



Greetings,

As Minister Responsible for Housing, it is my pleasure to update you on British Columbia's Modernization Strategy. As part of our government's commitment to rationalize the building safety system, staff from the Office of Housing and Construction Standards have conducted an extensive review of that system, going back 20 years. The review involved consultations with consumer groups, local government and construction industry representatives. The result is a set of recommendations for an integrated, more efficient system, balancing safety concerns, social impacts and economic interests, now known as the Modernization Strategy.

The Modernization Strategy brings all facets of the building safety system together so that it will work more effectively. This modernized system will be better equipped to address emerging issues like rapidly changing building technology and rising construction costs. A more consistent, coordinated building safety system will create efficiencies, reduce delays and building project costs.

The building safety system is complex and dynamic and as a result, this strategy calls for careful and involved work. It is our expectation that this work will lead to a better, safer, more efficient and competitive construction sector in British Columbia.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, our stakeholders, in the coming months to ensure this strategy meets your needs and those of British Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

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