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Laax Lo'op Cynthia Jensen Fisk
Board Chair First Peoples' Cultural Council
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Dear Laax Lo'op Cynthia Jensen Fisk:

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 British Columbia (B.C.) context and in our fiscal environment, and judiciously managing affordability pressures – both for citizens and for our business community.

The mandate and services of the First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) contribute important and tangible steps toward reconciliation and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action.

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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 Declaration, and the Calls to Action of the TRC, demonstrating our support for true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. All public sector organizations are expected to incorporate the Declaration 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.
- 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 B.C. 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.

Under the *First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act*, government directed the FPCC to protect, revitalize, and enhance First Nations' heritage, language, culture and arts. Working together, 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:

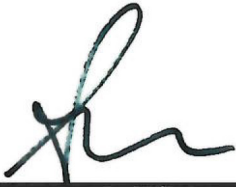
- Support Indigenous communities to build capacity to access and deliver successful language, arts and culture programs by providing funding grants, staff support, resources, and training.

- Provide advice and increase collaboration with B.C. government ministries on the policy and actions required to meet government's commitments to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the TRC Calls to Action that relate to languages, culture, arts, and heritage. For this fiscal year, focus on building the relationships and reciprocal supports between FPCC and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, and the Ministry of Health will be emphasized.
- Design and implement Indigenous language, culture, and arts programming that will most effectively transmit cultural knowledge to new generations and achieve mandate.
- Continue to make investments in accountability, reporting, and Indigenous governance systems and processes, that will strengthen the organizational capacity and management of FPCC.
- Continue to raise the profile of the importance of protecting, revitalizing, and enhancing Indigenous languages, arts, and cultures, in BC by promoting the work of the FPCC, community partners, and other stakeholders around the province and across Canada.
- Fulfill the obligations set out in the 2019/20 Service Level Agreement between the BC government and FPCC.

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,



Honourable Scott Fraser

Minister of Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation

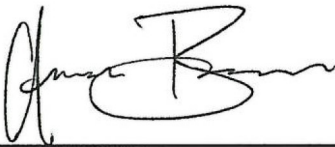
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