



January 21, 2016

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Mr. Byron McCorkell  
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Dear Mr. McCorkell:

This Mandate Letter confirms your organization's mandate, provides Government's annual strategic direction and sets out key performance expectations for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, thank you for your leadership and the contributions made by the BC Games Society (the Society) over the past year and congratulations on the efforts in successfully delivering on the 2015/16 Mandate Letter and effectively managing the Team BC program which contributed to the overall success of the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George.

Last year, Government established a common set of principles for BC public sector organizations. The intent of the Taxpayer Accountability Principles (TAP) is to strengthen accountability and promote cost control. These principles provide a common frame of reference to inform decisions and ensure that the actions taken and services provided meet public policy objectives established by Government on behalf of the citizens of BC. All public sector organizations are expected to understand the responsibility they have to the citizens of BC and how it is complementary to the fiduciary duty to their organizations.

One of Government's core values is respect for the taxpayer's dollar. It is critical that public sector organizations operate as efficiently as possible, in order to ensure British Columbians are provided with effective services at the lowest cost possible. This requires constant focus on maintaining a cost-conscious and principled culture through the efficient delivery of services that stand the test of public scrutiny and help develop a prosperous economy in an environmentally sustainable manner. The foundation of this work is the Government's commitment to controlling spending and balancing the budget.

To achieve this, several actions as detailed in the 2014 TAP Transition Letter, are to continue to be implemented and refined, such as, ongoing orientation, the joint strategic engagement plan, and the evaluation plan. For detailed information about TAP directives, please refer to the following website: [http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/central-agencies/crown-agencies-resource-office/taxpayer\\_accountability\\_principles.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/central-agencies/crown-agencies-resource-office/taxpayer_accountability_principles.pdf).

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In addition, it is expected that your organization will continue to be diligent in ensuring familiarity with and adherence to statutory obligations and policies that have broad application across the public sector. Please refer to the following website for a summary of these accountabilities:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/central-agencies/crown-agencies-resource-office/public-sector-organization-accountabilities.pdf>.

Additionally, the BC Games Society is directed to meet a number of key performance expectations during the 2016/17 fiscal year.

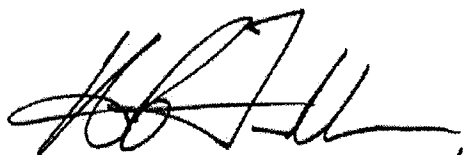
1. In support of the *BC Jobs Plan*, including tourism and economic development priorities, build community capacity to host major events by providing training and event management expertise and guidelines to Host Societies.
2. Support the Premier's commitment to recognizing and supporting Aboriginal youth sport excellence in collaboration with partners such as the Aboriginal Sports, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council.
3. Continue to be accountable and mitigate risks, in conjunction with the Host Organizing Committee, to provide safe, secure, and fiscally prudent accommodations, transportation and meals for Games participants.
4. Support the Province's *Accessibility 2024* action plan, continue to implement policies to ensure athletes with a disability are fully integrated in the Games and continue to work with Host Societies to implement Games accessibility improvements (transportation, venues, etc.) in the community.

Government is committed to continuing to enhance the relationship between Government and Public Sector Organizations. This strong focus on two-way communication supports and ensures a common understanding of Government's expectations. Timely communication of any issues that may affect the business of the BC Games Society and/or the interests of Government is critical to building trust and the effective delivery of public services, including information on any risks to achieving financial forecasts and performance targets.

Each board member is required to acknowledge the direction provided in the Mandate Letter by signing this letter. The Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your organization's website and a copy signed by all board members provided to the ministry and made available to the public upon request.

I look forward to our regular meetings focusing on strategic priorities, performance against the TAP, key results and working together to protect the public interest at all times.

Sincerely,

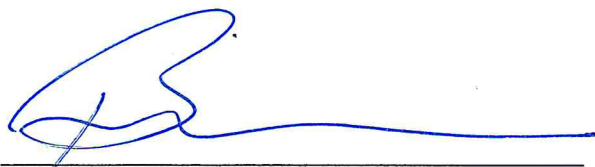


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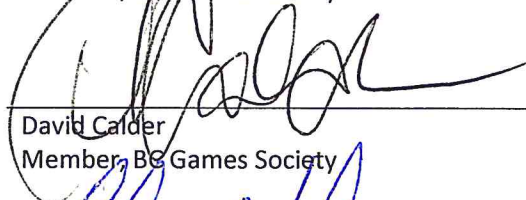
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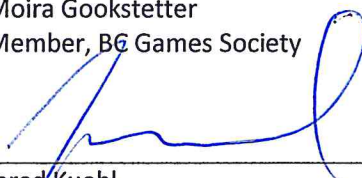
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