

**2017 BC Provincial Government
Ministry Mandate Letters from Premier Horgan**

Key Priorities Related to Climate & Energy

Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources:

- Create a roadmap for the future of B.C. energy that will drive innovation, expand energy-efficiency and conservation programs, generate new energy responsibly and sustainably, and create lasting good jobs across the province.
- Reinvigorate the Innovative Clean Energy fund to boost investments in ground breaking new energy technologies and climate change solutions.
- Require proposals for liquefied natural gas projects meeting 4 conditions including living up to climate commitments.

*Two other priorities pertain to BC Hydro – freezing rates and referring Site C dam to BCUC.

Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy:

- Renew the Climate Leadership Team within the first 100 days.
- Implement a comprehensive climate-action strategy that provides a pathway for B.C. to prosper economically while meeting carbon pollution reduction targets, including setting a new legislated 2030 reduction target and establishing separate sectoral reduction targets and plans.
- Work with the Minister of Finance to implement an increase of the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year, beginning April 1, 2018 to meet the federal government’s carbon-pricing mandate. Take measures to expand the carbon tax to fugitive emissions and to slash-pile burning.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing:

- Partner with local governments and First Nations to develop a community capital infrastructure fund to upgrade and build sports facilities, playgrounds, local community centres, and arts and culture spaces.*
- Through partnerships with local governments, the federal government, and the private and not for profit sectors, begin to build 114,000 units of affordable market rental, non-profit, co-op, supported social housing and owner-purchase housing.*
- As the Minister responsible for TransLink, support the Mayors’ Council 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transportation by funding 40% of the capital costs of every phase of the plan, in partnership with all levels of government.

*These actions could increase the number of energy efficient buildings.

Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure:

- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to secure federal funding for the Pattullo Bridge replacement and rapid transit in Metro Vancouver as part of implementing the mayor's 10-year plan for transit and transportation.

- Work with B.C. Transit, the federal government, and local governments to fund transit improvements across the province, including improving HandyDART service.
- Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to create a fair approach to ridesharing.
- Lead planning to address the infrastructure needs of rural and urban British Columbia under the government's comprehensive capital infrastructure plan to build a Better B.C.

Ministry of Jobs, Trades & Technology:

- Establish B.C. as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies by supporting venture capital investment in B.C. start ups, taking measures to increase the growth of domestic B.C. tech companies, and removing barriers to attracting and repatriating skilled workers.
- Ensure that the benefits of technology and innovation are felt around the province by working with rural and northern communities and equity-seeking groups to make strategic investments that support innovation and job growth.

*Both of these priorities could pertain to clean energy companies around the province.

Ministry of Finance:

- Develop funding partnerships with the federal government, First Nations, municipalities, pension funds, financial institutions and businesses to invest in new capital infrastructure across the province over the next five years.
- Increase the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year beginning April 1, 2018. Take measures to expand the tax to fugitive emissions and slash-pile burning, and dedicate additional revenue to rebate cheques for families and investments in climate change solutions.

Ministry of Attorney General:

- Conduct a comprehensive operating review of ICBC.

*If distance based insurance is adopted or information is collected on transportation emissions, this could be relevant.

Source: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/cabinet/cabinet-ministers>

Note: Ministries not listed above do not have priorities pertaining to climate and energy action.