will be exempt from the speculation and vacancy tax. Exemptions for British Columbians include principal residence, rented properties and special circumstances, such home renovations and for significant hardship.

In 2018, the tax rate for all properties subject to the tax is 0.5% of the property value. In 2019 and subsequent years, the tax rates will be as follows:

- 2% for foreign investors and satellite families
- 1% for Canadian citizens and permanent residents who do not reside in British Columbia
- 0.5% for British Columbians who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (and not members of a satellite family)

For more information on the speculation and vacancy tax: [Speculation and Vacancy Tax - Province of British Columbia](#)

## 2d) Speculation on Agricultural Land

### Key Facts:

The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was established in 1973 to protect land across the province with the desirable biophysical conditions for supporting farming and ranching. It currently protects approximately 4.6 million hectares of diverse, agriculturally-suitable land in British Columbia. The ALR is administered by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), an independent tribunal mandated to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming on agricultural land.

Over the last 15 years, pressures on our farmland has continued to grow – driving the cost of land out of reach for farmers and allowing valuable farmland to be damaged. The B.C. government is protecting the ALR so that communities can prosper, and people can count on a safe, secure supply of locally grown food on their tables for years to come.

The proliferation of mega-mansions in the ALR can lead to significantly inflated farmland prices that prevent new, often younger farmers from entering the profession and decrease the incentives for currently active farmers to keep farming.

Setting a maximum house size of 500 square metres throughout the ALR guarantees consistency and fairness throughout the province.

Farmers that desire a primary house size larger than the regulated maximum house size will be able to apply to the ALC for an exemption if the larger house size is needed for farming purposes.

Additional residences required for farming purposes on the ALR will now be directed to the ALC for decision.

Existing houses larger than 500 square metres, as well as those whose foundations have substantially begun construction on or before November 5, 2019, will be grandfathered.

As populations grow and urban land prices increase, the pressure to develop the ALR builds. An updated legislative framework is essential to protect it from this pressure and prevent prime ALR parcels being lost to investors and speculators for non-farm use. Residential estates, expansive processing facilities, and unauthorized disposal of construction waste, not only put ALR land prices beyond the reach of farmers and ranchers and but also damage and alienate the land from farming.

## **2e) Affordable Housing actions by the Province**

### **Key Facts:**

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy, "A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians," discusses in detail the need for the Province to work with local governments to address housing affordability. One of the key recommendations listed was an increase in the supply of rental housing.

Legislation was passed in May 2018 to empower local governments to increase the supply of rental housing in their communities. This legislation authorizes local governments to zone for residential rental tenure and enact zoning bylaws that require that new housing in residential areas be developed as rental units and ensure that existing areas of rental housing are preserved as such.

The Province has also taken action to support renters. The Province eliminated the additional 2 percent annual rent increase above and beyond inflation and closed the fixed term tenancy loophole. Improved security for renters will be further addressed as implementation decisions are made on the recommendations of the Rental Housing Task Force.

Of the over 36,700 housing units already funded by the province under the 30-Point Plan, 17,435 are completed, under construction, initiated, or proposed.

The HousingHub acts as a project coordinator for owners who are not experienced developers but want to create affordable housing with a reasonable rate of return, to benefit their communities. It partners with the non-profit sector, faith groups, for-profit builders, all levels of government, including Indigenous governments and organizations, and others to find and develop or redevelop available land and buildings, creating affordable homes.

The HousingHub is funded through repurposing of funds from the former BC HOME Program and offers short term interim construction financing. Operating and/or construction subsidies will not be provided.

Four HousingHub projects totalling 685 units are in the approval stages as of December 31, 2018. They are as follows:

- Squamish - 40 rental units
- North Vancouver - 58 rental units
- Kelowna - 158 rental units
- Surrey – 429 owner-occupied units

The government is also working with municipalities where large-scale transit projects are being cost-shared with the Province to encourage higher housing density around transit stations to increase affordable housing supply in the corridors, beginning with the Broadway Line, where construction will begin soon.

## 2f) Homelessness and Encampments

### Key Facts:

UBCM's January 2018 housing strategy: "A Home for Everyone: A Housing Strategy for British Columbians", discusses in detail the need for a comprehensive provincial approach to homelessness.

**Homeless Count:** The first B.C.-wide homeless count in 2018 showed more than 7,600 people without shelter on a given night – likely an undercount. The count took place in Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cranbrook, Fort St. John, Merritt, Parksville/Qualicum Beach, Penticton, Port Alberni, Prince Rupert, Sechelt, Smithers and Williams Lake and used data from 2017 counts conducted in Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Duncan and Vernon. This data has informed the Province's understanding of the demographics and service needs of those experiencing homelessness. Indigenous people had significantly high numbers in some communities.

**Rapid Response to Homelessness:** Announced as part of the *Budget 2017 Update*, the Province is providing \$291 million to build 2,000 units of modular supportive housing and permanent supportive housing over two years. In addition, more than \$170 million will be invested over the next three years to operate the modular units including the provision of support services. The Rapid Response to Homelessness modular housing program is now fully subscribed at more than 2,000 units in 22 communities.

**The Building BC Supportive Housing Fund:** The Province will invest \$1.2 billion over 10 years to build 2,500 units of supportive housing (this is in addition to the 2,000 units for the Rapid Response to Homelessness). Non-profit housing providers selected to operate these projects will provide support services on a 24-hour basis for those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. BC Housing will lead the creation of these new projects; the buildings and land will be owned by the Province.

**Homelessness Action Plan:** The Province will release a homelessness action plan as part of B.C.'s first Poverty Reduction Strategy in early 2019. In combination with the Housing and Mental Health and Addictions strategies, the Homelessness Action Plan will allow government to address homelessness through a comprehensive, cross-ministry approach.

## **2g) Rental Housing Task Force Recommendations**

### **Key Facts:**

On September 26, 2018, the provincial government accepted the Task Force's early recommendation, announcing a cut to the 2019 rental increase cap from 4.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent, reflecting the Consumer Price Index only.

Government also accepted the Task Force's recommendation to allow additional modest rent increases in cases where renovations and repairs to rental units have been completed.

- We are reviewing the 23 recommendations to determine impact, priority and a timeline for implementation.
- Many of the recommendations require additional policy work, potential legislative and regulatory changes and resources before they can be implemented. In addition, several of the recommendations require coordination and input from other government Ministries including Finance, Attorney General and local governments/municipalities.

### 3. CLIMATE CHANGE

#### 3a) Mitigation

##### **Key Facts:**

##### Clean BC

The Province released CleanBC in December 2019. CleanBC outlines B.C.'s plan to reach its 2030 climate targets. CleanBC lays out sector-by-sector actions for transportation, buildings and industry.

CleanBC will increase the capacity of B.C.-based industries, attract investment, generate consumer confidence and help lower costs of high-performance construction over time.

Improved energy efficiency will increase affordability for owners and renters.

##### Step Code

As of January 2019, 15 local governments have referenced the BC Energy Step Code in regulation and an additional four in incentives for a total of 19. Together, this represents approximately 40% of building permits issued in B.C.

##### Existing Buildings

Seventy per cent of buildings that will exist in 2030 are already constructed. Enhanced construction and renovation requirements may increase the cost of construction and renovation, albeit lower the operating costs significantly.

Increased energy standards, along with structural improvements, will increase the resilience and durability of buildings and make homes safer and more comfortable for residents.

##### Local Governments and Clean BC

Climate change mitigation has been a key focus for both the province and local governments for over 10 years. Local governments are key partners in reducing the impact of climate change due to their role in land use, buildings, transportation, waste management and infrastructure development. The 2007 B.C. Climate Action Charter (Charter) has been signed by 187 of 190 local governments. The Charter is a voluntary commitment to become carbon neutral in corporate operations, measure and report on community emissions, and create complete, compact and energy-efficient communities.

CleanBC 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 actions outlined to date will put B.C. about 75% of the way to reaching the 2030 targets.

As part of this, through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - CleanBC Communities Fund, the province and federal governments are investing \$63 million to help local governments and Indigenous communities develop community infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions using clean or renewable energy or that improve energy efficiency. Program intake opened in December 2018 with a March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 deadline.

Clean BC has committed government to finding additional ways to achieve the remaining 25% GHG reductions required to reach the 2030 targets. Government is working on developing an action plan for further engagement, collaboration and public consultations in 2019, which will focus on topics that overlap with local government authority, such as community planning, active transportation and transit.

Specifically, government will explore implementing initiatives to further enhance local government climate action on the achievement of the third commitment under the Climate Action Charter, to create complete, compact, energy efficient communities.

### 3b) Adaptation

#### Key Facts:

Government is undertaking several climate change adaptation initiatives in response to the 2018 report from the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia: *Managing Climate Change Risks: An Independent Audit*. The audit report found that while several steps to prepare for climate change have been taken, “government is not adequately managing the risks posed by climate change” and “has not taken adequate action to meet its provincial emissions targets”.

The report’s 17 recommendations are rolled up into seven categories of action, 1) build an overall framework, 2) implement adaptation within ministries, 3) monitor and report on performance, 4) improve data, 5) address key climate-driven risks, 6) address local government need, and 6) create a plan to meet legislated targets.

Recommendations are directed to specific ministries, with some recommendations specifically addressing local governments impacts from, and action on, climate change adaptation. Provincial actions already undertaken on adaptation include a \$50 million Community Resilience Investment Program to reduce wildfire risks; providing guidance on sea dike design and coastal development to enable local governments and qualified professionals to protect people, buildings, and infrastructure from sea-level rise; developing a climate change condition to be applied on approved ICIP-CleanBC Communities Fund infrastructure projects as a requirement of the shared costs agreement; and updating the web-based ‘Climate Action Toolkit’, an easily accessed source of information for local governments to support them in their efforts to take action on climate change adaptation

More broadly, government is undertaking a Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment that will produce a framework for, and a strategic assessment of, provincially significant climate-related risks. This can be used to prioritize adaptation responses across ministries and to develop proportional responses to priority risks. The results are anticipated in March 2019.

The Province also recently brought into force the *Climate Change Accountability Act* (formerly *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Act*), which requires government to publicly report on how it is preparing for climate change. Starting in 2020, government will report every even year on the current and projected climate risks to B.C., plans for minimizing those risks, associated actions, and





progress towards minimizing risk.

The results from the Strategic Provincial Climate Risk Assessment, other actions being undertaken by provincial ministries, early engagement with Indigenous leadership and communities as well as a public engagement in Summer 2019 will inform a new provincial adaptation strategy which will be released in 2020.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is planning an engagement process in winter 2019 with local governments on climate change adaptation via the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee.

## Appendix 1: UBCM Executive Members 2018 - 2019

As at January 22, 2019

President	Councillor Arjun Singh	City of Kamloops
First Vice-President	Mayor Maja Tait	District of Sooke
Second Vice-President	Councillor Brian Frenkel	District of Vanderhoof
Third Vice-President	Vacant <i>This position will remain vacant for 2018-2019, as UBCM bylaws require Vice President positions to be selected by the membership</i>	
Past President	Councillor Murry Krause	City of Prince George
Vancouver Representative	Councillor Pete Fry	City of Vancouver
Metro Vancouver/ GVRD Representative	Councillor Craig Hodge	City of Coquitlam
Small Community Representative	Mayor Mitch Campsall	District of 100 Mile House
Electoral Area Representative	Chair Art Kaehn	Fraser-Fort George RD
Vancouver Metro Area Representatives	Councillor Paul Albrecht Councillor Linda McPhail	City of Langley City of Richmond
AKBLG Representative	Chair Rob Gay	East Kootenay RD
AVICC Representative	Director Edwin Grieve	Comox Valley RD
LMLGA Representative	Mayor Jack Crompton	Resort Municipality of Whistler
NCLGA Representative	Councillor Gord Klassen	City of Fort St. John
SILGA Representative	Councillor Chad Eliason	City of Salmon Arm
Directors at Large	Councillor Jen Ford  Director Travis Hall Director Grace McGregor Councillor Clair Moglove Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg Councillor Gerry Taft	Resort Municipality of Whistler  Central Coast RD Kootenay-Boundary RD City of Campbell River City of Quesnel District of Invermere

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**From:** Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** February 8, 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX; McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX; Copeland, Kimberly GCPE:EX; Cox, Michael GCPE:EX; Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX; Finn, Heather GCPE:EX; Richards, Erin GCPE:EX; Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX; Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Calendar Group Meeting  
**Attachments:** NR  
Sorted By Ministry - CC Planning Report (Feb 9 to Mar 29).xlsx

If anyone wants a head start – attached is **this week's NEW** items list, along with an **Excel Planning Report doc sorted by Ministry** where you can look up the ID# if you want more info on an entry (using Ctrl + F).

The doc sorted by ministry has all entries currently in Corp Cal system from tomorrow through to March 29<sup>th</sup> and may be useful for planning – info was captured from system approx. 9:30am this morning. Otherwise, we'll see you next week with a two-week list!

Cheers,  
Robyn

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**From:** Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX  
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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Calendar Group Meeting

Sounds good, our team agrees.

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**Subject:** Re: Weekly Calendar Group Meeting

Suggest we postpone for this week

Sage  
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Sent from my mobile device

On Feb 8, 2019, at 9:15 AM, Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX <[Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Well I can't attend either. Budget Budget Budget.

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Robb Gibbs  
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**Subject:** Weekly Calendar Group Meeting

Is this happening today with rick away?

**Weekly Calendar Group Meeting**

Scheduled: Friday, Feb 8, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: GCPE N406

Invitees: McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX, Copeland, Kimberly GCPE:EX, Croft, Robyn J GCPE:EX, Cox, Michael GCPE:EX, Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX, Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX, Finn, Heather GCPE:EX, Richards, Erin PREM:EX, Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX, Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX

Sent from my iPhone

Corp Cal ID#	Ministry	Categories	Date & Time	Title	Summary	Significance & Strategy	Scheduling Notes	Comm. Materials	Lead Org	City	Tags	Premier Req
91837	AGRI	Issue, Proposed Release	Sat Feb 23 Time TBD	ALR Bill Regulations come into effect (Bill 52)	NR ONLY: The regulations necessary for the recently passed ALR bill, Bill 52 ALCA Act, are now in effect, and will be enforced.	Supports revitalization of the ALR. Echo announcement & milestone of ALR bill passing into law	OIC expected Feb 22. NR Could be released on Saturday 23, as discussed with Robyn.	News Release, Issues Note, Twitter			30-60-90, HQ-2PT	

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**From:** Joshi, Shruti GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** November 27, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Ian Paton and Hunt

**Categories:** Red Category

Ian Paton telling Red FM that both Marvin Hunt and he would be questioning the Agri minister about bill 52 and the fact that NDP MLAs have given wrong information to the gathering of BCFOA in Surrey yesterday. He said they will be fighting for the South Asian community and will try their best to bring about amendments in the bill. The meeting on Sunday didn't turn out very well for us.

Shruti Prakash-Joshi  
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Where ideas work



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**From:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX  
**Sent:** November 22, 2018 10:10 AM  
**To:** Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX  
**Subject:** ALR rezoning  
**Attachments:** URGENT Release - Nov 21

Take a look at this release from the people writing to the Premier in support of the ALR rezoning. We've received significant correspondence on this issue.

Charlotte Kingston,  
Manager of Stakeholder Relations  
Office of the Premier  
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**From:** Richmond FarmWatch <richmondfarmwatch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** November 21, 2018 10:40 PM  
**Subject:** URGENT Release - Nov 21

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 21, 2018

Richmond FarmWatch has been active in support of Bill 52 to protect farmland from non-farm uses such as the building of mansions for non-farmers and the dumping of toxic fill. At the same time it has been very supportive of Richmond farmers in their farming activities.

Many Richmond farmers also have major investments in farmland and have realized huge windfall profits on those investments, primarily because the farmland can be used by non-farmers to build mansions and estates. In Richmond, farmland owners, many of whom are realtors and developers, formed the Richmond Farmland Owners Association to lobby for maintaining the right to build mansions on farmland. Richmond FarmWatch does not support farmers' real estate investment activities on farmland.

One of the claims made by the Richmond Farmland Owners Association was that they need very large houses to accommodate extended families who work on the farm. Unfortunately some of their members also claimed that this is a common practice in a particular ethnic community and implied that any effort to restrict house size on farmland is a form of ethnic discrimination. Making such an unfounded accusation is not helpful. After a months-long battle in Richmond over non-farm use mansions, the farmland owners and council members admitted that the issue was about protecting farmland owner's investments and equity, not about a farmer's right to build a large home for farming.

Richmond FarmWatch supports the right of a farmer to build a house larger than 500 m2 when it is needed for the farm business. Bill 52 specifically allows the Agricultural Land Commission to issue such an exemption to the 500 m2 limit in order to support farming activities. Richmond also allows farmers to apply for a variance to its farmhouse size bylaw for any number of reasons. Such exemptions and variances do not satisfy farmland owners who are more interested in their real estate investment activities.

The Richmond Farmland Owners Association has now morphed into the BC Farmland Owners Association; they launched a new website called [bcfarmers.org](http://bcfarmers.org) and started a campaign to attract new members. Richmond FarmWatch believes it is critically important that the MLA's of the government of BC support the legislation created out of an extensive public consultation process in which 79% of respondents felt the government needs a stronger role in regulating residential uses such as large homes.

Richmond FarmWatch is asking that Bill 52 be passed unaltered; any delay or change will cause a flood of unstoppable non-farm mansions in our community. The groups and farms that have joined Richmond FarmWatch in supporting Bill 52:

FarmFolk CityFolk, B.C.  
Wilderness Committee, B.C.  
Richmond Food Security Society, Richmond, B.C.  
Richmond FarmWatch, Richmond, B.C.  
Garden City Conservation Society, Richmond, B.C.  
Steveston Stock & Seed Farm, Richmond, B.C.  
Adili Farms Ltd., Enderby, B.C.  
Cherry Lane Farms, Richmond, B.C.  
Fraser River Coalition, Richmond, B.C.



Fresh Valley Farms, Armstrong, B.C.  
Jeklin Farms, Surrey, B.C.  
David & Liz Avery, former owners Lotus Land Vineyards, B.C.  
Karen Murray, Yarrow Ecovillage Community Farm, Yarrow, B.C.  
Farmland Protection Coalition, B.C.  
Rockweld Farm, Abbotsford, B.C.  
Amara Farm, Courtenay, B.C.  
Sweet Earth Farms, Yarrow, B.C.  
Lillooet Food Matters, Lillooet, B.C.  
Blue Heron Organic Farm, Parksville, B.C.  
Farmland Defence League of BC, B.C.  
GS Farm, Richmond, B.C.  
Left Fields Artisans Community Co-op, Sorrento, B.C.

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