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February 15, 2019

Ms. Sherri Bell, Board Chair
British Columbia Council for International Education
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Dear Ms. Bell:

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

The British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) works collaboratively with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, partner ministries (the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology), schools and institutions to deliver on the international education priorities of the Province.

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

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incorporate the UNDRIP 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 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 British Columbia's public sector boards, including individuals with a broad range of backgrounds in community, labour and business environments.

As the Minister Responsible for BCCIE, 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:

1. Support British Columbia's K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions in the Indigenization of the international education sector to foster greater awareness of British Columbia's and Canada's Indigenous history among international students. This work is to align with and support government's commitment to fully adopt the UNDRIP, the Calls to Action of the TRC, and the 10 Draft Principles to Guide the Province's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

2. Work closely with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, partner ministries, and the provincial international education sector to support government's development of a provincial framework for international education.
3. Support school districts and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia, particularly those in regions outside the Lower Mainland, to build their capacity to engage in international education in a way that enhances British Columbia's reputation as a destination of choice for education and learner success.
4. Support the engagement of British Columbia students and educators in international education and applied learning opportunities abroad.
5. Support intercultural training in schools and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia to help ensure faculty, staff and administration are supported to work with international students.
6. Support school districts and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia to further diversify their sources of international students through targeted international engagement and partnership development.

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.

Respectfully,



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Minister

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