

**Date:** April 28, 2026

**To:** Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

**Name and title:** Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

**Subject:** 2026 Delegation to Victoria Report

**Attachment(s):** None

#### Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 28, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “2026 Delegation to Victoria Report”.

#### Purpose:

This report summarizes the outcomes of the 2026 advocacy trip to Victoria.

#### Background:

In April 2026, members of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs led a delegation to Victoria to further council’s advocacy efforts on Prince George’s highest priorities.

In support of this direction, the delegation advanced Prince George’s priority issues, including public safety, healthcare, seniors, forestry, mining, energy, defence, housing, and infrastructure. These priorities were presented directly to the Premier, members of Cabinet, government and opposition MLAs, Deputy Ministers, and senior provincial officials through more than 20 meetings.

Those meetings included:

- Premier David Eby
- Attorney General and Deputy Premier Niki Sharma
- Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Nina Krieger
- Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adrian Dix
- Minister of Forests Ravi Parmar
- Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth Ravi Kahlon
- Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals Jagrup Brar
- Minister of Health Josie Osborne
- Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Christine Boyle
- Minister of Infrastructure Bowinn Ma
- Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship Randene Neill
- Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Kelly Greene
- Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities Brittny Anderson

- Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Bobbi Plecas
- Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills Trevor Hughes
- Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care Susie Chant
- Parliamentary Secretary for Armed Forces Development and Veterans Affairs Darlene Rotchford
- Interim leader of the Official Opposition and Environment and Parks Critic MLA Trevor Halford
- Shadow Minister for Labour MLA Kiel Giddens
- Opposition Whip MLA Rosalyn Bird
- Shadow Minister for Environment, Parks, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness MLA Sheldon Clare
- Shadow Minister for Finance MLA Peter Milobar

Discussions demonstrated clear provincial recognition of Prince George's importance to British Columbia's economic future. The delegation emphasized that Prince George is not only a northern service center, but a key economic driver for the province and a ready partner in advancing future growth and investment.

As confirmed in the Province's 2026 Budget, no major Prince George infrastructure projects including the UHNBC acute care tower, the involuntary treatment facility, and a new long-term care facility have been delayed or reduced. The ongoing commitment to Prince George from the Province is a result that reflects positively on the City's focused advocacy efforts and reinforces the value of consistent, coordinated engagement with senior levels of government.

#### Strategic Priorities:

Engagement and advocacy with the Provincial Government are relevant across Council's Strategic Priorities, with applicability varying by topic.

#### Summary and conclusion:

The information contained in this report supports Council's continued commitment to focused intergovernmental engagement.

#### Respectfully submitted:

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