

Deputy Ministers & Industry Infrastructure Forum

COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

Meeting Date: March 15, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Heather Wood (Forum Co-Chair)	Deputy Minister, Finance
Roger Yager (Forum Co-Chair)	Vice President, Knappett Projects Inc.
Terry Brown	President, STBR Consulting Ltd.
Clark Campbell	Chief Estimator/Sr. Project Manager, Smith Bros. & Wilson (BC) Ltd.
Tom Plumb	President and CEO, Kinetic Construction Ltd.
Gurjit Sangha	Vice-President, Water and Wastewater, Western Canada, WSP
Tim Stanley	Ex Officio Director, ACEC BC; and President, Stratice Consulting Inc.
Shannon Baskerville	Deputy Minister, Advanced Education, Skills & Training
Jonathan Dubé	Associate Deputy Minister, Health
Kaye Krishna	Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure
Tiffany Ma	Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Staff, Finance
Christina Zacharuk	Deputy Minister, Education

Special Advisors:

Caroline Andrewes	President, ACEC BC
Chris Atchison	President, BC Construction Association
Kim Barbero	CEO, Mechanical Contractors Association of BC
Linda Beardsell	Director, Infrastructure Projects Procurement, BC Hydro
Deborah Cahill	President, Electrical Contractors Association of BC
Amanda Farrell	CEO, Transportation Investment Corporation
Mark Liedemann	President and CEO, Infrastructure BC
Kelly Scott	President, BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association

Ministry of Finance Support:

Mark Costello	A/Executive Director, Capital, Treasury Board Staff
Shannon Griffin	Director, Capital Policy, Treasury Board Staff
Shannon Haszard	Analyst, Capital Policy, Treasury Board Staff
Rob Livingstone	Director, Capital, Treasury Board Staff
Matthew Jensen	Analyst, Treasury Board Staff

Regrets:

Shauna Brouwer	Deputy Minister, Citizens' Services
Angela Cooke	Associate Deputy Minister, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
Maura Gatensby	Practice Advisor, Architectural Institute of BC
Chris Gardner	President, Independent Contractors & Business Association off BC

Guests and Alternates:

Corrado Agnello	Director, Capital Projects, Real Property Division, Citizens' Services
Sunny Dhaliwal	Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Division, Citizens' Services
Teri Collins	Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of Housing and Construction Standards
Tara Richards	Deputy Minister, Emergency Management BC

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SUMMARY:

- Treasury Board Staff provided an overview of the capital and infrastructure aspects of the Province's *Budget 2022*. Taxpayer supported capital spending is at its highest level ever at \$27.4 billion over three years. *Budget 2022* included capital spending announcements related to disaster recovery and reducing the impact of extreme environmental events on transportation infrastructure. Also profiled was the Environmental, Social and Governance Framework for Capital that will guide the delivery of key government priorities through the development of provincial public sector projects.
- Short updates were provided by capital ministries including next steps for Advanced Education and Skills Training's Skilled Trades Certification program and the *Skilled Trades BC Act*.
- The BC Construction Association has been working with the Ministry of Attorney General to establish a working group to advance BC-specific prompt payment legislation. These efforts will be informed by the work being done in Ontario, the United States, and the United Kingdom with the potential to develop a formal arbitration system.
- The BC Construction Association also spoke to the work it is leading on the updates to the BC-specific version of the CCDC-2 2020 through the BC Documents Committee (BCDC) with the goal to create standard documents and guidelines for publicly funded projects. The BCCA expects the BCDC-2 and associated guidelines to be finished in spring 2022, with education sessions planned shortly thereafter. The intent is to host these documents on an independent website.
- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) explained the Province is still focused on short-term recovery following November's flooding events. Medium-term recovery plans include a focus on local government infrastructure and removing woody debris, particularly in those areas at risk of further damage due to spring freshet.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Infrastructure BC provided a joint presentation about the Highway Reinstatement Program. The collaborative procurement approach for projects \$50 million or greater related to Highways 1 and 5 was explained in detail. For Highway 8, consultations with affected First Nations are still occurring given the significant damage to their communities.
- Infrastructure BC provided an overview of the Alliance Contract Model being used for the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project including the joint management structure for project development and delivery, good faith approach, and shared risks and responsibilities. The three phases of the Alliance Competitive Selection Process were explained.
- The forum received an update about the Building Information Modelling Framework (BIM) project being led by the Ministry of Citizens' Services. Phase 1 is expected to be complete by the end of May and will result in a recommendation of whether to implement BIM on certain government projects.
- The Standard Consultant Agreements Sub-Committee provided an update on its work. Internal government consultations on the industry request to include limitations of liability in standard consultant agreements for architects and engineers are completed. The Ministry of Finance provided a written response in early March with the decision to continue to not include clauses for the limitation of liability. The AIBC and ACEC-BC sub-committee members will deliberate with their respective organizations to determine whether they can fully, or partially, endorse the General Conditions for the architects and engineers' standard agreements.
- Updates to the Proactive Release Guidelines were endorsed by the DMIIF and the Guidelines will undergo formal approval by the Ministry of Citizens' Services this spring before being posted to the Capital Asset Management Framework (CAMF) website.
- The reinstatement of the CAMF Steering Committee was also approved with initial focus on procurement related issues.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for June/July 2022.