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STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25





Building a stronger B.C. – for all of us

Amid global instability, the B.C. government is building a stronger and more resilient province that works for all of us

The Strategic Plan Annual Report provides an overview of how the choices made in Budget 2024: Taking Action for People and Families are helping make life better for everyone who calls British Columbia home. The 2024 Budget and Fiscal Plan was tabled at a time when British Columbians were facing the impacts of inflation and high interest rates on their own budgets. The plan made strategic investments to tackle those challenges and others while laying a strong foundation for new ones that were unforeseen at the time.

British Columbia is fortunate to have everything it needs to succeed in a rapidly changing world and be the economic engine of a more independent Canada. B.C. has abundant clean energy and natural resources other countries need, including the critical minerals and metals that are the building blocks of new technology.

Our ports are easily accessible to countries with two-thirds of the world's population and help us send our products to markets that will help us reduce our reliance on the United States. And our hard-working, highly skilled people are ready to deliver on this incredible potential.

Budget 2024 took important steps to help families with everyday costs, deliver homes people can afford, improve access to health care and build a stronger economy. Over the course of the past year, those choices have made a real difference. The BC Family Benefit Bonus and the BC Electricity Affordability Credit put money back into thousands of families' pockets at a critical time. Rents are coming down, thousands of people are being attached to primary-care providers every month and major job-creating projects are being fast-tracked in partnership with First Nations.

Underpinning all of government's work is an unwavering commitment to reconciliation, with significant progress being made toward implementing B.C.'s Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. Our government is building partnerships to improve services, create economic opportunities and protect the land and water that sustain all of us. The legislature also passed the Anti-Racism Act in 2024, requiring government to create a plan to identify and address racism in public policies, programs and services to make B.C. a more equitable place for Indigenous and racialized people.

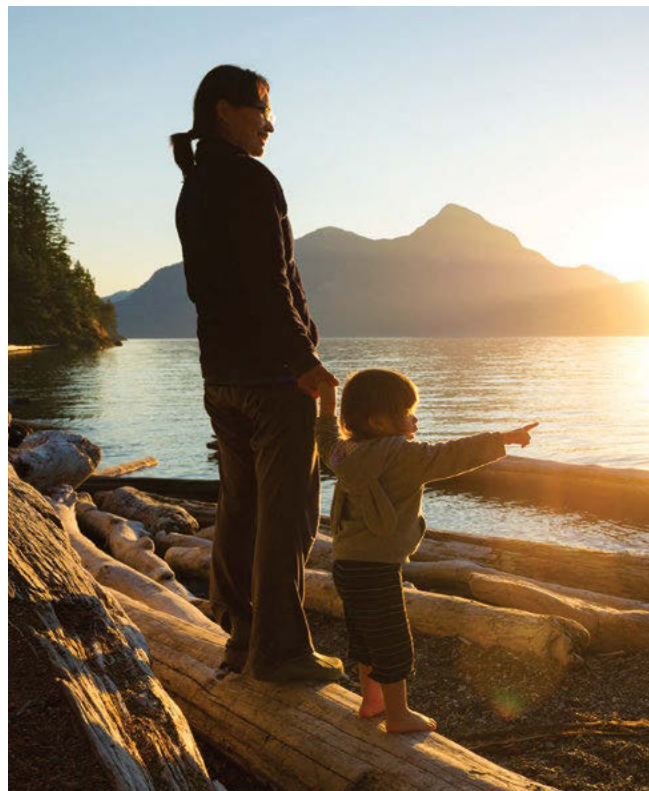
While much progress has been made, there is more work ahead. Our government will continue working with people of all backgrounds and perspectives to build a stronger and more prosperous British Columbia—where everyone can get ahead, everyone belongs and no one gets left behind.



Helping people with everyday costs

Taking action to help ease the pressures of high prices from global inflation and keep more money in people's pockets

- Provided families with low or middle incomes a year-long cost-of-living bonus on their BC Family Benefit. The bonus increased the annual benefit amounts and the income thresholds used to determine eligibility for the BC Family Benefit by 25%, giving a family of four as much as \$3,563.
- Increased Climate Action Tax Credit payments and the income threshold, helping more people qualify for the credit. A family of four that received \$893 in 2023-24 saw its payment increase to \$1,008 per year.
- Created the new BC Electricity Affordability Credit, saving people an average of \$100 per year and saving the average small business around \$400 per year.
- No increases to ICBC Basic insurance rates for the sixth year in a row and eligible drivers received a \$110 rebate, the fifth since February 2021.
- Delivered the first \$400 renter's tax credit.
- Provided recipients of the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program and the Rental Assistance Program with a one-time top up of \$430.
- Expanded eligibility for the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program, helping an estimated 4,800 additional seniors qualify, and increased the benefit for existing recipients by approximately \$110 per month.
- Capped the annual rent increase for 2025 at 3%, the rate of inflation.
- Created more than 1,800 \$10 a Day ChildCareBC spaces for a total of more than 15,200 since 2018-19.



- Eliminated child care waitlist fees.
- Replenished the Student and Family Affordability Fund to help schools provide support directly to families within their school communities.
- Distributed more than \$2 million to food banks and helped more than 100 non-profit organizations advance food infrastructure projects.
- Released B.C.'s updated 2024 Poverty Reduction Strategy, a 10-year plan that identifies eight critical action areas to help break the cycle of poverty.
- Set BC Hydro's annual average rate increase at 3.75% for 2025 and 2026, below cumulative inflation, keeping electricity costs near the lowest in North America.

Delivering more homes for people, faster

Taking strong action to speed up the delivery of new homes, increase the supply of middle-income housing, fight speculation and help those who need it the most

- Continued work on the Homes for People action plan, with more than 13,600 homes delivered or underway in 2024-25. Since 2017, more than 93,250 homes have been delivered or underway.
- Leveraged underused public land to deliver more lower-cost, middle-income rental homes through BC Builds, with more than 3,600 units underway and thousands more in the pipeline.
- Protected nearly 700 affordable rental homes through the Rental Protection Fund for a total of 1,550 protected since the fund was launched in 2023.
- Introduced a property transfer tax exemption to encourage developers to build more purpose-built rentals.
- Launched the Landlord Use Web Portal to better protect renters from bad-faith evictions and improve the process for landlords to legitimately reclaim their units.
- Opened or announced 160 transition and second-stage housing units to help women and children leave violence. In partnership with the federal government, provided rent support for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Announced the Attainable Housing Initiative in partnership with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to help first-time homebuyers purchase homes at an initial 40% below market value at the Heather Lands in Vancouver.
- Increased the purchase-price threshold for the First Time Home Buyers' program to help more first-time homebuyers break into the market.
- Encouraged the construction of new homes and helped families take the next step in homeownership by increasing the purchase-price threshold for the newly built home exemption, which reduces or eliminates the property transfer tax.
- Cracked down on speculation by bringing in the BC Home Flipping Tax, which taxes the profit on homes sold within two years, with some exceptions.
- Helped people build small-scale, multi-unit housing faster and at a lower cost by providing free standardized designs.
- Implemented new rules for short-term rentals and launched a registry to ensure hosts are following the rules.
- Took action to prevent and reduce homelessness by opening or announcing approximately 700 new supportive homes and more than 550 temporary housing units.
- Established housing targets for the second and third set of priority communities, which will deliver more than 72,000 homes.

Improving access to health care

Making it faster and easier for people to get the high-quality health care they need closer to home

- Matched about 229,000 people to family doctors through the Health Connect Registry.
- Established nurse-to-patient ratios in most hospital settings with the BC Nurses' Union, while also expanding educational opportunities and supports for nurses.
- Expanded access to cancer-care services in the second year of B.C.'s 10-year Cancer Action Plan to better prevent, detect and treat cancer, and:
 - » Approved a business plan for a new cancer-care centre at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.
 - » Moved forward in requesting proposals for design and construction of a new cancer-care centre at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.
 - » Expanded gynecological oncology services with a new program in Kelowna in addition to the existing programs in Victoria and Vancouver.
- Contributed up to \$2.8 million through B.C.'s Integrated Marketplace, delivered by Innovate BC, to continue testing digital tools and support faster diagnostics.
- Reached a resolution in a long-standing legal battle with tobacco companies, which led to B.C. receiving roughly \$3.7 billion over approximately 18 years.
- Retaining and recruiting health and clinical support staff as part of B.C.'s Health Human Resources Strategy and the Allied Health Strategic Plan.
 - » Expanding the Provincial Rural Retention incentive and providing signing bonuses for those who fill high-needs vacancies.

- Supported the first part-time, online pathway to psychiatric nursing for licensed practical nurses at Douglas College through B.C.'s Health Human Resources Strategy.
- Modernized the health-profession regulatory framework by reducing the number of health-care regulatory colleges in the province from 15 to six.
- Offered free influenza and COVID-19 vaccine to everyone six months and older for the fall 2024 immunization program and provided a free additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine to higher-risk population groups as part of the spring 2024 immunization program.

Building a comprehensive system of mental-health and addictions care focused on treatment and recovery

- Appointed Dr. Daniel Vigo as B.C.'s chief scientific advisor for psychiatry, toxic drugs and concurrent disorders.
 - » Dr. Vigo issued a guidance document to the clinical community to clarify how to provide care for adults when they are unable to seek it themselves.
- Opened 28 involuntary care beds, including 10 at the Surrey Pretrial Services Centre and 18 at Alouette Homes in Maple Ridge.
- Opened 24 substance-use treatment beds for women in Vancouver, Nanaimo, Kelowna and two for men in Prince Rupert, as well as 20 new substance-use treatment beds for women in Colwood, outside Victoria.
- Opened 25 treatment and recovery beds at the Northern BC Therapeutic Community in Prince George.
- Opened complex-care housing for more than 500 people across the province.

- Opened 17 Foundry centres for youth, with 18 more in development, for a total of 35 provincewide once complete.
- Expanded crisis supports such as the Crisis Response, Community Led service to Prince George and the Comox Valley, as well as the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response teams, to keep communities safe.

Building and replacing facilities people need now and in the future

- Opened a six-storey, acute care tower at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver with eight operating rooms and 108 beds in private patient rooms.
- Provided \$33.7 million in capital funding for interim space and made up to \$27 million in operational funding available for the new Simon Fraser University medical school in Surrey.
- Opened a new community health centre on Bowen Island.
- Opened a new Campbell River Primary Care Access Clinic on the grounds of North Island Hospital.
- Opened or announced new urgent and primary care centres in Chilliwack, Duncan, Nanaimo, the Comox Valley, Williams Lake, Vernon, Kamloops, Mission, and in Langley at a temporary location.
- Advanced plans toward redeveloping Burnaby Hospital.
- Continued work on a new BC Children's Hospital centre for health complexity.
- Opened a new hospital and health centre in Fort St. James and a new Ksyen Regional Hospital in Terrace.
- Expanded the emergency department at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island.
- Moved ahead on a two-floor expansion for oncology and renal services at East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook.

- Opened the Victoria Native Friendship Centre Health Centre, a culturally safe primary-care centre for patients who identify as Indigenous.
- Opened British Columbia's first dedicated francophone community health centre.
- Announced new or expanded long-term care homes throughout the province, including in Comox, Richmond, Chilliwack, Quesnel, Smithers, Surrey, Kamloops, Squamish, Penticton and two in Kelowna.
- Moved forward on the acute-care tower as part of the Richmond Hospital redevelopment.
- Upgraded the post-anesthetic recovery unit, the pediatric unit and the ambulance bays at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

Expanding services to serve a growing population

- Created an after-hours primary-care unit at the Peninsula Health Unit in Saanich.
- Provided funding to expand an adult day program for South Asian seniors to 300 from 138 spaces per week.
- Launched a Hospital at Home program through four Vancouver hospitals to provide patients acute-level care at home and expanded the same program at Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan.
- Launched a new computed tomography (CT) scanner at Mission Memorial Hospital.
- Supplied a new hybrid Gamma SPECT-CT camera at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.
- Added a new MRI suite at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail.
- Introduced a virtual Long-Term Care at Home (LTC@home) program, so more seniors can age at home safely and independently.
- Expanded the Travel Assistance Program by adding seven privately managed ferry routes.
- Improved services at Surrey Memorial Hospital by increasing capacity and hiring more health-care workers.
- Provided funding to support a new practical nursing to bachelor of science in nursing pathway at Camosun College, the first program of its kind on southern Vancouver Island.
- Opened a new training space for physical therapists, occupational therapists and midwives at a University of British Columbia facility next to Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Building the economic engine of Canada

Fast-tracking job-creating projects, finding new trading partners and protecting services in the face of unfair tariffs

- Accelerating approvals and permits on major projects valued at \$20 billion, creating 8,000 jobs, mostly in rural and remote communities.
- Launched the Economic Forecast Council to advise on U.S. tariffs and a changing global economy.
- Introduced tariff countermeasures, including the removal of American products from BC Liquor store shelves and changes in government procurement processes.
- Continued promotion of food and beverage sales through the Buy BC program.

Leveraging our natural strengths to create jobs and opportunities for everyone

- Selected 10 clean-energy projects through BC Hydro's 2024 call for power to encourage economic growth. Eight projects have 51% equity ownership by First Nations.
- Continued investment by BC Hydro in a 10-year, \$36-billion Power Pathway capital plan to build out B.C.'s electricity system. New projects are expected to support 10,500 to 12,500 jobs every year.
- Continued advancing the production, distribution and use of clean hydrogen, while creating new economic opportunities through B.C.'s Hydrogen Strategy.
- Continued implementing the Critical Minerals Strategy, which includes \$24 million to support collaboration among First Nations, industry, local governments and the public for mine permitting.



- Supported economic growth and development with \$250 million over five years for the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance to assist in planning and construction of roads, water, sewer and other municipal infrastructure.
- Committed \$146 million toward 132 projects through the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund, unlocking more than \$1 billion in private-sector and other public investment, and creating and protecting more than 4,700 jobs throughout B.C.
- Committing \$97.3 million through the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund to forest sector transition and diversification across 73 projects to support more than 3,500 jobs.
- Investing \$43 million as part of the third intake of the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program, creating approximately 2,000 jobs and unlocking approximately \$80 million in other private-sector and public investments to strengthen local economies.
- Enhancing the AgriStability program by raising the compensation rate to 90% and doubling the compensation cap.
- Provided a one-time \$10-million fund to assist tree-fruit farmers after challenging seasons.



Connecting people to education, training, jobs

- Provided as much as \$3,500 in StrongerBC future skills grants for short-term skills training at public post-secondary institutions as part of the StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan.
 - » Supported the creation of more than 1,100 tech-relevant spaces in Year 2 of the StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan.
- Provided \$19.6 million for a new family-housing complex on the Merritt campus of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, B.C.'s only public Indigenous post-secondary institution.
- Approved funding for new student residences at Camosun College and the University of British Columbia; started construction on new student residences at Okanagan College, Vancouver Island University and Simon Fraser University; and opened new student residences at Selkirk College and Okanagan College.
- Started construction on the Centre for Clean Energy and Automotive Innovation project at Vancouver Community College.
- Launched TradeUpBC, a one-stop online hub offering access to training opportunities at public post-secondary institutions in the province.
- Reduced red tape and removed barriers in 29 professions to have a more streamlined and transparent process for international credential recognition.
- Invested \$3.9 million in the ongoing Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Pathways program.
- Began construction on a \$55.8-million Centre for Food, Wine and Tourism at Okanagan College's Kelowna campus to provide education in hospitality, culinary arts, and food and beverage production.

- Introduced new protections for international students by setting higher standards and more rigorous requirements for institutions.
- Funded a 12-week micro-credential program at North Island College to help people living in rural and Indigenous communities foster economic growth.

Supporting workers and their families

- Increased minimum wage to \$17.40 an hour, the highest of all the provinces in Canada with future increases tied to the rate of inflation.
- Provided basic protections and minimum-wage measures for app-based ride-hailing and delivery workers.
- Provided easier access to workers' compensation for psychological injuries caused by work-related trauma for 11 occupations, joining first responders and others already covered.
- Provided nearly \$4 million for Community-based Employment Services, which offers personalized pre-employment supports for people with complex needs related to substance use, mental-health conditions and homelessness.
- Required flush toilets at construction sites with 25 or more workers.
- Created an online reporting tool for employers to prepare for reports under the Pay Transparency Act. As of Nov. 1, 2024, B.C. employers with more than 1,000 employees must prepare and post reports about gender pay gaps. By Nov. 1, 2025, B.C. employers with 300 employees or more must report on their gender pay gaps.

Strengthening the economy for First Nations communities

- Supporting a new First Nations Equity Financing Framework to assist First Nations in pursuing self-determined participation in projects across a broad range of sectors.
- Providing \$24 million over four years in road-maintenance funding for five forest service roads relied on by 11 First Nations communities.
- Continued making investments to boost internet connectivity in rural and remote communities, as well as First Nations reserves and Modern Treaty Nations lands.

Keeping people and goods moving

- Continued work upgrading, replacing and building new roads, including widening Highway 1 through the Fraser Valley, and from Kamloops to the Alberta border.
- Furthered work on major infrastructure projects, such as the Pattullo Bridge replacement and the Fraser River tunnel project.
- Expanding infrastructure by providing BC Transit \$298 million to support increased service and ensure efficiency.
- Continued work to improve public transit, including the Broadway Subway Project and the Surrey-to-Langley SkyTrain extension.
- Completed the first phase of work on the Belleville Terminal Redevelopment Project, which will make travel between Victoria and Washington State more convenient. A second phase, including demolition of terminal facilities and construction of a new terminal has begun.

Meeting climate-change and clean-energy goals

Making it easier and more affordable for people to make climate-ready choices

- Announced the completion of B.C.'s "Electric Highway," a network of public electric-vehicle fast-charging stations along all highways and major roadways.
- Provided as much as \$16,000 in rebates for heat-pump upgrades through the CleanBC Better Homes Energy Savings Program.
- Announced that for the first time, BC Hydro will provide rebates for the installation of rooftop solar- and battery-storage systems.
- Announced a joint investment of more than \$89 million from the federal and provincial governments, and local partners, to help communities benefit from more energy-efficient buildings, clean energy and better access to clean transportation.
- Implemented regulations on single-use plastics: plastic shopping bags are no longer offered at stores and oxo-degradable plastic packaging and single-use products are no longer sold in the province.
- Launched EPIC.engage, a new Environmental Assessment Office tool to engage the public during environmental assessments for proposed projects.
- Provided the Youth Climate Corps B.C. with \$3 million to expand its program and help young people train for careers that will help communities reduce emissions and adapt to the changing climate.
- Launched the CleanBC Multi-Unit Residential Building Retrofit Program, a joint initiative with BC Hydro to provide rebates and energy coaching to building owners, strata councils and equity co-op boards.

Growing the success of our clean and renewable energy sectors

- Announced the First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund, providing 12 First Nations throughout B.C. with \$1.49 million in capacity and equity funding to develop clean-energy projects.
- Invested \$7.7 million to support seven remote First Nations in B.C. in launching clean-energy projects.
- Jointly invested \$195 million with Energy and Natural Resources Canada in Tahlitan territory, enhancing road safety and reliability to improve access to more services for First Nations and local communities and for critical minerals development.
- Invested \$9.8 million in federal and provincial funding to 35 First Nations throughout B.C. to develop clean-energy projects through the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative.
- Amended regulations to prioritize the inclusion of Canadian biofuels in B.C.'s transportation fuels.
- Supported a first-of-its-kind project to accelerate the build-out of hydrogen production and a provincewide refuelling network.
- Announced strengthened regulations to reduce methane emissions for the oil and gas sector to help make B.C.'s economy cleaner and protect people and communities from the adverse effects of climate change.
- Contributed \$2 million through the Innovative Clean Energy fund to establish a battery-innovation centre at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus.

Keeping people and communities safe, while building a more climate resilient B.C.

- Provided the City of Merritt with \$60 million to relocate and rebuild two critical dikes on both banks of the Coldwater River damaged during the flooding of November 2021.
- Announced funding for new training and equipment to strengthen local firefighting capabilities in rural and remote communities that depend on volunteer or partial volunteer fire departments.
- Funded First Nations communities and local governments throughout B.C. to strengthen cultural safety in local emergency-management practices.
- Invested more than \$92 million from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for disaster-risk reduction, climate adaptation projects and emergency-preparedness initiatives, such as new supplies for local emergency operations centres.
- Provided nearly \$6 million annually since fiscal year 2022-23 to the B.C. Search and Rescue Association so that ground search-and-rescue (GSAR) groups can continue to have the training, equipment and resources they need to help keep people safe, in addition to reimbursing operational search-and-rescue costs, which were more than \$4 million in 2024-25.
- Introduced the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding program, a new provincial funding program to support First Nations and local government projects that strengthen defences against natural and climate-driven hazards.
- Announced more than \$8.6 million in investments for projects to better mitigate the adverse effects of climate-related disasters.
- Announced a new, first-of-its-kind dedicated wildfire training and education centre at Thompson Rivers University that will offer comprehensive wildfire training and education programs starting in September 2025.

Advancing reconciliation

Partnering with Indigenous Peoples on treaties, agreements, legislation and other constructive arrangements

- Continued work implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Declaration Act) in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous Peoples.
- Released the fifth Declaration Act Annual Report, detailing work underway on 60 of 89 Declaration Act Action Plan actions, as well as actions to align provincial laws with the UN Declaration.

Continuing work with First Nations to develop new reconciliation agreements and successfully implement existing agreements

- Signed an Incremental Treaty Agreement with Lyackson First Nation and Cowichan Tribes to enable the return of culturally significant land in the Cowichan River valley to the communities.
- Initialled the draft Kitselas Treaty with Kitselas First Nation and Canada.
- Initialled the draft Kitsumkalum Treaty with Kitsumkalum First Nation and Canada.
- Initialled the draft K'ómoks Treaty with the K'ómoks First Nation and Canada.
- Signed a five-year renewal of the Gwets'en Nilt'i Pathway Agreement with T̓silhqot'in Nation and Canada.
- Renewed the 2018 Foundation Agreement with shíshálh Nation.

- Following a Reconciliation Implementation Framework Agreement and Land Transfer Agreement signed in 2020 with Snuneymuxw First Nation:
 - » Completed the transfer of approximately 250 hectares of forested land on Te'tuxwtun (Mount Benson) to Snuneymuxw First Nation.
 - » Announced the purchase and return of a key historic village site in downtown Nanaimo known as Sxwayxum to Snuneymuxw First Nation.
- Signed a reconciliation agreement with Semá:th First Nation and returned sacred land to the community.
- Signed a joint statement with the Tsartlip and Tseycum First Nations to formally recognize that the W̱SÁNEĆ Nation — which includes, but is not limited to, the Tsartlip and Tseycum First Nations — is the beneficiary of and successor to the North Saanich and South Saanich Treaties of 1852.
- Signed a memorandum of understanding with Williams Lake First Nation and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to guide future investigative work at the former St. Joseph's Mission Residential School site.

Continuing work to align provincial laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Passed the Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act—the first law of its kind in Canada—enshrining the B.C. government’s recognition of Haida Aboriginal title into law.
- Passed amendments to the Property Law Act and Land Title Act to remove the discriminatory and racist legal barrier requiring First Nations recognized as legal entities under federal law (e.g., Indian Act bands) to use proxies, such as development corporations or societies, to purchase, hold and register land.
- Amended several pieces of legislation to align with the Declaration Act, including the Employment and Assistance Act, the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, the Adoption Act and the Child, Family and Community Service Act.
- Recognized the integral role First Nations-mandated post-secondary institutes play in supporting First Nations learners and provided these centres with ongoing funding through new legislation.
- Announced the intent to develop the First Nations Equity Financing Program, which will facilitate First Nations equity investment by providing loan guarantees for projects where there is a shared interest.

Building safer, healthier communities

Keeping schools as safe and supportive places for all students and staff

- Announced \$1.6 billion for new and improved schools, additions and site purchases for future schools throughout B.C.
- Provided more than \$16 million toward seismic upgrades and Canada's first-ever tsunami evacuation tower at Daaxiigan Sk'adāa Née Secondary school in Masset.
- Provided funding for 26 more playgrounds in 26 school districts throughout B.C., each receiving \$195,000.
- Moved forward with new guidelines and a social media campaign to reduce the risks and harms of toxic-drug poisonings.
- Passed legislation to prevent disruptive behaviour, including aggressive protests, on school grounds to keep students and staff safe at school.
- Funded the creation of more than 1,000 child care spaces on school grounds, for a total of more than 14,700 since 2018-19.
- Restricted cellphones and other digital devices in B.C. schools as part of a series of actions to keep kids safe and healthy.
- Announced a first-ever francophone Child Care Resource and Referral Centre that will provide resources and supports in French.
- Announced more support for early literacy screening and interventions for students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Supporting families, kids and young adults

- As part of Safe and Supported: B.C.'s Gender-Based Violence Action Plan, and through the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, funded new culturally appropriate supports for women and children facing domestic violence to help get them out of harm's way and rebuild their lives.
- Provided support to the Ending Violence Association of BC to make counselling more accessible to equity-deserving groups, including survivors who are racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, seniors, people with a disability, and people in underserved rural and remote communities. Support was also provided to help address waitlists and build capacity for community-based service providers.
- Expanded eligibility criteria so that more than 9,000 current and former youth in care have access to financial, housing, educational, medical and cultural supports.
- Committed approximately \$29 million for improved transit services in 36 systems around the province.
- Announced \$85 million in funding toward 11 active transportation projects across communities in B.C., improving the efficiency of transportation networks in nine communities.



Keeping B.C. a safe and inclusive place to live for everyone

- ▶ Launched the Racist Incident Helpline, a toll-free, accessible service for people in B.C. who witness or experience a racist incident.
 - ▶ Passed legislation aimed at removing systemic racism from provincial institutions so that Indigenous and racialized people in B.C. will face fewer barriers when accessing public programs and services.
 - ▶ Provided people in B.C. with more affordable choices and increased access to support for solving their legal problems, with the introduction of the Legal Professions Act.
- ▶ Took action to make illicit drug use illegal in all public spaces, including inside hospitals, on transit and in parks.
 - ▶ Initiated an independent review of E-Comm and 911 service to ensure a reliable and sustainable model for 911 services in British Columbia for years to come.
 - ▶ Opened six new Indigenous justice centres, fulfilling a commitment to establish 15 Indigenous justice centres throughout B.C.

A brighter future for everyone

As we report on the progress made, it's important to reflect on the kind of future we want to build together

At a time when our country faces new threats and challenges, B.C. has a central role to play. Our government will continue to leverage our province's unique advantages to power a more self-reliant Canadian economy.

Together with all British Columbians, our government will build a brighter future of shared prosperity, where the wealth we generate means more of the things we all want—like good jobs, stronger health care and homes people can afford.

British Columbians have always stepped up when it mattered most. Now, it's our time to build again.





