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February 14, 2020

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 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. The expectations of British Columbia 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 the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE), on behalf of the Executive Council, communicates those expectations for your agency. It sets out overarching government priorities that will inform your Crown 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 British Columbia families and businesses. By adopting the Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) lens and Framework for Improving British Columbians' Standard of Living to policy development, we will ensure that equity is reflected in Government budgets,

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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 British Columbia.

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* which represents a crucial step towards true and lasting reconciliation. In keeping with the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* was developed in collaboration with the First Nations Leadership Council to create a framework for reconciliation in British Columbia. All Crown agencies are expected to incorporate the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 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.

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 in your 2020/2021 Service Plan by:

1. Supporting British Columbia's K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions in the Indigenization of the international education sector to foster greater awareness of the history of Indigenous peoples in British Columbia and Canada among international students. This work is to incorporate the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
2. Continuing to support Government's development and implementation of an international education framework to ensure a balanced approach that puts students first and benefits all British Columbia communities.

3. Supporting school districts, post-secondary institutions and the Government of British Columbia to diversify source countries of inbound students through targeted international engagement and partnership development.
4. Supporting the participation and engagement of British Columbia students and educators in international education and applied learning opportunities abroad to increase two-way flow of global experiences.
5. Delivering targeted intercultural training and internationalization workshops for students, faculty, and staff of school districts and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia to ensure positive education outcomes.
6. Supporting school districts and post-secondary institutions in regions outside the Lower Mainland to build their capacity to engage in international education in a way that enhances British Columbia's reputation for high-quality education and learner success.
7. Increasing publicly available information to support the international student experience in British Columbia.

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 British Columbia.

Respectfully,



Honourable Melanie Mark
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Minister

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