



Statement from Mayor Helps on 2019 Provincial Budget

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VICTORIA, BC — “I’d like to thank the Province of British Columbia for another balanced budget that puts families and a strong economy first.

“The investments announced today will help to make life more affordable for families in Victoria, and are also key investments to keep Victoria’s economy sustainable and make it more inclusive.

“The new BC Child Opportunity Benefit provides important funding for families and makes life more affordable. New funding for people living in poverty and for mental health and addictions will ensure that our most vulnerable residents finally get the help they need. And the elimination of interest from all BC student loans will set young people on a more affordable life path.

“Climate action and meaningful reconciliation are key priorities for the City of Victoria. The Province’s historic \$902 million investment in the CleanBC plan will help British Columbians to take serious climate action and reduce carbon pollution. And the revenue sharing agreement between the government and BC First Nations is a key step in reconciliation and will enable First Nations communities the autonomy to invest as they see fit.”

- Lisa Helps, Mayor of Victoria

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