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Mr. Jamey Paterson
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Dear Mr. Paterson:

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 BC context and in our fiscal environment, and judiciously managing affordability pressures – both for citizens and for our business community.

The BC Games Society supports government priorities by bringing its expertise in event management to communities across BC, helping them build their capacity to host major events, thereby contributing to tourism and economic growth. The work of the Society also helps build stronger economies in host communities as the games' economic impact is estimated at up to \$2 million.

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.

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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 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 BC's public sector boards, including individuals with a broad range of backgrounds in community, labour and business environments.

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 included in your Service Plan:

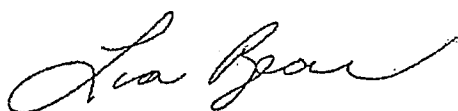
- Support economic and tourism development by building event hosting capacity within host communities in the lead up to the 2020 and 2022 Games.
- In collaboration with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC), support true and lasting reconciliation by increasing sport 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.
- Enhance and share best practices for safety with an increased focus on preventing and addressing harassment and abuse.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Beare". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Beare" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Beare
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

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