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The Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth
Government of British Columbia
Sent via email: JEG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

RE: RESTORE THE B.C. MAJOR PROJECTS INVENTORY

Dear Minister Kahlon:

On behalf of the more than 6,000 members, clients and affiliated companies of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA), British Columbia's largest construction association, I am writing to ask you to bring back the B.C. Major Projects Inventory (MPI). Not next year. Now.

Your ministry told Business in Vancouver this week that no more MPI reports are coming – not even the fourth quarter of 2025 – and that the decision “was made as part of the government’s assessment of priorities and resources.” The MPI webpage is blunt: “No further reports will be produced.” After 22 years, that is the whole goodbye. It is the wrong call, and I am asking you to reverse it.

Every Successful Business Keeps a Pipeline of Prospects

No one runs a successful organization by guessing. A contractor tracks the jobs coming up for tender. A supplier tracks the projects that will need its product. A trainer tracks the work that will need its graduates. Every successful business, organization, charity and association on earth keeps its pipeline of opportunities front and centre.

For more than two decades, the MPI was that pipeline for B.C. construction. Every project worth \$15 million or more (\$20 million in the Lower Mainland). Proposed, under construction, on hold or completed. Updated every quarter. Our members plan around it, and they deserve the same tool every well-run business relies on.

ICBA members use the MPI to decide where and when to bid, whether to open a branch in a new region, how many crews and how much equipment to line up, and how many workers to recruit and apprentices to sponsor. Suppliers use it to plan inventory. Lenders and bonding companies use it to gauge risk. ICBA uses it to analyze public policy, build economic forecasts and plan training. When a project moves from “proposed” to “under construction,” or slips to “on hold,” that one line changes hiring plans in a dozen companies.

ICBA Chief Economist Jock Finlayson built his [Winter 2026 B.C. Construction Monitor](#) on MPI data: \$385 billion in projects in the inventory, \$176 billion of them under construction. His conclusion: a “\$350B+ Major Project Inventory plus priority LNG/mine projects suggests opportunities in energy, mining, and infrastructure over the next 3 years, even if 2026 is ‘choppy’ amid tariffs and uncertainty.” That helps a contractor decide whether to hire or hold. Kill the MPI and no one can update it. Not ICBA. Not the banks. Not your own ministry.

If It Matters, Measure It

Your government says major projects and economic growth are its top priority. It has a fast-track list of projects. It has promised shorter permitting times. That’s great, but you cannot manage what you do not measure, and you cannot brag about a pipeline you aren’t counting. Cancelling the only public tally of major projects in the same year

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you are selling a major projects agenda tells people one of two things: either the numbers stopped mattering, or the numbers stopped looking good.

Consider the investor pitch. This week the Prime Minister sat down with hundreds of global investors who manage close to \$120 trillion and asked them for \$1 trillion over five years. Your government sends trade missions to India and Asia to sell B.C. When someone in that room asks how much is being built in British Columbia and how much more is coming, the MPI was the answer: \$385 billion in the inventory, \$176 billion under construction. A number you could put on a slide and stand behind.

What is the answer now? “Trust us”? Investors do not write cheques to “trust us.” Every other jurisdiction chasing that capital can show its pipeline. B.C. just stopped counting.

And the savings? Small. A small team compiles the MPI from public sources. Alberta still publishes its own inventory. Whatever this cut saves, it is pocket change next to the decisions built on the data.

This also lands weeks after the province pulled the BC Government Directory offline. Two public tools gone in one summer. That is not a resource decision. That is a pattern, and the wrong one.

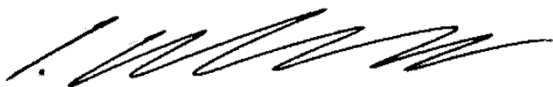
What ICBA is Asking:

- **Restore the MPI now.** Publish the fourth quarter 2025 report and every 2026 quarter that has been missed, and get back on the quarterly schedule.
- **Keep it going.** Put the MPI in ministry policy so it cannot be dropped again without public notice and a stated reason.
- **Talk to the people who use it.** If resources are the issue, ICBA will sit down with your staff and help find a way to keep the data flowing.

Our members build the homes, hospitals, schools, mines, pipelines, ports and power lines this province runs on. They are asking for what every business needs: a clear look at the work ahead.

Sincerely,

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