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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Forty-first Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 9th day of June, 2017, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *A. Wilkinson* (Minister of Justice) said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that she does not see fit to declare the cause of her summoning you at this time and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, her reason for calling you together.

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Craig James, Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Steve Thomson*, Member for Kelowna-Mission Electoral District, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *M. de Jong* and Mr. *Farnworth* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) made a statement.

Mr. *Horgan* made a statement.

And then the House adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rabbi Harry Brechner, Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, Victoria.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on Her Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *A. Wilkinson* then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, she grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

Fellow British Columbians, Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In Memorium

Fellow British Columbians, and members of the legislature, let us start by acknowledging the honour we share, gathering within the traditional Lekwungen territory of Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

Members, we begin by honouring the best among us, some of the British Columbians who shaped our identity, represented us at our best, and made us proud.

In their own way, Jett Bassi, Beau Dick, Chandra Bodalia, Neil Macrae, Bob Robertson, John Shields, Ian Stewart, Richard Wagamese, and Bill Wong each represented and reflected their communities — and the diversity that makes us the envy of the world.

We remember Christine Archibald who was brutally taken from her family in the attacks on London Bridge, by people fueled with hate, but who are destined to fail in spreading their evil.

I also pay tribute to Clayton Cassidy, who tragically lost his life protecting his neighbours and the town he loved.

And recently we lost a true trailblazer in Grace McCarthy. Tough, compassionate, principled, and unflinching in the face of change — we will miss her experience and wisdom.

Reforming Our Institutions

British Columbia is a place like no other. Everyone who was born here or has come here knows that this place is special, and absolutely unique.

However, there are a few ways in which we could be more like others in this country.

On the issue of political and democratic reform, your government acknowledges more should have been done sooner, and more needs to be done now.

Your government will pursue comprehensive reforms that will:

- Ban corporate, union, and third party donations, including donations in kind, to political parties;
- Impose a maximum donation limit for individuals to political parties, comparable to other Canadian jurisdictions;
- Ban donations to political parties from outside British Columbia, including foreign donations;
- Ban funding to a provincial political party from a federal political party;
- Restrict the role of money influencing elections through third parties;
- Ban loans to parties by any organization other than a Canadian chartered bank or credit union; and
- Apply these reforms to local government candidates and political parties.

The results that British Columbians delivered in the May election require cooperation. Your government is committed to working with all parties in the legislature.

Following referenda in 2005 and 2009, there remains a desire by many members in this place to revisit electoral reform.

With the confidence of this house, your government will enable a third referendum on electoral reform. It will require extensive public consultation to develop a clear question, and will ensure rural representation in the legislature is protected.

It is vital that any referendum reflects the views of British Columbians, not just its political parties.

Additionally, your government will work with other parties to strengthen lobbyist legislation and regulations.

Leadership and Opportunity

Members, we gather for the first time since British Columbians sent you here following an unprecedented outcome in the May election.

British Columbians want a stable government, and in sending us this result they expect us to listen and find a way to work together. They expect us to collaborate, while respecting the dignity, rules, and traditions that govern our constitutional monarchy, our democracy, and this legislature.

British Columbians voted for parties that spoke to the importance of economic growth and jobs, strengthening our social programs, and protecting our environment. They have told us to find a better balance to move forward on all these priorities.

The election result also exposed a growing gap in understanding between rural and urban B.C. We have an obligation to do everything we can to bridge that gap, because urban and rural communities cannot succeed without one another.

With that in mind, instead of focusing on areas of disagreement, we should reflect on who it is that we are, and what we share in common.

We are fortunate to reside in a part of the world that is unmatched in many ways. We have:

- Canada's most diverse population of First Nations and Indigenous peoples, whose cultures have shaped our province, and with whom we seek justice, reconciliation, and partnerships in economic growth;
- An abundance of natural resources, the bedrock of British Columbia's economic success;
- A system of clean, transformational power that is the envy of the world, created by previous generations, with the opportunity to transform our economy into the cleanest in the world;

- A super, natural, and biodiverse environment, that we enjoy today and must protect for future generations;
- A diverse population that is open-minded, independent, and prepared to embrace change;
- A place where we have the freedom to be ourselves;
- Thriving urban communities, and strong rural communities that connect us to our land and wildlife;
- A province built on hard work, leading in jobs and economic growth, and with a financial foundation that is the envy of North America.

Your government worked diligently to create jobs and economic growth in the province. And thanks to that effort, your government will confirm a higher than expected surplus at Public Accounts in July.

This unanticipated surplus provides reason to consider moving our fixed election date to the fall, to ensure British Columbians are fully informed of our province's fiscal position before a General Election.

While other provinces have created structural deficits, B.C.'s unmatched record of five successive balanced budgets has created a structural surplus that puts us in an enviable position.

This moves up the anticipated elimination of our operating debt to 2020, one year ahead of schedule — an accomplishment not achieved since 1976.

Growing surpluses allow us to return dividends to British Columbians, but our sound fiscal management must be nurtured and not taken for granted.

Your government recognizes the importance of labour stability in the province and will continue to share the dividends of economic growth in public sector labour agreements. Over the past decade, most labour issues have ended without disruption. This is a sign that the Labour Code is fair and, as such, no further changes are contemplated by your government.

We reside on what was once considered the far edge of North America, and today we are quickly becoming a central focus for the world. With that comes vast opportunity, and pressure on our legislature to deliver a bright future for all, not just for those who already enjoy advantages.

The stresses from our growth are unprecedented. We must be unafraid to grasp change and harness growth through purposeful decisions. If we do not shape growth, it will shape us.

Members, your government presides in this chamber as the party with the most seats, but not a working majority. It has a duty to present an agenda for consideration and seek the confidence of this House.

Your government has listened and is presenting an agenda not exclusive to one party, but one that includes ideas from all British Columbians that members from all three parties carry into this place.

With the confidence of this House, your government will pursue an agenda that seeks the balance British Columbians have told us to find between economic, social, and environmental priorities.

Childcare and Early Childhood Education

Your government has listened to the call of families and employers to move further on childcare and early childhood education.

The financial pressures and time crunch on families today are real and increasing. Parents want and need to work and childcare is fundamental to that goal.

New investments cannot wait — they need to be made now.

With the confidence of this House, your government will amend the 2017 Budget to make a billion-dollar investment in childcare and early childhood education over the next four years — the single largest boost in B.C. history.

Your government's plan is guided by three core principles — delivering the highest quality care, reducing waitlists by creating more spaces, and making childcare more affordable.

This investment will be sustained over the long term, and will enable:

- building 60,000 new child care spaces — a 50 per cent increase over the next four years;
- covering an additional 150,000 children, a five-fold increase, with either full or partial childcare subsidies;
- funding up to 4,000 new early childhood educators with \$10 million in grants and bursaries;

- exploring partnerships with school districts to co-locate new child care spaces at elementary schools.

While your government applauds the federal government's efforts to expand spaces, it will seek further help to increase supports for parents to make childcare even more affordable.

Your government welcomes discussion with members of this legislature and families to ensure this billion-dollar investment meets the needs of British Columbians in all corners of the province.

However, your government recognizes these investments are urgently needed, and will move on this as quickly as possible.

Fairer, Healthier Society

As our province grows, so does the need for more services. And as British Columbians create new jobs and economic growth, we must share that success by shaping a future that improves services for those in need.

VULNERABLE CITIZENS

Child poverty has been reduced by 50 per cent since 2001, but more needs to be done.

A new Poverty Reduction Strategy, with a particular focus on children, will be implemented province-wide.

In addition to disability rate increases provided for in previous budgets, Budget 2017 will be amended to increase social assistance rates by \$100 per month, with a process to recommend future annual increases.

We must also strengthen investments in people who want to transition from social assistance into the workforce.

Your government will expand the Single Parent Employment Initiative to broaden supports for single parents who can only find part-time work, or who are under-employed, and want to find full time employment.

Reducing poverty includes supporting children in care. Your government will introduce a basic income support for youth aged 18 to 24 who are transitioning out of care, and will provide free post-secondary tuition for all children in care.

Your government will also fully implement the recommendations in the Report on Indigenous Child Welfare from Special Advisor Grand Chief Ed John. In particular, your government will focus on:

- increasing early intervention and prevention services to keep families together;
- creating a more equitable funding formula for child welfare; and
- reunification and permanency planning.

Your government will increase legal aid funding by 25 per cent, ensuring British Columbia families can better access and navigate our legal system.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

The opioid crisis is devastating families. British Columbia is leading North America in our response. However, despite the heroic efforts of first responders and policy makers at all levels of government, this battle continues.

Your government will redouble its efforts by increasing investments and embracing innovative treatments to save lives. Recovery from addiction is possible, and a coordinated system of care can help those ready to start their life-saving journey.

Harm reduction services and recovery oriented systems of care must work seamlessly together. Your government will continue to provide opioid substitute therapies and recovery services, and renew efforts on drug education and prevention.

The federal government must also strengthen its commitment to this crisis, starting with increasing the number of RCMP officers dedicated to drug enforcement by 30 per cent. Those who are trafficking fentanyl and other illicit drugs must be held accountable for their actions.

With the federal government's legalization of cannabis comes new revenue for the province. Your government commits to dedicating every dollar from the sale of cannabis to drug education, prevention, enforcement and treatment for those who are addicted to opioids and other drugs.

To ensure these initiatives are coordinated, a Minister of State for Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery will be appointed to be a strong voice at the cabinet table, with a mandate to increase investments in future budgets and establish a single point of entry for those seeking help.

In addition, an Expert Panel on Mental Health will review how services are currently deployed and recommend ways to close gaps in service delivery that sometimes make it difficult to access care.

Your government will expand the successful province-wide Foundry program — a single point of entry for young people who are experiencing mental health issues.

We know that mental health issues are often identified at school when there are experts available to recognize them. Your government will ensure all schools across the province have one person trained to identify mental health issues and refer those in need to resources.

Finally, a new Centre for Mental Health and Addictions in Surrey will be fast-tracked to get it up and running as quickly as possible, to provide better access to care for B.C. families.

This will be part of an overall health strategy for Surrey, including the planning for a new hospital.

HEALTH CARE

British Columbians are the healthiest people in Canada. In the last decade, new and expanded hospitals have been built or are under construction in every region of our province to serve growing communities.

Your government heard more needs to be done, and will accelerate efforts to keep up with the fast pace of growth and replace aging infrastructure in all regions of the province.

Work is already underway to shift our health care system towards greater preventative care, but this work must be accelerated to keep our population the healthiest in Canada. More money will be specifically focused on reducing wait lists for patients and their families.

Your government will:

- accelerate access to hip and knee procedures;
- establish wait-time guarantees;
- speed up access to MRI services;
- increase access to family doctors by training 112 more General Practitioners, bringing the total to 400;
- increase the scope of practice for professions such as nurse practitioners and pharmacists; and
- increase support for health care teams delivering comprehensive services for patients.

SENIORS

Our health care system is particularly important for our senior citizens — those who cared for us, and are counting on us to care for them.

Your government is committed to increasing the number of residential care beds by 500, and ensuring clear, measurable daily care hour standards are in place, monitored, and enforced in every institution.

Your government will also increase its efforts to help families who care for their aging loved ones at home by doubling the Home Renovation Tax Credit to help people make necessary home improvements. It will also create a new Respite Tax Credit, and ensure both benefits apply to families who care for loved ones with disabilities.

MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN

With a stronger provincial balance sheet, the time has come to reduce the cost of MSP for B.C. families without shifting the burden into income taxes. This must be done while continuing to increase overall healthcare funding.

With the confidence of the house, your government will cut MSP premiums by 50 per cent for households making up to \$120,000 — saving families as much as \$900 per year.

All parties in this House share the view that MSP should be eliminated. Your government supports a review that considers how this can be done as soon as possible.

EDUCATION

Last year, the BC Teachers Federation won their court challenge at the Supreme Court of Canada. Together with teachers, your government is determined to ensure their win will be a win for every student.

Our students are already among the top in the world — first in reading, second in science, and sixth in math. The thousands of new teachers being hired across the province will ensure B.C. students will be even more successful.

We must also ensure student success is not limited to those who fit more easily into traditional classrooms. Your government will increase the number of educators providing instruction to students in need of extra support, whatever their unique needs.

Our students' results prove that we have an excellent educational system — a tribute to those who work within it. But with the breathtaking pace of change in the world, our education system must adapt.

With the confidence of this house, your government will review the funding formula for school districts. The review will focus on supporting districts with declining enrollment, as well as ensuring fast-growing districts can keep up with growing demand sooner than current system allows.

Today, your government is announcing it will also convene a Royal Commission in Education — the first in 30 years. The work of that Commission, struck in 1987, laid the foundation for the success of our students today.

It is the right time to convene a new Royal Commission — one that shapes the future for a new generation of learners and educators as our society grows and changes.

How do we train teachers? What do we teach? How do we fund schools? How do we engage the community? How do we make sure testing and standards remain rigorous? How do we reduce conflict in the system and ensure student needs are always put first?

On these points, your government welcomes advice from a future Royal Commission.

Your government is continuing to make record investments in the new school construction and seismic upgrades. This will now include a commitment to ensure that all playgrounds requiring upgrades will be funded so parents no longer need to raise money for something we all recognize as essential for learning.

ACCESSIBILITY

British Columbia is a leader in barrier-free living for our citizens. And your government will go further.

Your government will:

- increase accessibility requirements on new construction and in the design of public spaces;
- increase the minimum number of suites within a multi-unit residential building designed with basic accessibility features, ensuring these suites are distributed throughout the building and represent the types and sizes of suites otherwise available in the building.

Communities and Transit

TRANSIT

Transit is fundamental to shaping a sustainable, affordable future for communities. Your government heard more needs to be done, and more will.

With the confidence of this house, your government will:

- match federal funding to build rapid transit along Metro Vancouver's Broadway Corridor and in Surrey;
- match federal funding for the next phase of the mayors' transit plan; and
- repeal the requirement for new transit revenue sources to be affirmed by referendum in Metro Vancouver.

Metro Vancouver mayors will have the tools and accountability they have asked for to fund transit. Beyond those immediate commitments, we must look further and farther.

Your government will boost capital investment in partnership with other levels of government and the private sector to significantly expand a transit network that will transform the Lower Mainland.

Better transit must connect housing and employment, and must lead to more supply and density with purposeful decision-making.

Your government will immediately undertake feasibility studies to connect communities by rapid transit, light rail and other means of expanded transit:

- east from the Evergreen Line toward Maple Ridge and Mission;
- into South Surrey;
- into Langley, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack;
- west to the University of British Columbia;
- across to the North Shore; and
- up to Squamish.

Your government will also work with Washington State to connect communities across the border to unleash the economic potential of high-speed rail to Seattle.

Other areas of the province also experiencing growth need transit support too — like the South Island, Nanaimo, Kelowna, Kamloops, and Prince George. Your government will pursue light rail on the South Island and a passenger ferry connection between Nanaimo and Vancouver.

This vision won't happen overnight, but we must be bolder in mapping out our future to shape growth.

BC Ferries is finally on a solid financial footing. They have acquired 11 new vessels since 2000, are transitioning vessels to LNG from diesel, and on-time performance has improved to 91 per cent. Your government will carry through on its commitment to deliver fare relief for those in ferry-dependent communities.

And for British Columbians looking for other modern options to get from A to B, your government will deliver on its commitments to support car and ride sharing.

While all parties in this legislature publicly stated their support for ride sharing in the recent election, your government has heard the message that legitimate implementation concerns remain. Any proposed legislation will be referred to an all-party committee for extensive consultation with the public and stakeholders, in particular regarding boundaries and insurance.

TOLLS

Your government has heard the concerns of people who are served by tolled provincial highway infrastructure. Since investments such as Trans-Canada Highway upgrades, the Sea to Sky Highway, the WR Bennett Bridge, and the Cariboo Connector are not tolled, all communities should be treated equitably.

With the confidence of this house, your government will move to eliminate tolls on the Port Mann Bridge as quickly as possible.

Your government will also work with TransLink to accelerate the timetable for the replacement of the Pattullo Bridge, and to remove tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge.

An expanded crossing between Richmond and Delta is essential to reducing congestion, ensuring safety, and providing for future light rail. Recognizing concerns about the design, your government will listen and work collaboratively to move this project forward.

These changes are affordable with the province's strong fiscal position, without compromising our commitment to balanced budgets.

POST-SECONDARY, ABE AND ESL

Post-secondary institutions are essential to powering up the economy of the future.

Your government will create 2,000 more graduates in science, technology, engineering and math from institutions across the province. This will include new engineering schools in Kamloops and Prince George, as well as 100 new graduates at the new engineering building at SFU Surrey.

These spaces will support our students to develop the skills our economy needs to continue to grow.

British Columbia's post-secondary and creative sectors are responding to the major shifts in digital technologies. Your government will double funding for the BC Arts Council to build capacity to lead in the new economy, and uphold our province's commitment to the value of creativity and innovation.

And as we welcome people from around the world to make B.C. their home, we need to ensure newcomers can put their ideas, energy, and skills to work.

To that end, your government will fully fund adult basic education and ESL programs, and continue to expand the system of credit recognition so that fewer are left on the sidelines.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

And while B.C. continues to grow, the benefits also come with real challenges — especially for affordability.

Despite actions that have had a real impact, housing affordability remains a particular challenge for far too many people.

Your government's singular goal is to ensure housing is affordable for British Columbians.

We all want to live in communities that are culturally and economically diverse, so we must ensure the middle class is not pushed out of urban real estate markets. Our kids want to be able to live in the communities they grew up in, and we all want to live in communities where our kids can live too.

Last year, your government invested \$900 million into building new affordable supportive housing across the province. People will begin to move into these 5,000 new units over the coming months.

The single most important action governments can take to make housing more affordable is to work with local governments and the private sector to increase supply.

With the confidence of this House, your government will work with local governments and the private sector to increase the supply of family and starter housing for middle income earners, especially along new transit lines and corridors.

Your government will work with the private sector to build 50,000 units of new housing across the province over 10 years that will go into a new Rent-to-Own home program available to middle class families. The program will help middle class renters grow equity through their monthly rent payments until they are in a position to own the home.

With the confidence of this House, your government will work with and support municipalities to remove obstacles and eliminate backlogs to speed up the construction of new housing supply, especially for families.

To better protect renters, your government will:

- prohibit landlords from skirting rent control protections when term leases expire; and
- make sure tenants' rights are protected while respecting a landlord's ability to make improvements to their buildings.

Addressing housing affordability rests with all levels of governments. Your government will bring together and welcome the ideas from all parties and participants at a Housing Summit to be convened this fall. Real estate speculation will be one of the challenges put before participants.

STRONG COMMUNITIES

The wealth of our province has always depended on the understanding that the future of urban and rural communities is inextricably linked - one cannot succeed without the other.

And although most of our population lives in thriving urban centres, we must never forget that those who live in smaller communities make as big an impact on our province. Rural communities are uniquely connected to the land and our resources.

This connection between urban and rural is why B.C. has succeeded, and this election shows why we must redouble our efforts to bridge the divide.

With a strong economy and the strongest balance sheet in Canada, your government will double the Rural Economic Dividend, returning more resource revenue to the rural communities responsible for so much of our province's wealth.

Supporting rural communities also means making sure the industries they depend on remain strong.

British Columbia's forest industry built our province. Today, our forest products are building houses and towers around the world.

Your government will increase its efforts to promote the use of B.C. wood abroad, and will fight to defend B.C. workers in the forest industry from U.S. protectionism by every means at its disposal.

In the interim, B.C. will pre-purchase wood for construction of public housing at home.

Your government will work to open eight new mines by 2022, and will ensure it bolsters B.C.'s world leading responsible mining standards with \$18 million to improve mine permitting, oversight, compliance, and enforcement.

Food security also matters in British Columbia - it is an issue that bridges the urban-rural divide. As we continue to grow, we need to protect and preserve agricultural land.

Your government will:

- double the Grow Local program and make it permanent;
- bring an additional 91,000 hectares of agricultural land into production by 2020;
- activate an all-party select standing committee to study how B.C.'s agricultural land can be used and stewarded; and
- ensure all high-quality farmland lost as a result of the Site C project is replaced with comparable land in other parts of the province.

Finally, British Columbia boasts some of the world's richest and largest natural gas reserves. This gives us a unique opportunity to displace coal power and other dirtier forms of fossil fuels around the world.

A new LNG industry has included First Nations from the ground floor, through a bottom-up process of consultation. LNG will be an unprecedented opportunity for First Nation communities across British Columbia, helping lift families out of poverty and strengthening their ability to shape the future of their choosing.

The first Indigenous Cabinet minister elected to this place who carries a government portfolio is responsible for shepherding the future of this industry. After 146 years since this legislature was founded, this is long overdue. He will carry the voice of Indigenous peoples who demand to be a full partner in economic opportunity into this place.

Whether it is LNG, mining, forestry, aquaculture, renewable power, tourism or other industries where partnerships are being formed, and as a result, First Nations here in British Columbia are enjoying more benefits than ever before. Over 400 economic and reconciliation agreements have been signed since 2013, and we all still have so much potential to realize together.

Members. Just this past Monday, Indigenous leaders and mentors from across Canada, including British Columbia, were recognised with national honours at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, and I was delighted to be witness to that special ceremony.

Yesterday was National Aboriginal Day — a day that Canadians recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of Indigenous peoples.

It is a reminder of the hard and essential work of reconciliation that your government is committed to, nation-to-nation.

There is still much work ahead, and we must travel this journey together.

Environment and Innovation

CLEAN ENERGY

British Columbians have been gifted with vast clean energy opportunities including hydro, wind, and solar.

We have an enviable system of hydro power built by generations before us who had the vision to plan not just for their needs, but for our future. Without them, we would be burning fossil fuels to generate our electricity today.

And now, we are called on as a generation to tackle climate change by shaping a low-carbon future.

We must build on a previous generation's vision by electrifying our economy with clean hydro power to realize this goal. 61 per cent of B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions come from Metro Vancouver, a third of which comes from transportation.

Your government is committed to an ambitious emissions-free target for all new non-commercial vehicles registered in Metro Vancouver by 2035, advancing the previous goal of 2050 by 15 years.

This is an ambitious target, and BC Hydro's supply of clean power cannot meet this capacity today.

That is why this historic transition requires plentiful, reliable and affordable clean electricity — born in British Columbia.

More sources of renewable energy like wind, solar, and geothermal will help. But they will not be enough.

Site C gives us the opportunity for an abundance of clean energy, allowing us to meet our obligation to transition our economy from carbon to fight climate change.

With the confidence of this house, your government will invest an additional \$50 million over the next five years to fund a significant expansion of vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the province, making British Columbia number one in Canada.

Further, your government will also direct BC Hydro to immediately begin consultations with private sector clean energy producers, First Nations, and communities to support community power opportunities including wind, solar, and geothermal.

Your government will also work with the governments of Alberta and Canada for a strengthened clean electricity intertie between British Columbia and Alberta to displace thermal coal with clean hydro power across the Rocky Mountains.

CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON TAX AND PST REDUCTION

British Columbia is a leader in the fight against climate change. Despite opposition at the time, we were the first jurisdiction in North America to put a price on carbon. Our carbon tax framework has been recognized by global institutions as one of the best in the world.

Canada has been clear in its desire to see all provinces implement a \$50 per tonne carbon tax by 2022, outlined in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. Your government

will meet this goal by raising the carbon tax by \$5 per tonne per year starting in 2019, up to a total of \$50 per tonne by 2022.

A made-in-B.C. approach will stand firm on the principle of revenue neutrality. For all future carbon tax increases, the provincial sales tax will be reduced by a corresponding amount.

Your government will take the advice of the climate leadership team to protect workers and businesses in energy intensive trade exposed industries by ensuring new costs from the carbon tax are offset by other taxes, so companies with strong ties to B.C. have good reasons to innovate and reduce their emissions.

Your government will also increase forest salvage and move toward the goal of banning slash burning, ensuring this creates new economic opportunities in our forest towns without hurting workers.

STRENGTHENED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Your government has heard the call for more frontline resources to protect our environment and wildlife, and will:

- increase funding to hire more conservation officers across B.C.; and
- implement a wildlife management plan that ensures sustainable populations and protects our biodiversity.

In addition, your government will move to protect the health and safety of B.C.'s unique environment by reviewing our system of professional reliance to ensure public confidence is maintained.

Your government will also ensure that direct payments it secured from the federally regulated Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project are dedicated to environmental protection and restoration.

ENHANCING BC PARKS

Visiting our provincial parks is the quintessential, affordable, B.C. family vacation.

British Columbia has assembled the third-largest parks system in North America. These are places for us to celebrate, places for families to reconnect, and places for the world to discover.

Your government created and funded a bold BC Parks Future vision. With the confidence of this House, your government will add \$50 million over five years to B.C.'s parks budget. This will create more campsites, raise the standard of our park facilities, and create a youth rangers program that will add staff in our parks between May and September.

We are blessed to have such magnificent places to preserve and share that unite all British Columbians wherever they live.

Closing

Members. Your government's core principles remain. Our province has:

- created more jobs than anywhere in Canada since the start of the BC Jobs Plan;
- a record of five consecutive balanced budgets thanks to careful management;
- a growing economy that is the envy of Canada;

These are foundations built by the hard work of British Columbians that allow us to care for each other and bridge the urban-rural divide.

With the means to do more thanks to B.C.'s success, we must and we will.

British Columbians seek a better balance between economic, social, and environmental priorities. This agenda is a sincere effort to meet that desire.

While we do not always agree on the best path forward, we all recognize that British Columbia is a unique place with qualities unmatched around the world.

We are experiencing a time of stress from growth and change. Change that will shape us if we do not act to shape it for ourselves.

Together, we must ensure we harness the opportunity before us to create the future we all want for British Columbia.

The May election delivered a divided result. Your government has listened to that result and brings forward this agenda to gain this House's confidence and, in doing so, the confidence of the people of British Columbia.

It is submitted with humility and openness to change.

Thank you to all members who serve in this assembly. We thank you, and your families, for the sacrifices you make — some of you for many years.

We in British Columbia are richer for your service and dedication. I wish you all success.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's Speech.

The certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election was read by *Craig James*, Clerk of the House, as follows:

“ELECTIONS BC
VICTORIA, B.C., MAY 31, 2017

Craig James

Clerk of the House

Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR CRAIG JAMES:

Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 147 of the *Election Act* RSBC 1996 c. 106, regarding the results of the 41st Provincial General Election.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the 40th Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via a Proclamation issued on April 11. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

Writs of election were issued on the morning of April 11, calling for a general election on May 9. The writs were returnable today, May 31.

The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*.

I hereby certify that the following 87 members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out below:

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	BALLOT NAME	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
ABBOTSFORD-MISSION	Simon John Gibson	BC Liberal Party
ABBOTSFORD SOUTH	Darryl Plecas	BC Liberal Party
ABBOTSFORD WEST	Michael de Jong	BC Liberal Party
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN	Linda Margaret Larson	BC Liberal Party
BURNABY-DEER LAKE	Anne Kang	BC NDP
BURNABY-EDMONDS	Raj Chouhan	BC NDP
BURNABY-LOUGHEED	Katrina Chen	BC NDP
BURNABY NORTH	Janet Routledge	BC NDP
CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN	Donna Barnett	BC Liberal Party
CARIBOO NORTH	Coralee Ella Oakes	BC Liberal Party
CHILLIWACK	John Martin	BC Liberal Party
CHILLIWACK-KENT	Laurie Throness	BC Liberal Party

COLUMBIA RIVER-REVELSTOKE	Doug Clovechok	BC Liberal Party
COQUITLAM-BURKE MOUNTAIN	Joan Isaacs	BC Liberal Party
COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE	Selina Mae Robinson	BC NDP
COURTENAY-COMOX	Ronna-Rae Leonard	BC NDP
COWICHAN VALLEY	Sonia Furstenaus	BC Green Party
DELTA NORTH	Ravi Kahlon	BC NDP
DELTA SOUTH	Ian Paton	BC Liberal Party
ESQUIMALT-METCHOSIN	Mitzi Jayne Dean	BC NDP
FRASER-NICOLA	Jackie L. Tegart	BC Liberal Party
KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON	Peter Gordon Milobar	BC Liberal Party
KAMLOOPS-SOUTH THOMPSON	Todd Graham Stone	BC Liberal Party
KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY	Norm Letnick	BC Liberal Party
KELOWNA-MISSION	Steve Thomson	BC Liberal Party
KELOWNA WEST	Christy Clark	BC Liberal Party
KOOTENAY EAST	Tom Glenn Shypitka	BC Liberal Party
KOOTENAY WEST	Katrine Conroy	BC NDP
LANGFORD-JUAN DE FUCA	John Horgan	BC NDP
LANGLEY	Mary Polak	BC Liberal Party
LANGLEY EAST	Rich Coleman	BC Liberal Party
MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION	Bob D'Eith	BC NDP
MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS	Lisa Marie Beare	BC NDP
MID ISLAND-PACIFIC RIM	Scott Kenneth Fraser	BC NDP
NANAIMO	Leonard Krog	BC NDP
NANAIMO-NORTH COWICHAN	Doug Routley	BC NDP
NECHAKO LAKES	John Rustad	BC Liberal Party
NELSON-CRESTON	Michelle Mungall	BC NDP
NEW WESTMINSTER	Judy Darcy	BC NDP
NORTH COAST	Jennifer Rice	BC NDP
NORTH ISLAND	Claire Felicity Trevena	BC NDP
NORTH VANCOUVER-LONSDALE	Bowinn Ma	BC NDP
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR	Jane Ann Thornthwaite	BC Liberal Party
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD	Andrew John Weaver	BC Green Party
PARKSVILLE-QUALICUM	Michelle Stilwell	BC Liberal Party
PEACE RIVER NORTH	Dan Davies	BC Liberal Party
PEACE RIVER SOUTH	Mike Bernier	BC Liberal Party
PENTICTON	Dan Ashton	BC Liberal Party
PORT COQUITLAM	Mike Farnworth	BC NDP
PORT MOODY-COQUITLAM	Rick Glumac	BC NDP
POWELL RIVER-SUNSHINE COAST	Nicholas Simons	BC NDP
PRINCE GEORGE-MACKENZIE	Mike Morris	BC Liberal Party
PRINCE GEORGE-VALEMOUNT	Shirley Bond	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND NORTH CENTRE	Teresa Wat	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND-QUEENSBOROUGH	Jas Johal	BC Liberal Party

RICHMOND SOUTH CENTRE	Linda Reid	BC Liberal Party
RICHMOND-STEVESTON	John Yap	BC Liberal Party
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS	Adam Olsen	BC Green Party
SAANICH SOUTH	Lana Popham	BC NDP
SHUSWAP	Gregory James Kylo	BC Liberal Party
SKEENA	Ellis Ross	BC Liberal Party
STIKINE	Doug Donaldson	BC NDP
SURREY-CLOVERDALE	Marvin Hunt	BC Liberal Party
SURREY-FLEETWOOD	Jagrup Brar	BC NDP
SURREY-GREEN TIMBERS	Rachna Singh	BC NDP
SURREY-GUILDFORD	Garry Begg	BC NDP
SURREY-NEWTON	Harry Bains	BC NDP
SURREY-PANORAMA	Jinny Sims	BC NDP
SURREY SOUTH	Stephanie Cadieux	BC Liberal Party
SURREY-WHALLEY	Bruce Ralston	BC NDP
SURREY-WHITE ROCK	Tracy Redies	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-FAIRVIEW	George Heyman	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-FALSE CREEK	Sam Sullivan	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-FRASERVIEW	George Chow	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-HASTINGS	Shane Lee Simpson	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-KENSINGTON	Mable Elmore	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-KINGSWAY	Adrian Dix	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-LANGARA	Michael Lee	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-MOUNT PLEASANT	Melanie Mark	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY	David Robert Patrick Eby	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-QUILCHENA	Andrew Wilkinson	BC Liberal Party
VANCOUVER-WEST END	Spencer Chandra Herbert	BC NDP
VERNON-MONASHEE	Eric Bailey Foster	BC Liberal Party
VICTORIA-BEACON HILL	Carole James	BC NDP
VICTORIA-SWAN LAKE	Rob Fleming	BC NDP
WEST VANCOUVER-CAPILANO	Ralph Sultan	BC Liberal Party
WEST VANCOUVER-SEA TO SKY	Jordan Sturdy	BC Liberal Party

Sincerely,

KEITH ARCHER, PH.D.
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
BRITISH COLUMBIA"

On the motion of the Hon. A. Wilkinson (Minister of Justice), it was *Ordered* —

That the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. A. Wilkinson (Minister of Justice), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—
That *Greg Kyлло*, Member for Shuswap Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. *Farnworth*, seconded by the Hon. *M. de Jong*, it was *Ordered*—
That *Raj Chouhan*, Member for Burnaby Edmonds Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. de Jong*, seconded by Mr. *Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—
That *Simon Gibson*, Member for Abbotsford-Mission Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *A. Wilkinson* (Minister of Justice), it was *Ordered*—
That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

The Hon. *C. Clark* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Education;
3. Finance and Government Services;
4. Health;
5. Public Accounts;
6. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills;
7. Crown Corporations;
8. Children and Youth;

and further that a Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives be appointed for the present Parliament,

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *M. de Jong* (Convener), *Eric Foster*, *Jackie Tegart*, *Peter Milobar*, *Mike Farnworth*, *Scott Fraser*, *Michelle Mungall*, and *Shane Simpson*.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That notwithstanding Standing Order 25A (1), and Standing Order 48 (1) regarding notice for Private Members' Statements and the Private Members' motion in the name of the Member for Vancouver-Langara, the House will proceed to Private Members' Time on Monday next.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Monday, June 26, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Davies*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

1 Mr. *Lee* moved—

Be it resolved that this House join with British Columbians in celebrating the upcoming 150th birthday of our great country – Canada.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. Letnick*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Monday, June 26, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
June 24, 2017.*

On the motion that Bill (No. 2) be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—44

<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Routledge</i>
<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Singh</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Dix</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Brar</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>D’Eith</i>
<i>Mark</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

YEAS—42

<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Bond</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Plecas</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Larson</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
<i>Foster</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Throness</i>		

The Hon. A. Wilkinson (Minister of Justice) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intitled *Election Amendment Act, 2017* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
June 24, 2017.

On the motion that Bill (No. 3) be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—44

<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Routledge</i>
<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Singh</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
<i>Horgan</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Krog</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Heyman</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Dix</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Routley</i>	<i>Brar</i>
<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Mungall</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>D'Eith</i>
<i>Mark</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Weaver</i>
<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

YEAS—42

<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Bond</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Plecas</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Larson</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
<i>Foster</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Throness</i>		

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Ms. *Redies* moved, seconded by Mr. *Milobar*—

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

Ms. *James* sought leave to suspend Standing Order 45A (1) to permit a vote on the motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

Leave not granted.

The debate on the main motion resumed.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Reid*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *S. Thomson* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Service Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20, April 2017;

Auditor General Report, Budget Process Examination Phase 2: Forecasting for Operating Expense, Capital Spending and Debt, April 2017;

Auditor General Report, An Audit of BC Housing’s Non-Profit Asset Transfer Program, March 2017;

Auditor General Report, Police Records Information Management Environment: Prime BC System – A Security Audit, March 2017;

Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2016-2017;

Ombudsperson Report, Misfire: The 2012 Ministry of Health Employment Terminations and Related Matters, Referral Report No. 1, April, 2017; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Delegated Aboriginal Agencies, How Resourcing Affects Service Delivery.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment/dissolution:

BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report, 2016;

Capital Project Plan, Abbotsford Law Courts, February 24, 2017;

Capital Project Plan, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre and Provincial Assessment Centre Replacement, February 24, 2017;

Capital Project Plan, Peace Arch Hospital Renewal Project, March 2017;

Capital Project Plan, Royal Columbian Hospital Redevelopment Project Phases 2 & 3, March 2, 2017;

Capital Project Plan, Royal Inland Hospital Patient Care Tower Project, March 1, 2017;

Capital Project Plan, Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) Operating Room (OR) Renewal Project (Phase 1), January 2017;

Ministry of Education Project Plan for the Grandview Heights Secondary in School District No. 36 (Surrey);

Ministry of Education Project Plan for the replacement of the New Westminster Secondary in School District No. 40 (New Westminster);

Ministry of Education Project Plan for the Willoughby Slope Secondary Project in School District No. 35 (Langley);

Ministry of Education Service Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20, February 2017, Revised;

Ministry of Health Service Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20, February 2017, Revised;

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Hoffman’s Bluff to Jade Mountain *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* Disclosure; and,

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Kicking Horse Canyon Phase 4 *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* Disclosure.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

HON. STEVE THOMSON, *Speaker*

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Clovechok*.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Report on the Administration of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, 2015/2016 & 2016/2017;

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2015-2016; and,
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2016-2017.

By leave, the Hon. *M. de Jong* tabled a letter to the Hon. *S. Thomson* (Speaker).

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Ashton*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunt*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

HON. STEVE THOMSON, *Speaker*

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Throness*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

2 Mr. *Horgan* moved, seconded by Ms. *Furstenau*—

Be it resolved that the motion “We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session,” be amended by adding the following:

“but Her Honour’s present government does not have the confidence of this House.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *D. Barnett*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.56 p.m.

HON. STEVE THOMSON, *Speaker*

Thursday, June 29, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. *Milobar*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate on the amendment resumed.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *M. Polak*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, June 29, 2017

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate on the amendment resumed.

The debate on the amendment continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Routledge</i>
<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Singh</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Chouhan</i>
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<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Bains</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

NAYS—42

<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Bond</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Plecas</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Larson</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
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<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Redies</i>
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<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Throness</i>		

The Speaker stated that as the amendment to the motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne has been adopted, it now becomes a formality that the House dispose of the motion for the Address in Reply as amended. Accordingly, the question is on the motion as amended.

The main motion, as amended, was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—44

<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Routledge</i>
<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Singh</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Trevena</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
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<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Olsen</i>

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<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Plecas</i>	<i>Bernier</i>
<i>Larson</i>	<i>Barnett</i>	<i>Cadieux</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
<i>Foster</i>	<i>Clovechok</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Lee</i>
<i>Stilwell</i>	<i>Isaacs</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Tegart</i>
<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Hunt</i>	<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Yap</i>
<i>Letnick</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Clark</i>	<i>Redies</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Coleman</i>	<i>Sultan</i>
<i>Johal</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Thornthwaite</i>
<i>Sturdy</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Throness</i>		

Resolved, We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

But Your Honour's present government does not have the confidence of this House.

The Hon. *M. de Jong* moved—

That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the Government that it is desired to prorogue the first session of the Forty-first Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker may give notice that he is

so satisfied or has been so advised and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date; and

That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.26 p.m.

HON. STEVE THOMSON, *Speaker*

Friday, September 8, 2017

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that she does not see fit to declare the cause of her summoning you at this time and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, her reason for calling you together.

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Craig James, Clerk of the House, advised the House that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Darryl Plecas*, Member for Abbotsford South electoral district, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *M. Farnworth* and Mr. *de Jong* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. *J. Horgan* (Premier) made a statement.

Mr. *Coleman* made a statement.

The Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne. The Speaker standing on Her Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who,

through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, she grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this first session of the Forty-first Parliament of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations and the service you have provided to our great and beautiful province. I now relieve you of your duties. *Splendor sine occasu.*

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General) then said:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2:00 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

A declaration by the Member of the Electoral District of Kelowna West (Ms. *Clark*) of her intention to resign her seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, effective August 4, 2017, was delivered to the Clerk.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2016-2017;

Crown Agency Annual Service Plan Reports, Volumes 1 and 2, 2016/17: BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.; BC Innovation Council; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; BC Lottery Corporation; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Securities Commission; BC Transit; British Columbia Council for International Education; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.; Industry Training Authority; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Services Society; Oil and Gas Commission; Partnerships BC; Royal BC Museum Corporation; Transportation Investment Corporation;

Government Strategic Plan Annual Report (Revised: August 2017), 2016/17;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2016/17;

Ministry Annual Service Plan Reports 2016/17: Office of the Premier; Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Advanced Education; Agriculture; Children and Family Development; Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Education; Energy and Mines; Environment including Environmental Assessment Office; Finance; Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations; Health; International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism; Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour; Justice, Public Safety and Solicitor General; Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing; Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch; Social Development; Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services; Transportation and Infrastructure;

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 91 to 17 and Deltaport Way Corridor Improvements Project, *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* Disclosure;

Public Accounts, 2016/17 (including Consolidated Revenue Fund Detailed Schedules of Payments and Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules); and,

WorkSafe BC Annual Report, 2016 and Service Plan, 2017-2019.

And then the House prorogued at 10:32 a.m.

HON. DARRYL PLECAS, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

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JUDITH GUICHON
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA:
 PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our City of Victoria—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the eighth day of September, two thousand seventeen at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at Our City of Victoria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, the Honourable JUDITH GUICHON, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of August, two thousand seventeen and in the sixty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.