

MINISTERIAL MANDATE LETTERS – HIGHLIGHTS

Minister of Transport [[full](#) list of top priorities]:

- Work with the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, who will have the lead, and in consultation with provincial and territorial governments as well as municipalities, to develop and implement an Infrastructure Strategy which will see significant investments made to improve public transit infrastructure and green infrastructure. The Strategy should also improve access to, and governance of, existing infrastructure programs, increase data collection capacity, promote better asset management of infrastructure in Canada and provide better supports for local communities.
- Work with the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, who will have the lead, on the delivery of a newly-focused Building Canada Fund which will make greater investments in Canada's roads, bridges, transportation corridors, ports, and border gateways, helping Canada's manufacturers get their goods to market.
- Propose measures to reinforce railway safety.
- Lead, with the support of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and in the context of responding to the review of the *Canada Transportation Act*, a full review of the Canadian grain transportation system.
- Work with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to improve marine safety.
- Work with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to review the previous government's changes to the *Fisheries Act* and the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, restore lost protections, and incorporate modern safeguards.
- Formalize a moratorium on crude oil tanker traffic on British Columbia's North Coast, working in collaboration with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to develop an approach.

Minister of Infrastructure and Communities [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Develop a 10-year plan to deliver significant new funding to provinces, territories and municipalities. This plan should ensure both immediate increased investments in infrastructure and long-term, predictable funding should support provincial, territorial and municipal priorities, improve access to, and governance of, existing infrastructure programs, increase data collection capacity and promote better asset management of infrastructure in Canada. The plan should focus on:
 - public transit;
 - social infrastructure, including affordable housing, seniors' facilities, early learning and child care, and cultural and recreational infrastructure;
 - green infrastructure, including investments in local water and wastewater facilities, clean energy, climate resilient infrastructure like flood mitigation systems, and infrastructure to protect against changing weather; and
 - making changes to the Building Canada Fund so that it is more transparent and approval processes are sped up, which would include removing the P3 screen for projects. It should also be more focused on strategic and trade enabling infrastructure priorities, including roads, bridges, transportation corridors, ports, and border gateways.

This process should result in bilateral agreements with provinces and territories on infrastructure investments. You should also work with the Minister of Finance to ensure any unspent infrastructure funds are automatically transferred to municipalities through a temporary top-up of the Gas Tax Fund.

- Work with the Minister of Finance to establish the Canada Infrastructure Bank to provide low-cost financing (including loan guarantees) for new municipal infrastructure projects in our priority investment areas. This new institution will work in partnership with other orders of governments and Canada's financial community, so that the federal government can use its strong credit rating and lending authority to make it easier – and more affordable – for municipalities to finance the broad range of infrastructure projects their communities need. This should include preparing for the launch of a new Canadian Green Bond that can enable additional investments when a lack of capital represents a barrier to projects.
- Support the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness in a review of existing measures to protect Canadians and our critical infrastructure from cyber-threats.

Minister of International Trade [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Develop strategies to implement the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and consult on Canada's potential participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). This will include working with relevant ministers and provinces and territories to support adjustment in sectors including agriculture, the auto sector, and compensation for incremental cost increases to public drug plans arising from CETA.
- Implement and expand Canada's Free Trade Agreements globally. This should include implementation of agreements with Israel, Chile and Ukraine.
- Promote Canadian agricultural interests during future trade negotiations.
- Develop a new Canadian Trade and Export Strategy to support Canadian businesses exporting to international markets and help Canadian jurisdictions attract foreign direct investment. This strategy will include actively partnering with business to help firms grow – as all our major partners and competitors do. This strategy will include:
 - creating a strengthened *Investment in Canada Office*, headed by a Chief Executive Officer, to work seamlessly with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments and provide concierge services to promote business investment in Canada so that potential investors will have a one-window shop to make investing in Canada simpler and more attractive;
 - the development of *trade agreement implementation plans* to help Canadian businesses take advantage of the opportunities that flow from trade agreements. These plans will pull together resources from across government, including from institutions such as Export Development Canada and the Business Development Bank of Canada. It may also include reviewing the roles of these organizations so that they are better aligned with our new trade strategy;
 - the development of a targeted strategy to promote trade and investment with emerging markets, with particular attention to China and India. This strategy should include the mobilization of our small- and medium-sized enterprises and the rich diversity of Canada's population; and
 - improved supports to Canadian companies looking to export and Canadian communities looking to attract investments. These supports will include working with provinces to re-open trade promotion services.

Minister of Foreign Affairs [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Improve relations with the United States, our closest ally and most important economic and security partner, and strengthen trilateral North American cooperation with the United States and Mexico. This would include working with the relevant Ministers to:
 - work with the United States to make substantial progress on reducing impediments to trade and commerce between our countries, including by improving border infrastructure and security, streamlining cargo inspection, and facilitating the movement of people. This should include increased engagement with provinces on border and regulatory issues;
 - work with relevant ministers, including the Ministers of International Trade and Environment and Climate Change, to prepare for the North American Leaders Summit in Canada;
 - develop a North American clean energy and environment agreement; and
 - support the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship in lifting the Mexican visa requirement.

Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to increase the proportion of Canada's marine and coastal areas that are protected – to five percent by 2017, and ten percent by 2020 – supported by new investments in community consultation and science.
- Work with the Minister of Transport to review the previous government's changes to the *Fisheries and Navigable Waters Protection Acts*, restore lost protections, and incorporate modern safeguards.
- Work with the Ministers of Transport, Natural Resources and Environment and Climate Change to formalize the moratorium on crude oil tanker traffic on British Columbia's North Coast, including the Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait, and Queen Charlotte Sound.
- Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Natural Resources, to immediately review Canada's environmental assessment processes and introduce new, fair processes that will:
 - restore robust oversight and thorough environmental assessments of areas under federal jurisdiction, while also working with provinces and territories to avoid duplication;
 - ensure that decisions are based on science, facts, and evidence, and serve the public interest;
 - provide ways for Canadians to express their views and opportunities for experts to meaningfully participate; and
 - require project advocates to choose the best technologies available to reduce environmental impacts.

- Re-open the Maritime Rescue Sub-centre in St. John's, Newfoundland and the Kitsilano Coast Guard Base in Vancouver.
- Work with the Minister of Public Services and Procurement to meet the commitments that were made for new Coast Guard vessels as part of the National Shipbuilding and Procurement Strategy.
- Work with the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to improve marine safety.

Minister of Natural Resources [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs to immediately review Canada's environmental assessment processes to regain public trust and introduce new, fair processes that will:
 - restore robust oversight and thorough environmental assessments of areas under federal jurisdiction, while also working with provinces and territories to avoid duplication;
 - ensure that decisions are based on science, facts, and evidence, and serve the public's interest;
 - provide ways for Canadians to express their views and opportunities for experts to meaningfully participate, including provisions to enhance the engagement of Indigenous groups in reviewing and monitoring major resource development projects; and
 - require project proponents to choose the best technologies available to reduce environmental impacts

Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food [partial list of top priorities]:

- Canadian farmers must be able to get their product to market and so you will support the Minister of Transport in undertaking a full review of the Canadian grain transportation system in the context of responding to the *Canadian Transportation Act* review.
- Support the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that we make significant investments in transportation infrastructure, including short-line rail spurs and inland and port loading terminals to improve efficiency, remove bottlenecks and increase system capacity.

Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour [partial list of top priorities]:

- With support from the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, restore a fair and balanced approach to organized labour by repealing Bills C-377 and C-525 and implementing a modern Fair Wages Policy.
- Amend the *Canada Labour Code* to allow workers to formally request flexible work arrangements from their employers and consult with provinces and territories on the implementation of similar changes in provincially-regulated sectors.

Minister of Environment and Climate Change [partial listing of top priorities]:

- Supported by the Ministers of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and Natural Resources, immediately review Canada's environmental assessment processes to regain public trust and help get resources to market and introduce new, fair processes that will:
 - restore robust oversight and thorough environmental assessments of areas under federal jurisdiction, while also working with provinces and territories to avoid duplication;
 - ensure that decisions are based on science, facts, and evidence, and serve the public's interest;
 - provide ways for Canadians to express their views and opportunities for experts to meaningfully participate; and
 - require project advocates to choose the best technologies available to reduce environmental impacts.
- Working in collaboration with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, renew our commitment to protect the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River Basin and the Lake Winnipeg Basin.
- Work in collaboration with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and the Minister of Science to examine the implications of climate change on Arctic marine ecosystems.
- Work with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to increase the proportion of Canada's marine and coastal areas that are protected – to five percent by 2017, and ten percent by 2020 – supported by new investments in community consultation and science.