

**Office of the
Premier**

**2017/18
Annual Service Plan Report**



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Premier Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier *2017/18 Annual Service Plan Report* compares the Ministry's actual results to the expected results identified in the *2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* created in September, 2017. I am accountable for those results as reported.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Horgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Honourable John Horgan
Premier
June 21, 2018

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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://www.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.

Strategic Direction

In September 2017, the new government announced its priorities with three key commitments to British Columbians:

- To make life more affordable.
- To deliver the services people count on.
- To build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples 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.

Operating Environment

Since July 2018, Premier John Horgan and the Government of BC has focused on the key strategic directions outlined above. The Office of the Premier has ensured that Executive Council is addressing mandate expectations from each ministry, supported efforts to engage with and further develop the BC public service and established strong intergovernmental relations provincially, nationally and internationally. Additional information is available in this [Strategic Plan](#).

Report on Performance

The following table reports on the objectives and performance targets provided in the *2017/18 – 2019/20 Service Plan* along with the Ministry's achievements.

Objective	Actions Taken Up to March 31, 2018
Objective 1: Make life more affordable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed several significant multilateral and bilateral negotiations with the federal government, benefiting British Columbians in areas such as housing, infrastructure, labour market development, clean energy and mental health and addictions. Supported and advanced trade and cooperation agreements with other jurisdictions, which created stronger ties and enhanced economic development opportunities, making life more affordable for British Columbians.
Objective 2: Deliver the services people count on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged with federal government on a range of files important to British Columbians including wildfire emergency, softwood lumber, NAFTA, cannabis, the opioid crisis, gun violence and gang activity and Indigenous rights.
Objective 3: Build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explored measures to grow economy and create good-paying jobs using platforms such as Council of the Federation and First Ministers' Meetings. Supported federal government efforts to improve NAFTA and ensure market access is maintained. Employed advocacy efforts with U.S. national and state level decision makers, as well as U.S. industry, business and labour groups to defend B.C.'s interests including softwood lumber, uncoated groundwood paper, and steel and aluminum. For the first time since 1984, a Washington Governor addressed the B.C. Legislature. Strengthened partnership with Washington State, resolving to jointly act on climate change, grow the tech sector, create good jobs on both sides of the border and build strong transportation links to stimulate job creation and strengthen region's economic competitiveness. Worked to develop opportunities across the Cascadia Innovation Corridor to reduce barriers and improve connectivity, strengthen innovation and economic activity. Hosted meeting of the Pacific Coast Collaborative and Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER), bringing

	<p>together leaders to discuss coordinated actions on climate change, environment, the overdose crisis and strengthening trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported trade missions, including Premier's mission to Washington D.C. in July 2017 to fight for B.C. jobs in the softwood lumber dispute, and the largest-ever forest sector delegation to China and Japan in November 2017 which reinforced B.C. as a reliable trade partner for quality wood products from sustainable sources.• Premier's trade mission to China, South Korea, and Japan resulted in several achievements supporting economic growth and job creation in key sectors such as tourism, low carbon and clean technology, forestry, energy, mining, innovation and technology, agrifoods and agriculture, and arts and culture.
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As committed to in the *2017/18 – 2019/20 Service Plan* tabled in September 2017, the Ministry released fully developed objectives and performance measures in the Ministry's *2018/19 – 2020/21 Service Plan*, tabled in February 2018.

Financial Report

Financial Report Summary Table

	2017/18 Estimated	Other Authorizations ¹	Total Estimated	Actual	Variance Over/(Under)
Operating Expenses (\$000)					
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	2,818	0	2,818	2,676	(142)
Executive and Support Services	8,193	0	8,193	7,685	(508)
Sub Total - Operating Expenses	11,011	0	11,011	10,361	(650)
Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11,011	0	11,011	10,361	(650)
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)					
Executive and Support Services	1	0	1	0	(1)
Total	1	0	1	0	(1)
Capital Plan (\$000)					
By Core Business (and Purpose)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Transactions (\$000)					
By Core Business (and Purpose)	0	0	0	0	0
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Disbursements	0	0	0	0	0
Net Cash Source (Requirements)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements	0	0	0	0	0
Total Net Cash Source (Requirements)	0	0	0	0	0

† "Other Authorizations" include Supplementary Estimates, Statutory Appropriations and Contingencies. Amounts in this column are not related to the "estimated amount" under sections 5(1) and 6(1) of the Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act for ministerial accountability for operating expenses under the Act.

Appendix A: Ministry Contact Information and Hyperlinks

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