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MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**BUDGET 2025 ESTIMATES
SPEECH AND MOTIONS**

MARCH 2025

OPENING SPEECH

- **Thank you, chair.**
- **Be it resolved that a sum not exceeding**
\$55,332,000
be granted to His Majesty to defray the
expenses of the Ministry of Infrastructure's
ministry operations to March 31, 2026.
- **I'd like to begin by recognizing that we're**
gathered here on the territories of the
Lekwungen speaking peoples, the Songhees
and Esquimalt Nations.
- **I'd also like to also recognize the ministry**
staff who are with me today:
 - **Bobbi Plecas - Deputy Minister**
 - **Jason Butler – Executive Financial Officer**
and Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate

Services & Community Capital Development

- **Jennifer Melles - Assistant Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Policy & Partnerships**
- **Amy Miller - Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Capital Development**

- **It was a great honour when only a few months ago Premier Eby appointed me Minister of Infrastructure.**

- **Families are counting on government to deliver the schools, hospitals and other infrastructure they need in their communities.**

- **More people than ever before have decided to make B.C. their home.**

- **And we're dealing with an infrastructure deficit – after years of under-investment.**
- **On top of that, costs for capital projects have been increasing across Canada and around the world.**
- **But we know people can't afford for us to stop building the public infrastructure they need to access vital services, like health care and education.**
- **That's why the Ministry of Infrastructure was created.**
- **It's a purpose-built ministry to meet the challenges of building capital projects and delivering infrastructure that people need.**

- **We have pulled together experts from across government and tasked them with a straightforward but ambitious goal: build the public facilities that B.C. needs faster.**
- **To do so, we are exploring ways to accelerate and streamline construction, including:**
 - **Standardized designs,**
 - **Prefabricated additions, and**
 - **Bundling procurement.**
- **Over the course of the four-year mandate, we will work to reduce cost escalation and delays on provincial capital projects so more families can benefit from the infrastructure they need in their communities sooner.**
- **That's what families in B.C. expect from their government, and that's what we will deliver.**

- **I look forward to discussing this over the course of our debate.**
- **And with that I turn it over to the chair.**
- **Thank you.**

Motions: Adjournment and Completion

Adjournment (if the debate spans more than one day):

- **I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.**

Completion of the debate:

- **I move that the committee rise and report resolution.**

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Title: **Rationale for Creating the Ministry of Infrastructure**

Issue: **Background and the key benefits of establishing the Ministry of Infrastructure**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Ministry of Infrastructure (INF) was established on November 18, 2024, to bring capital planning, procurement, delivery, oversight and funding for vertical capital projects into a single ministry.
- This new purpose-built ministry will improve coordination and boost efficiency for the building of schools, healthcare facilities, post-secondary institutions, student housing, and child care centers to support B.C.'s growing communities.
- INF works very closely with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education & Child Care, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills, Health Authorities, School Districts, Colleges, Universities and other partner organizations.
- With capital from all these sectors under a single ministry to deliver unprecedented infrastructure investments, there is better coordination to meet the needs of British Columbians.

Key Benefits of INF:

- Key benefits of INF include the following:
 - Faster delivery of cost-effective, high quality generational capital investments;
 - Structure capital planning in a way to minimize cost inflation due to labour shortages or overlapping demands on a limited pool of bidders;
 - Identify and implement opportunities to reduce costs and expedite project delivery, including standardization of infrastructure like schools, hospital patient towers, etc.;
 - Better coordinate permitting approvals for projects to reduce project timelines;
 - Collaborate across sectors to more effectively deliver services needed by communities; and
 - Create a provincial centre of excellence on capital projects within government.

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Title: **Establishing the New Ministry of Infrastructure**

Issue: **Number of staff, hiring strategies, ministry structure, and budget for salaries and benefits**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

Number of staff:

- The ministry did not exist last year and was initially built by transferring 99 positions and the associated funding from the ministries of Education & Child Care, Health, Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills, as well as the former ministries of Mental Health & Addictions, and Municipal Affairs.
- As of March 17, 2025, the ministry has 97 employees (Appendix 1 shows staff allocation by branch and division).

Hiring Strategies:

- Consistent with the BC Public Service hiring direction, the ministry will engage in FTE neutral hiring strategies to fill any vacancies.

Ministry structure:

- The ministry consists of three divisions:
 - **The Corporate Services and Community Capital Development Division** supports capital projects related to public post-secondary education facilities and other provincial capital infrastructure. It also provides financial management, human resources and corporate services for ministry operations.
 - **The Community Capital Development Division** supports capital projects related to public schools, child care, and health facilities.
 - **The Infrastructure Policy and Partnerships Division** leads engagement with other organizations and levels of government. It also supports policy development and acquisition and disposition of property for public schools, post-secondary Institutions, and medical facilities.

Budget for Salaries and Benefits:

- The ministry has an annual salary and benefits budget of \$16.531 million in 2025/26.

Appendix 1. Ministry Staff Allocations as of March 17, 2025

Division/Branch	# of Employees (Headcount)
Minister's Office	7
Deputy Minister's Office	3
Corporate Services & Community Capital Development Division	
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	3
Corporate & Capital Finance	13
Information Management	0
People & Workplace Strategies	3
Post-Secondary & Cross-Government Capital	13
Community Capital Development Division	
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	2
Education & Child Care Capital	24
Health Capital	12
Infrastructure Policy & Partnerships Division	
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	3
Corporate Planning & Strategic Initiatives	2
Integrated Policy & Planning	10
Strategic Partnerships & Legislation	2
TOTAL	97

Title: **Mandate Letter Commitments**

Issue: **Status summary of plans to fulfil Minister Ma’s mandate letter commitments**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- This is a point-in-time status as of March 2025 on the seven specific commitments in Minister Ma’s January 2025 mandate letter along with summaries on how they will be fulfilled. Planning will continue to evolve and refine over the coming months.
- For the sake of brevity, some commitments below have been abbreviated and grouped.

Commitments:

- **Work with the Minister of Finance to review infrastructure initiatives to ensure they remain relevant, support for the economy, deliver high-quality services while keeping costs low**
 - All cabinet ministers’ mandate letters include a version of this commitment.
 - The Ministry of Finance will direct a coordinated approach for all ministries.
- **Ensure faster delivery of cost-effective, high-quality generational investments**
- **Reduce costs and expedite approval for projects, including standardizing processes**
- **Work with your ministerial colleagues to address permit delays in major infrastructure projects and identify opportunities for reduced cost and increased efficiency**
 - The Ministry of Infrastructure was purpose-built to consolidate capital project expertise in one ministry.
 - Experts from across government have been brought together to identify and develop options that will accelerate projects and deliver them more cost-effectively.
 - This work is in the early stages.
 - Staff are analyzing the various processes by which capital projects have traditionally been delivered and are exploring options to streamline and harmonize them.
 - Staff are also working with partner ministries and industry leaders to explore new approaches for construction that can reduce time and expense while maintaining and improving quality. These include:
 - Standardizing designs for public facilities.
 - Using prefabricated structures that can be built faster and more efficiently.

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- Consolidating procurement to maximize value and economies of scale.
 - Staff are also working with partner ministries to examine existing legislation and identify potential options to streamline and expedite approvals and permitting for infrastructure projects.
- **Minimize cost inflation due to labour shortages or overlapping demands on a limited pool of bidders**
 - The ministry will collaborate with project owners and industry on construction schedules to minimize competing demands for finite labour resources.
 - This will be done by establishing protocols for working with the other ministries on whose behalf projects will be overseen by the Ministry of Infrastructure.
 - Project sequencing will be informed by analysis of market activity and construction forecasts along with weighting of infrastructure priorities to meet the need for services like health care and education across British Columbia.
 - The ministry will also work with partners on efforts to recruit and train construction workers.
- **Advocate strongly with the federal government for fair cost share related to critical infrastructure projects with national importance**
 - The ministry will coordinate federal engagement efforts with British Columbia's Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat.
 - Ministry staff will monitor campaign commitments in advance of the forthcoming federal election and subsequent federal budget announcements related to infrastructure.
- **Prioritize initiatives identified by the Cabinet Committee on Community Safety**
 - The ministry will work with partner ministries on infrastructure needed to support initiatives that will make B.C. communities safer. These may include:
 - Expanding capacity at the Justice Institute of British Columbia to train police officers.
 - Establishing a wildfire training and education centre at Thompson Rivers University.

Title: Potential Impacts of U.S Tariffs and Counter-Tariffs

Issue: The Ministry of Infrastructure is preparing for tariff impacts, which may affect capital project costs and timelines.

Background:

- U.S. Tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs provide a significant and unprecedented threat to British Columbia's economy.
- In response to U.S. tariff threats of 25% on Canadian products and 10% on Canadian energy, Canada announced \$155 billion in counter-tariffs on U.S. goods and services.
- On February 1, 2025, Premier David Eby announced additional provincial countermeasures to U.S. tariffs including direction for Provincial Ministries and Crown Corporations to buy Canadian goods and services first. These measures activated on March 4, 2025, when U.S tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs came into effect.
- Despite a partial tariff deferment to April 2, 2025, Premier Eby's direction remains for Provincial Ministries and Crown Corporations to continue preparations for tariffs which includes assessing current and upcoming procurement activity that may utilize U.S. goods and services.
- This direction also instructed provincial ministries and crown corporations to begin identifying substitute, non-U.S. suppliers of goods and services.

British Columbia Response (from Government Communications and Public Engagement):

- As our economy faces the massive threat of unwarranted tariffs, we are sending a clear signal to all British Columbians: stand strong.
- All of government is focused on defending British Columbia from these threats and protecting jobs and the services British Columbians rely on.
- We're standing up to defend our industries, good-paying jobs and workers. We have a three-part response to Trump's tariff threats:
 - **Strengthen:** we are strengthening our provincial economy, through actions like speeding up permitting and reducing trade barriers between provinces,
 - **Diversify:** we're driving forward our work and the federal government's work to find new markets for BC goods,
 - **Respond:** we support and will participate in a nationally coordinated retaliation if and when required.
- No matter what Trump throws at us, we know we are stronger together.

- An initial analysis released in January shows the tariffs could cost BC billions and result in tens of thousands of jobs lost.
- We're doing the work now, so we are ready to defend BC and protect the key services you rely on.

Potential Impacts on Major Capital Projects:

- As the breadth of tariffs remains unclear, it is difficult to quantify precise impacts tariffs will bring; however, increases to critical project inputs and greater risk premiums are likely to raise costs for large infrastructure and development projects.
- More specifically, counter-tariffs proposed on agricultural products, technology, machinery, construction materials, specialized equipment, medical supplies, and industrial goods will affect project costs and timelines through the planning, delivery, and construction phases.
- Projects dependent on U.S. imports could experience budget overruns due to inflated material prices, impacting long-term project planning and funding. Increased material costs may delay projects or reduce their overall feasibility.
- A shift toward domestic or non-U.S. products and suppliers could trigger price increases as demand for these products rises. Additionally, these markets may not be equipped to respond quickly to increased demand due to constraints on manufacturing capacity which could delay project timelines.

Ministry of Infrastructure Activities:

- To support the Premier's direction, we are working with partners in the Health, Education & Child Care, and Post-Secondary sectors to assess current and upcoming procurement activities that require U.S. goods and services, and to identify possible non-U.S. substitute suppliers and products.
- The intent is to proactively understand, the value and scope of what is currently purchased from the U.S.
- As part of this work, we will support our partners in school districts, health authorities and post-secondary institutions in the identification of substitute goods and services that can be feasibly procured outside of the U.S.
- My Ministry is working with InfrastructureBC to identify risks and opportunities associated with different procurement and project delivery models throughout critical project phases such as planning, procurement, and construction.
- We will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the construction industry to address immediate challenges posed by tariffs and seek input on long-term strategies that protect British Columbia's construction sector.

Title: Child Care on School Grounds

Issue: Overview of Child Care Space Creation on School District Property

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Ministry of Infrastructure (INF), in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is actively working with school districts to expand the number of child care spaces operating on school grounds, with a focus on increasing the number of school age spaces on school grounds.
- Since the launch of ChildCareBC in 2018, the provincial government, with support from the federal government, has invested over \$478.7 million in projects to create over 13,100 new child care spaces on public school grounds, with over 5,900 operational and more on the way.
- These spaces are part of the more than 32,900 child care spaces on public school grounds in British Columbia, the majority of which, 22,900, are school age care spaces.
- The provincial child care coverage rate is 44% for children aged five and under, and 11% for children aged six to 12 years old.
- In response to mandate commitments, INF continues to work with school districts to support expansion on school grounds to improve equitable and convenient access for children and families.

Neighbourhood Learning Centres

- Since September 2017, the provincial government has supported the creation of new child care spaces where new and replacement schools are requested by school districts by providing funding to create additional space for neighbourhood learning centres. School districts work with their local communities, First Nations, and Indigenous organizations, as well as non-profit organizations to identify solutions that meet their community needs.

Supporting Streamlined Capital Planning

- In 2024/25, a new application process was launched to allow school districts to request funding for child care space creation alongside their five-year capital plan submissions for K-12 capital projects.
- The application process is streamlined and familiar to school districts, creating efficiencies in capital planning processes. It also supports a longitudinal approach to child care space creation, in alignment with K-12 capital planning, and helps school districts and the provincial government plan for future child care space demand.
- To further support school districts with child care space creation, a dedicated child care team within INF provides direct support to school districts on child care capital projects.



- School district projects continue to be supported through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund and are considered for funding support alongside all projects submitted through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund.



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Title: Enrolment Growth

Issue: An overview of recent K-12 enrolment growth, how government has responded, and forecasted enrolment trends.

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Enrolment growth and school capacity pressures across the province’s public K-12 system has been a primary focus of capital investment since 2021.
- Between Q1 2021 and Q4 2024, StatCan estimated that British Columbia’s population increased by approximately 500,000, with total population increasing from 5.2 million to 5.7 million.
- This province-wide population growth has translated to roughly 36,000 new students entering B.C.’s public K-12 system between the 2021/22 and 2024/25 school years.
- This enrolment growth has impacted some school districts more than others. For example, Surrey, Langley, and Sooke, are considered high-growth school districts and have seen significant year over year enrolment growth.

School District	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total Increase
No. 35 - Langley	21,456	22,562	23,475	24,611	3,155 (+15%)
No. 36 -Surrey	72,375	74,500	76,983	78,420	6,045 (+8%)
No. 62 - Sooke	11,416	12,010	12,476	12,987	1,571 (+14%)

- In responding to this enrolment and school capacity pressure, school districts have leveraged portable classrooms funded through their operating grants as a stopgap measure. Advice/Recommendations
- To respond to enrolment, government has leveraged tools like prefabricated additions, streamlining the approval process for K-12 capital projects and removing the concept plan requirement for low-risk projects, and financially supporting project offices in school districts like Surrey and Vancouver to accelerate the delivery of projects.
- Since September 2021, government has approved over \$2.6 billion across 79 projects to create almost 25,000 new student spaces. These projects are at varying stages of development and will continue to add school capacity in high-growth communities between now and 2029.



- Looking forward, the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s enrolment forecast indicates, based on current immigration and growth trends, that enrolment is expected to moderate and decline on a provincial basis over the coming years.
- While enrolment is forecasted to taper, there is an ongoing need for continued capital investment in new school spaces to:
 - Address the unprecedented enrolment growth experienced since 2021.
 - Mitigate the 1,780 portables that are currently being used as classrooms in BC.
 - Support communities and neighborhoods that will continue to experience significant enrolment growth.

Title: Burnaby School District Capital Overview

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Burnaby School District currently has 27,323 students enrolled and, in the last five years, the District has seen an increase of 2,787 new students.
 - Recent enrolment forecast updates show relatively stable enrolment over the next 10 years. However, the District still anticipates growth in the major transit development hubs with the most notable being the Brentwood Town Centre area.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 90 portables to manage capacity pressures.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - The Brentwood Town Center East new school project is in business case development. The District and City of Burnaby are still negotiating the transfer of the site to the District.
 - The Kitchener Elementary School prefabricated addition has seen the start of construction delayed due to two main reasons:
 1. Additional time was spent to increase the capacity from 375 to 500 seats due to enrolment growth between 2023 and 2024.
 2. It was determined that such a large addition was best suited to connect with existing buildings, adding more complexity to the project.
 - The Kitchener project is slated to open in September 2026.
- Since 2017, government has approved more than \$368 million, including a District contributions of \$15.8 million to create:
 - 1,490 new student seats through construction of five addition projects (one of which is part of a seismic replacement project and one is part of a seismic upgrade project); and
 - 4,315 safe seats in the District through the approval of three seismic replacement projects, one seismic/partial replacement project, and three seismic upgrade projects.

Cabinet Confidences; Intergovernmental Communications

Appendix – Capital Projects Update

4 SCHOOLS COMPLETED		
1	Armstrong Elementary	490 safe seats Seismic Upgrade
2	Parkcrest Elementary	290 safe seat Partial Replacement and Seismic Upgrade
3	Seaforth Elementary	540 safe seat Seismic Upgrade
4	Burnaby North Secondary	1,800 safe seat Seismic Replacement
1 UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
1	Stride Elementary	415 safe seat Seismic Replacement occupancy Summer 2026
5 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT		
1	Brentwood Park Elementary	435 safe seat Seismic Upgrade & 165 seat Addition
2	Kitchener Elementary	500 seat Addition
3	Cameron Elementary	Seismic replacement at Larger Capacity of 770 seats (425 net new seats)
4	Alpha Secondary	300 seat prefabricated addition
5	Nelson Elementary	100 seat prefabricated addition
1 BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT		
1	Brentwood Town Centre Area Elementary	New school

Title: Central Okanagan School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Central Okanagan School District currently has 24,773 students enrolled and, in the last five years, it has seen an increase of 2,041 new students.
 - Recent enrolment forecast updates still indicate enrolment growth over the next 10 years but at a much lower pace compared to previous years.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 128 portables to manage capacity pressures.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - The Rutland Middle school addition and upgrade remains a priority project. For many years the District has tried to replace the aging facility and has recently pivoted to request expanding the existing school by 275 seats with an additional \$15-20M to upgrade/renew the facility.

Cabinet Confidences

- Since 2017, government has approved almost \$302 million, which includes a District contribution of \$20 million, to purchase two sites, construct three new schools and five additions to create 3,595 new student seats.
 - George Pringle Secondary School, a new 1200-seat school in West Kelowna, is currently in construction and is scheduled to open in September 2027.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications



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5 COMPLETED		
1	Canyon Falls Middle	750 seats new school
2	H.S. Grenda Middle	600 seats new school
3	Wilden Elementary	Site Purchase
4	North Glenmore Elementary	120 seat prefab addition
5	University Middle	Site Purchase

2 UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
1	Dr.Knox Secondary	300 seat addition occupancy Sept. 2026
2	George Pringle Secondary	1200 seat new school occupancy Sept. 2027

3 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT		
1	Hudson Road Elementary	265 seat addition

Cabinet Confidences

3	Chief Tomat Elementary	165 seat prefab addition
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Cabinet Confidences; Intergovernmental Communications



Title: Conseil Scolaire Francophone School District Legal Action and Capital

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Title: Coquitlam School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Coquitlam School District (District) currently has 34,074 students enrolled, which is an increase of 2,423 new students over the last five years.
 - As of September 2024 enrolment reporting, the District is utilizing 102 instructional portables to manage capacity pressures.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - Coquitlam student enrolment has been rapidly increasing due to residential development and immigration, specifically in the Burke Mountain area and Coquitlam Centre neighbourhood.

Cabinet Confidences

- In October 2023, Hazel Trembath Elementary was lost due to fire. As part of *Budget 2025*, the District is supported to explore opportunities to address the loss of Hazel Trembath Elementary.
- Since 2017, government has approved the investment of over \$416 million to support the District. This includes District contributions of \$35 million.
 - These investments include the creation of 1,375 seismically safe seats and an additional 2,600 new seats to support increases in enrolment. The 2,600 new seats represent an equivalent of over 104 portable classrooms.
 - These investments include two new schools (Burke Mountain Secondary and Coast Salish Elementary), five additions (two at Dr. Charles Best Secondary, Scott Creek Middle, Westwood Elementary, and Panorama Heights Elementary), and three seismic replacements (Montgomery Middle, Moody Elementary, and Irvine Elementary).

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications



Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications

- Through Budget 2025, the District has been supported to explore opportunities to address the loss of Hazel Trembath Elementary.

Advice/Recommendations; Cabinet Confidences

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6 COMPLETED		
1	Westwood Elementary	150 seats addition
2	Panorama Heights Elementary	90 seat addition
3	Dr. Charles Best Secondary	150 seat addition
4	Irvine Elementary	505 seats Seismic Replacement with 115 additional seats
5	Coast Salish Elementary	430 seats New School
6	Scott Creek Middle	250 seat addition
3 UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
1	Moody Elementary	410 seats Seismic Replacement with 115 additional seats
2	Burke Mountain Middle/Secondary	1,000 seat New School
3	Dr. Charles Best Secondary	300 seat addition
1 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT		
1	Montgomery Middle	600 seats Seismic Replacement

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Title: Langley School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Langley School District currently has 25,794 students enrolled and, in the last five years, the District has seen an increase of 4,277 new students.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 153 portables to manage capacity pressures and has six additional portables coming for September 2025.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - Managing enrolment growth is the District's highest priority. The Township of Langley is experiencing significant development and, as a catchment, the Willoughby area has seen sustained growth more than any other area in the District.
 - The District anticipates continued growth with the expansion of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain project as well as the development of high-density housing along the 200th street corridor.
 - In February 2025, a site purchase was approved for a future elementary school in the southwest Latimer area. **(Not announced)**
 - The Township of Langley passed six motions at their February 24th council meeting. Advice/Recommendations
- Since 2017, government has approved more than \$566 million to purchase four sites, construct four new schools and five additions to create more than 4,900 new student seats, and for three seismic mitigation projects to create more than 1,500 safe seats. A key project is:
 - Smith Middle/Secondary with a combined budget of \$306 million will create 2,900 new seats. Construction is scheduled to start in December 2025, occupancy is expected in September 2027.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications



Appendix – Capital Projects Update

COMPLETED – 9 Projects		
1	Peter Ewart Middle school	Expansion (275 new seats) and seismic upgrade (900 safe seats)
2	Richard Bulpitt Elementary	Expansion - prefab (150 seats)
3	Vanguard Secondary	Seismic upgrade (175 safe seats)
4	Shortreed Community Elementary	Seismic upgrade (475 safe seats)
5	Donna Gabriel Robbins Elementary	New school (555 seats)
6	Smith Sec/Middle Schools	Site purchase
7	Donna Gabriel Robins Elementary	Site purchase
8	Northeast Latimer Elementary	Site purchase
9	Future Southwest Latimer Elementary	Site purchase
UNDER CONSTRUCTION – 2 projects		
1	Northeast Latimer Elementary	New school (555 seats) - Occupancy Sept 2025
2	Langley Secondary	Expansion (300 seats) – Occupancy Sept 2026
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT – 4 projects		
1	Smith Middle School	New school (900 seats)
2	Smith Secondary	New school (1,900 seats)
3	Nicomekl Elementary	Expansion - prefab (200 seats)
4	Lynn Fripps Elementary	Expansion - prefab (150 seats)
BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT – 1 project		
1	R.E. Mountain Secondary	Expansion (300 seats)

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Title: Richmond School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Richmond School District currently has 22,920 students enrolled and, in the last five years, it has increased by 2,824 new students.
 - Recent enrolment forecast updates show an overall moderation in District enrolment over the next 10 years. However, the District still anticipates growth in the City Centre area of Richmond.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 26 portables to manage capacity pressures.

- Key issues in the District include:

Cabinet Confidences; Intergovernmental Communications

- Since 2017, government has approved \$252.4 million, with the District contributing \$6.1 million, for a total of \$258.5 million to construct four additions to create 745 new student seats, and for one seismic replacement and 12 seismic mitigation projects to create 5,570 safe seats in the District. Key projects include:
 - Diefenbaker Elementary, a seismic replacement 465-seat school, which is currently in design and is scheduled to be open in summer 2028.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications

Seismic Progress:

- 29% of the remaining seismic schools have been completed since 2017 (10 out of 35).
- 9% of the remaining seismic schools are either in design or construction (3 out of 35).
- 66% percent of seismic schools remain as future priorities (22 out of 35).

Appendix – Capital Projects Update

12 SCHOOLS COMPLETED		
1	Hugh Boyd Secondary	800 safe seats Seismic upgrade & partial replacement
2	Robert J Tait Elementary	390 safe seats Seismic upgrade
3	W D Ferris Elementary	660 safe seats Seismic upgrade
4	Manoah Steves Elementary	390 safe seats Seismic upgrade & partial replacement
5	Mitchell Elementary	515 safe seats Seismic upgrade & partial replacement
6	Maple Lane Elementary	245 safe seats Seismic upgrade
7	Tomsett Elementary	265 safe seats Seismic upgrade & 95 addition
8	James McKinney Elementary	395 safe seats Seismic upgrade
9	James Whiteside Elementary	340 safe seats Seismic upgrade
10	William Bridge Elementary	340 safe seats Seismic upgrade
11	Samuel Brighthouse Elementary	150 seat prefab addition
12	Wiliam Cook Elementary	125 seat prefab addition
4 UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
1	Howard DeBeck Elementary	385 safe seats Seismic upgrade
2	Alfred B Dixon Elementary	380 safe seats Seismic upgrade
3	R.C. Talmey Elementary	150 seat prefab addition
4	F.A. Tomsett Elementary	225 seat prefab addition
1 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT		
1	John G Diefenbaker	465 safe seats Seismic Replacement

Title: Sooke School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Sooke School District currently has 13,371 students enrolled and, in the last five years, the District has increased by 1,720 new students.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 50 portables to manage capacity pressures and has three additional portables coming for September 2025 for Royal Bay Secondary.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - Managing enrolment growth is the District's highest priority, as the City of Langford and City of Colwood are experiencing significant residential development which continues to put pressure on the existing facilities.

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- As part of Budget 2025, the District is supported to explore opportunities for a larger capacity North Langford Secondary (originally anticipated to be 1,200 capacity) which is currently in business case.
- Since 2017, government has approved almost \$300 million to purchase six sites, construct four new schools and three additions, and seismically replace Port Renfrew Elementary. All together, these investments will create more than 2,600 new student seats and will provide a seismically safe school facility in Port Renfrew. Key projects include:
 - SCIANEW STELTKE Elementary, a new 480-seat school with on-site child care, which is currently under construction and will be open fall of this year.
 - A school site was purchased for the future North Langford Middle School, to create a campus setting with North Langford Secondary.
 - PEXSISEN Elementary and Centre Mountain Lellum Middle with a combined budget of \$88 million created 1,200 new seats and opened in fall of 2022.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications



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Project Update - Port Renfrew Elementary:

- In March 2024, the seismic replacement of Port Renfrew Elementary was approved.
- Prior to its approval, the Sooke School District has been working closely with the Pacheedaht First Nation on various options to deliver the new elementary school with the intention that the Nation would deliver a middle/secondary school to create a campus setting using federal funds.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications

Appendix – Capital Projects Update

COMPLETED – 12 Projects		
1	Royal Bay Secondary	Expansion (600 seats)
2	PEXSISEN Elementary	New school (500 seats)
3	Centre Mountain Lellum Middle	New school (700 seats)
4	Ruth King Elementary	Expansion - prefab (190 seats)
5	David Cameron Elementary	Expansion - prefab (190 seats)
6	Donna Gabriel Robbins Elementary	New school (555 seats)
7	PEXSISEN Elementary and Centre Mountain Lellum Middle	Site purchase
8	Future North Langford Elementary	Site purchase
9	Future North Langford Secondary	Site purchase
10	SĆIΛNEW STEŁIT̓KEL Elementary	Site purchase
11	Future Royal Bay Elementary	Site purchase
12	Future North Langford Middle	Site purchase

UNDER CONSTRUCTION – 1 project		
1	SĆIΛNEW STEŁIT̓KEL Elementary	New school (480 seats) - Occupancy Sept 2025

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BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT – 1 project		
	North Langford Secondary	New school (1,200 - 2,000 seats)

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Title: **Surrey School District Capital**

Issue: **Capital Overview**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Surrey School District currently has 83,259 students enrolled and, in the last five years, the District has seen an increase of 7,652 new students.
 - As of September 2024, the District is utilizing 318 portables to manage capacity pressures.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - Managing enrolment growth is the District's highest priority. The City of Surrey is on pace to become British Columbia's largest city by 2029
 - The District anticipates continued growth with the expansion of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain project as well as the development of high-density housing along the corridor.
- Since 2017, government has approved nearly \$1 billion in Surrey to deliver over 15,000 new seats, over 4,100 seismically safe seats, and six site acquisitions for future schools.
 - The District currently has 16 projects underway, including six projects in design, and ten under construction, which will deliver 6,165 new seats.
 - An additional three projects in business case development are expected to result in over 2,400 new seats in the district once approved and completed.
 - A Capital Project Office was established in 2017 to accelerate capital projects through business case development, approvals, and into procurement and construction.

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- Here is the current status of projects underway in the District:
 - Three projects are currently in business case development: Clayton Heights Secondary (1,000 seat addition), Darts Hill Elementary (900 seat new school), and Grandview Heights Secondary (500 seat addition).
 - Six projects are currently in design: Kwantlen Park Secondary (500 seat addition), Guildford Park Secondary (450 seat addition), Tamanawis Secondary (575 seat addition), Fleetwood Park Secondary (800 seat addition), Forsyth Road Elementary (340 seat addition), City Centre Learning Centre conversation project (225 new seats).
 - There are a further seven prefabricated projects under way at Martha Curie Elementary (six classrooms), Old Yale Elementary (17 classrooms), Latimer Road Elementary (six classrooms), William Watson Elementary (12 classrooms), Walnut Road Elementary (16 classrooms), Woodland Park Elementary (16 classrooms), and George Greenaway Elementary (14 classrooms).
 - Three projects are currently under construction: Semiahmoo Elementary (245 seat addition), South Meridian Elementary (200 seat addition), and New Snokomish Elementary (655 capacity).

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Appendix – Capital Projects Update

COMPLETED - 31 Projects		
1	Salish Secondary	New School (1,500 seats)
2	Woodward Hill Elementary	Addition (195 seats)
3	Panorama Park Elementary	Addition (200 seats)
4	Maddaugh Road Elementary	New School (605 seats)
5	Sullivan Elementary	Addition (200 seats)
6	Grandview Heights Secondary	New School (1500 seats)
7	Regent Road Elementary	New School (655 seats)
8	Sunnyside Area Elementary	Site Acquisition
9	South Newton Area Elementary	Site Acquisition
10	Redwood Heights Area Elementary	Site Acquisition
11	Darts Hill Area Elementary	Site Acquisition
12	Anniedale Tynehead Elem Site	Site Acquisition
13	2nd Grandview SS / Darts Campus	Site Acquisition
14	Mary Jane Shannon Elementary	Seismic Upgrade (490 safe seats)
15	Bear Creek Elementary	Seismic Upgrade (655 safe seats)
16	Queen Elizabeth Secondary	Seismic Upgrade (1,600 safe seats)
17	Prince Charles Elementary	Seismic Upgrade (440 safe seats)
18	Holly Elementary	Seismic Upgrade (590 safe seats)
19	George Greenaway Elementary	Seismic Upgrade (510 safe seats)
20	Pacific Heights Elementary	Addition (300 seats)
21	Edgewood Drive Elementary	New School (655 seats)
22	Douglas Elementary	New School (605 seats)
23	Coyote Creek Elementary	Addition (100 seats)
24	Frost Road Elementary	Addition (150 seats)
25	Sullivan Heights Secondary	Addition (700 seats)
26	Sunnyside Elementary	Addition (250 seats)
27	Ta'talu Elementary School (Site 207)	New School (655 seats)
28	White Rock Elementary	Addition (195 seats)
29	K.B. Woodward Elementary Addition	Addition (240 seats)
30	Morgan Elementary	Addition (190 seats)
31	Lena Shaw Elementary	Addition (200 seats)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION - 10 Projects		
1	Semiahmoo Trail Elementary	Addition (245 seats)
2	South Meridian Elementary	Addition (200 seats)
3	Snokomish Elementary	New School (655 seats)
4	Martha Curie (6)	Prefab Addition (150 seats)
5	Old Yale (17)	Prefab Addition (425 seats)
6	Latimer Road (6)	Prefab Addition (150 seats)
7	William Watson (12)	Prefab Addition (300 seats)
8	Walnut Road Elementary (16)	Prefab Addition (400 seats)
9	Woodland Park Elementary (16)	Prefab Addition (400 seats)
10	George Greenaway (14)	Prefab Addition (350 seats)

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT - 6 Projects		
1	Kwantlen Park Secondary	Addition (500 seats)
2	Tamanawis Secondary	Addition (575 seats)
3	Guildford Park Secondary	Addition (450 seats)
4	Fleetwood Park Secondary	Addition (800 seats)
5	Forsyth Road Elementary	Addition (340 seats)
6	City Centre Learning Centre	Renovation (225 seats)

BUSINESS CASE DEVELOPMENT - 3 Projects		
1	Clayton Heights Secondary	Addition (up to 1,000 seats)
2	Darts Hill Elementary	New School (900 seats)
3	Grandview Heights Secondary	Addition (500 seats)



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Title: Vancouver School District Capital

Issue: Capital Overview

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Vancouver School District currently has 51,653 students enrolled and, in the last five years, the District has seen an increase of 1,876 new students.
- Key issues in the District include:
 - Completing projects on the Seismic Mitigation Program list is the District's highest priority.
 - There is currently one school under construction (Grenfell Elementary) and there are 45 future seismic priorities.
 - The replacement and expansion of King George Secondary in the West End was the District's highest priority on their recent capital plan submission.
 - The new Coal Harbour Elementary school is anticipated to open in September 2025. The urban school will provide 340 new seats for the Coal Harbour community of Vancouver. It is fully funded by the district.
- Since 2017, government has approved more than \$526 million to seismically mitigate or replace 13 schools across Vancouver and to construct one new school (Olympic Village Elementary) and one expanded school (Henry Hudson Elementary). In all, this investment has created over 7,400 seismically safe seats and 775 new student seats. Key projects include:
 - Olympic Village Elementary, which is currently in the design phase, is planned to proceed to construction in spring 2027. Occupancy is planned for fall 2029.

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Queen Elizabeth Annex:

- After the decision by the Vancouver Board of Education to declare the Queen Elizabeth Annex surplus in 2022, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique are occupying the Queen Elizabeth Annex under a short-term lease with options to renew until June 2028, or until a decision is made about the potential transfer of the property from Vancouver Board of Education to the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique.

School Closures and Land Sales:

- Regarding the closure of Carleton Elementary and the disposal of a portion of Bruce Elementary, the Vancouver Board of Education passed a motion in September 2023 that suspends the engagement process for each while the district updates its enrolment forecasts considering the changes to various housing legislation.

Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications

Appendix – Capital Projects Update

COMPLETED – 12 Projects		
1	Henry Hudson Elementary	Seismic replacement (390 safe seats)
2	David Livingstone Elementary	Seismic upgrade (365 safe seats)
3	Chief Maquinna Elementary	Seismic upgrade (250 safe seats)
4	Lord Selkirk Elementary	Seismic upgrade (750 safe seats)
5	Lord Byng Secondary	Seismic upgrade (1,200 safe seats)
6	Weir Elementary	Seismic upgrade/partial replacement (465 safe seats)
7	Edith Cavell Elementary	Seismic upgrade (290 safe seats)
8	General Wolfe Elementary	Seismic upgrade (390 safe seats)
9	Eric Hamber Secondary	Seismic replacement (1,700 safe seats)
10	David Lloyd George Elementary	Seismic replacement (440 safe seats)
11	wəkwahəs tə syaqwəm (Begbie Elementary)	Seismic replacement (340 safe seats)
12	Bayview Elementary	Seismic replacement (365 safe seats)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION – 3 projects		
1	Henry Hudson Elementary	Expansion (145 seats) – Occupancy Sept 2025
2	Sir Wilfred Grenfell	Seismic upgrade (465 safe seats) – Occupancy Sept 2026
3	Coal Harbour Elementary*	New school (340 seats) – Occupancy Sept 2025

* This project is fully funded by the Vancouver Board of Education.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT – 1 project		
1	Olympic Village Elementary	New school (640 seats) – Occupancy fall 2029

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Title: Prefabricated Additions

Issue: To provide background on the delivery of prefabricated classrooms in B.C.'s public K-12 sector and an overview of investments to date.

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Between Q1 2020 and Q4 2024, Statistics Canada has estimated that British Columbia's population increased by approximately 500,000, with total population increasing from 5.2 million to 5.7 million.
 - At the same time, enrolment in B.C.'s public schools increased by 45,000 students, with the student headcount increasing from 524,000 to 569,000.
- Traditionally, school districts responded to emergent enrolment growth by using their operating funding to purchase portable classrooms. However, the rate of enrolment growth has reduced the feasibility of this approach.
- Working with high-growth school districts to identify solutions, prefabricated classroom technology was identified as a means to construct new enrolling space quickly.
- Prefabricated classrooms are delivered in half the time and half the cost of traditional construction.
- Since September 2023, government has approved \$475.5 million for 37 projects that, when complete, will create 317 new classrooms and almost 7,900 student spaces in high-growth districts and growing communities.
 - To date, eight projects have attained occupancy, and many more are scheduled to open for the 25/26 school year.
- Communities receiving the new additions include Burnaby, Colwood, Coquitlam, Dawson Creek, Kelowna, Langford, Langley, Peace River (North and South), Richmond, and Surrey.
- As part of *Budget 2025*, there is over ^{Government Financial Information} funding allocated for more prefabricated school addition projects.
- Prefabricated classrooms are built to a LEED Gold Standard with 30+ year life cycles. They are built with occupant health and safety in mind (e.g. thermal comfort via HVAC systems inclusive of cooling) and are designed to meet the accessibility needs of students and staff.
- Many of the initial prefabricated projects that were approved in September 2023 are now occupied and have received very positive feedback from stakeholders, such as teachers and students.

Prefabricated Projects Funded to Date

Round	Total Classrooms
1 (Fall 2023)	104
2 (Spring 2024)	81
3 (Spring 2024)	43
4 (Summer 2024)	89

Round	School District	Facility Name	Number of Classrooms	New Seats Added
1	59 - Peace River South	Crescent Park Elementary	5	125
1	62 - Sooke	David Cameron Elementary	8	190
1	41 - Burnaby	Kitchener Elementary*	15	375
1	36 - Surrey	Lena Shaw Elementary	8	200
1	23 - Central Okanagan	North Glenmore Elementary	5	125
1	35 - Langley	Richard Bulpitt Elementary	6	150
1	62 - Sooke	Ruth King Elementary	8	190
1	38 - Richmond	Samuel Brighthouse Elementary	6	150
1	43 - Coquitlam	Scott Creek Middle	10	250
1	36 - Surrey	Walnut Road Elementary*	12	300
1	38 - Richmond	William Cook Elementary	5	125
1	36 - Surrey	Woodland Park Elementary	16	400
2	34 - Abbotsford	Abbotsford Middle	8	200
2	71 - Comox Valley	Aspen Park Elementary	11	275
2	43 - Coquitlam	Charles Best Elementary	12	300
2	23 - Central Okanagan	Chief Tomat Elementary	7	175
2	41 - Burnaby	Kitchener Elementary*	5	125
2	36 - Surrey	Martha Currie Elementary	6	150
2	35 - Langley	Nicomekl Elementary	8	200
2	36 - Surrey	Old Yale Elementary*	10	250
2	38 - Richmond	RC Talmey Elementary	6	150
2	36 - Surrey	Walnut Road Elementary*	4	100
2	44 - North Vancouver	Westview Elementary	4	100



3	33 - Chilliwack	AD Rundle Middle*	12	300
3	36 - Surrey	Latimer Road Elementary	6	150
3	36 - Surrey	Old Yale Elementary	7	175
3	68 - Nanaimo Ladysmith	Wellington Secondary	6	150
3	36 - Surrey	William Watson Elementary	12	300
4	41 - Burnaby	Alpha Secondary	12	300
4	42 - Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows	Blue Mountain Elementary	5	120
4	68 - Nanaimo Ladysmith	Chase River Elementary	5	125
4	60 - Peace River North	Dr. Kearney Middle School	8	200
4	38 - Richmond	FA Tomsett Elementary	9	225
4	36 - Surrey	George Greenaway Elementary	14	335
4	42 - Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows	Golden Ears Elementary	8	195
4	37 - Delta	Ladner Elementary	6	150
4	35 - Langley	Lynn Fripps Elementary	6	150
4	41 - Burnaby	Nelson Elementary	4	100
4	82 - Coast Mountains	Suwilaawks Community School	4	95
4	23 - Central Okanagan	Webber Elementary	8	190
Totals			317	7865

Note: Projects marked with an asterisk received a scope increase through a subsequent funding round.

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Title: School Capital (General)

Issue: To provide an overview of school capital investment since 2017 and new investments through *Budget 2025*

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Since September 2017, government has approved over \$6.0 billion for 226 school capital projects, including new schools, additions, and seismic upgrades. These investments include:
 - The creation of over 38,000 seismically safe seats;
 - Almost 43,000 new student seats;
 - Construction and delivery of additional prefabricated classrooms in growing communities like Surrey, Burnaby, Langley, and Langford/Colwood; and,
 - The acquisition of 27 sites for future schools in growing communities.
- *Budget 2025* includes \$4.2 billion of provincial capital funding (\$4.6 billion including school district contributions) over the next three years to continue to address the need for new schools, additions, seismic mitigation projects, and routine maintenance across the sector (See table 1).
 - Compared to the total investment through *Budget 2024*, *Budget 2025* is 12% higher.

Government Financial Information

- Since 2021, the majority of school capital investment has focused on addressing enrolment pressures. In response to pressures, government has leveraged tools like prefabricated additions to rapidly deliver new classrooms in high-growth districts.



- To date, government has approved \$475.5 million for 37 projects that, when complete, will create 317 new classrooms and almost 7,900 student spaces in high-growth districts and growing communities.

Government Financial Information

Note: Table 1 reflects provincial funding only. Table 2 includes provincial funding and school district contributions.

Title: School Fires – Trembath, Woodland, & Carihi

Issue: Overview of Fires Impacting Multiple School Districts

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The School Protection Program (SPP) provides self-insurance for the public K-12 education system.
- Self-insurance has saved the Schools, Universities, Colleges, and Hospitals (SUCH) sector a significant amount of money that would have been put towards commercial insurance premium costs according to the Ministry of Finance.
- School districts are covered for claims from property loss/damage (e.g. fire), boiler and machinery loss/damage, crime, general liability, employment practices liability, and directors' and officers' liability.
- SPP acquires ICBC coverage on behalf of all school districts for their vehicles.
- Districts may also purchase Optional Property Program coverage through Risk Management Branch at the Ministry of Finance for surplus buildings leased to other parties (e.g., local government, community groups, the Province).
- In the last two years, three school districts have been impacted by significant fires that have resulted in major losses.
- Hazel Trembath Elementary
 - On October 14, 2023, Hazel Trembath Elementary was destroyed by a fire in Port Coquitlam. In the aftermath, government supported the Coquitlam School District, parents, and students by providing resources and funding to help with temporary accommodations for students and staff, offer transportation, and provide site cleanup of the existing location.
 - The Coquitlam School District immediately moved all impacted students and staff to a new learning location, with the entire school community kept together.
 - Since the fire, ministry staff have been working closely with the Coquitlam District leadership team and will continue working with them on a path forward that will best serve the needs of the community and meet the mandate of the ministry.
 - Through *Budget 2025*, the Coquitlam School District has been supported to proceed to business case to address the loss of Hazel Trembath Elementary.
- Amy Woodland Elementary
 - On June 30, 2024, Amy Woodland Elementary suffered extensive fire damage in Cranbrook.

- The gymnasium experienced the most significant damage which will require a complete rebuild above the foundation while the remainder of the school will require stripping down to the studs including all finishes, attachments, windows, doors, mechanical and electrical work.
 - The building inspector advised the facility will need to meet the current building code which triggers the need for a roof system upgrade and the installation of a fire sprinkler system.
 - When the structural loss of Amy Woodland occurred, government supported the Southeast Kootenay School District, parents, and students by providing resources and funding to help with temporary accommodations for students and staff, to cover transportation costs, and to provide site clean-up of Amy Woodland.
 - Since the fire, ministry staff have been working closely with the Southeast Kootenay District and will continue working with them on a path forward that will best serve the needs of the community and meet the mandate of the ministry.
 - Through *Budget 2025*, the Southeast Kootenay School District has been supported to proceed to a business case to remediate the damage to Amy Woodland Elementary.
- Carihi Secondary
 - On November 21, 2024, Carihi Secondary in Campbell River suffered damage due to a fire resulting from spontaneous combustion from a reaction between cooking oils, heat from laundering, and inadequate ventilation.
 - Two major areas of the school were damaged, and repairs will need to be made to the gymnasium, theatre stage, foods classroom, and several other classroom spaces.
 - Since the fire, ministry staff have been working closely with the Campbell River District and will continue working with them on a path forward that will best serve the needs of the community and meet the mandate of the ministry.
 - Through *Budget 2025*, the Campbell River School District has been supported to proceed to business case to remediate the damage to Carihi Secondary.

Title: **School Maintenance**

Issue: **Minor capital programs supporting repair and maintenance projects at existing school facilities.**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- All 60 school districts provide annual capital plan submissions requesting minor capital project approvals and funding from seven minor capital programs to support repair and maintenance projects at school facilities.
 - Annual Facility Grant (AFG) – formulaically determined lump-sum amount provided via capital and operating portions to every school district to address emergent/unanticipated school facility issues arising throughout the fiscal year.
 - Building Envelope Program (BEP) – per project funding provided to remediate building envelope failure issues from a pre-determined list of vulnerable schools.
 - Bus Acquisition Program (BUS) – per bus funding provided for replacement of existing buses reaching age/mileage thresholds or net new buses in growth areas.
 - Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) – per project funding provided to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide operating cost savings from energy efficiency related projects at school facilities.
 - Food Infrastructure Program (FIP) – per project funding provided to create, improve or expand food infrastructure at school facilities.
 - Playground Equipment Program (PEP) – per project funding provided for installation of accessible playground equipment at school facilities.
 - School Enhancement Program (SEP) – per project funding provided for building system and component upgrades and replacements to extend lifespan of school facilities.
- AFG, BEP, CNCP and SEP are budgeted through the Routine Capital Funding Envelope and address rising deferred maintenance and facility condition items at school facilities.
- BUS, FIP and PEP are budgeted through the Priority Investments Funding Envelope and provide facility enhancements and supplemental services at school facilities.



Title: **Seismic Mitigation Program**

Issue: **To provide an overview of investment in the Seismic Mitigation Program, progress to date, and key considerations regarding seismic projects.**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Since September 2017, government has approved approximately \$1.9 billion in seismic upgrades or replacements at 70 schools provincewide to create over 38,000 seismically safe seats.
- Each project is assessed in a business case to consider options such as: structural upgrades, partial upgrade and replacement, or full replacement. Assessments are based on facility condition, age, risk rating, and enrolment projections.
- The Seismic Mitigation Program typically funds the lowest cost option to get students into seismically safe environments; however, other needs such as additions to address enrolment growth, are considered as part of the business case.
- Currently there are 247 future priorities, with five projects in business case, ten proceeding to construction, eight under construction, and 228 schools completed.
- The number of schools considered to be at risk during an earthquake varies over time based on changes to the building code, and improved understanding of how buildings of different construction types perform under earthquake forces.
- The Seismic Mitigation Program has been focused on creating the greatest number of safe seats in the most cost-effective manner. When a retrofit is the lowest-cost option the scope of work only includes the areas impacted by structural strengthening. No additional funding is provided for electrical, mechanical, or functional upgrades to the facility.
- Seismic replacements are considered when the cost of retrofitting the existing school is similar to that of a new build. Replacements will also consider growth and be designed to meet the ten-year projected enrolment.

Seismic Retrofit Guidelines:

- The Seismic Retrofit Guidelines (SRG) are managed in partnership between the ministry and Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. They apply to schools built before 1992 when the modern seismic code was adopted.
- The intent of SRG is to strengthen schools to ensure life safety, or safe egress post-earthquake, not necessarily for post-disaster occupancy.
- The current SRG is SRG2023 which is the fifth complete release of the document. Updates are based upon changes to the building code, data related to seismic faults, and information gained from the University of British Columbia seismic testing lab.

- SRG classifies facilities by their risk of structural collapse during a major earthquake. Risk Ratings are High 1, High 2, and High 3 in descending order of risk. Facilities rated Medium and Low will only require non-structural upgrades, such as securing equipment.
- Most high-risk facilities are rated H1. To assess those at the greatest risk a secondary assessment project was completed to review which buildings would be at risk of collapse under a less severe, but more likely to occur event. This resulted in the Probable Event Risk Rating which classifies buildings from P1 as the highest risk, to P4 which are unlikely to suffer catastrophic collapse under a lesser event.

RISK (On a Block Basis)	RISK DEFINITION (Risk Levels based on the NBC Code Hazard which is the Maximum Credible Earthquake (2% in 50 Years))
High 1 (H1)	Most vulnerable structure; at highest risk of widespread damage or structural failure. Not reparable after event. Structural and non-structural seismic upgrades required.
High 2 (H2)	Vulnerable structure; at high risk of widespread damage or structural failure. Likely not reparable after event. Structural and non-structural seismic upgrades required.
High 3 (H3)	Isolated failure to building elements is expected; building not likely reparable after event. Structural and non-structural seismic upgrades required.
Medium (M)	Isolated damage to building elements is expected; non-structural elements (such as bookshelves, lighting) are at risk of failure. Non-structural upgrades required. Building to be upgraded or replaced within the Capital Plan when it has reached the end of its useful life.
Low (L)	Least vulnerable structure. Would experience isolated damage and would probably be reparable after an event. Non-structural upgrades may be required.

Rating	Probable Event Risk Ratings (The following Priority Rankings are based on a Moderate Earthquake (5% in 50 Years))
P1	Total damage in a moderate earthquake. Highest life safety consequences. Demolition after event.
P2	High probability of total damage in a moderate earthquake. High life safety consequences. Demolition likely after event.
P3	Moderate probability of total damage in a moderate earthquake. Moderate life safety risk. Costly repairs after event.
P4	Least probability of total damage in a moderate earthquake. Low life safety risk. Readily repairable after event.

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Title: Cancer Care

Issue: Summary of capital investments to increase cancer services capacity

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- As a service of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), BC Cancer has a mandate to deliver a comprehensive range of specialized oncology care throughout British Columbia through regional cancer centres and through partnerships with Community Oncology Network sites and primary care providers.
- BC Cancer's mandate covers the spectrum of cancer care, from prevention and screening, to diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation and includes setting treatment standards, and conducting research into causes of, and cures for, cancer.
- Since 2017, Government has invested \$371.28 million in capital projects for BC Cancer, including pharmacy upgrades, Information Management & Information Technology, linear accelerator replacements, new positron emission tomography-computed tomography (PET/CT) installs in Victoria and Kelowna, PET/CT replacements, other major equipment, and general renovations. Note: this does not include the major capital projects led by regional Health Authorities (e.g. New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre).
- The Ministry of Infrastructure's capital plan includes significant capital investments to increase cancer services capacity. Four projects will add net new cancer centres to the health care system, and one project will add a new cyclotron and radiopharmacy.
- Government added ^{Government Financial Information} in *Budget 2024* to support various projects that enable the Ministry of Health's 10 Year Cancer Plan.
 - Table 1 summarizes the major cancer projects in the capital plan.
 - The scope, schedule, and budget for projects still in planning is confidential and not publicly disclosed.
 - Prior to the additional major projects and investments on Table 1, the last major capital project to expand cancer treatment was the BC Cancer Centre of the North in Prince George, which was approved in 2008 and completed in 2012 (see Table 2).
 - Government's 10-year Cancer Action Plan was released on February 24, 2023. The plan includes priorities that will have capital implications and it includes specific actions to create evergreen IMIT and capital plans and to advance immediate capital and IMIT needs.

Table 1. Major cancer projects in the capital plan

Project	Status	Significant Cancer Scope	Schedule	Total Capital Cost
New Surrey Hospital & BC Cancer Centre (NSHBCCC)	Construction	Net new cancer centre with 6 linear accelerators (LINACs) (1 shelled, 5 fit out), 2 PET/CT, 1 Cyclotron, systemic therapy, ambulatory care exam rooms, clinical trials unit and other services.	- Construction Start: September 2023 - Construction Completion: Oct 2029 - Available to Patients: Feb 2030	\$2,882 million
Burnaby Hospital Phase 2 and BC Cancer Centre (BH2BCCC)	Procurement (Alliance Development Phase)	Net new cancer centre with space for 5 LINACs (3 fit out, 2 shelled), space for 2 PET/CT (1 fit out, 1 shelled), systemic therapy, ambulatory care exam rooms, clinical trials unit, and other services.	- Procurement: Sept 2023 – Jun 2024 - Project Alliance Agreement Contract Award: Oct 2025 - Construction Completion (Tower): Aug 2029 - Available to Patients: Jan 2030	\$1,731 million
New Cyclotron at the Institute for Advanced Medical Isotopes (IAMII)	Construction	Cyclotron & Radiopharmacy laboratory	- Construction Completion: Oct 2025 - Go Live: Oct 2026	\$25 million
New Cancer Centre in Kamloops	Procurement	3 net new LINACs, 1 net new MRI, Oncology Ambulatory Care Unit, parkade, host hospital expansion to pharmacy, and CON systemic therapy expansion.	- Approval of Business Plan: Jan 2024 - Procurement: Feb 2024 – Apr 2025 - Construction Completion: Jul 2028 - Available to Patients: Dec 2028	\$359 million
New Cancer Centre in Nanaimo	Design & Tender	4 net new LINACs, 1 net new PET/CT machine, Oncology Ambulatory Care, expansion of host hospital CON, systemic therapy, inpatient bed expansion (6), and oncology pharmacy.	- Approval of Business Plan: Feb 2024 - Construction Completion: Jan 2028 - Available to Patients: Jul 2028	\$289 million
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Table 2: Summary of Existing Regional Cancer Centres

Cancer Centre	Host Hospital	Year Opened	# of LINACS	# of PET/CT Machines	Cyclotron on Site?
BC Cancer Vancouver	Vancouver General Hospital	1980	9	2	Yes
BC Cancer Surrey	Surrey Memorial Hospital	1995	5		No
BC Cancer Abbotsford	Abbotsford Regional Hospital	2008	4		No
BC Cancer Kelowna	Kelowna General Hospital	1998	5	1	No
BC Cancer Victoria	Royal Jubilee Hospital	2001	6	1	No
BC Cancer Prince George	University Hospital of Northern BC	2012	2		No
Total			31	4	

Title: CT/MRI/PET Inventory

Issue: A current inventory of Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) machines in B.C. hospitals.

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Since 2017, the number of MRI scanners in B.C. has increased from 25 to 44, an increase of 19 scanners or an increase of 76%.
- Since 2017, the number of CT scanners in B.C. has increased from 63 to 74, an increase of 11 scanners or an increase of 17%.

MRI Machines

- As part of B.C.'s strategy to help address increasing demand and waitlists for MRI services, additional funding of \$20 million for new MRI machines was announced in February 2017. This funding has been used to acquire four new MRI machines at the following hospitals:
 - Ridge Meadows Hospital – Opened to patients December 2020.
 - Nanaimo Regional Hospital – Opened to patients March 2020.
 - Vernon Jubilee Hospital – Opened to patients October 2019.
 - Jim Pattison Outpatient and Surgical Centre – Opened to patients May 2019.
- Increased MRI capacity at other locations has also been provided:
 - Penticton Regional Hospital – Opened to patients in August 2019.
 - Royal Jubilee Hospital – Opened to patients October 2019.
 - Langley Memorial Hospital – Opened to patients December 2020.
 - St. Paul's Hospital – Opened to patients June 2021.
 - Vancouver General Hospital – Opened to patients 2023.
 - Provincial Mobile MRI Unit – Currently at Sechelt Hospital – Opened to patients November 2024.
- In October 2018, Fraser Health Authority took ownership of two privately owned MRI clinics: Surrey MRI and Fraser Valley MRI clinic in Abbotsford (two net MRI machines).
- In April 2021, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority took ownership of a privately owned MRI clinic (one MRI machine).

PET/CT Machines

- In 2005, the first PET/CT scanner was installed at the BC Cancer Agency Vancouver Centre and was subsequently replaced in March 2011. A second PET/CT scanner was installed in July 2011.
- In July 2019, a new PET/CT was installed at the Victoria BC Cancer Agency.
- In August 2020, a new PET/CT was installed at the Kelowna BC Cancer Agency (Sindi Ahluwalia Hawkins Centre) on the campus of the Kelowna General Hospital.

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Table 1: Number of MRI, PET/CT, and CT machines as of March 2025

Health Authority	MRI	PET/CT	CT
Fraser Health Authority	12	0	18
Interior Health Authority	6	0	14
Northern Health Authority	3	0	8
Provincial Health Services Authority	4	4	5
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	10	0	17
Vancouver Island Health Authority	9	0	12
Total Provincial	44	4	74

Table 2: Future MRI/PET/CT capacity (approved)

Health Authority	Project	Year ¹	MRI	PET/CT	CT
Fraser Health Authority	Surrey Memorial Hospital – Mobile MRI	2025	1	0	0
Fraser Health Authority	Royal Columbian Hospital Phase 2/3	2029	2	0	3
Fraser Health Authority	New Surrey Hospital & Cancer Centre	2030	1	2	1
Fraser Health Authority	Burnaby Hospital Redevelopment – Phase 2 and BC Cancer Centre	2030	0	1 (+1 Shell)	2
Interior Health Authority	Kelowna General Hospital	2025	1	0	0
Interior Health Authority	Kamloops Cancer Centre	2028	1	0	0
Interior Health Authority	Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital - MRI	2028	1	0	0
Northern Health Authority	Kitimat Regional Hospital - CT	2026	0	0	1
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Squamish General Hospital - CT	2025	0	0	1
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Richmond Hospital - CT	2025	0	0	1
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Lions Gate Hospital - MRI	2026	1	0	0
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	New St. Paul's Hospital	2027	0	1	1
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	Richmond Hospital Redevelopment	2029	1	0	2
Vancouver Island Health Authority	Cowichan District Hospital Redevelopment	2027	1	0	1
Vancouver Island Health Authority	Nanaimo Cancer Centre	2029	0	1	0
Total Provincial			10	6	13

¹ The installation dates will vary depending on the project and are subject to change.

Title: Cowichan District Hospital – Community Benefits Agreement

Issue: Overview of the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project and Community Benefits Agreement

Scope:	The project will replace the existing hospital from 1967 and provide high quality health care services for the growing communities of the Cowichan Valley.
Budget:	The estimated project cost is \$1.446 billion, shared between the Province through VIHA (\$1.148 billion – 79%), the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District (\$282.6 million – 20%), with support from the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation (\$15 million – 1%).
Status:	Underway

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Construction on the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project started in January 2023.
- Substantial completion is expected in November 2026 with the facility opening to patients in May 2027.
- The new hospital will be 56,448 square-metres (607,601 square-feet), more than three times larger than the current facility and will have capacity for 204 beds. At present, the hospital on Gibbins Road can operate 148 beds.
- The new hospital will also include an emergency department with 36 spaces and two trauma bays, seven operating rooms, nine surgical procedure rooms, CT and MRI, 800 parking stalls and a roof top helipad.
- The new hospital will be the first fully electric hospital in B.C. and will be built to LEED Gold® (Version 4) standards. It will be 30% more energy efficient and 60% more water efficient than the current CDH with a 75% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project is the first major health capital project to be delivered under the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) model. CBAs increase training and employment opportunities on the construction site for apprentices, locals, Indigenous peoples, and under-represented groups such as women and youth who want a lifelong career in skilled trades.
- The CBA requires all workers to join one of the 19 unions represented by the Allied Infrastructure & Related Construction Council of BC for the duration of the project.
- Under the CBA some workers are eligible for an exemption “permit” for work that is typically of an emergency or temporary nature, or of a specialty application that requires qualifications for work that the appropriate affiliate may not be able to provide.

- On earlier CBA projects, permits were available for Indigenous contractors or Indigenous persons, but that article was removed from the CBA effective November 2021.
- The contract for the tree/site clearing work was awarded to a Khowutzun Development Corporation (KDC) member company by Ellis Don+Parkin's civil works subcontractor, Hall Constructors.
- Once BC Infrastructure Benefits (BCIB) learned that a KDC member contractor was awarded a contract, KDC was advised their workers were required to join the relevant union or they could not work on the site.
- KDC and its contractor took great offence to this requirement and the contractor staged a peaceful protest that closed the construction site for 11 days in December 2022.
- Since that time, an agreement was reached between BCIB and Ellis Don+Parkin where the Allied Infrastructure & Related Construction Council of BC allowed an exemption for the KDC contractor to provide approximately 3,000 hours of trucking, on-site grubbing and tree clearing, as well as site prep on the temporary north parking lot, and the sub-trade for prep on the east parking lot.
- Prior to the labour issues, the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project had done good work on engaging with Cowichan Tribes and other First Nations served by the hospital to seek input on healthcare services and facility design.
- The Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project team will be working with the Indigenous Advisory Committee and Indigenous patient partners to inform these and other aspects of culturally safe services and care at the new hospital.
- Design features resulting from the engagement include gathering space for ceremonial and cultural protocol, an Indigenous garden with traditional plants used for medicine, a separate Indigenous kitchen serving traditional foods, and incorporating Indigenous languages through signage and other methods.

Title: Long-Term Care Capital

Issue: Status update on Long-term Care (LTC) renewal and expansion capital envelope

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Since establishing the LTC renewal and expansion envelope in *Budget 2019*, Treasury Board has approved \$2.5 billion in total projects costs (\$1.9 billion in provincial funding) to support 12 health authority owned/operated LTC projects.

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Project Name	Location	# LTC Beds	# Beds Replaced	# Net New Beds	Announced	Project Status	Expected Construction Complete	Approved Total Project Cost \$000	Approved Provincial Funding \$000
St. Vincent's Heather Care Home	Vancouver	240	225	15	22-Mar-23	Design	Jun-2028	206,754	206,754
Western Communities LTC home	Colwood	306	-	306	3-Mar-23	Design	Dec-2027	223,694	156,585
Cottage-Worthington Replacement	Abbotsford	200	109	91	22-Jun-23	Design	Sep-2028	210,914	157,469
Richmond Lions Manor Replacement	Richmond	158	86	72	22-Jun-23	Design	Jul-2029	177,653	177,653
Mountain View Manor Replacement	Delta	200	92	108	8-Jun-23	Design	Oct-2028	179,702	161,452
Campbell River LTC	Campbell R.	153	-	153	19-Jul-23	Design	TBD (2028)	134,074	80,444
Nanaimo (Lantzville) LTC	Nanaimo	306	-	306	19-Oct-23	Design	Dec-2027	285,762	171,457
FW Green Replacement (2 phases)	Cranbrook	148	60	88	18-Sep-23	Design	Jul'26/Nov'28	156,494	93,896
Cottonwoods Replacement (2 phases)	Kelowna	234	221	13	28-Jun-24	Design	Feb'27/Dec'28	186,871	112,123
Chilliwack LTC (Bradley Replacement)	Chilliwack	200	90	110	19-Aug-24	Procurement	Jan-2029	274,091	246,091
Hilltop LTC Replacement	Squamish	152	58	94	9-Sep-24	Pre-Procurement	Aug-2030	285,916	285,916
Fort St. John (NOT ANNOUNCED)	Fort St. John	84	-	84	TBD	Pre-Procurement	TBD	154,960	92,976
Total		2,381	941	1,440				2,476,885	1,942,816

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- Total project cost includes child care and adult day program spaces as well as energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction costs required by government. This is important when comparing to private sector costs per bed who do not have these requirements.

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- Fraser Health submitted a business plan for the 300 bed Langley LTC project on August 31, 2024. Government Financial Information
- *Budget 2025* does not provide funding for the Langley LTC project.
- History of LTC Renewal and Expansion Envelope
 - *Budget 2019*: Treasury Board approved \$130 million.
 - *Budget 2020*: Treasury Board approved a funding envelope totaling \$1.31 billion, which was retained as part of Budget 2021 and Budget 2022.
 - *Budget 2023*: Treasury Board approved an increase to the funding envelope of \$732 million, bringing the total envelope to just over \$2 billion.
 - *Budget 2024*: Treasury Board approved an additional \$1.17 billion, bringing the total LTC funding envelope to just over \$3.2 billion. The additional funding was frozen subject to Treasury Board approval a project prioritization framework. The framework was approved in August 2024.

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Title: Oak Bay Lodge Property

Issue: Redevelopment of the former Oak Bay Lodge property

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Oak Bay Lodge was a four-storey 235-bed long-term care facility constructed in 1972 as a privately-owned executive retirement home. It was purchased by the Province in 1979.
- The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) sold the property to the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) in 2016. The sale agreement included a restrictive covenant that the land is to be used for the public good, such as health services and supportive housing.
- Due to a high degree of physical and functional deficiencies, the lodge could not be cost-effectively renovated to modern care standards. The building closed in summer 2020 and residents were relocated to the Summit at Quadra Village. The Summit is a new 320-bed long-term care home that primarily serves seniors with complex care needs.
- In July 2020, the District of Oak Bay passed a motion requiring a comprehensive planning and consultation process. The CRHD led two rounds of public consultation in January and February 2021, and July and August 2021. A third round of community consultation may be undertaken prior to the submission of a development proposal to the District of Oak Bay.
- Demolition of lodge was completed in 2022 and the site has been graded.
- Based on public consultation and needs analysis, VIHA has developed a draft functional program for an integrated model of care for the site with a focus on seniors' health, with an option that includes the addition of a primary care practice.
- VIHA and the CRHD will each require approval from their respective boards on the final design, cost, and funding of any proposed redevelopment project at the site. Any potential project involving VIHA would require a business plan to be submitted to and approved by Government.
- In spring 2024, Colliers was hired via a Request for Proposals to collaborate with VIHA in evaluating the most viable use of the property, focusing on options that would involve non-government funding. Colliers is currently examining the potential combinations of partners and uses for the site and is maintaining regular and frequent communication with VIHA.

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Title: **Regional Hospital Districts**

Issue: **Regional Hospital Districts (RHDs) and the *Hospital District Act*.**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- RHDs were created under the *Hospital District Act* (the Act) in 1967 to provide the local share of capital costs for the province's hospitals and health facilities.
- The Ministry of Health (HLTH) has identified several key issues with the current capital cost-sharing model:

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- Issues with the Act have been the subject of many meetings and resolutions at the Union of BC Municipalities over the past four to five years.

Cabinet Confidences

¹ *BC Stats, Municipal and sub-provincial areas population, 2011 to 2024*

- The following table shows the percentage contribution of each source of capital funding for the last 5 years:

Government Financial Information; Intergovernmental Communications

- The following table shows the RHD contribution by Health Authority as a percentage of all capital funding for the last 5 years:

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Background:

- RHDs were initially created to plan and finance hospital construction. In 2001, BC made significant changes to the health care system by amalgamating 52 regional health boards into six health authorities. Under the current model, health authorities are responsible for health care service delivery and planning, leaving RHDs primarily responsible for raising the local share of project costs through property taxation.
- RHDs are separate entities from regional districts; however, they are governed by boards of directors that usually consist of the same directors as regional district boards. Currently, there are 23 RHDs and 28 regional districts across the province.
- From 1967 to 2003, the *Hospital Insurance Act* Regulations explicitly referenced the province's contribution to capital costs for health facilities of 60%. The 2003 amendments eliminated this predetermined cost-share ratio (60:40) to fund capital projects. However, the province continues to expect a regional contribution of 40% for health capital projects.
- In 2003, as a response to requests made by RHDs, HLTH and the Union of BC Municipalities co-sponsored the "Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review" to examine capital cost sharing processes between HLTH, health authorities and RHDs, which concluded with 15 recommendations.
- In 2008, a second review, "A Review of the 2003 Cost Sharing Review" was completed as a progress report on the original 2003 review, specifically examining potential barriers to implementing the original recommendations.

Title: New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre

Issue: Status of the New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre project

Scope:	The project is a net new integrated community hospital and cancer centre of approximately 70,000 m² in size that includes: • Inpatient services with 168 acuity adaptable inpatient beds. • Virtual care throughout all clinical service areas. • Surgical/perioperative suite with five operating rooms (includes one brachytherapy suite), four procedure rooms. • Emergency department with 55 treatment spaces. • Outpatient ambulatory care with 27 exam rooms/chairs. • Medical imaging department, including three CT scanners and two MRI machines. • Pharmacy, laboratory, academic spaces, and facility and clinical support services and space for spiritual care. • New BC Cancer Centre with an oncology ambulatory care unit with 50 exam rooms; 54 chemotherapy treatment spaces; room for 6 linear accelerators for radiation therapy (five equipped at opening); functional imaging, including two PET/CT machines and a new Cyclotron for production of radioisotopes; clinical trials unit, oncology pharmacy, and administrative space. • Parking of approximately 730 stalls, including surface and underground parking. • A stand alone 49 space Childcare Centre.
Budget:	\$2.88 billion, with \$2.82 billion funded by the Province and the remaining \$60 million by the BC Cancer and Surrey Hospitals Foundations.
Status:	In construction

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre project is currently under construction, with completion expected late 2029 and opening to patients in 2030.
- The Design Builder for the project, EllisDon Design Build Inc. EllisDon is responsible for completing the design and construction of the new facility. Current activity includes: design development and completion of bulk excavation, benching and tiebacks, continued dewatering, groundwater contamination treatment, raft slab barrettes, P2 raft slab and off-site civil works. Three tower cranes are installed. Substructure completion is estimated in March with ascending construction to begin thereafter.
- The project, including scope of services, was planned through the detailed concept and business planning process, led by Fraser Health Authority (FHA) in partnership with BC Cancer and Provincial Health Services Authority.
 - On December 18, 2017, the planning for a new hospital was announced.
 - In July 2019, Treasury Board approved the concept plan for the hospital, and for FHA to proceed to business planning for a preferred site beside Kwantlen

Polytechnic University (KPU) at 5500 180 Street in Cloverdale. This approval was announced on December 9, 2019.

- Formal First Nations consultation with the Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo (KKS) on the land transfer from KPU to FHA took place between December 2019 and May 2022. The land transfer was approved by Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills on June 24, 2022 and a purchase and sale agreement was executed January 9 2023.
- On June 17, 2020, Treasury Board approved the addition of an integrated cancer centre and rightsizing of the host hospital to the project scope.
- Treasury Board approved the business plan in March 2021 with a total project cost of \$1.66 billion.
- Government announced the release for qualifications in November 2021.
- Request for proposals was issued June 30, 2022 to two shortlist proponents, EllisDon Design Build Inc. and PCL Construction Ltd. At the time, the announcement indicated that the construction was expected to start in summer 2023, with the facility scheduled to be ready for patients in 2027.

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- Preferred proponent approval occurred July 2023 and early works agreement in August 2023. FHA executed a design build agreement and enhanced inclusion development agreement with EllisDon in September 2023.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 12, 2023, including representation from the KKS First Nations.
- The project will increase capacity to improve access services and help meet the needs of a growing and aging population, while reducing congestion at Surrey Memorial Hospital, Jim Pattison Outpatient Care & Surgery Centre and at BC Cancer – Surrey.
- The new state-of-the-art smart hospital will be digitally equipped and technologically advanced. It will be a fully electric hospital – one of the first in Canada.
- The project will support Government policy objectives, including energy conservation measures; child care spaces; and labour objectives, including apprentices and underrepresented groups in construction, and Indigenous business opportunities.

Title: Surrey Memorial Hospital

Issue: Update on priority investment capital projects at Surrey Memorial Hospital

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- On June 7, 2023, the Minister of Health announced “Collective efforts to better support patients, health-care workers in Surrey.”¹ The announcement included commitments to short and medium-term actions to improve access to health care at the Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) campus, and to refresh clinical service planning to determine how and where services should be delivered in Surrey and the broader region.
- A total of 30 initiatives were included in the news release, including operating/clinical services initiatives and several medium-term actions with capital requirements.
- Subsequently, Ministry of Health and Fraser Health Authority engaged in work to advance the capital projects and complete a clinical services planning exercise and master site planning.

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- Business planning for the SMH T2 project was announced on March 11, 2024, and is expected to take 15-18 months. The announcement noted the new tower is expected to add acute and specialized care capacity to the Surrey Memorial Hospital campus, such as medical, surgical, pediatric, perinatal, women’s-health, and mental-health and stroke care.

Table 1. Summary of SMH Actions Funding Envelope projects

Project	Status	Scope	Schedule	Approved Capital Cost
Hemodialysis Renal Unit (Stand-alone Facility)	Construction	2 storey renal hemodialysis centre with 21 hemodialysis treatment pods, staff and technical support space, parking.	- Announcement of project: Mar 2024 - Construction Start: Aug 2024 - Construction Completion: Jun 2026 - Available to Patients: Jul 2026	Government Financial Information
Interventional Catheterization and Interventional Radiology (IC/IR)	Construction	4 image enabled suites (2 IC/2 IR), 29 pre and post op beds and related support. Part 1 is enabling works, part 2 is IC/IR suites and part 3 is IR pre-procedure space	- Ministry approval: July 2024 - Part 1 completion: Mar 2025 - Part 2 (IC IR Suites) complete: Nov 2025 - Part 3 Completion: Jun 2026	

¹ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HLTH0081-000894>



Project	Status	Scope	Schedule	Approved Capital Cost
Cardiac Computed tomography (CT) at Jim Pattison Outpatient and Surgery Centre	Design & Tender	A net new CT suite. Phased renovations of decanted spaces.	- Design completion: Feb 2025 - Start of Construction: Aug 2025 - CT Go Live: Oct 2026	Government Financial Information
Mobile MRI	Construction	Mobile MRI trailer to provide MRI capacity during construction of MRI department expansion	- Approval of Business Plan: Jan 2024 - Procurement: Feb 2024 – Apr 2025 - Construction Completion: Jul 2028 - Available to Patients: Dec 2028	
MRI Department Chiller & Cooling Tower	Permitting & Tender	2 new chillers, cooling tower, air handling and transformer	- Ministry Approval: Aug 19, 2024 - Substantial completion: Oct 2026	
MRI Department Expansion	Permitting & Tender	Renovate the existing MRI department, replace the existing MRI, and install an additional MRI unit.	- Ministry approval: Aug 2024 - Substantial completion: Oct 2026 - Occupancy: Jan 2027	
Operating Rooms #4 and #5 Upgrade	Construction: 1 at a time	Replace equipment and upgrade infrastructure to meet current standards.	- Ministry approved: Apr 2024 - OR 4 complete: May 2024 - OR 5 complete: Oct 2025	
Operating Room #6 Upgrade	Design development	Upgrade infrastructure to meet current standards. OR #6 will allow for Robotics	- Ministry approved: Aug 2024 - OR 6 complete: May 2026	
Operating Room #11 Upgrade	Design development	Replace equipment and upgrade infrastructure to meet current standards.	- Ministry approved: Aug 2024 - OR 11 complete: Nov 2026	
Pediatric Emergency Waiting	Complete	Expanded overflow waiting area (portable)	Completed. Operational Dec 20 2023	
Maternity & NICU upgrades	In progress	Family birthing unit renovations, NICU equipment purchases	- FBU 6 rooms: complete - FBU 3 rooms start: Aug 2025 - NICU purchases delivery: 2025/2026	
Surrey Newton UPCC expansion (tenant improvement)	Procurement & Design	Expansion and renovation of existing UPCC	- Ministry approval: Oct 2024 - Construction complete: Mar 2026	
Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information				



Title: **Primary Care Capital**

Issue: **Summary of capital investment/spending on Primary Care Facilities**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The BC Government launched the Primary Care Strategy in May 2018 to deliver faster and improved access to health care for British Columbians across the province.
- At the heart of the strategy is a new focus on team-based care that will see government fund and recruit more doctors, nurse practitioners and other health professionals.
- To enable the strategy, government has been investing in facilities to deliver the team-based care, including Urgent Primary Care Centres (UPCCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and Primary Care Networks (PCNs). The majority of the Primary Care facilities have been delivered through tenant improvements in leased space.

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- In addition to provincial funding, Health Authorities have leveraged their relationships with Regional Hospital Districts to secure funding contributions along with some internal funding and allowances from landlords. When all funding sources are considered, the total invested since 2017 is \$274.74 million.
- As of Q3 2024/25, 67 primary care projects have been approved, including 42 Urgent Primary Care Centres (UPCCs). See **Appendix 1** for a list of approved primary care projects, their costs and founding sources.



Appendix 1 - Health Authority Primary Care Capital Projects Approved Since 2017

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Title: British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Trades & Technology Complex

Issue: Trades and Technology Complex – New Construction-Capital – Priority Investment

Scope:	Construction of four projects as part of the Trades and Technology Complex on the BCIT Burnaby campus, including: • Trades and Technology Centre • Campus Services Centre • Carpentry Pavilion • Gantry Crane Pavilion
Budget:	\$227.5M
Status:	Procurement

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Government approved the construction of a new Trades and Technology Complex (TTC) at BCIT in Burnaby in January 2022:
 - Total project budget is \$227.5M (original budget: \$162.6M)
 - The Province is contributing \$195.5M
 - BCIT is contributing \$32.0M
 - The project was announced in February 2022
- The project will create 978 construction jobs and 478 indirect jobs during construction.
- The TTC will target Step 4 of the BC Energy Step Code to align with CleanBC targets.
- The TTC is scheduled to start construction in summer 2025 and to open late 2027.
- The Project will highlight the use of mass timber, including:
 - Trades and Technology Centre – 7,670 m², mass timber elements
 - Campus Services Centre – 3,250 m², constructed of mass timber
 - Carpentry Pavilion – mass timber roof system
 - Gantry Crane Pavilion – open ends and gantry cranes to allow erection of mass timber structures and heavy steel mock-ups
- The Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), administered by BC Infrastructure Benefits (BCIB), is the labour model being applied to the TTC to help achieve labour outcomes, notably:
 - Inclusion of Indigenous peoples, women and other underrepresented tradespeople in the project, and apprentice opportunities to gain the experience to complete certification.



- Train workers to adapt to a workplace culture change that ensures diversity and inclusion, to foster a respectful and safe worksite.
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Title: Post-Secondary & Cross Government Capital Infrastructure

Issue: Core Messaging

- The Ministry's Post-Secondary and Cross-Government capital plan consists of funding for numerous envelopes and projects. *Budget 2025* confirms funding totaling \$3.2 billion for the fiscal plan period (2025/26 to 2027/28), as outlined in the following table:

Funding Envelope	Description	Total Provincial (\$ millions)	Total (all sources)
Priority Investments	Previously approved projects, the Urban Indigenous Youth Education Project and both interim and permanent SFU medical school facilities	Government Financial Information	
Student Housing	Expansion of on-campus student housing by 12,000 student beds		
Routine Capital	Major maintenance, rehabilitation, upgrades, renovations		
Knowledge Development Fund	Support of research infrastructure at public institutions / affiliated research entities. Program administered by JEDI		
Health Professions	Implementation of the Health Human Resources strategy		
Other	Support for technology, IMIT, and Carbon Neutral funding for institutions		
Cross Government Priority Projects	Includes the Plant and Animal Health Centre & the Provincial Archives and Research Collections Building		
Total			

- As part of the annual capital planning cycle, the ministry receives Five-Year Capital Plan submissions from all public post-secondary institutions, which are compiled and evaluated based on a criteria-based scoring system, which includes:
 - Alignment with government priorities and with institution's strategic direction, including ability to address labour market demand, learning outcomes, and regional considerations; and
 - Institution capacity relative to current projects underway, value for money, urgency/risk (if not approved), and recent capital investments.

- The ministry received requests for ^{Government Financial Information}

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Priority Investment Envelope

- There are 12 Priority Investment projects approved and underway, totaling \$0.63B in provincial investment over the fiscal plan period of 2025/26 – 2027/28. Examples include BCIT's Trades & Technology Centre, UVIC's Engineering and Computer Science Building Expansion and Vancouver Community College's Centre for Clean Energy & Automotive Innovation.

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- There continues to be a significant backlog of unfunded high-priority capital projects across the post-secondary sector, including new priority investments and whole asset replacement projects that address critically aging infrastructure. Examples include the SFU Life Sciences Building replacement, Vancouver Island University's Cowichan Trades and Technology Centre, and Thompson Rivers University's STEM and Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics buildings.

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Student Housing Envelope

- Since 2018, \$2.0 billion has been committed to expand on-campus student housing, in partnership with public post-secondary institutions across B.C.
- To date, this has resulted in 10,770 new beds from 28 projects across all regions in B.C.
 - 7,734 beds via provincial government loans/grants
 - 3,036 beds via PSI self-financing and partnerships
- The ministry continues to review business cases as part of Phase 2 of the Student Housing Program. Further project announcements are expected. (See separate Student Housing note for more details)

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Title: Simon Fraser University Medical School

Issue: Permanent Space Capital Solution

Scope:	Advice/Recommendations
Budget:	Government Financial
Status:	Advice/Recommendations

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The second medical school at SFU in Surrey was announced in November 2022 and is part of the comprehensive strategy to improve patient care and address the critical shortage of physicians in BC.
- *Budget 2024* notionally provided \$35.2M in capital funding for the development of the interim space located at the SFU Surrey campus. Government approved the business plan in June 2024, including \$33.7M for the interim space identified, and an additional \$1.4M for future space, which can be accessed once the space needs are fully defined.

• Government Financial Information

- The medical school will open in the interim space in August 2026 and will move into the permanent facility once complete in August 2030.
- The ministry continues to work closely with SFU, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to ensure strong project and financial oversight as well as alignment with health system and capital infrastructure needs.

Advice/Recommendations

- The Surrey City Development Corporation will lead the development of the permanent facility on property owned by the City of Surrey as part of a larger, phased mixed-use development plan (Centre Block), adjacent to the existing SFU Surrey campus, Surrey Civic Centre SkyTrain Station and bus exchange, and close to Surrey Memorial Hospital.
- Key space requirements for the permanent facility include classrooms, clinical skills spaces, research labs, learning resources, administrative offices and support areas, an outpatient clinic and 49 new licensed childcare spaces.
- Construction of the building in which the permanent facility will be located is slated to start late 2026 and the school to open in time for the start of semester in August 2030.

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Title: **Student Housing**

Issue: **Update on expanding student housing**

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Between 2001-2017, government funded 130 student housing beds, while public post-secondary institutions self-funded approximately 9,600 student housing beds.
- Since 2018, government has been making historic investments to expand affordable student housing throughout BC. The Province has committed \$2 billion to expand on-campus student housing, in partnership with public post-secondary institutions across BC.
- As of February 2025, 10,770 new student housing beds have been announced (see Appendix A):
 - 7,734 beds via provincial government loans/grants
 - 3,036 beds via post-secondary institution self-financing and partnerships
- To date, projects have been funded at 17 post-secondary institutions in all regions of BC. This includes bringing student housing to new communities – Courtenay (North Island College), Merritt (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology), New Westminster (Douglas College), Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Vernon (Okanagan College).
- The ministry continues to review business cases as part of Phase 2 of the Student Housing Program. Further project announcements are expected in the near future.
- Student housing projects are aligning with government's priorities and including important amenities.
 - Projects are meeting or exceeding Clean BC targets on energy efficiency.
 - Projects are including important community spaces for students, including Indigenous cultural spaces, dining facilities and study areas.
 - Many institutions are incorporating mass timber into their designs.
- The Student Housing Program has involved extensive consultation with public post-secondary institutions, Indigenous partners and student societies.

Appendix A: Student Housing Project Summary – February 2025

Appendix B: Student Housing Infographic – February 2025

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Appendix A - Student Housing Project Summary

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

As of February 2025

Approved and Announced Projects

Project Title	Location	Bed Count	Status	Completion / Target Completion
CAPU	Squamish	333	Completed	Apr '24
CMTN	Terrace	108		Oct '21
CNC	Prince George	12		Oct '20
COTR	Cranbrook	100		Dec '20
OKAN	Kelowna	216		Aug '24
OKAN	Vernon	101		Aug '24
SELK	Castlegar	114		Jun '24
SELK	Nelson	36		Jun '24
SFU	Burnaby	383		May '23
TRU	Kamloops	148		Oct '23
TRU	East Village Phase 1	533		Oct '19
UBCO	Kelowna	220		Aug '21
UVIC	Saanich	783		Aug '23
BCIT	Burnaby	469	Under Construction	Spring 2025
CAPU	North Vancouver	362		Summer 2025
DOUG	New Westminster	368		Summer 2027
NIC	Courtenay	217		Summer 2025
OKAN	Salmon Arm	60		Summer 2024
UFV	Abbotsford	398		Summer 2025
VIU	Nanaimo	266		Summer 2026
CAM	Oak Bay - Lansdowne	423	Design/Planning	Fall 2027
NVIT	Merritt	30		Fall 2025
OKAN	Penticton	101		Fall 2026
SFU	Burnaby - Phase 3	445		Fall 2027
UBC	Vancouver - Lower Mall	1,508		Fall 2028
Total		7,734		

Advice/Recommendations



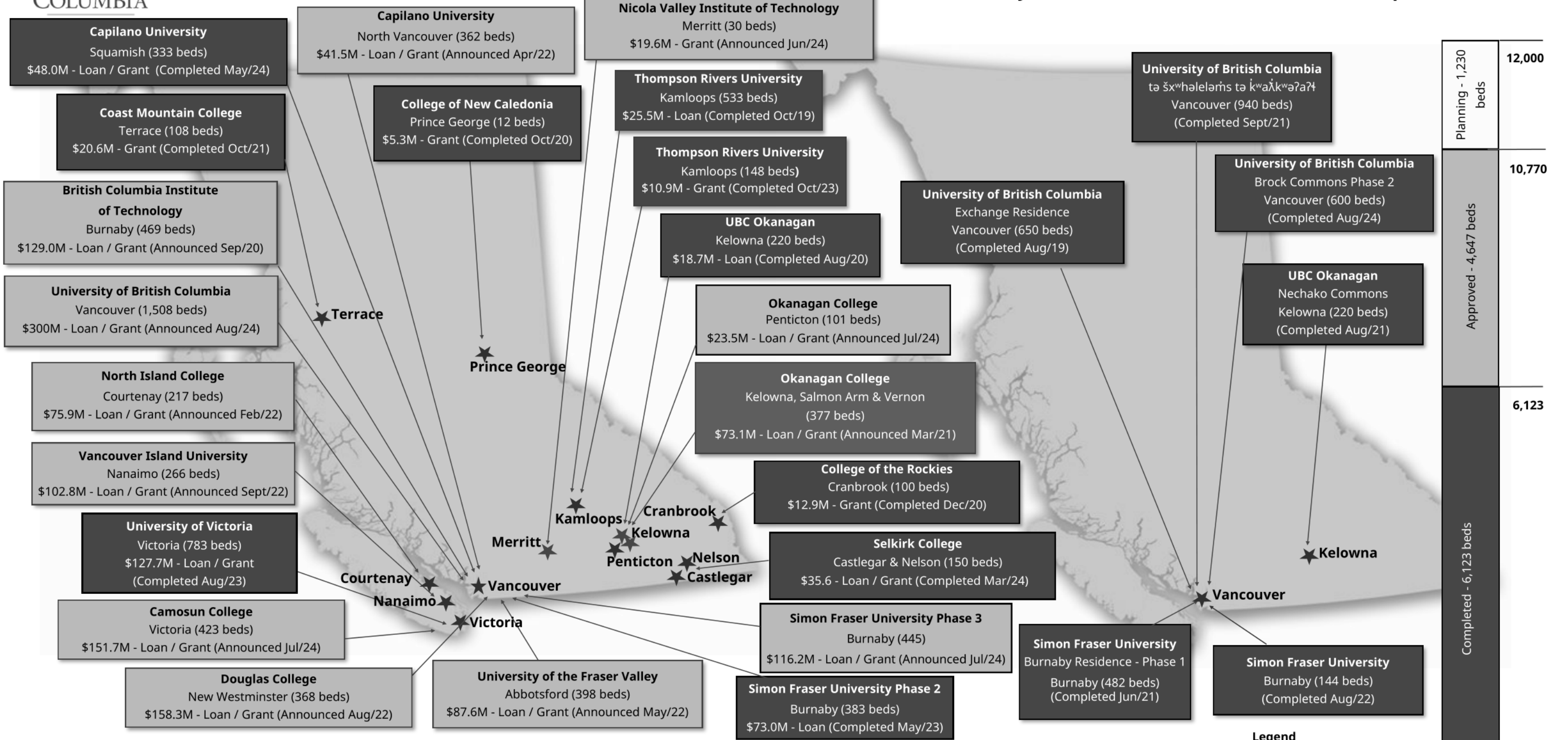
STUDENT HOUSING UPDATE

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

February 2025

Government Loans & Grants

Post-Secondary Institution Self-Funded and Partnerships



Planning - 1,230 beds	12,000
Approved - 4,647 beds	10,770
Completed - 6,123 beds	6,123

Led by Infrastructure

- Student Housing Program**
- The Province has committed \$2 billion to expand on-campus student housing, in partnership with public post-secondary institutions across BC.
- Demand Survey**
- Completed first-ever province-wide student housing demand survey in 2019. Results were used to better understand student housing demand across the Province.

Shared by Infrastructure and Post-Secondary and Future Skills

- Advisory Committee**
- Student Housing Working Group to help advise the Initiative with experts from institutions, First Nations Education Steering Committee, and Métis Nation BC.
- Capacity Building**
- Building capacity across the sector for expanding and operating student housing by facilitating the sharing of opportunities and lessons learned through the Student Housing Network and sector-wide works.
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Led by Post-Secondary and Future Skills

- Operating Practices**
- Partnership with institutions, Indigenous partners and student associations to co-develop leading practices in student housing agreements and priority access for children and youth in care learners.

Legend

Completed	Approved
Partially Completed	

7,734 (Government Funded)
3,036 (Post-Secondary Institution Funded)
10,770 Total (90% of 12,000 Bed Target)

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Title: **Urban Indigenous Youth Education Project - Post-Secondary Capital – Proposed Priority Investment**

Issue: **Permanent Campus for Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) as part of the Urban Indigenous Youth Education Project on East Hastings Street in Vancouver**

Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The proposed Urban Indigenous Youth and Education project is to develop a hub of collocated services for Indigenous people, in particular Indigenous youth, and including housing, a post-secondary campus, a community youth centre and childcare.
- The proposed spaces and project partners include:
 - **Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) campus** – NVIT is the province's only Indigenous public post-secondary institution, founded and governed by several First Nations. NVIT operates on two campuses – the main campus in Merritt with three buildings and the other in a leased building in Burnaby. NVIT is seeking to establish a permanent, more central location in Metro Vancouver.
 - **Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) space** – Established in 1988, UNYA is a small not-for-profit community organization and registered charity currently with a focus on Indigenous youth, located in an old building that would be deconstructed for the new building. UNYA programs range from wellness services and drop-in recreation, to counselling, safehouse spaces and transition housing.
 - **Indigenous housing** – the City of Vancouver is coordinating the development and funding of the housing component. The City is seeking to maximize the potential number of housing units. Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications
 - **Child care** – the City of Vancouver is also coordinating the development and funding of the child care facility. Advice/Recommendations; Intergovernmental Communications

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- While there are several other Indigenous housing projects in Vancouver funded by BC Housing, the co-location of this broad array of services at a single site is seen as a unique opportunity.
- The proposed project site, on property owned by UNYA and the City of Vancouver, is located at East Hastings Street between Woodland and Commercial Drive in Vancouver and across the street from the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre.
- In 2022, Treasury Board approved the original concept plan, which had a budget of \$217M, and directed the project team to proceed with developing a business plan.

Advice/Recommendations

Cabinet Confidences

Advice/Recommendations; Cabinet Confidences

Advice/Recommendations

Title: Vancouver Community College (VCC) Centre for Clean Energy & Automotive Innovation

Issue: Project Update

Scope:	Eight-storey, hybrid mass timber and concrete building, anchored by two levels of underground parking and automotive shops
Budget:	\$315.5M
Status:	Under construction

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- Government approved construction of the new Centre for Clean Energy & Automotive Innovation (CCEAI) building at VCC in July 2023.
 - The Province is contributing \$295.5M.
 - The College is contributing \$20.0M.
- The CCEAI will create 1,357 construction jobs and 663 indirect jobs during construction.
- The project broke ground in September 2024 and site excavation is currently underway.
- Project completion is scheduled for late 2027.
- The project represents the first phase of a larger master plan led by VCC to reshape their Broadway and Downtown campuses and add an estimated 1,800 housing units in the community.
- The CCEAI project features:
 - Floors fully dedicated to automotive innovation and green technology.
 - Design and making programs, including digital media, and classroom space.
 - A library, learning centre and learning commons, Indigenous gathering space, faculty administration and student experience services.
 - LEED Gold and zero-carbon building certification and alignment with CleanBC's Roadmap to 2030, providing automotive programs for 100% zero-emission vehicles by 2035.
 - Mass timber supporting the glass wall system around the atrium and wood finishes throughout the building in accordance with the *Wood First Act*.
 - An Indigenous design developed in collaboration with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.
 - Gender neutral and barrier-free spaces that will support the inclusion of VCC's diverse campus community.

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- The project is being constructed under a Community Benefits Agreement that will help achieve labour outcomes, and will notably:
 - Ensure the inclusion of Indigenous peoples, women and other underrepresented tradespeople in the project.
 - Provide apprenticeship opportunities to gain experience to complete certification.
 - Ensure workers are trained to adapt to a workplace culture change that ensures diversity and inclusion to foster a respectful and safe worksite.
- VCC and BC Infrastructure Benefits are working closely with construction manager Bird Construction to ensure strong trades coverage for the project.

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Title: Plant and Animal Health Centre (PAHC)

Issue: Update on Project Status

Scope:	Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information
Budget:	
Status:	

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The existing PAHC location is in the Abbotsford Agricultural Centre at 1767 Angus Campbell Road, Abbotsford, B.C.
- The PAHC includes Animal Health Centre (AHC), Plant Health Unit (PHU), the Office of the Chief Veterinarian (OCV) and other non-laboratory departments.
- The facility serves the following functions:
 - Plays a crucial role in public health, food safety, food security, and the agricultural economy in B.C. Functions of the diagnostic tools include sensitive and specific diagnostics that are crucial to determining the presence of pathogens and support outbreak response both on the plant and animal health side.
 - PAHC staff provide definitive diagnosis, which is paramount to the Office of the Chief Veterinarian, Chief Medical Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the agriculture sector to take quarantine and control measures to minimize impact and negate disaster.

Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information

- The existing facility is in a floodplain zone, and continuous water damage issues from the 2021 flood event are compromising the facility's integrity. The design is outdated (i.e. space capacity and functionality issues, limited growth, and increasing demand for services).
- In July 2022, the government opted to proceed with project planning at an accelerated pace (i.e., proceeding to a business case without a concept plan).

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- The business case outlines the development of a PAHC replacement project, which includes the design and construction of a new facility to house the AHC, PHU, OCV, and other non-laboratory departments located at the current PAHC.
- The Ministry of Citizens' Services has entered into a conditional purchase and sale agreement for a 40-acre property. ^{Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information} The property meets all due diligence requirements, including geotechnical (i.e. not located in a floodplain zone), agricultural land, archaeological findings, species at risk habitat, and availability of utilities. The new facility will be located on 15 acres of the 40-acre parcel.
- The property is in the Agricultural Land Reserve. An application for non-farm use was submitted to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration in January 2025.

Cabinet Confidences

- The ministry is expecting to bring forward the business case for Treasury Board consideration in May 2025.



Title: Provincial Archives, Research, and Collection (PARC Campus)

Issue: Update on the status of the PARC Campus as part of the Royal BC Museum (RBCM) Capital Project

Scope:	Construction of a 15,200 m ² fully electric, LEED® Gold mass timber building in Colwood, B.C., to consolidate RBCM collections and accommodate 25 years of growth.
Budget:	\$270.0M
Status:	Under construction, expected to be completed in Summer 2026

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- PARC is a state-of-the-art facility in Royal Bay, Colwood (ləkʷəŋən Territory) that will safely house BC's human and natural history collections and BC archives.
- The project capital budget is \$270.0M. This is fully funded by the Province.
- The project scope includes construction of a new 15,200 m² mass timber building on a 3.2-hectare (eight-acre) site in Colwood, BC, which will feature:
 - A fully electric, LEED® Gold Certified, mass timber building that will have a strong connection to First Nations territories, consolidate RBCM collections and allow for 25 years of growth.
- The project started construction in fall 2023 and is anticipated to be complete in summer 2026.
- The final phase of moving RBCM collections and archives from the downtown site and the Mills Road warehouse to PARC will take place in spring 2026.
- Project governance includes a cross-government project executive board with representation from: Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Transportation Investment Corporation, RBCM and Infrastructure BC.
- The Transportation Investment Corporation provides project lead support, monthly reporting and liaison with Infrastructure BC.

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Title: Crown Corporations: Infrastructure BC and BC Infrastructure Benefits

Issue: Overview of corporation mandates

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- The Ministry of Infrastructure oversees two crown corporations that support capital project development: Infrastructure BC and BC Infrastructure Benefits; both crowns were overseen by the Ministry of Finance previously.
- The ministry will examine and update mandate direction for both corporations as part of the ministry's efforts to streamline processes and identify efficiencies to build capital projects faster and more cost-effectively.

Infrastructure BC:

- Infrastructure BC's services to the Province include:
 - Policy and advisory work relating to capital projects and the Capital Asset Management Framework,
 - Creation and standardization of the procurement process for capital projects,
 - Governance for major capital projects through participation on project boards,
 - Interface between government and the design and construction industry,
 - Producing a biannual brochure to promote projects that are \$50 million or more in the planning and procurement stages.
- Infrastructure BC has approximately 62 staff with offices in Victoria and Vancouver.
- It funds its own operations on a cost recovery basis from fees charged to public sector clients.
- See Appendix A for a summary of projects led by Infrastructure BC.

BC Infrastructure Benefits

- BC Infrastructure Benefits is the construction employer on select public infrastructure projects.
- It administers the Community Benefits Agreement (see Appendix B), which includes priority hiring so underrepresented groups, including Indigenous workers, women and local workers are employed on public infrastructure projects.
- It works with 19 affiliated unions known as the Allied Infrastructure and Related Construction Council.
- It also helps connect under-skilled workers with training.
- It funds its operations on a cost-recovery basis as part of Community Benefits Agreement project costs.
- BC Infrastructure Benefits has approximately 100 corporate employees headquartered in Vancouver.
- See Appendix C for a summary of Community Benefits Agreement projects.

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**Appendix A - Current Status of Projects in Procurement or Development Phase led by
Infrastructure BC****Healthcare**

- **Burnaby Hospital Redevelopment Phase 2 and Cancer Centre**
 - The project is currently in the Alliance Development Phase – the Alliance has been formed and is developing the Project proposal.
 - The RFQ was released on September 29, 2023.
 - The RFP was released on January 10, 2024.
 - The budget is approximately \$1.8 billion.
 - The project is being delivered under an Alliance model. Infrastructure BC is on the Alliance Leadership Team and has other roles in the Alliance.
 - Construction is expected to start in 2026 and finish in 2030.
- **Kamloops Cancer Centre**
 - The procurement model is a Design-Build (DB). Infrastructure BC is leading procurement.
 - The RFQ was released on February 15, 2024.
 - The RFP was released on July 24, 2024.
 - The RFP will close on March 10, 2025.
 - The budget is approximately \$359 million.
 - Construction is expected to start in 2025 and finish in 2028.
- **Richmond Hospital Phase 2/3 Acute Care Tower**
 - This project is in the Alliance Development Phase – the Alliance has been formed and is developing the Project proposal. Infrastructure BC is on the Alliance Leadership Team and has other roles in the Alliance.
 - The RFQ closed on July 11, 2024.
 - The RFP closed on September 19, 2024.
 - The budget is approximately \$2.0 billion (inclusive of phases 1-4).
 - The redevelopment is a multi-phased project that includes a new 216 bed acute care tower and a total of 353 inpatient beds on the campus. The new tower is expected to be completed in 2029.
- **University Hospital of Northern British Columbia – Acute Care Tower**
 - The procurement is being delivered under an Alliance model. Infrastructure BC is leading procurement.
 - The RFQ was released on February 3, 2025.
 - The RFQ will close on March 18, 2025.
 - The budget is approximately \$1.6 billion.

- The project is expected to be completed in 2031.

Education

- **Ecole Mission Senior Secondary School**

- The procurement model is a Design-Build (DB). Infrastructure BC is leading procurement.
- The RFQ closed on October 10, 2024.
- The RFP was released on November 29, 2024.
- The RFP is anticipated to close on July 16, 2025.
- The budget is approximately \$176 million.
- The school is expected to be completed in 2028.

Transportation

- **Belleville Terminal – Phase One**

- The procurement model is Design-Build (DB). Infrastructure BC is leading procurement.
- The RFQ was released on October 26, 2023.
- The RFP was released on March 28, 2024.
- The RFP closing date is March 12, 2025.

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- **Highway 11 Interchange**

- The procurement model is Design-Build (DB). Infrastructure BC is leading procurement.
- The RFQ closed in November 2024.
- The RFP was released on January 29, 2025.
- The RFP closing date is August 18, 2025.
- The project is part of Fraser Valley Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program, Mt. Lehman Road to Highway 11 which has approved provincial funding of \$2.65 billion.
- The project is expected to be completed in 2031.

- **Fraser River Tunnel Project**

- The procurement model is Progressive Design-Build with Target Price.
- The project is in the development phase.
- The RFQ closed Sept 14, 2023.
- The Design Early Works Agreement (DEWA) RFP was released October 26, 2023, and closed April 4, 2024.
- The approved project budget is \$4.2 billion.
- The project is expected to be completed in 2030.

- **BC Highway Reinstatement Program**

- The BC Highway Reinstatement Program is being delivered under multiple Alliance contracts. Infrastructure BC is on the Alliance Leadership Team for all of the projects in the program.
- Two RFQs were released on November 26, 2021, one to identify Engineering and Design Firms and separate one for Construction Firms
- The Highway 5, Highway 1 Nicomen and Highway 1 Falls Creek portions of the program reached completion in 2024.
- Highway 1 Falls Creek is under construction.
- Highway 8 is in the development phase. The team is developing early works packages to enable initial construction in Spring 2025.

Appendix B – Community Benefits Agreement

- The Community Benefits Agreement is a collective agreement between the Province and 19 Affiliated Unions.
- It is one of a variety of labour models the Province uses to deliver capital infrastructure projects.
- The Community Benefits Agreement is intended to maximize social and economic benefits of public sector infrastructure projects. For example, it includes a priority hiring provision for Indigenous workers, women and local residents living within 100 km.
- Workers on projects become employees of BC Infrastructure Benefits and join a union affiliated with the Allied Infrastructure and Related Construction Council.
- Objectives of the Community Benefits Agreement include:
 - Ensuring any contractor can work on CBA projects, whether they are unionized or not.
 - Ensuring individuals, communities, and businesses in the local area have opportunities to participate in the project.
 - Providing apprenticeships and training opportunities.
 - Ensuring no strikes and no lockouts.
 - Ensuring the needs of Indigenous peoples and Equity Groups are respected and facilitated through training and employment.
 - Providing dedicated training to foster workplaces free of discrimination and harassment to improve jobsite respect and retention.
- The cost of the Community Benefits Agreement usually ranges between one to four percent of total project cost. Projects that are more labour-intensive will have a higher percentage than those that require fewer skilled workers.

**APPENDIX C – Summary of Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) projects,
including both active and completed projects.**

- BC Infrastructure Benefits is a Crown corporation and is the Employer of skilled tradespeople on select infrastructure projects.
- BCIB was created to deliver the province's social objectives and meet the labour supply demands for select public infrastructure projects.
- BCIB is delivering workforce to 9 active projects:
 - The Broadway Subway Project
 - The Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project
 - The Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
 - Vancouver Community College Centre for Clean Energy and Automotive Innovation
 - Trans-Canada Highway 1 Four-Laning Program
 - Chase West to Chase Creek Bridge (Chase East)
 - Ford Road to Tappen Valley Road
 - RW Bruhn Bridge
 - Jumping Creek to Macdonald Snowshed
 - Selkirk (*first CBA employee expected in Spring 2025*)
- BCIB has successfully delivered workforce to 5 completed projects:
 - Trans-Canada Highway 1 Four-Laning Program
 - Chase Creek Road to Chase West (Chase West)
 - Illecillewaet Brake Check Project
 - Salmon Arm: 1st Avenue SW to 10th Avenue SW (Phase One)
 - Kicking Horse Canyon Phase 4
 - Quartz Creek Bridge
- BCIB monitors and reports all workforce stats, including equity stats, across projects, providing insights on how the province is delivering social goals and the costs associated with labour.

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Table 1 – Budget 2025 Resource Summary Table – 2024/25 (Restated) to 2027/28

For budget documents Reference: see Table 9	Sub-Vote Description * (\$000s)	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
		Restated Estimates	Estimates	Plan	Plan
Vote 37	Policy and Partnerships	-	3,093	3,269	3,304
	Community Capital Development	40,341	40,392	40,700	40,744
	Executive and Support Services	5,936	11,847	11,341	11,386
Vote 37	MINISTRY TOTAL	46,277	55,332	55,310	55,434

* Sub-Vote budget amounts are shown net of spending funded by recoveries from other sources.

Table 2 - Summary of changes by Sub-Vote – 2024/25 to 2025/26

For budget documents Reference: see Table 9	Sub-Vote Description (\$000s)	2024/25	Changes * (see Table 3)	2024/25	Changes (see Table 4)	2025/26
		Estimates		Restated Estimates		Estimates
Vote 37	Policy and Partnerships	0	0	0	3,093	3,093
	Community Capital Development	0	40,341	40,341	51	40,392
	Executive and Support Services	0	5,936	5,936	5,911	11,847
Vote 37	MINISTRY TOTAL	0	46,277	46,277	9,055	55,332

* Prior year Estimates restated to reflect re-organizations to ensure year-over-year comparability.

These changes reflect the budget transfers related to the OIC 0596 (November 18, 2024) establishing the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Table 3 - Breakdown of Changes from 2024/25 to Restated 2024/25

Description	(\$000s)
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Education and Child Care	27,680
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Health	9,315
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	5,468
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions	3,011
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs	803
Restated 2024/25 Estimates	46,277

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Table 4 – Breakdown of changes by sub-Vote and decision - 2024/25 restated to 2025/26

Sub-Vote (\$000s)	Prior Budget impacts ¹	Establishment of Ministry	CSF Project Office ²	Shared Recovery Mandate	Budget Adjustment ³	Total
Policy and Partnerships	-	3,093			-	3,093
Community Capital Development	(117)	64	-	104	-	51
Executive and Support Services		5,432	375	52	52	5,911
Total Change	(117)	8,589	375	156	52	9,055

Notes:

1. Year-over-year changes to base budget allocation will include impacts from decisions from previous budgets.

Decrease related to Fiscal 2024/25 November Re-org transfer from Post Secondary & Future Skills - STOB 60 Professional Services budget reduced for one-time funding.

2. Base funding provided for the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Capital Project Office

3. Adjustment for the Minister's Office budget

Table 5 - Summary of Budget 2025 changes to Ministry operating budget (compared to 2024/25 Restated)

Description (\$000s)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	3-Year Increase/ (Decrease)
Budget 2025 decisions:				
Funding for Establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure	8,589	8,564	8,684	25,837
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Capital Project Office	375	378	382	1,135
Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM)	156	156	156	468
Ministers Office Budget Adjustment	52	52	52	156
Total Changes from Budget 2024 (2024/25 restated)	9,172	9,150	9,274	27,596

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Table 6 - Fiscal Plan Period Budget Summary

Description (\$000s)	2024/25 Restated	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	3-Year Fiscal Plan Increase/ (Decrease)
November 2024 Government Re-organization budget transfers:					
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Education and Child Care	27,680	27,680	27,680	27,680	83,040
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Health	9,315	9,315	9,315	9,315	27,945
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	5,468	5,351	5,351	5,351	16,053
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions	3,011	3,011	3,011	3,011	9,033
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs	803	803	803	803	2,409
Total Budget transfers	46,277	46,160	46,160	46,160	138,480
Budget 2025 decisions:					
Funding for Establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure		8,589	8,564	8,684	25,837
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Capital Project Office		375	378	382	1,135
Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM)		156	156	156	468
Ministers Office Budget Adjustment		52	52	52	156
Total Budget 2025 decisions	-	9,172	9,150	9,274	27,596
Total Ministry Budget	46,277	55,332	55,310	55,434	166,076

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Table 7 - Ministry Capital Funding Vote 49 - Provincial funding contribution

Description (\$000s)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	TOTAL
	Estimates	Plan	Plan	
Schools	1,389,634	1,461,117	1,335,692	4,186,443
Health Facilities	3,997,516	4,618,974	4,619,046	13,235,536
Post-Secondary Institutions	929,646	920,843	909,223	2,759,712
Royal British Columbia Museum	94,101	13,938	-	108,039
Total	6,410,897	7,014,872	6,863,961	20,289,730

References:

*All year fiscal plan years shown in Ministry Service Plan, page 8

*2025/26 only shown in Estimates, Vote 49, page 205

Table 8 - Ministry Consolidated Revenue Fund Capital

Description (\$000s)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	TOTAL
	Estimates	Plan	Plan	
Community Capital Development	34,500	105,600	176,236	316,336
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	9
Total	34,503	105,603	176,239	316,345

References:

*All year fiscal plan years shown in Ministry Service Plan, page 8

*2025/26 only shown in Estimates, page 139

Table 9- Budget Documents Reference

Vote No.	Vote Name	Blue Book Page
37	Ministry Operations – INF	139-143
49	Other Appropriations – Capital Funding	205

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(\$000s)	2024/25 Restated Estimates ¹	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating Expenses				
Policy and Partnerships	-	3,093	3,269	3,304
Community Capital Development	40,341	40,392	40,700	40,744
Executive and Support Services	5,936	11,847	11,341	11,386
Total	46,277	55,332	55,310	55,434
Capital Expenditures				
Community Capital Development	54,349	34,500	105,600	176,236
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	3
Total	54,352	34,503	105,603	176,239
Capital Funding Vote				
Schools	1,046,194	1,389,634	1,461,117	1,335,692
Health Facilities	3,529,550	3,997,516	4,618,974	4,619,046
Post-Secondary Institutions	1,107,256	929,646	920,843	909,223
Royal British Columbia Museum	136,922	94,101	13,938	-
Total	5,819,922	6,410,897	7,014,872	6,863,961
Other Financing Transactions				
Community Capital Development (Real Estate Development)				
Disbursements	0	1	1	1
Receipts	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Net Cash Requirements (Source)	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements	0	1	1	1
Total Receipts	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total Net Cash Requirements (Source)	0	0	0	0

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Title: Vote 37 Ministry Operations Fiscal 2025/26 Overview

Issue: Overview of the Ministry's 2025/26 operating budget allocation

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- *Budget 2025* provides the Ministry of Infrastructure with a total 2025/26 operating budget of \$55.3 million via Vote 37 in the Estimates.
- \$46.2 million of the ministry's operating budget allocation consists of transfers from other ministries resulting from the November 2024 government re-organization.
- Additionally, *Budget 2025* provided \$8.6 million to support the establishment of the new ministry and \$0.6 million in funding for other adjustments including the Shared Recovery Mandate.

Table 1 - Summary of 2025/26 Budget Changes from 2024/25 Restated

(\$000s)	2024/25 (Restated)	2025/26	Changes 2024/25 to 2025/26
November 2024 Government Re-organization budget transfers:			
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Education and Child Care	27,680	27,680	-
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Health	9,315	9,315	-
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	5,468	5,351	(117)
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions	3,011	3,011	-
Budget Transfer from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs	803	803	-
Total budget transfers	46,277	46,160	(117)
Budget 2025 decisions:			
Funding for Establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure		8,589	8,589
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) Capital Project Office		375	375
Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM)		156	156
Ministers Office Budget Adjustment		52	52
Total Budget 2025 decisions	-	9,172	9,172
Ministry Operations Vote 37- Budget 2025	46,277	55,332	9,055

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POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

BUDGET SUMMARY:

\$ 000's

	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Policy and Partnerships	-	3,093	3,093

VOTE DESCRIPTION:

This sub-vote provides for establishment of policy and accountability, research, planning, program monitoring and evaluation, legislation development, cross-agency oversight activities, and partnerships and engagement with other organizations and levels of government, in respect of provincial vertical infrastructure projects. Costs may be recovered from ministries, organizations within the government reporting entity, including Crown corporations, boards and commissions, other levels of government, societies, other organizations, and parties external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

2025/26 BUDGET:

The 2025/26 budget for the Policy and Partnerships sub-vote provides funding to support resourcing and administrative costs.

2025/26 POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS BUDGET BREAKDOWN

By Standard Object of Expenditure (STOB):

Description (STOB)	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Salaries and Benefits (50-54)	-	3,013	3,013
Operating Costs (57-75, 82-85)	-	77	77
Government Transfers (77, 79,80)	-	-	-
Other Expenses (85)	-	6	6
Recoveries (88, 89 ,90)	-	(3)	(3)
Total	-	3,093	3,093

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Community Capital Development

BUDGET SUMMARY:

\$ 000's

	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Community Capital Development	40,341	51	40,392

VOTE DESCRIPTION:

This sub-vote provides for program support, management and procurement for capital projects and initiatives related to K-12 education and childcare, health and Post-Secondary education sectors, and other provincial capital infrastructure and related spending initiatives.

This sub-vote provides for funding or transfers of funding to school districts, universities, colleges, institutes and other educational agencies, health authorities, other government entities and organizations, and the private sector.

This sub-vote provides for project coordination services related to provincial vertical infrastructure projects, including property management, construction, development, environmental, and technical services.

Activities may include the acquisition of land on behalf of government and other public agencies and organizations, disposal of or making available land, and provision of services to public agencies in relation to land, as set out in the *Public Agency Accommodation Act*, except to the extent that such activities fall under the portfolio of the Minister of Citizens' Services.

This sub-vote also provides for directly related accommodation to Indigenous Peoples resulting from the rental, lease, or disposal of Crown land or other related property.

Costs associated with the disposal of real property are recovered from the revenues from the rental, lease, or disposal of Crown land or other related property. Costs may also be recovered from ministries, organizations within the government reporting entity, including Crown corporations, boards and commissions, other levels of government, societies, other organizations, and parties external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

VARIANCE EXPLANATION:

Total **net increase of \$0.051M** is comprised of the following:

- \$0.064M increase due to additional funding provided for the establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure
- \$0.104M increase for Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM)
- \$(0.117)M decrease related to Fiscal 2024/25 November Re-org transfer from Ministry of Post-Secondary & Future Skills – STOB 60 Professional Services budget reduced for one-time funding

2025/26 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

By Standard Object of Expenditure (STOB)

Community Capital Development

Description (\$000s)	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Salaries and Benefits	5,868	219	6,087
Operating Costs	710	(160)	550
Government Transfers	33,752	-	33,752
Other Expenses	11	(5)	6
Recoveries	-	(3)	(3)
Total (NET)	40,341	51	40,392

Executive and Support Services

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Sub Sub Vote (SS Vote) (\$000s)	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Minister's Office	715	52	767
Corporate Services	5,221	5,859	11,080
Executive and Support Services	5,936	5,911	11,847

VOTE DESCRIPTION:

This sub-vote provides for the office of the Minister of Infrastructure, the deputy minister's office, executive leadership and direction, services to support program delivery, and corporate administration, including finance, strategic human resources, facilities management, information management services and systems and privacy, and services to support program delivery.

Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown corporations, boards and commissions, other levels of government, societies, other organizations, and parties external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

VARIANCE EXPLANATION:

Total net increase of **\$5.911M** is comprised of the following *Budget 2025* approvals:

- \$5.432M increase from funding provided for the establishment of the Ministry of Infrastructure
- \$0.375M increase from transfer in of Conseil Scolaire Francophone (CSF) Capital Project Office
- \$0.052M increase for Shared Recovery Mandate (SRM) allocations
- \$0.052M increase for Minister's Office budget adjustments

2025/26 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

By Standard Object of Expenditure (STOB)

Minister's Office

Description (\$000s)	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Salaries and Benefits	600	52	652
Operating Costs	105	-	105
Government Transfers	-	-	-
Other Expenses	10	-	10
Recoveries	-	-	-
Total	715	52	767

2025/26 BUDGET BREAKDOWN
By Standard Object of Expenditure (STOB)

Corporate Services

Description (\$000s)	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
Salaries and Benefits	4,172	2,607	6,779
Operating Costs	1,013	2,848	3,861
Government Transfers	-	-	-
Other Expenses	36	407	443
Recoveries	-	(3)	(3)
Total	5,221	5,859	11,080

Minister's Office

Overview of 2025/26 Budget by STOB

(\$000s)

STOB	2024/25 Estimates Restated	Increase/ (Decrease)	2025/26 Estimates
50 - Base Salaries	413	40	453
5298 - Employee Benefits	105	10	115
52 - Employee Benefits	24	-	24
54 - Legislative Salaries	58	2	60
Salaries & Benefits	600	52	652
57 - Employee Travel	75	-	75
63 - Info Systems-Operating	10	-	10
65 - Office & Business Expenses	20	-	20
Operating Costs	105	-	105
82 - Legislative Assembly	10	-	10
Other Expenses	10	-	10
Total Operating Budget	715	52	767

1. **STOBs 50-54**
Includes salaries & benefits for Minister's Office support staff.
2. **STOB 57**
Travel to communities across the province.
3. **STOB 63**
Information system costs related to mobile devices and data storage.
4. **STOBs 65-85**
Costs related to office operations and all other expenditures.

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Title: Vote 49 Budget 2025 Capital Allocation

Issue: Capital Funding Vote 49 allocation for the Ministry of Infrastructure

Key Facts, Data and Background:

- *Budget 2025* provides the Ministry of Infrastructure with a total of \$20.3 billion in funding from the Capital Funding Vote over the three-year fiscal plan period to support vertical infrastructure projects such as schools, post-secondary institutions, health care facilities and other provincial initiatives.

Table 1. *Budget 2025* Capital Funding Vote 49 Allocation - Ministry of Infrastructure

Description (\$000s)	2024/25 <i>Restated</i>	Budget 2025 Fiscal Plan Period			3-year Fiscal Plan Total
		2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan	
Schools	1,046,194	1,389,634	1,461,117	1,335,692	4,186,443
Health Facilities	3,529,550	3,997,516	4,618,974	4,619,046	13,235,536
Post-Secondary Institutions	1,107,256	929,646	920,843	909,223	2,759,712
Royal British Columbia Museum	136,922	94,101	13,938	-	108,039
Total	5,819,922	6,410,897	7,014,872	6,863,961	20,289,730

Key Messages for K to 12 (Schools) sector:

- A variety of emergent issues including a significant number of school fires and a challenging fiscal environment have resulted in a limited ability to advance new capital projects.
- There has been unprecedented student enrolment growth in the province. *Budget 2025* includes nearly \$4.2 billion in capital spending in the K-12 sector over the next 3 years to accommodate this growth.
- \$3.4 billion will be invested for major capital projects such as new schools, modular additions, site acquisitions and seismic upgrades.
- Over \$750 million invested to maintain existing facilities through capital projects such as roof replacements, HVAC upgrades, etc.
- These capital investments will help facilitate positive student outcomes in the years to come.

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Key Messages for Health sector:

- A variety of emergent issues including supply chain access and a challenging fiscal environment have resulted in a limited ability to advance new capital projects.
- Provincial capital spending on infrastructure in the health sector will total more than \$13.2 billion over the next three years, supporting new major construction projects and upgrading of health facilities, additional long-term care beds and investments to improve access to primary care.
- \$12.1 billion will be invested in new investment projects, including:
 - \$2.8 billion in provincial capital funding for the net-new hospital and integrated cancer centre in Surrey that will include 168 inpatient beds, an emergency department, a medical imaging department, a surgical suite, a pharmacy, and a laboratory. The cancer centre will include an oncology ambulatory care unit, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, functional imaging, a new cyclotron and space for six linear accelerators.
 - \$1.1 billion in provincial capital funding for the replacement Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan. The 204 bed replacement hospital will increase inpatient beds and emergency department treatment spaces.
 - \$1.2 billion in provincial capital funding for the new Acute Care Tower at the University Hospital of Northern BC. The new tower will include 211 beds with updated surgical, cardiac, and mental health and substance use services.
 - \$1.9 billion in provincial capital funding for Long-Term Care facility redevelopment or replacement projects in Vancouver, Colwood, Abbotsford, Richmond, Nanaimo, Delta, Campbell River, Kelowna, Squamish, Chilliwack, and Cranbrook.
- \$1.1 billion will be invested in projects to address asset rehabilitation, upgrades, and renovations, routine information management and information technology upgrades, and replacement medical and diagnostic equipment at various health facilities across BC.

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Key Messages for Post-Secondary sector:

- A variety of emergent issues including decreased institution revenue related to federal caps on international student enrolment and a challenging fiscal environment have resulted in a limited ability to advance new capital projects.
- Planned provincial capital spending in the post-secondary sector is almost \$2.8 billion over the next three years.
- Priority investments make up \$879.3 million of this spending, supporting the creation of new or expanded space to expand academic programs, such as tech, health, sciences and trades.
- Through *Budget 2025*, an additional \$27.6 million for three priority investment projects will help address budget pressures and mitigate potential cost escalation risks.
- Since 2018, the B.C. government has made historic investments in student housing and has announced 10,770 new student housing beds on public post-secondary campuses across the province. The delivery of more beds is planned, with \$882.8 million in provincial funding over the next three years.
- A total of \$716.9 million in routine capital spending will enable post-secondary institutions to improve the condition of their facilities through a variety of renovation and upgrade projects.

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Key Messages for Royal British Columbia Museum:

- The Royal BC Museum's Provincial Archives, Research and Collections (PARC) building has a total capital budget of \$270 million, with \$108 million allocated over the fiscal plan period, in line with the project schedule. Completion is set for 2026.

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