

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STRATEGIC

PLAN

2017/18





On July 18, 2017, British Columbia welcomed a new government that is working for people.

Your new government is setting a new direction for our province. Together, we are working to build a better British Columbia.

This 2017/18 strategic plan is an update that highlights the priorities of a new government. Those priorities are aligned with the Budget 2017 Update and take measures to provide structure and purpose to government operations and decisions.

Government will present a new three-year strategic plan, in conjunction with Budget 2018/19. This plan will reflect the three key priorities of government:

- ▶ ***Making life more affordable***
- ▶ ***Delivering the services people count on***
- ▶ ***A strong, sustainable economy***

Making life more affordable

For many people life is becoming less and less affordable. Families are working harder than ever and still falling behind. Increasing costs and fees have left too many people struggling for too long.

People are counting on government to make their lives easier. That means relief from high costs and fees, and real action to make everyday living more affordable. Your government will help people get ahead by addressing the costs that are holding them back.

We will also address the barriers that stop people from becoming successful, by making post-secondary education and skills upgrading more accessible, making sure that hard work is fairly rewarded, making housing more affordable, and by bringing in a comprehensive poverty reduction plan that addresses the root causes of inequality.

Delivering the services people count on

People rely on government to deliver the services that they use every day.

Whether it is the roads we use to get from home to work and back again, the classrooms where our children learn, or the hospitals and emergency rooms that help us in our times of need, people rely on government to deliver quality, affordable public services and infrastructure.

As part of our commitment to deliver better services, our government will make sure that students have a quality public education, families are able to access health care faster, and seniors are supported while they live out their final years.

A strong sustainable economy

A strong economy is one that works for everybody. For too long only some British Columbians benefited from our economy, while others were left behind.

Together with communities we will tackle poverty and inequality, help create good-paying jobs in every corner of the province, and ensure that everyone benefits from our strong sustainable economy, resources and environment.

We will build up British Columbia from north to south and east to west, leaving no region behind.

We will build up our infrastructure to deliver the services people need, and create jobs in communities across the province. And we will address the challenges ahead, like climate change, in a way that helps ordinary people get ahead and meets our commitment to future generations.

The path ahead

These three priorities go to the heart of a government that is working for people. It is these three commitments which our government's first full strategic plan will address, and it is these three priorities which our government will use to measure our progress.

There is much work to be done, but with hard work and perseverance, government can and will deliver on solutions to the problems that people face. It starts with making commitments and acting on them.

