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Honourable Terry Lake  
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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I would like to thank you for the contributions made by you and your ministry over the past 12 months to make our province stronger.

You have been part of a government that has continued to deliver on the promises we made in our election platform, Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow during the past 24 months. Balancing the budget for a third time, having our triple A credit rating confirmed and re-confirmed as stable by Moody's Investors Service, and continuing to support the growth of a diverse economy are all accomplishments of which we collectively and you individually can be rightly proud.

I am very pleased to note that you and each of your colleagues were again able to live within your voted legislative budgets. The people of our province elect us to work on their behalf—to control spending.

Living within our means is demonstrating our respect for the people of our province and the tax dollars they send to Victoria. By keeping government lean and reducing the cost of administration, we can make significant investments in people and the infrastructure on which they depend to succeed in a strong and growing economy.

As a result of our strong fiscal position, we have been able to provide new assistance to single parents as they return to the workforce, greater income exemptions for single parents on income assistance and continued record investments in funding for public health care, education and transportation—services on which families depend.

Our government is resolute in our desire to grow the economy as a way to enable more British Columbians to participate in the economy and obtain meaningful, family-supporting work. The work your ministry does each and every day to contribute to these efforts are noticed and valued.

In particular, I would like to congratulate you and your ministry for:

- Working with Providence Health Care on their plan to re-build St. Paul's Hospital at a new site on Station Street in Vancouver
- Working with Fraser Health on the re-development of Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster with the first \$250 million phase having been announced in May
- The introduction and passage of the Tobacco Control Amendment Act to regulate the sale and use of e-cigarettes

As you know, the annual mandate letter you receive is designed to be an ongoing workplan for your ministry that is updated on an annual basis. You will undoubtedly notice some changes since last June.

Your mandate for the following year is as follows:

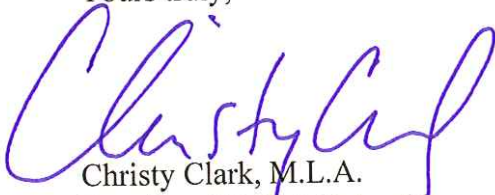
1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.
2. Ensure services are delivered within health authority budgets.
3. Complete consultation and implementation of policy papers flowing from "Setting Priorities for BC Health Care."
4. Successfully conclude the remaining contracts to be settled in the health sector within the guidelines of the economic stability mandate.
5. Ensure renewal of the balance of the provincial mental health plan, Healthy Minds, Healthy People.
6. Work with the Ministries of Children and Family Development and Education to review and define Child and Youth Mental Health services in the province and make recommendations to Cabinet by June 30, 2016 on potential improvements.
7. Work with Providence Health Care on the re-development and revitalization of St. Paul's Hospital.
8. Work with Fraser Health Authority on implementing Phase One of the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment on time and on budget, and continue to work on the remaining phases of the project.
9. Provide an update for Cabinet the status of the addiction space expansion that was committed in Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow by December 31, 2015.

10. Work with the Doctors of BC, College of Physicians and Surgeons, College of Registered Nurses and the Association of BC Nurse Practitioners to continue to strengthen primary care access for British Columbia patients across the province including the addition of new physicians and nurse practitioners.
11. Working with provincial health authorities, develop and implement a plan to reduce wait times for surgical procedures across the province.
12. Provide an update to Cabinet an update on the Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow commitment to double the number of hospice spaces in the province by 2020.
13. Undertake a review of dementia care and provide options to Cabinet to improve patient and health care worker safety.
14. Work with Parliamentary Secretary Darryl Plecas and the Senior's Advocate to provide an update to Cabinet on senior's care improvements in the province by December 31, 2015.

In addition, as discussed and approved by Cabinet, our government is committed to ensuring British Columbia government services are easily accessed by our citizens and businesses. Minister Naomi Yamamoto will be leading this initiative on my behalf and over the following 12 months she will be reaching out to all ministries to assist in reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation.

It is hard to believe but it has been two years since the people of British Columbia put their faith in us to lead their province. We have accomplished much in those two years, but much work remains to deliver the promise of a strong economy and secure tomorrow for our citizens. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours truly,



Christy Clark, M.L.A.  
Premier of British Columbia