INTRODUCING YOUR MINISTERS

HONOURABLE GEORGE ABBOTT
MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, ABORIGINAL AND WOMEN’S SERVICES

George Abbott was appointed Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services on June 5, 2001.
Mr. Abbott previously served as deputy house leader for the Official Opposition and was also critic for municipal affairs and for forests. He was Deputy Chair of the Select Standing Committees on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and was a member of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs. He also sat on the Official Opposition Caucus Committee on Crime.
He was first elected in 1996 to represent the riding of Shuswap and was re-elected in 2001.
Before his election to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Abbott was a political science instructor at Okanagan University College. He is also a B.C. historian. He owned the oldest and largest berry farm in the Interior.
He received his bachelor of arts from the University of British Columbia and his master of arts in political science from the University of Victoria.
Mr. Abbott was the chair of the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District. He was also involved in amateur sports as a minor hockey coach. George and Lesley Abbott live in Sicamous and have three children.

HONOURABLE TED NEBBELING
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNITY CHARTER

Ted Nebbeling was appointed Minister of State for Community Charter on June 5, 2001.
Mr. Nebbeling previously served as Official Opposition critic for municipal affairs, forests, and employment and investment. He sat on the Select Standing Committees on Finance and Crown Corporations, and on Economic Development, Science, Labour, Training and Technology, as well as the Official Opposition Caucus Committee on Health.
He was first elected in 1996 to represent the riding of West Vancouver-Garibaldi and was re-elected in 2001.
Mr. Nebbeling was born in Amsterdam and immigrated to Canada in 1977.
Before his election to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Nebbeling opened a variety of retail stores in the Whistler village. He also served on municipal council in Whistler, both as a councillor and as mayor for two terms.
Mr. Nebbeling was chair of the Sea to Sky Economic Development Commission, a director of the Whistler Resort Association and a member of both the Municipal Forestry Committee and the Tourism/Forestry Task Force.
Mr. Nebbeling and his partner live in Whistler and West Vancouver.

DEPUTY MINISTERS

Bob de Faye has been appointed as acting Deputy Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services (MCAWS). Other deputy ministers are:

Premier:
Ken Dobell, Executive Council
Brenda Eaton, Corporate Planning and Restructuring
Sharon Halkett, CEO, Crown Agencies Secretariat
Irene Chanin, Managing Director, Public Affairs Bureau
Lee Denny, Chief Information Officer
Andrew Wilkinson, Intergovernmental Relations
Joy Illington, Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Advanced Education:
Gerry Armstrong

Agriculture, Food and Fisheries:
Marg Arthur

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations:
Gillian Wallace
Treaty Negotiations:
Philip Steenkamp

Children and Family Development:
Chris Haynes (Acting)

Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services:
Bob de Faye (Acting)

Competition, Science and Enterprise:
Donald Leitch

Education:
Emery Dosdall

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BCM’s June 5, 2001 In The House circular contained a brief list of Ministry responsibilities of interest to local government. This issue updates and expands the list:

- Northern Development Policy and Northern Development Commission (Competition, Science and Enterprise)
- Job Protection Commission (Competition, Science and Enterprise)
- Forest Renewal BC (Forests)
- Regional Health Board structure and health capital planning (Health Planning)
- Home owner grants (Provincial Revenue)
- Police Boards (Solicitor General)
- Land Reserve Commission (Sustainable Resource Management)
- BC Assets and Land Corporation (Sustainable Resource Management)
- BC Transportation and Finance Authority (Transportation)
- Rapid Transit Project 2000 (Transportation)
- treaty negotiations and interim measures (AG)
- Crown Corporations Secretariat (Premier)
- police services (Solicitor General)
- liquor control and licensing (Solicitor General)
- gaming policy (Solicitor General)
- BC Assessment Authority (Sustainable Resource Management)
- BC Rail, BC Ferries, BC Transit (Transportation)

Clarification is being sought for the Ministry responsible for Infrastructure Program “non-green” projects and for development of assessment policy and legislation.