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Jamey Paterson  
Chair, Board of Directors  
BC Games Society  
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Dear Jamey Paterson:

I would like to extend appreciation on behalf of the Premier Horgan and the Executive Council for your dedication, and that of your board members, in leading your organization and helping Government deliver on our priorities to British Columbians.

Government remains focused on its three strategic priorities: making life more affordable, delivering better services, and investing in a sustainable economy.

Every public sector organization is accountable to the citizens of British Columbia (BC). The expectations of BC citizens are identified through their elected representatives, the members of the Legislative Assembly.

This mandate letter, which I am sending in my capacity as Minister Responsible for BC Games Society, on behalf of the Executive Council, communicates those expectations for your agency. It sets out overarching Government priorities that will inform your agency's policies and programs, as well as specific direction on priorities and expectations for the coming fiscal year.

Our goal is to build a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone. We are committed to working with you and other Crown Agencies to provide quality, cost-effective services to BC families and businesses. By adopting the Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens and Framework for Improving British Columbian's Standard of Living to policy development, we will ensure that equity is reflected in Government budgets, policies and programs. You are encouraged to apply the GBA+ lens in your Crown Agency operations and programs. In the same vein, appointments to agencies, boards and commissions reflect Government's direction to promote equity and leadership at senior levels in the public and private sectors, with a view to building strong public sector boards that reflect the diversity of BC.

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Two key priorities that will underpin lasting prosperity are advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and moving towards a low-carbon economy.

In November 2019, Government passed the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Act) which represents a crucial step towards true and lasting reconciliation. In keeping with the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Act was developed in collaboration with the First Nations Leadership Council to create a framework for reconciliation in BC. All Crown Agencies are expected to incorporate the Act and Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission within their specific mandate and context.

Announced in December 2018, the CleanBC plan puts our province on the path to a cleaner, better future—with a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities while protecting our clean air, land and water. As part of the new accountability framework established in CleanBC, and consistent with the *Climate Change Accountability Act*, please ensure your organization plans to align operations with targets and strategies for minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and managing climate change risk. Please be prepared to work with Government to report out on these plans and activities.

The Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office, with the Ministry of Finance, will continue to support you and your board on recruitment and appointments as needed, and will be expanding professional development opportunities in 2020/21. This will include online training modules and in-person conferences, as Government works to support strong public sector boards that reflect the diversity of BC.

As the Minister Responsible for BC Games Society, I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities and incorporate them in the goals, objectives and performance measures in your 2020/21 Service Plan:

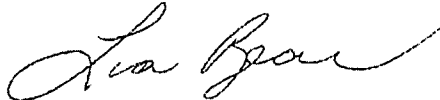
- Support economic and tourism development by enhancing alignment with the Strategic Framework for Tourism in BC, with a specific focus on helping host communities market their reputation as a sport event destination.
- In collaboration with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC), support true and lasting reconciliation by increasing sport and other opportunities for Indigenous peoples and providing support to ISPARC in preparation for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games in Halifax.
- Continue to work to make sport opportunities affordable for Games participants.
- Implement and/or strengthen policies and practices that help ensure positive, accessible and inclusive experiences for all those involved in BC Games.
- Continue to focus on preventing and addressing harassment and abuse.
- Provide immediate notification where proposal(s) are received/discussed for major sporting events to ensure there is adequate time to fully assess the proposal and to develop the required documentation, business case and economic impact report for Government consideration.

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Each board member is required to sign the Mandate Letter to acknowledge Government's direction to your organization. The signed Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your organization's website in spring 2020.

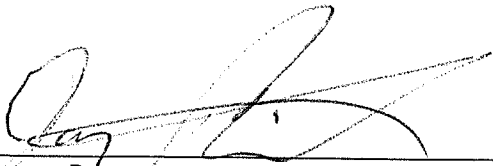
I look forward to continuing to work with you and your Board colleagues to build a better BC.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Beare  
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

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Jamey Paterson  
Chair, BC Games Society