

**Office of the
Premier**

**2017/18 – 2019/20
SERVICE PLAN**

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Premier Accountability Statement

The *Office of the Premier 2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Horgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Honourable John Horgan
Premier
August 28, 2017

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Purpose of the Office of the Premier

The Premier serves as the President of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of British Columbia. The Office of the Premier assists the Premier in overseeing and leading the government as a whole. In addition, it supports the Cabinet decision-making process. As a central agency, the Office facilitates effective policy coordination across the public service and ensures a strategic and corporate level approach is undertaken on the development and implementation of key priorities. The Premier is advised by the Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service on matters of public policy, and management and operational issues.

The Office:

- Articulates government's goals, commitments and priorities through ministry mandate letters, and works with ministries and Crown agencies to ensure communication of those goals, commitments and priorities and to track and monitor their implementation;
- Leads the public service and, with the Deputy Ministers' Council, commits to being a top employer that maintains and enhances public trust and confidence in our work, as set out in the new Corporate Plan *Where Ideas Work* <https://gww.gov.bc.ca/index.php> and reflected in the focus on innovation and integrity;
- Provides support for the operations and decision-making processes of Cabinet and its committees; and
- Works directly with the federal government and with all ministries and Crown agencies to ensure that relations with the federal, provincial, territorial and international governments advance British Columbia's interests.

Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

It has never been more important for new leadership that works for ordinary British Columbians. As the focal point of this leadership, the Office of the Premier's goals are to help government achieve the following three commitments to British Columbians:

- The first commitment is to make life more affordable. British Columbians are counting on government to make their lives easier by containing costs and service fees.
- The second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day, and there is so much more that we can – and must – do to provide these services where and when people need them. Additionally, in many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown Corporations, and our Ministry will work with Board Chairs to improve levels of service to citizens.
- The third commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that all ministries and public sector organizations have a role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth, developing poverty reduction strategies, and helping create good-paying jobs in every region of the province.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, as we move towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

These priorities are at the core of a progressive vision for a Better B.C. that will guide the work of each and every ministry, every day of the year.

The Office of the Premier will continue to develop specific strategies and performance measures to support these objectives for our 2018/19 Service Plan, which will be released with *Budget 2018*.

Resource Summary

| Core Business Area | 2016/17 Restated Estimates ¹ | 2017/18 Estimates ^{2,3} | 2018/19 Plan ^{2,3} | 2019/20 Plan ³ |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operating Expenses (\$000) | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat | 2,453 | 2,818 | 2,833 | 2,833 |
| Executive and Support Services | 6,545 | 8,193 | 8,222 | 8,222 |
| Office of the Premier | 3,033 | 3,062 | 3,078 | 3,078 |
| Executive Operations | 3,512 | 5,131 | 5,144 | 5,144 |
| Total | 8,998 | 11,011 | 11,055 | 11,055 |
| Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000) | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Executive and Support Services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Office of the Premier | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Executive Operations | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

1 For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2016/17 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2017/18 *Estimates*.

2 Includes negotiated increases of 0.5% effective April 2017, 1.0% effective February 2018, 0.5% effective April 2018, and 1.0% effective February 2019 under the Economic Stability Mandate.

3 Benefits increase from 24.3% in 16/17 to 24.34% for 17/18. Benefits are estimated to increase to 24.8% in 18/19 and 19/20.

4 Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

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Appendix B: Hyperlinks to Additional Information

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