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## Minister Accountability Statement



The *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 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, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Honourable Selina Robinson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
August 30, 2017

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## Purpose of the Ministry

In fiscal 2017/18, the new government introduced the [Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#) thereby consolidating key government services and supports to help to make B.C. communities great places to live. This includes:

1. Taking leadership in supporting local governments, not-for-profit organizations and residents to build vibrant and healthy communities that are well governed, liveable, safe, economically resilient, and socially and environmentally responsible.
2. Providing British Columbians with access to more affordable, safe and appropriate housing through policy and programs, technical codes and standards, and services for landlords and tenants.

The Ministry oversees the following Crown corporations, agencies, boards and commissions, which are integral to achieving the Ministry's mission: the [BC Assessment Authority](#), the [BC Housing Management Commission](#), the [Board of Examiners](#), and the [Islands Trust Fund](#). The Ministry also oversees the [University Endowment Lands](#), administers the annual [Property Assessment Review Panel](#) process and supports the [Audit Council](#) for the [Auditor General for Local Government](#). The Ministry partners with the BC Safety Authority and the Building Officials Association of BC as delegated authorities to deliver services for British Columbians. The Ministry is also responsible for [TransLink](#) policy and governance.

The Ministry's stakeholders are the citizens of B.C., municipalities, First Nations, community groups, non-profit societies, service organizations, the private sector and environmental and industry associations. Key to the Ministry's success is its ability to maintain strong, collaborative relationships with stakeholders, partner agencies and other levels of government, including the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

The effective delivery of the Ministry's mandate relies on [key legislation](#), including: the *Assessment Act* and *Assessment Authority Act*, the *Auditor General for Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter*, *Vancouver Charter and Local Government Act*, the *Municipal Aid Act*, the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*, *part six of the Gaming Control Act*, the *Islands Trust Act*, the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act*, the *Strata Property Act*, the *Assistance to Shelter Act*, the *Special Accounts Appropriation and Control Act*, the *Manufactured Home Tax Act*, *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*, *The Residential Tenancy Act*, the *Building Act*, the *Building Officials' Association Act*, the *Homeowner Protection Act*, *Safety Authority Act* and the *Safety Standards Act*.

## Ministry Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing'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.

Beyond our work in supporting these commitments, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has been tasked in the [Mandate Letter](#) to achieve the following specific objectives and performance targets:

- Partner with local governments, the federal government, and the private and not-for-profit sectors, to work toward the building of 114,000 units of affordable market rental, non-profit, co-op, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing;
- Work in partnership to develop a homelessness action plan to reduce the homeless population through permanent housing and services. The plan will include actions to conduct a province-wide homelessness count;
- Support the development and implementation of a plan to create new student housing at universities and colleges;
- Amend the *Residential Tenancy Act* to provide stronger protections for renters, and provide additional resources to the Residential Tenancy Branch;
- Partner with local governments and First Nations to develop a community capital infrastructure fund to upgrade and build sports facilities, playgrounds, local community centres, and arts and culture spaces;
- With the Minister of Finance, deliver an annual renter's rebate of \$400 dollars per rental household to improve rental affordability;

- Work with the Minister of Finance to address speculation, tax fraud and money laundering in the housing market; and
- As the Minister responsible for TransLink, support the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation by funding 40 per cent of the capital costs of every phase of the plan, in partnership with all levels of government.

Our Ministry will continue to develop specific objectives and performance measures for inclusion in our 2018/19 – 2020/21 Service Plan, which will be released with Budget 2018.

## Resource Summary

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates <sup>1</sup>	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
<b>Operating Expenses (\$000)</b>				
<b>Local Government<sup>2</sup></b>	179,455	234,802	184,897	184,897
<b>Community and Legislative Services<sup>3</sup></b>	2,214	2,968	2,987	2,987
<b>Housing</b>	415,600	422,098	426,928	427,491
<b>Executive and Support Services</b>	6,684	6,769	6,856	6,856
<b>University Endowment Lands Administration Account</b>	8,442	10,442	10,442	10,442
<b>Housing Endowment Fund</b>	14,104	12,884	12,884	12,884
<b>Total</b>	<b>626,499</b>	<b>689,963</b>	<b>644,994</b>	<b>645,557</b>
<b>Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)</b>				
<b>Executive and Support Services</b>	1,074	452	795	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Capital Plan (\$000)</b>				
<b>Housing</b>	20,650	173,213	250,549	105,739
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,650</b>	<b>173,213</b>	<b>250,549</b>	<b>105,739</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Local Government includes University Endowment Lands (UEL)

<sup>3</sup> Community and Legislative Services includes Assessment Services, Assessment Policy and Support, and Community Gaming Grants.

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



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