



July 30, 2015

Honourable Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I would like to thank you for the contributions made by you and your ministry over the past 12 months to make our province stronger.

I personally would like to thank you for the work you have done on improving transit and transportation options across British Columbia. Your work with the Mayors Council to provide voters with both a vision for Metro Vancouver transit and a method to pay for those improvements was well done.

Metro Vancouver voters appreciated the opportunity to make their voices heard on those issues, and the issues surrounding Translink itself. As a result, I have decided to place responsibility for Translink with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development—as the issues surrounding Translink following the outcome of the plebiscite are now inextricably linked with taxation issues facing local governments in Metro Vancouver.

Questions surrounding taxation and the significant funds that will be required to pay for the transit improvements outlined in the Mayors Council vision for transit and transportation are best dealt with by looking at the issues facing communities as a whole.

Therefore, I have adjusted your mandate letter.

Your mandate for the following year is as follows:

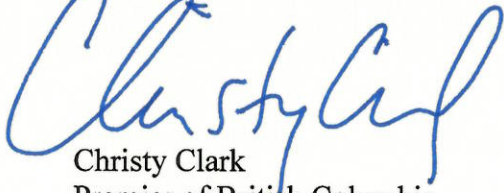
1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.

2. Implement the transportation priorities contained in BC On the Move, our 10-year provincial transportation plan.
3. With the Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness, work with the ministries of Education, Advanced Education, Health and Justice to ensure provincial infrastructure assets continue to be upgraded to protect British Columbians in the event of a major earthquake. Please provide an update to Cabinet on the earthquake readiness of these assets as well as those in your Ministry prior to March 31, 2016.
4. Work with the federal government to secure federal funding for provincial priorities as part of the Building Canada Infrastructure Fund.
5. Work with the BC Ferry Commissioner, BC Ferries and coastal communities to keep ferry rates affordable and the coastal ferry system sustainable as we enter Performance Term four with the BC Ferry Services contract.
6. Monitor and provide an update for Cabinet on the changes to port governance implemented earlier this year.
7. Work with the Ministry of Justice to review and make recommendations to Cabinet on the potential of imposing additional fines in addition to driver demerit points for distracted driving offences.
8. Continue to find efficiencies at the Insurance Corporation of BC and ensure ICBC remains on a solid financial footing, successfully implement its Transformation Program and develops a digital strategy to enhance customer service.
9. Continue four-laning the Trans-Canada Highway between Kamloops and the Alberta border and the Cariboo Connector as committed in Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow.
10. Continue consultations and planning for the replacement of the George Massey Tunnel ensuring construction begins in 2017 as committed in Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow.
11. Continue to work with residents of the Okanagan on a second crossing of Okanagan Lake.
12. Implement priorities as identified during last year's Vancouver Island Transportation Plan engagement.

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. Minister Coralee Oakes will be leading this initiative on my behalf and over the following 12 months she will be reaching out to all ministries to assist in reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation.

It is hard to believe but it has been two years since the people of British Columbia put their faith in us to lead their province. We have accomplished much in those two years, but much work remains to deliver the promise of a strong economy and secure tomorrow for our citizens. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christy Clark', written in a cursive style.

Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia