

# Briefing Note

## BC Public Service Agency

November 18, 2022

CLIFF #7157

**PREPARED FOR** Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier,  
Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service  
For Decision

### ISSUE

Recommendation for the appointment by Order in Council (OIC) of Marie Della Mattia to the position of Deputy Minister, Government Communications and Public Engagement, Ministry of Finance, effective November 18, 2022.

### BACKGROUND

The position of Deputy Minister, Government Communications and Public Engagement, Ministry of Finance, was previously held by Don Zadravec until November 17, 2022.

From discussions within the 2022 Transition Team and upon the direction of the Deputy Minister to the Premier designate Shannon Salter, it was determined that Marie Della Mattia was the most qualified candidate to fill this role.

Marie is a communications leader with over 30 years experience, who has taken on progressively more senior roles working with and for governments. Marie is currently President, Romar Communications Inc., and has been in this role since November 2016. Prior to this role, for a period of a period of 16 years (1998-2016), Marie held the roles of President/CEO; Partner; Managing Director and Account Manager with NOW Communications Group Inc. She has held several roles with the BC provincial government including Ministerial Assistant, Minister of Women's Equality 3 years (1991-1994) and acting Director of Communications, Ministry of Women's Equality in 1995 (3 months). From August 2001 to March 2003, she was a Communications Representative with the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Marie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Simon Fraser University.



Marie's resume is attached, and a criminal record check is in progress.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the appointment by Order in Council of Marie Della Mattia to the position of Deputy Minister, Government Communications and Public Engagement, Ministry of Finance, effective

November 18, 2022. Upon appointment Marie's salary will be \$238,100 per annum, consistent with the salary range for a Deputy Minister 1.

**APPROVED** or NOT APPROVED:

<b>Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service</b>	<b>SIGNATURE HERE</b> 	<b>DATE HERE</b>  November 18, 2022
Recommended By: Bobbi Sadler Deputy Minister, BC Public Service Agency		November 17, 2022

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## BC Public Service Agency

November 21, 2022

CLIFF #7162

**PREPARED FOR** Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier,  
Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service  
For Decision

### ISSUE

Recommendation for the appointment by Order in Council (OIC) of Jessica Prince to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Issues with the Office of the Premier, effective November 28, 2022.

### BACKGROUND

The position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Issues, Office of the Premier, was previously held by Eric Kristianson who moved to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, effective November 14, 2022.

From discussions within the 2022 Transition Team and upon the direction of the Deputy Minister to the Premier Shannon Salter, it was determined that Jessica Prince was the most qualified candidate to fill this role.

Jessica joined the BC Public Service in 2020 as an Executive Director, in the Strategy, Intelligence, Marketing and Industry Branch with the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, where she has been responsible for developing and delivering key mandate letter commitments, including a made-in-B.C. shipbuilding strategy, trade diversification strategy, and industrial & manufacturing strategy. Jessica came to British Columbia from Ontario where for 3 years she was with the federal government in Ottawa. Roles that she held were Senior Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Minister with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; and Chief of Staff to the Minister with the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. For 6 years prior she was in the private legal sector and held the roles of Litigation Lawyer with Polley Faith LLP and Thorton Grout Finnigan LLP and was an Articling Student with Lerner LLP.



Jessica holds a Law Degree, Master of Arts (Honours) from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (First Class Honours) from McGill University. From 2011 – 2021 she was a member of the Law Society of Ontario and since 2020 she has been a member of the Law Society of British Columbia.

Jessica's resume is attached, and a criminal record check is in progress.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the appointment by Order in Council of Jessica Prince to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Issues with the Office of the Premier, effective November 28, 2022. Upon appointment Jessica's salary will be \$156,900 per annum, consistent with the salary range for an Assistant Deputy Minister 1.

**APPROVED** or NOT APPROVED:

<b>Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service</b>	<b>SIGNATURE HERE</b> 	<b>DATE HERE</b> <b>Nov 23, 2022</b>
Recommended By: Deb Godfrey Acting Deputy Minister BC Public Service Agency		November 23, 2022

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## BC Public Service Agency

November 8, 2022

CLIFF #7153

**PREPARED FOR**     **Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister to the Premier,  
Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service  
For Decision**

### ISSUE

Recommendation for the appointment by Order in Council (OIC) of Eric Kristianson to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture Resource Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, effective November 14, 2022.

### BACKGROUND

The position of Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Agriculture Resource Division, was previously held by Arif Lalani until November 3, 2022.

In discussions with Deputy Ministers' Peter Pokorny and Bobbi Sadler, it was determined that Eric Kristianson is the most qualified candidate to fill this role.

Eric joined the BC government in 1991 as a Legislative Intern with the BC Legislative Assembly and from 1992 to 1998 he was a Ministerial Assistant for several ministries including Forests, Skills, Training and Labour and Employment and Investment. From 1998 to 2002, he held the role of Director of Communications at the BC Ferry Corporation and in the Ministries of Fisheries, Labour and Forests. From 2002 to 2014 he left government for the consulting sector as President, Victoria Watch Public Policy Consulting. In 2014, Eric returned to the BC Government as a Director of Priority Issues with the Official Opposition Caucus. In July 2017, Eric assumed his first executive role as Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Issues with Government Communications and Public Engagement where he coordinated government's response on public issues that cut across individual ministry lines and involved multiple ministries, government agencies and Crown Corporations. In October 2018, he moved to his current role of Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Issues with the Office of the Premier.

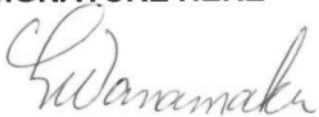

Eric holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Victoria.

Eric's resume is attached and a criminal record check is in progress.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the appointment by Order in Council of Eric Kristianson to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture Resource Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, effective November 14, 2022. Upon appointment Eric's salary will be \$180,409 per annum, consistent with the salary range for an Assistant Deputy Minister 1.

**APPROVED or NOT APPROVED:**

<b>Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service</b>	<b>SIGNATURE HERE</b> 	<b>DATE HERE</b> 11/8/22
Recommended By: Bobbi Sadler Deputy Minister, BC Public Service Agency		November 8, 2022