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Honourable Rich Coleman  
Minister of Natural Gas Development  
and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier  
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Dear Colleague:

Congratulations on your new appointment as Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier.

British Columbians have asked us to build a strong economy, a secure tomorrow and a lasting legacy for generations to come. Now it's time to deliver.

We must be alive to the challenges of a fragile global economy. We have a duty to be disciplined for taxpayers today, and a responsibility to be fair to future generations. Protecting British Columbia for us and our children means making tough choices now to control spending and balance the budget. By charting a course for a debt-free BC, our children can be free to make their own choices when it's their turn to lead.

To grow our economy and create high-paying jobs for British Columbians, I am asking you to keep your ministry focused on the *BC Jobs Plan*. Our province is blessed with both abundant natural resources, and the resourcefulness and diversity of our people and businesses. We have a generational opportunity to develop Liquefied Natural Gas. This will demand determination and purposeful work.

We are committed to building a strong economy in the province because we know that it is the only way we will be able to afford strong public services for our citizens. World class health care, education, skills training and social safety nets are only possible if we have an economy that can sustain them over the long term.

To that end our first priorities across government are:

- To bring back the legislature to pass *Balanced Budget 2013*;
- To ensure that government does not grow;

- To conduct a core review of government to make sure we are structured for success on all of our objectives; and
- To eliminate red-tape so that we can get to yes on economic development without needless delay.

In the course of our decision making we must always maintain respect for taxpayers and remember that our fellow British Columbians are looking to us to help make life more affordable for them and their families.

These priorities, along with your specific ministerial objectives, will allow us to achieve results that reflect our shared values.

In our platform, *Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow* we made it clear that we have ambitious targets when it comes to seizing our LNG opportunity. LNG represents a generational opportunity to put our province on a path to being debt-free through the creation of a Prosperity Fund that will be used to pay off the accumulated provincial debt. Your task is to seize this opportunity and work with project proponents in taking these projects from the drawing board to operation. While the ministry of Finance is the lead ministry on the development of the Prosperity Fund, I expect that you will work closely to ensure government has a clear understanding of both the timing and revenues that will flow to the Fund once we have secured LNG final investment decisions by the project proponents.

In addition, your ministry will work with Ministries across government to advise me of the status of heavy oil pipeline projects or expansions in our province and the progress in meeting the five conditions we have outlined. Your ministry also includes responsibility for housing in the province and you will be expected to implement our platform commitments on continued affordable housing unit creation and home inspector accreditation.

In your role as Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing I expect that the following initiatives are completed by you and your ministry over the coming years:

1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.
2. Work with project proponents to complete negotiations and accelerate final investment decisions on B.C. LNG projects.
3. Maximize the use of clean power in LNG projects while preserving maximum provincial revenue generation opportunities.
4. Secure pipeline corridors with First Nations along proposed natural gas pipeline routes.
5. Work with heavy oil and refinery proponents in order to ensure clarity on provincial expectations with respect to the five requirements in order for BC to consider supporting heavy oil pipelines or projects in our province.

6. Review the operations of the BC Oil and Gas Commission and propose changes to improve the timeliness of permitting for project applications.
7. Work with the BC Association of Building Inspectors to determine and implement a new home inspector accreditation to ensure consumers buying a home can be assured that their inspector is qualified and trained to help them purchase the largest investment in their lives.
8. Successfully implement the 14 project partnership with the City of Vancouver to build 1,500 new apartments of supportive housing.

I have outlined in a separate letter my requirements for conduct of all members of Cabinet. It is imperative that you review and understand this letter, and the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, and that you act in accordance with both as you carry out the duties of a Minister of the Crown. I will evaluate any circumstances that may call into question the conduct of a Minister against the expectations and obligations set out in applicable statutes and this letter.

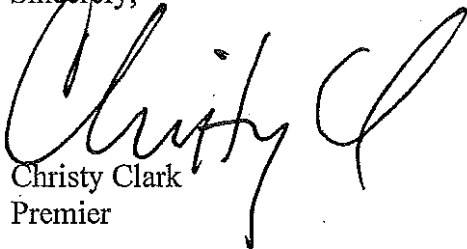
To assist you in the transition to your new role, I ask that you also review the attached document that provides further direction for you as a Minister.

I look forward to discussing your ideas and priorities for your ministry in the coming weeks and working with you to fulfill the mandate we were elected to fulfill.

Our government faces many exciting challenges and opportunities in the months ahead. Our success will be defined by our ability to develop and implement an agenda that reflects priorities and circumstances of BC citizens. Our ability to make this connection is a function of the degree to which we engage citizens and stakeholders in pursuing change. I am confident that we will succeed in this, and have every expectation that you will make a significant contribution to our success.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark  
Premier

Attachments (2)

