



## AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Tahsis Village Council  
to be held on June 6, 2023 in the Council Chambers  
Municipal Hall, 977 South Maquinna Drive and by electronic means

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**A. Call to Order** Mayor Davis will call the meeting to order.

**Land Acknowledgement** Mayor Davis will acknowledge and respect that we are meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.

**B. Introduction of Late Items** None.

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

**D. Petitions and Delegations** None.

**E. Public Input # 1**

- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
- 1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2023.
  - 2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 23, 2023.

**G. Rise and Report**

**H. Business Arising**

- J. Council Reports**
- 1 Mayor Davis
  - 2 Councillor Joseph
  - 3 Councillor Fowler
  - 4 Councillor Northcott
  - 5 Councillor Elliott

**K. Bylaws**

- 1 **Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023.  
Adoption**

**L. Correspondence**

- 1 **May 9, 2023 letter from Mayor Ruth Hoyte, District of Coldstream to Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing Re: Homes for People Action Plan.**
- 2 **March 17, 2023 letter from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation Re: Cryptocurrency Mining in B.C.**
- 3 **May 28, 2023 letter from Westview Marina Re: "Under the Sea" July 15 "On the Sea" Fire Work Celebration**

**M. New Business**

- 1 **2023 UBCM Convention - Meeting Requests with Premier David Eby, KC and Cabinet Ministers**
- 2 **2023 UBCM Convention - Meeting requests with Provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) staff**

**N. Public Input #2**

**O. Adjournment**



## Minutes

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<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b>Regular Council Meeting</b>
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b>May 16, 2023</b>
<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>

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**Present** Mayor Martin Davis  
 Councillor Meggan Joseph  
 Councillor Sarah Fowler  
 Councillor Cheryl Northcott

**Regrets** Councillor Douglas Elliott

**Staff** Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance (by video 7:20)  
 Janet St-Denis, Corporate Services Manager (by video)  
 Wanda Waksdale, Admin Assistant (by video)

**Public** 6 Members of the public. (4 by video)

### **A. Call to Order**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.

### **B. Introduction of Late Items**

A letter to Mayor and Council on behalf of the Board of Education for School District 84 regarding the Tahsis Fire Hall Project under Correspondence as "L1".

### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0235/2023**

**THAT** the Agenda for the May 16, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **D. Petitions and Delegations**

None.

### **E. Public Input # 1**

A member of the public requested that the vegetation (Lily of the Valley) along the Tahsis River bank not be cut until the plants have finished fruiting.

Staff was directed to follow up with Public Works.

**F. Adoption of the Minutes**

**1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 2, 2023.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0236/2023**

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting minutes of May 2, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**G. Rise and Report**

**1** At the May 9th in camera meeting, Council approved disclosing to the public at the May 16th, 2023 Regular Council meeting the February 7, 2023 letter from Mark Tatchell to Councillor Douglas Elliott and the February 7, 2023 letter from the Village of Tahsis to Councillor Douglas Elliott (attachment G1).

**2** At the May 9, 2023 in camera meeting, Council approved publicly releasing the May 2, 2023 staff report on Council Procedure Bylaw at the May 16, 2023 Regular Council meeting (attachment G2)

**3** At the May 9th in camera meeting, Council approved publicly releasing the Strategic Economic Development Plan, except for those sections which are deemed to be confidential under s. 90(1)(e), (g), (i) and (k) of the Community Charter. Council also agreed to publicly release the brochure inviting input from Tahsis residents and businesses. The brochure will be mailed to all Tahsis residents and businesses. The plan and the brochure will be posted on the Village website.

**H. Business Arising**

None.

**J. Council Reports**

**Mayor Davis -**

No report.

**Councillor Joseph** (verbal report)

I just wanted to point out that I think the brochure looking for public input is amazing and I look forward to hearing feedback.

I also wanted to bring up fire season. I went camping this weekend and it's pretty dry out there, even though there isn't a fire ban yet. I just want to remind people to be cautious.

**Councillor Fowler -**

May 16 2023

We had a great community event with the PAC CMESS spring Bazaar on May 13, 2023. Thanks to everyone who could make it.

I have included 4 attachments for your information. The first two are regarding a successful grant application for NSWS proposal decision around regional watershed prioritization. (BCSRIF)

The others are to celebrate Local Government Awareness week May 14-20. Notably is a poster from the Town of Gibson's for a Youth Councillor position and the BC Ministry Youth Engagement Toolkit. Since tomorrow May 17 is Asset Management Day (#AMDAY2023) I want to use my time at today's meeting to celebrate the contributions of young people as human resource and great assets.

Submitted respectfully,  
Councillor Fowler

**Attachment #1** BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF) - Nootka Sound Watershed Society Successful Application

**Attachment #2** BC Salmon and Restoration Innovation Fund

**Attachment #3** Town of Gibson's- Alternate Youth Councillor Position

**Attachment #4** BC - Youth Engagement Toolkit

**Councillor Northcott-** verbal report

I attended the library executive meeting on Friday May 5th.

**Councillor Elliott-** -no report

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0237/2023**

**THAT** the Council Reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**Bylaws**

**1 Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023.**  
**1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0238/2023**

**THAT** the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 be received for consideration

**CARRIED**

The CAO spoke to the purpose of this bylaw and responded to questions from Council.

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0239/2023**

**THAT** the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 receive a first reading this 16th day of May 2023.

**CARRIED**

**Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0240/2023**

**THAT** the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 receive a second reading this 16th day of May 2023.

**CARRIED**

**Joseph/Northcott: VOT 0241/2023**

**THAT** the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 receive a third reading this 16th day of May 2023.

**CARRIED****L. Correspondence**

- 1 A letter to Mayor and Council on behalf of the Board of Education for School District 84 regarding the Tahsis Fire Hall Project.**

**Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0242/2023**

**THAT** this correspondence item be received.

**CARRIED****Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0243/2023**

**THAT** correspondence item # 1 be pulled for discussion.

**CARRIED**

- 1 A letter to Mayor and Council on behalf of the Board of Education for School District 84 regarding the Tahsis Fire Hall Project.**

The CAO spoke to this letter of support from the Board of Education, Vancouver Island School District 84 and responded to questions from Council.

**M. New Business**

None.

**Public Input #2**

There was a question regarding the status of the Waste Water Upgrade Project to which the CAO responded and provided an update.

A member of the public asked for an update on the Community Dock and Pier Project. The CAO responded with information on the status on this project noting it is on budget, on time and within scope.

**Adjournment****Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0244/2023**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**CARRIED****Certified Correct this**

the 6th day of June, 2023

**Chief Administrative Officer**



**Minutes**

Village of Tahsis

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>May 23, 2023</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means</b>

<b>Present</b>	Mayor Martin Davis Councillor Sarah Fowler Councillor Cheryl Northcott Councillor Meggan Joseph	
<b>Absent</b>	Councillor Douglas Elliott	
<b>Staff</b>	Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance John Manson, P.Eng., Municipal Engineer Janet StDenis, Finance and Corporate Services Manager	by video by video by video
<b>Public</b>	1 member of the public	

**Call to Order**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory

**Introduction of Late Items**

None

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Fowler: COW 029/2023**

**THAT** the Agenda for the May 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

<b>H. Business Arising</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Tahsis Flood Protection Improvements Project Phase 2 – stairs or other conveyance over the dike for public access to the Tahsis River front.</b>
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**Fowler: COW 0230/2023**

**THAT** the Revised Budget and Scope for the Tahsis Flood Protection Improvements Project Phase 2 be received.

**CARRIED**

The CAO and the Village's Municipal Engineer spoke to the revised Budget and Scope of the Tahsis Flood Protection and Improvement Project Phase 2 and responded to questions from Council regarding the stairs over the dike. Topics discussed included; costs, design options, safety and access concerns, sources of funding if there are cost overruns along with advantages and disadvantages of keeping the cost of the stairs in the scope of the tender.

**Joseph: COW 031/2023**

**THAT** the reinforced concrete wall and slab for the metal stairs over the dike for public access to the Tahsis River Front be included in the scope of the tender as per the original tender.

**CARRIED**

**2 Tahsis Fire Hall Relocation Project – mechanical engineering contractor estimate.**

**Northcott: COW 032/2023**

**THAT** the May 16, 2023 estimate from Designed Air Systems Limited be received.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that the mechanical engineering contractor had already worked on the Firehall Relocation Project and was familiar with it.

**Fowler: COW 033/2023**

**THAT** Council approve awarding the HVAC, plumbing and mechanical detailed design and engineering services contract for the Tahsis Fire Hall Project to Designed Air System Limited based on their May 16, 2023 estimate.

**CARRIED**

**3 Tahsis Fire Hall Relocation Project – electrical engineering contractor**

**Joseph: COW 034/2023**

**THAT** this May 12, 2023 estimate for professional electrical engineering services from RB Engineering Ltd. for the Tahsis Fire Hall Relocation Project be received.

**CARRIED****Northcott: COW 035/2023**



**THAT** Council approve awarding the electrical engineering contract for the Fire Hall Relocation Project to RB Engineering Ltd. based on their May 12th, 2023 estimate.

CARRIED

**4 Extended Benefits and Pension Plan Policy No. 2012 - Amendment #2**

**Fowler: COW 036/2023**

**THAT** this proposed amendment to the Extended Benefits and Pension Plan Policy No. 2012 be received.

CARRIED

The purpose of this amendment is to align the Village's Extended Benefits and Pension Plan Policy No. 2012 with the B. C. Municipal Pension Plan Policy.

**Fowler: COW 037/2023**

**THAT** the Extended Benefits and Pension Plan Policy No. 2012- Amendment #2 be approved.

CARRIED

**M. New Business**

**1 Community Pavilion – Mayor Davis' Proposal**

<https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/news/cortes-pavillioné>

**Northcott: COW 038/2023**

**THAT** this information be received for discussion.

CARRIED

Mayor Davis spoke to his vision of a community pavilion and a discussion ensued. Topics discussed included location, amenities, facilities, design concepts, potential uses, funding and the Village's current capital commitments.

**Northcott: COW 039/2023**

**THAT** Staff be directed to prepare a Report to Council on the Village's hard and soft capital commitments and the potential for grant opportunities.

CARRIED

**Adjournment**

**Fowler: COW 040/2023**

**THAT** the meeting adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this  
6th day of June 2023

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**Corporate Officer**

## Temporary Borrowing Bylaw

The Village of Tahsis

Bylaw No. 658

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Being a bylaw to authorize temporary borrowing for the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project

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WHEREAS it is provided by S. 181 of the *Community Charter* that the Council may, where it has adopted a loan authorization bylaw, without further assents or approvals, borrow temporarily under the conditions therein set out;

AND WHEREAS the Council has adopted Bylaw No. 653, cited as “Loan Authorization bylaw No. 653, 2022”, authorizing borrowing for the purpose of the Tahsis Wastewater Treatment Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project, in the amount of Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand dollars (\$490,000) and which received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities on February 20, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Tahsis in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount or amounts not exceeding the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand dollars (\$490,000).
2. The form of obligation to be given as acknowledgement of the liability shall be a promissory note or notes bearing the corporate seal and signed by the Mayor and the Financial Administration Officer.
3. The money so borrowed shall be used solely for the purposes set out in Loan Authorization Bylaw no. 653.
4. This bylaw may be cited as “Tahsis Wastewater Treatment & Reconfiguration & Upgrade Project Temporary Borrowing Bylaw, No.658, 2023 ”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 16th day of May, 2023.

READ A SECOND TIME this 16th day of May, 2023.

READ A THIRD TIME this 16th day of May, 2023.

RECONSIDERED and FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Mayor

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Corporate Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 658 as adopted.

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Corporate Administrator



## DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

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### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

File: 0410-01

May 9, 2023

Honourable Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing  
Room 248 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

VIA EMAIL: [ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Dear Honourable Kahlon:

**Re: Homes for People Action Plan**

At their Regular meeting held on May 8, 2023, the District of Coldstream passed the following resolution:

*"THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Housing, with copies to the MLA for Vernon-Monashee and all members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the recently announced action plan "Homes for People" and request that the Minister take into consideration the following:*

1. *the diversity and size of communities throughout the province and their unique housing needs;*
2. *the differences between rural and urban communities and their availability of infrastructure; and*
3. *the significant impact on existing local infrastructure capacity to service increased development and density;*

*AND THAT the Minister be further advised that the District of Coldstream is concerned that broad legislative changes may curtail the local planning authority vested in local governments and expressed in their Official Community Plans and Zoning bylaws, for which significant public input has been received and accounted for in these important planning instruments.*

In addition to the points enumerated above, we would also bring to your attention that a large portion of Coldstream is served by septic systems, which are not equipped to manage the type of densification the Homes for People Action Plan contemplates. To provide the appropriate infrastructure would have a considerable financial impact to our residents without guaranteed and predictable funding/grants from the Province.

A good portion of Coldstream is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR); as such, we have concerns regarding the potential conflict between residential and agricultural land use. We have struggled with this very issue in recent years as have other communities surrounded with rural areas and have experienced development pressure.

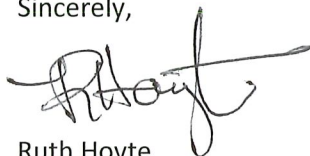
The portion of Coldstream that would be characterized as urban is very much residential and we lack access to local services such as shopping, health care, employment, and transit. These types of services and amenities are located in Vernon, a neighbouring community which acts as a the commercial 'hub' for many of our residents.

The District of Coldstream values and is known for our carefully managed growth which has always respected the wishes of the members of this community. Our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws have been developed with considerable input from the residents. Coldstream is a desirable place to live, farm and enjoy the abundance of natural amenities we are fortunate to have. We have worked diligently to balance the need for a variety of housing types and density with moderate growth while preserving the much sought after rural lifestyle that Coldstream is known for.

Respectfully, we request you consider that there are other communities, just as unique as ours, for which a province-wide, "one-size-fits-all", approach to increasing housing supply may not be in their best interest and may result in communities that no longer resemble the ones that people chose to live in. If the Province targeted support to communities either better suited or desirous of increased density, British Columbians would have the ability to choose the housing type and the community that is the best fit for them.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns on this very important initiative.

Sincerely,



Ruth Hoyte  
Mayor

cc: Council, District of Coldstream (via email)  
MLA Harwinder Sandhu ([Harwinder.sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Harwinder.sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca))  
Members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities



May 17, 2023

Ref: 118763

Tahsis  
977 South Maquinna Drive  
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Dear Mark Tatchell:

On behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation (Ministry), I am writing to invite you to participate in a province-wide engagement with municipalities and regional districts to inform the development of a policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining projects to electricity systems in B.C. The Ministry is also engaging with First Nations, industry, and utilities on this issue.

### **Cryptocurrency mining in B.C.**

Cryptocurrency mining is the process where specialized computers that are connected to the internet solve complex mathematical problems for a specific cryptocurrency (e.g., Bitcoin) and receive payment in the form of that cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrency mining projects typically consume electricity to power these specialized computers and can range in size from a few megawatts connected to the electricity distribution system to much larger facilities connected to the electricity transmission system.

B.C.'s clean, affordable electricity has attracted unprecedented interest from cryptocurrency miners. While BC Hydro welcomes new load and has available energy to use strategically for electric vehicles, heat pumps, clean technology, and industry, the unchecked growth of cryptocurrency mining operations in B.C. could make it more difficult to meet electrification goals in support of CleanBC and keep rates low for customers. To preserve B.C.'s electricity supply, while giving government and BC Hydro sufficient time to engage with stakeholders and First Nations to develop a permanent framework for any future cryptocurrency mining operations, a temporary suspension of new cryptocurrency mining connections to BC Hydro's grid was implemented.

In December 2022, a temporary (18-month) suspension on BC Hydro connecting new cryptocurrency mining operations to the electricity grid was put in place to provide time for the development of a permanent policy that balances First Nations' and the public's interests with the commercial interests of BC Hydro and cryptocurrency mining operations. The temporary suspension does not affect cryptocurrency mining projects that are already connected, or projects that are very close to connecting (signed Facilities Study Agreement). No new cryptocurrency projects may enter the queue or initiate the process of connection with BC Hydro during the suspension period.

### **Development of a policy framework for cryptocurrency mining connections in B.C.**

The development of a policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining projects to electricity systems in B.C. is likely to influence the conditions under which future cryptocurrency mining projects could be permitted to connect to electricity systems in B.C.

Although the temporary suspension on BC Hydro connecting new cryptocurrency mining operations did not apply to utilities other than BC Hydro, a permanent policy may extend to all utilities within B.C.

The Ministry is committed to engaging with municipalities and regional districts to seek feedback on the development of a permanent policy regarding cryptocurrency mining connections to the electricity system. The Ministry is interested in information on potential opportunities or impacts a permanent policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining operations could pose to your municipality. The feedback gathered will be used to inform Provincial decisionmakers' future deliberations on this policy.

### **The engagement process**

The engagement will be conducted through virtual or in-person workshops and held in two stages:

1. An initial discussion in which we share information about cryptocurrency mining in B.C. and our preliminary thinking about policy options, and ask for your early comments on potential opportunities and impacts of these; and
2. A second discussion in which we share refined policy options, informed by the first discussion, and ask for your feedback on these options.

The Ministry will be seeking feedback from municipalities and regional districts at both stages of the engagement through open discussion in the workshops and written submissions.

All information provided by stakeholders through this engagement process will be treated in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Based on your interest in further engagement, the follow-up e-mails will provide more information about the process and how you can participate.

We invite you to participate in an engagement process for municipalities and regional districts on a permanent policy framework for cryptocurrency mining. If you would like to participate, please indicate this interest by sending an email to [electricity.policy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:electricity.policy@gov.bc.ca) by June 7, 2023.

Thank you, and we look forward to our dialogue.



Les MacLaren  
Assistant Deputy Minister



## Mayor & Council of the Village of Tahsis

Please forward this as an agenda item at the upcoming June Village meeting,

Thank You

### Subject: “Under the Sea” July 15 “On the Sea” Fire Work Celebration

Yes, July is Westview’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary however many also see this event as a Growing Healthy Tahsis Community Celebration.

This Celebration will further promote the feelings of community and make us feel better

about the place we choose to live in, as well as make all of us acknowledge our resilience.

(as so well said by Mayor Davis recently in his letter to the community)

At this point in the process all know elements for the Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> evening Fire Works display at Westview Marina are a go!

We have had GOOD buy in conversations with Lauren Roth Village Coordinator of the

Tahsis Days Committee, Fire Chief, EPC Lisa Illes & both Officers In Charge (OIC) at the

Tahsis Coast Guard station.

Chief Illes and both OIC have extensive experience with this type of pyrotechnics displays.

Each has provided excellent guidance to make this Celebration very Successful.

The Coast Guard will be on the water ensuring water safety, Chief Illes has supervise and

done many personal and municipal fire works displays.

Good viewing of the Celebration will be available across the inlet on the road going

out of town, the head of the inlet, on the streets above the Marina as well as at the Marina

for all community member to partake and ENJOY!

Westview is suppling Person Power, a safe environment at the Marina, a large dock out

on the boom structure, 30ft herring skiff/work vessel to transport materials & persons  
out to the lunch site as well as water clean up of fire works waste.

Chief Illes has the information advising as to the type, amount and where to purchase  
the Fire Works. The cost is \$2,000  
This Pyrotechnic event is a Celebration in our small beautiful oceanside  
Community  
that will benefit the social & cultural fabric of Tahsis by bring us closer together.  
We are asking the Village elected officials to support this Community Inclusive  
Celebration  
by sharing the Fire Works purchase 50/50 with Westview \$1,000 each.  
Thank you, Mayor & Council of the Village of Tahsis, for your consideration of this  
request.

John Falavolito, 250 934 7672 or 800 992 3252 Cell 250 287 1394

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May 24, 2023

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

The 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be held in Vancouver from September 18-22. As we prepare for the upcoming convention, my caucus colleagues and I are looking forward to meeting and working with you to continue building strong, sustainable and vibrant communities throughout our province.

We all have a role to play in finding ways to ensure our communities thrive, and UBCM provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to one another, share ideas and find new approaches. With local, provincial, federal and First Nations governments working together, we can continue to build a better BC and ensure high-quality and affordable housing for all.

If you would like to request a meeting with me or one of my Cabinet colleagues, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca/> (live, as of today). Please note that this year's invitation code is **MeetingRequest2023** and it is case sensitive. The deadline to submit your meeting requests is June 30, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact [UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca) or phone 250-213-3856.

I look forward to once again being part of your convention, meeting with many of you and exploring ways that we can partner together to address the urgent need for housing and other common issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Eby".

David Eby, KC  
Premier

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Premier**

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May 24, 2023

Ref: 272632

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

It is my pleasure to write to you as the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the process for requesting a meeting with me, or provincial staff, during the upcoming 2023 UBCM Convention taking place from September 18–22, 2023 in Vancouver, B.C.

You will receive a separate letter from the Honourable David Eby, Premier, containing information about the online process for requesting a meeting with the Premier or other Cabinet Ministers.

If you would like to meet with me, please complete the online request form at [MUNI Minister's Meeting](#) and submit it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by **June 30, 2023**. Meeting dates and times will be confirmed in late August. I will do my best to accommodate as many meeting requests as possible. If I am unable to meet with you, arrangements may be made for a meeting post-Convention.

To get the most out of your delegation's meeting with me, it continues to be helpful for you to provide as much detail as possible in the online form on topics you wish to discuss. Providing this information in advance gives me a better understanding of your delegation's interests and our discussion can be more productive.

Ministry staff will email you shortly with the Provincial Appointment Book. This document lists all ministry, agency, commission, and corporation (MACC) staff available to meet with delegates at Convention, as well as details on how to submit an online staff meeting request.

While this will be my first UBCM Convention as Minister responsible for local government, my background has focused on community, as a three-term Burnaby City Councillor and a teacher in the Burnaby school system. I understand the importance of these opportunities to connect in person and have enjoyed meeting with many communities during my first six months in this portfolio to hear more about challenges and accomplishments. I look forward to continuing these meetings this summer and at Convention. As partners, we can build vibrant and healthy communities.

Sincerely,

Anne Kang  
Minister

pc: Honourable David Eby, Premier  
Jen Ford, President, Union of BC Municipalities

# 2023 PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT BOOK

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## Meeting Requests with:

The Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and  
Provincial Government Staff from Ministries,  
Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC)  
at the 2023 UBCM CONVENTION  
September 18 – 22, 2023

Vancouver Convention Centre  
Vancouver, British Columbia



Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs



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## INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Appointment Book provides UBCM Local Government and First Nations members instructions on how to request a meeting with the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and provincial ministries, agencies, commissions, and corporations (MACC) staff, to be scheduled during the week of 2023 UBCM Convention.

Within this document are three individual links to meeting request forms for meetings with:

1. Premier and Cabinet Ministers;
2. Host Minister, Honourable Anne Kang, Municipal Affairs; and
3. Provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations staff (MACCs).

Information on the MACCs available to meet is also included.

All meetings for the 2023 UBCM Convention will take place in person only. Details will be provided when meetings are confirmed.

## Meeting Dates

Meetings with the **Premier and Cabinet Ministers, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs**, will be 15 minutes in length and will take place in person during the following dates:

**Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building**  
**Monday, September 18**  
 to  
**Friday, September 22**

Meetings with **MACC staff** will be 30 minutes in length (20 minutes for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure only), and will take place in person during the following dates

**Pan Pacific Hotel, R Level – Cypress Suite**  
**Tuesday, September 19**

**Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building – Exhibition Hall C**  
**Wednesday, September 20 &**  
**Thursday, September 21**

## On-Site Provincial Appointment Desk

Provincial Appointment Desk staff will be available on-site to schedule meetings with MACC Staff at the following locations:

**Monday, September 18 &**  
**Tuesday, September 19**  
 Vancouver Convention Centre,  
 East Building – Lobby  
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 20 &**  
**Thursday, September 21**  
 Vancouver Convention Centre,  
 East Building – Exhibition Hall C  
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

## MEETING REQUEST INFORMATION AND LINKS

### Honourable David Eby, Premier and Cabinet Ministers

(Except Minister of Municipal Affairs)

**Click:** [Premier and Cabinet Ministers Meeting Requests](#)

**Invitation Code:** MeetingRequest2023  
(case sensitive)

**Deadline:** June 30, 2023

#### Questions:

Contact the Premier's UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Marlène Behrens by email at: [UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 250 213-3856

### Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs

**Click:** [Municipal Affairs Minister's Meeting Requests](#)

**Deadline:** June 30, 2023

#### Questions:

Contact the MUNI Minister's Meeting Coordinator, Katie Carrothers, by email at: [MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 236 478-0537

### Provincial Government (MACC) Staff

(Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations)

**Click:** [MACC Staff Meeting Requests](#)

**Deadline:** August 30, 2023

#### Questions:

Contact the MACC Staff Meeting Coordinator, Sarah Staszkiel, by phone at: 778 405-1784, or the Assistant MACC Staff Meeting Coordinator, Casey Cathcart, by phone at 778 405-3140.

You may also reach them by email at: [MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MUNI.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca),

Once meetings have been scheduled, confirmations will be sent to UBCM Local Government and First Nations members **via email**.



## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AVAILABLE DURING THE 2023 UBCM CONVENTION

### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Business Risk Management Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helps producers manage risks such as weather hazards, natural disasters, wildlife, diseases, pests and market declines, that cause income losses and lead to financial instability. The Branch delivers three programs to help farmers manage financial risk: Production Insurance - offers insurance protection for agricultural crops against weather perils; Agri-Stability - protects farm enterprises from the financial impacts of significant margin declines which can be caused by increasing input costs or reduced agricultural revenues; and Wildlife Damage Compensation - compensates farmers for losses due to wildlife.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Corporate, Policy and Priorities Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides corporate leadership, coordination and analysis of policy, legislative and data issues related to the ministry's mandate. The Branch guides the development of ministry policy and legislation, including managing stakeholder relationships, participating in provincial policy and legislation development, and overseeing policy and legislative projects. The Branch serves as the central resource for internal and external clients on relevant, comprehensive, high-quality, and timely economic and social data on the province's farming, commercial fishing, aquaculture and food and beverage processing industries.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Extension and Support Services Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies and promotes agriculture and food production/processing systems that are sustainable and enhance the economic benefits to the province. The Branch maintains operations in all agriculture regions of the province to deliver ministry programs and services through a network of regional agrologists, land use planners, technical and industry specialists. The Branch works through a variety of strategic partnerships and is the primary point of contact for the ministry's agriculture clients, both businesses and associations. The Branch also provides professional agricultural support to local government planning and emergency response processes, and to both the Agricultural Land Commission and the Farm Industry Review Board.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Food and Beverage Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leads market and business development activities for farmers, food and beverage processors and Indigenous communities as well as key initiatives such as Grow BC, Feed BC, Buy BC, and the BC Food Hub Network. The Branch works in partnership across regional stakeholders, industry, public sector organizations and levels of government to enhance the agriculture and food and beverage sector's capacity, inclusivity, and competitiveness, grow provincial food system resilience, promote career opportunities, and support current and next generation entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Food Safety Inspection Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguards public health by ensuring that agri-food, meat and seafood produced in the province is safe and wholesome. The Branch works in partnership with other federal and provincial agencies to facilitate food safety through three main program areas which are led by an Executive Director and supported by a team of administrative and policy and program advisory staff. The Branch also supports food safety through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership by administering On-Farm Food Safety and Post-Farm Food Safety.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Office of the Chief Veterinarian</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides provincial leadership on regulated animal and zoonotic diseases, One Health and One Welfare in British Columbia. The Branch works to build resilient animal health systems for B.C. in collaboration with Provincial ministries, the Federal Government, Livestock industry, and Veterinary professionals.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Plant and Animal Health Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the sustainability of animal and plant agriculture while serving to protect the well-being of the people of British Columbia through diagnostic services, surveillance, risk assessment, and the development of strategies to address identified risks. The Branch addresses plant health risks and issues that affect plant and agriculture productivity, environmental sustainability and competitiveness of agricultural crops in British Columbia. Through diagnostic services and surveillance, the Branch helps protect human health with the timely and accurate diagnosis of zoonotic diseases in the public health and food safety sectors (e.g., SARS-CoV-2, influenza, Salmonella).</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CONTINUED...

<b>Regenerative Agriculture and Climate Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports formulation of strategies, identifies opportunities, and drives the development and implementation of regenerative agriculture, innovation, climate initiatives and emergency management. This includes advancing B.C. as a leader in food security and the emerging agri-tech sector, helping companies bring innovation to agriculture and position B.C. as an agri-tech leader. Developing strategies and plans to maintain a new regenerative agricultural network, creating opportunities for farmers and greater food security by bringing together natural systems of production with agri-technologies that enhance production. Developing strategies and plans to achieve CleanBC climate action plan goals, helping farmers, ranchers and food processors prepare for climate impacts and ensure food security. Oversight of the ministry's Emergency Management function, including management of issues relating to avian influenza, wildfire, floods, and other natural or unexpected emergencies.</li> </ul>
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## ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Court Services Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for case documentation and adjudication support for all matters going before the court, including case initiation and processing, fee collection, file and exhibit management, court clerking, court records and transcripts, interpreter services and the preparation and dissemination of court orders. In addition, the Court Services Branch is responsible for courtroom and courthouse security, prisoner custody and escort, document service, and jury administration.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Indigenous Justice Secretariat</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for working with external partners and stakeholders to develop and implement the provincial Indigenous justice strategies, and for the ongoing development of provincial policy and legislation reforms to improve outcomes for Indigenous people congruent with the Indigenous justice strategies, which includes national law reform, as well as federal/ provincial/ territorial linkages, while ensuring reforms are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and the Declaration on the <i>Rights of Indigenous People Act (DRIPA)</i>.</li> </ul>

## ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Justice Services Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving users' access to justice and experience with the administration of justice in B.C. by transforming elements of the justice system. The Branch also works with and provides support to tribunals, agencies, and independent offices, and delivers programs and services relating to family justice and access to justice in B.C.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Racism Data legislation.</li> <li>• <i>Anti-Racism Act</i>.</li> <li>• Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grant program.</li> <li>• Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards.</li> <li>• Historical Wrongs Initiatives.</li> <li>• Report on Multiculturalism.</li> <li>• Resilience BC anti-racism network and provincial coordination on anti-racism and anti-hate initiatives.</li> <li>• Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC).</li> <li>• Proclamations Program.</li> <li>• Anti-Racism Training (Institutional Change Initiative).</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Deputy Minister's Office and Executive Operations, Strategic Services Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategic Services Branch provides expertise to enable the large-scale, cross Divisional and complex transformation envisioned in the ministry's Strategic Framework. The Branch leads:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project management— supports strategic initiatives and continuous improvement through assessing and making recommendations on project risks, mitigation strategies and resource deployment.</li> <li>○ Change management – champions organizational change and effective implementation of significant change initiatives with staff and external partners and service providers.</li> <li>○ Implementation oversight - oversees operational implementation of priority transformation projects to comply with legislative and policy requirements and ensure operational needs are met.</li> <li>○ Strategic planning and engagement – directs planning, reporting, internal, external, and web-based communications and engagement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Service Delivery Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Delivery Division is responsible for delivering community services to children, youth and families across the province, including adoption and guardianship, child and youth mental health, children and youth with support needs, (including specialized provincial services, Autism Information Services, and Provincial Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services) child protection and family services, resources, Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Specialized Intervention and Youth Justice, and forensics Early Years, and supporting youth transitioning to adulthood.</li> <li>• Our professional and support staff work closely with families, extended families, Indigenous Child and Family Services Agencies, First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners, foster caregivers, community social service agencies, service providers and ministry partners.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division / Policy and Strategic Integration</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Policy and Strategic Integration Branch identifies and addresses opportunities and risks for integration across the ministry in support of systemic reform and quality assurance. The team develops strategic and operational policy to improve outcomes for children, youth, and their families in the area of Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH), child welfare, reconciliation/Indigenous Jurisdiction, and specialized homes and support services.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division / Policy, Legislation and Litigation</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Policy, Legislation and Litigation Branch serves as the hub for cross-Ministry services and supports related to legislation and legal support, litigation, strategic policy, research, and engagement. Each team is responsible for a distinct portfolio of programs and services.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division / Strategic Initiatives</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategic Initiatives Branch is responsible for the strategic design and policy for transforming supports for youth and young adults transitioning into adulthood; strategic and operational policy for the fall 2022 legislative amendments and broader systemic reform to the <i>Adoption Act</i>; and service design and strategic policy for Prevention and Family Supports. The Branch also leads the Service Frameworks for each of these areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division / Strategic Youth Justice</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Branch is responsible for changing the landscape for youth justice services in B.C. to ensure that our justice system is responsive, trauma-informed, and culturally grounded to better support relational accountability, public safety, and the needs of youth at all stages of intervention.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Strategic Integration, Policy and Legislation Division / Early Years and Inclusion Policy, Communications and Engagement</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Early Years and Inclusion Policy, Communication &amp; Engagement Branch provides support for early childhood development programs and services for children and youth with support needs (CYSN) through the development of strategic policy initiatives. The team incorporates a cross government approach for programs and services for children and families and is currently working to co-develop and improved system of services for children and youth with support needs (CYSN). Policy staff also research and develop innovative approaches for citizen engagement and program delivery.</li> </ul>
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## MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>BC Data Service</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Data Service (BCDS) is a leader, convener and a trusted advisor for collaborative data solutions that enable government to better serve the people of B.C. BCDS enables teams across government to better deliver services by leading data policy development and management and providing data analysis, tools, platforms, training, and support. The BCDS is the trusted go-to leader for data analysis, statistics about people in B.C. and data management.</li> <li>• BCDS delivers several data access, analysis and use programs that support the modernization of government, including BC Stats, DataBC, the Data Innovation Program and the Data Science Partnerships Program. The Division also provides additional data services including, Strategic Data Management, Web Mapping, Location Services, API Services, Data Discovery and Publication and Research and Analytics.</li> <li>• BCDS is primarily responsible for two major government priorities: implementation of B.C.'s <i>Anti-Racism Data Act</i> and delivery of the BC Data Plan which includes co-development commitments on Indigenous data sovereignty and a framework for using Indigenous languages when interacting with government.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES CONTINUED...

### **Connectivity**

- Internet and Cellular connectivity: The Division provides guidance on planning for broadband internet (including wired, wireless and satellite) to communities and highway and community cellular coverage to municipal and regional governments and oversees the Connecting British Columbia and the Connecting Communities BC funding programs.
- Local and Regional Government connectivity planning resources and tools: Programming supports local governments, First Nations, and regional districts by assisting with connectivity planning and helping communities to better understand how to achieve greater economic, environmental, public safety and social benefits enabled through high-speed internet.
- Local and Regional Government supports for NG911: The Division is supporting Next Generation 911 (NG911) implementation through funding to UBCM to enable municipalities to build the capacity and resources they require to make decisions and implement updated technical infrastructure required by NG911. The funding will be provided to UBCM to distribute to municipalities to address staffing, training, education, quality assurance, program delivery support, public outreach, and audit readiness. Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN): Public Safety Broadband is a Canadian initiative led by the federal government to establish a secure, high-speed, and mobile wireless communications network. The network can be used by first responders and public safety personnel to communicate, access, and share information during day-to-day operations, weather-related incidents, natural disasters, emergencies, and major events.

## MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Government Digital Experience</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDX provides the technical infrastructure that enables gov.bc.ca, and manages high priority web content, including the translation of content for COVID-19 and vaccinations. As well, the Division is responsible to help determine opportunities for how government can approach translation of its information and services more broadly.</li> <li>• The Division also leads government's efforts to gather feedback from people in the province, and to provide expert advice for how to design programs and services that work for those who use them. This means leading service design and public engagement work for ministries, including gathering in-person and online feedback from people in B.C. about government policies, programs, and services, and better connecting digital services with the information people are looking for.</li> <li>• GDX is responsible for government's web training, standards and digital accessibility and supports plain language, easy to navigate and access information.</li> <li>• The Division also delivers digital policy advice and technology services to Government Communication and Public Engagement (GCPE) to support its day-to-day operations.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Office of Chief Information Officer</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OCIO supports the transformation of government services through integration, collaboration, and innovation. It leads strategy, policy and standards that support digital government and information management including information technology, IT security, integrated data, privacy, and the management of the Information Management/IT investment portfolio for the province.</li> <li>• The OCIO provides leadership and expertise for telecommunications services, vendor management, innovation, and technology that enable the digital transformation of government work environments and communities in every corner of the province.</li> <li>• The OCIO is responsible for the province's technology infrastructure and provides a range of corporate enablers to support digital service delivery and business transformation for government and Broader Public Sector organizations.</li> <li>• It provides corporate information management services to government including Freedom of Information; proactive disclosures of information; privacy, records management, and elements of information security.</li> </ul>



## MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES CONTINUED...

### ***Procurement and Supply***

- The Division plays a leadership role in government procurement and supply services. These activities serve the provincial government, the broader public sector, the public and, in some cases, municipalities. For example, municipalities use BC Bid to provide vendors with information on upcoming procurement operations and Asset Investment Recovery to dispose of municipal surplus assets in a convenient, environmentally friendly manner that returns a fair market value to the municipality.
- The Division is the lead for coordinating access to the Federal National Memorandum of Understanding (NMUA) which grants access to provinces and territories to numerous Corporate Supply Agreements created by the Federal Government.
- The new modernized BC Bid is government's online procurement tool for accessing and competing on public sector procurement opportunities. Used by hundreds of publicly funded organizations, such as Crown Corporations, health authorities and municipalities, the modernized application will make it easier for businesses of all sizes to take advantage of public sector contracts available.
- BC Bid is also connected to CanadaBuys which is the federal site for all Canadian provinces and territories allowing B.C. to comply with the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Opportunities on BC Bid are posted overnight to CanadaBuys, increasing the pool of suppliers that will see and potentially bid on opportunities from the various Municipalities, Academic Institutions, Schools, and Hospitals.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR), the Division has formed an External Advisory Committee under the Indigenous Procurement Initiative (IPI) to determine actions to take in order to reduce barriers to government procurement opportunities and better support participation by Indigenous businesses and communities.

## MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Real Property</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Real Property Division (RPD) provides everything needed to design, set up and manage a government workplace. RPD has responsibility for the province's real estate portfolio including office space, special-purpose facilities (such as courthouses, laboratories, and correctional facilities), and parking. Real estate for schools, post-secondary institutions, hospitals, and municipalities are excluded from RPD's responsibilities. RPD provides cost-effective services related to government workplaces for ESG management, asset management, leasing, facilities management, project and construction management, furniture procurement, information and technology management, strategic real estate advice, acquisitions, dispositions, and space planning. RPD is also responsible to modernize government workplaces to align with future of work - Hybrid Workplace and ShareSpace requirements. RPD's client base includes ministry (mandated) as well as broader sector (voluntary) customers.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Service BC</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service BC (SBC) is government's chief provider of services to B.C. residents and businesses. Through a provincial network of 65 service centres and the SBC Provincial Contact Centre, SBC provides approximately 300 government services on behalf of more than 40 partner ministries and agencies. The Division enables the design and delivery of accessible, responsive, and cost-effective services, making it easier for residents and businesses to interact with government.</li> <li>• The BC Corporate Registries Branch facilitates and supports commerce in the province through administration and verification of business, personal property, and manufactured home registrations. The Provincial Identity Information Management Program delivers trusted, secure identity service to support access to digital government services and information.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Child Care Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child Care Division leads the development and implementation of ChildCare BC, government's 10-year strategy launched in 2018. This strategy is building affordable, accessible, quality, inclusive child care as a core service for families, and plays a key role in government's commitment to putting people first.</li> <li>• Through provincial programs and through partnership with the federal government, the Child Care Division delivers a wide variety of programs. Key programs delivered under through the Child Care Division include those providing operational funding for child care providers and cost-saving fee reductions for parents, capital grant programs for expanding and maintaining child care spaces, education and professional development supports for learners, and supports for community-based programs such as Child Care Resource and Referral Centres and Young Parent Program. In addition, the Division supports programs that help families and children access and participate in fully inclusive child care settings, as well as funding and supporting the development and expansion of distinctions-based Indigenous-led child care.</li> <li>• The Ministry, through the Child Care Division, has oversight of the Early Childhood Educator Registry, which issues provincial certifications, accesses and recommends approval for ECE post-secondary programs, and investigates complaints regarding ECE and ECEA conduct and competence.</li> <li>• The Division oversees the child care budget of \$827.377M for FY 23/24.</li> </ul>
<i>Resource Management Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Resource Management Division is responsible for the oversight and management of approximately \$7.8 billion in operating funding to the K-12 sector; the K-12 funding formula; and school district shared services initiatives and childcare initiatives and programs. In addition, the Division is responsible for the ministry's overall budget and financial oversight and a wide range of corporate services: financial services; strategic human resources; risk management; and planning/reporting.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Corporate Services Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for the provision of strategic advice and the delivery of corporate services to support EMCR programs and services.</li> <li>• Manages the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) claim administration and provincial cost tracking.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS CONTINUED...

<b><i>Disaster Recovery</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads coordination of provincial agency supports for communities following a disaster.</li> <li>• Implements the disaster financial assistance (DFA) program, and when DFA is not available, seeks alternative government and non-government funding opportunities to assist impacted parties.</li> <li>• Responsible for disaster recovery operational policy, cross government integrated disaster recovery framework, and recovery specialists who are ready to deploy to assist communities when a disaster strikes.</li> <li>• A Community Recovery team oversees the extensive community recovery needs following the 2021 Lytton Wildfire and the November Atmospheric River Event. This team is providing dedicated assistance to 2021 impacted communities to support their community lead recovery initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Disaster Risk Management</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads emergency management and provincial business continuity management planning.</li> <li>• Conducts emergency management training and exercises.</li> <li>• Undertakes strategic after actions reviews of disaster events, undertaking provincial and regional disaster and climate risk assessments.</li> <li>• Provides funding to First Nations and local governments to advance disaster risk reduction through planning and mitigation activities.</li> <li>• Advances policy, programs, and strategies to reduce disaster and climate risks.</li> <li>• Supports development of the <a href="https://ClimateReadyBC.bc.ca">ClimateReadyBC.bc.ca</a> platform as a one-stop information resource for disaster mitigation and climate adaptation.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Policy &amp; Legislation</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivers EMCR's strategic policy and legislation. This work includes leading EMCR's efforts to repeal and replace the <i>Emergency Program Act</i>. Modernized legislation will include a new statute and regulations, such as the Local Authorities Regulation and Compensation &amp; Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Public Education &amp; Digital Services</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads the delivery of PreparedBC, the province's preparedness public education program serving First Nations communities, local authorities, and the public.</li> <li>• Provides oversight to a variety of guides, resources, programs, and social media campaigns aimed at influencing positive behaviour change at the individual level, but also the household and community level.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Regional Operations</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads and coordinates the preparedness and response to provincial land regional-level emergencies and disasters and supporting other authorities within their areas of jurisdiction, working directly with First Nations, local authorities, provincial ministries and agencies, federal departments, other jurisdictions, industry, and volunteers.</li> <li>• Leads and coordinates 24/7 emergency management capability through six regional offices located in Surrey, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince George, and Terrace, with the Vancouver Island Regional Office co-located at the EMCR Headquarters in Victoria. In addition, EMCR HQ houses the Emergency Coordination Centre and Provincial Duty Managers providing 24/7 situational awareness, activation of response to emergencies, including broadcast intrusive alerting.</li> <li>• Coordinates BC's Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer groups, who provide an array of critical, front-line emergency services, including Ground Search and Rescue, Air Search and Rescue, Road Rescue, Emergency Support Services, and Emergency Radio Communications.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Strategic Partnerships</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads the development and implementation of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness' (EMCR) inter-agency and inter-governmental partnerships.</li> <li>• Works to enhance BC's emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts while strengthening EMCR capabilities and capacity to address catastrophic events by establishing and leading regional emergency management partnership agreements with the federal government, local governments, First Nations, emergency management partner agencies and critical infrastructure operators.</li> <li>• Leads EMCR's partnership arrangements with intergovernmental, nongovernmental, faith-based, and other emergency management partners and agencies.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Electricity and Alternative Energy Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division is responsible for British Columbia’s electricity and alternative energy sectors, including BC Hydro. These sectors are made up of diverse interests that develop electricity generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure, clean or renewable energy sources, including biomass, biogas, hydrogen, geothermal, hydro, solar, ocean, wind and low- carbon transportation fuels, and advance energy efficiency. The Division is taking a lead role in the development of a Climate Aligned Energy Framework for the province.</li> <li>• The Division is responsible for policies and programs that advance energy efficient, low-carbon technologies and practices in the built environment through R&amp;D, incentives, and standards. This portfolio includes the CleanBC Building Innovation Fund, CleanBC Better Homes and Better Buildings Program and the Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation.</li> <li>• The Division is responsible for developing and implementing legislation, policies, and programs to decarbonize the transportation sector and spur growth in the clean transportation industry in BC. This portfolio includes the <i>Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Act</i>, the ZEV Regulation, and the CleanBC Go Electric Program.</li> <li>• The Division is responsible for B.C.’s low-carbon energy market transformation, driving a range of actions to support all stages of clean energy development and adoption, including through implementation of the BC Hydrogen Strategy and administration of the BC Hydrogen Office. The Division also administers the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund, a special account used to further the energy and environmental priorities of the government.</li> <li>• The Division supports the Minister’s oversight of BC Hydro and is responsible for public utility regulatory policy under the <i>Utilities Commission Act</i>. The Division will lead provincial collaboration with the British Columbia Utilities Commission to reframe the Commission’s current role as an economic regulator in alignment with the province’s climate action and affordability objectives.</li> <li>• The Division is responsible for co-leading the Indigenous Clean Energy Opportunities (ICEO) process with the First Nations Energy and Mining.</li> <li>• Council which is seeking to engage with First Nations rights holders and organizations in a collaborative dialogue to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ position First Nations to fully participate in current and future opportunities in British Columbia’s clean energy sector; and</li> <li>○ align the province’s strategic clean energy policy and legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION CONTINUED...

<b><i>LNG Canada Implementation Secretariat</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Division is responsible for the effective implementation of LNG Canada and its associated pipeline, Coastal GasLink by liaising with federal, provincial, municipal governments, Indigenous Nations, and the companies on key implementation issues management.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Mines Competitiveness and Authorizations Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for managing authorizations, geoscience and policy for the mining cycle from early mineral exploration, development of major and regional mines, and mine closure and reclamation.</li> <li>• Supports the competitiveness of B.C.'s mining sector, including critical minerals and helps position B.C. as an attractive jurisdiction for investment by providing fair, effective, and transparent authorizations, and focusing on regulatory certainty, Indigenous reconciliation and partnerships, world-class geoscience, innovation, and leading environmental standards.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Division was created in 2019 and is responsible for mine worker health and safety, compliance verification and enforcement, and investigations of serious incidents at mines.</li> <li>• Oversees the regulation of abandoned mines.</li> <li>• Manages the ongoing review and revision of the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C.</li> <li>• Oversees policy and Indigenous engagement in its core business areas.</li> <li>• The Division includes the Chief Auditor, responsible for conducting audits evaluating effectiveness of B.C.'s mining regulatory framework.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports mandate delivery of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI) and EMLI's Divisions on its energy, mining, and natural gas mandates.</li> <li>• Supports EMLI efforts to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Nations including supporting the negotiation of revenue sharing and accommodation agreements and Reconciliation Agreements, engaging with Indigenous Nations on strategic policy matters. This work is consistent with Government's objectives under the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> and ensures that First Nations actively participate in natural resource development in their Traditional Territories.</li> <li>• Corporate oversight and coordination of policies, land use planning, intergovernmental relations, service plan development, and reporting requirements by SIAD to ensure that EMLI takes a strategic approach to the delivery of its programs and services. Examples include Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference, Council of the Federation, and Federal/Provincial forums. SIB also supports energy and climate policy relating to CleanBC.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Oil and Gas Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oil and Gas Division (Division) guides the responsible and sustainable development of publicly owned natural gas and oil resources to supply domestic and international energy needs. The Division develops and implements programs, policies, regulations, and best practices to ensure that British Columbia’s resources are developed in a way that aligns with government’s strategic priorities and delivers maximum economic benefits to British Columbians. The Division works closely with other natural resource agencies in the Public Service to deliver on its mandate.</li> <li>• The Division is responsible for the issuance, administration and access to oil and gas subsurface tenures, facilitating the implementation of interprovincial pipelines and related infrastructure projects, oversight of oil and gas royalties, design of stringent and competitive regulatory and policy frameworks for oil and gas, analyzing current and future oil and gas market trends, revenue and activity forecasting, and profiling opportunities for development of projects that could bring additional value to the province’s oil and gas resources. The Division plays a leading role in assisting the province in achieving its environmental and emissions reduction goals, such as the near elimination of methane emissions by 2035 and ensuring that all other commitments under CleanBC and the Roadmap to 2030 for the oil and natural gas sector are met. The Division manages program delivery to support accelerating the reclamation of dormant and legacy sites and supporting the province’s commitments to reconciliation. The Division is government’s primary liaison with the independent regulator for the oil and gas industry - the BC Energy Regulator.</li> <li>• The Division supports the Ministry by facilitating the responsible development of EMLI Service Plan Goal #3 by ensuring that “B.C.’s oil and gas industry reduces its carbon footprint in a manner that supports economic sustainability, advances Indigenous reconciliation and exhibits high environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.”</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Woodfibre Implementation Group</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of the Woodfibre LNG facility by liaising with federal, provincial, municipal governments and First Nations. Providing a central point of contact for the proponent of Woodfibre LNG on regulatory and issues management.</li> </ul>



## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Conservation and Recreation</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for all matters (policy, planning and management) of conservation, recreation and cultural values in the province's parks and protected areas, and for developing, maintaining, and managing a network of recreation sites and recreation trails on Crown land throughout the province.</li> <li>• Conservation Officer Service: A natural resource law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing federal and provincial statutes, public safety as it relates to human-wildlife conflict, commercial environmental and industrial investigations and compliance and enforcement activities.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Climate Action Secretariat</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Province-wide coordination and management of systems to address and respond to climate change including: CleanBC, CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, CleanBC Communities Fund, Industrial carbon pricing and climate programs (CleanBC Industry Fund, CleanBC Industrial Incentive Program, B.C. Output Based Pricing System for Industry), B.C. Offset Program, Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy, Carbon Neutral Government (Public Sector Organizations – schools, universities and colleges and hospitals), Climate Solutions Council, GHG Provincial Inventory, including the community GHG Inventory and new Local Government Climate Action Program. Climate action pieces of legislation related to climate change including <i>Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act</i>, <i>Climate Change Accountability Act</i>, <i>Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Act</i>, <i>Vehicle Emissions Standards Act</i>, <i>Clean Energy Act</i>, <i>Greenhouse Gas Reduction - Emissions Standards</i>, and Carbon Tax.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Environmental Assessment Office</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is a neutral regulatory agency that reviews proposed major projects such as mines, oil and gas facilities and large infrastructure projects.</li> <li>• Under the legal framework of the 2018 <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (the Act), the EAO implements a process to ensure that any environmental, economic, social, cultural and health effects that may occur during the lifetime of a project are thoroughly assessed.</li> <li>• The EAO coordinates its work with federal and provincial agencies, local governments, and First Nations, and engages the public throughout the environmental assessment process, to inform provincial Ministers' decision whether projects should be approved to proceed.</li> <li>• The EAO also has a reconciliation purpose under the Act, and accordingly works jointly with B.C. First Nations to assess a proposed project's impact on Nations and their rights.</li> <li>• If a project is approved to proceed, the EAO monitors and enforces compliance with its requirements to ensure that projects are designed, built, operated, decommissioned, and reclaimed in compliance with the conditions of their approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Environmental Protection Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air quality, reducing toxins, pollution prevention, environmental emergencies/provincial spill response, <i>Environmental Management Act</i>, contaminated sites, brownfields, hazardous and industrial waste, <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i>, extended producer responsibility, recycling, CleanBC Plastics Action Plan, organics infrastructure funding programs, Clean Coast Clean Waters fund, Plastic Action Fund, Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program, Public Interest Bonding Strategy, circular economy, local government waste management planning, waste management (incineration, landfilling, municipal liquid and solid waste), permitting and compliance reporting for industrial operations' emissions; groundwater hydrology; water and air quality monitoring (Federal-Provincial Trend Monitoring Network, BC Lake Monitoring Network), groundwater level and quality monitoring (Provincial Groundwater Observation Well Network), hydrometric and climate monitoring networks; environmental databases; State of Environment Reporting; snow survey; ambient air quality; water stewardship outreach (<a href="#">B.C. Lake Stewardship and Monitoring Program</a> – volunteer based- ); environmental and analytical chemistry laboratory services , provincial laboratory quality assurance and standards; Indigenous relations and partnership development related to environmental quality and monitoring; Compliance and enforcement for industrial, commercial activities and sectors regulated under the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> regarding discharges to the environment, and under the <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i> as it relates to pesticide use and storage; compliance planning.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY CONTINUED...

<b>Strategic Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of cross-ministry policy initiatives and corporate support for policy development, legislation, and inter-governmental relations; business improvement and corporate reporting; ministry-wide integration and delivery of digital and service transformation opportunities; advice and recommendations on cross-cutting Indigenous initiatives, Indigenous relationship practices evaluation, strategies, and guiding principles development for partnerships with First Nations.</li> </ul>
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## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Crown Agencies Secretariat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership and support for board appointments and development for Public Sector Organizations; and for the annual performance management and reporting cycle for ministries and crown agencies</li> <li>• Strategic oversight and support to specific Crowns, agencies, or organizations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC), including BCLC's oversight of casinos and community gaming facilities.</li> <li>○ The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) sales and policy, including BC Liquor Stores and BC Cannabis Stores.</li> <li>○ Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) provides direct support to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>**For <u>Minister</u> meeting requests for the Liquor Distribution Branch or the Insurance Corporation of BC please direct these to the <a href="#">Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General</a>.</b></p> <p><b>**For <u>staff</u> meeting requests for the Liquor Distribution Branch please direct these to the <a href="#">Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General</a>.</b></p> <p><b>**For <u>staff</u> meeting requests for the Insurance Corporation of BC please see their description in the <a href="#">Provincial Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations section</a>.</b></p>
<b>Policy and Legislation Division / Financial and Corporate Sector Policy Branch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-money laundering in real estate and the financial sector, including beneficial ownership transparency initiatives.</li> <li>• Corporate and financial sector policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Securities</li> <li>○ Real Estate (including mortgage brokers and real estate developers)</li> <li>○ Financial institutions</li> <li>○ Pensions</li> <li>○ Business Organizations (including companies, societies, and cooperative associations)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Policy and Legislation Division / Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal-provincial fiscal relations (e.g., intergovernmental transfers). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support Premier’s participation at Premiers’ and First Ministers’ tables.</li> <li>○ Support Finance Minister’s participation at provincial-territorial and federal-provincial-territorial Finance Ministers’ tables.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Joint federal-provincial social policy priorities (e.g., income security and pensions).</li> <li>• Cannabis revenue sharing with Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.</li> <li>• Local government fiscal relations, with Municipal Affairs</li> <li>• First Nations fiscal relations, and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation with Finance.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Policy &amp; Legislation Division / Property Tax and Assessment Policy</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property tax and assessment policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provincial property assessment policy, legislation, and methodology (e.g., crown leases, affordability impacts &amp;, evaluation of development lands).</li> <li>○ Oversight of BCA and the Property Assessment Review panels.</li> <li>○ Provincial property taxes (school, rural, police)</li> <li>○ Property Transfer Tax</li> <li>○ Speculation and Vacancy Tax</li> <li>○ Purpose built rentals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Policy and Legislation Division / Tax Policy Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial tax policy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provincial property taxes (school, rural, police)</li> <li>○ Property Transfer Tax</li> <li>○ Speculation and Vacancy Tax</li> <li>○ Provincial Sales Tax</li> <li>○ Municipal and Regional District Tax</li> <li>○ Carbon Tax</li> <li>○ Motor Fuel Tax</li> <li>○ Provincial Income Tax</li> <li>○ Indigenous Taxation</li> <li>○ Employer Health Tax</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF FORESTS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Associate Deputy Minister's Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permitting Process Improvements, Business Effectiveness, Strategic Projects (e.g., Old Growth), FSA Modernization, and Operation Services for FrontCounter B.C.</li> </ul>
<i>BC Wildfire Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildfire Suppression, Wildfire Prevention and Community Resiliency Initiative.</li> <li>Wildfire Recovery and All Hazard Response.</li> </ul>
<i>Indigenous Relations Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports the province's goal of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the <i>Declaration Act</i> Action Plan.</li> <li>First Nations Reconciliation &amp; Negotiations Strategy, New Fiscal Framework &amp; Revenue Sharing, First Nations Forest Tenure, First Nations Forestry Council Engagement, and Consultation Systems &amp; Information Management.</li> </ul>
<i>Integrated Resource Operations Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaeology; Compliance and Enforcement; Fish and Wildlife, Water Management, Engineering, Forest Tenures, Crown land Opportunities and Restoration, and Lands.</li> </ul>
<i>Office of the Chief Forester</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of the Chief Forester provides provincial leadership for forest management and stewardship. Activities that occur within the Office of the Chief Forester include, continuous improvement of policies, legislation and practices, acquisition and update of forest inventory, spatial analysis and reporting of timber and non-timber values, allowable annual cut determination, silviculture, seed supply, forest health, land-based research, climate change, carbon management, integrated planning, forest genetic resource management, developing the bio economy and strategic old growth support. All these activities are carried out to achieve sustainable management of B.C.'s forests and maintain a balance between a healthy environment and economic sustainability. This Division is comprised of the Office of the Chief Forester and six Branches: Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch, Forest Improvement and Research Management Branch, Forest Carbon and Climate Services Branch, Forest Investment and Reporting Branch and Forest Science, Planning and Practices Branch and Innovation, Bioeconomy and Indigenous Opportunities Branch and Provincial Old Growth Strategy.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF FORESTS CONTINUED...

<b><i>Regional Operations</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Operations covers the entire province of British Columbia and is separated into three areas: North, South and Coast. Activities that occur within regional operations include: Forestry, range, water, land, wildlife and fish authorizations and monitoring, Indigenous consultation, major projects authorizations, operation of regional offices providing client access to natural resource authorizations (Front Counter BC), geographic information and Crown land sales, revenue management, drought and flood response, Emergency Management BC and BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) support, wildfire risk reduction, wildfire rehabilitation and recovery, resource stewardship (resource value monitoring and assessment), BC Timber Sales regional timber sales, investment and reporting on forest management to the Office of the Chief Forester and timber sales reviews for regions, strategic initiatives and forest landscape planning, silviculture project delivery, and resource roads and infrastructure including access and land management issues.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Timber, Range and Economics</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economics, Trade, Export Policy, Softwood Lumber, Timber Pricing, stumpage, Competitiveness and Compensation policy, Resource worker safety, value added forestry, range policy and planning, modernizing forest policy, forest sector transformation, BC Timber Sales provincial operations.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

<b>DIVISION/BRANCH</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b><i>Finance and Corporate Services</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports programs and health authorities by managing and ensuring a consistent approach to financial and corporate services planning, policy, performance oversight/reporting, and critical financial and corporate services issues management.</li> <li>Services provided include, Health Authority Regional Grants Decision Support, Finance and Decision Support, Capital Services Management, and Audit and Investigations.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for operational delivery of beneficiary and diagnostic services and workforce strategies that contribute to effectively meeting patient and population health needs and improving patient outcomes through the efficient delivery of health services.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Hospital and Provincial Health Services</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses on implementing specialized community and surgical services and programs, provincial health service, and regional hospital-based services, and provides provincial oversight of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).</li> <li>• Works towards service transformation across the acute and provincial health sector and streamlines bilateral efforts between the ministry and health authorities by bringing together key mandated initiatives.</li> <li>• Works on continuing to implement the Surgical Renewal Commitment to address and improve patient access and wait times for surgical and diagnostic imaging services while also increasing surgical and diagnostic capacity in the province.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Office of Indigenous Health</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works in partnership with B.C. First Nations, Métis and urban Indigenous partners, regional health authorities, across provincial ministries, and with Indigenous Services Canada to ensure the implementation of key strategic priorities and commitments regarding Indigenous health and wellness.</li> <li>• Key focus: Using the Recommendations of the <i>In Plain Sight</i> report as a blueprint for action to address Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination across the B.C. health care system.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Population and Public Health</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses on improving the overall health and well-being of the population by promoting good health and wellness, preventing disease, injury, and illness, and protecting people from harm.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Primary Care</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for primary care policy direction, strategy development implementation, results monitoring, quality improvement and evaluation oversight. The current priorities of the Division are: Increasing attachment and access through Primary care networks; Urgent and primary care centres; Community health centres; First Nations Led Primary Care Initiatives, Interdisciplinary team based primary care services both in person and virtual; integration of primary care services with specialized community services programs.</li> <li>• The Division also includes HealthLink BC due to its role as a key community services enabler of primary care.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Seniors Services</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility for Home Health, Long-Term care and Assisted Living policy development and implementation.</li> <li>• Ministry policy and actions related to the Assisted Living Registry operations and oversight.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF HOUSING

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Building and Safety Standards Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings, Construction, and Technical Systems: The regulatory framework for buildings and technical systems, including development of building, plumbing, fire, electrical, gas, elevator, and energy codes, safety standards for technical systems, homeowner protection (e.g., home warranties), oversight of certain industry professionals and trades (e.g., home builder licensing and mandatory building official qualifications), and policy advice relating to the built environment, including climate leadership and accessibility for new buildings. Liaison with BC Housing Licensing and Consumer Services, Technical Safety BC, Building Officials Association of BC, National Research Council and Accessibility Standards Canada.</li> <li>• Technical requirements for existing buildings related to CleanBC, climate adaptation, and disaster mitigation (e.g., earthquakes, flooding, and wildfires).</li> <li>• Nationally harmonized technical requirements to make new buildings more accessible.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Engagement and Encampment Response Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated encampment response including leading the DTES plan and the Provincial Encampment Response Framework.</li> <li>• Delivering and engaging on the province's Homelessness Plan.</li> <li>• Provincial engagement and coordination across government with partners and interested parties to develop a more united approach to addressing homelessness.</li> <li>• Supporting initiatives such as the Rent Bank, Community Action Grants, Indigenous Advisory Committee and People with Lived Expertise on homelessness committee.</li> <li>• Engages Indigenous Peoples with land in a specified municipality.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Governance and Accountability Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads governance and oversight for BC Housing as well as BC Housing performance monitoring/reporting. Responsible for developing strong partnerships to support the work of BC Housing.</li> <li>• BC Housing is responsible for implementation of Building BC programs that are helping government deliver on its goal to deliver 114,000 units of affordable housing including the following programs: Supportive Housing Fund, Women's Transition Housing Fund, Community Housing Fund, Indigenous Housing Fund, Rapid Response to Homelessness, Deepening Affordability program. It is also responsible for HousingHub which works with communities, governments, non-profit and private sector stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new affordable rental housing and homeownership options for middle-income households.</li> </ul>



## MINISTRY OF HOUSING CONTINUED...

<b><i>Housing Policy Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing policy and program development, including market and non-market housing; legislation governing strata properties; coordination of the provincial housing strategy; policy on short-term rentals, long-term residential leases; Crown grants for housing.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Housing Targets Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the authorities set out in the <i>Housing Supply Act</i> and Regulations Administers the program to issue housing targets for specified municipalities.</li> <li>• Undertakes analysis to select specified municipalities, forecast housing needs and produce housing targets.</li> <li>• Consults specified municipalities, issues timebound Housing Target Orders and monitors progress toward meeting housing targets: 1) housing units by type, tenure, and affordability; and 2) municipal processes to facilitate housing supply (land use bylaws, permitting and approval processes).</li> </ul>
<b><i>Residential Tenancy Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The regulatory framework for landlords and tenants, including conventional residential and manufactured home park tenancies; information services and disputes resolution for landlord and tenant disputes.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Strategic Results Management Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides strategic project leadership, planning and performance reporting, as well as engagement and internal communications for key initiatives.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

<b>DIVISION/BRANCH</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b><i>Negotiations and Regional Operations Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads provincial engagement with First Nations to advance reconciliation initiatives, including negotiating and implementing agreements with First Nations partners in conjunction with other provincial agencies, federal and local government, and working with stakeholders to ensure the success of reconciliation initiatives.</li> <li>• Leads and collaborates with other Ministries to advance shared decision-making initiatives with First Nations, consistent with sections 6 and 7 of the <i>Declaration Act</i>.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION CONTINUED...

<p><b>Reconciliation Transformation and Strategies Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads provincial development and implementation of strategic reconciliation initiatives, such as the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act</i>.</li> <li>• Facilitates collaboration and partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, stakeholders, and all levels of government to build capacity and support outcomes that advance reconciliation at the local, regional, and provincial levels.</li> <li>• Provides strategic advice and coordination to support Indigenous economic development and sustainability as a means to advance self-determination.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads and supports the development and implementation of key strategies to strengthen the socio-economic conditions of Indigenous people in B.C.</li> <li>• Leads B.C.'s efforts in socio-cultural reconciliation with Indigenous communities and the development of provincial strategies for improving outcomes for Métis and urban Indigenous populations.</li> <li>• Leads community engagement and the coordination of the provincial response to residential school sites in B.C.</li> <li>• Supports the negotiation of land packages and project manages the transfer of provincial Crown land to First Nations as part of provincial agreements.</li> <li>• Leads the provincial efforts to bring modern treaties into effect and fosters long-term relationships between treaty partners, First Nations, Canada, and B.C.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Small Business and Economic Development Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivers on-the-ground regional, rural, and Indigenous economic development and diversification supports, and assists rural communities in accessing funding, and implementing projects such as business retention and expansion, investor readiness, and sector development. This includes supporting communities responding to economic shocks (such as mill or mine closures) or needing assistance after an environmental disaster.</li> <li>• Coordinates the Forest Worker and Community Supports programs to support recommendations under the Old Growth Strategic Review and leads the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (MJF), Rural Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP), Rural Business and Community Recovery Initiative (RBCRI) Forest Employment Program (FEP) and the community transition services.</li> <li>• With \$180 million over three years, the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (MJF) will support economic diversification by funding capital projects that bring benefits to local workers and communities, particularly in areas impacted by economic downturns.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MJF will fund up to \$10 million for manufacturing infrastructure and up to \$50,000 for final stage business planning for a capital project.</li> <li>○ Intake opened on February 28, 2023, and will remain open for up to two years, or until funds are allocated.</li> <li>○ All manufacturing sectors are eligible, with a particular focus on supporting value-added forestry projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic analysis and policy, including LNG economic and workforce impacts and opportunities; StrongerBC Young Leaders Council; Business growth and scale-up, including the B.C. supplier development pilot; Better Regulations for British Columbians.</li> <li>• Leads the development and delivery of policies, programs and initiatives supporting inclusive economic recovery, local, regional, and Indigenous economic development, outreach, engagement, and community investment readiness.</li> <li>• Small business initiatives, outreach and engagement including the Small Business Roundtable, programs, resources, and available supports including Small Business BC; Mobile Business Licenses; BizPal and Sector and Regulatory Competitiveness</li> <li>• Manages the provincial legislation and relationships with the northern, southern interior, and island-coastal economic trusts. Focus on increasing Indigenous participation in the economy by upholding the province's commitment to reconciliation in the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> and the StrongerBC Economic Plan.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION CONTINUED...

- Provides guidance, support and coordination on Indigenous engagement, policy and economic development opportunities and builds enduring relationships with Indigenous partner organizations and communities to advance Indigenous economic initiatives.
- Responsible for InBC - a \$500 million strategic investment fund with a “triple bottom line” mandate that invests in high-growth potential businesses to help them scale up.
- Facilitates investments through the Major Investments Office:
  - Assesses the technical, financial, and strategic scope of investment opportunities to determine the appropriate level of ministry engagement.
  - Engages with potential investors who have a viable project opportunity and provides customized support to enable the investment to advance in B.C.
  - Works closely with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation to boost B.C. as a global exporter of climate solutions, carbon capture, storage, and other low carbon technologies.
  - Leads and/or collaborates on complex cross ministry/government activities or strategic initiatives, including economic recovery.
  - Develops partnerships with investors to match project financing needs with strategic sources of capital.
  - Develops relationships with industry associations, investors, and other investment focused stakeholders to identify projects that could benefit from the Branch’s involvement.
  - Leads the ministry’s investment evaluation process.
- Lead the development and implementation of a Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing Strategy to position B.C. as a hub for the biotechnology sector. Conduct life sciences policy analysis and provide advice and recommendations on policy direction. Develop new concepts and initiatives that support the long-term goals of the Strategy. Develop and maintain sector intelligence resources on B.C.’s life sciences sector, including through engagement with sector stakeholders and in collaboration with BC Stats.

## MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION CONTINUED...

### ***Trade and Industry Development Division***

- Delivers “StrongerBC” initiatives that help B.C. businesses adapt and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 (Agritech, Manufacturing, Supply Chain).
- Develops programming and strategies for major and emerging sectors of B.C.’s economy.
- Spurs economic opportunities through Canada’s free trade agreements and our own international networks in support of diversified and growing exports and investment attraction.
- Drives prosperity and global opportunities for B.C. businesses in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada in the USA, Europe, and Asia.
- Develops and delivers events and outreach to support awareness and networking for B.C. businesses in B.C. and overseas.
- Delivers and coordinates trade readiness and trade services programs serving communities across the province including indigenous communities, helping develop prosperous exporting companies positively impacting these communities.
- Supports the delivery of the Export Navigator Program.
- Supports the delivery of the Agritech Concierge Program and co-lead for implementation of the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force.
- Develops and delivers initiatives to attract and retain international investors and businesses, including support for site selection, aligning efforts with B.C. communities and federal partners to optimize the best investment opportunities for B.C.
- Advances and defends B.C. interests in international and domestic trade negotiations, agreements, and disputes.
- Monitors, analyzes, and communicates trends in investment, exports, and policy, connecting to the B.C. industry development context, and providing the evidence base for sound strategy development and decision making.
- Leads the development of a Trade Diversification Strategy and an Industrial and Manufacturing Strategy.
- Tasked with advancing the Mass Timber Action Plan. Expanding the use of mass timber in building construction which will assist our forestry sector transition to high value over high-volume production.
- Expected outcomes include opportunities for local workers, strong partnerships with First Nations and greater economic opportunity while making a significant contribution to advancing CleanBC, cross-government and external partner co-ordination/collaboration and supporting the Minister’s Mass Timber Advisory Council.

## MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Innovation, Technology, and Investment Capital Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.C.'s technology and innovation policy and programming, including responsibility for Innovate BC.</li> <li>• Intellectual Property.</li> <li>• Coordination of the province's StrongerBC economic plan and associated programming.</li> <li>• Province's participation in the Digital Supercluster and Quantum Algorithms Institute.</li> <li>• Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit Act and Program.</li> <li>• Integrated Marketplace Initiative and support to the BC Innovation Commissioner.</li> <li>• Venture Capital Tax Credit.</li> <li>• Secretariat for StrongerBC, Economic Plan coordination, tracking and reporting.</li> <li>• BC Knowledge Development Fund.</li> <li>• Cannabis economic development.</li> <li>• Clean technology, hydrogen, and low carbon innovation.</li> </ul>
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## MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Employment Standards</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of the <i>Employment Standards Act</i> to ensure employees receive basic standards of compensation and conditions of employment, including the minimum wage. Provide fair and efficient procedures for resolving employment standards disputes between employees and employers. Responsible for the Employment Standards Branch and the Employment Standards Tribunal. Responsible for enforcement of the <i>Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act</i>.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Forest Worker Support</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of the Bridging to Retirement program which supports forestry workers, contractors and their employees impacted by Old Growth deferrals who are 55+ to transition to retirement in their communities and also enables workers in working forestry operations to voluntarily retire, with employer participation.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Labour Relations</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of the Labour Relations Code through the independent quasi-judicial B.C. Labour Relations Board. The ministry also promotes stable labour relations by monitoring collective bargaining disputes and providing formal and informal assistance to the parties. Also, responsible for the <i>Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act</i> and the <i>Fire Department Act</i>.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF LABOUR CONTINUED....

<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of the <i>Workers Compensation Act</i> through WorkSafeBC (provincial Workers' Compensation Board). WorkSafeBC provides compensation services, health care and vocational rehabilitation to injured workers. WorkSafeBC also has authority to develop, enact and enforce the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The ministry is also responsible for the Employers' Advisers Office, the Workers' Advisers Office, and the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal.</li> </ul>
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## MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Child, Youth and Mental Health Policy Division</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set strategic direction and lead initiatives related to child and youth mental health and substance use, including the expansion of Foundry Youth Centres, Foundry Virtual, developing a youth substance use system of care, including youth substance treatment beds and services, and implementing integrated child and youth teams.</li> <li>• Supporting Indigenous-led solutions for mental health and substance use needs through Indigenous partnerships and advancing broader commitments to Indigenous reconciliation, land-based healing initiatives, and First Nations-run treatment centres.</li> <li>• Leading mental health initiatives such as the expansion of affordable community counselling.</li> <li>• Developing programs to serve people with complex mental health and substance use needs, including implementation of complex care housing.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General (PSSG) on services and supports for people who are causing detrimental harm to themselves and others as a result of mental health or substance use.</li> <li>• Lead for community-based mental health crisis response services including Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACT) and mobile integrated crisis response teams, also known as Car programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Corporate Services Division</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead for public information, social marketing, and anti-stigma campaigns for substance use in the province.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CONTINUED...

<b><i>Substance Use Policy Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead for substance use policy, system integration and innovation, including the overdose public health emergency. This includes the full continuum of substance use services and supports from prevention, early intervention, and harm reduction.</li> <li>• Lead for the toxic drug crisis, including the Overdose Emergency Response Centre (OERC), overdose prevention services, prescribed safer supply, opioid agonist treatment, drug checking and peer/community engagement in the public health emergency.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Treatment and Recovery Division</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead for adult substance use treatment and recovery – this includes withdrawal management through to longer-term aftercare, including both outpatient and bed-based services.</li> <li>• Lead for decriminalization of illicit drugs for personal possession in B.C.</li> <li>• Leads and/or supports initiatives and provides strategic advice on workplace mental health. Works collaboratively with community partners, unions, and employer groups to ensure employees and leaders have the tools and training they need to foster psychologically healthy and safe workplaces.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Immigration Services and Strategic Planning Division</i></b>	
<b><i>Community Gaming Grants</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Gaming Grants support eligible not-for-profit organizations delivering community programs that benefit the citizens of British Columbia. Grants are awarded in several sectors including Arts and Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment, Human and Social Services and Parent Advisory Councils.</li> <li>• Eligible not-for-profit can also apply for Capital Grants through the program.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Immigration Services</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration policy, programs, and services; including Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) supporting the attraction of international skilled and semi-skilled workers and entrepreneurs to all regions. Priority occupations include Health, Child Care and Tech, plus attraction to smaller centres; Settlement and Integration services; Refugees and displaced Ukrainians.</li> </ul>



## MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Strategic Planning and Legislative Services Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Branch provides services and leadership in the areas of legislative services, community policy, corporate priorities and strategic planning related to local governments and communities.</li> <li>• The Branch is responsible for and executes the legislative program and coordinates Orders in Council (OIC), Ministerial Orders and board appointments for the ministry.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Local Government Division</i></b></p>	
<p><b><i>Governance Structures Governance Services Governance Relations</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation, restructure, boundary extensions, structure-related legislation and processes, and local and regional governance.</li> <li>• Local government administration, elections, governance operations-related legislative requirements/powers and local and regional services.</li> <li>• Local government-First Nations/Indigenous relations, Crown Grant/Nominal Rent Tenure sponsorships, Business Improvement Areas, and Resort Associations.</li> <li>• Dispute resolution related to Regional District service review/withdrawal, RGS and other intergovernmental disputes.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Infrastructure and Engineering</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asset management, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, green energy, community, recreation and other capital grants, infrastructure planning grants and programs [Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Environmental Quality; Community, Culture and Recreation, Rural and Northern Communities, CleanBC Communities Fund, COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream), Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program, Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and NBCF-Small Communities Fund].</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Local Government Finance</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government finance, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ budgeting and financial plans.</li> <li>○ audited financial statements.</li> <li>○ unconditional grants; Growing Communities Fund; Safe Restart – Local Government grants; reserve funds.</li> <li>○ investments and municipal corporations; long-term liabilities.</li> <li>○ development financing (including Development Cost Charges).</li> <li>○ user-fees.</li> <li>○ taxation (including tax sale).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS CONTINUED...

<p><b>Local Government Policy, Research and Legislation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for local government legislation development for <i>Community Charter, Local Government Act, Local Elections Campaign Financing Act</i>, and other local government legislation. Broad responsibility for forward-looking policy development in relation to various local government authorities.</li> <li>• Broad responsibility for forward-looking policy development in relation to various local government authorities.</li> <li>• Responsibility for the coordination and provincial response to UBCM resolutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Land Use / Planning Programs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government planning and land use management framework and public hearings (in support with the Ministry of Housing), other local planning and land use tools; Ministerial approvals of some official community plans; Regional Growth Strategies (RGSS)</li> <li>• Socio-economic effects of LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink's LNG projects on local governments and Indigenous Nations in Northern B.C.</li> <li>• Funding programs: Northern Healthy Communities Fund.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Libraries Branch (PLB)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with public library boards, library staff, and local governments to improve and ensure public access to information, resources, and services under the <i>Library Act</i>.</li> <li>• Advice and guidance on related legislation, governance, financial reporting, provincial funding, digital infrastructure, provincial-wide services, and provincial policies.</li> <li>• Apportionment of provincial public library grants (not capital).</li> <li>• Local government questions about financing new library buildings or significant renovations Infrastructure questions should be directed to Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, but PLB may also be included.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b>Finance, Technology and Management Services Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating and capital grants to 25 PSIs, FTE and PSI financial health monitoring and reporting, ministry's 10-year capital plan, PSI property acquisition and disposition, manage ministry budget, maintain ministry IT systems and digital information security, Administrative Service Delivery Transformation Initiative, lead ministry's business continuity and emergency response readiness with PSIs. Division responsible for student housing on Post-Secondary campuses in B.C.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Governance and Corporate Planning Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry's corporate planning and reporting, legislative development, OIC board appointments, labour relations and governance, data visualization, reporting and advice through sector data management and analysis to support decision making and inform policy development. Also responsible for the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG) and for public and private post-secondary institution accountability including mandate direction and accountability reporting, strategic and sector labour relations policy, and governance and the regulation and monitoring of over 300 private training institutions, and student protection.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Post-Secondary Policy and Programs Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 public post-secondary institutions (PSIs) and their programs including: Indigenous Education, Adult Education, StudentAid BC including the BC Access Grant, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs, and health and medical education. Enhancing the learner experience through student mental health initiatives, combatting sexualized violence, promoting work integrated learning and co-ops, micro-credentials and improving foreign/international credential recognition, Education Quality Assurance designation, and advise and recommendations to the Minister on new degree programs through the Degree Quality Assessment Board. The Division is also responsible for international education, leading strategic policy/liason function for the sector, and intergovernmental relations.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Workforce Development and Skills Training Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and management of targeted labour market and workforce development policies and programs to help people get the information and skills they need to participate in B.C.'s labour market. This includes oversight of B.C.'s Future Ready Plan, of the trades training system, including Skilled Trades Certification and the Crown agency responsible, SkilledTradesBC (formerly the Industry Training Authority), and of a number of programs for people, employers, and communities. These include the Sector Labour Market Partnerships program, the Community Workforce Response Grant, the BC Employer Training Grant, Skills Training for Employment programs, and Indigenous skills training. The Division produces a wide range of labour market information and insights, including BC's Labour Market Outlook, and disseminates labour market information, career planning tools, and other resources through the WorkBC.ca website.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>BC Coroners Service</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for investigating and determining the circumstances of all unnatural, sudden, and unexpected, unexplained, or unattended deaths in the province.</li> <li>• Makes recommendations to improve public safety and prevent death in similar circumstances.</li> <li>• Responsible for the investigation of all child death (under the age of 19 years) in B.C. and for investigating all deaths in custody.</li> </ul>
<b><i>BC Corrections</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for the supervision of individuals, 18 years or older, on bail or serving a sentence in the community, and the supervision of individuals in custody awaiting trial, serving a sentence under two years.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Cannabis, Consumer Protection, and Corporate Policy Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for consumer protection policy, which includes consumer contracts, cost of credit disclosure, ticket sales, film classification, and licensing of travel agents, motor dealers, funeral services, payday lenders, high-cost credit grantors, debt collectors, and home inspectors.</li> <li>• Responsible for leading and supporting the development and implementation of provincial cannabis policy, leading negotiation of government-to-government agreements with Indigenous nations pursuant to Section 119 of the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and working with First Nations and key partners to advance a collaborative approach to cannabis-related governance and jurisdiction, as outlined in the DRIPA Action Plan commitment 4.47.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for coordinating a provincial network of programs and services for victims of crime including programming for violence against women, gender-based violence, and sexual assault.</li> <li>• Responsible for coordinating the province's work in the areas of restorative justice, and human trafficking.</li> <li>• Includes the Civil Forfeiture Office which manages the Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program and the Crime Victim Assistance Program.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulates all gambling in British Columbia and ensures the integrity of gambling industry companies, people, and equipment.</li> <li>• Regulates oversight of commercial gambling conducted and managed by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (e.g., lotteries, casinos, community gaming centres, commercial bingo halls and online gambling on PlayNow.com), British Columbia’s horse racing industry, and licensed charitable gambling events.</li> <li>• Administers the Gambling Support BC program, which includes a continuum of responsible and problem gambling prevention and treatment services.</li> <li>• Administers Host Financial Assistance Agreements with local governments that host a gaming facility within their jurisdiction.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICBC is mandated to provide universal compulsory auto insurance to drivers in B.C.</li> <li>• ICBC provides British Columbians with Optional auto insurance products and driver licensing services.</li> <li>• ICBC champions a safe driving culture by working with communities, law enforcement, and other stakeholders on various road safety campaigns and initiatives.</li> <li>• ICBC is responsible to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, who is supported within government by the Crown Agencies Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>**For Minister meeting requests for the Insurance Corporation of BC please direct these to the <a href="#">Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General</a>.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>**For staff meeting requests for the Insurance Corporation of BC please see their description in the <a href="#">Provincial Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations section</a>.</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues liquor and cannabis retail store licenses.</li> <li>• Educates establishments about cannabis laws and rules.</li> <li>• Takes enforcement action when licensed establishments do not follow the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and the <i>Liquor Control and Licensing Act</i>, associated regulations or their specific terms and conditions.</li> <li>• Delivers social responsibility training programs including Selling It Right and Serving It Right.</li> <li>• Works with local government, Indigenous nations, and industry and other stakeholders to develop liquor and retail cannabis policy and provide advice to government concerning decisions related to liquor and non-medical cannabis policy.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL CONTINUED...

<p><b>Liquor Distribution Branch</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) is responsible to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, who is supported within the government by the Crown Agencies Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance.</li> </ul> <p><b>**For Minister meeting requests and for staff meeting requests for the Liquor Distribution Branch please direct these to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</b></p>
<p><b>Office of the Fire Commissioner</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also, within PSSG is the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC). The OFC is the senior fire authority in the province with respect to fire safety and prevention. Issues liquor and cannabis retail store licenses.</li> <li>• Educates establishments about cannabis laws and rules.</li> <li>• Takes enforcement action when licensed establishments do not follow the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and the <i>Liquor Control and Licensing Act</i>, associated regulations or their specific terms and conditions.</li> <li>• Delivers social responsibility training programs including Selling It Right and Serving It Right.</li> <li>• Works with local government, Indigenous nations, and industry and other stakeholders to develop liquor and retail cannabis policy and provide advice to government concerning decisions related to liquor and non-medical cannabis policy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RoadSafetyBC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RoadSafetyBC is responsible for road safety in the province, working with our partners to help reach our goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.</li> <li>• The Branch operates provincial road safety programs and is the policy and regulatory agency responsible for ensuring the safe and responsible operation of motor vehicles in B.C.</li> <li>• The Superintendent of Motor Vehicles is the administrative authority governing drivers and has authority to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle.</li> <li>○ Require a driver to take part in a program to improve their driving.</li> <li>○ Review and make decisions about sanctions, driving prohibitions and ICBC licensing decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Make sure B.C. drivers are medically fit to drive.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL CONTINUED...

### ***Policing and Security Branch***

- The Branch superintends and provides central oversight of B.C. policing and law enforcement by developing and administering policing policy, programs, and provincial standards. The Branch ensures the adequate and effective delivery of policing throughout the province.
- Security Programs Division administers the Criminal Record Review Program, Protection Order Registry, security screening for cannabis workers and retail applicants, and regulates the security industry, metal dealers and recyclers, pill presses, and armored vehicles / body armor.
- The Policy, Legislation and Modernization Division develops and coordinates policies and legislative initiatives, and is the lead on diversity, mental health, and addiction issues in relation to policing. This Division is also the lead for policing modernization and coordinating responses to the report of the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*.
- Municipal Policing, Governance and Oversight Division is responsible for superintending, oversight and alignment of municipal police and their boards. The Division also has responsibility for areas including provincial policing standards, compliance and training, crime data, police technologies, special police constable appointments and designation, and decriminalization. Additionally, the Community Safety Unit delivers a province-wide regulatory cannabis compliance and enforcement program to address the illegal sale and production of cannabis.
- The Serious and Organized Crime Division is responsible for oversight and policy development in the areas of organized crime, gang violence and serious crime, as well as innovative crime prevention responses, such as Situation Tables.
- The Indigenous, Core Policing, and Contract Management Division provides oversight of provincial, municipal, and Indigenous policing agreements, and works with Public Safety Canada in support of the First Nations Policing Program. The Division also has responsibility for oversight of police model transitions.
- A Public Safety Transformation Taskforce is linked to the Policing and Security Branch with a focus on Policing and Public Safety Modernization, Next Generation 911, the Safer Communities Action Plan as well as justice and public safety related recommendation from the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in B.C. (the Cullen Commission Report).

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b>Accessibility Directorate</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing cross-government advice and support to promote greater accessibility and inclusivity of policies and programs.</li> <li>• Implementation of the <i>Accessible British Columbia Act</i>, which seeks to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to inclusion experienced by people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Development of accessibility standards for service delivery and accessible employment.</li> <li>• Implementation of the <i>Accessible B.C. Regulation</i>, which requires local governments to implement an accessibility plan, accessibility committee, and an accessibility feedback tool.</li> <li>• Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility.</li> <li>• Support for Ministerial Advisory Committees, including Presidents Group, Registered Disability Savings Plan Action Group, and Provincial Accessibility Committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Employment and Labour Market Services Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WorkBC Employment Services is the largest network of employment providers in the province and supports all British Columbians seeking work regardless of where they live or employment barriers they may face. Services are delivered through 102 WorkBC Centres as well as through a strong online presence, accessible from anywhere in the province. Services include access to individualized employment counselling, job search resources, employment planning, skills training, financial supports, wage subsidy placements, assistive technology supports, apprentice services and more.</li> <li>• WorkBC Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) provide work experience and training opportunities in communities across B.C. to address local labour market issues. The CEP fund supports community-based initiatives to help individuals and the broader community. With the help of this fund, communities see positive social impacts, economic growth, and more employment opportunities for unemployed British Columbians</li> <li>• To support recovery efforts, CEP is ensuring funding is accessible and equitably distributed throughout the province and prioritizing applications that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create work experience and training opportunities to prepare job seekers for occupations that have a strong labour market outlook; and</li> <li>• Support an inclusive economic recovery in B.C. communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION CONTINUED...

<p><b>Research, Innovation and Policy Division</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides research, policy and legislation support to the ministry to deliver income and disability assistance to British Columbians most in need.</li> <li>• Leads development, evaluation, and implementation of the government's policies on income and disability assistance.</li> <li>• Leads government's work on Together BC, B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy, and leads the ministry's work on mandate items regarding food security and period poverty.</li> <li>• Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits.</li> <li>• Leads ministry intergovernmental relations, Indigenous policy and Declaration on the <i>Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> accountabilities.</li> <li>• Provides reconsideration services for clients disputing eligibility decisions regarding income assistance, disability assistance and child care subsidy</li> </ul>
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## MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b>Arts and Culture</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the arts and culture sectors with funding, policy, and programs.</li> <li>• Administers grant programs for artists, creators, and non-profit arts and culture organizations.</li> <li>• Provides secretariat support and administration for the BC Arts Council.</li> <li>• Provides oversight, strategic direction, and corporate support for the Royal BC Museum.</li> <li>• Leads implementation of cultural infrastructure projects, including the Royal BC Museum Collections and Research Building, Chinese Canadian Museum, South Asian Museum, provincial Filipino cultural center, as well as supporting the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BC Athletic Commission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation and regulatory oversight of professional boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts, as well as amateur kickboxing, mixed martial arts, Muay Thai and pankration.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT CONTINUED...

<b><i>Creative Sector</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on cross-ministry and intergovernmental coordination, policy development and research to support the growth of B.C.'s creative sector (i.e., film, television, interactive digital media, music, and publishing) and work with industry stakeholders to advance opportunities. Provides oversight and strategic direction for Creative BC and the Knowledge Network.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Heritage</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides advice and information on British Columbia's historic places, paleontological resources, and geographical names. Exercises regulatory authority and develops policy under the <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i> and the <i>Land Act</i> regarding the identification, formal recognition, commemoration, protection and celebration of heritage and fossil sites, management of provincial heritage sites and the management of the BC Register of Historic Places and the BC Geographical Names office.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Mountain Resorts</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivers a one window regulatory approach for resort development and community ski area administration and the review and authorization of expansions and new proposals on Crown land across the province. Evaluates phased development plans and conducts major project reviews, leading work teams that include other natural resource agencies and consulting with local governments, public recreation users, and First Nations.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Sport</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead on policy development and program implementation related to amateur sport development in B.C. Manages the Major Event Program (MEP) for financial support for major sporting events and considers opportunities associated with marquee events, such as FIFA World Cup, Invictus Games and Olympics and Paralympics. Work is guided by B.C.'s Sport Framework (<i>Pathways to Sport</i>) which identifies three key priority areas of focus for the provincial sport system: sport participation; athlete development; sport event hosting. Provides oversight and strategic direction to viaSport and the BC Games Society.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Tourism</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies, programs, destination development and strategic engagement to support B.C. tourism sector's recovery and resilience; manages the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI), Tourism Event Program and Municipal Regional District Tax program (MRDT), jointly with Ministry of Finance and Destination BC. Provides oversight of Destination BC (tourism marketing) and BC Pavilion Corporation (BC Place and Vancouver Convention Centre) and leads development and implementation of provincial tourism framework.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Highways and Regional Services Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Highways and Regional Services Division is responsible for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developing, maintaining, and operating safe, secure provincial and regional transportation networks.</li> <li>○ Leading the ministry in provincial issue management, emergency response and preservation of infrastructure.</li> <li>○ Promoting compliance of safety regulations within the transport sector, with the goal of increasing road safety and protecting public health, the environment, and transportation infrastructure.</li> <li>○ Planning and delivering rehabilitation and capital projects in the region.</li> <li>○ Fostering partnerships and delivering on commitments with First Nations and Indigenous communities.</li> <li>○ Supporting provincial economic growth through regional work and development services.</li> <li>○ Implementing sustainable, resilient, and innovative transportation solutions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Division, through their Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement (CVSE) program, also:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regulates and manages commercial vehicle activities on the provincial highway network and aligns requirements with neighboring provinces to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods within B.C. and beyond.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This Division also includes the Passenger Transportation Branch, which regulates commercial passenger vehicles including taxis, ride hailing companies, limousines, charter, and inter-city (scheduled) buses, in accordance with the <i>Passenger Transportation Act</i>.</li> </ul>

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<p><b><i>Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division (ITIS) provides cross ministry planning, engineering, and property services, and oversees major infrastructure projects.</li> <li>• ITIS is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All aspects of strategic planning, capital programming, including development and management of the provincial 10-year Transportation Investment Plan.</li> <li>○ Management of federal and community cost sharing programs.</li> <li>○ The delivery of the major transportation projects throughout the province.</li> <li>○ Engineering and environmental solutions to support the provincial transportation system.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Division oversees the acquisition, management, and disposition of the ministry's thousands of properties and land interests, including those owned by the BC Transportation Financing Authority and BC Railway Company.</li> <li>• Through the Chief Engineer's Office, the Division is also responsible for ensuring that the ministry's designs and standards are adapting to climate change.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division is responsible for aspects of strategic transportation policy, legislation, and grant programs in British Columbia. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air, rail, public transit service delivery through BC Transit, TransLink, and coastal and inland ferry delivery.</li> <li>○ Governmental relations.</li> <li>○ Active transportation.</li> <li>○ Airport grant programs.</li> <li>○ Clean BC and climate change initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Division has direct oversight of the province's coastal ferry service through BC Ferries.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUED...

### ***Strategic and Corporate Priorities Division***

- The Strategic and Corporate Priorities Division leads the key strategic cross ministry and corporate initiatives, enabled by talent, technology, and operational services. This includes:
  - Developing and coordinating ministry strategy, priorities, and performance management.
  - Coordinating cross ministry support and tracking on corporate and priority initiative.
  - Coordinating corporate and ministry-level reconciliation efforts.
  - Aligning talent and technology efforts to enable strategic goals and outcomes.
  - Facilitating a learning culture where everyone is valued.
  - Prioritizing solutions that help people do meaningful work.
  - Promoting innovation through investment in people, culture, and technology.
  - Leading strategic HR initiatives and operations, in partnership with the PSA.
- Within the Division, the Information Management Branch (IMB) also helps design, build, and run all technology solutions for the ministry.

## MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b><i>Land Use Policy, Planning and Ecosystems</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for leading B.C.'s land stewardship strategies, supported by science and knowledge, that promote and guide the province's goals for reconciliation with First Nations, ecosystem health and biodiversity, conservation of wildlife and habitat and economic diversity and sustainability.</li> <li>• Responsible for delivering the following programs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Modernized Land Use Planning delivered in partnership with First Nations.</li> <li>○ Collaborative Indigenous Stewardship Framework.</li> <li>○ Together for Wildlife Strategy.</li> <li>○ Cumulative Effects Framework.</li> <li>○ Conservation Science and Research</li> <li>○ Species at Risk Recovery and the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program.</li> <li>○ Recommendations within the Old Growth Report, including ecosystem health and biodiversity.</li> <li>○ Regional Management Committees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Water, Fisheries and Coastal Policy and Planning</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Water, Fisheries and Coastal Policy &amp; Planning Division brings together program areas responsible for the Watershed Security Strategy and associated Fund, Wild Salmon Strategy, and Coastal Marine Strategy.</li> <li>• It works to support functioning and resilient marine, aquatic, and coastal ecosystems that support a diversity of economic activities and provide the foundation for vibrant and thriving coastal communities and cultures.</li> <li>• The Division provides provincial leadership on water and coordinates government's strategy on 'source to tap' drinking water protection. It is also responsible for watershed-related strategic planning, policy, and science for B.C. and for setting objectives for water quality and sustainability.</li> <li>• The Division supports restoration and rebuilding of wild fish populations and provides leadership for aquatic habitat policy and restoration. It also sets fisheries and aquaculture policy, develops new strategies to protect and revitalize B.C.'s wild salmon populations, and is the provincial lead for interfacing with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).</li> <li>• The Division is the provincial hub for marine and coastal policy and planning, providing expertise to drive development and implementation of strategic and operational policies and plans that lead the way on collaborative decision-making with First Nations and Canada.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

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<p><b><i>Reconciliation and Natural Resource Sector Policy</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Division provides leadership in developing a “roadmap” for the natural resource sector to support the effective operationalization and implementation of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>, including working with the <i>Declaration Act Secretariat</i> on the alignment of natural resource sector laws and development of sector-specific tools and supports to advance reconciliation more effectively (e.g., policy, legislation, processes, etc.); this will include co-developing a foundation for co-management and shared decision making with Indigenous governments.</li> <li>• Some of the primary objectives of the Reconciliation and Natural Resource Sector Policy Division include:</li> <li>• Strategic land and resource reconciliation policy/frameworks including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land and natural resource assets.</li> <li>○ Governance/co-management.</li> <li>○ Engagement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cross-sector policy.</li> <li>• Working with the <i>Declaration Act Secretariat</i> to coordinate alignment of Natural Resource Sector laws.</li> <li>• Co-ordinating today’s efforts and building future legislative and policy frameworks for cumulative effects, shared decision making and climate change.</li> <li>• Support for Regional Management Committees.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Permitting, Authorizations and Statutory Decision Making Solutions</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working across the natural resource sector and transportation to address priority projects and permitting caseload; examining legislative and policy barriers; enhancing systems and data, policy, and tools to support decision-making; examining government’s fee structure to ensure cost-recovery principles are met; and piloting new decision-making models, all while considering the need for Indigenous co-management and shared decision making.</li> <li>• Advancing novel permitting solutions through the priority projects of Housing and Connectivity.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Housing project is to provide a single, co-ordinated approach to housing-related permits and authorizations through the Housing Action Taskforce.</li> <li>○ The Connectivity project is to bring high-speed internet into remote and underserved communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Cumulative Effects NRS Solutions</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading a natural resource sector coordinated approach to multi-agreement implementation with Treaty 8 First Nations.</li> <li>• Building cumulative effects management responses from experiences in Treaty 8 territory that could be considered elsewhere in B.C., at a regional level.</li> </ul>

## MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED...

### ***Natural Resource Information and Digital Services***

- Provides essential Information Management (IM) services by way of the creation, maintenance, and publication of foundational datasets and geospatial information – this also includes operation of the Provincial aerial imagery and LiDAR programs, maintenance of land survey monumentation and data, and species and ecosystems information. This work provides essential context and intelligence to support decision making across the natural resource ministries and beyond. The IM offerings include ready-made, authoritative, spatial information about the shape, landscape, environment, and condition of B.C. as well as offering on-demand custom analysis, visualization, and mapping products for the Natural Resource Ministries.



## PROVINCIAL AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, AND CORPORATIONS AVAILABLE DURING THE UBCM 2023 CONVENTION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b><i>Agricultural Land Commission</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information and advice regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and work of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). ALC Chair and/or Chief Executive Officer will be in attendance.</li> </ul>
<b><i>BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the Provincial Health Services Authority, BCEHS governs the emergency medical services system in B.C. and provides pre-hospital emergency and inter-facility patient transfer services. BCEHS paramedics, emergency medical call takers and dispatch staff provide pre-hospital emergency care and medically necessary transport (ground and air ambulances) for British Columbians. BCEHS also oversees patient inter-facility transfers in the province, working with health authorities to coordinate the transfer of acute and critically ill patients to an appropriate level of care both within and outside of B.C. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the BCEHS executive team look forward to participating in productive and engaging sessions with municipal leaders.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><i>BC Energy Regulator</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The British Columbia Energy Regulator oversees the full life cycle of energy resource activities in B.C. from site planning to restoration. This includes oil, gas, geothermal and will also include hydrogen, ammonia, and methanol. We look forward to addressing any questions you may have on our regulatory oversight.</li> </ul>
<b><i>BC Housing</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Housing works in partnership with private and non-profit sectors, provincial health authorities and ministries, other levels of government and community groups to develop a range of housing options. These affordable housing options span the housing continuum, including emergency shelter and housing for the homeless, transitional supportive and assisted living, independent social housing, rent assistance in the private market, and affordable owner-purchase housing.</li> <li>Through the <i>Homeowner Protection Act</i>, BC Housing also licenses residential builders, administers owner builder authorizations, ensures that mandatory licensing and home warranty insurance provisions are complied with, oversees the third-party home-warranty insurance, and carries out research and education that benefits the residential construction industry, consumers, and the affordable housing sector.</li> </ul>
<b><i>BC Hydro</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Hydro's mission is to safely provide our customers with reliable, affordable, clean electricity. Our vision celebrates our clean energy advantage and our environmental stewardship role in B.C. Sustainability is about making the best choices with available resources, which means leveraging our clean electricity for all British Columbians. BC Hydro's Community Relations staff look forward to addressing any questions that you may have related to our operations.</li> </ul>

## PROVINCIAL AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS AND CORPORATIONS AVAILABLE DURING THE UBCM 2023 CONVENTION CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>BC Transit</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From small towns to large urban centres outside of Metro Vancouver, BC Transit delivers safe, reliable, customer focused transportation services you can rely on. BC Transit would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have regarding our services. In order to provide you with the best information possible, please provide specifics relating to your questions within the meeting request.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICBC provides universal compulsory auto insurance (basic insurance) to drivers in British Columbia, with rates regulated by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) and sells optional auto insurance in a competitive marketplace.</li> <li>• Insurance products are available across B.C. through a network of independent brokers, and claims services are provided at ICBC claims handling facilities located throughout the province.</li> <li>• ICBC invests in road safety and loss management programs to reduce traffic-related deaths, injuries and crashes, auto crime and fraud.</li> <li>• In addition, provides driver licensing, vehicle registration and licensing services, and fines collection on behalf of the provincial government at locations across the province.</li> <li>• ICBC will have staff at the Convention who would be pleased to discuss or meet on any issues related to ICBC's operations.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Office of the Seniors Advocate (OSA)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSA monitors and analyzes seniors' services and issues in B.C. and makes recommendations to government and service providers to address systemic issues. The Office also provides information and referrals for individuals who are navigating seniors services and tracks their concerns, which helps inform future work. The services which the Office monitors are in five key areas: health care, housing, income supports, community supports and transportation.</li> <li>• The Office collaborates with service providers, government, and health authorities to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and outcomes for seniors.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>The Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia (LTSA)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTSA is a statutory corporation responsible for operating BC's land title and survey systems and the Land Owner Transparency Registry (LOTR).</li> <li>• LTSA processes over seven million online transactions annually and provides land information and datasets to the province, local governments, and other public agencies. The services include mapped databases such as ParcelMap BC and AUTOPROP. ParcelMap BC is the current, complete, and trusted mapped representation of titled and Crown land parcels across British Columbia, considered to be the point of truth for the graphical representation of property boundaries.</li> </ul>

## PROVINCIAL AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS AND CORPORATIONS AVAILABLE DURING THE UBCM 2023 CONVENTION CONTINUED...

<p><b><i>Police Victim Services British Columbia (PVSBC)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Victim Services of British Columbia Society (PVSBC) is the B.C. registered not for profit charity membership organization mandated to be the primary advocate for all (95+) police-based victim service (PBVS) organizations within the province.</li> <li>• PBVS local organizations are physically embedded with the municipal or RCMP detachment delivering ongoing police-based victim services to the citizens of each community.</li> <li>• Our Vision is - All victims of crime and trauma across B.C. receive compassionate, professional, and consistent services.</li> <li>• PVSBC advocates, represents, lobbies, and communicates with members, partners and stakeholders on the development and delivery of PVSBC trauma informed programs, baseline and advanced training, professional development and member support programs.</li> <li>• Funding is provided by the Provincial and Federal Governments, with additional resources from corporate and individual contributions, sponsorships, and program revenues.</li> <li>• PVSBC will have staff present at the Convention to engage Delegates in any issue related to the delivery of police-based victim services as well as the linkage to police and other local partner/stakeholders within their community.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada's national police force, provides policing services to most of British Columbia, including 150 municipalities. These services include, but are not limited to, uniformed patrols, response to calls for service, investigative services, community-based policing and traffic enforcement. Additionally, the BC RCMP is part of a number of integrated teams operating throughout the province who provide specialized police services to British Columbians. The BC RCMP values ongoing collaboration and meaningful communication with our partners. Representatives of the BC RCMP's Senior Management Team look forward to hearing your feedback and answer any questions you may have about its services so that we can work together towards our common goal of providing your community with a professional, efficient, and effective police service.</li> </ul>



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