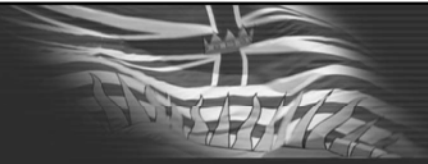




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Elk Valley Update

Prepared for: Premier John Horgan
Date: March 4, 2022
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Strategy

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BRIEFING NOTE

Briefing for the Premier on Guardians

What:

Status of the Provincial engagement process on Guardians

Who:

Honourable John Horgan, Premier and Honourable Katrine Conroy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Executive Summary:

- B.C. First Nations have long sought programmatic and predictable support from the Province for Guardians programs (which have diverse names including the Aboriginal Liaison Program, Coastal Guardian Watchmen etc.).
- Nearly 115 Nations participated in the Provincial Guardians Engagement Project sessions which recently concluded.
- A summary 'What We Know' report (WWKR), to be informed by a comprehensive literature review as well as the feedback received from Nations during the engagement process, will be completed by March 31.
- The WWKR will provide an overview of existing programs, explore current opportunities and challenges, and outline recommendations for the Provincial role.
- The First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) received \$50K to undertake a parallel engagement process with First Nations leadership on the topic of Guardians.
- This recently published report is being considered as part of the literature review for the WWKR; an initial review suggests that there is significant alignment between the report and comments provided through the Provincial engagement process.

Background:

- Guardians are defined as Indigenous community members, employed by their Nations as an extension of their self-determination serving as their "eyes and ears" and "boots on the ground".
- Each Guardians program reflects the priorities of the Nations involved and can include:
 - foundational work on the connection of the community to their traditional territory (e.g., documenting traditional place names, organizing cultural camps);
 - monitoring of values (e.g., water quality, wildlife trends);

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- compliance and enforcement (e.g., observe, record, report, outreach on legal requirements);
 - restoration and rehabilitation (e.g., caribou maternal penning, alien species removal, removal of derelict vessels); and/or,
 - emergency management (e.g., wildfire, flooding, accidents).
- Partnering with First Nations through Guardians programs supports relationship development and fosters mutual understanding of Indigenous perspectives and how government operates (e.g., the regulatory framework) which has great potential to advance reconciliation.
- Current Provincial funding is ad hoc through annual Indigenous Funding Program (IFP) requests (including the CSF/ESI Forums and the Aboriginal Liaison Program), operational budget allocations (often as a strategic accommodation) and government-to-government agreements.
- On June 4, 2021, Premier John Horgan announced the Province's intention to engage with First Nations on the topic of Guardians. This work is being overseen by a cross agency group of ADMs co-led by Matt Austin (FLNR) and Jim Standen (ENV).
- A Guardians Engagement Working Group has been established comprised of First Nations representatives and largely Indigenous experts in Guardians programs. The working group collaboratively developed the engagement plan, approach, and table of contents for the WWKR.
- Staff are providing input on Guardians to inform the negotiation strategy for the bi-lateral Nature Agreement with the federal government.

Recommendations:

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BRIEFING NOTE

Barriers to interagency collaboration as it relates to data

Briefing Note

Executive Summary:

Several entrenched barriers – most of which can or have been addressed in B.C.'s privacy protective Data Innovation Program endorsed by B.C.'s Information and Privacy Commissioner – impede interagency collaboration and the use of public sector data. These barriers exist both within government and among government agencies, including broader public sector entities.

Barriers Include:

1. Uncertainty of privacy and information sharing rules/authority to share data

The current approach is for data to be held and managed by individual ministries or government agencies. In so doing, policy and decision-making authority for data access and use is spread across multiple organizations – which results in process barriers that limit, and in some cases preclude, the Province's ability to integrate and use data to improve policies and services provided to British Columbians.

The current patchwork of legislation allows for, but does not empower, data sharing due to its complexity, resulting in a risk-averse and inconsistent use of statutory authority. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) permits data sharing in many cases but 'how' is inconsistently interpreted.

The complexity of data sharing across organizations and of its acceptable use places a limit on the confidence and ability of public servants to innovate with data. When there is a desire to share, employees are met with an unclear path and organizational resistance; when there is a reluctance to share, differing perception of legislation may be cited.

2. Protracted, disjointed data access and data sharing agreement processes

Disparate data privacy and security frameworks in place to meet real and perceived legislative requirements have created burdensome approval processes and delays that are barriers to interagency collaboration. Data is subject to complex and conflicting legislation and policies, which can include:

- *Approval processes vary from ministry to ministry, crown to crown, etc.*
- *Privacy and information sharing requirements and access rules can be unclear, inconsistently applied, protracted and repeated.*
- *Unclear and overlapping roles and responsibilities.*

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Consequently, ministries navigate processes which are time-consuming and unclear while the probability of success is uncertain. Typically, data sharing is done on a project-by-project basis and data linking is done as a “one-off.” The fragmented approaches of current interagency data sharing arrangements compound the risk that some data sets may not be subject to safe transfer, processing, storage or destruction. As another result, multiple copies of personal data may be shared under inconsistent controls, duplicating effort and increasing privacy risk.

3. Conflicting priorities amongst data holders

In addition to lacking incentives for sharing data, competing internal priorities (e.g., ongoing operations, forecasting, performance management and evaluation) inhibit collaboration. Ministries have few or no mandates or levers to access data or influence change outside their sectors. Ministry data linking and analysis tends to focus first on the operational and policy needs of that agency, then on perspectives within a sector.

4. Clarity of value

Government data collaboration is often perceived as a nice-to-do activity rather than something necessary for it to make more informed decisions or deliver better services. In the absence of a clear policy priority or political mandate, and senior executive support, data leaders across government are reluctant to initiate or participate in work that can be seen as onerous.

Note: *The Ministry of Citizens’ Services’ Data Innovation (DI) Program has addressed many of these barriers by:*

- 1. Emphasizing value – nothing breaks barriers quite like the showing of value, whether it’s the evidence required to change approaches to homelessness or key indicators associated with the health impacts of climate events. It is critical that value is shown in order to emphasize that overcoming barriers is worth the effort.*
- 2. Establishing a common path – by establishing one path that all ministries follow the process is less open to interpretation and risk-averse decision-making.*
- 3. Building with users – by involving users in the development of the program the DI Program addressed both real and perceived barriers and made its users part of the building of the solutions. Moreover, by working with users the team was better able to get at the base barriers which turned out to be less about privacy and more about fear of misinterpretation of data.*



T̓silhqot'in National Government (TNG) & Province of BC Leadership Meeting

Thursday March 3, 2022 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Oak Room, Provincial Legislature

Briefing Note

What:

The Province's relationship with T̓silhqot'in National Government (TNG) continues to strengthen through the tripartite Gwets'en Nilt'i Pathway Agreement between the TNG, BC, and Canada, signed in August 2019. While significant agreement implementation work continues on the ground between operational teams, the last Leadership Meeting under this agreement was in October 2019. The T̓silhqot'in Chiefs wish to discuss how to continue advancing a strong and positive partnership together.

Who:

TNG Leadership: *Chief Joe Alphonse Tl'etinqox and Tribal Chair, Chief Lennon Solomon, Yunesit'in, Chief Francis Laceese, Tl'esqox, Chief Troy Baptiste, ?Esdilagh, Chief Otis Guichon, Tsi Deldel, Chief Jimmy Lulua, Xení Gwet'in.*

TNG staff: *Jay Nelson, Executive Lead; Jenny Philbrick, TNG Executive Director; Jody Nishima, Socio-Cultural Lead; Peyal Laceese, Cultural Ambassador (son of Chief Francis Laceese); others to be confirmed.*

BC Leadership: *Premier Horgan, Minister Rankin, Minister Conroy, Minister Cullen, Minister Ralston, Minister Heyman, Minister Farnworth*

BC staff: *Office of the Premier staff, IRR DM Doug Caul, IRR Chief Negotiator Alexandra Banford. All other provincial support staff joining virtually.*



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Executive Summary:

- Following the 2014 Supreme Court of Canada T̓silhqot'in decision, declaration of Aboriginal title in Canada, the T̓silhqot'in [Tsil-COAT-teen] Nation (TN) and British Columbia signed a Letter of Understanding on February 10, 2014, followed by the Nenqay Deni [Nen-kay Duh-nay] Accord on February 11, 2016. The Accord was a five-year road map for negotiations, as directed by the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC).
- In August 2019, TNG, British Columbia and Canada signed the five-year Gwets'en Nilt'i [GWET-sen-NEEL-tee] Pathway Agreement (GNPA), which brought Canada into our reconciliation process as a fully vested partner.
- Concerted progress has been made in the ongoing transition of authority in the Declared Title Area, moving from provincial management and control to T̓silhqot'in authority.
- In Fall 2021, the Province confirmed our five-year funding commitment to support implementation of the GNPA for a total of ^{s.16} . This includes a ^{s.16} contribution to TNG property acquisition in the Declared Title Area. Canada has also confirmed their five-year commitment for ^{s.16} the GNPA, plus supported TNG housing and infrastructure strategy ^{s.16} , and fisheries reconciliation agreement ^{s.16} .
- Over the last two years, emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, disastrous wildfires and floods, and the start of investigations and healing at Anaham Indian Hospital (lead by TNG community Tl'etinqox [Clay-teen-co], Chief Alphonse's community) have been the focus of the T̓silhqot'in Nation.
- Despite the compounding hardship, the T̓silhqot'in has remained a strong and resilient Nation for their communities, and an influential voice for First Nations across the Province.



Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) & Province of BC Leadership Meeting

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Agenda: Opening Remarks – Premier Horgan

- *It feels good to be sitting together in person again, after more than two (2) years of doing our level best to stay connected on screens.*
- *I want to thank the Chiefs for travelling down to Victoria for this meeting.*
- *I know it is hard to be away from your communities when there are such pressing needs every day, and I appreciate the time you've taken to be here.*
- *I'm also sorry to have missed the dinner last night, but it sounds like it was a great crowd and a good time had by all.*
- *As we've all felt these past two (2) years, BC has faced unprecedented challenges. From a global pandemic to wildfire disasters, we've had to be strong and adaptive in ways we never would have imagined.*
- *We've also faced hard truths, where the atrocities that continue to be revealed in former residential schools, hospitals and dormitories have resulted in a national reckoning.*
- *This reckoning has also shone light on the ongoing trauma intergenerational survivors and families experience every day.*

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- *Amongst this hardship, we've found ways to keep our partnership strong together. Our teams continue to work together day in and day out to make things better than they were yesterday.*
- *Despite how hard it feels some days, we are building a strong road together.*
- *I appreciate the time together today and look forward to our discussions.*



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Agenda Topic 1: Gwets'en Nilt'i Pathway Agreement Implementation – Minister Rankin

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Agenda Topic 2: Residential School Response: Anaham Indian Hospital - Minister Rankin

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Agenda Topic 3: Collaborative Emergency Management – Minister Farnworth

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Departing Comments (Premier Horgan's departure)

- *I apologize for having to leave early but am glad to have had this hour together.*

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- *It's been really good to see you all, and thank you for this discussion.*



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Meeting Agenda

Attendees:

TNG Leadership: Chief Joe Alphonse (Tl'etinqox and TNG Tribal Chair); Chief Otis Guichon (Tsideldel and Vice Chair); Chief Lennon Solomon (Yunešit'in); Chief Francis Laceese (Tl'esqox); Chief Troy Baptiste (?Esdilagh); Chief Jimmy Lulua (Xeni Gwet'in)

TNG staff/guests: Jay Nelson – Executive Lead, Negotiations & External Affairs; Peyal Gilpin Laceese – Cultural Ambassador; Jody Nishima - Support Team, Sub-table Manager for Social, Cultural, Education and Justice; J.P. Laplante – Support Team for Tsilhqot'in *Nen*

BC Leadership: Premier Horgan, Minister Rankin, Minister Conroy, Minister Cullen, Minister Ralston, Minister Heyman, Minister Farnworth. *All provincial support staff joining virtually.

Opening Song / Prayer (<i>Tsilhqot'in</i> lead)		All
11:05	Greetings & Opening Remarks	Premier Horgan Tsilhqot'in Chiefs
11:25	Gwets'en Nilt'i Pathway Agreement Update	TNG BC – Minister Rankin
11:45	?Esqax Qanajidi ("Calling our Children") Anaham Indian Hospital – Residential School Response	TNG – Chief Alphonse BC – Minister Rankin
12:00	Collaborative Emergency Management	TNG BC – Minister Farnworth
<i>Refreshments available throughout meeting in lieu of lunch</i>		
12:30	Planning for Subsequent Meetings	All
Closing Comments & Prayer		BC – Minister Rankin Tsilhqot'in Chiefs

HISTORICAL WRONGS: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

Presentation to Premier
March 9, 2022

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BACKGROUND: JAPANESE CANADIANS

2018: National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) approached Gov to revisit previous rejected apology and undertake new initiative

2019: Govt supported NAJC community consultations; initial recommendation report submitted and Govt committed to act

2020: PS Singh mandate letter: lasting recognition for Japanese Canadian community

2021: BC granted \$2M to Nikkei Seniors Health Care & Housing Society to create a “Survivors Health & Wellness Fund” as interim step

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- ? Watershed Security (\$30M)
- ? Support for Community Climate Preparedness (\$120M)
- ? Lytton Relief (\$8M)
- ? Michael Smith Research (\$117M)
- ? Genome BC (\$78M)
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- ?
- ? Child Care Health and Safety Grants (\$20M)
- ? Resilience Fund for Non-Profits (\$30M)
- ? Arts and Culture Resilience s.13; s.16;
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- ? Repatriation of Indigenous Artifacts s.13; s.16;
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- ? Red Cross – Ukrainian Relief (\$1M)

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Atmospheric River 2021 - Fraser Valley

What:

Status Update on Supports for Fraser Valley Communities and Programs Yet to be Announced

Who:

Premier John Horgan

Update on Actions:

- EMBC continues to have direct communication with local authorities and more than 15 Fraser Valley First Nations impacted by the 2021 atmospheric river event.
- \$95M has been paid in provincial response costs to support Fraser Valley municipalities and \$170K to First Nation Communities.
- The deadline to apply for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) for individuals was March 3, 2022. 1,000+ individual applications have been received from the Fraser Valley, which represents more than half of the provincial total of 1,900 applications. \$1.27M has been paid to date, and 330 files are closed or paid out.
- 40+ communities are likely to apply for DFA for public infrastructure supports.
- The Canada-BC Flood Recovery Program for Food Security was announced in February 2022 and will offer up to \$228M for impacted farmers in Sumas Prairie. To date, 371 applications have been received, with 70 payments made that total \$10.4M.
- EMBC continues to work with the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) on supports for impacted individuals and accommodating housing shortages in local markets. Approximately \$90M was raised in donations through federal and provincial government cost-matching. Just under \$20M has been provided to BC flood evacuees to date in one-time mass assistance payments and Emergency Support Services supports to households in needs. \$360k has been provided for short term accommodations and case management supports.
- Indigenous Services Canada is fully engaged and supporting First Nations affected by the event and repairing critical infrastructure; however, in a few cases flood-related impacts are located off reserve requiring more collaborative and creative multi-agency approaches.
- The Ministry of Environment, with input from Price Waterhouse, has created a debris removal action plan with debris removal commencing mid-March. The focus is currently on human-made debris. Woody debris and sedimentation issues are to be evaluated for priority.
- Canada have notionally allocated \$5 Billion to support eligible provincial claims related to the event through their Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program, and provincial *Budget 2022* allocated \$1.5 Billion over three years to aid with recovery and resiliency initiatives. Many of these claims will be for areas that were impacted in the Fraser Valley.

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Atmospheric River 2021 - Fraser Valley

Programs Yet to be Announced:

- The significant flood event and landslides have exposed shortcomings in the DFA program and are being assessed with recommendations pending to Cabinet to address supports to individuals, businesses and local authorities to reduce the burden in large events.
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- The Joint Committee of BC/Federal Ministers is scheduled to next meet on April 11 in Vancouver. Canada have expressed a strong desire to provide meaningful supports for people and communities impacted by the floods.
- The partnership between Washington State and BC announced on March 15 will engage multiple First Nations and stakeholders in planning for long term flood mitigation of the Nooksack River. Anticipated flood mitigation projects – primarily on the US side of the border – will be launched and will be beneficial to the Fraser Valley.
- Localized recovery plans are at various stages of development:
 - The District of Hope has submitted an initial draft of short-term actions for review in advance of freshet. This request is under review by FLNRORD.
 - The City of Abbotsford have estimated their build back better plan^{s.12; s.16}

 - Abbotsford has submitted a funding request to operate the “Yellow Barn” as a resiliency centre for 6 months to provide a single point for additional supports such as goods, mental health and wellness supports, and links to housing and re-employment services. NGOs are partnering to find other support funding.
 - Fraser Valley Regional District, Chawathil First Nation and the District of Hope now have recovery managers in place.
 - The Spuzzum Nation are considering the creations of an RV Park and possible heavy equipment business.

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PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYERS' COUNCIL SECRETARIAT DECISION NOTE

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for the *Public Sector Employers Act*

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Honourable Selina Robinson,
Minister Responsible for the
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Hosting FWC 2026 matches is anticipated to create both short and long-term tourism impacts for British Columbia.

Short-term, Destination BC (DBC) has estimated hosting FWC 2026 matches could result in an increase of 269,000 visitors s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17

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It should be noted that for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, the Province commissioned BC Stats to review the economic impact of the event. s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17

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MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU, MARCH 29, 2022**OVERARCHING THEME:**

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ISSUE	KEY POINTS	OBJECTIVES
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Resource Files	<u>Canada-U.S. Roadmap</u> : B.C. shares Canada's interest in working with the U.S. on addressing climate change and building back better (as stated in the Roadmap for a Renewed U.S.-Canada Partnership).	Support to successfully implement CleanBC commitments.
	<p><u>Climate action</u>: B.C. is a willing partner and tested for federal objectives such as industrial decarbonization, commercialization of clean technologies, electrification and support for green hydrogen projects.</p> <p>Almost three years ago (August 29, 2019) our two governments signed an MOU on electricity infrastructure to clearly demonstrate our joint commitment on electrification in the natural gas sector. We need the feds to really deliver on this.</p>	s.13; s.16

ISSUE	KEY POINTS	OBJECTIVES
	<p><u>Salmon farming</u>: We need to work together to develop a transition plan for salmon farming, in order to deliver our common goals of wild salmon health, Indigenous reconciliation and economic opportunities for coastal communities in B.C.</p> <p>Discovery Islands: I wrote you a letter on March 10 (see Tab 3). We were able to work on a joint approach in the Broughton Archipelago. I have asked my minister responsible for fisheries, Josie Osborne, and my Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries, Fin Donnelly, to meet with Minister Joyce Murray to discuss B.C.'s role in a transition plan.</p>	<p>Commitment to collaborative development of a transition plan, including adjustments to current process for federal licensing decisions.</p> <p>Discovery Islands fish farms: Any federal plans to move away from open-net pen salmon farms in British Columbia should come with transition help for the industry and workers.</p>
	<p><u>Mining</u>: B.C. is a key partner to the federal government on environmental management, green recovery and climate action.</p> <p>s.16</p> <p>s.13; s.16</p>	<p>s.16</p>

ISSUE	KEY POINTS	OBJECTIVES
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Other Issues	<u>Ukraine</u> : Acknowledge PM's and DPM's work on humanitarian and security issues.	May be an opportunity to gauge whether Canada may expand support being offered given initial applications.
	<u>Massey</u> : As you know, B.C. is seeking a federal partnership and substantive cost sharing commitment for the Highway 99 Tunnel Program. I reiterated this request in my letter to you of February 25. You have committed publicly to work with us on this essential project in support of a nationally significant transportation and trade corridor. Now we need to see progress in the form of a concrete federal financial commitment.	

Nooksack Transboundary Flooding Initiative

B.C. and Washington are announcing their intention to begin working collaboratively and in conjunction with partners to establish an expanded, durable response and prevention initiative for major flooding in the Nooksack watershed.

B.C. and Washington have agreed that any work on this watershed must be done with strong involvement by parties on both sides of the border. Part of the purpose of this work is to ensure that the voices of people who will be most affected by changes to this watershed will be heard by both technical and political decision-makers on both sides of the border.

Not all elements of flood response and recovery fall under provincial jurisdiction. As such, we look forward to working closely with our partners in areas of their own jurisdiction.

We understand that there are both short- and long-term needs to be addressed, and we intend to work with our partners to ensure that the initiative appropriately incorporates needs across multiple timescales.

As B.C. continues to recover from major flood events across the province, our work in the Nooksack watershed will be incorporated into the province's overall flood response and recovery strategy.

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Announcement

Washington State and BC will issue a joint news release on March 15, 2022, signaling commitment to this work. This release will be followed by a joint op-ed from MLA Glumac (BC's Washington State liaison) and Representative Shewmake (Whatcom).

Advance notice of the announcement is being provided to key partners by officials in both jurisdictions. In BC this includes:

- Sumas First Nation
- Leq'a:mel First Nation
- City of Abbotsford
- Fraser Valley Regional District
- First Nations Leadership Council (staff)
- Abbotsford-area MLAs

**It is recommended that some calls are made by elected officials.*

Key Messages

- Washington state and British Columbia recognize the pivotal importance of addressing major flooding in the Nooksack River Watershed and have engaged in regular meetings since major floods occurred in November to address this issue.
- Both governments are dedicated to reducing future flood damage (flood risk and harm) and to take short term actions and find long-term solutions to mitigate the impacts of flooding, for upriver and downriver communities, on both sides of the border.
- We must address flooding impacts to public infrastructure, communities, and private investments, as well as impacts to our environment, including salmon and other natural resources impacted by flooding and flood management actions.
- Ultimately, we want to develop a renewed and coordinated response to flooding issues in the Nooksack watershed that has broad support and attention from the diverse range of interests and leaders. One that brings in the necessary resources and expertise to help identify, evaluate, and advance solutions.
- We recognize that this is a challenging task, and one that requires an inclusive process to develop the best path forward and meet collective goals.
- We recognize there are a variety of groups and experts that have been working on flooding issues and examining solutions on both sides of the border. We want to better understand what exists now and how best to learn from, build upon, and improve those efforts.
- For example, the International Taskforce established in the early 1990's made some progress and could provide important technical and policy advice.

Background – Nooksack River International Task Force

- The 1990 flood led to establishment of the Nooksack River International Task Force under the broader BC/WA Environmental Cooperation Agreement.
- Task Force made some progress in the early 1990's and remains a viable source of technical and policy advice, but likely requires linkages to strategic decision-making bodies.
- The long-standing proposals (eliminate overflow, designate floodways, dredge the river, etc.) still need significant review to assess risks and management strategies, to address climate and salmon, and to secure financing.
- Requires a comprehensive look at risks, priorities, benefits, impacts and mitigation of impacts from specific actions, and an inclusive process.

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Cons:

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Appendix 2: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Background and Status:

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Pros:

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Cons:

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Appendix 3: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Appendix 5: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Background and Status:

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- Hosting FWC 2026 matches is anticipated to create both short and long-term tourism impacts for the province.

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BC Stats conducted its own analysis of the economic impact of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

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Pros:

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Cons:

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Appendix 6a: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Background and Status:

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Appendix 6b: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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- COV has publicly committed to contributing \$5M to the costs of hosting FWC 2026. s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Appendix 6c: s.12; s.13; s.16; s.17; s.21

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Background and Status:

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CYBERSECURITY UPDATE

MARCH 4, 2022



Ministry of
Citizens' Services



KEY POINTS

- B.C.'s cybersecurity posture is stronger than it has ever been, and we are seen as a leader across the country in the areas of privacy, security, and digital identity.
- Protection of government data and networks is a priority for the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) especially where it concerns British Columbians' personal information.
- While cyberattacks are increasing in frequency and sophistication, the BC government continues to prioritize and invest in our security posture, and significant progress has been made over recent years.
- Each year, the B.C. government upgrades IT security to increase protection for employees and citizens from constant malicious emails, websites and other threats.
- We are constantly monitoring for any events globally that may increase the cybersecurity threat to the Province and taking active steps to defend our systems from emerging threats.



THE THREAT IS GROWING

15Y

There were more breaches and records lost in 2020 than previous **15 years** despite 10% growth in cybersecurity spending.*

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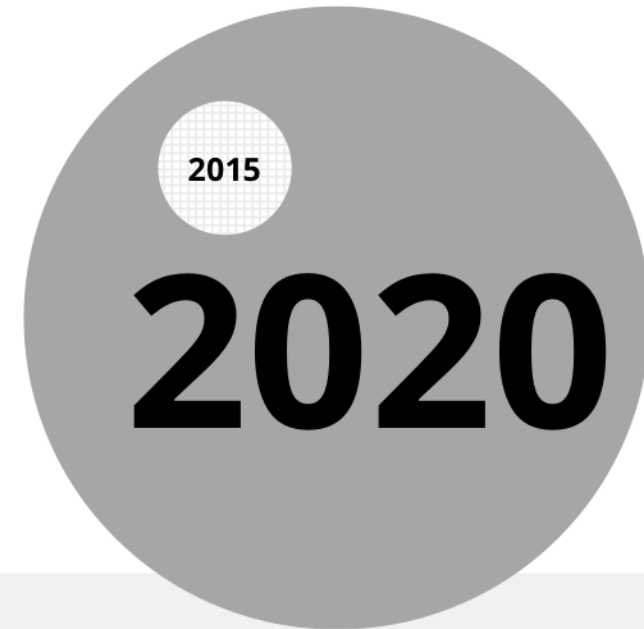
Cybersecurity and climate change are the **top two** risks among global business leaders in 2020.**

20%

The total cost of a cyber breach in Canada **rose by 20%** in 2021, for a total of \$6.7M per breach***

Cybersecurity risk is high

There has been a significant increase in frequency and sophistication of cyber attacks



10X

The B.C. government faced a near tenfold increase in unauthorized access attempts in 2020 over 2015, with 372M/day or 4k/second today

* Canals Cybersecurity Report, 2020

** World Economic Forum, Global Risks Report, 2020

*** IBM Cost of Data Breach Report, 2021 (\$5.4M USD)

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CYBER ATTACKS ARE COSTLY

Impact of cyber attacks is significant
cyber attacks are costly to remediate and erode trust



*Cost of a breach is estimated at \$6.7M CAD**

IBM Cost of Data Breach Report, 2021 (\$5.4M USD)

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SHIFTING SECURITY MODEL

Pandemic Driven Transformation

shift to hybrid work and cloud infrastructure is challenging our traditional security model

From

Context



People in the office
and
Data in the Data Centre

Strategy



Defense of perimeter



To



People anywhere
and
Data in Data Centre or Cloud



Managing devices and identity

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OUR APPROACH

PREVENTION



We raise security awareness, proactively identify and address vulnerabilities in our infrastructure, and share security thought leadership.

DETECTION



We use modern digital identity to ensure only authorized individuals have access, and we have 24/7 staff using automatic detection tools to monitor our networks.

RESPONSE



When issues are detected our incident response team take action to prevent information breaches, resolve vulnerabilities, investigate what occurred and take action to prevent similar future events.

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BC SECURITY POSTURE

- B.C.'s cybersecurity posture is stronger than it has ever been:
 - The OCIO has a team dedicated to protecting government systems from intrusions and security risks;
 - Our staff of experts have systems to protect our networks that operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
 - Over \$25 million is spent on IT security across government every year.
- In 2021 the B.C. government made significant investments in enhancing our cybersecurity posture:
 - Updated mandatory security training for public servants;
 - Implemented advanced email security systems to prevent email-based attacks;
 - Next generation security software to protect government computers; and
 - Enhanced authentication to keep government systems and data secure.

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FUTURE PRIORITIES

- Implementation of leading-edge security products that will ensure the security of government systems and information whether staff work in the office or remotely.
- Introduction of cloud security tools and capabilities to ensure government systems stay secure as we modernize our digital services.
- Ongoing engagement with public servants, Broader Public Sector and other orders of government to ensure wide-adoption of best practices and collaborative response efforts.
- Continued engagement on Federal, Provincial and Territorial governance tables to establish a pan-Canadian approach to Digital Identify and verifiable credentials.

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