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### **PREMIER CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES CABINET CHANGES**

VICTORIA – Premier Gordon Campbell realigned the provincial cabinet today to ensure government’s continued focus on supporting families, education and the economy.

“Today’s changes focus on investment and job creation, helping our children realize their full potential and building on our Olympic momentum,” said Premier Campbell. “This new structure will streamline government processes for critical natural resource industries to ensure we can better attract global investment and turn proposed projects and investments into actual worksites and jobs. It enables us to move forward with our federal partners towards establishing a ‘one project, one process’ model.”

The changes include one new cabinet minister and new or changed portfolios for 16 of the current ministers.

“We will encourage increased exports and increased investments in our rich natural resources while adding new momentum to our excellent college system to assist with regional job creation,” said Premier Campbell. “An international campaign to build our Olympic momentum will promote British Columbia on a global scale to attract new investment and expanded tourism opportunities.”

Ministers with new or changed portfolios include:

- Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation – Hon. Barry Penner
- Minister of Agriculture – Hon. Ben Stewart
- Minister of State for Building Code Renewal – Hon. Naomi Yamamoto
- Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Hon. Stephanie Cadieux
- Minister of Education – Hon. George Abbott
- Minister of Energy – Hon. Bill Bennett
- Minister of Environment – Hon. Murray Coell
- Minister of Finance (Minister Responsible for Small Business) – Hon. Colin Hansen
- Minister of Forests, Mines and Lands – Hon. Pat Bell
- Minister of Health Services – Hon. Kevin Falcon
- Minister of Labour – Hon. Iain Black
- Minister of Natural Resource Operations – Hon. Steve Thomson
- Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Minister Responsible for Housing) – Hon. Rich Coleman
- Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development – Hon. Moira Stilwell
- Minister of Science and Universities – Hon. Ida Chong
- Minister of Social Development – Hon. Kevin Krueger
- Minister of Tourism, Trade and Investment (Minister Responsible for the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat) – Hon. Margaret MacDiarmid

Ministers retaining existing portfolios:

- Attorney General – Hon. Mike de Jong
- Minister of Children and Family Development – Hon. Mary Polak
- Minister of Citizens' Services – Hon. Mary McNeil
- Minister of State for Climate Action – Hon. John Yap
- Minister of State for Mining – Hon. Randy Hawes
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Hon. Shirley Bond

To download photos of the Executive Council and to see individual biographies go to:  
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## MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Premier** – Hon. Gordon Campbell  
**Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation** – Hon. Barry Penner  
**Agriculture** – Hon. Ben Stewart  
**Attorney General** – Hon. Mike de Jong  
**Children and Family Development** – Hon. Mary Polak  
**Citizens' Services** – Hon. Mary McNeil  
**Community, Sport and Cultural Development** – Hon. Stephanie Cadieux  
**Education** – Hon. George Abbott  
**Energy** – Hon. Bill Bennett  
**Environment** – Hon. Murray Coell  
    **Minister of State for Climate Action** – Hon. John Yap  
**Finance and Deputy Premier (Minister Responsible for Small Business)** – Hon. Colin Hansen  
**Forests, Mines and Lands** – Hon. Pat Bell  
    **Minister of State for Mining** – Hon. Randy Hawes  
**Health Services** – Hon. Kevin Falcon  
**Labour** – Hon. Iain Black  
**Natural Resource Operations** – Hon. Steve Thomson  
**Public Safety and Solicitor General (Minister Responsible for Housing)** Hon. Rich Coleman  
    **Minister of State for Building Code Renewal** – Hon. Naomi Yamamoto  
**Regional Economic and Skills Development** – Hon. Moira Stilwell  
**Science and Universities** – Hon. Ida Chong  
**Social Development** – Hon. Kevin Krueger  
**Tourism, Trade and Investment (Minister Responsible for the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat)** – Hon. Margaret MacDiarmid  
**Transportation and Infrastructure** – Hon. Shirley Bond

The following members of the Legislative Assembly are appointed as Parliamentary Secretaries:

**Parliamentary Secretary for the Asia-Pacific Initiative to the Minister of Tourism, Trade and Investment** – Richard Lee  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Health Promotion to the Minister of Health Services** – Terry Lake  
**Parliamentary Secretary for HST Information to the Minister of Finance** – John Les  
**Parliamentary Secretary for the Mountain Pine Beetle Action Committees to the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development** – Donna Barnett  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism to the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development** – Dave Hayer  
**Parliamentary Secretary for the Natural Gas Initiative to the Minister of Energy** – Pat Pimm  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Silviculture to the Minister of Forests, Mines and Lands** – John Rustad  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Social Entrepreneurship to the Minister of Finance** – Gordon Hogg  
**Parliamentary Secretary for Water Stewardship to the Minister of Environment** – John Slater

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## CABINET COMMITTEES

### **Agenda and Priorities Committee**

Premier Gordon Campbell (Chair)  
George Abbott  
Pat Bell  
Stephanie Cadieux  
Rich Coleman  
Michael de Jong  
Kevin Falcon  
Eric Foster  
Margaret MacDiarmid  
Joan McIntyre

### **Climate Action and Clean Energy Committee**

Premier Gordon Campbell (Chair)  
John Yap (Vice Chair)  
Pat Bell  
Bill Bennett  
Shirley Bond  
Rich Coleman  
Murray Coell  
Dan Doyle (ex officio)  
Richard Lee  
Naomi Yamamoto

### **Early Childhood Education Innovations Committee**

Moira Stilwell (Chair)  
George Abbott  
Marc Dalton  
Gordon Hogg  
Kevin Krueger  
Terry Lake  
Mary McNeil  
Don McRae  
Mary Polak  
Jane Thornthwaite

### **Economy Committee**

Colin Hansen (Chair)  
Moira Stilwell (Vice Chair)  
Donna Barnett  
Iain Black  
Harry Bloy  
Dave Hayer

Kash Heed  
Rob Howard  
John Les  
Margaret MacDiarmid

**Environment and Land Use Committee**

Pat Bell (Chair)  
Bill Bennett  
Murray Coell  
Randy Hawes  
Barry Penner  
John Slater  
Ben Stewart  
Steve Thomson  
John van Dongen

**Treasury Board**

Colin Hansen (Chair)  
Shirley Bond (Vice-Chair)  
Ron Cantelon  
Ida Chong  
Rich Coleman  
Doug Horne  
Pat Pimm  
Ben Stewart  
Maira Stilwell  
Steve Thomson

**Legislative Review Committee**

George Abbott (Chair)  
Bill Bennett  
Ida Chong  
Michael de Jong  
Norm Letnick  
John Rustad  
Ralph Sultan

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## SUMMARY OF MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

### OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

#### General Responsibilities

Cabinet operations  
Corporate planning  
Strategic policy and legislative priorities

### MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

#### General Responsibilities

Aboriginal policy and coordination  
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  
Native Economic Development Advisory 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  
Grazing and range stewardship policy

#### Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Agricultural Land Commission  
BC Farm Industry Review Board

### MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

#### General Responsibilities

Criminal justice and family law  
Administrative law policy  
Court administration  
Legal aid and public legal education

Alternate dispute resolution  
Family maintenance  
Legal services to government

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

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

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

**General Responsibilities**

Adoption and reunion services  
Child protection and family development  
Foster care  
Child care  
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 CITIZENS' SERVICES**

**General Responsibilities**

Citizen service delivery

- Government agents
- BC Stats
- BCOOnline
- Enquiry BC
- Online Channel Office
- Business and personal property registries services
- Citizen engagement

Queen's Printer  
Canada-BC Business Service Centre  
Chief Information Officer  
Information and privacy policy  
Workforce planning  
Employee engagement  
BC Public Service Agency  
Public Affairs Bureau

## Shared Services BC

- Accommodation and Real Estate Services
- Workplace Technology Services
- Alternative Service Delivery
- Procurement and Supply Services
- Corporate Accounting Services
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Solutions BC

## **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Knowledge Network Corporation

## **MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **General Responsibilities**

Community Charter

Local government

Vancouver Urban Development Agreement

University Endowment Lands

Property assessment

Sports and recreation

Film policy and classification

Arts and culture programs

### **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Board of Examiners

BC Assessment Authority

BC Games Society

BC Arts Council

Property Assessment Appeal Board

Islands Trust Fund Board

Provincial Capital Commission

Royal BC Museum Corporation

## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **General Responsibilities**

K-12 standards and accountability

K-12 funding

Independent schools

Community schools

Action Schools! BC programs

Early childhood development

Literacy

Libraries

Early Learning Agency

StrongStart BC Centres

### **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Education Advisory Council

BC College of Teachers

Learning Roundtable



## **MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

### **General Responsibilities**

Electricity and alternative energy policy  
Oil and gas policy  
Offshore oil and gas policy  
Energy efficiency  
Renewable energy development  
Innovative Clean Energy Fund

### **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

BC Hydro and Power Authority  
Columbia Power Corporation

## **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

### **Minister of State for Climate Action**

### **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**

(Minister Responsible for Small Business)

### **General Responsibilities**

Treasury Board  
Office of the Comptroller General  
Provincial treasury  
Economic and financial analysis  
Financial institutions regulation  
Fiscal planning and tax policy  
Tax collection including property, income and consumer  
Forestry, mines, oil and gas revenue  
Collection and loan management  
Homeowner Grants  
Capital Planning Secretariat  
Board Resourcing and Development Office  
BC Olympic Games Secretariat

International Financial Centre  
Smart regulation  
Small Business Roundtable  
Regulatory reform  
Economic and sector analysis  
Renaissance Capital fund  
BC Venture Capital program  
Investment Capital  
Planning and Partnership Development

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

BC Securities Commission  
Partnerships BC  
Insurance Council of BC  
Real Estate Council of BC  
Mineral Tax Review Board

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, MINES AND LANDS**

**Minister of State for Mining**

**General Responsibilities**

Forest stewardship policy  
Timber supply, inventory and tree improvement  
Pest and disease management policy  
Forest investment  
BC Timber Sales  
Tenures and pricing  
Resource roads and bridges policy  
Crown land administration policy  
Mines and minerals policy  
Geological Survey Service

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Forest Practices Board  
Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.  
Timber Export Advisory Committee

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**General Responsibilities**

Leadership and support for the health service delivery system  
Health promotion and protection  
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  
ActNow BC  
HealthLinkBC  
BC Bedline  
PharmaCare  
Vital Statistics  
BC Ambulance Service

### **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 LABOUR**

### **General Responsibilities**

Labour relations  
Employment standards  
Occupational health and safety  
Workers Compensation Act

### **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

BC Labour Relations Board  
Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal  
Employment Standards Tribunal

## **MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS**

### **General Responsibilities**

Crown land allocation and authorizations  
Forests and range authorizations  
Roads/bridges/engineering  
Independent power production  
Mines and minerals permitting and inspections  
Mineral and coal titles  
Aquaculture licensing and regulation  
Water use planning and authorizations  
Aboriginal consultation and coordination – 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  
Pests, disease, invasive plants and species  
Public backcountry and commercial recreation  
Recreation sites and trails  
Archaeology and Heritage Conservation Act permitting  
Resource management compliance  
Crown land restoration  
Forest investment operations  
Wildfire management

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Oil and Gas Commission  
Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board  
Mediation and Arbitration Board  
Assayers Certification Board of Examiners

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL**

(Minister Responsible for Housing)

**Minister of State for Building Code Renewal**

**General Responsibilities**

Police and correctional services  
Provincial emergency management  
Emergency social services  
Crime prevention programs  
Criminal record check and protection order registry  
Victim assistance  
Consumer services  
Superintendent of Motor Vehicles  
Office of the Fire Commissioner  
Housing and homeless policy  
Transition houses  
Building policy  
Safety standards and inspections  
Landlord-tenant dispute resolution  
Liquor control and licensing  
Liquor Distribution Branch  
Gaming policy and enforcement  
Responsible Gambling Strategy  
Community gaming grants

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia  
Police boards  
Coroners Service of BC  
BC Housing Management Commission  
BC Lottery Corporation  
Building Code Appeal Board  
Homeowner Protection Office

Building Policy Advisory Committee  
Safety Standards Appeal Board  
Safety Authority of BC  
Provincial Rental Housing Corporation

## **MINISTRY OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

### **General Responsibilities**

Colleges  
Post-secondary financing (excluding universities)  
Post-secondary policy and accountability (excluding universities)  
Multiculturalism  
Immigration policy  
Labour market policy  
Provincial Nominee Program  
WorkBC  
BladeRunners  
Industry training  
Community adjustment  
Community Development Trust  
Community Business Loans Program  
Land use planning  
Regional economic and rural development  
Economic development policy  
Mountain pine beetle  
Columbia Basin Trust  
Rural BC Secretariat  
Crown Agencies Resourcing Office  
Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat

### **Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Industry Training Authority  
Colleges and institutes  
Private Career Training Institutions Agency  
BC College and Institute Boards  
British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfers  
Degree Quality Assessment Board  
BC Pension Corporation  
Multicultural Advisory Council  
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

## **MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND UNIVERSITIES**

### **General Responsibilities**

Universities  
University financing  
University policy and accountability  
Research, innovation and technology

Year of Science  
Student financial assistance

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

University Boards of Governors  
Leading Edge Endowment Fund Board  
BC Innovation Council  
Premier's Technology Council

**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**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 TOURISM, TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

(Minister Responsible for the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat)

**General Responsibilities**

Tourism strategy  
Aboriginal tourism  
Heritage conservation  
Recreational fish and wildlife promotion  
B.C. brand designations  
International and internal trade policy  
Export market development  
Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement  
Asia Pacific Trade and Investment  
International Marketing Secretariat  
Trade initiatives  
Pacific Coast Collaborative

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

Pavilion Corporation of BC  
BC Wine Institute

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**General Responsibilities**

Transportation planning and policy  
Highway construction and maintenance  
Commercial vehicle safety and inspections  
Port and airport development

Infrastructure grants  
Major capital project management

**Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

BC Rail  
Passenger Transportation Board  
BC Transit  
BC Transportation Financing Authority  
Rapid Transit 2000 Project

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## DEPUTY MINISTER LIST

The following Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister equivalent appointments have been made:

### **Office of the Premier**

Allan Seckel, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary and Head of the BC Public Service

Lorne Brownsey, Deputy Minister, Corporate Initiatives

### **Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation**

Steve Munro, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Agriculture**

Wes Shoemaker, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Attorney General**

David Loukidelis, Deputy Attorney General

### **Ministry of Children and Family Development**

Lesley du Toit, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Citizens' Services**

Kim Henderson, Deputy Minister

Lynda Tarras, Head, BC Public Service Agency

Ron Norman, Head of Government Communications, Public Affairs Bureau

### **Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development**

Grant Main, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Education**

James Gorman, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Energy**

Robin Junger, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Environment**

Cairine MacDonald, Deputy Minister

Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland, Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office

### **Ministry of Finance**

Graham Whitmarsh, Deputy Minister

### **Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands**

Dana Hayden, Deputy Minister



**Ministry of Health Services**

John Dyble, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Labour**

Rob Lapper, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Natural Resource Operations**

Steve Carr, Deputy Minister and Chief Operating Officer

Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister and Chief Executive Officer

**Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General**

Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development**

Philip Steenkamp, Deputy Minister

Paul Straszak, President and CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council

**Ministry of Science and Universities**

Don Fast, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Social Development**

David Morhart, Deputy Minister

**Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Investment**

Martyn Brown, Deputy Minister

Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

**Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**

Peter Milburn, Deputy Minister

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