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CORE BUSINESS / PROGRAM AREAS / BUSINESS PROCESSES
OFFICE OF HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

A/Assistant Deputy Minister Responsible: Bonnie Ruscheinski

Core Business/ Program Area Description/Critical Business Processes:

The Office of Housing and Construction Standards (OHCS) delivers key mandate commitments to address affordability of BC's housing supply, promote innovative partnerships to prevent/reduce homelessness, ensuring appropriate integrated supports are available; ensures the sustainability, safety and sound structure of new developments, and fosters positive interactions between landlords and tenants through the Residential Tenancy Branch.

OHCS touches all British Columbians through the universal need for shelter and safety, and a dedicated focus on developing strategies to ensure that British Columbians have access to safe, affordable, and functional housing. We do this through market and non-market housing policy and programs, building and safety policy, development of technical codes and standards, and services for landlords and tenants. Our work affects a large segment of our economy, including construction of all types of buildings, mortgages, real estate, strata corporations, renovations, rental housing, subsidized housing and safety of buildings and technical systems.

We work with the citizens of British Columbia, the federal government, local governments, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples, community groups, non-profit societies, service organizations, businesses, building owners and managers, and industry and professional associations. Key to our success is the ability to maintain strong, collaborative relationships with interested parties, partner agencies and other levels of government.

OHCS has four work units:

- **Housing Policy (HPB)** – oversight for the province's 30-Point Housing Plan, subsidized and supportive housing, Indigenous housing and affordability for renters and owners; demographic and real estate research and analytics; legislative framework for strata properties; intergovernmental relations; program oversight of BC Housing and its approximate \$2.026B/yr. annual budget.
- **Homelessness Policy and Partnerships (HPPB)** - works across government and with community partners, coordinating responses to prevent and reduce homelessness in British Columbia through evidence-based policy, integrated data, and inclusive partnerships. Leading Ministry's mandate to implement a Provincial Homelessness Strategy and leads cross-ministry coordinated responses to homeless encampments and vulnerable populations.
- **Building and Safety Standards (BSSB)**– collaborates with partners to establish and support effective governance frameworks for buildings and technical systems. BSSB enables innovation while maintaining a commitment to balanced, socially responsible solutions in which the public can have confidence.
- **Residential Tenancy (RTB)** – policy development, legislation, compliance and front-line services to landlords and tenants in order to support successful tenancies in British Columbia.

This includes education about landlord and tenant responsibilities and formal dispute resolution services.

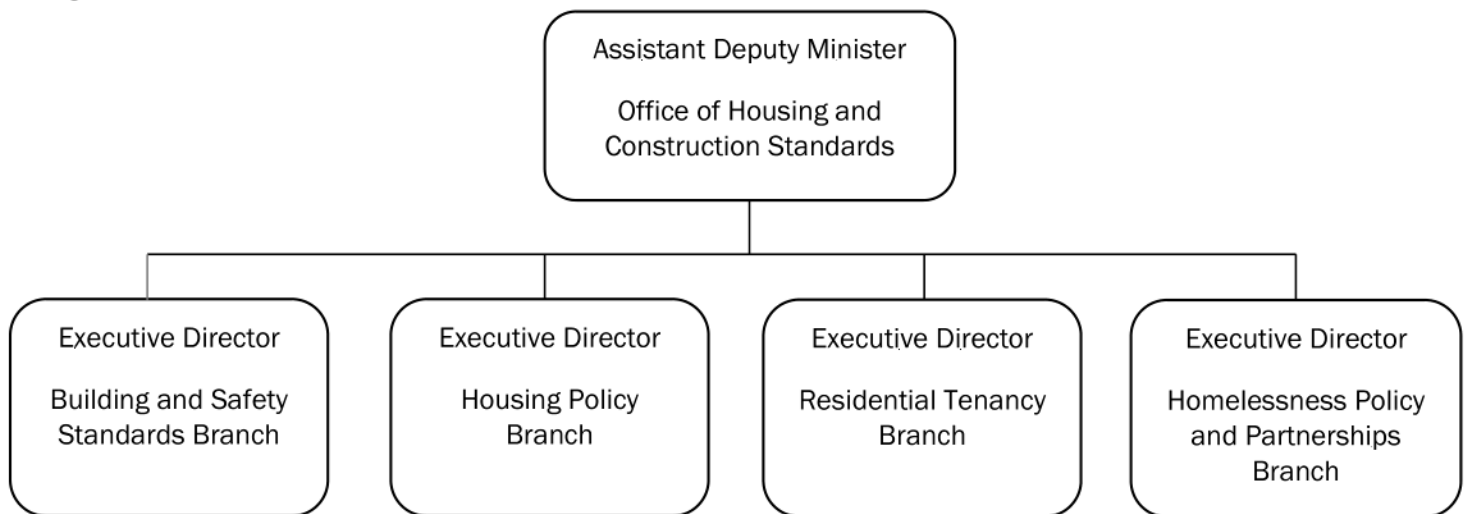
Budget: **\$652.791M** Notional Divisional Budget

Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs) as of November 19, 2022: 176

Related Legislation:

- *Assistance to Shelter Act*
- *Building Act*
- *Building Officials Association Act*
- *Commercial Tenancy Act*
- *Community Charter (Section 9 in relation to buildings and structures)*
- *Fire Services Act (Section 47 (2) g and (h))*
- *Homeowner Protection Act (except Part 9)*
- *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*
- *Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing Act (Sections 5(c), 8.1 and 10)*
- *Rent Distress Act*
- *Residential Tenancy Act*
- *Safety Authority Act*
- *Safety Standards Act*
- *Strata Property Act*
- *Special Accounts Appropriation and Control Act (Sections 9.3[Housing Fund]).*

Organizational Chart:



EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Teri Collins
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Housing

Teri Collins is a committed public servant with extensive experience leading and partnering on public policy initiatives and service improvements across a range of government and sector organizations. Teri's background is in public administration, and she holds a master's degree in leadership from Royal Roads University. Teri has been a member of the Attorney General's executive team since January 2022, and a member of the government's corporate executive team since 2015.

Her leadership of the Housing, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism teams included advancing priority initiatives to address the anti-racism, housing crisis and homelessness issues, maintaining sound building safety and construction standards, and overseeing operations of the Residential Tenancy Branch.

As a former ADM in the Ministry of Health, Teri provided leadership and oversight to a number of key mandated initiatives and programs including increasing access and reducing wait times for surgical and diagnostic care, implementation of specialized services for seniors and mental health and substance use clients, accountability for provincial specialized service programs (BC Cancer, BC Emergency Health Services), hospital and community care, and the response to COVID-19.

She is passionately committed to engagement and is well known for delivering results.

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Tracy Campbell
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer
Corporate Management Services Branch
Ministry of Attorney General
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Tracy leads the strategic development and delivery of key corporate services for the Ministries of Attorney General and Public Safety and Solicitor General including finance; strategic human resources; facilities management; business planning; internal communications, corporate security; and safety and risk management support.

From October 2018 to her most recent role, Tracy was the Assistant Deputy Minister of International Trade with the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness. Tracy oversaw trade and investment activities in British Columbia's international markets; international trade missions; trade strategy and policy, including international and domestic trade agreements and international marketing.

Prior to that, Tracy was the Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer supporting the former ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jobs, Trade and Technology, Labour and Tourism, Arts and Culture.

Tracy has a very strong client focus and brings extensive financial management experience having also held the position of Chief Financial Officer for the former ministries of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training; International Trade; and Small Business and Red Tape Reduction.

Tracy began her professional career as a management consultant in the IT industry. She joined the BC Public Service fourteen years ago in the financial services stream, assuming progressively more senior roles within the Economy Sector.

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Bonnie Ruscheinski
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Office of Housing and Construction Standards
Ministry of Housing

Bonnie brings 17 years of experience in real estate, lands, policy, and operations in both the private and public sector to her role, including 12 years in various leadership roles with the BC Public Service. Prior to joining OHCS, Bonnie was Executive Director, Crown Lands at the Ministry of Forests where she provided strategic leadership to three program areas including the Lands Branch, Crown Land Opportunities program, and the Crown Contaminated Sites program. Bonnie has also led key initiatives and programs at the Major Investments Office and the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

Bonnie is an accredited commercial real estate appraiser with an AACI designation from the Appraisal Institute of Canada and has a strong background in real estate analysis and land policy. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia, and Post-graduate Certificates in Real Property Valuation and Project Management.

Bonnie is a forward-thinking strategic and operational leader and is passionate about building empowered teams who 'think outside the box' to solve complex public policy and operational issues.

Bonnie lives in Victoria with her husband Dan of 30 years and has two grown sons. In her spare time, you will find her cooking with her husband, reading, and relaxing over tea.

