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# Ministers Named to Restructured Government

**A** twenty-eight member Executive Council (Cabinet) was sworn in today. It includes the Premier, twenty Ministers and seven Ministers of State. Ministers of State will work with the support of line Ministries on key government priorities.

The Ministry structure has undergone major change with nine former Ministries disappearing in name under the restructure. Of key interest to local government is the new Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services that assumes, in part, the functions of the former Ministry of Municipal Affairs. **Honourable George Abbott** was appointed Minister. **Honourable Ted Nebbeling** was named Minister of State for the Community Charter. The intention is to bring "together community services that were spread across different portfolios, and provides better co-ordination of resources and dedicated support for local governments, aboriginals and women."

Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services has the current municipal affairs type responsibilities plus local government interests in:

- building code
- leaky condominiums
- community enterprises
- community adjustment transition
- emergency preparedness
- community grants including BC 2000
- housing policy and programs
- cultural programs
- artistic and cultural development
- heritage conservation
- sports and recreation

It also takes responsibility for a variety of women's and aboriginal programs plus:

- multicultural policy and services
- immigration policy
- volunteers
- child care
- cooperatives
- government agents and access centres

Other Cabinet responsibilities of interest to local government:

- 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)

Crown land and resource planning and approvals fall under Sustainable Resource Management and environmental protection under Water, Land and Air Protection.

Chairs of the five Caucus Committees that will report to, but not be part of Cabinet, have yet to be named. The Acting Deputy Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services is **Bob de Faye**. This is considered an interim appointment until a permanent replacement is recruited.

Nine of 28 members of Cabinet have former local government experience including George Abbott, the new Minister, and Ted Nebbeling, the new Minister of State.

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***The new Provincial Cabinet is structured as follows:***

**Honourable Gordon Campbell**  
*Premier*

**Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt**  
*Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations*

**Honourable Shirley Bond**  
*Advanced Education*

**Honourable John van Dongen**  
*Agriculture, Food and Fisheries*

**Honourable Geoff Plant**  
*Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations*

**Honourable Gordon Hogg**  
*Children and Family Development*

**Honourable Linda Reid**  
*Minister of State for Early Childhood Development*

**Honourable George Abbott**  
*Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services*

**Honourable Ted Nebbeling**  
*Minister of State for Community Charter*

**Honourable Lynn Stephens**  
*Minister of State for Women's Equality*

**Honourable Rick Thorpe**  
*Competition, Science and Enterprise*

**Honourable Kevin Falcon**  
*Minister of State for Deregulation*

**Honourable Christy Clark**  
*Education and Deputy Premier*

**Honourable Richard Neufeld**  
*Energy and Mines*

**Honourable Gary Collins**  
*Finance*

**Honourable Michael de Jong**  
*Forests*

**Honourable Sindi Hawkins**  
*Health Planning*

**Honourable Colin Hansen**  
*Health Services*

**Honourable Gulzar Cheema**  
*Minister of State for Mental Health*

**Honourable Katherine Whittred**  
*Minister of State for Intermediate, Long Term and Home Care*

**Honourable Murray Coell**  
*Human Resources*

**Honourable Sandy Santori**  
*Management Services*

**Honourable Bill Barisoff**  
*Provincial Revenue*

**Honourable Rich Coleman**  
*Public Safety and Solicitor General*

**Honourable Graham Bruce**  
*Skills Development and Labour*

**Honourable Stan Hagen**  
*Sustainable Resource Management*

**Honourable Judith Reid**  
*Transportation*

**Honourable Joyce Murray**  
*Water, Land and Air Protection*