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Corporate Initiatives and Multiculturalism Division

**Chinese Historical Wrongs
Legacy Initiative**

Legislation Review

Draft Project Plan

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Note: *This project plan is provided for information purposes only. The Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council will review this draft and provide feedback to Government.*

1. Project Description

This project addresses the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation Final Report recommendation to undertake a review of discriminatory legislation identified in the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation process to determine whether it has been repealed, and to review existing safeguards in the legislative framework that prevent discriminatory content from appearing in British Columbia legislation.

This project will be directly led and managed by the Ministry of International Trade (MIT) with an estimated budget of \$25,000, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice (Justice). Legal research expertise for both aspects of the review will be conducted by Justice.

The Government will review over 160 pieces of discriminatory historical legislation identified as Provincial legislation in the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation process to confirm that each offending piece has been repealed.

At the time of enactment of identified discriminatory legislation, the Charter of Rights was not in existence nor was there in existence Federal or Provincial Human Rights legislation which would prevent similar legislation from being enacted today. The Government will identify the public sources of human rights legislation which prohibit the type of discrimination as identified in the historical wrongs legislation.

A report regarding the legislation review will be prepared by Spring 2015. The Advisory Council will serve in an advisory role with respect to both aspects of the review. The MIT Project Manager will work to ensure that the reviews will be conducted within the anticipated timeframe.

This project is the inspiration and result of the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation, where many participants expressed the view that discriminatory legislation was the root cause of the historical wrongs. This project will provide assurance that the identified discriminatory legislation that caused hardship for so many no longer has force and effect; and that existing human rights protections would prevent similar wrongs in the future.

2. Project Objectives

The following are the objectives for the project:

- To confirm that the previously identified discriminatory provincial legislation has been repealed.
- To identify public sources for human rights protections that prevent future provincial discriminatory legislation.

3. Project Scope

The scope of this project encompasses the following:

- The legislation review will be limited to the over 160 pieces of historical discriminatory Provincial legislation that were identified as part of the Consultation.

4. Project Plan

4.1 Project Process

This project will involve working in collaboration with Justice to ensure that there is a process for planning and collaboration with partners, including the Advisory Council. Justice will provide legal research expertise regarding both aspects of the review and assist in the preparation of the report for Government review.

4.2 Project Organization

The organizational structure for this project is as follows:

Project Sponsor: Deputy Minister, MIT

Project Advisors: Advisory Council

Project Team: MIT Project Manager, Justice

4.3 Project Components

The following are the key activities and deliverables for the project and the organization that is responsible.

Activity/Deliverable	Responsibility
Review of project plan	Advisory Council
Review of historic discriminatory legislation to confirm that it has been repealed	Justice
Identification of public sources of human rights protections	MIT in collaboration with Justice
Preparation of report on the legislation review	MIT in collaboration with Justice

5. Partner Involvement

A number of partners outside MIT will be engaged with this project. As the project progresses, additional partners may be identified.

Partner	Involvement
Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive project information and provide feedback Provide information to and receive feedback from the Chinese Canadian community
Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of legal research expertise in regards to legislation review
Various provincial Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive report on legislation review
Government Communications and Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in external communication Act as point of contact for any questions from the media or the public

6. Project Management

The MIT Project Manager is responsible for managing all aspects of the project including:

- maintaining the overall project plan and monitoring and recording progress;
- organizing and conducting project team status meetings;
- preparing project status reports for the Advisory Council and Project Sponsor;
- identifying issues and making recommendations to the Advisory Council and the Project Sponsor;
- providing quality assurance for all documents and deliverables.

The MIT Project Manager is responsible for project communications within the project teams and other project partners. This includes keeping the teams up-to-date with project plans and progress.