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Sylvia Bishop
Chair, Board of Directors
BC Assessment Authority
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Dear Ms. Bishop:

I would like to extend appreciation on behalf of Premier Horgan and the Executive Council for your dedication, and that of your board members, in serving the public interest. Crown agencies play a key role in delivering important services that benefit British Columbians in every region of our province.

Government's three priorities remain unchanged: make life more affordable, deliver the services people count on, and build a strong and sustainable economy that supports jobs throughout the province. Across government ministries and in strong partnership with Crown agencies, our emphasis is on raising the standard of living for all British Columbians, delivering quality programs and services that are practical and realistic in a B.C. context and in our fiscal environment, and judiciously managing affordability pressures – both for citizens and for our business community.

As you know, BC Assessment establishes and maintains property assessments that are uniform across British Columbia in accordance with the Assessment Act.

Our government has also made important commitments to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, taking action against climate change, and working to ensure that our public service and public sector institutions are representative and inclusive of all our diverse society:

- Government is adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), demonstrating our support for true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. All public sector organizations are expected to incorporate the UNDRIP and TRC within their specific mandate and context. Additionally, in May 2018, government released 10 Draft Principles to Guide the Province's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, which serves as a guide for all public sector organizations as we continue to build relationships with Indigenous communities based on respect and recognition of inherent rights.

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- While government has already taken steps towards achieving our legislated carbon reduction targets, much remains to be done. Our new climate strategy will outline significant GHG reduction measures in 2019/20 while supporting our program and service objectives through economic growth powered by clean, renewable energy, supported by technological innovation. Please ensure your organization's operations align with government's new climate plan.
- Over the coming fiscal year, I look forward to working with your leadership team to provide effective, citizen-centred governance, through strong public sector boards that represent the diversity of British Columbia. The Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office (CABRO) at the Ministry of Finance provides leadership for the appointment process to fill positions on the boards of Crown agencies. As your board is renewed over time, I encourage you to work with CABRO to actively seek out women, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ individuals, and others who may contribute to diversity to add to the CABRO candidate pool to fill open positions. My expectation is that candidates from all regions of our province will be invited to apply to help renew B.C.'s public sector boards, including individuals with a broad range of backgrounds in community, labour and business environments.

As the Minister Responsible for BC Assessment, I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities and incorporate them in the goals, objectives and performance measures included in your Service Plan:

- Continue to focus on BC Assessment's core mandate to establish and maintain uniform real property assessments throughout British Columbia.
- Support provincial government priorities and policy development through the use of BC Assessment data, property information and by leveraging the corporation's extensive expert knowledge on valuation and real estate.
- Participate in the Province's review of the Open Data policy, to determine opportunities to further BC Assessment information sharing.
- Continue the replacement of BC Assessment's existing core operating system (valueBC information system) with iasWorld to improve the collection, development and distribution of assessment information as approved by Treasury Board.
- Support government's commitment to make life more affordable for British Columbians by delivering BC Assessment's services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Each board member is required to sign the Mandate Letter to acknowledge government's direction to your organization. The Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your organization's website on Budget Day on February 19, 2019, to coincide with the release of your organization's service plan.

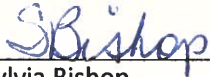
I look forward to ongoing collaboration with your Board as we work together to deliver improved service and better outcomes for British Columbians.

Sincerely,



Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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