

**Office of the
Premier**

**2022/23 – 2024/25
SERVICE PLAN**

February 2022



Minister's Accountability Statement



The *Office of the Premier 2022/23 – 2024/25 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 stroke at the end.

Honourable John Horgan
Premier
February 10, 2022

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Purpose of the Ministry

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 government. 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 of the Premier:

- 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 be a top employer that maintains and enhances public trust, builds capacity, increases our competitiveness, and manages for results.
- Provides support for the operations and decision-making processes of Cabinet and its committees; and
- Works directly with the federal, provincial and territorial governments, with governments in other countries and with all ministries and Crown agencies to ensure that relations with the federal, provincial, territorial and international governments advance British Columbia's interests.

Strategic Direction

In 2022/2023, the Government of British Columbia will continue its whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on protecting the health, social and economic well-being of British Columbians. Building on our economic, environmental, and social strengths while looking to seize opportunities to improve outcomes for all British Columbians will be an important aspect of each ministry's work as we respond to COVID-19 and recover from devastating floods and wildfires. The policies, programs and projects developed over the course of this service plan period will align with the five foundational principles established by Government in 2020: putting people first; working toward lasting and meaningful reconciliation; supporting equity and anti-racism; ensuring a better future through fighting climate change and meeting our greenhouse gas reduction targets; and supporting a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.

This 2022/2023 service plan outlines how the Office of the Premier will continue to track progress on key mandate letter commitments and other emerging government priorities.

Performance Planning

Goal 1: Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities

Objective 1.1: Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities

Provide a government -wide focus on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, responding to severe wildfire and weather events, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, providing better health care, delivering affordability and security, and investing in good jobs and livelihoods including a clean energy future.

Key Strategies

- Set out the key goals, commitments, and strategic priorities of government.
- Assign responsibility for the delivery of these goals, commitments and priorities to ministries, central agencies and crown corporations through mandate letters provided to Cabinet Ministers and/or government organizations.
- Lead the Deputy Ministers Council
- Supported by the Planning and Priorities Secretariat, determine the priority sequence for the implementation of government goals, commitments, and priorities, aligned with government’s fiscal and delivery capacity.
- Monitor progress on implementing government’s goals and priorities

Performance Measure(s)	2021/22 Forecast	2022/23 Target	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target
1.1 Number of members of Deputy Ministers Council that are meeting performance expectations	32	32	32	32

Data source: Deputy Minister’s Office

Linking Performance Measure to Objective

Within government’s accountability framework, there are strategies in place to align the work of all staff with government’s goals, commitments, and strategic priorities. The Office of the Premier is responsible for the performance expectations of Deputy Ministers. This performance measure is an indicator of whether the work of government is in alignment with the established goals, commitments, and strategic priorities.

Goal 2: Provide guidance and direction for the Government of British Columbia

Objective 2.1: Lead the Executive Council

Cabinet Operations supports the Deputy Minister to the Premier in setting out the framework for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making.

Key Strategies

- Assist and guide government ministries in the development of Cabinet Submissions, ensuring cross-government alignment with government commitments and priorities.
- Support the COVID pandemic response and economic recovery.
- Support the response to severe wildfire and weather events.
- Effectively provide the necessary and appropriate logistical support for the operations and decision-making process of Cabinet and its Committees.
- Ensure the complete, thorough, and accurate recording of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision -making.

Performance Measure(s)	2021/22 Forecast	2022/23 Target	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target
2.1 Cabinet received timely advice on all key public policy recommendations and plans.	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Cabinet Operations

Linking Performance Measure to Objective

Cabinet committees and ministries provide prompt and effective advice enabling timely and well-informed Cabinet decisions benefiting British Columbians.

Goal 3: Foster Intergovernmental Relations

The Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS) advances British Columbia's priorities through leadership in intergovernmental partnerships and international relations. IGRS is also responsible for the Francophone Affairs Program and manages ceremonial and protocol activities.

Objective 3.1: Create and cultivate a network of culturally respectful relationships with other governments, diverse partners and British Columbians to showcase and advance B.C.'s strategic interests.

Key Strategies

- Engage with federal government, provinces and territories to effectively manage impacts of the global pandemic and extreme weather events, and advance B.C.'s priorities, including federal transfers and support programs for people and businesses.
- Strengthen partnerships with federal government and other provinces and territories through bilateral and multilateral cooperation on shared priorities discussed at First Ministers' meetings, the Council of the Federation, Western Premiers' Conference, and other Premiers' meetings.
- Identify alignment and pursue opportunities to develop and strengthen bilateral relations with U.S. state governments and promote B.C.'s interests and objectives through the Pacific Coast Collaborative, Cascadia Innovation Corridor, British Columbia's participation in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and other opportunities as they arise.
- Advance British Columbia's priorities through strategic engagement with international partners, including Global Affairs Canada, the diplomatic community, and international organizations.
- Lead and coordinate government's diplomatic, protocol and ceremonial activities, and maintain relationships with consular corps.
- Support government initiatives and partnerships to increase the Province's capacity to provide information and services in French, and lead B.C.'s engagement with the Ministerial conference on the Canadian Francophonie.

Performance Measure(s)	2021/22 Forecast	2022/23 Target	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target
3.1 Progress on Key intergovernmental objectives	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

Linking Performance Measure to Objective

Cabinet is informed on a regular basis on upcoming intergovernmental meetings and initiatives, including comprehensive strategic advice on engagement with federal and other governments.

Financial Summary

Core Business Area	2021/22 Restated Estimates ¹	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	3,478	3,479	3,479	3,479
Cabinet Operations	2,097	2,099	2,099	2,099
Planning and Priorities Secretariat	1,605	1,610	1,610	1,610
Executive and Support Services	7,498	7,504	7,504	7,504
Premier's Office	4,810	4,810	4,810	4,810
Deputy Minister's Office	2,688	2,694	2,694	2,694
Total	14,678	14,692	14,692	14,692
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	1	3	3	3
Total	1	3	3	3

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2021/22 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2022/23 *Estimates*.

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