

2025 PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT BOOK FOR UBCM CONVENTION

Meeting Requests with:

**The Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and
Provincial Government Staff from Ministries,
Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC)
at the 2025 UBCM CONVENTION**

Victoria, British Columbia



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INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Appointment Book provides UBCM local government and First Nations members instructions on how to request a meeting with the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) staff, to be scheduled during the week of 2025 UBCM Convention.

Monday, September 22 to Friday, September 26

Victoria Conference Centre
Victoria, B.C.

Information on each MACC's programs, projects, and scope of work is also included.

Meeting Details

Meetings with the **Premier and Cabinet Ministers** will be 15 minutes in length and will take place in person during the following dates:

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

**Monday, September 22 to
Friday, September 26**
The Parliament Buildings

**Monday, September 22 to
Thursday, September 25**
Fairmont Empress Hotel,
Shaughnessy Ballroom

Onsite Provincial Appointment Desk

Provincial Appointment Desk staff will be available onsite to receive meeting requests for MACC staff at the following location:

Monday, September 22 to Thursday, September 25
Fairmont Empress Hotel, Lower Lobby Level, Foyer
8:30 am — 4:00 pm

Please note that MACC staff availability may be limited onsite.

MEETING REQUEST INFORMATION AND LINKS

Honourable David Eby, Premier and Cabinet Ministers

Including Ministers of State and Parliamentary Secretaries

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

Invitation Code: MeetingRequest2025
(case sensitive)

Deadline: July 2, 2025 6:00 pm PST

Contact:

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Timeline:

Meeting regrets will be communicated in late August, and meeting confirmations sent in early September.

Provincial Government MACC Staff

(Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations)

Click: [MACC Staff Meeting Requests](#)

Invitation Code: MACCStaff2025
(case sensitive)

Deadline: August 20, 2025 11:59 pm PST

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Timeline:

Details regarding confirmed MACC Staff meetings will be communicated to local governments and First Nations members by email by **September 17**.

PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES AVAILABLE DURING THE 2025 UBCM CONVENTION

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Local Government Relations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsible for engagement with UBCM and local governments. • Serves as a key point of contact for UBCM, local governments, and rural communities. • Fosters collaborative relations with Mayors and Councils, and Regional District Chairs and Boards to maintain open lines of communication, receive feedback, and identify solutions on joint priorities. • Advises the Premier and Cabinet so the local government and rural communities' lens are considered in government decision-making processes. • Secretariat for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ UBCM Convention (Host Minister). ◦ UBCM Quarterly Executive Meetings (attends). ◦ UBCM Advocacy Days. • Hosts and/or participates in forums to facilitate the two-way sharing of information e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ UBCM Area Associations. ◦ Local Government Management Association. ◦ Regional District Chairs & Chief Administrator Officers Forum. ◦ Local leadership Roundtables and virtual Town Halls.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Business Risk Management Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps producers manage risks such as weather hazards, natural disasters, wildlife, diseases, pests, and market declines, that cause income losses and lead to financial instability. The branch delivers three programs to help farmers manage financial risk: Production Insurance offers insurance protection for agricultural crops against weather perils; Agri-Stability protects farm enterprises from the financial impacts of significant margin declines which can be caused by increasing input costs or reduced agricultural revenues; and Wildlife Damage Compensation - compensates farmers for losses due to wildlife.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Corporate, Policy and Priorities Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides corporate leadership, coordination, and analysis of policy, legislative and data issues related to the ministry's mandate. The branch guides the development of ministry policy and legislation, including managing stakeholder relationships, participating in provincial policy and legislation development, and overseeing policy and legislative projects. The branch serves as the central resource for internal and external clients on relevant, comprehensive, high-quality, and timely economic and social data on the province's farming, commercial fishing, aquaculture and food and beverage processing industries. Additionally the branch is responsible for land use planning and geospatial services.
<i>Extension and Support Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies and promotes agriculture and food production/processing systems that are sustainable and enhance the economic benefits to the province. The branch maintains operations in all agriculture regions of the province to deliver ministry programs and services through a network of regional agrologists, technical and industry specialists. The branch works through a variety of strategic partnerships and is the primary point of contact for the ministry's agriculture clients, both businesses and associations. The branch also provides professional agricultural support to local government planning and emergency response processes, and to both the Agricultural Land Commission and the Farm Industry Review Board.
<i>Food and Beverage Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads market and business development activities for farmers, food and beverage processors and Indigenous communities as well as key initiatives such as Grow BC, Feed BC, Buy BC, and the BC Food Hub Network. The branch works in partnership across regional stakeholders, industry, public sector organizations and levels of government to enhance the agriculture and food and beverage sector's capacity, inclusivity, and competitiveness, grow provincial food system resilience, promote career opportunities, and support current and next generation entrepreneurs.
<i>Food Safety Inspection Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguards public health by ensuring that agri-food, meat, and seafood produced in the province is safe and wholesome. The branch works in partnership with other federal and provincial agencies to facilitate food safety through three main program areas which are led by an Executive Director and supported by a team of administrative and policy and program advisory staff. The branch also supports food safety through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership by administering On-Farm Food Safety and Post-Farm Food Safety.
<i>Office of the Chief Veterinarian</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides provincial leadership on regulated animal and zoonotic diseases, One Health and One Welfare in B.C. The branch works to build resilient animal health systems for B.C. in collaboration with provincial ministries, the federal government, livestock industry, and veterinary professionals.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Plant and Animal Health Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the sustainability of animal and plant agriculture while serving to protect the well-being of the people of British Columbia through diagnostic services, surveillance, risk assessment, and the development of strategies to address identified risks. The branch addresses plant health risks and issues that affect plant and agriculture productivity, environmental sustainability and competitiveness of agricultural crops in British Columbia. Through diagnostic services and surveillance, the branch helps protect human health with the timely and accurate diagnosis of zoonotic diseases in the public health and food safety sectors (e.g., SARS-CoV-2, influenza, Salmonella).
<i>Regenerative Agriculture and Climate Initiatives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports formulation of strategies, identifies opportunities, and drives the development and implementation of regenerative agriculture, innovation, climate initiatives and emergency management. This includes advancing B.C. as a leader in food security and the emerging agri-tech sector, helping companies bring innovation to agriculture and position B.C. as an agri-tech leader. Developing strategies and plans to maintain a new regenerative agricultural network, creating opportunities for farmers and greater food security by bringing together natural systems of production with agri-technologies that enhance production. Developing strategies and plans to achieve CleanBC climate action plan goals, helping farmers, ranchers and food processors prepare for climate impacts and ensure food security. Oversight of the ministry's emergency management function, including management of issues relating to avian influenza, wildfire, floods, and other natural or unexpected emergencies.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Court Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for case documentation and adjudication support for all matters going before the court, including case initiation and processing, fee collection, file and exhibit management, court clerking, court records and transcripts, interpreter services, and the preparation and dissemination of court orders. In addition, the Court Services Branch is responsible for courtroom and courthouse security, prisoner custody and escort, document service, and jury administration.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Indigenous Justice Secretariat</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads the implementation of the First Nations Justice Strategy (“the Strategy”) within government, including influencing social sector areas that provide health and housing supports for individuals in the justice system. At the core of the Strategy is the rebuilding of First Nations justice systems as an expression of self-determination. As such, the Indigenous Justice Secretariat has a vital role in supporting First Nations in that rebuilding work. This includes the Secretariat advancing changes within government to laws, policies, and practices that are directly responsive to what First Nations determine is needed for Strategy implementation and rebuilding of their justice systems. • The Indigenous Justice Secretariat is responsible for cross-ministry implementation of the Strategy and operationalization of the identified priorities within provincial government. This includes the implementation of the <i>Declaration Act</i> where it intersects with justice, as well as supporting relationships between First Nations, the province, and Canada to advance jointly identified priorities, funding, and partnership opportunities where the Strategy aligns with provincial and federal mandates. • The Indigenous Justice Secretariat is also responsible for working with Métis Nation BC on the cross-ministry implementation of the Métis Justice Strategy, managing the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association contract, and working with Canada to support the development of the Federal Indigenous Justice Strategy.
<p><i>Justice Services Branch</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves users' access to justice and experience with the administration of justice in B.C. by transforming elements of the justice system. The Justice Services Branch delivers programs and services relating to family justice, and access to justice. The branch also develops policy and legislation and supports tribunals, agencies, and independent offices within the ministry, and leads strategic projects to create change and systemic impact on the justice sector.
<p><i>Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch is responsible for cross government implementation of the <i>Anti-Racism Act</i>. This includes working across ministries to respond to data trends identified through the <i>Anti-Racism Data Act</i> and take action on systemic racism within policies, program and services. • Engage communities through the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network, multiculturalism grants, and related initiatives, to provide them with the information, supports, and training needed to respond to and prevent future incidents of racism. • Support victims of hate incidents in B.C. by operating the Racist Incident Helpline to report, track and provide resources to individuals harmed by racist incidents. • Continue to address historical wrongs with Sons of Freedom Doukhobor community and ongoing work with the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Strategic Services Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Services Division provides expertise to enable large-scale, cross-ministry, and complex system transformation as envisioned in the ministry's Strategic Framework. The division leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Project management — supports strategic initiatives and continuous improvement through tracking, assessing and making recommendations on project risks, mitigation strategies and resource deployment. ◦ Change management — champions organizational change and effective implementation of significant change initiatives with staff and external partners and service providers. ◦ Transformation integration — oversees alignment and integration of priority transformation projects to support the roll-out of system wide changes in a coordinated way and to ensure operational needs are met. • Strategic planning and communications – directs, coordinates, and manages planning, reporting, internal, external, and web-based communications and engagement.
<i>Service Delivery Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Delivery Division provides Network of care across the province focused on children and youth with support needs, child and youth mental health, adoption, family support, child protection, youth justice and helping youth transition from government care to adulthood. Services, including 24/7 emergency response, are delivered through 169 community-based District Offices, Provincial Centralized Services Centre, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, Child & Youth Mental Health Intake Clinics, Victory Hill Dorm, Burnaby Youth Custody Centre, Inpatient Assessment Unit, Youth Forensic Services, and Family Connections Centres.
<i>Policy, Legislation and Litigation Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead strategic and operational policy, legislation and service design for programs and services, including adoption, children with support needs and mental health concerns, community resources for children and youth in or transitioning from government care, child welfare, and support for youth involved in the justice system's practices.
<i>Division / Early Years and Inclusion Policy, Communications and Engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Early Years and Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) Policy branch provides development and oversight of strategic and operational policy for early childhood development programs and services for CYSN. The team incorporates a cross-government approach for programs and services for children and families and is currently working to co-develop an improved system of services for CYSN. Policy staff also research and develop innovative approaches for citizen engagement and program delivery.

MINISTRY OF CITIZENS' SERVICES

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet and cellular connectivity: The division provides guidance on planning for broadband internet to communities and highway and community cellular coverage to municipal and regional governments and oversees the Connecting British Columbia and the Connecting Communities BC funding programs.
Government Digital Experience (GDX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDX provides the technical infrastructure that enables gov.bc.ca, and manages high priority web content. GDX is responsible for government's web training, standards and digital accessibility and supports plain language, easy to navigate and access information.
Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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), IT security, integrated data, privacy, and the management of the Information Management/IT investment portfolio for the province. It provides corporate information management services to government including Freedom of Information; proactive disclosures of information; privacy, records management, and elements of information security. Through the BC Data Service, the OCIO delivers trusted data services and analysis, including population projections, community economic resilience indicators and service-level equity research. It is responsible for the implementation of the <i>Anti-Racism Data Act</i> and the BC Data Plan. Through the CyberBC program, the OCIO provides broader B.C. public sector organizations with resources to help improve cybersecurity. Specifically, it covers the foundations of cybersecurity including security frameworks, policy, standards, assessments of threats and weaknesses, and minimization of risks.
Procurement and Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Real Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Real Property Division (RPD) provides everything needed to design, set up and manage a government workplace. RPD has responsibility for the province's real estate portfolio. Real estate for schools, post-secondary institutions, hospitals, and municipalities are excluded from RPD's responsibilities.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Service BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through a provincial network of 65 service centres and the Service BC (SBC) Provincial Contact Centre through multiple service channels including mobile outreach, digital and web based information. SBC provides approximately 300 government services on behalf of more than 40 partner ministries and agencies. • The division enables the design and delivery of accessible, responsive, and cost-effective services, making it easier for residents and businesses to interact with government. • The BC Registries and Digital Services Branch facilitates and supports commerce in the province through administration and verification of business, personal property, and manufactured home registrations.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Child Care Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child Care Division leads the development and implementation of ChildCareBC. The ChildCareBC plan was launched in 2018 and is government's 10-year strategy to build access to affordable, quality, inclusive child care as a core service that families can rely on. • Key programs delivered through the Child Care Division include those providing operational funding for child care providers, cost-saving fee reductions and/or subsidy benefits for parents, capital grant programs for expanding and maintaining child care spaces, education and professional development supports for the child care workforce, and supports for community-based programs such as Child Care Resource and Referral Centres and Young Parent Program. • In addition, the division supports programs that help families and children access and participate in fully inclusive child care settings, as well as funding and supporting the development and expansion of distinctions-based Indigenous-led child care. • The ministry, through the Child Care Division, oversees the Early Childhood Educator Registry, which issues provincial certifications, accesses and recommends approval for Early Childhood Educator (ECE) post-secondary programs, and investigates complaints regarding ECE and Early Childhood Educator Assistant (ECEA) conduct and competence. • The division oversees the child care budget of \$865.255M for FY 24/25. The division also invests federal funding from the Early Learning and Child Care and Agreements.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Learning and Education Programs Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Learning and Education Programs Division (LEPD) is responsible for: defining what children learn and when (curriculum); whether they have learned it (assessment, reporting and graduation requirements); and the extent to which what they learn equips them for the job market and/or post-secondary education (student transitions). LEPD is made up of two branches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The Student Learning Branch manages all activities related to curriculum design and development, large-scale assessment design, delivery, marking and results-reporting, policies for providing feedback on student progress to parents and students, French education, and engagement with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Annual assessments include the Foundation Skills Assessment for grades 4 and 7, and Literacy and Numeracy Graduation Assessments. ◦ The Education Programs and Policy Branch is responsible for policy, programs, and standards related to inclusive education, graduation, career development, and student transitions to the post-secondary system and employment. The branch is also responsible for the ministry's scholarships program.
<p><i>Resource Management Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resource Management Division (RMD) provides operational and planning support for school districts and monitors the financial accountability of boards of education against ministry and government policy. The division also provides a wide range of corporate functions for the ministry, including budgeting and financial support services, strategic human resources, workplace and facilities support, and risk management and emergency preparedness.
<p><i>System Liaison and Supports Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The System Liaison and Supports Division (SLSLSD) provides leadership and support to school districts and independent schools in the areas of Early Learning, Indigenous Education, Mental Health and Substance Use, School Food Programs, Strategic Priorities (e.g., anti-racism, SOGI), and Student Safety and Wellness. The division is responsible for promoting safe, caring and inclusive school environments with a focus on equity.

MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Corporate Services Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the provision of strategic advice and the delivery of corporate services to support ministry programs and services. • Manages the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) claim administration and provincial cost tracking. • Responsible for public education initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The delivery of PreparedBC, the province’s preparedness public education program serving First Nations communities, local authorities and the public. ◦ The development of resources, programs, and social media campaigns aimed at influencing positive disaster risk reductions.
<i>Disaster Recovery</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads coordination of provincial ministry and agency supports for communities following a disaster with regionally-based teams. • Implements the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program, and when DFA is not available, seeks alternative government and non-government funding opportunities to assist impacted parties. • Administers DFA appeals process. • Responsible for disaster recovery operational policy including national flood insurance program development, cross government disaster recovery framework, and recovery specialists who are ready to deploy to assist communities when a disaster strikes.
<i>Disaster Risk Management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads emergency management and provincial business continuity management planning. • Conducts emergency management training and exercises. • Undertakes strategic after actions reviews of disaster events, undertaking provincial and regional disaster and climate risk assessments. • Administers funding programs for First Nations and local governments to advance disaster risk reduction through planning and mitigation activities. • Advances policy, programs, and strategies to reduce disaster and climate risks.
<i>Partnerships, Engagement and Legislation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers ministry’s strategic policy and legislation. This work includes providing guidance on the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness’s (EMCR) modernized legislation, the <i>Emergency and Disaster Management Act</i> (EDMA), and the development of new regulations, such as the Local Authorities Regulation and Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation. • Leads the development and implementation of EMCR’s inter-agency and inter-governmental partnerships. • Leads EMCR’s emergency management partnership agreements with the federal government, local governments, First Nations, emergency management partner agencies, critical infrastructure operators, non-governmental, faith-based, and other emergency management partners and agencies.

MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE READINESS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Regional Operations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads and coordinates the preparedness and response to provincial and regional-level emergencies and disasters, supporting other authorities within their areas of jurisdiction by working directly with First Nations, local authorities, provincial ministries and agencies, federal departments, other jurisdictions, industry, and volunteers. Leads and coordinates 24/7 emergency management capability through six regional offices located in Surrey, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince George, and Terrace, with the Vancouver Island Regional Office co-located at the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) Headquarters (HQ) in Victoria. In addition, EMCR HQ houses the Emergency Coordination Centre and Provincial Duty Managers providing 24/7 situational awareness, activation of response to emergencies, including broadcast intrusive alerting. Coordinates B.C.'s Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer groups, who provide an array of critical, front-line emergency services, including Ground Search and Rescue, Air Search and Rescue, Road Rescue, Emergency Support Services, and Emergency Radio Communications.

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Energy Resources Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountable for the management and responsible development of the province's energy resources. The division oversees the <i>Petroleum and Natural Gas Act</i>, the <i>Geothermal Resources Act</i>, the <i>Energy Resource Activities Act</i> and related regulations. Issues and administers Crown petroleum, natural gas, geothermal and carbon capture related subsurface tenures; oversees tenure development and resources access planning; collects tenure-related revenues; and maintains geological databases and systems. Primary point of contact for many key pieces of energy infrastructure that play critical roles in providing energy security for British Columbians. The division includes the Trans Mountain Office and works regularly with Enbridge which operates the primary natural gas pipeline in the province. Oversees the province's royalty system (with the Ministry of Finance) including implementation of the New Royalty Framework, and the Healing the Land and Emissions Reduction program.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Energy Resources Division Continued...</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops policy, statutes and regulations that apply to the energy resource sector and supports achieving greenhouse gas reduction targets as it relates to the sector, including methane emissions targets. • Collaborates across government on Indigenous reconciliation initiatives and environmental monitoring and research programs, conducts oil and gas resource assessments, manages resource development planning and cumulative effects, guides modernized land use planning, develops environmental practices, and initiates and administers oil and natural gas restoration programs. • The division includes the Clean Energy and Major Projects Office (CEMPO) which is supporting the 10 successful renewable electricity projects from BC Hydro’s 2025 call for power, and is responsible for the effective implementation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Canada, Ksi Lisims LNG, Cedar LNG, Woodfibre, and the associated pipelines. CEMPO also works across government to support clean energy projects, such as hydrogen, biofuels, and renewable natural gas.
<p><i>Electricity and Utility Regulation Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, and wind. The division took a lead role in the development of Powering Our Future: B.C.’s Clean Energy Strategy. • Focuses on increasing electrification, and deployment of low carbon energy by supporting BC Hydro’s 2025 call for power. • Responsible for policies, programs, regulations and legislation to support the province’s legislated short and long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, including: the <i>Climate Change Accountability Act</i>, the <i>Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Clean Energy) Regulation</i>, the <i>Utilities Commission Act</i>, and the <i>Clean Energy Act</i>. • Supports the Minister’s oversight of BC Hydro and is responsible for public utility regulatory policy under the <i>Utilities Commission Act</i>. The division leads provincial collaboration with the British Columbia Utilities Commission to reframe the Commission’s current role as an economic regulator to align with the province’s climate action, energy and affordability objectives, especially for low-income households. • Implements policies and legislation to support BC Utilities Commission oversight of B.C.’s regulated energy utilities, including BC Hydro, FortisBC, and Pacific Northern Gas, in their delivery of conventional and low-carbon clean energy across the province. • Administers the Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund, a special account used to further the energy and environmental priorities of the government. • Responsible for co-leading the Indigenous Clean Energy Opportunities (ICEO) process with the First Nations Energy and Mining Council, which engages with First Nations rights holders and organizations in a collaborative dialogue to fully participate in current and future clean energy opportunities and to align the province’s strategic clean energy policy and legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Energy Decarbonization Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for policies and programs that advance energy efficient, low-carbon technologies and practices in the built environment through incentives and standards. This portfolio includes the CleanBC Better Homes and Better Buildings Program and the Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation. • Develops policy and program initiatives to decarbonize community energy systems through the implementation of clean energy projects in communities across British Columbia, including grid-connected local governments, Indigenous communities, and non-grid connected remote communities. This portfolio includes the CleanBC Remote Community Energy Strategy. • Responsible for developing and implementing legislation, policies, and programs to decarbonize the transportation sector and spur growth in the clean transportation industry in B.C. This portfolio includes the <i>Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Act</i>, the ZEV Regulation, and the CleanBC Go Electric Programs. • Responsible for the implementation of B.C.'s Low Carbon Fuel Standard that requires fuel suppliers to reduce the carbon intensity of their fuels used in transportation and other applicable purposes (with a 30 percent reduction in carbon intensity for diesel and gasoline class fuels by 2030, and a 10 percent reduction by 2030 for jet fuels.)
<p><i>Climate Action Secretariat</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for development and implementation of B.C.'s climate strategies. This includes both reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing the province for the impacts of climate change. The Climate Action Secretariat (CAS) is responsible for several of B.C.'s climate-related pieces of legislation, regulation, and programs. • Works to achieve provincial climate action goals through engagement and collaboration with Indigenous peoples, the provincial public sector, other orders of government, research institutions, non-governmental organizations, professional and industry associations and business and industry. • Responsible for key climate programs for local governments, like the Local Government Climate Action Program, which provides funding for climate action in communities, and the federal/provincial CleanBC Communities Fund, which provides funding for clean infrastructure projects. In addition, CAS provides support to local governments through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory to understand emissions trends. • Works directly with industrial operators and verification bodies to ensure compliance under the B.C. Output Based Pricing System, manages the CleanBC Industry Fund, and develops new industrial climate policy such as Net Zero New Industry, which requires new industrial facilities to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 (2030 for new LNG).

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Strategic and Indigenous Partnerships Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This division provides cross-ministry support to both the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions and the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals. • The division works to advance Indigenous reconciliation and key sector negotiations, supports cross-ministry policy, intergovernmental relations, ministry planning and strategic initiatives. • The division leads strategic initiatives and supports the ministry's mandate to advance reconciliation with First Nations including the negotiation of Reconciliation and other agreements and engaging with Indigenous groups on policy matters. • The division also works with other ministry divisions, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on key reconciliation related matters and initiatives including economic recovery matters such as the Mining Reform Project, and modernized land use planning. This work is consistent with Government's objectives under the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)</i> and ensures that First Nations actively participate in natural resource development in their Traditional Territories. • To ensure that the ministries take a strategic approach to the delivery of their programs and services, the division provides corporate oversight and coordination of policies, leads intergovernmental relations, coordinates Cabinet and legislative initiatives, designs and delivers employee communications and engagement, develops and coordinates service plans and annual reports, and manages corporate reporting processes. Examples of this work include: support of the Estimates Debate, Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference, Council of the Federation, federal/provincial forums, the UBCM Convention, and the First Nations Leadership Gathering (FNLG).

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Conservation and Recreation Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks and Recreation Program is responsible for the integrated delivery of two public facing lines of business, BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails B.C. (RSTBC). BC Parks is a land management and regulatory program focused on conservation and recreation services. These services are delivered through the acquisition, designation, administration, planning, management and regulation of natural resources and activities in 1,050 provincial parks, recreation areas, conservancies, ecological reserves, and protected areas. RSTBC provides public recreation opportunities by developing, maintaining, and managing a network of recreation sites and recreation trails on Crown land outside of parks and protected areas. • The Conservation Officer Service (COS) provides public safety and environmental enforcement services to British Columbians. The agency's core mandates include natural resource law enforcement and human-wildlife conflicts prevention and response. The COS is the lead agency in B.C. to respond to problem wildlife, including predator attacks on people that cause serious injury and death.
<p>Environmental Assessment Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is a neutral regulatory agency that reviews proposed major projects such as mines, pipelines, oil and gas facilities, water management, waste disposal, resorts, and large infrastructure projects. • Under the legal framework of the 2018 <i>Environmental Assessment Act (the Act)</i>, the EAO implements a process to ensure that any environmental, economic, social, cultural and health effects that may occur during the lifetime of a project are thoroughly assessed. • The EAO coordinates its work with federal and provincial agencies, local governments, and First Nations, and engages the public throughout the environmental assessment process, to inform provincial Ministers' decision on whether projects should be approved to proceed. • The EAO has been working closely with other provincial regulators and permitting agencies to ensure all provincial reviews are efficient and streamlined – including coordinating with permitting processes while meeting consultation obligations with First Nations. • The EAO also has a reconciliation purpose under the <i>Act</i>, and accordingly works jointly with B.C. First Nations to assess a proposed project's impact on Nations and their rights. • If a project is approved to proceed, the EAO monitors and enforces compliance with its requirements to ensure that projects are designed, built, operated, decommissioned, and reclaimed in compliance with the conditions of their approval. • The EAO is carrying out a review of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>, since it has been in place for five years, to ensure it is meeting its intended purpose to provide a clear and timely path for the assessment and potential authorization of responsible resource projects, advance reconciliation with First Nations, improve public engagement and transparency, and deliver stronger environmental protections. In 2025, the EAO conducted preliminary engagement with First Nations, industry representatives, and other levels of government to hear what has and has not been working with environmental assessments, to inform the scope and focus of the review. EAO will continue to engage with these partners, stakeholders, and the public throughout the review.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Environmental Protection Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy authorizations and compliance and enforcement under the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> and <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Air quality. ◦ Reducing toxins. ◦ Pollution prevention. ◦ Environmental emergencies/provincial spill response. ◦ Contaminated site remediation, brownfields, hazardous and industrial waste ◦ <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i>. ◦ Extended producer responsibility, circular economy, recycling, CleanBC Plastics Action Plan, Plastic Action Fund. ◦ Organics infrastructure funding programs. ◦ Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program. ◦ Public Interest Bonding Strategy. ◦ Local government waste management planning. ◦ Waste management facilities (incineration, landfilling, municipal liquid [sewage] and solid waste). ◦ Sewage management for large, private wastewater treatment systems. ◦ Compliance and enforcement for industrial, commercial activities and sectors regulated under the <i>Environmental Management Act</i> and under the <i>Integrated Pest Management Act</i> as it relates to pesticide sales and use. ◦ Environmental impact assessment for waste discharge authorizations. ◦ Permitting and compliance reporting for industrial operations' emissions to air, ground, and water. ◦ Provincial environmental monitoring networks (air and water quality, hydrometric, snow survey, groundwater, climate), environmental databases, State of Environment reporting. ◦ Air and water quality stewardship & partnerships. ◦ Analytical chemistry laboratory services, provincial laboratory quality assurance, and standards. ◦ Indigenous relations and partnerships development related to environmental quality and monitoring.
<p><i>Strategic Services and Indigenous Partnerships Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of cross-ministry policy initiatives and corporate support for policy development, legislation, and inter-governmental relations. • Business improvement and corporate reporting; ministry-wide integration and delivery of digital and service transformation opportunities. • Advice and recommendations on cross-cutting Indigenous initiatives, Indigenous relationship practices evaluation, strategies, and development of guiding principles for partnerships with First Nations. • Cross-ministry support to promote transparent, principled and consistent approaches to compliance and enforcement (C&E); support the integration of C&E policies, tools and practices across the Natural Resources Sector; and lead public proactive reporting of C&E actions across the Sector.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Policy and Legislation Division / Financial And Corporate Sector Policy Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-money laundering in real estate and the financial sector, including beneficial ownership transparency initiatives. • Financial and corporate sector policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Securities. ◦ Real Estate (including mortgage brokers and real estate developers). ◦ Financial institutions. ◦ Money Services Businesses. ◦ Insurance. ◦ Pensions. ◦ Personal Property Security. ◦ Business Organizations (including companies, societies, and cooperatives and corporate beneficial ownership transparency). ◦ Land owner transparency. ◦ Land Title and Survey Authority.
<p>Crown Agencies Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and support for board appointments and development for public sector organizations; and for the annual performance management and reporting cycle for ministries and crown agencies. • Strategic oversight and support to specific Crowns, agencies, or organizations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC), including BCLC’s oversight of casinos and community gaming facilities. ◦ The Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) sales and policy, including BC Liquor Stores and BC Cannabis Stores. ◦ Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) provides direct support to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. <p>**For Minister meeting requests for the Liquor Distribution Branch or the Insurance Corporation of BC please direct these to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</p> <p>**For staff meeting requests for the Liquor Distribution Branch please direct these to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</p> <p>**For staff meeting requests for the Insurance Corporation of BC please see their description in the Provincial Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations section.</p>
<p>Policy and Legislation Division / Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal-provincial fiscal relations (e.g., intergovernmental transfers). • Joint federal-provincial social policy priorities (e.g., income security and the Canada Pension Plan). • Local government fiscal relations with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. • First Nations fiscal relations, with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (as it relates to funding formula design). • Land Title & Survey Authority (LTSA) five and 10 Year Reviews.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Property Tax and Assessment Policy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property tax and assessment policy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial property assessment policy, legislation, and methodology. Oversight of BC Assessment (BCA) and the Property Assessment Review panels. Provincial property taxes (school, rural, police). Property Transfer Tax. Speculation and Vacancy Tax.
<i>Policy and Legislation Division / Tax Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial tax policy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial Sales Tax. Municipal and Regional District Tax. Carbon Tax. Motor Fuel Tax. Provincial Income Tax. Indigenous Taxation. Employer Health Tax. Flipping Tax. Cannabis Excise Tax.
<i>Gender Equity Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay Transparency Reporting. Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+).

MINISTRY OF FORESTS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Associate Deputy Minister's Office</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting Process Improvements and Performance Measures. Forestry Digital Services Program. Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Supports the province's goal of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the <i>Declaration Act</i> Action Plan. First Nations Reconciliation and & Negotiations Strategy, New Fiscal Framework and Revenue Sharing, First Nations Forest Tenure, First Nations Forestry. Council Engagement and Consultation Systems and Information Management.
<i>BC Wildfire Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention (Community Resiliency Initiative, FireSmart, Cultural and Prescribed Fire, Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction). Preparedness (Regional District Cooperative Community Wildfire Program, Engagement and Wildfire Emergency Planning). Response. Wildfire Land Based Recovery and Fire Rehabilitation.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Forest Resiliency and Archaeology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old growth deferrals. • Provincial Forest Landscape Planning. • Archaeology Branch. • <i>The Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (HCATP).</i>
<i>Integrated Resource Operations Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resource Officer Service: Inspections and investigations related to contraventions of a wide range of natural resource legislation including the <i>Forest Act, Forest and Range Practices Act, Wildfire Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Water Sustainability Act, and Land Act.</i> • Management of Forest Service Roads. • Forest tenures policy, coordination of tenure replacements, tenure transfers, negotiation and implementation of access agreements. • Forest Worker Safety.
<i>Office of the Chief Forester</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides provincial leadership for forest management, forest health, silviculture, and stewardship. • Continuous improvement of forest management policies, legislation and practices. • Provincial oversight of reforestation including partnerships with the federal government on 2B trees. • Acquisition and update of forest inventory, spatial analysis, and reporting of timber and non-timber values. • Setting sustainable harvest levels through allowable annual cut determinations across 41 forest management units. • Forest genetics, management of ministry research program, and provincial seed supply. • Ecological adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change and forest carbon management. • Forest investment program, integrated investment and investment partnerships with federal government and other partners. • Developing and growing the bi economy, with a focus on innovation and bioproduct development, through work with Indigenous, international, and other partners. • Continued conservation and management of old growth through Forest Landscape Plan establishment.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Regional Operations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that occur within regional operations include forestry, range, tenure management, authorizations, and Indigenous consultation. • Operation of regional and District offices that support providing client access to natural resource authorizations, (in partnership with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and FrontCounter BC) geographic information and forest revenue management. • Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, BC Wildfire Service support, wildfire risk reduction, wildfire rehabilitation and recovery, and resource stewardship (resource value monitoring and assessment). • BC Timber Sales (regional timber sales), investment and reporting on forest management to the Office of the Chief Forester and timber sales reviews for regions. • Strategic initiatives and forest landscape planning, silviculture project delivery, resource roads, infrastructure including access and land management issues.
<i>Timber, Range and Economics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest sector economics and transformation. • Trade and Log Export Policy. • Softwood lumber. • Timber pricing, timber measurements and stumpage. • Value added forestry, range policy and planning. • Invasive plants. • Modernizing forest policy. • BC Timber Sales provincial operations. • Fibre supply and access. • Pulp and paper and utilization policy. • Wildfire salvage.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Finance and Corporate Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Health Authority, Finance and Decision Support, Emergency Management, and Audit and Investigations.
<i>Health Sector Workforce and Beneficiary Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for operational delivery of beneficiary and diagnostic services and workforce strategies that contribute to effectively meeting patient and population health needs and improving patient outcomes through the efficient delivery of health services.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Hospital and Provincial Health Services (HPHS)</p>	<p>Hospital and Surgical Health Services Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on implementing specialized community and surgical services and programs, regional hospital-based services, and provides provincial oversight of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). • Leads service transformation across the health sector and facilitates collaboration between the ministry and health authorities. • Supports the ministry's mandate by increasing access to and reducing wait times for surgical services. <p>Provincial Health Services Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Provincial Services branch within the HPHS Division is responsible for oversight of specialized programs areas coordinated through the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), including BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS), BC Autism Network, and BC Children's Hospital. • As part of supporting government's commitment to the 10-Year Cancer Action Plan, the Cancer Care branch ensures implementation of the plan, as well as policy/legislation, monitors performance (incl. access and wait times, etc.), supports funding, and evaluation for continuous quality improvement. • In collaboration with PHSA, the Provincial Medical Imaging Office and with the regional health authorities, provides direction, policy/legislation, monitors performance (incl. access and wait times), supports funding, and evaluation for continuous quality improvement for medical imaging services across the province.
<p>Office of Indigenous Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works alongside Indigenous partners to address Indigenous-specific racism and improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples in B.C. • Provides Indigenous-led strategic priorities, legislation, policy and program development in the Ministry of Health, and cross-government where appropriate and supports the ministry in its own journey to embed cultural humility, anti-racism, and the upholding of Indigenous human rights throughout ministry initiatives. • Key focus: Using the Recommendations of the In Plain Sight report as a blueprint for action to address Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination across the B.C. health care system.
<p>Population and Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on improving people's overall health and well-being by preventing disease, disability and injury, protecting people from harm, promoting health, and ensuring a focus on key priority groups, including Indigenous peoples, women and children. The purpose is to promote a healthier population and reduce current and future demands on the health care system.
<p>Primary Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for driving priorities within the primary care strategy, including: policy direction, program development and implementation, results monitoring, quality improvement and evaluation oversight. The current priorities of the division are: increasing attachment and access through Primary care networks; Urgent and primary care centres; Community health centres; First Nations Led Primary Care Initiatives, Nurse Practitioner-led Primary Care Centres; other team-based primary care services both in person and virtual; and integration of primary care services with specialized community services programs. • The division also includes HealthLink BC , which connects people living in B.C. with health information and services through 8-1-1, Primary Care Online and through their health library.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Seniors Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for Home Health, Long-Term care, and Assisted Living policy development and implementation. • Ministry policy and actions related to the Assisted Living Registry operations and oversight.
Child, Youth, Indigenous Partnerships & Community Initiatives Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting strategic direction and leading initiatives related to child and youth mental health and substance use, including the expansion of Foundry Youth Centres, Foundry Virtual, developing a youth substance use system of care, including youth substance treatment beds and non-bed-based youth substance use services, and implementing integrated child and youth teams. • Supporting Indigenous-led solutions for mental health and substance use services and supports. This includes responsibility for the Indigenous treatment, recovery and aftercare fund which, through Indigenous partnerships, advances broader commitments to Indigenous reconciliation through the social determinants of health, land-based healing initiatives, and First Nations-run treatment centres. • Leading adult mental health initiatives such as suicide prevention and affordable community counselling. • Developing programs to serve people with complex mental health and substance use needs, including implementation of complex care housing. • Lead for community-based MHSU crisis response services including Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACT) Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) teams, also known as Car programs, and provincial crisis line services.
Strategic Planning & Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead for public information, social marketing, and anti-stigma campaigns for mental health and addictions in the province. • Lead for sector-wide mental health and substance use strategy, planning and progress reporting.
Mental Health and Substance Use Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead for specialized adult mental health policy and programs serving individuals with complex, severe mental health and substance use disorders and acquired brain injury. • Lead for substance use policy and programs for the toxic drug public health emergency such as overdose prevention services, naloxone, prescribed alternatives, and drug checking. • Lead for the <i>Mental Health Act</i>, including involuntary treatment, tertiary services, correctional health services, assertive community treatment, and intensive case management.
Treatment and Recovery Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead for adult substance use treatment and recovery – this includes withdrawal management through to longer-term aftercare, including both outpatient, and bed-based services. • Lead for decriminalization of illicit drugs for personal possession in B.C. • Leads and/or supports initiatives and provides strategic advice on workplace mental health. Works collaboratively with community partners, unions, and employer groups to ensure employees and leaders have the tools and training they need to foster psychologically healthy and safe workplaces.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Building, Governance and Innovation Division</i>	
<i>Crown Governance and Oversight Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and oversight for BC Housing as well as BC Housing performance monitoring/reporting. Responsible for developing strong partnerships to support the work of BC Housing. <p>BC Housing (BCH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCH is responsible for implementation of Building BC programs that are helping government to deliver 114,000 units of affordable housing including the following programs: Supportive Housing Fund, Women’s Transition Housing Fund, Community Housing Fund, Indigenous Housing Fund, Rapid Response to Homelessness, Deepening Affordability program. It is also responsible for BC Builds and HousingHub which works with communities, governments, non-profit, and private sector stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new affordable rental housing.
<i>Strategic Projects and Business Transformation Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight on housing and homelessness strategy implementation, monitoring, and reporting. Intergovernmental relations on housing and homelessness. Partnering with BCH on strategic projects for business transformation and improvement projects. Ministry’s overall approach to engagement, consultation, and partnership with Indigenous Peoples; supports alignment between provincial housing initiatives and the province’s commitments to reconciliation; advises on housing-related topics of mutual interest to Indigenous Peoples and local governments.
<i>Development and Partnerships Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports innovations in the approvals and construction of housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefabricated housing and panels. Standardized housing designs. Development of ongoing programs and tools design to support BC Builds. Housing development partnerships. Process development with other governments (First Nation and federal) and provincial ministries and agencies to identify land for housing. Safety Standards for technical systems: The regulatory framework for electrical and gas systems, elevators, amusement devices, and liaison for Technical Safety BC.
<i>Building and Safety Standards Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings and Construction: The regulatory framework for the design and construction of buildings including development of building, plumbing, fire, and energy codes homeowner protection (e.g., home warranties), oversight of certain industry professionals and trades (e.g., home builder licensing and mandatory building official qualifications), and policy advice relating to the built environment, including climate, mass timber construction, and accessibility for new buildings. Liaison with BCH Licensing and Consumer Services, Building Officials Association of BC, National Research Council and Accessibility Standards Canada. Technical requirements for existing buildings related to CleanBC, climate adaptation, and disaster mitigation (e.g., earthquakes, flooding, and wildfires). National Building Code, BC Building Code, Digital Permitting Construction Codes: Building Permit Hub; Digitized Construction Codes. Local government authority to enforce building standards.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Housing and Land Use Policy Division</i>	
<i>Data and Analytics Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads collection and development of housing data. • Conducts housing market economic and data analyses. • Work with BC Housing to align research and data initiatives/products. • Provides data and analytics in support for program and policy development, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation.
<i>Housing Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports housing policy and legislation for market and non-market housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the <i>Strata Property Act</i> and regulations; ◦ the <i>Short Term Rental Accommodations Act</i> and regulations; and ◦ other housing types, including purpose-built rentals, co-ops and long-term residential leases. • Develops provincial housing strategies.
<i>Housing Targets Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administers the housing targets program to issue targets for specified municipalities under the <i>Housing Supply Act</i> and regulation. • Prioritize specified municipalities for targets assessment, estimate housing needs and produce housing targets. • Consultation with specified municipalities and First Nations with land interests, issues timebound Housing Target Orders and evaluates progress reports that track progress toward meeting housing targets: 1) net-new units; 2) housing units by type, tenure, and affordability; and 3) municipal actions to increase housing supply (housing policies, bylaws, partnerships, development approvals, and permitting). • Consideration of compliance measures if satisfactory progress has not been made by municipalities to meet housing targets.
<i>Planning and Land Use Management Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use planning policy and program development. Legislation and program supports for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Small-scale, multi-unit housing. ◦ Housing needs reports. ◦ Proactive zoning (OCP and zoning bylaws). ◦ Amenity cost charges. ◦ Inclusionary zoning. ◦ Density bonus. ◦ Public hearings.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Housing and Homelessness Programs Division</i>	
<i>Residential Tenancy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of the <i>Residential Tenancy Act</i> and <i>Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act</i>, the regulatory framework for landlords and tenants, including conventional residential and manufactured home park tenancies. • Information services, disputes resolution, and compliance & enforcement for landlord and tenant disputes.
<i>Engagement and Encampment Response Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial coordination for cross-ministry encampment responses including Homeless Encampment Action Response Team (HEART)/Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing (HEARTH) programs and the Provincial Encampment Response Framework. • Engagement to inform the implementation and development of Belonging in BC Homelessness Plan, including the Indigenous Advisory Committee and People with Lived Experience Advisory Committee. • Provincial emergency shelter policy and program oversight. • Development and implementation of the Downtown Eastside – Provincial Partnership Plan. • Implementation of initiatives related to experiences of Gender Based Violence and homelessness.
<i>Homelessness and Supportive Housing Policy Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and policy development related to homelessness, supportive housing and rent supplements. • Development and implementation of several initiatives within Belonging in BC Homelessness Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Integrated Support Framework to coordinate and streamline access to supports. ◦ Supportive Rent Supplement Program. ◦ Point in Time Homelessness Count. ◦ Preventing and Reducing Homelessness Integrated Data Project. • Research and policy development related to rental assistance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rental Assistance Program. ◦ Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Program. ◦ Canada-BC Housing Benefit. ◦ Homeless Prevention Program. ◦ BC Rent Bank.
<i>Short-Term Rental Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance and enforcement of short-term rental legislation and regulations; including voluntary compliance through education, compliance orders, and administrative penalties. • Local government short-term rental data sharing, and delisting requests. • Registration of Short-Term Rentals required under the <i>Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act</i>. • Platform data sharing (listings) with the province. • Platform (major, medium, minor) validation of registered hosts (beginning May 1, 2025).

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Local Government Division	
Governance and Structure Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation, restructuring, 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/Indigenous relations and reconciliation, Crown Grant/Nominal Rent Tenure sponsorships, Business Improvement Areas, and Resort Associations. • Dispute resolution related to Regional District service reviews/withdrawals and other intergovernmental disputes.
Infrastructure and Engineering Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset management, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, green energy, resource recovery, community, recreation, natural assets, and other capital grants, infrastructure planning grants and programs. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Environmental Quality; Community, Culture and Recreation, Rural and Northern Communities, CleanBC Communities Fund) Critical Community Infrastructure, and Water Metering Pilot).
Local Government Finance Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial reporting from local governments, including financial plans, audited financial statements and property tax bylaws used to create local government financial data tables. Unconditional grants; Growing Communities Fund; • Investments and municipal corporations. Long-term liabilities. Development financing (including Development Cost Charges). • Property tax, user-fees, and other sources of revenue. • The financial impact of local government services.
Policy, Research and Legislation Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for local government legislation development for the <i>Community Charter</i>, <i>Local Government Act</i>, <i>Local Elections Campaign Financing Act</i>, <i>Vancouver Charter</i>, and other local government legislation. • Broad responsibility for forward-looking policy development in the local government sphere including monitoring trends and developments in other jurisdictions and reviewing UBCM resolutions. Provide advice and support to other ministries in the development of legislation or policies that impact local governments.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Local Government Division Continued...</i>	
<i>Land Use, Planning, and Regional Impacts Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government planning program support, land use management framework, and public hearings (in support with the Planning and Land Use Management Branch), along with other local planning and land use tools through the <i>Local Government Act</i> and <i>Community Charter</i>. • Implementation of regional growth strategies, land use bylaw approvals (Islands Trust, Sun Peaks, University of British Columbia (UBC)), and collaborating on climate mitigation with the Joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee. • Cross-ministry support and advice on issues that intersect with local government land use planning. • Supporting work on inclusive regional governance. • Monitoring socio-economic effects of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) projects on local governments and Indigenous Nations in B.C., including the Northern Healthy Communities Fund through the Northern Development Initiative Trust. • Developing and implementing policies and programs that facilitate collaboration with and between local governments, other provincial ministries, and interested parties, particularly in relation to provincially approved projects with local impacts. • Support for all phases of emergency management (preparation, response, recovery, mitigation) at both a provincial level and local government level.
<i>Public Libraries Branch (PLB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with public library boards, library staff, and local governments, in their roles and responsibilities under the <i>Library Act</i>. • Helping communities improve and access public library services. • Provides advice and guidance on related legislation, governance, financial reporting, provincial funding, digital infrastructure, provincial-wide services, and provincial policies. • Apportionment of provincial public library grants (not capital). • Local government questions about financing new library buildings/significant renovations, ownership, or infrastructure questions should be directed to Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, but PLB may also be included.

MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Negotiations and Regional Operations Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads provincial engagement with First Nations to advance reconciliation initiatives, including negotiating and implementing agreements with First Nations partners in conjunction with other provincial agencies, federal and local government, and working with partner and interest holders and the public to ensure the success of reconciliation initiatives. Provides guidance and leadership to other provincial agencies on establishing and enhancing relationships with Indigenous Peoples including the advancement of shared decision-making initiatives with First Nations, consistent with sections 6 and 7 of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>.
<i>Reconciliation Transformation and Strategies Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads provincial development and implementation of strategic reconciliation initiatives, such as the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>. Facilitates collaboration and partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, stakeholders, and all levels of government to build capacity and support outcomes that advance reconciliation at the local, regional, and provincial levels.
<i>Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads and supports the development and implementation of key strategies to strengthen the socio-economic conditions and socio-cultural of Indigenous Peoples and communities in B.C. Leads the development of provincial strategies for improving outcomes for Métis and urban Indigenous populations. Leads community engagement and the coordination of the provincial response to residential school sites in B.C. Leads treaty implementation and fiscal policy to advance reconciliation.
<i>Declaration Act Secretariat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falls under the responsibility of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, but it is separate and distinct from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. A central agency that assists ministries in advancing legislative initiatives in alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and in meeting legislative alignment obligations as set out in section 3 of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>. Provides guidance to ministries on undertaking consultation and cooperation and serves as an interlocutor role for the province and Indigenous Partners. Works with Indigenous partners to help set legislative priorities.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Community Capital Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program support, procurement and construction for capital projects and initiatives related to public K-12 schools, childcare and health care facilities.
<i>Corporate Services & Community Capital Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program support, procurement and construction for capital projects and initiatives related to public post-secondary education facilities and other provincial capital infrastructure. • Corporate Services for the ministry including Corporate Finance information management and strategic human resources.
<i>Infrastructure Policy and Partnerships</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships and engagement with other organizations and levels of government related to infrastructure projects within the ministry's mandate. • Integration of policy and planning to advance significant capital infrastructure projects that support the health, education, child care, long-term care, and post-secondary sectors. This includes the strategic use of provincial lands.

MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Small Business and Economic Development Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and delivery of policies, initiatives and funding programs to support inclusive economic development and diversification in rural, regional, and Indigenous communities. • Delivery of free and accessible economic development services to rural and regional local governments, Indigenous communities, businesses and economic development agencies through a team of specialized economic development staff located on-the-ground throughout B.C. • Support to communities experiencing an economic disruption and significant job loss (such as a mill closure) through coordination of community transition programs and services for workers, businesses, and communities. • Delivery of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP), providing funding for economic diversification, resilience, clean growth, and infrastructure development in rural and regional communities. • Support to communities for economic recovery following a natural disaster, under the Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework. • Updates and shares data, tools and resources to support community economic development on gov.bc.ca/economic-development. • Economic analysis and policy development; Better Regulations for British Columbians omnibus regulatory and legislative amendment processes. • Small business programs, resources, and available supports including Mobile Business Licenses, BizPaL, and business advisory services. • Manages the provincial legislation and relationships with the northern, southern interior, and island-coastal economic trusts. • Development and coordination of the province's StrongerBC economic plan and associated programming.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Investment Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for InBC Investment Corporation, a \$500 million strategic investment fund that invests in B.C.'s high-growth potential businesses to help them scale up. • Facilitates investments through the Major Investments Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assesses the technical, financial, and strategic scope of investment opportunities to determine the appropriate level of ministry engagement. ◦ Engages with potential investors who have a viable project opportunity and provides customized support to enable the investment to advance in B.C. ◦ Works closely with other ministries to boost B.C. as a global exporter of climate solutions, carbon capture, storage, and other low carbon technologies. ◦ Leads and/or collaborates on complex cross ministry/government activities or strategic initiatives. ◦ Develops partnerships with investors to match project financing needs with strategic sources of capital. ◦ Leads the ministry's investment evaluation process. • Delivers the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund, which provides incentive funding of up to \$10 million to manufacturing operators to scale, grow, and modernize their facilities through capital investment. • Administers the Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit Program that provides a tax credit to investors to help off-set some of the risk of investing in B.C.'s start-up and early-stage small businesses, predominantly businesses involved in tech development or small business manufacturing. The 30 percent tax credit helps entrepreneurs and innovators raise investment capital to commercialize ideas, develop technologies, and grow their business operations.

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

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Trade, Investment and Corporate Initiatives Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitates trade promotion, investment attraction, and supports initiatives to increase export capacity in all regions of the province. • Works collaboratively with key stakeholders, industry, and all levels of government to build an inclusive, sustainable, and innovative economy. • Establishes and delivers integrated trade and investment programs to help B.C. increase exports, solidify international alliances, attract foreign direct investment, and eliminate protectionist measures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Develops and delivers events and outreach to support awareness and networking for B.C. businesses in the province and abroad. ◦ Delivers and coordinates export readiness and export services programs serving communities across the province including Indigenous communities and helping develop prosperous exporting companies positively impacting these communities. ◦ Supports the delivery of the Export Navigator Program and Trade Accelerator Program. ◦ Delivers the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Centre of Excellence (COE) to support trade, investment and economic development in the province through championing ESG. ◦ Develop and deliver initiatives to attract and retain international investors and businesses, including support for site selection, aligning efforts with municipal and federal partners to optimize the best investment opportunities for B.C. ◦ Advance and defend B.C. interests in international and domestic trade negotiations, agreements, and disputes. • Monitor, analyze, and communicate trends in investment, exports, and policy, connecting to the B.C. industry development context, and providing the evidence base for sound strategy development and decision making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Implement the Trade Diversification Strategy.

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

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Innovation and Industry Development</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and deliver policy and programming for B.C.'s technology and innovation sectors, including responsibility for Innovate BC and emerging technology sectors like artificial intelligence and quantum computing. • Advance the province's Intellectual Property Strategy to build the province's intellectual property capacity by increasing the awareness, use and protection of intellectual property by small and medium-sized enterprises. • Leads the province's participation in the Digital Supercluster and Quantum Algorithms Institute. • Support the expansion of the Integrated Marketplace Initiative (IMI). The IMI increases innovation and technology adoption by linking industry with local innovation suppliers to implement, scale, and ultimately export B.C. technology solutions. The initiative is helping industry address its business needs while helping reduce carbon emissions, increase productivity and resiliency, or increase safety with domestic innovative solutions. The province's Crown agency, Innovate BC, delivers the program. • Oversight of the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF) that supports the development of research infrastructure, like labs and equipment. The BCKDF helps B.C.'s institutions attract researchers, skilled technicians, and research users. Supporting research infrastructure can foster innovation and help institutions collaborate with industry. • Catalyze construction sector innovation, in part by advancing the Mass Timber Action Plan and leveraging mass timber manufacturing to transform the way we build by moving construction of large buildings offsite to factories and to expand the use of mass timber in building construction. • Develop and implement key sector development programs and resources such as the Manufacturing Action Plan, the BC Maritime Industries Strategy, BC Centre for Agritech Innovation and the Youth in Manufacturing Internship Program. • Develop and lead policies, planning and strategies related to industrial land that support the objectives of the ministry and the government. • Develops and implements the province's Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing Strategy to position B.C. as a hub for the biotechnology sector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Conducts life sciences policy analysis. ◦ Develops and maintains sector intelligence resources on B.C.'s life sciences sector, including through engagement with sector stakeholders and in collaboration with BC Stats. • Leading the B.C. Government's involvement in Web Summit Vancouver. This includes the BC Pavilion booth design and programming to showcase the B.C. tech ecosystem at the conference. Web Summit Vancouver (WSV) will take place in Vancouver May 27 to 30, 2025, as well as in May of 2026 and 2027. It is part of a suite of global tech conferences that includes Lisbon, Doha, Rio, and Hong Kong that unites global tech leaders, investors, startups, and media.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Employment Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the <i>Employment Standards Act</i> to ensure employees receive basic standards of compensation and conditions of employment, including the minimum wage. Provide fair and efficient procedures for resolving employment standards disputes between employees and employers. Responsible for the Employment Standards Branch and the Employment Standards Tribunal. Responsible for enforcement of the <i>Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act</i>.
Labour Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the Labour Relations Code through the independent quasi-judicial B.C. Labour Relations Board. The ministry also promotes stable labour relations by monitoring collective bargaining disputes and providing formal and informal assistance to the parties. Also, responsible for the <i>Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act</i> and the <i>Fire Department Act</i>.
Workers' Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of the <i>Workers Compensation Act</i> through WorkSafeBC (provincial Workers' Compensation Board). WorkSafeBC provides compensation services, health care and vocational rehabilitation to injured workers. WorkSafeBC also has authority to develop, enact and enforce the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. The ministry is also responsible for the Employers' Advisers Office, the Workers' Advisers Office, and the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal.

MINISTRY OF MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The division is responsible for mine workers' health and safety, compliance verification and enforcement, and investigations of serious incidents at mines. The division: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees the regulation of abandoned mines. Manages the ongoing review and revision of the Health, Safety, and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C. Oversees policy Indigenous engagement, inspector training, and compliance data and reporting in its core business areas. The division includes the Chief Auditor, responsible for conducting audits evaluating the effectiveness of B.C.'s mining regulatory framework.
Responsible Mining and Competitiveness Division (RMCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for managing authorizations, geoscience, and policy for the mining cycle from early mineral exploration, construction and development of major and regional mines, and mine closure and reclamation. Supports the competitiveness of B.C.'s mining sector, including critical minerals and helps position B.C. as an attractive jurisdiction for investment by providing a fair, effective, and transparent authorizations, and focusing on regulatory certainty, Indigenous reconciliation and partnerships, world-class geoscience, innovation, and leading environmental standards.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Mineral Tenure Act Modernization Office - MTAMO (Office within RMCD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mineral Tenure Act Modernization Office (MTAMO) leads work to modernize B.C.'s mineral tenure system in alignment with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. • Established in June 2023, the office is working in partnership with First Nations, the First Nations Leadership Council, and a B.C. technical working group to co-develop a vision for legislative reform. The MTAMO is identifying the legislative, policy, and process changes needed to bring the <i>Mineral Tenure Act</i> into alignment with the Declaration. This work follows a distinctions-based approach and is grounded in the Declaration Act Secretariat's Interim Guidance, with meaningful collaboration and engagement at all stages of reform.
<p><i>Critical Minerals Office - CMO (Office within RMCD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Minerals Office (CMO) is a dedicated office within the Responsible Mining and Competitiveness Division (RMCD) that supports the advancement of B.C. critical minerals projects across the value chain that contributes to a low carbon future. The CMO works with industry, unions, stakeholders and First Nations to develop and implement a capital markets and investment attraction strategy that identifies opportunities for mineral exploration and the critical minerals sector. • The CMO will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Support exploration and early-stage critical minerals projects to remove barriers to entering regulatory processes efficiently. ◦ Increase industry and investor interest in critical minerals opportunities in British Columbia. ◦ Promote critical minerals mining and value chain projects to capital markets and the federal government. ◦ Support the participation of interested First Nations in critical minerals opportunities. ◦ Find areas of alignment between the First Nations Energy and Mining Council's Critical Minerals Strategy and B.C.'s Critical Minerals Strategy.

MINISTRY OF MINING AND CRITICAL MINERALS CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Strategic and Indigenous Partnerships Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This division provides cross-ministry support to both the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions and the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals. • The division works to advance Indigenous reconciliation and key sector negotiations, supports cross-ministry policy, intergovernmental relations, ministry planning, and strategic initiatives. • The division leads strategic initiatives and supports the ministry's mandate to advance reconciliation with First Nations including the negotiation of Reconciliation and other agreements and engaging with Indigenous groups on policy matters. • The division also works with other ministry divisions, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on key reconciliation related matters and initiatives including economic recovery matters such as the Mining Reform Project, and modernized land use planning. This work is consistent with Government's objectives under the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)</i> and ensures that First Nations actively participate in natural resource development in their Traditional Territories. • To ensure that the Ministries take a strategic approach to the delivery of their programs and services, the division provides corporate oversight and coordination of policies, leads intergovernmental relations, coordinates Cabinet and legislative initiatives, designs and delivers employee communications and engagement, develops and coordinates service plans and annual reports, and manages corporate reporting processes. Examples of this work include: support of the Estimates Debate, Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference, Council of the Federation, federal/provincial forums, the UBCM Convention, and the First Nations Leadership Gathering (FNLG).

MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Finance, Technology And Management Services Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for operating and capital grants to 25 Public Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI), Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), and PSI financial health. • Monitoring and reporting, PSI revenue generation, including land use, PSI housing policy, manage ministry budget, maintain ministry IT systems and digital information security, Administrative Services Collaborative, including overdose prevention and response, shared procurement, etc., lead ministry's business continuity and emergency response readiness with PSIs, and strategic Human Resources for the ministry.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Governance, Legislation and Engagement Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The division is responsible for the ministry's legislative development, as well as Order In Council (OIC) board appointments, labour relations and governance, and intergovernmental relations and corporate reporting. • Indigenous policy and engagement and Indigenous programs and partnerships. • Houses the Office for International Credential Recognition responsible for improving foreign credential recognition and overseeing professional governance.
<p><i>Post-Secondary Policy and Programs Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for 25 public Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs) and their programs including: Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning; StudentAid BC including the BC Access Grant, the Provincial Tuition Waiver for Former Youth in Care, and the BC Loan Forgiveness Program; tech-relevant programs; teacher education and early childhood educator programs; veterinary medicine education; and health and medical education. • Enhancing the learner experience through student mental health initiatives, combatting sexualized violence, promoting work integrated learning and co-ops, micro-credentials, Education Quality Assurance designation, and advice and recommendations to the minister on new degree programs through the Degree Quality Assessment Board. • Regulation, oversight and monitoring of over 300 private training institutions, including student protection. • B.C.'s Post-Secondary Digital Learning Strategy and Digital Services Strategy which aim to improve how digital technologies support access to flexible, high-quality post-secondary education. • International education, leading strategic policy/liaison function for the sector including the Tuition Limit Policy, and providing oversight for the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE), a Crown corporation, and four shared service program offices providing B.C.'s central online application service (EducationPlannerBC), B.C.'s academic credit transfer system (BC Council on Admission and Transfer), and centralized teaching and learning supports (BCcampus and the BC Electronic Library Network).
<p><i>Labour Market Development Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the development and management of targeted labour market and workforce development policies and programs to help people get the information and skills they need to participate in B.C.'s labour market. This includes oversight of B.C.'s StrongerBC Future Ready Action Plan, the trades training system, including Skilled Trades Certification and the Crown agency responsible, SkilledTradesBC. • Responsible for a number of programs for people, employers, and communities. These include the Sector Labour Market Partnerships program, the Community Workforce Response Grant, the BC Employer Training Grant, Skills Training for Employment programs, and skills training for forestry dependent communities. • Produces a wide range of labour market information and insights, including B.C.'s Labour Market Outlook, and disseminates labour market information, career planning tools, and other resources through the WorkBC.ca website.

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

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>Immigration Services and Strategic Planning Division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for immigration policy, programs, and services for the province including the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP), supporting the attraction of international skilled and semi-skilled workers and entrepreneurs to all regions. Priority occupations include Health, Childcare, and Tech, plus attraction to smaller centres. Ensures new residents and aspiring newcomers have timely and equitable access to settlement and integration services through BC Newcomer Services, BC Safe Haven, and Career Paths. Leads the province's approach to exceptional migration measures (i.e. border readiness and emergency humanitarian response).

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<i>BC Coroners Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for investigating and determining the circumstances of all unnatural, sudden, and unexpected, unexplained, or unattended deaths in the province. Makes recommendations to improve public safety and prevent death in similar circumstances. Responsible for the investigation of all child death (under the age of 19 years) in B.C. and for investigating all deaths in custody.
<i>BC Corrections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for the supervision of individuals, 18 years or older, on bail or serving a sentence in the community, and the supervision of individuals in custody awaiting trial or serving a sentence under two years.
<i>Community Safety and Victim Services Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for coordinating a provincial network of programs and services for victims of crime including programming for violence against women, gender-based violence, and sexual assault. Responsible for coordinating the province's work in the areas of restorative justice, and human trafficking. Includes the Civil Forfeiture Office which manages the Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program. Includes the Crime Victim Assistance Program.
<i>Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulates all gambling in British Columbia and ensures the integrity of gambling industry companies, people, and equipment. Regulates commercial gambling conducted and managed by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (e.g., lotteries, casinos, community gaming centres, commercial bingo halls and online gambling on PlayNow.com), British Columbia's horse racing industry, and licensed charitable gambling events. Administers the Gambling Support BC program, which includes a continuum of responsible and problem gambling prevention and treatment services.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Corporate Strategic Initiatives Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for Policing and Public Safety Modernization and government's response to the recommendations of the Special Committee on Reforming the <i>Police Act</i>. • Responsible for coordination of the province's Safer Communities initiatives, and supporting the Cabinet Community on Community Safety. • Responsible for the E-Comm 9-1-1 review, as well as the future of 9-1-1 and Next Generation 9-1-1. • Responsible for the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) which is the lead provincial agency for fire and life safety, prevention, and education. • The OFC's mandate includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ administering and enforcing fire safety legislation; ◦ collecting and reporting fire loss statistics; ◦ promoting fire safety awareness; ◦ provision of firefighter medals and awards; ◦ establishing structure firefighting training standards and training standards for fire inspectors and investigators; ◦ supporting fire inspections and fire investigations; and ◦ working with the BC Wildfire Service which helps to protect communities and other critical infrastructure during wildland urban interface fires. • Supports cross-government initiatives and secretariat functions within the ministry, including sponsorship of the cross-government Compliance and Enforcement Collaborative.
<p>Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBC is mandated to provide universal compulsory auto insurance (Basic insurance) to drivers in B.C. • In addition, ICBC provides British Columbians with Optional auto insurance products. • ICBC provides several non-insurance services on behalf of the provincial government, including vehicle registration and licensing, driver licensing and fines collection. • ICBC champions a safe driving culture by working with communities, law enforcement, and other stakeholders on various road safety campaigns and initiatives. • ICBC is responsible to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, who is supported within government by the Crown Agencies Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance. <p><i>**For Minister meeting requests related to ICBC matters, please direct these to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</i></p> <p><i>**For staff meeting requests for ICBC, please see their description in the Provincial Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations section.</i></p>

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a regulator, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch oversees provincial liquor and cannabis legislation and regulations that govern B.C.'s private retail sale and consumption of liquor and cannabis. • Issues liquor and cannabis retail store licenses. • Educates establishments about liquor and cannabis laws and rules. • Takes enforcement action when licensed establishments do not follow the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and the <i>Liquor Control and Licensing Act</i>, associated regulations or their specific terms and conditions. • Delivers social responsibility training programs including Selling It Right, Serving It Right, and Special Event Server. • Works with local government, Indigenous nations, and industry and other stakeholders to develop liquor and retail cannabis policy and provide advice to government concerning decisions related to liquor and non-medical cannabis policy. • Includes the Cannabis Secretariat, which is responsible for leading and supporting the advancement of cannabis policy across B.C. ministries, leading negotiation of government-to-government agreements with Indigenous nations pursuant to Section 119 of the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> and working with First Nations and key partners to advance a collaborative approach to cannabis-related governance and jurisdiction, as outlined in the DRIPA Action Plan commitment 4.47.
<p>Liquor Distribution Branch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the wholesale distribution of beverage alcohol and non-medical cannabis. • Responsible to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, who is supported within the government by the Crown Agencies Secretariat in the Ministry of Finance. <p>**For Minister and staff meeting requests related to Liquor Distribution Branch matters, please direct these to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.</p>
<p>RoadSafetyBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key provincial agencies responsible for road safety in the province. • Governs drivers, oversees driver medical fitness, runs driver programs, and implements road safety policies. • Focuses on addressing high-risk driving behaviours (speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving) and works with partners to help reach their goal of zero traffic fatalities. • 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. • The Superintendent of Motor Vehicles is the administrative authority governing drivers and has authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prohibit a person from driving a motor vehicle. ◦ Require a driver to take part in a program to improve their driving. ◦ Review and make decisions about sanctions, driving prohibitions and ICBC licensing decisions. ◦ Make sure B.C. drivers are medically fit to drive.

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<p><i>Policing and Security Branch</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintends and provides central oversight of B.C. policing and law enforcement by developing and administering policing policy, programs, and provincial standards. The branch ensures the adequate and effective delivery of policing throughout the province. • Security Programs Division administers the Criminal Record Review Program, Protection Order Registry, security screening for cannabis workers and retail applicants, and regulates the security industry, metal dealers and recyclers, pill presses, and armored vehicles / body armor. • Municipal Policing, Governance and Oversight Division is responsible for superintending, oversight and alignment of municipal police departments (non-RCMP) and their boards. The division also has responsibility for areas including provincial policing standards, compliance and training, crime data, police technologies, special police constable appointments and designation, and decriminalization. • Serious and Organized Crime Division is responsible for oversight and policy development in the areas of organized crime, gang violence and serious crime, as well as innovative crime prevention responses, such as Situation Tables. • Indigenous, Core Policing, and Contract Management Division provides oversight of provincial, municipal police unit (RCMP), and Indigenous policing agreements, and works with Public Safety Canada in support of the First Nations Policing Program. The division also has responsibility for oversight of police model transitions. • Community Safety Unit (CSU) is responsible for compliance and enforcement under the <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i>, with a focus on the illegal sale and production of cannabis. CSU investigators carry out compliance and enforcement activities against unlicensed cannabis retailers and producers across the province. Investigations are conducted through a variety of strategies, including complaints received from the public, government agencies, police, and legal market operators. Potential enforcement is prioritized on several factors, including public safety, links to organized crime, proximity to licensed stores, and the province’s commitment to reconciliation. The CSU works collaboratively with enforcement partners, including police agencies, the Civil Forfeiture Office, Ministry of Finance (responsible for illegal tobacco enforcement), and Health Canada.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Accessibility Directorate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing cross-government advice and support to promote greater accessibility and inclusivity of policies and programs. • Implementation of the <i>Accessible British Columbia Act</i>, which seeks to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to inclusion experienced by people with disabilities. • Development of accessibility standards for service delivery and accessible employment. • Implementation of the <i>Accessible B.C. Regulation</i>, which requires local governments to implement an accessibility plan, accessibility committee, and an accessibility feedback tool. • Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility. • Support for Ministerial Advisory Committees, including Registered Disability Savings Plan Action Group and Provincial Accessibility Committee.
<p><i>Research, Innovation and Policy Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides research, policy, and legislation support to the ministry to deliver income and disability assistance to British Columbians most in need. • Leads development, evaluation, and implementation of the government's policies on income and disability assistance. • Leads government's work on B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy, and the ministry's food security mandate item. • Supports the Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits. • Leads ministry intergovernmental relations related to social services, Indigenous policy and <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> accountabilities. • Provides reconsideration services for clients disputing eligibility decisions regarding income assistance, disability assistance and child care subsidy.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Employment and Labour Market Services Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkBC Employment Services is the largest network of employment providers in the province and supports all British Columbians seeking work regardless of where they live or employment barriers they may face. Services are delivered through 102 WorkBC Centres as well as through a strong online presence, accessible from anywhere in the province. Services include access to individualized employment counselling, job search resources, employment planning, skills training, financial supports, wage subsidy placements, assistive technology supports, apprentice services and more. • The division is currently working on an Employment Service Modernization Project to ensure future service delivery meets the diverse and evolving needs of job seekers and employers in B.C. • WorkBC Community and Employer Partnerships (CEP) provide work experience and training opportunities in communities across B.C. to address local labour market issues. The CEP fund supports community-based initiatives to help individuals and the broader community. With the help of this fund, communities see positive social impacts, economic growth, and more employment opportunities for unemployed British Columbians. • CEP 2025/26 will focus on fewer, strategically chosen job creation partnerships (JCP) and project-based labour market training (PBLMT) projects to ensure maximum impact and alignment with the ministry and national priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Community-driven projects customized for job seekers with complex needs, far removed from the labour market and who have difficulty accessing traditional employment services. ◦ Equitable program investment across the province. ◦ Indigenous-led projects. ◦ Projects with a duration of 12 months or less. • Community-based Employment Services offers outreach-based, customized employment services to people in B.C. who are far removed from the job market and experience barriers to accessing traditional employment services. Services are delivered in community by local service providers to reach people experiencing severe mental/physical health conditions, substance use, and/or homelessness or precarious housing. Service providers meet people where they are along their path towards employment, with trauma-informed and culturally safe supports for people to take meaningful steps to get a job. • Services have launched in six pilot locations in the province: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Victoria; ◦ Nanaimo; ◦ Kelowna; ◦ Prince George; ◦ Surrey; and ◦ Vancouver Downtown Eastside.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
Arts and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the arts and culture sector with funding, policy, and programs. • Administers grant programs for artists, creators, and non-profit arts and culture organizations, including arts infrastructure. • Provides secretariat support and administration for the BC Arts Council. • Administers BC Arts Council funding for non-profit arts and culture organizations, collectives, artists, and Indigenous governments. • Delivers multiple programs including an arts infrastructure program which supports eligible organizations to develop and enhance cultural spaces, from capital improvements to equipment, that enable the work of B.C.'s arts and cultural practitioners. • Supports the arts and culture sector ecology in British Columbia through outreach, engagement, research, and partnerships. • Provides oversight, strategic direction, and corporate support for the Royal BC Museum. • Leads implementation of cultural infrastructure projects, including the Royal BC Museum Provincial Archives, Collections and Research Building, Chinese Canadian Museum, Canadians of South Asian Heritages Museum, provincial Filipino cultural center, as well as supporting the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.
Community Gaming Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gaming Grants supports eligible not-for-profit organizations delivering community programs that benefit the citizens of B.C. • Grants are awarded across several sectors including arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment, human and social services, and Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils.
BC Athletic Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation and regulatory oversight of professional boxing, kickboxing, and mixed martial arts, as well as all amateur combat sports.
Creative Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the economically driven creative sector (i.e., film, television, interactive digital media, music, and publishing) by leading cross-ministry and intergovernmental research, policy and program development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This includes policy and program oversight of the province's \$42 million investment in the sector, made in 2023, over three years. • Provides oversight of Knowledge Network, B.C.'s public education broadcaster, and Creative BC, the province's lead economic development agency for the creative sector. Works with industry stakeholders to maximize marquee event opportunities, such as the 2025 JUNOS and 2025 Canadian Country Music Awards. • Facilitates cross-ministry, intergovernmental and stakeholder issues management, strategic visioning, consultation, and collaboration on topics of interest (e.g., <i>Online Streaming Act</i>, <i>Copyright Act</i>, Tax Credits).
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides advice and information on British Columbia's historic places, paleontological resources, and geographical names. Exercises regulatory authority and develops policy under the <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i> and the <i>Land Act</i> regarding the identification, formal recognition, commemoration, protection and celebration of heritage and fossil sites, management of provincial heritage sites and the management of the BC Register of Historic Places and the BC Geographical Names Office.

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<i>Mountain Resorts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers a one window regulatory approach for resort development and community ski area administration and the review and authorization of expansions and new proposals on Crown land across the province. • Evaluates phased development plans and conducts major project reviews through working with First Nations, public engagement, and community and stakeholder engagement. • Provides advice and information on resort development policy and programs.
<i>Amateur Sport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding to over 70 designated amateur sports organizations to contribute to the health and wellness of British Columbians. • Funding programs facilitate the development of competitive athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and sport administrators. • Administers grant programs related to boosting sport participation, high-performance athlete development, and event hosting. • Provides oversight of the BC Games Society, the province's Crown Corporation that runs the BC Summer and Winter Games and prepares Team BC for the Canada Games. • Provides oversight and strategic direction to viaSport, the province's lead service delivery partner.
<i>Marquee Sports</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for assessing opportunities to bring marquee sport events to the province. These events are assessed for their economic and social impacts. • Responsible for securing provincial funding, oversight and strategic direction for marquee sport events such as the 2025 Grey Cup, 2025 Invictus Games, and FIFA World Cup 2026.
<i>Tourism</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tourism Branch develops and implements policies and programs to support sustainable tourism growth, enhance visitor experiences, and realize economic benefits through tourism. • The branch administers the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI), Destination Event Program, and jointly manages the Municipal Regional District Tax program (MRDT) with Ministry of Finance and Destination BC. Provides oversight of Destination BC (international tourism marketing) and BC Pavilion Corporation (BC Place and Vancouver Convention Centre) and leads development and implementation of the provincial tourism framework.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p>Highways and Regional Services Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Highways and Regional Services Division is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Developing, maintaining, and operating safe, secure provincial and regional transportation networks. ◦ Leading the ministry in provincial issue management, emergency response, and preservation of transportation infrastructure. ◦ Promoting compliance of safety regulations within the transport sector, with the goal of increasing road safety and protecting public health, the environment, and transportation infrastructure. ◦ Planning and delivering rehabilitation and capital projects in the region. ◦ Fostering partnerships and delivering on commitments with First Nations and Indigenous communities. ◦ Supporting provincial economic growth through regional work and development services. ◦ Implementing sustainable, resilient, and innovative transportation solutions. • The division, through their Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement (CVSE) program, also: Regulates and manages commercial vehicle activities on the provincial highway network and aligns requirements with neighboring provinces to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods within B.C. and beyond. • This division also includes the Passenger Transportation Branch, which regulates commercial passenger vehicles including taxis, ride hailing companies, limousines, charter, and inter-city (scheduled) buses, in accordance with the <i>Passenger Transportation Act</i>.
<p>Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division develops and promotes a world class transportation network through innovation and collaboration. • The division oversees aspects of strategic planning, capital programming, engineering, land management, and major project delivery for the ministry. • The division is also the primary interface between the government and two Crown Corporations: BC Rail and Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp). • The division’s key functions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Integrated Transportation Planning. ◦ Goods Movement. ◦ Properties and Land Management. ◦ Transit Oriented Development and Land Value Capture. ◦ Major project policy and delivery including the TI Corp relationship. ◦ Engineering and Technical Services. ◦ Engineering Standards.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT CONTINUED...

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policy, Programs, and Partnerships Division is responsible for all aspects of strategic transportation policy and legislation, including transit, ferries, passenger vehicles, passenger directed services, active transportation, rail safety, airports, rural, remote and intercity transportation, emerging transportation technology, and the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>. • In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The division administers a number of grant programs to support the transportation sector and services, including passenger accessibility, airports, and active transportation. ◦ Manages the relationship with transportation service delivery partners including BC Transit, TransLink, BC Ferries, ride hail, taxi, inland ferry operators, airlines, etc. ◦ Inter-governmental relations. ◦ Leads the ministry's participation in CleanBC and climate change initiatives.
<p><i>Strategic and Corporate Priorities Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic and Corporate Priorities Division is responsible for leading a wide range of strategic cross-ministry and corporate initiatives. • The division leads and supports cross-ministry and cross-government services and programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Coordinating the delivery of the ministry's strategic plan and ministry specific commitments under the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>. ◦ Leading the ministry's Journey Toward Reconciliation, GBA+ and diversity, equity, and inclusion work, and is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the ministry's People Plan and Digital Strategy. ◦ Delivering culture and engagement programs and leading the ministry's corporate communications strategies. • The division also delivers information management, privacy, security, and digital services in partnership with our clients.

MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for leading B.C.'s land stewardship strategies, supported by science and knowledge, that promote and guide the province's goals for reconciliation with First Nations. • Responsible for delivering the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Modernized Land Use Planning delivered in partnership with First Nations. ◦ Collaborative Indigenous Stewardship Framework. ◦ Cumulative Effects Framework. ◦ Recommendations within the Old Growth Report, including ecosystem health, and biodiversity.
<p><i>Water, Fisheries and Coast</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water, Fisheries and Coast Division brings together program areas responsible for the Watershed Security Strategy and implementation, Water Management, Wild Salmon Strategy, and Coastal Marine Planning. • It works to support functioning and resilient marine, aquatic, and coastal ecosystems that support a diversity of economic activities and provide the foundation for vibrant and thriving coastal communities and cultures. • Aquatic Ecosystems Branch provides oversight to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. (FFSBC) who contribute to recreational fishing by stocking approximately 700 lakes across B.C. with six million trout, kokanee and char annually. • The division provides provincial leadership on water and coordinates government's strategy on 'source to tap' drinking water protection. It is also responsible for watershed-related strategic planning, policy, science, assessments and analysis tools for B.C., as well supporting the use of water governance and planning tools in the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> (e.g., water sustainability plans and water objectives). This work is collaborative by design and will include First Nations, local governments, and other interested parties. • The division leads the implementation of the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> and other water related legislation and regulations as it pertains to the management of water allocation, dam safety and flood safety with a focus on public safety and resiliency of the environment. It also leads on policy, planning and supports in relation to water-related hazards such as flood and drought for the province. • The division supports restoration and rebuilding of wild fish populations and provides leadership for aquatic habitat policy and restoration. It also sets fisheries and aquaculture policy, develops new strategies to protect and revitalize B.C.'s wild salmon populations, and is the provincial lead for interfacing with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). • Is the Statutory Decision Maker (SDM) under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> for B.C.'s recreational freshwater fisheries as well as administration of the <i>Riparian Areas Protection Act</i>. • Leads prevention and provincial response to aquatic invasives. • In natural disaster response, leads actions and direction to protect or recover aquatic ecosystems and the aquatic/fish species that rely on them. • The division is the provincial hub for marine and coastal policy, planning, and science providing expertise to drive development and implementation of strategic and operational policies and plans that lead the way on collaborative decision-making with First Nations and Canada.

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DIVISION/BRANCH	TOPIC
<p><i>Reconciliation, Lands and Natural Resource Policy</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This division provides leadership in developing a “roadmap” for the natural resource sector to support the effective operationalization and implementation of the <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>. • Lands Program includes Lands Branch and Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration Branch. Lands Branch provides operational policy support for <i>Land Act</i> tenures and transfers, maintains the Crown Land Registry, and offers legislative support for the <i>Land Title Act</i> and other private land legislation. • The Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration Branch comprises of the Crown Land Opportunities Program (CLO), which focuses on priority Crown land sales and transfers to address reconciliation and housing needs, and the Crown Contaminated Sites Program (CCSP), which is the lead agency for the investigation and possible remediation of prioritized, high-risk abandoned contaminated sites on vacant Crown land. • First Nation Land Transfers Branch: provides technical and expertise to Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and First Nations engaged in negotiations and leads the implementation of land-based agreements, including land transfers and vesting of land.
<p><i>Permitting Transformation Division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This division leads on land and water authorizations across the province. This includes permit applications, First Nation consultation, and major project reviews. • Regional offices provide client access to natural resource authorizations expertise and supports through Front Counter BC. • This division holds responsibility for the Housing Action Taskforce to support provincial housing authorizations, connectivity authorizations, and works closely on various energy initiatives like the transition of renewable energy project applications to the BC Energy Regulator and the Call for Power & Sustainment Projects through BC Hydro. • Additional prioritization is on advancing the necessary strategic, policy, process and technology work required to transform and shift permitting across this ministry and the Natural Resource Ministries as a whole.
<p><i>Natural Resource Information and Digital Services (NRIDS)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides essential Information Management (IM) services by way of the creation, maintenance, and publication of foundational datasets and geospatial information – this also includes operation of the provincial aerial imagery and LiDAR programs, maintenance of land survey monumentation and data, and species and ecosystems information. • This work provides essential context and intelligence to support decision making across the Natural Resource Ministries (NRM) and beyond. The Digital Road Atlas (DRA) program provides GIS business processes that support B.C.’s current 9-1-1 requirements. • For the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), NRIDS is advocating for improved public access to high quality geospatial data that delivers the broadest and best use as a strategic asset. • The IM offerings include ready-made, authoritative, spatial information about the shape, landscape, environment, and condition of B.C. as well as offering on-demand custom analysis, visualization, and mapping products for the NRM.

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<p>Resource Stewardship Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The division is responsible for the Together for Wildlife Strategy, wildlife policy regulations and allocation, ecosystem health and biodiversity, conservation of wildlife and habitat and economic diversity and sustainability, fish and wildlife angling and hunting opportunities, Tripartite Agreement of Nature Conservation (implementation planning and fund coordination), the draft Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework and advancing wildlife co-management with First Nations and partnerships to support shared stewardship of wildlife. • Responsible for delivering the following core programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wildlife Management. ◦ <i>Wildlife Act</i> and its regulation and policy framework. ◦ Fish and Wildlife Population Assessment and Decision Support. ◦ Regional Action Planning for fish and wildlife stewardship and Management. ◦ First Nations Partnerships and Co-management. ◦ Biodiversity Conservation Science and Research. ◦ Species at Risk Recovery and Implementation. ◦ Invasive Aquatic and Terrestrial Species Management. ◦ Species at Risk Recovery and the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program. ◦ Wildlife Life Health.
<p>Southeast Initiatives Secretariat (SEIS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Southeast Initiatives Secretariat (SEIS) was formed July 2025 as a new delivery, to support strong cross-ministry provincial governance, establish clear accountability and develop specific actions to resolve challenging issues related to metallurgical coal mining in southeast B.C. • Our mandate is to develop and implement a coordinated and aligned cross-ministry strategy that allows for continuation of responsible mining of metallurgical coal in the Elk Valley while improving environmental quality, managing cumulative effects, healing the land, and advancing models of shared decision-making with First Nations to build prosperous and healthy communities for all.

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<i>Agricultural Land Commission</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<i>BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Provincial Health Services Authority, BCEHS governs the emergency medical services system in B.C. and provides pre-hospital emergency and inter-facility patient transfer services. BCEHS paramedics, emergency medical call takers and dispatch staff provide pre-hospital emergency care and ground and air ambulance transport medically necessary transport (ground and air ambulances) for British Columbians. In many rural communities across the province, BCEHS Community Paramedics also provide scheduled care for patients with chronic health conditions as part of a community based health team. BCEHS also oversees patient inter-facility patient transfers in the province, working with health authorities to coordinate the transfer of acute and critically ill patients to an appropriate level of care both within and outside of B.C. Members of the BCEHS executive team look forward to participating in productive and engaging sessions with municipal leaders.
<i>BC Energy Regulator</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The British Columbia Energy Regulator oversees the full life cycle of energy resource activities in B.C. from site planning to restoration. This includes oil, gas, geothermal, hydrogen, ammonia, methanol with anticipated legislation in spring 2025 that will expand our mandate to regulate renewable energy projects. We look forward to addressing any questions you may have on our regulatory oversight.
<i>BC Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Housing is responsible for implementation of Building BC programs that are helping government to deliver 114,000 units of affordable housing including the following programs: Supportive Housing Fund, Women’s Transition Housing Fund, Community Housing Fund, Indigenous Housing Fund, Rapid Response to Homelessness, Deepening Affordability program. It is also responsible for BC Builds and HousingHub which works with communities, governments, non-profit and private sector stakeholders to facilitate the creation of new affordable rental housing.
<i>BC Hydro</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Hydro’s mission is to safely provide our customers with reliable, affordable, clean electricity. Our vision celebrates our clean energy advantage and our environmental stewardship role in B.C. Sustainability is about making the best choices with available resources, which means leveraging our clean electricity for all British Columbians. BC Hydro’s Community Relations staff look forward to addressing any questions that you may have related to our operations.

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

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<p>Police Victim Services British Columbia (PVSBC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Victim Services of British Columbia Society (PVSBC) is the B.C. registered not for profit charity membership organization mandated to be the primary advocate for all (95+) police-based victim service (PBVS) organizations within the province. • PBVS local organizations are physically embedded with the municipal or RCMP detachment delivering ongoing police-based victim services to the citizens of each community. • Our Vision is - All victims of crime and trauma across B.C. receive compassionate, professional, and consistent services. • PVSBC advocates, represents, lobbies, and communicates with members, partners and stakeholders on the development and delivery of PVSBC trauma informed programs, baseline, and advanced training, professional development, and member support programs. • Funding is provided by the provincial and federal governments, with additional resources from corporate and individual contributions, sponsorships, and program revenues.
<p>Regional Health Authorities (RHA): <i>Fraser Health;</i> <i>Interior Health;</i> <i>Island Health;</i> <i>Northern Health;</i> <i>Vancouver Coastal Health</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHA: When most people think about health care, the first thing they think of are hospitals. While many services are offered in the hospitals operated by the regional health authorities, they also offer a wide range of other important services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Home and community care; ◦ Long-term care; ◦ Seniors care; ◦ End of life care; ◦ Mental health & substance use; ◦ Environmental health; ◦ Public health; ◦ Healthy Living; ◦ Infant & Youth; ◦ Sexual Health; ◦ Lab and medical imaging services; ◦ Indigenous health; ◦ Urgent and Primary Care; ◦ Virtual Health Services; ◦ Women's Health and Cancer Care; and ◦ Primary Care (Health Authority owned/operated).

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<p><i>Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHSA has a unique role in B.C.'s health authority system: to ensure that B.C. residents have access to a coordinated provincial network of high-quality specialized health-care services. • PHSA programs provide care and services through specialized hospitals and centres across B.C. such as BC Children's Hospital and BC Cancer and BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services, including programs such as the Red Fish Healing Centre. • PHSA is also responsible for specialized health services, which are delivered across the province in collaboration with regional health authorities, such as cardiac, trauma, perinatal and stroke services. Through BC Emergency Health Services, PHSA oversees the BC Ambulance Service and Patient Transfer Services. • BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and the Public Health Reference Laboratory.
<p><i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada's national police force, provides policing services to most of British Columbia, including 150 municipalities. • These services include, but are not limited to, uniformed patrols, response to calls for service, investigative services, community-based policing, and traffic enforcement. Additionally, the B.C. RCMP is part of a number of integrated teams operating throughout the province who provide specialized police services to British Columbians. • The B.C. RCMP values ongoing collaboration and meaningful communication with our partners. Representatives of the B.C. RCMP's Senior Management Team look forward to hearing your feedback and answer any questions you may have about its services so that we can work together towards our common goal of providing your community with a professional, efficient, and effective police service.

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