

## BRIEFING NOTE

### Project Labour Agreement Application to Highway Reinstatement Project (Highway 1, 5 & 8)

## Briefing Note

### Executive Summary:

A Project Labour Agreement (PLA) was successfully negotiated to deliver the labour objectives for the Highway Reinstatement Project (HRP).

### Background:

The ministry, TI Corp and Infrastructure BC recently completed a procurement process to short list design and construction firms in preparation to undertake permanent repairs.<sup>s.12</sup>

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However,

as the projects were scoped out, the construction activities were consistent with the types of craft labour offered by the Building Trades Council.

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negotiations took place between

Construction Labour Relations Association of BC (CLRA), acting on behalf of the owner, and the Operating Engineers, Teamsters, Labourers, Ironworkers, and the Chair of the BC Building Trades (BCBT) Bargaining Council. Negotiations concluded after three sessions over the course of a week and a half.

Key Differences Between <sup>s.12</sup>

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and the HRP PLA:

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Following the same process, the agreement will be signed by the CLRA on behalf of the owner and by the unions who participated in the negotiations, then circulated to the Building Trades for additional affiliates to join.

#### **Recommendations:**

The above is presented as information.

#### **Appendix:**

Draft Project Labour Agreement (pending signature)

**PROJECT LABOUR AGREEMENT**

**for the**

**HIGHWAY REINSTATEMENT PROGRAM**

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## INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

**DATE:** April 10, 2022

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

**ISSUE:** Committee of Deputy Ministers on Rebuilding of Public Infrastructure in British Columbia

**PURPOSE:** Background Information for April 11 Joint Committee of British Columbia and Federal Ministers on Disaster Response and Climate Resilience Meeting

### SUMMARY:

- In December 2021, the Committee of British Columbia and Federal Ministers on Disaster Response and Climate Resilience recommended the establishment of a deputy-level committee focused on public infrastructure.
- This committee has been established and the key members held their first meeting on April 7, 2022.
- A broader meeting including all deputy minister members is anticipated in May.
- Staff continues to work with First Nations Leadership Council to secure indigenous representation on the committee.

### BACKGROUND:

At its December 13, 2021 meeting, the Committee of British Columbia and Federal Ministers on Disaster Response and Climate Resilience agreed to “*establish a deputy minister-level committee (with First Nations’ participation) focused on rebuilding public infrastructure and to ensure the potential impacts of future climate events are considered.*”

This committee has been established and is co-chaired by the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Canada and the Deputy Minister of the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

The terms of reference indicate that the Committee:

- will ensure multi-year, whole of government coordination both to support near term needs and to strengthen recovery, resiliency and build for the future.
- will provide a forum for federal, provincial officials and Indigenous partners to discuss and collaborate on needs, gaps, progress and priorities.
- is not a decision-making body, but rather a forum to help inform coordinated and collaborative approaches and facilitate actions to expedite the necessary resources and supports.
- does not replace or duplicate the work of existing intergovernmental processes or regular interactions between respective Deputy Ministers and departments and ministries,

The committee includes 11 federal Deputy Ministers and 11 BC Deputy Ministers. The Terms of Reference are attached.

A smaller “core” group of Deputy Ministers met on April 7 to initiate the Committee’s work and confirm the sequence of upcoming engagement.



## PAST INTERACTIONS:

*The Joint Ministers Committee recommended the establishment of this forum at its December 13, 2021 meeting.*

## DISCUSSION:

- The April 7 meeting confirmed that the federal and BC teams share a similar commitment to seeking data-driven and systems-based solutions to improve resiliency and adapt to climate change.
- MOTI, on behalf of the committee, is retaining consulting services to prepare a review of disaster response elsewhere in the world, with the goal of identifying best practices for applying systems-based solutions.
- The committee will be seeking to schedule a meeting of all participating Deputy Ministers in May to review the conclusions of the best practices review and discuss the application of these findings to BC and Canada.
- The direction from the Joint Ministers committee included the need for Indigenous representation on the Deputy Ministers Committee.
- Staff from BC and INFC have held meetings with First Nations Leadership Council staff. FNLC staff are interested in participating but have limited staff resources.
- Provincial and federal staff are committed to ensuring that there is Indigenous representation at the May meeting.
- BC will also be hosting a meeting of all federal, provincial and territorial Deputy Ministers responsible for Infrastructure in June 2022 in Vancouver. The outcomes of the BC/federal work will be shared at that meeting.

## GBA+ OR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS:

The federal and BC government have both adopted the GBA+ framework. The purpose of this Deputy Ministers committee is to ensure that a broad view of government priorities is incorporated into decision making on infrastructure recovery, including inclusivity and diversity.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- This committee is not a decision making body, Any actions with financial implications would be forwarded through the appropriate federal and provincial processes for evaluation and decision.

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