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Minister's Accountability Statement



The Ministry of Environment and Parks 2024/25 Annual Service Plan Report compares the Ministry's actual results to the expected results identified in the 2024/25 – 2026/27 Service Plan published in 2024. I am accountable for those results as reported.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Davidson".

Honourable Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks
August 13, 2025

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Letter from the Minister

I am pleased to present the Ministry of Environment and Parks 2024/25 Annual Service Plan Report. The ministry's work has continued to reflect our commitment to increase access to our provincial parks, streamline permitting for major projects, and protect B.C.'s natural environment.

Over the past year, the ministry continued its work to phase out single-use items, supporting efforts to move away from disposable plastics to reusable products. These efforts have helped to reduce waste in our communities, fostering a cleaner, healthier environment for all to enjoy. The ministry also provided over \$17 million in 2024/25 to support 42 projects through the CleanBC Plastics Action Fund, helping businesses, organizations and First Nations find new ways to repair, reuse and recycle plastics. This funding will support innovative recycling solutions, create jobs for people throughout the province, and help local economies thrive.

More people in B.C. will also be able to enjoy time outdoors thanks to continued investments in our beautiful provincial parks, protected areas, recreation sites and trail networks. This year, BC Parks delivered 126 new campsites, 4 kilometers of new trails, 33 kilometers of renewed trails and 42 new parking stalls. This represents a \$23.98 million investment in our province's world-class park system. An additional \$1.8 million was spent to deliver new accessibility projects in popular park areas, making sure more people can connect to the beauty and benefits of being in nature. B.C.'s provincial parks are natural treasures we all enjoy, and we are committed to continuing our work to upgrade and protect them.

The ministry continues to work hard to ensure thorough, timely, transparent and impartial environmental assessments. The environmental assessment process promotes sustainability in B.C. by protecting the environment, fostering a resilient economy, and supporting the well-being of British Columbians and their communities. This year, a key achievement was launching [EPIC.engage](#), a new online platform that makes it easier for people to share their feedback during public comment periods in environmental assessments. This platform aims to increase transparency and engagement throughout the environmental assessment process by giving people access to clear information and a simpler way to provide input.

These are just a few examples from the past year of how ministry staff are building a more prosperous, sustainable future for all people in British Columbia for generations to come. I am proud of the work that has been accomplished so far in my first mandate as Minister of Environment and Parks, and I look forward to continuing this work.



Honourable Tamara Davidson
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Purpose of the Annual Service Plan Report

This annual service plan report has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (BTAA), which sets out the legislative framework for planning, reporting and accountability for Government organizations. Under the BTAA, the Minister is required to report on the actual results of the Ministry's performance related to the forecasted targets stated in the service plan for the reported year.

Strategic Direction

The strategic direction set by Government in 2020 and [Minister George Heyman's 2022 Mandate Letter](#) shaped the goals, objectives, performance measures and financial plan outlined in the [Ministry of Environment and Parks 2024/25 – 2026/27 Service Plan](#) and the actual results reported on in this annual report.

Purpose of the Ministry

The [Ministry of Environment and Parks](#) ("ENV" or the "ministry") is responsible for the protection, management and conservation of British Columbia's (B.C.'s) water, land, air and living resources. ENV administers provincial parks and protected areas and recreation sites and trails; monitors and enforces compliance with environmental laws and regulations; manages discharges to the environment from human activities; and protects B.C.'s biodiversity, ecosystems, native species and natural habitats in parks and protected areas. The ministry also oversees provincial environmental assessment through the [Environmental Assessment Office](#). The ministry delivers services directly through staff based in regional offices across the province, as well as through partnerships and agreements with First Nations, local governments, the federal government, and stakeholder groups.

ENV delivers its mandate through several key pieces of environmental legislation or portions thereof including the *Environmental Management Act*, the *Integrated Pest Management Act*, the *Park Act*, the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the *Wildlife Act*, and the *Environmental Assessment Act*. A full list of provincial legislation can be found at [BC Laws](#).

Operating Environment

In 2024/25, the Ministry of Environment and Parks underwent a significant reorganization following the October 2024 election, resulting in a name change and the transfer of the Climate Action Secretariat to the newly formed Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (ECS). This allowed for a more focused approach to climate and energy policy across government. These structural changes reflect the Province's commitment to aligning ministry mandates with evolving environmental and economic priorities.

BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails BC continue to respond to the growing demand for outdoor recreation opportunities. In 2024/25, the ministry advanced efforts to repair and upgrade existing infrastructure and improve accessibility across the parks and recreation system. These investments support the health and well-being of British Columbians and enhance the resilience of recreational assets.

The ministry remains committed to working with Indigenous Peoples to advance reconciliation. This includes working in partnership with First Nations' governments and organizations to advance collaborative stewardship of provincial parks and protected areas, review and develop environmental protection measures, and plan and implement shared responses to environmental emergencies. These efforts reflect the ministry's core mandate to advance reconciliation, implement the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and work in partnership with First Nations rights holders to advance shared interests.

Report on Performance: Goals, Objectives, and Results

The following goals, objectives and performance measures have been restated from the 2024/25 – 2026/27 service plan. For forward-looking planning information, including current targets for 2025/26 – 2026/27, please see the [latest service plan](#).

Goal 1: Effective protection and conservation of the environment

The Ministry of Environment and Parks is responsible for the effective protection, management, and conservation of B.C.'s water, land, air, and living resources. The ministry engages and partners with First Nations in advancing this goal.

The ministry also seeks opportunities to continually improve the systems that govern natural resource decision-making and the sustainable stewardship of these resources.

Objective 1.1: Strong environmental regulation, compliance, and enforcement for a clean, safe, and resilient environment.

The ministry strives to protect the environment by managing risks to British Columbia's water, land, and air. It does this by setting robust regulatory requirements, verifying compliance, taking enforcement action where required, and evaluating environmental quality through air and water monitoring and assessment. It also promotes shared environmental stewardship and collaborative partnerships with First Nations.

Key results

- In July 2024, B.C. expanded its ban on single-use plastics to include plastic bags and oxo-degradable plastics, along with restrictions on disposable food accessories and packaging made from materials like polystyrene foam and biodegradable plastics. Phasing out single-use items supports efforts under the CleanBC Plastics Action Plan to move away from temporary and disposable plastics to durable and reusable products. The ministry also provided over \$17 million in 2024/25 to support 42 projects through the CleanBC Plastics Action Fund, helping local businesses, organizations, and First Nations find new ways to repair, reuse, and recycle plastics.
- In 2024, the ministry began updating the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan for the first time since 2014, working closely with Ktunaxa First Nations, government, and industry to and improve water quality from the impacts of mining.
- The ministry invested \$8 million in 2024 to support 17 coastal cleanup projects through the Clean Coast, Clean Waters initiative, working with small businesses, non-profits, and First Nations to remove marine debris, protect shorelines and create jobs.

- A new CleanBC Organics Funding Program was launched in 2024/25, investing \$2.62 million in composting facilities and residential organic waste collection to reduce landfill waste and support green jobs.
- In 2024/25, the ministry made 553 decisions under the *Environmental Management Act*, including 106 new authorizations for waste discharge, and updated legislation to improve hazardous waste collection and expand recycling.

Summary of progress made in 2024/25

In 2024/25, the ministry continued to advance its mission to protect the environment through stronger regulations, collaborative cleanup efforts, and sustainable waste management. Efforts to reduce solid waste across the province remained a priority, with initiatives focused on single-use plastics, plastic reuse and recycling, and organic waste processing.

The CleanBC Plastics Action Fund continued to support innovative projects aimed at reducing plastic waste. In 2024/25, the third phase of funding supported 42 new projects, providing over \$17 million across four key areas: processing and manufacturing of post-consumer recycled plastics, circular economy innovations, Indigenous-led plastic waste reduction, and regional plastics innovation outside the Lower Mainland.

In the 2024/25 fiscal year, four composting facilities became operational, and six organics collection programs were launched across B.C. with funding support from the Organics Infrastructure Program and the CleanBC Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program. One remaining project is expected to be operational by 2026. Among these were nine projects led by First Nations. Together, these initiatives are projected to divert over 1.19 million tonnes of organic waste from landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 1.42 million tonnes by 2030.

In December 2024, the ministry launched the new CleanBC Organics Funding Program to further increase organic waste diversion and cut emissions. For 2024/25, the program invested \$2.62 million in new or expanded composting facilities and residential organic waste collection programs.

The Conservation Officer Service (COS) continued its work to support enforcement and reconciliation. In 2024, COS hosted seven Guardian training sessions with 89 participants from about 20 First Nations and referred seven files to the Restorative Justice and First Nations Relations Program.

Working with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, the ministry supported enhanced compliance efforts in three First Nation's territories, funding expanded patrols and joint game checks with First Nation Guardians and ministry staff. COS also worked with several First Nations on Enforcement Memorandums of Understanding to give communities a stronger voice in enforcement decisions on the lands in their territories.

Conservation officers patrolled recreation and backcountry areas by land, water, and air to prevent illegal activities like unauthorized hunting, angling, dumping, ATV use, and fires. In

2024, the Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) hotline received over 40,000 calls -- more than 8,000 related to resource violations and over 32,000 about human-wildlife conflicts.

COS carried out more than 6,200 enforcement actions in 2024, resulting in over \$885,000 in fines. Of the 2,300 violation tickets issued, 1,015 were under the *Wildlife Act*. In June 2024, fines under the *Wildlife Act* were significantly increased to better protect wildlife and deter illegal fishing and hunting.

Objective 1.2: Support the sustainability of British Columbia's environment and provide high-quality user experience through sound management of the protected areas system, recreation sites and trail networks.

The B.C. protected areas system includes representative and special natural places that are set aside for world-class conservation, outdoor recreation, education, and scientific study. B.C.'s protected areas system consists of over 14 million hectares, or 14% of the provincial land base. Many of these areas are important for the conservation of the province's environment and biodiversity.

Key results

- In 2024/25, BC Parks delivered 126 new campsites, four kilometers of new trails, 33 kilometres of renewed trails and 42 new parking stalls. Two parks within the parks and protected areas system were renamed to traditional First Nation names to recognize significant cultural values within these parks. These projects were completed as part of year four of the five year, \$21.59M Recreation Expansion Project (approximately \$3.6M was spent in 2024/25).
- In 2024/25, BC Parks spent \$23.98M on maintaining and replacing existing capital facilities across the Province. Additionally, \$1.8M was spent in 2024/25 to deliver new accessibility projects in popular park areas.
- BC Parks added 143 hectares to three protected areas (Naikoon Park, Wells Gray Park, and Cinnemousun Narrows) to safeguard wildlife habitat, protect wetland and forest, and protect a historic site for future generations. In addition, Kilby Park was transferred to the Heritage Branch in the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport to continue their work (since 2003) of managing the important historic site.
- BC Parks added 60 new campsites located in three BC Parks to the reservation service in 2025.
- Regulations were developed that enable administrative penalties to be applied to violations of the *Park Act* and *Ecological Reserve Act* and associated regulations. This ensures penalties for offenders are appropriate based on the impact of the offence and deter similar offences from occurring.

Summary of progress made in 2024/25

In January 2025, BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails BC were brought together under a single program: the Parks and Recreation Program. This change was a key outcome of the Recreation Strategy and Service Transformation project, which brings together nine provincial ministries and agencies to create a shared vision and coordinated approach to outdoor recreation across B.C.

As part of this work, the Seasonal Maintenance Crew program expanded in 2024/25, hiring 16 crews who built two km of new trail, installed over 426 infrastructure elements, and maintained more than 198 km of existing trails. The ministry also invested \$1.5 million in critical rail trail maintenance, reopening 12 sites and completing major projects like a bridge replacement and landslide reconstruction. On average, crews maintained about 80% of the sites and trails in their districts.

BC Parks continued to implement its [Commitment to Inclusion](#) by designing new campgrounds and day-use areas to universal design standards and making as many campsites as possible accessible. In 2024/25, \$1.8 million was invested specifically in accessibility improvements, and 25 additional projects included accessibility upgrades as part of their base budgets. Staff also received inclusion training, and BC Parks worked with partners like the BC Parks Foundation to offer nature-based experiences for equity-deserving groups.

In 2025, 60 new campsites were added to the BC Parks reservation system. These included 30 powered sites at Fintry Park near Kelowna, 17 walk-in sites at Rolley Lake Park near Mission, and 13 new sites at China Beach Campground in Juan de Fuca Park near Victoria. Reservations also reopened for all seven campgrounds along the Berg Lake Trail for the first time since 2021. These campgrounds received over \$6.2 million in upgrades, including accessible showers, flush toilets, service centres, potable water taps, garbage and recycling containers, bike racks, bear-proof storage, and picnic tables.

BC Parks also advanced reconciliation efforts. In 2024/25, two parks were renamed in collaboration with First Nations. Enderby Cliffs Park became Tplaqin Park, reflecting the Splatshin First Nation's name for the area, and Maquinna Marine Park was renamed Nism'aakqin Park, meaning "our land that we care for" in the Ahousaht First Nation's language.

A Shared Compliance and Enforcement Pilot was developed with the Kitsoo/Xai'xais and Nuxalk Nations and will launch in 2025. This pilot will designate 11 Indigenous Guardians with the same legal authority as Park Rangers within their territories - the first initiative of its kind in Canada. An evaluation will be completed in 2025/26 to inform future decisions.

The Province also partnered with the Grizzly Bear Foundation in September 2024 to reduce bear conflicts and deaths caused by human activity. A third-party review committee is examining current practices and will provide recommendations by the end of 2025.

Performance measures and related discussion

Performance Measure	2021/2022 Baseline	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Target	2024/25 Forecast
1.1 Per capita municipal solid waste disposal (kg per person) ^{1,2,5}	506	481 ³	480	480 ⁴

Data source: Ministry of Environment and Parks, manually compiled.

¹ PM 1.1 targets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 were stated in the 2024/25 service plan as 470 and 460, respectively

² Kilogram (Kg) per person data is based on the calendar year, so 2022/23 target is based on calendar year 2022, 2023/24 target is based on calendar year 2023, etc.

³ In the 2023/2024 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Annual Service Plan Report, 480 kg was reported as a forecast, and has been updated to 481 kg from the actual data reported.

⁴ Figures for 2024/25 are estimated; actual result will be confirmed in November 2025 and published in the 2025/26 Ministry of Environment and Parks Annual Service Plan Report.

⁵ For forward-looking planning information, including current targets for 2025/26 – 2027/28, please see the latest service plan on the BC Budget website.

The per capita municipal solid waste disposal rate is an estimate of how many kilograms of solid waste one person sends to a landfill or other disposal site in a given calendar year. The data for this performance measure is made available from the regional districts one year after the annual publication of this Annual Service Plan Report (ASPR). Figures for the current ASPR year (in this case, calendar year 2024) are estimated; actual results will be confirmed in November of the following year (2025) and then published in the subsequent ASPR.

For calendar year 2023, the overall provincial disposal rate was 481 kg/person, an increase of two kg/person from the previous year (2022), and above the target disposal rate of 460 kg/person. In 2023, some regional districts reported decreased waste generation due to initiation of organics diversion and recycling programs in some of their municipalities. B.C. continues to focus on waste prevention and a circular economy to enable future progress towards lower disposal rates. New provincial initiatives are being introduced and implemented to decrease waste disposal rates including organics diversion infrastructure, the Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation, and approval of updated extended producer responsibility program plans.

The lack of change in waste disposal has been attributed partially to the continued improvement in organics diversion (that is bringing down the waste disposal rate) being offset by the continued economic growth and housing development in the province that is resulting in increased waste from construction and demolition activities.

Goal 2: A sustainable, clean economy

Responsibility for this goal has moved to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (ECS) and will be reported in that ministry's 2024/25 Annual Service Plan Report.

Goal 3: Thorough, timely, transparent and impartial environmental assessment

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) assesses major project proposals (e.g., mines, oil and gas pipelines, tourist destination resorts, etc.) for impacts on people and the environment. The assessments inform decision-making on whether proposed projects should be approved to proceed, and if so, what measures are necessary to reduce or eliminate potential adverse environmental, social, cultural, economic, and health effects.

Objective 3.1: Implement and evaluate the revitalized environmental assessment process.

The revitalized [Environmental Assessment Act](#) (the Act) came into force on December 15, 2019. The renewed environmental assessment process supports reconciliation by ensuring the rights of First Nations are respected and the public's expectation of a thorough, timely, transparent, and impartial process are met. As such, the process and outcomes achieved promote sustainability in B.C. by protecting the environment, meeting government climate targets, fostering a resilient economy, and supporting the well-being of British Columbians and their communities.

Key results

- The ministry launched [EPIC.engage](#), a new online platform that makes it easier for people to share their feedback during public comment periods in environmental assessments.
- The ministry received Cabinet approval for a new regulation that sets out clear steps for resolving disputes between the Environmental Assessment Office and First Nations, using a neutral third-party facilitator when needed.
- The ministry started the formal review of the *Environmental Assessment Act* by holding early engagement sessions with First Nations and other interested groups.

Summary of progress made in 2024/25

To support the continued implementation of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018), the ministry set several key priorities for the 2024/25 fiscal year. One major milestone was the approval and rollout of the Dispute Resolution Facilitators Regulation, which helps resolve disagreements between the Environmental Assessment Office and First Nations. This regulation supports collaboration and aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). It brings more clarity and consistency to the process, and in 2024/25, five dispute resolution processes were carried out under the new rules.

Public participation in environmental assessments also improved with the launch of [EPIC.engage](#), a new online platform designed to make it easier for people to provide feedback. The platform simplifies technical documents, offers clear guidance, protects privacy through anonymous commenting, and enhances the overall user experience. So far, 23 public

comment periods have been hosted on [EPIC.engage](https://epic.engage.ca), with over 800 surveys completed, each providing more than 50 data points to help inform project assessments. This launch is part of a broader digital transformation to improve access to environmental assessment information through the EAO Project Information Centre. each providing more than 50 data points to help inform project assessments. This launch is part of a broader digital transformation to improve access to environmental assessment information through the EAO Project Information Centre.

In 2024, the ministry also began a review of the *Environmental Assessment Act* by engaging with First Nations, Indigenous organizations, industry, government agencies, and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. This early engagement helped identify what is working well and where improvements are needed. Feedback from these sessions was summarized into 10 key focus areas, which were used to develop recommendations for the Minister of Environment and Parks on the scope and process for the upcoming legislative review.

Performance measure(s) and related discussion

Performance Measure	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Target	2024/25 Actual
3.1 <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> implementation ¹	1. Finalized regulations and/or policies that enhance functionality of the Act 2. Finalized framework to evaluate whether implementation of the Act is achieving the intended purposes	Begin an evaluation of whether the Act is achieving the intended purposes	Initiated an evaluation of whether the Act is achieving the intended purposes

Data source: Environmental Assessment Office, manually compiled.

¹ PM 3.1 targets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 were stated in the 2024/25 service plan as 1. Complete and publish the regional scale for the [Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment](#) 2. Complete and publish the Provincial Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction Plan and TBD, respectively

The formal initiation of the *Environmental Assessment Act* Review, as required under Section 76 of the Act, was completed through a preliminary engagement process to better understand what aspects of the Act are working well and where improvements are needed. Recommendations presented to the Minister along with direction in the Minister's mandate letter will inform the EAO's recommendation on the appropriate areas of focus and the process for the next phase of the review.

Financial Report

Financial Summary

	Estimated (\$000)	Other Authoriz- ations ¹ (\$000)	Total Estimated (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Variance (\$000)
Operating Expenses					
Environmental Protection	31,989	40,775	72,764	72,425	(339)
Conservation and Recreation Division	99,123	4,267	103,390	103,340	(50)
Climate Action	19,864	(19,064)	800	0	(800)
CleanBC Program for Industry and BC-Output Based Pricing System	5,661	(5,661)	0	0	0
Executive and Support Services	31,416	(2,520)	28,896	30,085	1,189
Park Enhancement Fund	12,989	3,797	16,786	16,786	0
Sustainable Enhancement Fund	26,135	0	26,135	26,135	0
Neucel (Env Management Act)	0	4,275	4,275	4,275	0
Sub-total	227,177	25,869	253,046	253,046	0
Environmental Assessment Office	17,074	1,272	18,346	18,346	0
Sub-total	17,074	1,272	18,346	18,346	0
Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual ²	0	0	0	(1,594)	(1,594)
Total	244,251	27,141	271,392	269,798	(1,594)
Ministry Capital Expenditures					
Executive and Support Services	44,686	2,627	47,313	47,313	0
Park Enhancement Fund	400	0	400	72	(328)
Total	45,086	2,627	47,713	47,385	(328)
Other Financing Transactions					
Climate Action Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offset (Purchase)					
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Disbursements	10,000	(10,000)	0	0	0
Net Cash Requirements (Source)	10,000	(10,000)	0	0	0

	Estimated (\$000)	Other Authoriz- ations ¹ (\$000)	Total Estimated (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Variance (\$000)
Park Enhancement Fund: BC Park Licence Plates					
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Disbursements	0	1,647	1,647	1,647	0
Net Cash Requirements (Source)	0	1,647	1,647	1,647	0
Summary					
Total Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements	10,000	(8,353)	1,647	1,647	0
Total Net Cash Requirements (Source)	10,000	(8,353)	1,647	1,647	0

¹ "Other Authorizations" include Supplementary Estimates, Statutory Appropriations, Contingencies and Government Reorganization.

² The Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual of \$1.594 million is a reversal of accruals in the previous year.

Appendix A: Progress on Mandate Letter Priorities

The following is a summary of progress made on priorities as stated in Minister Heyman's 2022 Mandate Letter.

2022 Mandate Letter Priority	Status as of March 31, 2025
Lead our government's implementation of the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, on time and on target, including legislating an additional target to reach net-zero province-wide by 2050 while continuing to take action to meet B.C.'s 2030, 2040 and 2050 legislated reduction targets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.
Support the Minister of Finance (FIN) to chart a path that aligns with the federal carbon price, including measures to support families, small businesses, and industry in B.C. to make the transition to a clean economy while ensuring no one gets left behind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.
Work with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI) to develop policies and regulations that meet B.C.'s 2030 sectoral and methane targets for the oil and gas sector while ensuring alignment with the federal cap on oil and gas emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.
Ensure new industries fit within the CleanBC Plan, and that they deliver on the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 commitment that requires new large industrial facilities to submit plans demonstrating how they align with B.C.'s legislated and sectoral targets and how they will achieve net zero emissions by 2050.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.
Complete the Plastics Action Plan and set a target date to phase out single-use plastics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress. Announced July 14, 2023, the first prohibitions under the Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation came into effect December 2023. Following a phased approach, further prohibitions are due to come into force July 2028 and July 2030.

2022 Mandate Letter Priority	Status as of March 31, 2025
<p>Deliver the first phase of B.C.'s new bonding policy toward ensuring owners of large industrial projects are bonded moving forward so that they – not British Columbians – pay the full costs of environmental cleanup if their projects are abandoned.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete. • With the passing of Bill 29 – Environmental Management Amendment Act, amended legislation to ensure responsible persons for high-risk industrial projects are responsible for completing decommissioning and closure plans, provide security, engage with Indigenous Peoples, and government has mechanisms to recover taxpayer funds spent on cleanup from accountable persons. • The Ministry is now focusing on policy development for new regulations which would bring Bill 29 amendments into force.
<p>Continue to implement the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy to help communities, businesses, key public services and infrastructure be prepared for and resilient to our changing climate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.
<p>Work with the Minister of Energy Mines and Climate Readiness (EMCR) to develop a provincial hazard risk vulnerability assessment that builds on B.C.'s Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment and integrates climate and disaster risk. This will support the development of a subsequent province-wide integrated disaster and climate risk reduction plan that assesses risk priorities, and systematically coordinates and implements cross-government interventions consistent with those priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This priority is now the responsibility of ECS.