

Transition Binder



Ministry of
Agriculture
and Food

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Appendix A

MINISTRY PROFILE

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) ensures that food produced in the province is safe and accessible to British Columbians. Ministry programing supports producers and processors to grow and be more resilient with the aim to improve the food security in the province while also creating economic development opportunities.

The Ministry is responsible for:

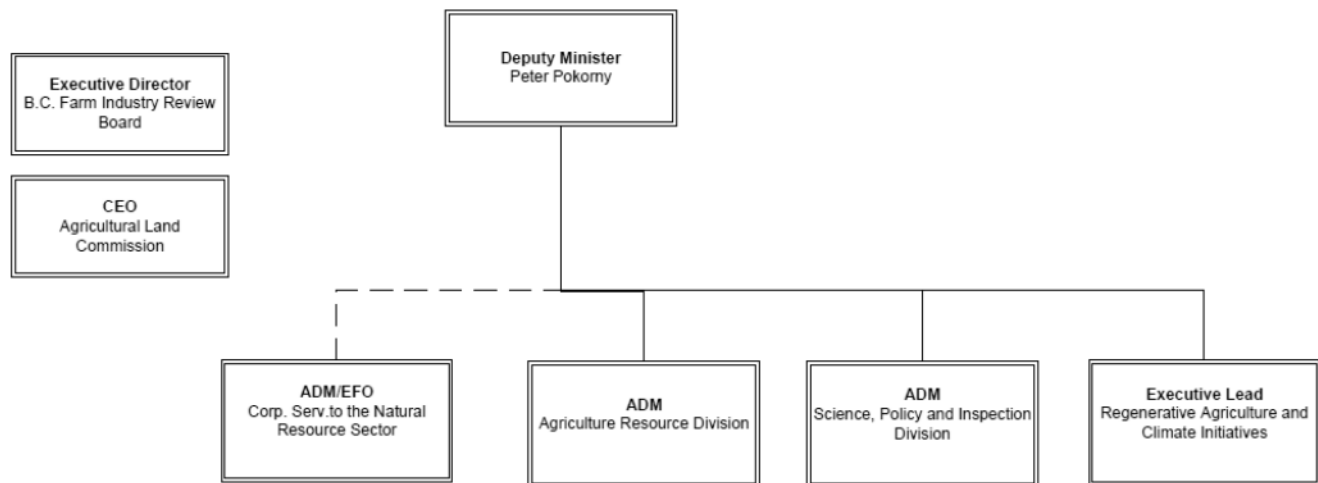
- the production, processing, marketing and merchandising of agriculture and seafood products;
- the institution and carrying out of advisory, research, promotional, sustainability and adaptation, food safety and plant and animal health programs, projects and undertakings relating to agriculture and seafood;
- playing a critical part in providing tools for farmers to manage both production and financial risks and are essential to encourage and foster continued investment in the sector; and
- the collection of information and preparation and dissemination of statistics relating to agriculture and seafood.

The Ministry supports B.C. producers and processors to grow and process more food, making more food available to British Columbian consumers and marketing it under the Buy BC brand. As well, the Ministry is building innovation and technology to make B.C. a global leader in food security and views agritech and regenerative agriculture as approaches that will help the province work towards a secure food supply. The agriculture, seafood and food and beverage sector is a key contributor to economic development and diversification across the Province, particularly for small businesses and rural areas. The sector also creates economic and social benefits for Indigenous and other underrepresented groups, has the potential to attract investment to the province and contributes to workforce development and skills training.

The legal and regulatory environment that guides the work of the Ministry includes 30 statutes which relate wholly or primarily to the Ministry. A complete list of legislation for which the Ministry is responsible is available online (<https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/amr/amr/1135179498>).

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs): 414

Executive Organizational Chart:



Budget:

Core Business Area	2021/22 Restated Estimates¹	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Science, Policy, and Inspection	16,146	19,086	20,086	20,086
Agriculture Resources	56,463	61,433	61,433	61,433
BC Farm Industry Review Board	1,378	1,378	1,378	1,378
Executive and Support Services	6,801	6,923	6,934	6,934
Agricultural Land Commission	5,001	5,001	5,001	5,001
Production Insurance Account Special Account	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200
Total	98,989	107,021	108,032	108,032
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	755	1,229	777	777
Total	755	1,229	777	777

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2021/22 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2022/23 Estimates.

Appendix B

CORE BUSINESS / PROGRAM AREAS / BUSINESS PROCESSES

Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)

Chief Executive Officer: Kim Grout

The purposes of the ALC as set out in Section 6 of the Agricultural Land Commission Act are:

- a) To preserve agricultural land;
- b) To encourage farming in collaboration with other communities of interest; and
- c) To encourage local governments, First Nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies;

To fulfill its purposes the Commission must give priority as set out in section 6 to protecting and enhancing all of the following when exercising its powers and performing its duties under this Act:

- a) The size, integrity and continuity of the land base of the agricultural land reserve;
- b) The use of the agricultural land reserve for farm use.

The work of the ALC is carried out by up to nineteen Commission members appointed from six administrative regions of the province who are collectively the board of directors of the ALC. The Chair of the Commission is appointed by Order in Council of Cabinet and all other members of the Commission are appointed by Ministerial Order. The Full Commission consisting of all members of the board, meet twice a year to carry out a variety of duties, including the passing policies, resolutions and bylaws governing the conduct of its affairs. Decisions on applications for changes to the ALR boundaries or use or subdivision in the ALR are made by panels of 2 or more Commissioners appointed from the membership by the Chair of the ALC.

The Commission on average adjudicates (decides) on between 500 -700 applications, notices, requests for reconsideration, and appeals of C&E actions each year. The vast majority of the applications to the ALC, involve requests to conduct uses and activities not permitted by regulation in the ALR. The Chair of the Commission has appointed seven decision-making panels, one for each of the six administrative regions in the province, that are responsible for deciding applications received in those regions for subdivision, non-farm use, exclusion, inclusion, and non-adhering residential use, and one panel that decides on soil and fill use applications for the entire province.

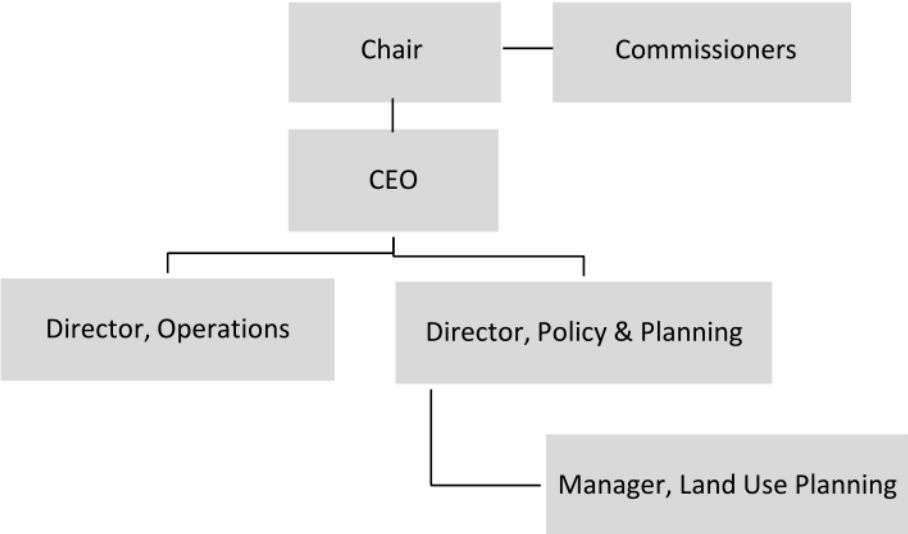
Budget:

Core Business Area	2021/2022	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Restated Estimates	Estimates	Plan	Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Agricultural Land Commission	5,001	5,001	5,001	5,001

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs): 40

Related Legislation: Agricultural Land Commission Act.

Organizational Chart:



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Agriculture Resource Division
ADM Responsible: Arif Lalani

The Agriculture Resource Division (ARD) provides for provincial and federal-provincial agricultural risk management programs, insurance schemes and funding of programs and trusts; regional sector support in emergency management; support for agrifood industry growth, agrifood business development, youth development, agroforestry, and promotion of public support for the agriculture food sector. It also funds initiatives related to strengthening farming programs, including partnerships with industry, local governments and others to manage land use planning, resolve management issues and identify opportunities. ARD provides for agri-environmental initiatives supporting program development, addressing environmental risks to and from the sector; development of beneficial management practices; innovation and domestic and international marketing programs; and, is responsible for the development and implementation of a fully functional premise identification registry that is interoperable with the national traceability system.

The Agriculture Resource Division is comprised of three branches:

- Business Risk Management
- Extension and Support Services
- Food and Beverage

Budget:

Core Business Area	2021/2022 Restated Estimates	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Agriculture Resource	56,463	61,433	61,433	61,433

Full Time Equivalents (FTEs):197

Related Legislation:

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