



July 30, 2015

Honourable Coralee Oakes
Minister of Small Business, Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor
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Dear Minister:

Congratulations on your new role. I am very excited about the opportunity you have to continue to execute on the priorities of our government as we serve the people of British Columbia.

As you know, we have made great strides in providing small business an environment in which they can succeed and grow. Low taxes, a low regulatory burden and a highly skilled labour force all contribute to ensuring the success of our BC small businesses.

Now, in an era of continued economic uncertainty, it is essential that we do all we can to make sure small businesses in our province continue to have every opportunity to create jobs and grow into the medium and large sized businesses of the future.

As you know, the annual mandate letter you receive is designed to be an ongoing workplan for your ministry that is updated on an annual basis.

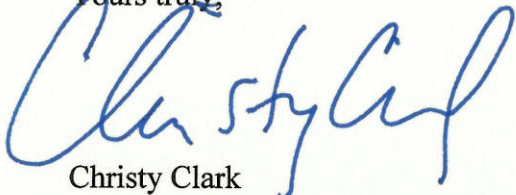
Your mandate for the following year is as follows:

1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.
2. Complete the implementation of the recommendations of the report by Parliamentary Secretary John Yap to ensure British Columbian consumers continue to benefit from these reforms through enhanced competition and increased retail choice.
3. Work with the UBCM on ways to streamline the liquor primary application process.

4. Provide an update to Cabinet on the impact of the liquor reforms by December 31, 2015.
5. Continue to implement the Small Business Awareness Strategy to ensure small businesses are aware of the tools and resources available to them in order to grow their business.
6. In advance of the possible introduction of a Franchises Act in the province, undertake a consultation with the franchise community to determine if it is required and, if so, what elements they would like to see in such legislation.
7. Work with the LNG-Buy BC program to ensure BC small businesses have an opportunity to participate in delivering goods and services to LNG projects.
8. Work with the provincial Small Business Roundtable to implement the recommendations they have made to grow small business and implement the Small Business Accord.
9. Work with the Minister of International Trade to review and make options to Cabinet on ways to expand the LNG-Buy BC online tool to other sectors of the provincial economy.
10. Work with the Minister of International Trade to explore ways to increase the ability of BC's small businesses to export their products to new markets.
11. Make recommendations to Cabinet on ways to highlight regulatory reform and red tape reduction in British Columbia.
12. Work with all ministries to identify opportunities to reduce or eliminate outdated regulation and reduce red tape for British Columbians. As part of this work, examine the current Regulator Impact Assessment and consider changes to ensure regulatory impacts are identified and mitigated as early as possible in the development process.

In addition, as discussed and approved by Cabinet, our government is committed to ensuring British Columbia government services are easily accessed by our citizens and businesses. You will be leading this initiative on my behalf, and over the following 12 months I am asking you to reach out to all ministries to assist in reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation.

Yours truly,



Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia