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Ministry Transition Binder 2022

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MINISTRY PROFILE

Ministry:

The Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation is working to make life better for people by building an inclusive, sustainable, and innovative economy that works for all British Columbians.

The Ministry is accountable for the implementation of StrongerBC: A plan for today, a vision for tomorrow – British Columbia’s guide to economic prosperity through inclusive and clean growth.

The Ministry supports First Nations and Indigenous peoples, small businesses and communities with economic development activities, economic diversification, job creation and strategic investments to ensure everyone in British Columbia benefits from economic growth.

Ministry Mandate:

The Ministry delivers programs and services that leverage British Columbia’s natural advantages to drive clean and inclusive economic growth.

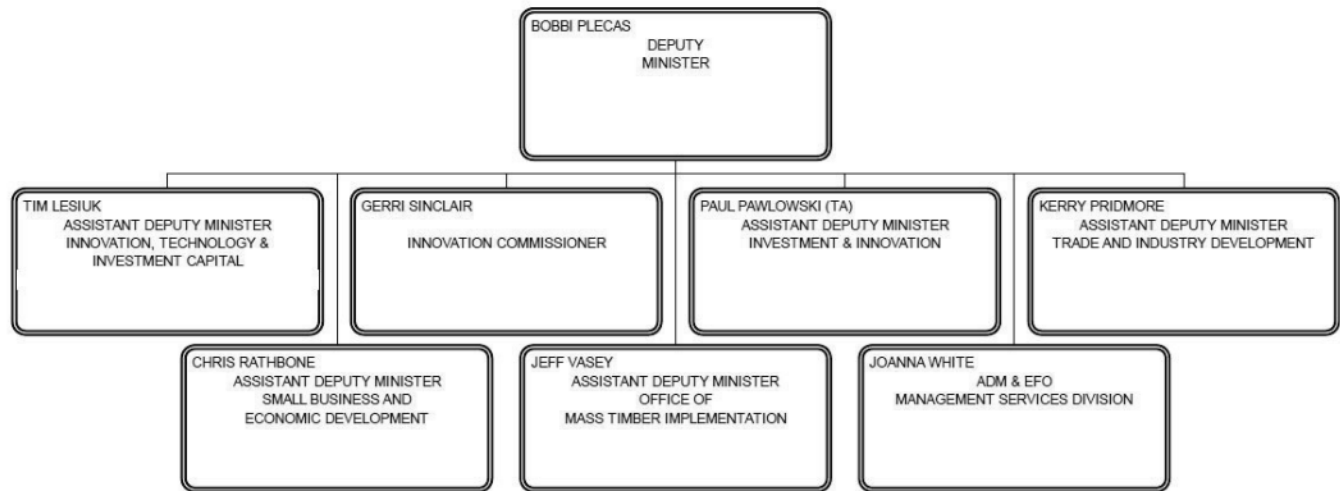
Its priorities include encouraging business start-up and growth through innovation and adoption of new technologies, supporting emerging opportunities in areas like manufacturing, maritime industries, life sciences and mass timber. In addition, the Ministry will build on British Columbia’s competitive advantages through the development of an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Centre of Excellence. The Ministry also promotes trade and investment, positioning B.C. as a global exporter of low-carbon goods and services.

The Ministry has an oversight role for three Crown agencies: Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd., InBC Investment Corporation and Innovate BC.

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs):

Average FTE burn for the period April 1-June 30, 2022 is 280 FTEs

Executive Organizational Chart:



Budget:

Core Business Area	2021/22 Restated Estimates ¹	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Trade and Industry Development	25,903	28,379	28,379	28,379
Small Business and Economic Development	7,454	7,454	7,454	7,454
Investment and Innovation	12,063	13,029	13,129	13,129
Transfers to Crown Corporations and Agencies	25,640	25,640	25,640	25,640
Executive and Support Services	8,020	8,533	8,550	8,550
Northern Development Fund	500	500	500	500
Total	79,580	83,535	83,652	83,652
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	1	3	3	3
Total	1	3	3	3

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

* Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates.

Mandate Letter Commitments 2022	Division Lead	Support JERI	Support Other Ministry	Status
Minister Ravi Kahlon Mandate letter				
<p>1. Support people and businesses in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to deliver initiatives that will directly support small businesses and build an inclusive economic recovery across B.C.</p>	<p>DMO</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in collaboration with Small Business BC and the federal government to establish the BC Business COVID Support Service, providing businesses with information and advice on how to access support throughout the pandemic. As of January 19, 2022, more than 48,715 businesses were provided direct support through phone, email and chat. The website received almost 1.5 million page views during that same period. • Provided support, in partnership with the federal government, for an enhanced BC Marketplace Platform launched by Small Business BC. By June 30, 2021, the platform, which supports businesses to shift their business models to online, was hosting over 3,300 businesses from all regions in the province, receiving over 20,000 monthly page views. The program itself has just over 4,200 users as of August 31, 2022. • Providing ongoing support to help businesses to start, grow and exit through the delivery of a suite of core Small Business BC (SBBC) services and a dedicated COVID-19 SBBC business support team. • Carried out consultation with businesses on a regular basis including developing/implementing the COVID-19 Industry Engagement Table and organizing virtual meetings of the Small Business Roundtable. • Bill 33 introduced on October 6, 2022, to allow a permanent fee cap that limits the fees large service delivery companies (i.e., Uber Eats and Door Dash) can charge to restaurants for a base level of service to no more than 20% of the dollar value of an order. In addition, the legislation protects drivers’ rights.

Mandate Letter Commitments 2022	Division Lead	Support JERI	Support Other Ministry	Status
Minister Ravi Kahlon Mandate letter				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the StrongerBC Economic Plan, the Small Business Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan is under development, to deliver support to underrepresented small business owners. • Invested over \$500M in business grants for both short-term relief (Circuit Breaker Grant: almost \$89M to 9,813 businesses supporting over 200,000 staff) and medium-term recovery (Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant: over \$437M to 22,618 businesses supporting almost 190,000 staff; \$21.6M in funding to 1,266 Professional Service Providers, like CPA’s and bookkeepers to help 19,000 businesses gather documentation and develop recovery plans). • Delivered almost \$5M short-term COVID-19 Closure Relief Grant to businesses closed by the December 22, 2021, PHO orders. Applications were open until February 28, 2022, and helped up to 1,042 businesses. • Invested more than \$44M to build digital marketing skills in businesses and help businesses cover the costs of adopting e-commerce solutions. More than 8,500 companies have accessed these programs. 3,000 businesses have completed digital marketing training while nearly 500 businesses have already received a launch online grant. 2,000+ applications are under adjudication. • Invested \$7.5M to support promising agritech partnerships that will help to grow B.C.’s food supply. 21 companies received grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$16M was available through the B.C. Supply Chain Resiliency and Value-Added Manufacturing project which funded 68 projects, including \$6 million through the Supply

