

**MINISTRY OF
SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**

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Minister Stan Hagen
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Mandate

The ministry was established to provide leadership in sustainable economic development through:

- strategic land use planning,
- integrated land and resource information, and
- land and water management.

New Era Commitments

- Adopt scientifically based, principled management to ensure sustainability
- Provide faster approvals & greater access to Crown land & resources
- Eliminate backlogs and delays in Crown land applications

Achieving Sustainable Economic Development

Strategic land
use planning

Integrated land
and resource
information

Land & water
management



Increased benefits

Reduced costs

Reduced
uncertainty

Faster decisions

Principles of Sustainability

- ① Economic Prosperity
- ② Ecosystem Integrity
- ③ Social and Community Well-Being
- ④ Sound Governance

A Better Way to Do Business Land & Resource Management Plans

From:

Slow and costly
land use planning
processes

To:

Expedited
land use planning,
meaningful
involvement of
First Nations,
partnerships with
private sector

Land & Resource Management Plans Transformation

2002 - Central Coast and Lillooet
completed

2003 - Morice, North Coast,
Queen Charlotte Islands,
Sea to Sky completed

- LRMP program concluded

A Better Way to Do Business **Land and Resource Information**

From:

Expensive,
inefficient
databases and
registries

To:

Integrated
systems and
land registries
which are largely
cost-recovered

Registries Transformation

- 2002 - coordinate across registries
 - start systems development & e-filing
 - deregulation & program reform
- 2003 - start data conversion
 - modernize relevant statutes
- 2004 - systems integration completed
 - e-filing system operational

Resource Information Transformation

2002 - develop common standards

- consolidate in single data warehouse
- pilot project with forest industry

2003 - partnerships - industry & federal gov't

- infrastructure for new data warehouse
- transfers to universities & industry

2004 - transfer data to partners

Systems Transformation

2001 - rank current applications

2002 - corporate standards

- begin consolidating and eliminating applications

- develop alternative delivery options

2003 - 20 corporate core applications

2004 - migrate to selected delivery models

A Better Way to Do Business

Water Allocation

From:

Slow and inefficient systems for approving applications to access Crown land and water resources

To:

Streamlined, user-friendly approval processes that generate a fair return to the province

Water Allocation Transformation

- 2001 - integrate water & land in BCAL
 - SWAT team for critical issues
 - 30% reduction in backlog
- 2002 - 90% reduction in backlog
 - fees set to recover costs
- 2003 - no backlog and faster approvals

Issues Critical for Success

- Flexible human resource strategy
- Technology enhancements
- Innovative mindset in government
- Clarification of roles & responsibilities
- Legislative changes

Conclusion

The ministry will:

- provide leadership on sustainability
- renew investor confidence and public trust in our resource management
- help re-build our provincial economy