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Subject: Federal Mandate Letters - Summary

Dear Mayor and Council,

Earlier today, the Prime Minister released the mandate letters for his Ministers to guide their work going forward.

The letters confirmed that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs is the Government-wide lead on all relations with the provinces and territories as well as directing all Ministers apply Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) in the decisions that they make. All of the mandate letters can be found at: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/mandate-letters>

Some of the highlights which could support the City of Vancouver's priorities are below:

Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities (Catherine McKenna)

- Continue to implement the Investing in Canada Plan with a focus on the successful, timely delivery of our growth-generating investments in public transit, green infrastructure and social infrastructure, as well as key strategic infrastructure that will increase trade. The key objectives of the plan are increasing economic growth and creating good middle class jobs with infrastructure that improves people's quality of life.
- ☐ Require provinces/territories to identify and approve all long-term infrastructure priorities within the next 2 years, according to the signed bilateral agreements. Funds not earmarked for specific projects by end of 2021 will be reinvested directly in communities through a supplement to the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- ☐ Create a National Infrastructure Fund to seek out and support major nation-building projects that will benefit people across various regions, connect our country and improve quality of life.
- ☐ Finalize the creation of an additional infrastructure fund by 2020-2021 to support priority projects and economic diversification for communities transitioning from fossil fuels.
- ☐ Make a federal commitment to fund public transit permanent and rise with the cost of construction over time. Ensure new federal investments in public transit support zero-emission buses and rail systems starting in 2023 and work with municipalities to address any exceptional circumstances.
- ☐ Design/implement the Housing Supply Challenge, including a detailed outreach plan to municipalities.
- ☐ Work with FCM through the Green Municipal Fund, the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program and the Municipal Asset Management Program to build climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and ensure the investments reduce emissions from residential, commercial and multi-unit buildings.

Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development (Ahmed Hussien)

- ☐ Ensure effective implementation of the new First-Time Home Buyer Incentive and increase the qualifying value in places where houses cost more like the Greater Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria regions.
- ☐ Continue to build and renovate housing through the National Housing Strategy.
- ☐ Address critical infrastructure needs in Indigenous communities, including the development of an urban Indigenous housing strategy.
- ☐ Create up to 250,000 additional before- and after-school spaces for kids under 10, while providing additional support for early childhood educators and laying the groundwork for a pan-Canadian childcare system.

- ② Operationalize a plan to help Canadians make their homes more energy efficient and climate resilient, including providing free energy audits to homeowners/landlords, up to \$40,000 in interest-free lending for retrofits, a cash incentive for borrowers to maximize their energy savings, and creating a Net Zero Homes Grant of up to \$5,000 for newly built homes that are certified zero-emissions.

Ministry of Health (Patty Hajdu)

- ② Work closely with other orders of government, as well as substance use experts, service providers, first responders, law enforcement and people with lived and living experience in order to ensure the response to the current opioid crisis is robust, well-coordinated and effective.
- ② Work with provinces and territories on new investments that expand community-based services, build more in-patient rehabilitation beds, and scale up the most effective programs such as extending hours for safe consumption sites.
- ② Set national standards for access to mental health services so Canadians have fast access to the support they need, when they need it.

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Jonathan Wilkinson)

- ② Lead government-wide efforts to develop a plan to set Canada on a path to achieve a prosperous net-zero emissions future by 2050. This includes setting legally-binding, five-year emissions-reduction milestones based on the advice of experts and consultations with Canadians.
- ② Implement a plan to ban harmful single-use plastic products and take steps toward eliminating plastic pollution in Canada.
- ② Work to advance toward zero-emission vehicles targets of 10% of light-duty vehicles sales per year by 2025, 30% by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

Ministry of Finance (Bill Morneau)

- Work to limit housing speculation by developing a framework and introducing a 1% annual vacancy and speculation tax on applicable residential properties owned by non-resident non-Canadians.

Best,
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