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Finance Committee releases report on Budget 2019 Consultation

VICTORIA – The all-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services released its unanimous report today on the Budget 2019 Consultation.

The report presents a comprehensive and detailed summary of ideas shared by British Columbians for the next provincial budget, with the Committee making 100 recommendations to address key sectoral and economic priorities.

“The committee appreciates the opportunity to hear from British Columbians about issues that matter most to them,” said committee chair Bob D’Eith. “A number of significant themes emerged and shaped our recommendations, including the importance of taking meaningful steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and of adopting measures to address inequality.”

“Climate change, the ongoing impact of natural disasters, such as wildfires and flooding, and the need for a healthy and vibrant economy were other core themes that influenced our report,” added deputy chair Dan Ashton.

The consultation ran from Sept. 17, 2018 to Oct. 15, 2018. The committee heard 267 presentations and received 253 written submissions. They also received 473 responses to the online survey, which was based on the Budget 2019 Consultation Paper released by the Minister of Finance on Sept. 15, 2018.

Mr. D’Eith further noted: “We received thoughtful and passionate input from British Columbians, and we thank everyone who took the time to share their perspectives.”

The report is available at: www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/finance

The members of the committee are:

Bob D’Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission (chair);
Dan Ashton, MLA Penticton (deputy chair);
Stephanie Cadieux, MLA Surrey South;
Mitzi Dean, MLA Esquimalt-Metchosin;
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