



**DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY  
AGENDA FOR THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MEETING  
5:00 PM TUESDAY JUNE 25, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL HALL**

*We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl People, Gilakas'la*

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED (or amended)**

*Motion.* 1. 2.

**C. STAFF REPORTS**

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1. 2019 UBCM Cabinet Meetings.  
[Premier Horgan Letter Mayors and Regional District Chairs](#)  
[Minister Robinson Letter Mayors and Regional District Chairs](#)  
[2019 UBCM Provincial Appointment Book](#)

**D. MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC (IN CAMERA)**

Motion requires as per section 90 of the *Community Charter* that the meeting be closed to the public for the purposes of discussing:

1. Subject matter related to Community Charter:  
Section (90)(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

*Motion.* 1. 2.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion.* 1.



June 10, 2019

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

My caucus colleagues and I are looking forward to seeing you all again at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver from September 23-27.

*Resiliency and Change*, the theme for the 2019 Convention, is indeed an appropriate focus as communities throughout our province are experiencing change on issues ranging from the impacts of climate change to economic pressures. UBCM provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to one another, share ideas, and find new approaches to ensure our communities thrive. With local, provincial, federal, and First Nations governments working together, we can continue to build a better BC.

If you would like to request a meeting with a Cabinet Minister or with me during this year's convention, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca/> (live, as of today). Please note that this year's invitation code is **MeetingRequest2019** and it is case sensitive. 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 being part of your convention, meeting with many of you, and exploring ways that we can partner together to address common issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Horgan".

John Horgan  
Premier

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June 10, 2019

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

I am pleased to provide you with the following information regarding the process for requesting a meeting with me during the annual UBCM Convention taking place this year from September 23 to 27, 2019 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

You will receive a separate letter from the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, containing information about the online process for requesting a meeting with Premier Horgan and other Cabinet ministers.

If you would like to meet with me at the Convention, please complete the online request form at: [MAH Minister's Meeting](#) and submit it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing before **July 17, 2019**. Meeting arrangements will be confirmed by early September. I will do my best to accommodate as many meeting requests as possible.

To get the most out of your delegation's meeting with me, it would be helpful for you to provide as much detail as possible in the online form on the topic you wish to discuss. This will enable me to have a better understanding of your delegation's interests so that our discussions can be more productive.

Ministry staff will soon email you the Provincial Appointment Book. This lists all government, agency, commission, and corporation staff who are expected to be available to meet with delegates at the Convention, as well as details on how to request a meeting with staff online.

This will be my third UBCM Convention as Minister responsible for local government, and I appreciate the collaboration and partnerships that we have built over these last several years. I look forward to hearing more about your challenges and accomplishments as we continue our work together to make life better for all British Columbians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SR', is positioned above the name 'Selina Robinson'.

Selina Robinson  
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier  
Arjun Singh, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities

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# **2019 PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT BOOK**

**Meeting Requests with  
Provincial Government Staff  
from Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and  
Corporations (MACC)**

**at the**

## **2019 UBCM CONVENTION**

**September 23 – 27, 2019  
Vancouver Convention Centre  
Vancouver, British Columbia**



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## Introduction

The Provincial Appointment Book is provided to help schedule meetings at the 2019 UBCM Convention. All Provincial Government Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations (MACC) with staff attending the Convention and available to meet with local government delegates, are listed. Links to meeting requests forms with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing are also included.

## Meeting Requests

### **Honourable John Horgan, Premier and Cabinet Ministers** *(except Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)*

Click: <https://UBCMreg.gov.bc.ca>

Invitation Code: MeetingRequest2019 *(case sensitive)*

**Deadline: Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

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

### **Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

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

**Deadline: Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

Questions: Contact the Minister's UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Nicole Gibbings, by email at: [MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 778 698-3203.

### **Provincial Government Staff** *Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations (MACC)*

Click: [Provincial Staff \(MACC\) Meeting Requests](#)

**Deadline: Friday, August 23, 2019**

Questions: Contact the UBCM MACC Meeting Request Coordinator, Laura Smith, by email at [MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 778 698-3263.

Once Provincial Government MACC Staff meetings are scheduled, confirmation will be sent to local governments **via email**.

## Ministries, Agencies, Commissions and Corporations (MACC) Meeting Information

### **ON-SITE PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS DESK**

Provincial Appointments Desk staff will be available to schedule meetings with Provincial Government MACC Staff at the following locations:

**Monday, September 23, 2019 to Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building - Lobby  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – Thursday, September 26, 2019**

Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building – Exhibition Hall C  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### **MEETING LOCATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MACC STAFF AT CONVENTION:**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

Pan Pacific Hotel, R Level – Cypress Suite

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to Thursday, September 26, 2019**

Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building – Exhibition Hall C

Questions: Contact the MACC UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator, Laura Smith, by email at [MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 778 698-3263.

## Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Governance, Legislation and Corporate Planning Division</b>	Post-secondary governance, legislation, sector quality assurance, private career training regulation, data support, audit, institutional accountability, corporate planning, international education, intergovernmental relations, and sector labour relations.
<b>Post-Secondary Policy and Programs and Division Responsible for Learner Supports</b>	25 public post-secondary institutions and their programs including skills and training, Aboriginal Education, Adult Basic Education, English Language Learning, strategic policy, StudentAid BC, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and medical and health.
<b>Finance, Technology and Management Services and Division Responsible for Student Housing</b>	Operating and capital grants to 25 public post-secondary institutions (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. Leading the development of 5000 additional student housing beds on Post-Secondary campuses in B.C.
<b>Workforce Innovation and Division Responsible for Skills Training</b>	Development and management of targeted labour market programs, policies, the dissemination of labour market information, and oversight of the Industry Training Authority to help British Columbians advance their skills and employment and support employers to meet their workforce needs.

## Ministry of Agriculture

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Food Safety and Inspection Branch</b>	Responsible for administration, compliance and enforcement of provincial legislation related to slaughter of meat, and food safety related to processing of seafood products. Also responsible for administration of food safety programs for farmers, ranchers and food processors under the federal/provincial/territorial Canadian Agricultural Partnerships (CAP) agreement.
<b>Corporate Governance, Policy and Legislation</b>	Responsible for providing corporate planning, resources and services to the Executive and ministry including ministry data reporting and dissemination, policy, legislation, Intergovernmental Relations, trade for agriculture and Seafood policy.
<b>Plant and Animal Health</b>	The Plant and Animal Health Branch supports the sustainability of animal and plant agriculture, while serving to protect the well-being of the people of the province through surveillance, regulatory compliance, risk assessment, and the development of strategies to address identified risks. The Plant and Animal Health Branch consists of three key programs: The Animal Health Centre, the Livestock Management and Regulatory Unit, and the Plant Health Unit.
<b>Innovation and Adaptation Service Branch</b>	Provides innovative solutions to the agriculture, food and seafood sectors as essential parts of the social and economic fabric of B.C.; facilitates competition, adaptation and innovation in response to economic, environmental, social influences and market change.

## Ministry of Attorney General

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Associate Deputy Minister's Office</b>	<p>Responsible for oversight of three Crown corporations (ICBC, BC Lottery Corporation and BC Liquor Distribution Branch) and two regulatory agencies (Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch and Liquor &amp; Cannabis Regulation Branch):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-ICBC provides universal auto insurance to B.C. drivers and is responsible for driver licensing and vehicle registration and licensing.</li> <li>-The BC LDB is one of two branches of government responsible for the beverage alcohol industry. It operates 197 BC Liquor Stores, 1 BC Cannabis Store (including its online portal), two Wholesale Customer Centres and four Distribution Centres; it is one of the largest retailers in B.C.</li> <li>-The BC Lottery Corporation conducts and manages gambling in a responsible manner while focusing on innovation, strategic partnerships and community outreach.</li> <li>-The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch regulates all gambling in B.C., including both commercial and charitable gambling</li> <li>- Liquor &amp; Cannabis Regulation Branch regulates BC's liquor industries and private retail non-medical cannabis industries. It issues liquor and non-medical cannabis licences and permits, and enforces legislative and regulatory conditions of these licences and permits.</li> </ul> <p>The ADMO is also the co-lead (with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General) for the current Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing agreement consultation.</p>
<b>BC Prosecution Service</b>	<p>Approving and conducting criminal and regulatory prosecutions.</p> <p>Initiating and responding to appeals.</p> <p>Providing criminal law advice to the government.</p> <p>Developing policies and procedures on the administration of criminal justice.</p> <p>Collaborating with partners and stakeholders on justice reform initiatives.</p>
<b>Justice Services Branch</b>	<p>Promoting access to justice through funding and oversight of legal aid programs, collaborative solutions to criminal justice problems through the integration of justice, health and social services, and overseeing the Province's commitment to federal/provincial/territorial criminal justice reform initiatives.</p> <p>Promoting access to justice through dispute resolution alternatives, procedural efficiencies and case management in civil courts, agencies, boards, commissions, tribunals, and government ministries.</p> <p>Facilitating resolution of family disputes and operating justice access centres, family justice centres and the Parenting After Separation program.</p> <p>Facilitating the successful payment of child and spousal support orders in the province through Maintenance Enforcement and Locate Services.</p> <p>Co-leading the partnership between the province and the BC Aboriginal Justice Council to collaboratively develop a future-focused Indigenous Justice Strategy and implement a portfolio of projects intended to realize the vision. The Indigenous Justice Strategy endeavours to reduce the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system as well as improve experiences within the justice system.</p> <p>Coordinating regular Justice Summits to consult with major justice participants and stakeholders.</p>

## Ministry of Attorney General Continued...

<p><b>Court Services Branch</b></p>	<p>Court Services Branch includes court administration, the BC Sheriff Service, and Headquarters. <a href="#">Court Administration</a> includes court clerks and registry staff. Registry staff are responsible for accepting and processing court documents and forms filed in all three levels of court in the areas of criminal, civil, family, divorce, adoption, probate and bankruptcy law. Court clerks are responsible for accurately capturing detailed information for court appearances that occur in courtrooms province-wide, while managing the flow of cases in court and supporting the judiciary.</p> <p>The <a href="#">BC Sheriff Service</a> (BCSS) is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of the public, the judiciary, crown counsel and CSB staff in courthouses and other court venues across the province. Duties include escorting accused persons, convicted persons and persons confined under the <i>Mental Health Act</i> between court locations and correctional institutions as well as escort to hospitals. BCSS oversees the jury administration and selection process for Supreme Court criminal and civil trials as well as Coroner’s Inquests. They also conduct threat assessments for high-security/high-profile trials and individuals through the Integrated Threat Assessment Unit.</p> <p>CSB Headquarters supports day-to-day frontline service and undertakes financial management, data analytics, facilities planning, and human resource support as well as business and technology transformation, policy/ legislative development, and training.</p>
<p><b>Legal Services Branch</b></p>	<p>Responsible for advising the B.C. government, its ministers and officials on all matters of law. LSB provides legal and legislative services to government and supports the Attorney General in his role as official legal advisor to government.</p>

## Ministry of Children and Family Development

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Strategic Priorities / Strategic Initiatives</b>	<p>The Strategic Initiatives Branch is responsible for leadership, oversight and coordination of key ministry priorities and leads a variety of complex, large-scale and cross-divisional projects in collaboration across the ministry. The branch's current projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reviewing funding provided to Family-Based Caregivers;</li> <li>• improving Youth Transitions;</li> <li>• supplementary youth-focused projects</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Priorities/ Strategic Services Branch</b>	<p>The Strategic Services Branch consists: Strategic Planning &amp; Engagement, Project Management &amp; Lean Services, Implementation and Change Management, Intergovernmental Relations:</p> <p><b>Strategic Planning &amp; Engagement</b> directs planning, reporting, internal communications and staff engagement. This team provides strategic advice to executive; leads ministry-wide planning and assists divisions when required; reports on priority initiatives; directs internal engagement; and manages internal web services.</p> <p><b>Project Management &amp; Lean Services</b> supports the development of new projects and the continuous improvement of existing ministry services and programs. This team handles priority projects; promotes project management practice; helps divisions streamline processes; facilitates Lean and project management capacity building; and creates and provides resources for Lean improvement.</p> <p><b>Implementation &amp; Change Management</b> coordinates the rollout of new initiatives and plans for their human impact. This team develops the quarterly Implementation Schedule; manages implementation through the Implementation Table; communicates priorities ministry-wide; develops plans for engaging and supporting staff during change; supports leaders managing organizational transitions; offers training and online tools for change management; and measures impact of implementation and change activities.</p> <p><b>Intergovernmental Relations</b> supports the ministry's formal relations and executive engagements with other governments. This team provides leadership in intergovernmental collaborations; leverages opportunities to advance ministry priorities; contributes to the development of positions; manages contributions to national and international reporting; and shares developments in social sectors of other governments.</p>
<b>Strategic Priorities/ Strategic Integration Branch</b>	<p>The Strategic Integration Branch works collaboratively with senior leadership and subject matter experts across the ministry and within the division to enhance collaboration and integration across the four strategies of the Strategic Framework. The branch is responsible for: tracking, issues management and reporting of key Framework milestones and deliverables; ensuring the voice of Service Delivery Division and Practice is included in the development and implementation of the Framework; and oversight and coordination of consultations across the ministry on all major strategies and work plans.</p>

## Ministry of Children and Family Development Continued...

<p><b>Policy and Legislation</b></p>	<p>Child Welfare and Adoption Policy.          Child and Youth Mental Health Policy and school-based mental health (EASE program)          Legislation and Litigation.          Research, including the ministry’s research approval process</p>
<p><b>Early Years and Inclusion</b></p>	<p>The Early Years and Inclusion Division leads the development and implementation of BC’s Childcare BC plan, policy and provincially-delivered programs for the early years and children and youth with special needs.</p> <p>Childcare BC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Spaces Fund</li> <li>• Funding for UBCM Child Care New Spaces Grants</li> <li>• Funding for UBCM Child Care Planning Grants</li> <li>• BC Maintenance Fund</li> <li>• Start-up Grants</li> <li>• Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative</li> <li>• Affordable Child Care Benefit</li> <li>• Child Care Operating Funding</li> <li>• Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Wage Enhancement</li> <li>• Funding for ECE Bursaries</li> <li>• ECE Registry</li> </ul> <p>Early Years Policy and Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Years Service Framework</li> <li>• Aboriginal Service Innovations – Early Years grants</li> <li>• Aboriginal Head Start</li> </ul> <p>Policy and Provincial Programs for Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYSN Service Framework</li> <li>• Autism Funding Program</li> <li>• Medical Benefits Program</li> <li>• Autism Information Services</li> </ul> <p>Provincial Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services</p>
<p><b>Service Delivery Division</b></p>	<p>Service Delivery Division is committed to providing children, youth and families across the province with an effective, integrated and coordinated service delivery system. The division is responsible for the delivery of community services, working closely with Delegated Aboriginal Agencies, foster caregivers and the community social service sector. Divisional staff also work in collaboration with other ministry divisions, social sector partners, schools, Health Authorities, and First Nations communities to implement ministry and government strategic initiatives.</p>

## Ministry of Citizens' Services

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Corporate Information and Records Management Office</b>	Provides corporate information management services to government including: Freedom of Information; proactive disclosures of information; privacy, records management and elements of information security. Additional related responsibilities include the development of corporate information management strategies, legislation, policies, standards, training and compliance.
<b>Service BC (SBC)</b>	Service BC is government's chief provider of citizen and business centred services. The division enables the design and delivery of accessible, responsive and cost-effective services, making it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with government. Through a provincial network of 65 offices and the provincial contact center, SBC provides hundreds of services for more than 30 partner ministries and agencies. These services can range from improving citizens' experiences accessing income assistance services through partnership with Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to the renewal of a driver's licence on behalf of ICBC. Through BC Registries and Online Services, we register and maintain businesses, societies and personal property through BC online and other online services. SBC also delivers secure and privacy-enhancing identity services for citizens and businesses to support access to digital government services and information.
<b>Procurement and Supply</b>	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.
<b>Real Property</b>	The Real Property Division provides everything needed to design, set up and manage a government workplace. RPD is responsible for the Province's real estate portfolio (excluding schools, post-secondary institutions and hospitals), office space inventory, parking, related legislation, furniture procurement, project and construction management, and real estate services for special-purpose facilities (such as courthouses, laboratories and correctional facilities). RPD provides cost-effective services for environmental management, leasing, facilities management, strategic real estate advice, acquisitions, dispositions and workplace planning. RPD's client base includes ministry (mandated) as well as broader sector (voluntary) customers.
<b>Office of Chief Information Officer</b>	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. 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.
<b>Information, Communication and Technologies</b>	Provides leadership and expertise for the expansion, coordination and provisioning of telecommunications services, vendor management, innovation, and technology that enable the digital transformation of government work environments and communities in every corner of the Province. The Division provides guidance on planning for telecommunications infrastructure investment to municipal and regional governments and oversees the Connecting British Columbia program. The Division further provides a leadership role in supporting government and broader public sector goals for economic development, health, education and public safety by enabling an innovative and digital government through maximizing value from IT investments and closing the digital divide for British Columbians.

## Ministry of Education

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Libraries Branch</b>	The Libraries Branch works together with public library boards, library staff and local government to improve and ensure the public's access to information, resources, and services under the <i>Library Act</i> . Responsible for areas covering legislation, provincial funding, digital infrastructure, provincial-wide services and provincial policies.
<b>Capital Division</b>	The Capital Division establishes and administers the Ministry of Education's Capital Program, estimated at \$550 million annually, and includes the following program areas: Annual Facilities Grant, Seismic Mitigation, New and Additional Schools, Replacement Schools, Routine Capital Investment, Building Envelope Program, Bus Replacement Program and the Carbon Neutral Capital Program. The Division establishes the Capital Objectives, the priorities for capital investment across the province through the ministry's Capital Planning process, establishes the Capital Standards, defines the scope of capital investments, establishes contractual relationship with school districts, enforces contractual requirements and processes payments.
<b>Resource Management and Corporate Services Division</b>	The Resource Management and Corporate Services Division is responsible for the oversight and management of approximately \$6 billion in operating funding to the K-12 sector; the K-12 funding formula; and school district shared services initiatives. 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; correspondence; Freedom of Information requests; risk management; and planning/reporting.

## Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Mines Competitiveness and Authorizations Division</b>	Public Geoscience, Policy and Competitiveness, Indigenous Engagement, Tenures Process, Fair, effective and transparent authorizations, Regional operations and Mineral Development.
<b>Electricity and Alternative Energy Division</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Division focuses on increasing electrification and energy efficiency across the economy, reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuels, expanding electric vehicle infrastructure, and implementing programs to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors.</p> <p>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. The Division also administers the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund, a special account used to further the energy and environmental priorities of the government.</p>
<b>Oil Infrastructure Group</b>	Responsible for facilitating the development and implementation of interprovincial oil pipelines and related infrastructure projects that benefit British Columbia through liaising with oil transmission pipeline proponents and providing the central point of contact on proposed interprovincial oil transmission pipelines to British Columbia's coast.

## Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Continued...

<p><b>Oil and Gas Division</b></p>	<p>Responsible for management of the province's oil and gas resources, including disposing and administering subsurface oil and gas tenures, facilitating infrastructure development to improve access to oil and gas resources; developing and implementing policies and programs, including the province's royalty regime; consulting with First Nations and other stakeholders; and engaging in external relations and providing information to the public. Develops legislation and regulations for B.C.'s oil and gas industry and sets policy for the province's regulator, the BC Oil and Gas Commission.</p> <p>Also responsible for negotiating and implementing agreements with other governments, First Nations, and non-governmental organizations regarding the fiscal, regulatory, scientific, health, safety, environmental, socio-economic, and financial aspects of oil and gas development.</p> <p>Responsible for development of the province's liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry and other industries that add value to British Columbia's oil and gas resources to strengthen and further diversify the provincial economy, including engagement with proponents, joint venture and investment interests, and liquefied natural gas and value-added gas importing countries; project implementation; and the development of a value-added oil and gas industry.</p> <p>Supports engagement on cross-jurisdictional issues relating to liquefied natural gas and value-added oil and gas, including financial and economic analysis; and relationship building with stakeholders and participation in relevant conferences and forums.</p>
<p><b>Strategic and Indigenous Affairs Division</b></p>	<p>Responsible for leadership and support in strategic planning and reporting; marketing and outreach, budget estimates; risk framework; supporting Clean BC ; regulatory reform; managing Crown Corporation planning and reporting requirements; Provides leadership and support in cross ministry policy and intergovernmental relations; building investor confidence in mining through outreach; and positioning B.C.'s interests/objectives in the Canadian Energy Strategy and Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference.</p> <p>Also, responsible for the management of the ministry's Indigenous relations; contributing to reconciliation with Indigenous nations; support for Indigenous nations policy development relating to mining and other specific initiatives; support for Treaty Land Entitlement negotiations; UNDRIP implementation; and support for negotiations with Indigenous nations on specific issues.</p> <p>Leads implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI), and also responsible for the management of the legislative and legal affairs of the ministry.</p>
<p><b>Woodfibre Implementation Group</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

## Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>BC Parks</b>	Responsible for all matters (policy, planning and management) of conservation, recreation and cultural values in the province's parks and protected areas.
<b>Climate Change Strategy</b>	Province-wide coordination and management with other ministries of systems to address and respond to climate change including CleanBC, CleanBC Communities Fund, adaptation planning and engagement, climate policy, energy and the Climate Action Charter commitments in association with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources legislated short and long-term, province-wide greenhouse gas reduction targets, carbon tax, Carbon Neutral Government (Public Sector Organizations - schools, universities and colleges and hospitals), carbon offsets, Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council and climate action pieces of legislation related to climate change including: <i>Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act</i> , <i>Climate Change Action Accountability Act</i> (formerly called <i>Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act</i> ), Carbon Tax, Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Emissions Standards), <i>Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Act)</i> , <i>Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Vehicle Emissions Standards) Act</i> , and <i>Clean Energy Act</i> .
<b>Conservation Officer Service</b>  <b>Environmental Assessment Office</b>  <b>Environmental Protection Division</b>  <b>Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy</b>	<p>A natural resource law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing federal and provincial statutes, public safety as it relates to human-wildlife conflict and interactions, commercial environmental and industrial investigations and compliance and enforcement activities.</p> <p>Environmental assessment (EA) process. Federal EA Substitution and Equivalency. Relationship to federal environmental assessment and review processes, including National Energy Board (NEB). Compliance and enforcement of certified projects. Public consultation regarding EAs or EA certificate amendment applications. Environmental Assessment Revitalization and the new <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>.</p> <p>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, zero waste, circular economy, waste management (incineration, landfilling, municipal liquid and solid waste), permitting and compliance reporting for industrial operations' emissions.</p> <p>Species at Risk policy and legislation development; conservation and sustainability of living resources; conservation science; fish and wildlife inventory, monitoring, and reporting; Conservation Data Centre; ecosystem data and information; terrestrial ecosystem mapping; habitat supply modelling. <i>Water Sustainability Act</i>: development of water legislation, regulations, policy, standards and guidance; integrated watershed and aquifer science; water quality objectives development and policy; water governance framework; provincial water strategies; intergovernmental agreements; drought strategy; First Nations and stakeholder outreach on water legislation; policy for water conservation; source water protection; water quality monitoring; BC Lake Stewardship and Monitoring Program; groundwater hydrology; groundwater protection; monitoring and network management for surface water and groundwater quantity and quality. State of Environment Reporting; snow survey; ambient air quality; water stewardship outreach; environmental and natural resource sector laboratory (analytical chemistry) and library services. Overarching environmental policy and legislation; compliance planning; intergovernmental relations; and Service Plan. Professional Reliance Review coordination of government actions. Corporate Indigenous relations and partnership development.</p>

## Ministry of Finance

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Tax Policy Branch</b>	Provincial tax policy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial property taxes (school, rural, police)</li> <li>• Property Transfer Tax</li> <li>• Provincial Sales Tax</li> <li>• Carbon Tax</li> <li>• Motor Fuel Tax</li> <li>• Provincial Income Tax</li> <li>• Cannabis Tax</li> <li>• Indigenous Taxation</li> </ul>

## Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>BC Wildfire Service</b>	Wildfire Suppression, Wildfire Prevention and Community Resiliency Initiative
<b>Forest Policy and Indigenous Relations</b>	Economic Services, Trade and Export Policy, Timber Pricing, Compensation and Business Analysis, Coast and Interior Revitalization, Indigenous Relations.
<b>Integrated Resource Operations</b>	Archaeology; Compliance and Enforcement; GeoBC; Heritage; Mountain Resorts; Recreation Sites & Trails
<b>Office of the Chief Forester</b>	Forest Analysis & Inventory; Forest Improvement and Research Management Branch; Climate Change and Integrated Planning; Resource Practices and Innovation, Bio economy and Indigenous Opportunities.
<b>Regional Operations</b>	FrontCounter BC, resource management coordination, land use planning and implementation, Crown land and forest authorizations, community forest agreements, species at risk program delivery, urban deer, clean energy projects, First Nations consultation, ecosystem-based management, range, BC Timber Sales, Interior forest sector renewal, flood and fire recovery.
<b>Resource Stewardship</b>	Fish and Aquatic Habitat; Resource Planning and Assessment; Species at Risk Recovery; Water Management; Wildlife and Habitat. Includes resource practices, land-based investment planning, sustainable forest management, resource management objectives, fish and wildlife management, habitat management, water management, river forecasting, dam safety, flood safety, water use planning, utility regulation, water stewardship.

## Ministry of Health

<b>DIVISION/BRANCH</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Office of Indigenous Health</b>	Works in partnership with BC First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Health Canada, across provincial ministries, with regional health authorities, First Nations Health Authority, and Indigenous organizations, to ensure the implementation of Government key strategic directions and commitments regarding Indigenous health.
<b>Finance and Corporate Services</b>	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. Services provided include Audit and Investigations, Capital Services Management, Health Authority Regional Grants Decision Support, and Finance and Decision Support.
<b>Health Human Resources and Labour Relations</b>	Responsible for workforce planning and development and operational delivery of beneficiary services that contribute to effectively meeting patient and population health needs and improving patient outcomes through the efficient delivery of health services.
<b>Population and Public Health</b>	Focuses on improving people's overall health and well-being by promoting health; preventing disease, disability, and injury; protecting people from harm; and ensuring particular focus on key groups including Indigenous peoples, women and children (Health Protection; Healthy Living and Health Promotion; Public Health Services).
<b>Primary Care</b>	Responsible for implementing the provincial primary care strategy. The priorities of the division are: Primary care networks; Urgent primary care centres; Community health centres; Interdisciplinary team based primary care services; ensuring integration of Primary Care services with community services programs. The Division also includes HealthLink BC due to its role as a key community services enabler of primary care.
<b>Provincial, Hospital and Laboratory Health Services</b>	Focuses on provincial health services, regional hospital services, pathology and laboratory, and precision medicine. The Division works closely with providers and stakeholders, provides strategic oversight, policy development and evaluation.
<b>Specialized Services</b>	Focuses on implementing specialized community and surgical services and programs. Community Care - Seniors services and Mental health and substance use services. Work on wait times - Surgical services; Colonoscopy services; Diagnostic services; Implementing waitlist policies and approaches in the specialized community services programs and other general health services.

## Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Negotiations and Regional Operations Division</b>	Leading 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.
<b>Reconciliation Transformation &amp; Strategies Division</b>	Leads the development of reconciliation policy and works with all governments on topics including governance, rights recognition, self-determination, capacity building, implementation of adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court decision. Responsible for developing a cross-government vision for reconciliation for the province in collaboration with Indigenous peoples.
<b>Implementation and Lands Services Branch</b>	Leads key functions for the completion, implementation and ongoing relationship management of agreements with First Nations in the province, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial representative on treaty Implementation Committees;</li> <li>• Tri-partite treaty closing to reach Effective Date;</li> <li>• Research/advice and survey for crown land negotiations; and,</li> <li>• Implementation best practices to ensure agreement obligations met.</li> </ul>
<b>Socio-Economic Partnerships Branch</b>	Leads the development and implementation of key corporate indigenous initiatives and seeks to achieve positive impacts needed to improve the social and economic conditions of Indigenous people in BC living on and off reserve. This work requires the development of solutions through a diverse range of initiatives through engagement with Indigenous partners, provincial ministries and the federal government.
<b>Community and Social Innovation Branch</b>	Leads the Ministry's efforts in sociocultural reconciliation with Indigenous communities in British Columbia, including First Nations, Metis, urban Indigenous peoples and Indigenous youth. Partners with Indigenous governments, communities, organizations and other ministries to implement community wellbeing initiatives that advance self-determining, thriving, and resilient Indigenous communities.
<b>Major Project and Cross Gov't Initiatives Branch</b>	Leads and/or supports initiatives and provides strategic advice to other Governmental departments, First Nations, and industry proponents in a variety of initiatives in the fields of environmental stewardship, resource development, and emerging economic opportunities. The Branch also holds Provincial accountability for strategic consultation and accommodation procedures and associated tools to support statutory decision makers.

## Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Division/Branch	Topic
<b>Strategic Investments Office Branch</b>	<p>Works directly with prospective investors whose projects have the potential to provide significant economic and job creation benefits to British Columbia.</p> <p>The SIO provides client-focused and personalized business services to help major investors save time and money, minimize risk and maximize certainty as their project proposal moves through provincial government regulatory and approval processes. The SIO works with municipalities, Indigenous communities and government agencies to facilitate significant investment projects in BC.</p>
<b>Small Business, Jobs and Workforce Division</b>	<p>Small business initiatives, programs, resources and available supports including the Small Business Task Force; and Small Business Roundtable; Sector and Regulatory Competitiveness including Better Regulations for British Columbians.</p> <p>Economic Policy and Support including Manufacturing sector support, including industries such as aerospace and marine; Provincial Economic Development Framework.</p> <p>Immigrations programs, settlement and integrations services; including Provincial Nominee Program, Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot; foreign qualifications recognition, interprovincial labour mobility.</p> <p>BC Stats Information and Analysis.</p>
<b>Planning and Innovation Branch</b>	<p>Leads the development and implementation of strategy and policy in support of provincial technology, innovation and related investment initiatives. The branch also provides expertise on BC's research strengths and leads the planning and coordination of provincial technology and innovation policy and programming.</p>
<b>International Trade Division</b>	<p>Overseas trade and investment representative (TIR) presence in US, Europe and Asia;</p> <p>Trade readiness and trade services programs including support to communities across the province including Indigenous communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to attract and retain international investors and businesses, and align efforts with B.C. communities and federal programs;</p> <p>International and domestic trade negotiations and agreements;</p> <p>International strategy and research;</p> <p>Trade and Investment Missions;</p> <p>International marketing;</p> <p>International engagement</p>
<b>Regional Programs and Engagement Branch</b>	<p>Leads the development and delivery of policies, programs and initiatives supporting local, regional and Indigenous economic development and community investment readiness.</p>

## Ministry of Labour

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Labour Relations</b>	Administration of the <i>Labour Relations Code</i> 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> .
<b>Employment Standards</b>	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 workplace disputes. Responsible for the Employment Standards Branch and the Employment Standards Tribunal. Responsible for enforcement of the new <i>Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act</i> .
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	Administration of the <i>Workers Compensation Act</i> and responsible for 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 <i>Occupational Health and Safety Regulation</i> . The Ministry is also responsible for the Employers' Advisers Office, the Workers' Advisers Office, and the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal.

## Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Mental Health and Addictions</b>	Leading the immediate response to the overdose public health emergency, including harm reduction, public awareness, treatment and recovery services and prevention initiatives; Setting strategic direction for provincial mental health and addictions services through research, policy development and evaluation, including in relation to designated facilities under the <i>Mental Health Act</i>

## Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>Community and Legislative Services Division</b>	
<b>Community Gaming Grants</b>	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 & Culture, Sport, Public Safety, Environment, Human & Social Services and Parent Advisory Councils. Eligible not-for-profit can also apply for Capital Grants through the program.
<b>Community Policy and Legislation</b>	TransLink legislation and governance; Ministry liaison with Auditor General for Local Government; Coordination of Ministry-wide legislation, regulations and board appointments.
<b>Property Assessment Services</b>	Provincial property assessment policy and legislation as it pertains to valuation and classification, including valuation of restricted use properties, redevelopment lands and impacts on business and housing affordability.
<b>Local Government Division</b>	
<b>Governance Structures Governance Services Governance Relations</b>	Incorporation, restructure, boundary extensions, structure-related legislation and processes, and local and regional governance. Local government administration, elections, governance operations-related legislative requirements/powers and local and regional services. Local government First Nations relations and Crown Grant/Nominal Rent Tenure sponsorships.
<b>Local Government Finance</b>	Local government finance, including: budgeting and financial plans; audited financial statements; unconditional grants; reserve funds; investments and municipal corporations; long-term liabilities; development financing (including Development Cost Charges); user-fees; and taxation (including tax sale).
<b>Infrastructure and Engineering</b>	Asset management, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, green energy and other capital grants, infrastructure planning grants and infrastructure programs (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and Small Communities Fund).
<b>Planning and Land Use Management Programs / Negotiations and Corporate Initiatives</b>	Local government planning and land use management framework, including: new legislation related to rental zoning, housing needs reports and TransLink development cost charges; other local planning and land use tools; ministerial approvals of some official community plans; Regional Growth Strategies (RGSs); and Development Approvals Process Review.
<b>Local Government Climate Action</b>	CleanBC, Climate Action Charter, Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), joint provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC), support for local government climate mitigation and adaptation action.
<b>Dispute Resolution Guidance</b>	Dispute resolution guidance related to Regional District service review/withdrawal, RGS and other intergovernmental disputes.
<b>Local Government Policy, Research and Legislation</b>	Overall responsibility for local government legislation development for <i>Community Charter</i> , <i>Local Government Act</i> , <i>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.

## Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Continued...

<b>Office of Housing and Construction Standards</b>	
<b>Housing and Policy Branch</b>	Housing policy and program development, including market and non-market housing, supportive housing and homelessness; liaison with BC Housing, which partners with local government, non-profit and private developers to build affordable housing; legislation governing strata properties, as well as actions in the <i>Homes for BC: A 30-Point Plan For Housing Affordability</i> ; BC Housing.
<b>Building and Safety Standards Branch</b>	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, site specific and jurisdiction specific regulations (e.g., tall wood), safety standards for technical systems (e.g., refrigeration in arenas), homeowner protection (e.g., home warranties), oversight of certain industry professionals and trades (e.g., home builder licensing), and policy advice relating to the built environment, including climate leadership. Liaison with BC Housing Licensing and Consumer Services, Technical Safety BC, Building Officials Association of BC, and National Research Council.
<b>Residential Tenancy Branch</b>	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.

## Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

<b>DIVISION/BRANCH</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Policing and Security Branch</b>	Police Services: provides central oversight of all policing and law enforcement in the province by developing and administering policing policy and programs. Ensures the adequate and effective levels of policing throughout the province. Security Programs: administration of the Protection Order Registry, the Criminal Records Review Program, and the regulation of the security industry in B.C.
<b>Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch</b>	Civil Forfeiture; Victim Services; Violence Against Women and Children; Crime Prevention; and, Combating Trafficking in Persons.
<b>Corrections Branch</b>	Community Corrections: supervision and programs to reduce reoffending for offenders who live outside of correctional centres. Adult Custody: operation of correctional centres.
<b>RoadSafety BC</b>	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.
<b>Emergency Management BC</b> **Meeting requests for the Minister will be held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness.	Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is the lead co-ordinating agency in the provincial government for all emergency management activities. The overall purpose of EMBC is to make individuals and communities in B.C. safer. EMBC works with local governments, First Nations, federal departments, industry, non-governmental organizations, and volunteers to support the emergency management phases of mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. Additionally, EMBC engages with provincial, national and international partners to enhance collective emergency preparedness. Also, within EMBC 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.
<b>Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat</b>	The Secretariat is responsible for coordinating cannabis policy across the provincial government. Working with partner ministries and external stakeholders, the Secretariat seeks to advance Government's overarching cannabis policy goals, which include: public health and safety, protecting children and youth, reducing crime and the illegal market, addressing cannabis-impaired driving, and supporting economic development.

## Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><b>Research, Innovation and Policy Division</b></p> <p><b>Service Delivery Division</b></p>	<p>TogetherBC, British Columbia’s first poverty reduction strategy, sets a path to reduce overall poverty in B.C. by 25% and child poverty by 50% by 2024.</p> <p>With investments from across Government, TogetherBC reflects government’s commitment to reduce poverty and make life more affordable for British Columbians. It includes policy initiatives and investments designed to lift people up, break the cycle of poverty and build a better B.C. for everyone.</p> <p>Built on the principles of Affordability, Opportunity, Reconciliation, and Social Inclusion, TogetherBC focuses on six priority action areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More affordable housing for more people</li> <li>• Supporting families, children and youth</li> <li>• Expanding access to education and training</li> <li>• More opportunities, more jobs</li> <li>• Improving income supports</li> <li>• Investing in social inclusion</li> </ul> <p>Accessibility – Working across government to increase accessibility and decrease barriers for people with disabilities in B.C.</p> <p>Income and Disability Assistance - Income Assistance provides support and shelter payments to help low income singles and families while they are looking for work. Disability assistance provides support and shelter payments to people who are low-income with a severe disability and can’t fully support themselves or gain independence. Income and Disability Assistance programs and services are delivered at 47 ministry office locations and 36 partnership Service BC offices around the province. Clients can also access services through the ministry’s toll-free phone line or through the online client portal My Self-Serve.</p>
<b>Employment and Labour Market Services Division</b>	<p>How to access employment supports through the Employment Program of BC and the 84 WorkBC Employment Service Centres located throughout the province.</p> <p>How to apply for project based funding under the Community Employer Partnership initiative in order to increase local employment opportunities for British Columbians.</p>

## Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<b>BC Arts Council</b>	Application and peer review adjudication process for programs of the BC Arts Council; responsibility for arts and cultural development in communities through grants to individual artists and organizations; funding for community arts organizations and regional arts organizations; support for Indigenous artists and arts organizations; support for youth and emerging practitioners through scholarships and early career development; support for touring.
<b>Arts and Cultural Development</b>	Research, analysis and policy and program development that aims to enrich communities, provide broad access to and increase participation in the arts and leverage partnerships for impactful and innovative programming in all corners of B.C. Provides oversight of the Royal BC Museum and the modernization project as well as establishing of a Chinese Canadian Museum
<b>Sport</b>	Sport policy issues; programs supporting the delivery of services through provincial sport organizations; sport event hosting.
<b>BC Athletic Commission</b>	Legislation and regulatory oversight of professional boxing and mixed martial arts, as well as amateur kickboxing, mixed martial arts, Muay Thai and pankration. .

<b>Tourism</b>	Policy development and strategic issues management to support BC's tourism sector; manages the Resort Municipality Initiative, Tourism Event Program and Municipal Regional District Tax program (jointly with DestinationBC and Ministry of Finance.) Provides oversight of Destination BC (tourism marketing/development) and BC Pavilion Corporation (BC Place and Vancouver Convention Centre) and leads development and implementation of provincial tourism strategy.
<b>Creative Sector</b>	Policy development, research and inter-government relations work in support of B.C.'s creative industries including, film, television, interactive digital media, music, and publishing. Provides oversight of Creative BC and the Knowledge Network.
<b>Multiculturalism</b>	Multiculturalism Community Grant program, Organizing Against Racism and Hate Program, Multicultural Advisory Council, Premier's Chinese Canadian Advisory Council Secretariat.

## Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

<b>DIVISION/BRANCH</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Highway Operations</b>	The Highway Operations Department plans, designs, constructs, operates, rehabilitates and maintains the provincial public highway system. Project manages and delivers hundreds of expansion, rehabilitation and safety improvement projects annually including maintenance contracts, centreline marking contracts and electrical contracts. Oversees and manages privatized road and bridge maintenance. Approves subdivisions in rural areas near provincial highways, issues highway permits for access, utilities and special events and approves zoning near provincial highways.
<b>Highway Services</b>	The Highways Services Department develops province-wide engineering and environmental solutions and implements standards, policies and procedures regarding provincial transportation engineering. Ensures commercial vehicle safety by managing the National Safety Code, the Vehicle Inspection and Standards and enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act in relation to commercial vehicles.
<b>Major Projects, Infrastructure and Properties Department</b>	The Major Projects, Infrastructure and Properties Department is responsible for all aspects of strategic planning, programming, procurement and major projects delivery within the province including development and management of the provincial 10 year Transportation Investment Plan, management of federal and community cost sharing programs, and the delivery of the major transportation projects throughout the province. 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. The department is also the primary linkage to the Transportation Investment Corporation.
<b>Transportation Policy &amp; Programs Department</b>	The Transportation Policy and Programs Department is responsible for all aspects of strategic transportation policy. This includes air, rail and marine modes, passenger transportation regulations and licensing, inter-governmental relations, cycling and airport grant programs, climate leadership, corporate planning, strategic initiatives and writing services as well as to maintain and optimize the delivery of transit services in participating communities throughout the province. The department also has provincial oversight of the inland and coastal ferry system in British Columbia.

## Provincial Agencies, Commissions and Corporations

ORGANIZATION	TOPIC
<b>Agricultural Commission</b> <b>Land</b>	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.
<b>Auditor General for Local Government</b>	The office of the Auditor General for Local Government conducts performance audits of local governments in order to provide them with objective information and relevant advice that will assist them in their accountability and the achievement of value for money in their operations. Our work emphasizes a collaborative approach in working with local governments and we would be pleased to meet and discuss areas of risk or concerns and how our office can assist in addressing these issues.
<b>BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)</b>	BCEHS governs the emergency medical services system in BC and provides pre-hospital emergency and inter-facility patient transfer services. Under the oversight of BCEHS, BC Ambulance Service (paramedics and emergency medical call takers and dispatch staff provide pre-hospital emergency care and medically necessary transport (ground and air) for British Columbians. BCEHS also oversees the BC Patient Transfer Network (BCPTN), which coordinates the transfer of acute and critically ill patients to the appropriate level of care both within and outside of B.C.  Members of the BCEHS Executive will be in attendance and look forward to participating in productive and engaging sessions.
<b>BC Housing</b>	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.  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.
<b>BC Hydro</b>	Our vision is to be the most trusted, innovative utility company in North America by being smart about power in all we do. BC Hydro's Community Relations staff will be present at the Convention and look forward to addressing any questions that you may have related to their operations.
<b>BC Oil and Gas Commission</b>	The BC Oil and Gas Commission regulates oil and gas activities for the benefit of British Columbians and looks forward to addressing any questions you may have on our regulatory oversight.

## Provincial Agencies, Commissions and Corporations Continued...

<p><b>BC Transit</b></p>	<p>From small towns to large urban centres outside of Metro Vancouver, BC Transit provides safe, effective, customer focused transportation solutions that connect people and communities to a more sustainable future. 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 online meeting request.</p>
<p><b>Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)</b></p>	<p>ICBC provides universal compulsory auto insurance (basic insurance) to drivers in British Columbia, with rates regulated by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), and also sells optional auto insurance in a competitive marketplace. Our 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. We also invest in road safety and loss management programs to reduce traffic-related deaths, injuries and crashes, auto crime and fraud. In addition, we provide driver licensing, vehicle registration and licensing services, and fines collection on behalf of the provincial government at locations across the province. ICBC will have staff present at the Convention who would be pleased to discuss or meet on any issues related to ICBC's operations.</p>
<p><b>Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)</b></p>	<p>Various police issues.</p>