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Subject: 2024 BC Minister Mandate Letters Released

Dear Mayor and Council,

On January 16, the mandate letters for BC Cabinet Members were released and can be found [here](#).

All mandate letters include an expectation to:

- Grow the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia.
- Reduce costs for families.
- Strengthen health care.
- Make our neighbourhoods and communities safer.

The mandate letters are also clear that action on climate change as well as advancing reconciliation and the implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* are foundational and the responsibility of every Minister.

The letters also outline that "we have established an accord with the BC Green Caucus that supports our shared commitment to ensuring stable governance focused on delivering progress and tangible outcomes for British Columbians. The commitments in that accord complement the direction in these mandate letters."

The [Agreement in Principle](#) between the BC NDP Caucus and the BC Green Party Caucus outlines a four-year framework for cooperation and responsible government and establishes that basis for which the Green Party Caucus will provide confidence in an NDP Government. It outlines multiple areas of policy initiatives and 2025 deliverables including health care, mental health care, housing, homelessness, and climate.

It is also important to note that all mandate letters task Ministers to review all "existing programs and initiatives to ensure programs remain relevant, are efficient, grow the economy, and help keep costs low for British Columbians. This is important in the context of current Provincial budget constraints, our climate targets, and the threat of American tariffs." The Minister of Finance has also been tasked to "[p]ut BC on a clear path to balanced budgets and maintain the province's debt to GDP ratio as among the best in Canada."

Outlined below are additional mandate letter commitments that are of particular relevance to the City of Vancouver.

For more information, see the Government of B.C.'s news release [here](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Highlights - Mandate Letters Commitments

Minister	Mandate Letter Commitment
<u>Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Brittny Anderson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve as the key point of contact for local governments bringing concerns, suggestions, or feedback to government. Work with Ministerial colleagues to address issues proactively and ensure that local government advice informs government initiatives.
<u>Attorney General and Deputy Premier</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Niki Sharma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure strong and safe communities for everyone across the province by aggressively pushing the federal government for continuing legal reform and cooperation with the province that will ensure violent and prolific offenders remain in custody after arrest. Use effective engagement with key stakeholders and aggressive innovation in relation to technology, rules, and citizen-oriented processes to improve access to justice and reduce costs, increase speed, and deliver independent and impartial justice and dispute resolution.
<u>Minister of Education and Child Care</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Lisa Beare Assigned a Parliamentary Secretary for Child Care – Rohini Arora, MLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to protect key services that British Columbians rely on, work with the Minister of Finance to review all existing Ministry of Education and Child Care programs and initiatives to ensure programs remain relevant, are efficient, and improve the experience of British Columbians who access child care and education services in our province. This is important in the context of current Provincial budget constraints and overall efficiency in delivering cost effective and relevant education and child care services to British Columbians. Continue implementing ChildCareBC to improve access to accessible, affordable child care. Work with school districts to expand before- and after-school care programs across the province using cost-effective models for parents and the public that leverage existing school facilities and education workers.

<p><u>Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Kelly Greene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead cross-ministry coordination for our government's work to enhance BC's resilience, such as our work through the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy and the BC Flood Strategy, and seek a more appropriate level of support from the Federal Government. Develop provincial and regional hazard risk assessments, including modernized tools for access, to improve transparency, awareness, and informed planning and preparedness for communities to enhance resilience.
<p><u>Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Adrian Dix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with relevant ministries, First Nations, other governments, project proponents, and key stakeholders to dramatically accelerate permit approval for clean and low-carbon energy infrastructure across the province while preserving our world-leading environmental standards. Ensure BC Hydro is responsive to changing market conditions and demands for large load capacity from potential local and international investors to grow our economy and reduce our emissions while protecting residential ratepayers. Identify innovative ways to help us meet our carbon emission goals in a manner that reduces cost burdens for BC families and businesses, grows our economy, and positions us for trade diversification and expansion in light of growing global economic and political instability and supply chain cost inflation.
<p><u>Minister of Environment and Parks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Tamara Davidson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct the Environmental Assessment Office to work with key permitting ministries to develop specific measures that will expedite authorizations and permitting for major projects. Bring proposed measures forward for Cabinet review within six months.
<p><u>Minister of Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Brenda Bailey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put BC on a clear path to balanced budgets and maintain the province's debt to GDP ratio as among the best in Canada. Continue to deliver cost of living supports for British Columbians in response to global inflation and economic uncertainty. Work with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support the construction of new purpose-built rental housing by exploring new models for capitalizing the construction of purpose built rental buildings; remove barriers to financing small scale multi-unit density; and, eliminate taxes that could prevent or impair the transfer of land for the purpose of developing affordable housing.
<p><u>Minister of Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Josie Osbourne Assigned Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care – Susie Chant, MLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure every British Columbian has access to primary care, continue connecting more and more people to family healthcare providers, and ensure that care can be delivered in person through standards established in consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Doctors of BC. Improve the delivery of care for seniors and steward public investments made in seniors' care to improve efficiency and effectiveness given the growing population of seniors in our province. Support the work of the Chief Scientific Advisor for Psychiatry, Toxic Drugs and Concurrent Disorders in delivering high-quality care for people struggling with acquired brain injury, addiction, and mental health challenges – and work with partners across government to implement solutions. Bring together addiction health professionals and epidemiologists to expand peer reviewed research to evaluate interventions for people struggling with addiction, and promptly implement best practices based on findings. Continue our work to build and deliver a seamless system of care for people seeking mental health and addiction services in the province on both an inpatient and outpatient basis, including services responsive to the unique needs of Indigenous peoples. Reduce the risk of diversion of prescribed opioids by taking action in these areas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and any others identified: first, by identifying and implementing additional safeguards to prevent diversion of opioids prescribed for opioid dependence treatment; and second, by working with all healthcare providers to find ways to reduce the population level frequency of opioid prescriptions generally. • Continue to expand access to nasal naloxone to respond to overdoses. • Work with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and with Indigenous peoples, key stakeholders and people with lived experience, to realign and improve services for children and youth with support and mental health needs. • Additionally, you are assigned a Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long Term Care whose focus will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Work with you to engage with service providers, advocates, and seniors to identify opportunities for improving seniors' care across the province and opportunities for delivering this care in a way that is cost-effective and preserves dignity for our valued elders. ◦ Ensure that issues and opportunities identified are communicated to you and ministry staff for consideration and possible implementation.
<p><u>Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Ravi Kahlon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the supply of rental, co-op and non-market housing. Identify under-used capital that can be leveraged to construct new purpose-built rental housing across the province. To this end, work with the Minister of Citizens' Services to identify potential uses for surplus government real estate assets in a way that supports our overall housing and economic development goals. • Support tenants with interventions that deliver affordability and a high quality of living without compromising rental housing supply or rental housing standards. • Work with small-scale landlords to identify interventions that will support them with establishing new rental units, including improving their ability to deal with issues of non-payment of rent, crime, or property destruction. • Work with the Minister of Finance to remove barriers to the construction of small-scale multi-unit housing across the province. • Work with homebuilders to address barriers to new home construction in the current capital and interest rate environment. • Work across ministries to expedite permits required for new housing construction. • Support local governments, the Minister of Transportation and Transit, the Minister of Environment and Parks, and others affected by encampments with dignified, prompt, and effective interventions to move people living in encampments inside before encampments can become entrenched. • Work with local governments to achieve housing targets and address concerns related to infrastructure. • Continue to enhance delivery of supportive and complex care housing in a manner that keeps residents and others safe.
<p><u>Minister of Indigenous Relations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Christine Boyle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work with First Nations partners, local governments, and agencies to implement treaties and other agreements. • Through the Declaration Act Secretariat, lead work with the Attorney General to ensure alignment of BC's laws with the rights of Indigenous peoples. • Lead work to review and update the Declaration Act Action Plan by 2027, for the next five-year period. • In cooperation with the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, continue to develop and implement approaches to accelerate agreed-upon land transfers that enhance First Nation community and economic development.

<p><u>Minister of Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Bowinn Ma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing BC's growing communities and aging infrastructure, ensure faster delivery of cost-effective, high-quality generational investments. Identify and implement opportunities to reduce costs for taxpayers and expedite approval and construction of projects, including standardization of infrastructure like schools, hospital patient towers, child care facilities, and drug treatment or mental health facilities, but not limited to these projects. Work with your ministerial colleagues to address permit delays in major infrastructure projects and identify opportunities for reduced cost and increased efficiency. Advocate strongly with the federal government for fair cost share related to critical infrastructure projects with national importance.
<p><u>Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Diana Gibson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with business leaders in the province to develop a set of performance measurements in relation to the ease of doing business in British Columbia, address issues identified, and improve competitiveness for business to grow our province's economy and create good jobs. Continue to support BC's innovation, tech, life sciences, and other emerging sectors, and work with businesses to encourage AI adoption to improve productivity across traditional and emerging sectors. Continue to support small- and medium-sized businesses to innovate, grow, and access global markets. Make sure BC's economy has the space to grow by creating an inventory of existing industrial lands, carrying out a land-use needs assessment and a strategy for protecting and growing the industrial land base.
<p><u>Minister of Labour</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Jennifer Whiteside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with WorkSafe BC on the prevention of workplace injury or illness, the promotion of safe workplaces to ensure robust compliance and enforcement, and ensure meaningful programs are in place to support the return of injured workers to their workplaces. Support the Minister of Health to ensure that trades workers, who are disproportionately affected by the toxic drug crisis, have treatment options and programs available that are responsive to their particular needs. Work to ensure our labour laws are keeping up with modern workplaces through the continued review of the Labour Relations Code, providing stable labour relations and supporting the exercise of collective bargaining rights.
<p><u>Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Anne Kang Assigned Parliamentary Secretary for International Credentials – Sunita Dhir, MLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with ministerial colleagues who have identified shortages of key skilled workers and professionals that are constraining economic growth or service delivery to find practical, fast, and efficient ways to address shortages of those workers through training, credential recognition, career laddering, and other innovative approaches. Support the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to enhance employment services and skills training for people facing multiple and complex barriers to assist them in exiting a cycle of poverty and build a dignified life. Work with the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to enable privately owned new purpose-built rental buildings that, if partnered with a public post-secondary institution, receive special provision under the Residential Tenancy Act to be exclusively for students registered at that institution. Engage with people with international professional credentials to ensure that the implementation of our International Credentials Recognition Act is relevant, meaningful, and effective for them in transitioning into employment in their area of professional training.

<p><u>Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Garry Begg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate strong cooperation between police, Crown prosecutors, probation officials, and the federal government to reduce repeat, violent, and gang offences. To this end, strengthen targeted policing and offender management, including continuing anti-gang programs, and work with the Attorney General to strengthen case management capacity. Continue to work with the federal government to respond to identified issues with federal criminal law that prevent keeping prolific and repeat violent offenders in custody. Ensure safe and strong communities by working with colleagues across ministries to support efforts to provide services and proactively intervene with individuals struggling with mental health, addiction, and brain injuries. In particular, work with the Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services and other partners to ensure that provincial services are relevant and available to support police officers engaging in frontline responses to people in crisis, or who have identified individuals who present a risk to themselves or the public. Support the Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services in accessing dedicated funding for enforcement initiatives related to organized shoplifting and the protection of retail workers. Work with the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and the Minister of Agriculture and Food to grow our economy by supporting food and beverage producers, farmers, restaurants, and the tourism sector with flexible liquor, land use, and cannabis regulations in relation to the development of innovative tourism products and unique experiences. With support from the Minister of Transportation and Transit, take steps to ensure safety and efficiency across our public transportation system through partnerships with TransLink, BC Transit, and local governments to permit the use of technology in relation to enforcement of public transportation safety for everyone
<p><u>Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Terry Yung 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with police, business associations, downtown resident associations, public safety advocates, and other interested groups on initiatives to strengthen safety in the province's downtown core commercial areas. Focus on rural hub communities that act as services centres for outlying areas, as well as major urban centres that have faced public safety challenges. Gather information to ensure that services offered by the province are consistent with those needed by police when engaging with people in crisis, especially those struggling with mental health, addiction, and brain injury who are contributing to public concerns about safety in downtown areas.
<p><u>Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Sheila Malcolmson Assigned Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility – Dana Lejeunesse, MLA Assigned Parliamentary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop tools and approaches to prevent poverty and increase income, focusing first on youth growing up in families living in poverty, and work with the Ministers of Health, Finance, Citizens' Services and others to ensure low- and moderate-income British Columbians receive and retain the federal and provincial benefits they are eligible for, beginning with the Canada Disability Benefit. With support from the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, lead government's work on accessibility initiatives. Lead work, with support from the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, to deliver skills and training initiatives for people facing multiple complex barriers that will enable them to access opportunities and build a dignified life.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary for Community Development and Non-profits – Joan Phillip, MLA 	
<p><u>Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Spencer Chandra Herbert • Assigned Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film – Nina Krieger, MLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with communities to support the development of recreation centres, community centres, arts and cultural centres, sports fields, and other critical social infrastructure. • Support communities in delivering community events such as fairs and festivals that bring people together. • Continue to support the development, promotion, and growth of BC's film, television, and animation sectors in partnership with the Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film and the Minister of Finance. • Continue to support tourism as a strong pillar of the BC economy by working with the sector to enhance economic growth and community vibrancy, sustainably promoting BC's unmatched geography and diverse experiences, and continuing to support rural and Indigenous tourism opportunities. • Leverage the opportunities provided by the Invictus Games, the FIFA World Cup in 2026, and other major event bid proposals to maximize the economic development and tourism impact of major events across the province. • Support the work led by the Ministers of Agriculture and Food and Public Safety and Solicitor General to grow our economy by supporting food and beverage producers, farmers, restaurants and the tourism sector with flexible liquor, land use, and cannabis regulations in relation to the development of innovative tourism products and unique experiences. • Assigned a Parliamentary Secretary for Arts and Film whose focus will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Engage with producers, workers, and employees of BC's film and television sectors to ensure our province is a good partner in supporting the promotion, diversification, and growth of our domestic and international industries. ◦ Identify opportunities for BC to enhance and grow the arts, culture, and film sectors and ensure their long-term prosperity.
<p><u>Minister of Transportation and Transit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Mike Farnworth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead work to advance progress on the Broadway extension to UBC, including by working with the federal government, UBC, the City of Vancouver, First Nations, and all relevant government agency stakeholders. Work with the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs to advance related government objectives on housing density and identify opportunities to achieve reduced carbon pollution and economic development. Delegate key responsibilities as you are able to the Parliamentary Secretary for Transit to support the extensive coordination and relationship building required by this file.