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## STATEMENT

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Office of the Premier

### **Statement from Premier Christy Clark on Cabinet responsibilities**

VICTORIA – Premier Christy Clark announced the following changes in cabinet responsibilities today:

- Peter Fassbender is now Minister of Community, Sport, Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for Translink.
- Coralee Oakes is Minister of Small Business, Red-Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch.
- Naomi Yamamoto is Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness, which will now be in the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Mike Bernier is Minister of Education.

“Today’s changes are about making sure British Columbians in every region benefit from our plan to create jobs by growing our strong and diverse economy,” said Premier Clark. “We have the opportunity now to build on a record of student achievement with long-term labour peace in place, to strengthen our support for small business, which is the backbone of our economy, to work together with communities to prepare for the future, and to put in place a plan to prevent and manage emergencies or natural disasters so that our province can recover with our future secured.”

As well, Premier Clark has made the following changes to parliamentary secretaries:

Jordan Sturdy is now Parliamentary Secretary for Energy Literacy and the Environment for Minister of Environment Mary Polak. Sturdy also will chair the Climate Leadership Panel.

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# BACKGROUND 1

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## **Ministry responsibilities**

The BC Public Service is divided into ministries. Each ministry is responsible for a specific area of public policy, government function or service delivery.

Following is the revised summary of ministry responsibilities.

### OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

#### General Responsibilities

- Strategic policy and legislative priorities
- Corporate planning
- Cabinet Operations
- Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

### MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

#### General Responsibilities

- Aboriginal policy and co-ordination
- Negotiation and implementation of treaty and non-treaty agreements
- Consultation and accommodation policy
- Crown/First Nations relationships
- Partnerships and Community Renewal
- First Citizens' Fund

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC Treaty Commission
- First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council
- Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women

### MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

#### General Responsibilities

- Universities
- Colleges
- Post-secondary financing
- Post-secondary policy and accountability
- Student financial assistance
- Government Communications and Public Engagement

- Open data
- Board Resourcing and Development Office

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- University boards of governors
- Colleges and institutes
- Private Career Training Institutions Agency
- B.C. college and institute boards
- British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfers
- Degree Quality Assessment Board

#### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

##### General Responsibilities

- Agriculture, aquaculture and food industry development
- Animal health and crop/plant protection
- Food safety and quality
- Commercial fisheries and fish processing
- Marine fisheries and seafood industry development
- Crop insurance
- Licensing, inspection and standards for slaughter facilities

##### Major Agencies, Boards and Commission

- Agricultural Land Commission
- BC Farm Industry Review Board

#### MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

##### General Responsibilities

- Adoption and reunion services
- Child protection and family development
- Foster care
- Child care
- Early childhood development
- Children and youth with special needs
- Child and youth mental health
- Youth justice programs

##### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC College of Social Workers
- Provincial Child Care Council

#### MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (Minister Responsible for TransLink)

##### General Responsibilities

- Community Charter
- Local government
- University Endowment Lands
- Property assessment
- Sports and recreation
- Arts and culture programs
- Community gaming grant eligibility
- TransLink legislation and governance

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Board of Examiners (local government)
- BC Assessment Authority
- BC Games Society
- BC Arts Council
- Property Assessment Appeal Board
- Islands Trust Fund Board
- Royal BC Museum

#### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

##### General Responsibilities

- K-12 standards and accountability
- K-12 funding
- Independent schools
- Literacy
- Libraries
- StrongStart BC Early Learning Centres

##### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Education Advisory Council
- BC Teachers' Council
- Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board

#### MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES (Minister Responsible for Core Review)

##### General Responsibilities

- Electricity and alternative energy policy
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy development
- Innovative Clean Energy Fund
- Mines and minerals permitting and inspections except for major mining projects
- Mines and minerals policy
- Mineral and coal titles
- Permitting and inspections of major mining projects
- BC Geological Survey
- Core Review

## Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC Hydro and Power Authority
- Columbia Power Corporation
- Columbia Basin Trust

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

### General Responsibilities

- Parks, wilderness and protected areas
- Air, land and water quality standards
- Pollution prevention and waste management
- Conservation Framework and Species-at-Risk policy
- Species and ecosystem protection policy
- Oceans protection and sustainability
- Water protection and water sustainability policy
- Water and air monitoring and reporting
- Conservation and resource management enforcement
- Climate Action Secretariat
- Environmental Assessment Office
- State of environment reporting
- Environmental monitoring
- Flood Management
- Environmental Emergency Response

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

### General Responsibilities

- Treasury Board
- Office of the Comptroller General
- Internal Audit and Advisory Services
- Provincial treasury
- Capital Planning
- Economic and financial analysis
- Financial institutions regulation
- Fiscal planning and tax policy
- Tax collection including property, income and consumer
- Corporate Accounting Services
- Forestry, mines, oil and gas revenue
- Collection and loan management
- Homeowner grants
- Gaming policy and enforcement
- Responsible Gambling Strategy
- Crown Agencies Resourcing Office
- BC Public Service Agency

## Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC Securities Commission
- Partnerships BC
- Insurance Council of British Columbia
- Real Estate Council of British Columbia
- Public Sector Employers' Council
- BC Pension Corporation
- British Columbia Lottery Corporation
- Financial Institutions Commission

## MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS

### General Responsibilities

- Forest stewardship policy
- Timber supply, inventory and tree improvement
- Forest health
- Forest investment
- BC Timber Sales
- Tenures and pricing
- Resource roads and bridges policy
- Crown land administration policy
- Crown land allocation and authorizations
- Forests and range authorizations
- Grazing and range stewardship policy
- Land use planning
- Independent power production
- Aquaculture licensing and regulation
- Water use planning and authorizations
- Aboriginal consultation and co-ordination - natural resource operations
- Resorts and alpine ski developments
- Licensing and permitting for angling, hunting and trapping
- GeoBC and information management
- FrontCounter BC
- Provincial hatchery and stocking program
- Watershed restoration
- Fish, wildlife and habitat management
- Drought management
- Dam and dyke safety and regulation
- Flood plain management
- Invasive plants and species
- Public backcountry and commercial recreation
- Recreation sites and trails
- Archaeology and Heritage Conservation policy and permitting
- Resource management compliance
- Crown land restoration
- Forest investment operations
- Wildfire management

## Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Forest Practices Board
- Timber Export Advisory Committee
- Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board
- Mediation and Arbitration Board
- Assayers Certification Board of Examiners

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

### General Responsibilities

- Leadership and support for the health service delivery system
- Health promotion, protection and preventative health
- Aboriginal health promotion
- Public health planning
- Provincial Health Officer
- Performance management of the health authorities
- Health human resource planning
- Health regulation and licensing
- Health information systems and e-health
- Women and seniors
- End-of-life and palliative care
- Community and home support services
- Assisted living and residential care
- Community care licensing
- Mental health and addictions services
- Communicable diseases prevention and addictions services promotion
- Healthy living/chronic disease prevention
- Medical Services Plan
- HealthLinkBC
- BC Patient Transfer Network
- PharmaCare
- Vital Statistics
- BC Ambulance Service
- Meat processing and food premises inspection, regulation and policies

### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Health Authorities
- Medical Services Commission
- BC Patient Safety & Quality Council
- Patient Care Quality Review Boards
- Hospital Appeal Board
- Community Care and Assisted Living Appeal Board

## MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism)

### General Responsibilities

- International and internal trade policy
- Export market development
- New West Partnership Agreement
- AdvantageBC International Business Centre
- Venture Capital program
- Investment Capital
- Planning and Partnership Development
- Asia Pacific Trade and Investment
- International Marketing Secretariat
- Pacific Coast Collaborative
- Multiculturalism

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.
- BC Immigrant Investment Fund and BC Renaissance Fund
- Multicultural Advisory Council

#### MINISTRY OF JOBS, TOURISM AND SKILLS TRAINING (Minister Responsible for Labour)

##### General Responsibilities

- Tourism strategy
- Aboriginal tourism
- Recreational fish and wildlife promotion
- Immigration policy
- Labour market policy
- Provincial Nominee Program
- WorkBC
- BladeRunners
- Industry training
- Film, television and digital policy
- Creative BC
- Community adjustment
- Community Development Trust
- Community Business Loans Program
- Regional economic and rural development
- Economic development policy
- Economic and sector analysis
- Economic and community response to mountain pine beetle
- Rural BC Secretariat
- Trade Missions
- Labour relations
- Employment standards
- Occupational health and safety
- Workers Compensation Act
- Major Investments Office

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions



- Trades Training Consortium of BC
- Northern Development Initiative Trust
- North Island Coast Development Initiative Trust
- Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust
- Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society
- BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund
- Industry Training Authority
- BC Labour Relations Board
- Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal
- Employment Standards Tribunal
- Destination British Columbia

## MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

### General Responsibilities

- Criminal justice and family law
- Administrative law policy
- Court administration
- Legal aid and public legal education
- Alternate dispute resolution
- Family maintenance
- Film policy and classification
- Legal services to government
- Police and correctional services
- Crime prevention programs
- Criminal record check and protection order registry
- Victim assistance
- Consumer services
- Superintendent of Motor Vehicles
- Office of the Fire Commissioner
- Coroners Service of British Columbia

### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC Utilities Commission
- BC Human Rights Tribunal
- BC Law Institute
- British Columbia Review Board
- Environmental Appeal Board
- Forest Appeals Commission
- Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal
- Legal Services Society
- Police boards

## MINISTRY OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT (Minister Responsible for Housing)

### General Responsibilities

- Oil and gas policy

- Liquified natural gas
- Oil and gas pipelines
- Housing and homeless policy
- Transition houses
- Building policy
- Safety standards and inspections
- Landlord-tenant dispute resolution

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Oil and Gas Commission
- BC Housing Management Commission
- Building Code Appeal Board
- Building Policy Advisory Committee
- Safety Standards Appeal Board
- British Columbia Safety Authority
- Provincial Rental Housing Corporation

#### MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND RED TAPE REDUCTION (Minister Responsible for Liquor Distribution Branch)

##### General Responsibilities

- Small Business Roundtable
- Small Business BC
- Smart regulation
- Regulatory reform
- Liquor Control and Licensing
- Liquor Distribution Branch

#### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

##### General Responsibilities

- Income assistance
- Disability assistance
- Delivery of employment programs
- Provincial Disability Strategy
- Adult community living services
- Mental health and addictions services coordination
- Volunteer and non-profit support

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Community Living BC
- Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal

#### MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND CITIZENS' SERVICES

##### General Responsibilities

- Research, innovation and technology
- Citizen's service delivery
- Government agents
- BC Stats
- BC OnLine
- Enquiry BC
- Business and personal property registries services
- Queen's Printer
- Chief Information Officer
- Information and privacy policy
- Workforce planning
- Employee engagement
- Shared Services BC
- BC Accommodation and Real Estate Services
- Workplace Technology Services
- Alternative Service Delivery
- Procurement and Supply Services
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Solutions BC

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Premier's Technology Council
- BC Innovation Council
- Leading Edge Endowment Fund Board
- Knowledge Network Corporation

### MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### General Responsibilities

- Transportation planning and policy, except for TransLink legislation and governance
- Highway construction and maintenance
- Commercial vehicle safety and inspections
- Port and airport development
- Infrastructure grants
- Major capital project management
- Provincial emergency management
- Emergency social services

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- BC Rail
- Passenger Transportation Board
- BC Transit
- BC Transportation Financing Authority
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- British Columbia Pavilion Corporation



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### **Deputy minister and associate deputy minister appointments**

#### **Effective July 30:**

##### **Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink**

Jacquie Dawes, Deputy Minister

##### **Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for Liquor Distribution Branch**

Tim McEwan, Deputy Minister

##### **Emergency Management**

Becky Denlinger, Deputy Minister

#### **Effective Sept. 15:**

##### **Finance**

Kim Henderson, Deputy Minister

##### **Natural Gas Development**

Dave Nikolesjin, Deputy Minister

##### **Energy and Minister Responsible for Core Review**

Elaine McKnight, Deputy Minister

##### **Public Service Agency**

Lori Halls, Deputy Minister

##### **Office of the Premier**

Bobbi Plecas, Associate Deputy Minister

Peter Milburn (Deputy Minister of Finance), and Steve Carr (Deputy Minister of Natural Gas Development), will be retiring from the BC Public Service.